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EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

A Threatened Beef Famine in Berlin.

Insane Through Fear of "Jack the Ripper."

Editor Stead's Series of Letters to the Gazette on "The Pope and a New Era."

"THE POPE AND A NEW ERA."

LONDON, Oct. 31.—Mr. Stead, whose letters and editorial articles in the Pall Mall Gazette for several years past have made him famous or infamous according to the public view taken of the subject which he has treated, is now in Rome, whence he has begun the contribution to his paper of a series of letters entitled "The Pope and a New Era." In the letters, the first one of which was presented to its readers to-day, Mr. Stead proposes to carefully and impartially weigh the Church in the balance of Liberalism with a view of ascertaining the measure of its capability to effect a solution of existing problems, and the vigor and persistence of his former efforts promise an exhaustive research into the resources of the Vatican, which may be brought to bear upon matters in question. In the course of his articles, Mr. Stead intends to review the work of Cardinal Manning in bringing about the peaceful settlement of the recent strike of dock laborers in London contrasting it sharply with the action of a portion of the Catholic hierarchy with respect to the difference between the Home Rule element of Ireland and the Tory Government of England, whereby nobody but themselves has been benefitted.

AN INSANE MOTHER.

In Killburn to-day a woman made a determined attempt to strangle to death her two daughters, and was only prevented from accomplishing her purpose by the prompt intervention of her neighbors. The woman was taken in custody, and in explanation of her act said that she wanted to put her daughters out of the way in order that they might escape becoming the victims of "Jack the Ripper." It is said that the woman has become insane from reading and brooding over the press accounts of the Whitechapel murders.

COAL MINERS STRIKE.

The coal miners of Fifeshire have made a demand upon their employers for an advance of fifteen per cent in their wages, accompanied by a threat to organize a general strike if the demand is not complied with within a reasonable time. The dissatisfied number many thousands, and the hardships of a prolonged strike in that congested district would be greater than have attended many labor movement in many years.

A BEEF FAMINE.

A number of the principal firms engaged in the wholesale and retail meat trade in Berlin have failed in consequence of the government's prohibition of the importation of cattle into Germany. Very few butchers are able to procure sufficient beef to supply the demands of their customers, and many of those remaining in business are selling horse flesh in lieu of beef.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Railroad Sold.

FORT MADISON, Iowa, Oct. 31.—Fort Madison and the Northwestern Narrow gauge railway was sold at public auction yesterday to a syndicate representing the Fort Madison, Birmingham & Western railroad company. The price paid was $37,000 with unadjudicated claims amounting to $15,000. The road will be broadened and extended to the Ottunawa. It is thought operations will commence about December.

Lost with all on Board.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The Mallory Line steamship Rio Grande, from Galveston, passed on Wednesday in lat. 38.28, long. 72.22, a wreck, supposed to be that of the missing steamer Brooklyn. A life boat remained on the wreck, but the only part of the name on the boat that could be made out with a glass was the final letters "Da." The ities which is just as desirable, in the interests of comfort and health, to get out of during the summer as in the winter. And British Columbia offers an almost perfect asylum in either case. If the winters are mild, equable, and of short duration—utter strangers to the wild blizzards, cruel frosts, terrible snowstorms, and five months' blockades of eastern and interior countries—so are the summers balmy and delightful—the fierce heat, with its attendant prostrations and inevitable sunstroke, so common in many parts of the continent, being happily unknown in this favored province. British Columbia has long possessed the climatic advantages that give her such a premium over the greater part of this continent, at least, but the world is just beginning to find it out. The now rapidly becoming famed salubriousness of the Pacific province is destined to be a very important factor in the speedy settling up and development of the country. A healthful and agreeable climate the year round is an asset that is not to be despised, even when compared with more substantial advantages, of which the province also has its full share. The resources and advantages of this province, which have been "under a bushel," so to speak, are becoming better known every day, and the next few years will witness such an accession to our population and wealth as will outstrip the sensible growth of the whole former period of the country's history. The various cities will reap largely in this harvest, especially those that are wide-awake enough to prepare to gather it. Nature has done much for all of them, but for none more than for the Royal City. With its beautiful southern slope, charming surroundings and delightful climate, all that is required is the turning of these to account, by supplementing the dower of nature with the improvements and adornments of art, to make this city the most attractive in the province and on the coast for the health, wealth, and pleasure seeker. To this end all street, park and pleasure ground improvements, the introduction of water works and the construction of new railway lines tend; and, considering the certain future in store, for Westminster, dependent in a large measure on the practical appreciation of the fact by her citizens, all money judiciously expended on the objects above enumerated and for kindred purposes must in a short time repay its expenditure fourfold.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—Jack Delaney, of New York, who was defeated by Jimmy Murphy, brother of the Australian feather-weight champion, at the Occidental Athletic club last Friday night, is seriously ill and has been confined to his room since the fight. The physicians fear he is injured internally.

the correctness of Mr. James' figures. Later in the day, when the directors attempted to locate the cashier, they were unable to do so, and at last accounts he was still missing, with no clue to his whereabouts. Bank Examiner James says the deficit will be more than $50,000 and may reach $75,000. He says the embezzlement of the bank funds by Cresson has been going on for some time. His method was false entries and substitutions. The plunder he says consists of cool cash, none of its securities having been molested. Cashier Cresson is said to have invested heavily recently in stock of the Bath Electric Light and Gas Co., and he held other stocks. He was a director of the tradesmen's Banking and Loan association, an active member of the board of trade, and conspicuous in almost every enterprise of a public nature. He was a vestryman in the Calvary P. E. church, and was an earnest worker and liberal contributor in the cause of religion.

Drop in Cotton Oil.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—There were rumors to-day that a heavy drop in cotton oil certificates were due to the discovery of an over-issue of stock and that a defalcation amounting to about $3,000,000 had occurred. Both these reports were officially denied. After the close of the market the decline was explained by the announcement that Flagler and Constable, two of the directors, had refused to serve longer on the board and had sold out their stock. The stockholders meet to-morrow for their annual election, and some important changes other than the two named are expected.

CAPITAL NOTES.

To Boom Trade with the West Indies.

Appointments to "C" Battery and the Garrison Artillery—New Custom House Clerk.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—H. E. Binstall, of Quebec, has been appointed lieutenant of "C" Battery. He was formerly a cadet of the Royal Military College.

E. W. Mathews becomes provisional lieutenant of "C" Battery of British Columbia artillery, vice Quinlan promoted.

B. R. McDonald, who has been acting as clerk in the custom house at Vancouver, has been placed on the permanent staff.

Governor Smith, of the Leeward Islands is here to boom trade matters with the West Indies.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Likely to be Recognized as a Winter Sanitarium of Much Merit.

The Empire, discussing the various health and pleasure resorts of the continent, concludes with the following: "British Columbia is likely to be generally recognized as a winter sanitarium of much merit. The winters are sufficiently decided everywhere to compel the heating of houses every day in the cold season. Yet many localities are as warm as the sea coast of Virginia and Carolina. The sojourner can have this equal warmth, wet or dry, as he wishes. He can choose Victoria or New Westminster, if he does not object to abundant rain, or if he wants as little wet as possible he can go to Nanaimo or any other locality protected from the rainy winds of the Pacific by the chain of mountains running lengthwise through Vancouver Island. In fact, British Columbia affords, within a radius of a hundred miles, every condition of heat, cold, dryness and wet to be found in the Dominion. The chronic invalid, if he doesn't know what is best for him, can shift himself from zero frosts to the balminess of Southern France in less than a day's travel!" Commenting upon the Empire's remarks, the Columbian says: In so few words, our contemporary gives a fair general view of the merits of British Columbia, and of the different sections mentioned, as a winter sanitarium. British Columbia is unquestionably one of the healthiest and most agreeable countries to live in that could be mentioned, and not only in winter, but all the year round. It would be a mistake to suppose that there are not many countries and localities which is just as desirable, in the

THE NAVAL BALL.

To Governor General and Lady Stanley.

An Event Long to be Remembered By the Guests.

The Ballroom a Blaze of Light, a Wealth of Fragrance and Dream of Beauty.

The most brilliant social event of the season was the fleet ball given in honor of His Excellency and Lady Stanley at the Naval Yard, last Friday. Without any exception it was the most complete and most admirably arranged affair of the kind ever given in the province, even under the auspices of Her Majesty's naval officers. Having five men-of-war to select workers and material from, the decorations were upon a scale of magnificence never before attempted here, but carried out in such a manner that nothing but the highest credit was reflected upon the officers, whose ingenuity, taste and skill had been exerted in converting the once barren sail loft into a veritable palace of light and beauty.

Capt. Lacon Hammett was chairman of the ball committee, his associates being Commander Sampson, Lt. Chads, Lt. Storey, Lt. Warrender, Lt. Homer, R.M., Lt. Church, R.M., Dr. Rimell, Dr. Lightfoot, Lt. Jervise, Lt. Hay and Dr. Breton. The committee were ably assisted in preparing for the ball by all the warrant and petty officers and the seamen of the fleet. Dividing the work into departments, so that it might be attended to with less confusion, Capt. Sampson was given entire charge of the decorations, Lt. Chads of the supper, Dr. Rimell of the reception rooms, Lt. Hay of the sitting-out room, Mr. Purches of the gentlemen's smoking and whist rooms; and far from least—Lt. Armstrong had entire charge of the electric light, supplied by all five ships of the squadron.

A GLANCE AT THE DECORATIONS.

Dozens of wagon loads of flowers and potted plants were utilized in the brilliant decorations for the ball. Mr. Jay, the Victoria nurseryman, alone furnished over 600 hanging baskets and choice booming plants; while the cut flowers of every hue and rarest fragrance were the donations of city friends to the officers.

Upon leaving the carriage drive last evening, the guests passed first into a short hall, the ceiling and walls of which were formed of flags. Along both sides extended rows of tropical plants and blossoming treasures of the conservatory, while along the inner side at about five feet from the ground, ran a rustic gallery, also lavishly adorned with flowers and provided with comfortable seats for those who might care to rest and watch the moving crowd. At the end of this airy promenade, overlooking the grand entrance, was placed a small cannon, polished to the highest degree of brightness. The grim sign of war rose through a pyramid of flowers, and its threatening muzzle was wreathed with a garland of sweet lilies. The little entrance passage terminated in a grand court, some fifty feet square, in the centre of which a double stairway led to the ball room. At the foot of the stairs two bright, brass field pieces stood sentinel on either side, while all around them, flowers, potted and cut of every kind and color, were distributed in artistic confusion. On the opposite side of the stairway to the entrance, and best viewed from the turn in it, was a fairy grotto, the native rock forming the framework. Over the rugged features of the stone background, fresh green moss seemed to be growing, and with its ferns and beautiful wild flowers. Peeping out from beneath the drooping ferns and fragrant blossoms, nestling among the glowing lilies, and apparently shining in their very hearts, were scores of fairy lamps and tiny incandescent lights, while in the centre stood two large fountains, the crowning triumph of the enchanting scene. At their base the floor seemed to have melted into a bank of flowers, while climbing plants twined themselves about the upright stems, capped by incandescent lights over which the water was sent in silvery spray to tumble back again bathed in all the rainbow colors.

The staircase itself was wreathed in flowers—potted plants were placed at the base of the flag-covered balustrade, and from the ceiling depended baskets of sweet smelling and bright colored fruits of the conservatory.

THE BALL ROOM.

As the bright hangings were drawn aside at the grand entrance, and the visitor was ushered into the ball room, his first feeling was of bewilderment. The light of the beautiful electric lamps was flashed back from so many glistening blades used in the decorations, that the effect was dazzling in the extreme. Becoming more accustomed to the brightness of the scene, and looking about, the bewilderment soon gave place to delighted admiration. As each succeeding beauty in the embellishment of the room was duly noted, admiration again was supplanted by amazement that out of the materials used so picturesque and imposing an effect could be produced. No very costly materials had been used in the adornment of the ball room, and yet it is hardly possible to exaggerate the beauty of the scene.

At the head of the room, facing the entrance, was a raised dais, surrounded with tropical plants and flowers, and provided with easy chairs for His Excellency the Governor-General and the vice-regal party, in whose honor the ball was given, and for Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Nelson and Rear-Admiral Heneage. The background was formed of the Royal Arms, flanked and surmounted by the proud old flags of England.

At the right of the entrance was the band stand, a tasty little bower of flags and flowers; while over the door was a semi-circular trophy, of which the Prince of Wales' crest formed the centre, surrounded by artistically placed tomahawks and ramrods. This central trophy was flanked by the emblems of the two branches of the marines, on handsome shields framed in glossy ivy. Along both sides of the room, beautiful trophies constructed with rare artistic skill by the men of the different ships, adorned the walls. The Swiftsure furnished four great wheels, the spokes being formed of glittering cutlasses, while cleaning rods were placed between to heighten the graceful effect. From the Champion came two equally interesting; one formed of cutlasses alone, the other of boarding axes, small arms and samples of various projectiles. The largest and centre trophies were those made by the Amphion's men. One of them was in the form of a wheel of cutlasses with four golden crowns resting on a base of sparkling frosted white, as the hub; while in the other the ancient golden lyre—the ship's design—took the place of the crowns. Another neat trophy of cutlasses came from the Icarus; while the Acorn furnished one of sword-bayonets, cleaning rods and pistols in "close order."

The cornices separating the banner-draped walls from the flag-covered ceiling, were of dark green ivy, and many baskets of flowers hung from the ceiling. The chandeliers were formed of sword bayonets, with the electric lamps inserted between the shining blades, from which the light was flashed back as from a thousand mirrors.

After days of hard work expended on it, the floor yesterday afternoon was pronounced perfect, and the decision of the officers was fully endorsed by the dancers during the evening.

In the rear of the Governor-General's dais was a small retiring room, furnished in luxurious style, for the use of the Vice-Regal party and the Admiral.

THE DINING HALL.

Just below the ball room was one of equal size where the supper was served shortly after midnight. This room, too, was decorated in magnificent style. One long table ran down the centre from end to end, while a large number of little tete-a-tete tables were distributed at each side. At the head of the room was spread the admiral's table, with covers for sixteen, the admiral's guests of the evening. Everywhere flowers of rarity, beauty and fragrance, mingled their sweetness with the air. Costly silver, rare crystal and the finest of linen formed the furnishings of the tables, upon which were placed almost innumerable big bouquets, as well as two fine yacht models loaned by the designers—officers of the fleet.

Over the tables were hung Chinese parasols, reversed as if in a frolic of the wind, above which were placed the electric lights, that shone through softly, casting strange figures and magic tints, instead of garish light, upon the banqueters. Each of the five central pillars extending down the middle of the room bore the shield of one of the ships with the signal pennants in silk miniatures above. Pillars and walls were covered with a delicate tracery of ivy, while the base of each pillar was wreathed with foliage and flowers.

SITTING-OUT ROOMS, ETC.

Adjoining the banquetting hall were the ladies' dressing and cloak rooms, each a model of convenient arrangement; while the sitting out rooms extended at the side from the grand court the whole length of the dining room. The sitting out room was a happy mean between a dining room and a conservatory—the comfortable seats being scattered among many lovely plants and flowers. The sitting out room was illuminated both with Japanese lanterns and incandescent light, while at the doorway were placed two machine guns amid a forest of bright green. At the end of the semi-conservatory was the refreshment room, connected with the kitchens and provided with tea, coffee and light eatables in abundance. The gentlemen's smoking and whist rooms were in the uppermost story.

ON WITH THE DANCE.

At about nine o'clock dancing commenced to the delightful music of the string band of the flagship, Mr. H. E. Loseby, bandmaster, directing. There were over 300 ladies and gentlemen present, the cream of the fashion, beauty, wealth, and aristocracy of the province; and all of the costumes worn were remarkable for their costliness as well as their beauty.

Dancing was kept up with spirit, the floor being quite large enough for seventy-five couples, until midnight when the announcement was made that

SUPPER WAS READY.

The feast was provided by Mons. R. Escalet, of the Delmonico, whose part of the entertainment corresponded with the other arrangements. All present expressed the same opinion in regard to the spread—that it was the best ever made by any caterer of Victoria.

The supper over, dancing was resumed and it was not until an early hour of the morning that the last dance was trod by the merrymakers and the grand naval ball was over.

THE GUESTS.

In addition to the Vice-Regal party, the following is a complete alphabetical list of the invitations:

A

Anderson, Mr. and Mrs.; Angus, Messrs. P. and W.; Angus, Miss; Abbott, Mr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Atkins, Mr. and Miss; Allaston, Mr. W.; Alexander, Mr., Mrs. Miss and Mr., jr., Vancouver; Angus, Mr. James and Mrs.; Armstrong, Sheriff and Mrs., New Westminster; Anderson, Col. and Mrs., Washington Territory.

B

Begbie, Sir M. B.; Bullen, Mr. and Mrs.; Bridgeman, Mr. A. J. W.; Burns, Mr. G. H.; Benson, Capt. and Mrs.; Brady, Mr., R.E. and Mr. Miss; Bodington, Mr. Miss Baker, Mr. E. Crow and Mrs.; Bolton, Rev. and Mrs.; Boanlands, Rev. and Mrs.; Barnard, Mr. F. S. and Mrs.; Barrow, Miss; Boscowitz, Mr., Mrs. and Miss; Boscowitz, Messrs. D. A. and L. G.; Bourchier, Mr. and Mrs.; Baker, Col. and Mrs.; Blaiklock, Mrs.; Bodington, Dr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Bewick, Mr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Barkeley, Capt., Miss and Mr. B.; Bushby, Mrs.; Bremner, Mr. and Mrs., New Westminster; Bramah, Mr., New Westminster.

C

"C" Battery, commandant and officers; Cronadun, Mr. and Mrs.; Cambie, Mr. Justice and Mrs; Crease, Mr. Lindley; Charles, Mr., Mrs. and Miss; Coombe, Mr. and Mrs.; Curwen, Mr. and Mrs; Clinton, Mr.; Cartmel, Mr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Cambie, Mr. and Mrs., New Westminster; Crickmay, Mrs. and the Misses, Vancouver; Chudley, Mr. and Mrs.; Cotton, Mr. and Mrs., New Westminster; Coulthard, Mr., New Westminster; Cridge, Bishop, Mrs. and the Misses; Clarke, Capt. and Mrs. Stanley.

D

Drake, Mr. Justice, Mrs. and the Misses; Drake, Mr. B. T.; Davie, Dr., Mrs. and the Misses; Davie, Hon. T. and Mrs.; Dobbin, Mrs.; Dumbleton, Mr. and Miss; Douglas, Lady; Devereaux, Capt., Mrs. and Miss; Davies, Mr. Joshua.

E

Eberts, Mr. and Mrs.; Ellison, Rev. and Mrs.; Erb, Mr., Mrs. and Miss; Eckstein, L., New Westminster; Earle, Mr. and Mrs.

F

Fitzgerald, Mrs; Fisher, Mr., Mrs. and Miss, Metchosin; Fielding, Mr. F.; Shawnigan; Ferris, Miss; Fullinger, Mr. Geo.; Fraser, Mr., New Westminster; Fagan, Dr., New Westminster; Foster, Mr.

G

Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs.; Galley, the Misses; Grahame, Mr., Mrs. and Miss; Goo', Mr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Gaul, Mr., Vancouver; Grant, Mayor and Mrs; Good, Miss; Glover, Mr., New Westminster; Gibbons, Gen. and Lady, Washington Territory.

H

Hett, Mr. and Mrs.; Higgins, Mr. D. W., Mrs. and Miss; Hayes, H.; Henderson, Miss; Higgins, Mr. W.R. and Mrs.; Halkett, Mr. and Mrs.; Holdsworth, Mr. and Mrs.; Harrison, Mrs.; Holmes, Col. and Mrs.; Hunter, Mr. and Mrs.; Harris, Mr. D. R. and Mrs.; Hills, Rt. Rev. Geo.; Hammersley, Mr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Hamilton, Mrs.; Homer, Mrs. and the Misses, New Westminster; Hunter, Mr. F., New Westminster; Harvey, Miss; Haines, Col. and Lady, Victoria.

I. J.

Innes, Mr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Innes, Mrs. and the Misses; Irving, Capt. and Mrs.; Jones, Capt. A. W.; Jones, Mr. R.; Jackson, Mr. and Mrs.; Jenns, Rev., Mrs. and the Misses; Jones, Dr., Mrs. and Miss; Johnson, Capt. and Mrs., Vancouver; Jay, Mr.; Mrs.; Johnston, Capt., Mrs. and Miss.

K

King, Miss; Kennedy, Mr.; Keiffer, Mr. and Mrs.

L

Langley, Mr. and the Misses; Langley, Mr. and Miss, Maksemjem; Carl; Langley, Mr. Walter and Mrs.; Loewen, Mrs., the Misses and Mr. H. F.; Luxton, Mr. A. F.; Lewis, Capt. and Mrs.; Leeson, Mr. and Mrs.; Lawson, Miss; Langford, Miss; Lee, Col. and lady, Washington Territory.

M

Monteith, Mr. and Mrs.; Mathews, Mrs. and Miss; Mackenzie, Miss; Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs.; Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses; Martin, Dr. John; Marvin, Mrs.; Mumbleton, Mr. and Miss; Mellon, Mr. Lawson Miss; Langford, Miss; Lee, Col. and lady, Washington Territory.

M.

Monteith, Mr. and Mrs.; Mathews, Mrs. and Miss; Mackenzie, Miss; Macpherson, Mr. and Mrs.; Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses; Martin, Dr. John; Marvin, Mrs.; Mumbleton, Mr. and Miss; Mellon, Mr. and Mrs.; Mellon, Mr. and Mrs.; Mackay, Mrs. and Miss, Saturna Island; Musgrave, Mr., Mrs. and Miss, Spring Island; Musgrave, Capt. and Mrs.; Campbell and Mrs.; Macdougall, Miss; Major, Mr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Macdonald, Mrs., New Westminster; Mouatt, Mrs. and Miss; Miles, Mrs.

N.

Nelson, Lt. Gov. and Mrs.; Norton, the Misses, San Francisco; Newton, Miss.

O.

O'Connor, Miss, New Westminster; Oppenheimer, Mayor and Mrs., Vancouver; Oppenheimer, Mr. I. and Mrs. Vancouver; O'Reilly, Mr., Mrs. and Miss.

P.

Pemberton, Mr., Mrs., Miss and Mr. F.; Prior, Col. and Mrs.; Prior, Mr. H. K.; Peters, Major and Mrs.; Pinder, Mr. and Mrs.; Pidwell, Miss; Powell, Dr., Mrs. and Mrs.; Pooley, Hon. C. E. and Mrs.; Parsons, Mrs.; Penney, Mr. and Mrs.

R.

Rithet, Mr. and Mrs.; Richards, Mr., Mrs. and Miss.; Raymur, Mr. J. L. and Mrs.; Ranson, Mr. W. B.; Robson, Hon. Jno. and Mrs.; Rhodes, Mrs., Miss and Mr. C. W.; Rowbotham, Capt. and Mrs.; Roberts, Mr. Cecil.

S.

Stokes, Mrs.; Sitwell, Mr. and the Misses; Stanton, Mr. H.; Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.; Smith, Mr. T. R.; Stephenson, Rev. and Mrs.; Shaw, Mr.; Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Vancouver; Stewart, Mr., Mrs., Miss and Mr. J.; Seymour, Sir Michael-Culme; Scriven, Archdeacon and Mrs.; Sun, Mr.; Silliton, Bishop and Mrs., New Westminster; Sumner, Major and lady, Washington Territory.

T.

Tye, Mr. and Mrs.; Townsend, Mayor and Mrs., New Westminster; Trutch, Mr. and Mrs.; Tatlow, Mr., Vancouver; Turner, Hon. J. H. and Mrs.; Trytheall, Mr. and Mrs., Vancouver; Thompson, Capt. and Mrs.; Tytlar, Mr. F.

V and W.

Vernon, Mr. and Mrs.; Vernon, Hon. F. G.; Van Horne, Mr., Mrs. and Miss; Ward, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses; Ward, Mr. Robt. and Mrs.; Wilson, Mr. Ridgway and Mrs.; Ward, Messrs. F. A. and C.; Walker, Mr. F. G. and Mrs.; Wilson, Major and Mrs.; Walkem, Mr. Justice and Mrs.; Woods, Miss; Woods, Archdeacon, Mrs. and the Misses, New Westminster; Wake, Mr. and Mrs., and Mrs. Jervis.

CRONIN'S LAST NIGHT.

Story of the Butchery Told by Martin Burke.

The Doctor's Corpse Thrown in the Lake, Then Confined in a Trunk and Thrown in the Sewer.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 31.—To-day Assistant State's Attorney Baker elicited new and, if true, important evidence from Gillette, a late fellow-prisoner of Martin Burke. Burke said the plot had been to decoy Cronin from his house by Coughlan and a woman. Afterwards Coughlan changed the plan and decoyed Cronin by means of O'Sullivan's business card. Burke told Gillette that the woman in question kept furnished lodgings on North street in Chicago. Burke mentioned as associates with himself Coughlan, Cooney and O'Sullivan.

The intention was to sink the body in the lake, but a confederate who was to meet them with a boat failed to keep his appointment. Gillette says Burke went twice to a lawyer's office on Dearborn street, Chicago, and got money for doing the job. Cronin's clothes were brought to Winnipeg and hidden there.

Gillette told Baker how Burke told him in detail of the murder; how Cronin was clubbed as he stepped inside the cottage door, and how they took the body to the lake and not finding anyone there threw it in. Fearing, however, that it would wash upon the beach, it was taken back, placed in a trunk and afterwards put in a catch basin.

PROF. BLAIKIE.

Pleasant Impressions of Victoria—The Most Attractive Spot on the Continent.

The following extract from a letter of Prof. Blaikie, who recently visited the city, will be read with interest by Victorians:

BANFF, N. W. T., ROCKY MOUNTAINS, 19th August, 1889.

I am under great temptation, but must resist it, to describe somewhat in detail the wonderful regions through which we have been passing during the past fortnight.

Having completed our visit to the family of our son in Southern California, we first proceeded by sea to San Francisco, about five hundred miles to the north; from San Francisco by rail through the northern part of California, a glorious highland district, with snowy mountains as high as those of Switzerland; then through the State of Oregon and Washington Territory, the grandest forest region I ever saw, from Tacoma, the capital of Washington Territory, to Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, by steamer; and finally, from Vancouver, the western terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, first over the Selkirk Mountains, and then over the Rockies to the place where this letter is dated, a ride of above five hundred miles of unrivalled magnificence and indescribable beauty.

I have come to the deliberate conclusion that no one really knows the grandeur of the British empire who has not traversed British Columbia; and if I desired to change my abode and dwell where the breath of winter is unknown, I should certainly select the city of Victoria, the most attractive spot I have seen, all things considered, since I landed on this continent. No doubt this Banff from which I now write, with its National Park selected by the Dominion Government as a scene of resort and recreation for the Canadian people (such of them as can afford to come to it), is in the midst of grander mountains and finer streams; but Victoria is cooled by the sea breeze and brightened by the Pacific waters that came rolling into many a bay and around many an island and headland at the foot of wooded hills of every picturesque form; and seem to answer better to that sea-loving taste which is natural to us islanders. Victoria is situated on Vancouver Island, and is a rapidly increasing city. Scotsmen abound in it; some of them have made large fortunes. I find many excellent Christians; but others, while representing very faithfully the national characteristics of sagacity and perseverence, are not a credit to their country in some things that we value.

A Murderer at Large.

About four weeks ago a colored man named Gibbs, shot and killed two men in Portland. Since then the police could get no trace of him. Yesterday he was seen in Vancouver and Detective Devling got on his track and is following him up. It is believed that he was trying to get a passage to China on the steamer, but failing in that he started to walk to Westminster. There is a large reward offered for his arrest, and the officer who makes the capture will be in luck.

Social Club at Westminster.

About thirty-five prominent residents of Westminster met on Thursday night to arrange for the formation of a private club in the Royal City. Bishop Sillitoe, John Hendry, and B. Douglass were elected trustees; G. D. Brymner, president; A. J. McColl, vice-president, and the following committee: Peter Grant, Benjamin Douglass, R. W. Armstrong, Dr. Bentley, A. G. Gamble, Dr. Fagan, G. E. Corbould, W. H. Fielding, E. M. Bovill, and C. C. Woods. The club will be incorporated under the laws of the province.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Success of the British South African Company.

A Company Buy up the Chicago Grain Elevators.

The Welsh Flannel Manufacturers Forming a Ring to Control the Output of the Mills.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA CO.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The London newspapers are unanimous in congratulating the British South African Company, otherwise the Prince of Wales' son-in-law, the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Gifford and others upon their success in obtaining the blanket charter issued to them under which they absolutely control the immense and highly fruitful region in South Africa; and also congratulate the government that the powers granted to the company have fallen into such excellent hands. All of the papers are moved to the prediction, that the exercise of the charter will result in the establishment in South Africa of a vast empire similar to that of India, but none of them seem anxious to call attention to the ambiguous terms of the concession which virtually empower the company to exercise control over territory not hitherto included in the inventories of England's possessions. The Pall Mall Gazette, in its article on the subject, says: England, and not the Germans, will colonize the territory, and just here the difficulties of the company and consequently of England begins. So long as the privileges of the company are modestly exercised there will be no trouble, but the moment the elasticity of the charter is tested, the temptation to which the charterers will be most likely to yield sooner or later will be exposed, and such a protest against territorial encroachments will be lodged, that England will not find it prudent to ignore the company.

BUYING UP THE ELEVATORS.

A company is in course of organization with a capital of $500,000, capable of unlimited expansion, for the purpose of purchasing the Fergus grain elevators of Chicago. It is alleged that an agent of the promotors of this company has recently sounded the controllers of these elevators with such encouraging results as to induce the immediate formation of a pool, the transfer of property to take place at an early date.

A FLANNEL RING.

The Welsh flannel manufacturers are also infected with the "trust" fever, and are forming a ring with a view of controlling the output of the flannel mills in Wales and enhancing prices.

GALE IN THE CHANNEL.

A severe gale still prevails in the English channel and along the Irish coast, doing great damage to small craft and seriously delaying larger vessels.

A PROTEST.

Several of the chambers of commerce of the principal cities of Germany have protested to the government against its position on the importation of hogs and cattle.

CLERICAL SEMINARY.

The clerical seminary at Posen is shortly to be re-opened.

AN EMERGENCY FUND.

It is stated that M. Vischregradeki, Russian minister of finance, will return to the treasury the sum of 10,000,000 roubles, to be used in case of emergency, but ordinarily to be held inviolate.

WESTMINSTER SPECIAL.

Particulars of the Sudden Death of Ex-Mayor Robt. Dickinson.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 1st.—11 p. m.—The city is filled with consternation to-night at the news which was first whispered and then spread like wildfire through the streets that Ex-Mayor Dickinson had died suddenly at his residence at about 9:50 this evening. The particulars, so far as can be ascertained, are as follows: The deceased attended at a political meeting to-night, called by the supporters of Messrs. Corbould and Jenns, at the Oddfellows Hall, and remained till the meeting was out, about 9.30. On arriving at his home, Mr. Dickinson went into the dining-room and remarked to his daughter, Miss Dickinson, (the only member of the family then at home, Mrs. Dickinson and others of the family being at Vancouver,) that his breathing came hard and asked for a drink of water. The water was given him and also a lozenge, for which he next enquired. Mr. Dickinson then exclaimed: "Oh, my breathing comes hard, I am dying," and sank into a chair. Miss Dickenson in alarm ran to the house of the nearest neighbor, Capt. Pittenbrigh, who immediately returned with her and found Mr. Dickenson dead in his chair. Medical men were summoned by telephone and arrived a few minutes later. The cause of death was stated to be either apoplexy or heart disease. Knots of people on all the principal streets are discussing with bated breath the terribly sudden and sad occurrence which has intensified the gloom hanging over the city as a consequence of the recent melancholy deaths of Mr. L. L. Doane at Portland, and Mrs. C. D. Rand (nee Katie Clute,) at Vancouver.

OBITUARY.

Death of Ex-Mayor Robt. Dickinson of New Westminster.

Ex-Mayor Robert Dickinson, of New Westminster, died very suddenly last evening. A telegram to THE COLONIST briefly announced the sad news.

The late Mr. Dickinson was a pioneer of Westminster and a man whom his fellow-citizens of the Royal City delighted to honor. He was born in Liverpool, England, in 1835 and came to British Columbia in 1859. During the many vicissitudes through which the city of Westminster has passed, he always proved himself a loyal defender of its rights. He was early connected with the management of its affairs, having been president of the Municipal Council in 1863-4, and was mayor of the city in 1874-5. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1875, but after one term refused to again stand for election. On ten different occasions he has been elected to the office of Mayor, frequently by acclamation, and was Chief Magistrate of the city during the years 1885, 1886 and 1887. With his colleagues, he made a hard fight to get the extension of the Canadian Pacific Railway into the city, and it was greatly due to his efforts that the end was satisfactorily accomplished, and the first grain at last steamed through the streets. He was also one of the principals in securing the Westminster Southern. Thoroughly honorable in his public, private and business life, he had the respect and confidence of the entire community. In Mr. Dickinson the Royal City had ever a worthy champion and his death will be felt there as a severe loss. The deceased leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters to mourn his sudden death. They will have universal sympathy in their bereavement.

MISLEADING STATEMENTS

Circulated by the "News-Advertiser" Corrected by the President of the Board of Trade.

The following letter from Mr. Robt. Ward, president of the B. C. board of trade, appears in the issue of the Canadian Gazette, London, Eng., of Oct. 17th. We are glad to see that Mr. Ward has so promptly corrected a misstatement calculated to give the people of England an erroneous impression of the trade of Victoria:

"THE RIVAL CITIES ON THE PACIFIC."

SIR—In your issue of the 5th inst. prominence is given to a "clipping" from the Vancouver *Advertiser* relative to an alleged falling off in the customs revenue at Victoria for the months of July in the present year, coupled with the statement that as the imports at Vancouver showed an important increase, the writer of the paragraph referred to arrives at the conclusion that the commercial centre of the Province is gradually being shifted thither from Victoria.

To support this statement the Victoria returns of duties paid for July, 1889, are selected to show a decrease compared with July, 1888. This may be considered an unfair method of making comparisons seeing that vessels might arrive at any time when duties on their cargoes would be considerably augmented thereby in comparison with similar month in a former year; indeed, as a matter of fact, this will be found to be the case with the two months succeeding that selected by the Advertiser, viz., August and September of the present year, both showing an increase over same months for 1888.

The accompanying report of the British Columbia Board of Trade of Victoria will give you some interesting statistical information of an official character relating to the commercial importance of Victoria, its imports and exports; and at the close of the present fiscal year I venture to prophesy that the government returns will demonstrate that not only has Victoria maintained her supremacy as the commercial centre of the province in spite of being heavily handicapped by powerful influences working to her disadvantage, but that by far the largest portion of the trade of the entire province will have fallen to her share.

Victoria merchants can well afford to rejoice at the prosperity of their neighbors, bringing as it must, proportionate advantages, but they are scarcely likely to submit to the publication of disparaging reports affecting the trade and commerce of a port, which they have succeeded in building up to its present leading position in the Province—a position which rivals may find it not easy to assail.—I am, Sir, yours obediently,

ROBERT WARD, J.P.

President, British Columbia Board of Trade.

Victoria, British Columbia, 23rd Sept., 1889.

[We are much obliged to Mr. Ward for his letter, and are pleased to note the success with which Victoria appears to be maintaining her past record. Elsewhere we give some statistics and facts regarding the British Columbia capital.—ED. Gazette.]

The Gazette, wishing to do justice to Victoria, in another column of the same paper publishes the statistics of the trade of the four cities of the Province, which, of course, show the relative importance of Victoria, and corrects the dishonest and disparaging mis-statements of the News-Advertiser.

JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

Summary of Entries—Names of Horses, Owners and Colors.

SATURDAY.

Running half mile repeat—"Sorrel Dan," (G. M. Rouse), black and green; "Cyclone," (D. T. Beals) black and red; "Chilcotin," (E. B. Drummond) red and yellow; "Coquitlam Jim," (Black & Wilkinson) blue and red; "Bangum," (G. C. Ross) red, white and blue; "Harry B," (Joe Payne) green and black; "Bingo," (John Feigle) red, blue and sash; "Ben L," (R. Morris) red, blue and sash.

2:35—trotting and pacing—"Dart," (T. Shaw) blue, white and red; "Henry B," (G. M. Rouse) red and black; "Mollie C," (G. T. Beals) black and white; "Sleepy Tom," (L. S. Pearsall) red; "Rosie C," (John Feigle) crimson; "Mackin," (Tzachout & Wilkinson) cherry and black; "Fanny Irving," (Wm. Dickson) white and black.

Indian race, running, mile dash—"Johnny Macki" (J. Ross); "Slippery Elm" (T. Peters); "Klamz Grabber" (Pea. L. Peters); "When-the-Light-Goes-Out (Oh Moses) "Klakatit" (E. Jackson); "Razzle-Dazzle"; (E. James) "Consumption Dick" (A. Marshall); "Soap-Suds" (T. Paul); "Dot-and-Carry-Onie" (Bill); "Kitty Snowballs" (David); "Johnson-Street-Sewer" (G.