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TO AGREE.

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26. — A despatch a volcano of that v. An outburst of occurred directly sterday afternoon, and the Indians sighborhood of the casualties are re-

e Market" is ancontributed to by arie Corelli, Lady Malmsbury), and

Wickoria Times.

The Cuban Commander Wants Uncle Sam to Provide For All Officers Who Fought

For Independence.

He Refuses to Disband the Native Army Until the United States Government

Pays \$60.000.000.

New York, Jan. 31 .- A Washington

special to the Tribune says: Maximo Gomez, the Cuban commander, has de-

manded nearly \$60,000,000 from the

United States, and refuses to disband his

'army' until the money is paid. He has

repudiated the arrangement made by

Garcia, who came to Washington with

authority from Gomez to provide for the return of the Cubans to their peaceful

ursuits, and whose work was barely acimplished before his sudden death on It was then agreed that the United

States in order to secure the prompt re-sumption of labor on the plantations of

the speedy revival of prosperity and set-tled conditions, should distribute about

\$3,000,000 among the thirty thousand said to be still under arms at the aver-

ge of \$100 a man, the officers in proortion to their rank to receive a greater mount, the ordinary enlisted men to be

scharged with sums less than \$100 de

numbers run into the thousands.

HER MAJESTY INVOKED.

in the English Church.

and. Baron Kinnaird presided, and the

proceedings were marked by the utmost

"Romish practices in the Established Church of England" were carried, and a

telegram was despatched to the Queen praying her to direct Lord Salisbury,

the Premier, to take legislative steps to suppress the practices condemned.

A MAN WITH TWO FAMILIES.

Des Moines, Jan. 31.—A decision renered by the Supreme Court brings to

ight another story of one man with two families. Richard C. Coombs died in 1880 and left two families, one at Bur-

ngton and one in Wichita, Kan. The Burlington family was a legitimate one, out Coombs had maintained both for 20

years, and lived most of the time just

an and three children, whom he re-

he Iowa Legion of Honor. The money was paid to the Burlington family, and suit was brought by the guardian of

he Kansas children to recover money rom the Burlington family of the logion of Honor, the mother of the

Kansas children having died. The court folds that the Burlington family must livide with the Kansas children, since

London, Jan. 31.-Reports by mail

from Corunna, Spain, give sad accounts of the landing there last week of

he Seamor regiment from Cuba. The

urned alive. As the survivors march-

down the gangway of the steamer by were met by an immense crowd of

ple from Corunna and the neighbor-

villages. There were shouts and

300, but their cheers were drowned cries of lamentation of the relatives

ondon, Feb. 1.—The Madrid corres-dent of the Daily Mail says: The met has agreed to undertake the

ation of the constitutional guaran-

and also to add an exportation

to the ministry of state, upon the interests of all classes of will be represented. The

er of Finance explained to his

at to-cay's session of the his new financial scheme. I will create new taxes calto produce £26,000,000 yearly.
proposes to raise an internal

to consolidate a portion of

him, where most eyes are narrow mr. a small, round eye is considered raordinary beauty. Chinese girls their eyebrows to make them very

NEW SPANISH TAXES.

friends of the 1,400.

ent was recruited in Corunna and ncluded many young men of good amilies. In June, 1895, it sailed for uba 1,400 strong. Only 300 men re-

heir father recognized them as his. ONLY THREE HUNDRED LEFT.

Coombs, who was a travelling in, had a policy insurance of \$4,000 in

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island, with a view to promoting

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1899.

THE CHEMAINUS FIRE. Row of Buildings Destroyed and a

Chemainus, B. C., Feb. 1.—(Special.)

A fire broke out in the Chinese quar-—A fire broke out in the Chinese quarter here yesterday, in which one Chinaman lost his life and another was seriously burnt. When the Chinamen who were working on the night shift returned home they hung their damp clothes around the stove, and after they had retired it is thought that their clothes took fire. The whole row of the Chinese buildings, including a laundry, was burnt, with the fatal result above stated. Provincial Police Constable was burnt, with the ratal result above stated. Provincial Police Constable Maitland Dougall reached Chemainus shortly after the fire. He did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest.

KING FROST'S GRIP. Seven Persons Frozen to Death in the

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 31.—A severe blizzerd is blowing in West Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, with the mer-cury near the zero mark. Fine snow has

their way.

BUIGATY ...NCESS DEAD.

Sofia, Fel register of the purpose of the army has been preparing to carry out this arrangement, the feat of the purpose.

Gomez has come out against the scheme, which was operating satisfactorily to most Cubans and has struck for greater stakes. It is officially known here that he is endeavoring to dissuade Cubans from accepting office under the him in the field until the United States army. He fixes the date of the United States army. He private in the period for which here and the date of the United States army. He private in the United States army. He priv BULGATO

THE ANNUAL BUTCHERY.

of lieutenant-general, he will be satisfied with \$11,000 annually, the American rate for that grade. Gomez also has about twenty major-generals, for each of whom ha wants \$7,000 annually. The satisfied according to the United States army pay table at \$5,500 annually. This aggregates the nice little sum of \$3,783,000 for generals alone. Then there are colonely Denver, Col., Jan. 30.—Snow began [52] henver, Col. Jan. 30.—Snow egan been raging for a week, is again in full blast. The town of Breckenridge, about forty niles from Leadville, is completely isolated. Fuel and provisions are getting low, and much suffering may result. Reports from Como tell of great losses of range stock. The mines about Leadville have been forced to close down, as no one can work. Hundreds of men have worked almost incessantly at different points on the South Park line, between Como and Leadville, to open the road to traffic, but have at last been compelled to surrender enerals alone. Then there are colonels, ieutenant-colonels and majors, whose have at last been compelled to surrender to the elements. Snow is packed in great drifts in the cuts and the winds piled it in as fast as the shovels can make an opening. Kokomo is almost hidden by banks of snow on all sides. Snow sildes are frequent and destruction threatens the town. No trains have moved west of Leadville on the Colorado Midland for several days. The storm extends along the mountains in Wyoming, and already the loss to cattle has been great. London, Feb. 1 .- The Royal Albert Hall was the scene this evening of a great demonstration on the part of ten thousand Protestants, including the representatives of fifty Protestant organizations connected with the Established hurch in England Scotlang and Ire-

RUN DOWN BY AN ENGINE. Altoona, Pa., Jan. 29.—A gang of twentysix track repairers were working on the
railroad at the western opening of the
Gallitzh tunnel at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when they heard the approach of a
locomotive, which was running west
through the tunnel. The workmen all
stepped from the north track, on which
west-bound trains move, to the south
track. The smoke in the tunnel prevented them from seeing the approaching locomotive, which was running on the south
track. One man was instantly killed, one
died in the Altoona hospital, and sixteen
were more or less seriously injured. None
escaped without injury. The dead are:
Dav'd Wilt, aged 40, instantly killed;
Thomas W. Sanker, aged 25, died in hospital.

THE POPE'S HEALTH. Rome, Jan. 29.—Dr. Lapponi, physician to the Pope, said to-day: "The Pope's renewed and incessant activity is the one thing that disturbs me. Can you conceive of a man 86 years old working asiduously from twelve to fourteen hours daily? I beg him constantly to conserve his strength, but he will not listen to me, and he even gets a little angry when I dare to remind him of the strain he is enduring. He attempts to do everything himself. He wants no assistance, because nobody qu'te satisfies him in the little details of affairs. He even corrects the proofs of his encyclicals and other works. Happily, all his illnesses in his advanced age have been slight and had their origin in this excess of work."

Denver, Jan. 30.—A special to the News from Apex, Colo., says: A snowslide occurred here at 9 a.m. to-day, in which three lives were lost. They are Mrs. W. H. Rudolph and her two children, aged two and four years. The Rudolph home was situated on the side of a steep hill and directly in the path of the slide. W. H. Rudolph, who, with his fam'ly, were in their home when the slide started, succeeded in escaping the danger, but his wife and the children were swept away in the avalanche of snow. A searching party succeeded in rescuing the six-year-old scnailve.

BRITISH LIBERAL LEADERSHIP. London, Jan. 29.— A meeting of the Liberal members of the House of Commons has been convened for February 6 to discuss the question of party leadership in the house. The proceedings, it is expected, will be very brief, and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who now represents Stirling district, will be chosen leader.

BRITISH WORKMEN UNITED. London, Jan. 29.— The trades unions have replied to the challenge of the employers in forming a league for protection against strikes by a meeting at Manchester of the representatives of many branches of labor, who organized a central federation almost on the lihes of the Employers' League.

CANNOT CATCH THE KHALIFA. London, Jan. 30. — A dispatch to the Dally News from Cairo says that Collision of Khalifa Abdullah into Kordofan where he has been making war upon the tribesmen, has abandoned the attempt to overtake him.

Canadian Pacific Railway Station and Round House at Rogers Pass Buried Under the Snow.

cury near the zero mark. Fine snow has now begun falling, and exposed stock is suffering severely.

St. Louls, Mo., Feb. 1. — Three deaths from freezing occurred in this city today and one in Fast St. Loufs. At one o'clock to-night the thermometer registered one degree above zero.

Cheyenne, Wyo, Feb. 1. — Mrs. Dan. Keeler. Wife of a packer in the United States service, was found naked and frozen to death in the side porch at her home. She was insane. Her crippled mother had been nearly starved. Money and provisions were found in the house packed in the bottom of trunks.

Buffalo, Wyo, Feb. 1. — The wife and daughter of J. E. Frost have been frozen to death. They started from the town for their ranch, a few miles distrat, in face of a blizzard, became bewildered and lost their way.

BULGATOR. WIGHER STORES DEAD.

THE FRENCH ROYALISTS.

London, Jan. 30.—The Times's Paris cortispondent says: The Duke of Orleans received a deputation of French artisans at Brussels yesterday. Comte Pontevas Poran, who introduced the deputation, which is menual thread to defend the fatherland and the army against those bent on destruying them." Orleans, replying in a sympathetic speech, said the royalists felt pain fully the insult cast upon the army by a nameless coalition, and concluded with the declaration: "I wish before you, my friends, to make a very patriotic appeal to the goodwill and healthy energies of all who are firmly resolved on re-constructing the French fatherland, promising on my part to do my duty, and my whole duty, in order to hasten the hour of God and the word of France." The speech was greeted with cries of "Vice le Ro!!" "vive reeted with cries of "Vice le Ro!! Reine!" and "Vive la France!"

CANADIAN BREVITIES.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Major Hutton left for Kingston to-day to attend the opening of the three months' staff course at the Royal Military College. West Huron communations take place on February 11, and the election on February 18. February 11, and the election on February 18.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 30.—The general election has been fixed for February 28.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—For the 12 months ending December 31, 1898, the C. P. R. figures are: Gross earnings, \$26,138,997; working expenses, \$15,633,695; net profits, \$10,475,372. For the 12 months ended December 31, 1897, there was a net profit of \$10,303,776.

Owen Sound, Jan. 31.—Mrs. H. Butchart's residence has been destroyed by fire.

THE RESULT OF BRITISH RULE.

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Middleton, N.Y., Jan. 31.—Rector Evans, of Grace church, on Sunday replied to the attack made by Bourke Cochran upon Br'tain as the robber nation of the world. He pointed to the local prosperity which has followed in the wake of the British expansion almost all the world over, more notably in Indian and in Egypt, and declared that British rule had been in most cases a blessing and not a bane. He quoted the words of Admiral Dewey, which recently appeared in an English paper, to the effect that the "imper'al policy of Fingland was the factor that had done most to civilize the world." He believed intensely that by the Anglo-Saxon people of England and America God, the Great Imperialist, had planned to humanize the whole earth.

GERMAN SUGAR IN DANGER.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—In the lower house of the Prussian diet yesterday, Baron Erffa, referring to the opinion of the secretary of the imperial treasury that there was no danger to the German sugar industry from America in the near future, said the manufacturers of Saxony took a different view from those who underrated the colossal financial resources and enterprises of "the American sugar trust" in California. Baron von Hammerstein Loxten, the minister of agriculture, in reply, said he fully agreed with the statement that most serious danger existing from the production of beet sugar in America, he further said, was continually increasing.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR PHILIPPINES. Washington, Jan. 31.— The war department has issued orders to expedite the movement of reinforcements for the Philippines. The transport Sherman will start from New York next Thursday with the Third regiment of infantry. The following Thursday, February 9, the transport Sheridan will sail from the same port with the S8th infantry and the head-duarters and remaining companies of the 17th infantry. The Castine, bound for Manila by the eastern route, has sailed from Punta del Corda. The Helena, another gunboat bound to Manila, arrived today at Colombo, Ceylon.

INJURED BY FALLING GLASS. Pittsburg, Pa. Jan. 30.—The six-storey building at 918 and 920 Pennsylvania rvenue, occupied by the New York Biscuit Company and the L. A. Grosse Art. Glass Company, was damaged by fire today to the extent of \$75.000. Several firemen were injured by falling glass, but all will recover. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

mystery. CATARRH AND HAY FEVER. If it's Hay Fever that is the bug-bear of your life, you won't know the pleasure of freedom from it till you've tried Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure.

ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

Guarantee for Future Peace, Freedom and Civilization. ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

London, Jan. 30. - Addressing his constituents at Manchester this evening, the stituents at Manchester this evening, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour referred to Br talin's relations with the United States. He said: "Some foreign critics, cynical by profession and training, hold the view that the friendship now happily subsisting between the English-speaking peoples on both sides of the Atlantic is but the growth of the moment, and depends upon a transitory community of interests. They affect to believe that when this disappears friendship will disappear also. They hold that if the British trade should feel injured by some inconsistent tariff, immediately the sentiments so generally felt at this moment in Great Britain toward America would vanish like the leaves in autumn.

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Late in the evening the devastating mass of snow and rock came down the alliance with the countries of the worst of the wors English language and sharing the Anglo-Saxon civilization would be united with a sympathy which no mere political divergence could permanently disturb. I felt then, though I spoke my inmost conviction, that I must impress my hearers as something of a dreamer and an idealist, or as a prophet, only hoping for what himself could hardly expect to be realized. "Hut the three years that have elapsed since then have changed the relations between the two countries—a change which I believe is not destined to be reversed: a change which has brought back these two great communities to their normal relations, disturbed as these normal relations, disturbed as these normal relations were by more than a century of unhappy discord, a change which, once made, is a change that ought to be permanent, for it is founded, as I hope, upon mutual sympathy, mutual comprehension, and the mutual belief that each great and free community desires to see the privileges it enjoys extended far and wide to all continents and among all nations. And if I am right, and more common sympathy be implanted deep in the breasts of these two great nations, there cannot be a greater guarantee for future peace, freedom, progress and civilization, not only in toils of the whole human race."

BISTILIZERIES COMBINE.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 31.—Word has been received that the deal combining all the important distilleries in Kenucky into one great corporation has been almost concluded in New York city.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Commissioner Larke Makes Valuable Suggestions for Ganadians.

J. S. Larke, the Canadian Commissioner in Australia, has made his final report for 1898 to the Dominion Department of Trade and Commerce. Mr. July, but it will exceed the anticipations in September. It is probable Australias will be able to supply her own requirements and have an exportable surplus of ten million bushels. Notwith-final demand for Manitoba Hour and wheat. The quotation for flour is £11 15s., being

WHEN THE DAY IS DONE.

each year.
A professor estimates that the black race embraces about one-tenth of the inhabitants of the globe, or 150,000,000 persons.

Antiseptic gloves are the latest fad of a class which has been described as "mi-crobe manlacs." The glove is worn to keep the hands from contact with doorknobs, bell-pulls, germ-infected money, the

AMERICAN ITEMS.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 30.—The state board of rallroad commissioners have granted the application of the Rochester and Sodus Bay Rallway Company for permission to construct an electric surface line from Rochester to Sodus Point, on Lake Ontario, a distance of forty-two miles.

Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 30.—A special to the Times says: The police have caused the arrest at Oakland, Cal., of Daniel Allen McFadden, of Buffalo, on a charge of embezzling \$17 from Philip Hamilton, a Klondiker, of Toronto. The crime is alleged to have been committed in Seattle.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Record of the Month-A Munificent Donation.

Donation.

The record of the public 'library for the month just closed is as follows: Total number of books 'ssued, 2,248; to ladles, 1,098; to gentlemen, 1,150 highest number issued in one day, 147; average number issued daily, 90; new members, 38; ladies, 12; gentlemen, 28.

There have been added to the library during the past month 144 volumes, including 25 volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, donated by Mrs. Dunsmuir. This handsome set arrived on Saturday, after being delayed over a month beyond the time it was expected to arrive, much to the concern of the librarian. The volumes were on board the Baramoor, which had such a rough and tedious passage and had to be towed into Boston. The old set of Britannicas has been removed, by permission of the City Council, to the library of the South Park School.

The best way to avoid sickness is to keep yourself healthy by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier.

Among the passengers on the steamer Batanga, which has arrived at London from West Africa, was Judge Bonner, who was sent to Slerra Leone last August to try the prisoners charged with having committed murders during the rising in the colony. He had before him 240 prisoners charged with the capital offence, and of these 151 were sentenced to death. About half, it was thought, would have their sentences commuted, and on the other half death sentences would be carried out.

CATARRH CAN BE CURED. Catarrh is a kindred ailment of con-

sumption, long considered incurable; and yet there is one remedy that will positively cure catarrh in any of its stages. For many years this remedy was used by the late Dr. Stevens, a widely noted authority on all diseases of the throat and lungs. Having testof the throat and lungs. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers from Catarrh, Asthma, Consumption and nervous diseases, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noves. 920 Powers Block Roches-A. Noyes, 920 Powers Block, Rochester N. Y.

The well known strengthening properties of IRON. combined with other tonics and a most perfect nervine are found in Carter's Iron Pills, which strengthen the nerves

London, Feb. 1.-The Times in its financial article to-day announces that the competing shipowners have agreed upon a freight from New York, which is 11,500,000 has been arranged, unconditionally guaranteed by China, and specially secured on the Chinese national special spe railways. China has given Great Britain a pledge that these railways will not

TROUBLE BREWING IN JAMAICA. Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 1.—A com-pany of the West Indian regiment em-barked to-day for Barbados to reinforce rioting among the natives. Troops will also be sent from Barbados to St. Vin-

cent, where similar trouble is feared due to the continuance of the widespread

of grain and flour, there is still a demand for Manitoba flour and wheat. The quotation for flour is £11 15s., being £3. 15s. above the price of the locally produced article. Some wheat and flour re now on the way to Australia via Larke says that there is a big de-

mand for potatoes at £10 10s, per ton. He says that the best potatoes from British Columbia could have been landed in Australia at less than 17 per ton-inclusive of all charges. The timulty of buyers here and sellers in British Columbia have prevented business being done, but buyers have announced their intention of visiting British Columbia early next year to make arrangements for a general business in fruit and pro-

duce. Contrary to his expectations no apples from British Columbia were sent out, the market being supplied by California apples, some of which sold for as much States as 22s. per bushel. He says that the black better class of British Columbia fruit would bring better prices if shipped to Australia than if sold in the Northwest Territories, and he advised this practice, leaving the Territories to be supplied by Ontario. Mr. Larke refers to a paragraph in some Canadian paper a paragraph in some Canadian paper quoting him as saying that on account of the high tariff of Victoria there was little possibility of Canada doing any trade with that colony. He says that this was not the tenor of his report; on the contrary, while the tariff limits trade in some lines and prohibits it in others, there are many articles in which Canada is now doing a fine husiness and Canada is now doing a fine business, and there are others in which she can do so. Vietoria takes from Canada more agricultural implements, machinery, cotton goods and bicycles than any other colony. But not one of these articles is credited in the Victoria returns as com-ing from Canada. Beside these articles there is a trade in fish, timber, chairs, neusical instruments, window woodenware, varnish and paints. window shades, The market in these articles can be played and other goods sold. In clover seeds, with reasonable steamship rates. fish and oils from the Maritime pro-vinces, plaster of paris, a profitable di-rect trade should be done. Mr. Larke says that he has never received any re-ply from Canadian producers to letters written asking for information as to the possibilities of exporting Canadian petro-leum to Australia. Barley, he says, would perhaps find a market at excep-tional times in Victoria, but a demand might be created for Ontario six-rowed

in New South Wales and Victoria, where lager beer breweries have been erected. A considerable portion of the report is devoted to cautioning Canadian manufacturers against sending unsafable goods or goods that fall short of the specification to Australia and Wr Larke specification to Australia, and Mr. Larke gives an instance of this having been done, which will impose a loss in money upon the exporter and injure his repu-tation and other Canadian producers in the Australian market. He says he had hoped that carbide of calcium would be an article of export from Canada to Australia, but the price is too high for profitable business. Acetylene gas light is being introduced, but a firm has been formed which controls many patents, and of Canadian generators. A company is now manufacturing carbide in New Zealand. An Ontario firm has shown a good deal of enterprise in introducing fanning mills into New Zealand. Trade in agricultural machinery is making good headway, and Mr. Larke expects soon that threshing traction engines, wagons and trucks will be amongst the articles of expects to this colony. These will of export to this colony. These will have to be introduced by the manufacturers themselves, instead of acting through agencies.

He has had some enquiry for binder twine for next year. The government of New South Wales did not succeed in of New South Wales did not succeed in securing the ascent of the House of Assembly to its tariff proposals. The House will only agree to a penny a pound on tota and the retention of the present duties on sugar, canned fruit, biscuits and some few articles into which sugar enters as a compound. The duty on canned fruit, which is the only article that is affected by the tariff in which Canais affected by the tariff in which Canadian exporters are likely to be interested, will probably remain at one cent

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FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION. Proceedings at the Annual Meeting Yesterday and To-day.

The British Columbia Fruit Growers' The British Columbia Fruit Growers' and Horticultural Society met yesterday afternoon in the department of agriculture, G. H. Hadwen, Duncans, president, in the chair. There was a good attendance of delegates, the following being among those present: E. Hutcherson, Ladners; T. Wilson, Vancouver; W. H. Hayward, Metchosin; R. M. Palmer, A. R. Wilson, T. Cunningham, Vancouver; C. C. McDonald, Winnipegs dairy commissioner for Manitoba; J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture; J. T. Corfield, T. G. Earl, T. R. Pearson and others.

The secretary treasurer presented the financial statement, which was referred to the auditing committee.

The president delivered his annual address, in which he threw out a great

many suggestions, which were afterwards discussed. As a result it was resolved that the chief work of the association for the year should be the opening up of markets and marketing the fruit crop of the province, referred to in the resolution which follows.

resolution which follows.

The election of directors for the ensuing year resulted as follows: T. A. Sharpe, Agassiz; A. C. Wells, H. Kipp, A. Evans, Chilliwack; S. Smith, Dewdney; T. McNeeley, E. Hutcherson, Ladners; T. G. Earl, Lytton; Thos. Kidd, Capt. Stewart, J. Mell's, Eburne; P. E. Lazenby, Mission; W. L. Fortune, R. M. Currie, Kamloops; Alex. Campbell, F. L. Sere, A. Ohlsen, M. Baker, R. M. Palmer, J. R. Anderson, R. Layritz, W. C. Grant, C. E. Renouf, D. R. Ker, H. O. Wellburn, Victoria; A. R. Wilson, Duncans; G. T. Corfield, Corfield; G. H. Hadwen, Duncans; P. Ellison, Vernon; Duncans; G. T. Corfield, Corfield; G. H. Hadwen, Duncans; P. Ellison, Vernon; W. H. Norris, Midway J. L. Pridhome, L. W. Sterling, N. Bulchart, Kelowna; W. J. Moggridge, Hazelmere; M. J. Henry, Vanconver; A. W. Smith, Lillooff; Geo. Mead. W. J. Armstrong, T. R. Fearson, New Westminster; J. Bredwin, W. Thompson, Saanich; A. J. Palmer, C. B. Harris, Salmon Arm; Donald Graham, Spallumcheen; S. M. Robins, Nanaimo; Thos. Lewis, J. B. Kennedy, New Westminster; H. Buckle, Salt Spring; Peter Latham, New Westminster; J. T. Collins, Vesuvius Bank; T.

Spring; Peter Latham, New Westmin-ster; J. T. Collins, Vesuvius Bank; T. Cunningham, Vancouver.

At a directors' meeting the following officers were appointed:

President, T. Wilson, Vancouver; first vice-president, W. H. Hayward, Metchosin; second vice-president. D. Graham, Spallumcheen secretary-treasurer, T. R. Pearson, New Westminster.

The following resolution, moved by W. H. Hayward, and seconded by E. Hutcherson, was carried:

That, whereas the local market for fruit is limited and easily glutted, and the fruit growers of this province must in the future depend upon outside marin the future depend upon outside mar-kets, principally those of Manitoba and the Northwest;

And, whereas the aims and objects of this association would be violated by emlarging the supply while diminishing Therefore be it resolved that the available funds of the Fruit Growers' Asso-

ciation be used for the sole purpose of creating these outside markets and for ascertaining the best methods of ship-ping the fruit and putting these methods

into practice.

The following were appointed an executive committee: G. H. Hadwen. W. H. Hayward and R. M. Palmer.

It was resolved that the executive committee be requested to formulate plans for the future work of the association and report to a meeting of the ciation, and report to a meeting of the directors on February 24th, at New Westminster.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

The greatest saving in distance by the Suez canal is 3,600 miles; by the Nicaragua canal, 10,000. The traffic absolutely tributary to the Nicaragua canal under present conditions of trade would be about 5,500,000 tons per annum. This would give the canal a gross yearly income of \$9,900,000, or an income, after paying operating expenses, providing for paying operating expenses, providing for-a sinking fund, and paying interest at 3 per cent. on the \$100,000,000 invested, of \$4,900,000 per year. In view of the fact that the canal would create a new com-mercial era in the Pacific and stimulate American trade, with Austral's and American trade with Australia and South America, it is fair to assume that the income would be even larger than these figures indicate.-Chicago Inter

Paris in 1897 was visited by 890,000 visitors, Berlin by 547,000 and Vienna by 364,000. Chirteen years ago the figures for the three cities were: Paris. 184,000; Berlin, 268,000, and Yienna, 184,000; the relatively large increase in the last probably having something to do with the freedom from Dreyfus affairs and less majeste laws. In 13 years Paris hotels have entertained 8,500,000 guests, those of Berlin 4,500,000 and those of Vienna 3,000,000. It would be aligned to the property of the p difficult to obtain accurate figures for New York and London, owing to the lack of police supervision of hotel registers.

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