RECENT DISCOVERIES.

Hon. Mr. Tarte is not the only "disceverer." There is, also, a good reason for the minister of public works not having made his "discovery" earlier, for until four months ago he was only a private citizen, engaged in the publication of a weekly newspaper, and possessing neither the time nor the means to devote himself to the "geographical" research necessary to acquire a knowledge of the great natural wealth of Canada on the Racific. But promptly upon becoming a minister of the Crown Mr. Tarte came to British Columbia and "discovered" many things about which he had no previous knowledge, and with a candour and directness of speech that is one of his many pleasing characteristics he admitted that his eyes had been opened, his information about the province increased, and his estimate of its enormous possibilities enlarged many times over. This is what he meant by saying that he "had discovered British Columbia."

Another discovery was made, however, and a no less valuable one-British Columbia at the same time "discovered" Mr. Tarte. The people of the province who came in contact with that energetic minister have "discovered" that he is an entirely different person, indeed, from what they had been led to expect by the coarse savagery of the 1892 the Major thought it would be well Conservative press. He was found to to change the postmasters at Minden be unusually energetic in manner, pro- and Coboconk, putting good Tories in gressive in his views, affable and polite to every person, and imbued with one to have offered some charges against Dr. great idea-how best to promote the Curry, the Minden official, and P. O. Inwelfare of our people. That is a "discovery" only second in importance to the Mr. Spry thus reported to the departone made by Mr. Tarte; and now that we ment: "Regarding this case, as the have discovered each other, we shall charges are nearly all of a political naunderstand one another much better in the future. Mr. Tarte has become a consider that it would not be proper for friend of British Columbia and will ad- | me to express my opinion upon the mervocate in parliament a generous policy its of the case, and beg, therefore, reof development, as every Canadian spectfully to submit the evidence for statesman who believes in the future of | your consideration." The delay that octhe Dominion must do, and our people curred in dealing with the matter was will no longer listen without protest to not to the Major's taste, so he wrote the ravings of sorehead Conservative Sir Adolphe Caron, then postmasternewspapers whenever the name of the general, complaining that he had "not Hon. J. Israel Tarte appears in their heard a word from your department yet columns.

The Colonist has "discovered" that that "the feeling among our fellows here British Columbia has a grievance or is very strong," and that the Grits, in two, and is crying out for their removal. There is an amusing side to the "find" of the Government street Rip Van signed by their own crowd" asking for Winkle, who has been sleeping his wits the appointment of Dr. Curry's brother. ertheless, a discovery of third impormade. It is one of the beneficial reernment, just as the discovery by Mr. Tarte and the discovery of Mr. same happy circumstance.

INSPECTION OF THE BRIDGE.

The mayor invited Hon. Mr. Tarte to inspect the temporary bridge at Point Ellice and a visit was made on Thursday afternoon, the party being conveyed up the harbor and under the bridge on the small steamer Sadie. With the mayor and Mr. Tarte were Chief Engineer Coste, of the public works department, and several aldermen. The object of the inspection was to demonstrate to the minister that the bridge was unobjectionable, that it was unnecessary that the permanent structure should be an open or draw bridge, and that in other ways the position assumed by the mayor and council on the bridge question was a proper one. Under the circumstances it was to be expected that the minister of public works would be taken to the scene on a steamer, at a time and under conditions most likely to impress him favorably. But that is precisely what was not done. When the Sadie arrived at the temporary bridge and while going dead slow, her smoke stack touched the timbers overhead. grating heavily, and it was only by careful steering that the passage was made at all. The tide was near its highest point. The impression made upon the visitors could not be other than unfavorable. The contention of the council has been that the temporary bridge would not be an obstruction to navigation, and now, during a trip to demonstrate that fact no care was taken to procure a steamer that could pass under the span easily and quickly. It was a most unaccountable piece of stupidity. Neither the minister nor his engineer had any personal knowledge of the harbor above or below Point Ellice, and very naturally they would become prejudiced at once against a bridge that interfered with the passage of the vessel upon which the civic authorities were taking them, confidently believing that all the fears and objections of the distinguished visitors were about to be removed. Had the man who decided on the Sadie secured the Islander instead he would have shown more astuteness, for although he would have been laughed at, his reputation of knowing a thing or two would not have been altogether

Montreal Herald: The Gazette announces that the White Star Line and yet this task is being undertaken in the German Line are builling twentythree knot steamships. Again it says that Canada wants the best in the way of steamships, and that she will be content with no less. In that case the Gazette will have to revise its judgment in favor of a twenty-knot service. If a twenty-knot service is so vastly su- the Manitoba school question, outside

twenty-three-knot service would be more vastly superior to a twenty-knot service a point, which, of course, the Gazette would be quite prepared to admit. If less than the best then, she will have to ing Mr. Clarke, of Toronto, have declar go in for the twenty-three-knot service. ed in favor of the settlement. United It would be plain folly for her to spend \$750,000 a year on a service of twentyknot tubs. But in the event of the establishment of a twenty-three-knot service, that subsidy would have to be largely increased. The longer the advocates for a service for passengers only argue, the clearer it becomes, that the interests of the people of the Dominion are not suffering through delay in the settlement of the matter.

"KINDLY BOUNCE THEM."

ately accused, as vociferously as Tory for several thousand years. lungs will allow, of "introducing the spoils system." These exhibitions of hypocrisy show rather strangely in the Lindsay Post concerning that well Shortly after his election in the places occupied by Grits. He seems spector Spry was sent to investigate. ture, or have a political tendency, I anent the Minden and Coboconk post-Still another discovery has been made. offices." He also informed Sir Adolphe, expectation of a vacancy being made at Minden were "getting up a petition the part of the Grits, and the good in such appropriate terms could not well be ignored. And never a word appeared in any Tory paper alleging the introduction of the spoils system.

MAYOR AS AUTOCRAT.

The municipal act provides that "the powers of every municipality shall be exercised by the mayor and aldermen. reeve and councillors, thereof." Mayor Beaven has improved on the act by calmly obliterating the words "and aldermen," thus effacing the rest of the council as regards its executive powers and vesting all of said powers in himself. There is a rare degree of "nerve" required to override in this deliberate fashion an act of the legislature, but as the mayor has shown many indications of a desire to be a law unto himself the public will perhaps not be much surprised at this latest display of autoration tendencies. There can be no doubt in any reasonable mind as to what the intent of the municipal law is in this regard; section 25, which we have quoted, is as explicit as any section of an act could be. When the majority of a city council resolve on any particular course as to the payment of employes, or kindred matters, the law intends that such course shall be followed without question by any part of the executive. A pretty state of chaos would municipal affairs get into if the mayor were at liberty to ignore contemptuously a resolution passed by even a majority of the aldermen dealing with any matter that comes under their jurisdiction. The height of absurdity is reached if the mayor can set aside such a resolution when it is passed unanimously by the aldermen. Neither in law nor in common sense can there be found the slightest justification for the course taken by the mayor in the case which came under review last night, and though some people may feel inclined to dismiss the matter as a small one, the principle should not be lost sight of. The citizens may desire the establishment of a "one-man power," to be placed in the hands of Mayor Beaven. If they do they should see that it is regularly established by law and not in violation of existing legislation.

It is hard to see where there can be any hope of gain to the Conservatives in misrepresenting public opinion as some quarters. This will be plainly seen if some of the stuff published be compared with the following dispatch to the News-Advertiser, a paper which certainly has no wish to make the situation appear better for the Liberals than it real-

perior to an eighteen-knot service, as of the province of Quebec, has been lomes, feeling that they had spent a the Gazette professes to believe, then a generally well received. The clergy | very enjoyable evening.

there will not accept it. So far all the Liberal papers in Quebec have endorsed it. The probability is that Mr. Beausoseil will be the only Liberal memoer that will support a remedial bill, while Canada will be content with nothing several Conservative members, includ-

> highly approves of the settlement. The fact is that hostility to the settlement agreed upon will soon be found worse than useless; the country is tired of the dispute and is heartily glad to leave it where it will be quickly lost to

Canada, the Irish Catholic newspaper,

A long comment about the climatic changes is indicative of the feelings of the Conservative press. The Colonist thinks the seasons are getting "colder." This is quite true, we believe, but our In the Tory papers these days appears excellent friend's historical dates are a great deal of hypocritical wailing over "all off." The thermometer began fall the dismissal of civil servants who ne- ing on the 23rd of June last and will glected their duties to do election work continue very low for at least twenty for the Tory party. When any such years. It is absurd for it to suppose him. case occurs the government is immediated that its winter will not become summer clothes dealer and after Goldfone had

THE MALCONTENTS.

light of some revelations made by the the Archbishop of St. Boniface have wife in the door of a second-hand store. known Tory warrior Major Sam Hughes, of the Mauitoba school settlement. No whom looked like Levy. He got a man who represents North Victoria in the other action was to be expected of the arrangement. As Mr. Laurier and recognize Goldfone's authority, the population, whose opinion will prevail, and that in a very short time. It would be absurd to suppose that the few malcontents can hold out for long against the many who are well satisfied to see the troublesome question disposed of in a way that does justice to all parties. It is quite probable that the few extremists will give up their opposition when they fully realize its in utility. Let us hope they will show themselves so far possessed of common sense, for the sake of Manitoba and of the country at large.

THE DOMINION MINISTERS.

Hon. Mr. Tarte has been unable to

complete his tour of the province by visiting the Kootenay district, as he intended, owing chiefly to the affairs of away for eighteen years; but it is, nev- This was a horrible piece of cheek on his department at Ottawa needing his personal attention after a somewhat tance, and we rejoice that it has been Tory Major pointed out the way to prolonged absence. The unusual sevrity which was issued to-day, shows that squelch them properly. He said to Sir of the season was also a deterrent, as it sults, no doubt, of the change of gov- Adolphe Caron: "I wish the office va- appeared that travel might be interruptcant as soon as possible, and shall ed at any time among the mountains. then name you my man. Meantime, Nobody will regret more than the minis-Tarte are unquestionably due to the kindly bounce them." Whether they ter himself his inability to visit Kootwere bounced "kindly" or not does not enay, but the fact must be borne in used during the last fiscal year. Let the good work of "discovery" go appear, but of course a request couched nind that the season would have ren- Montreal, Nov. 28.—Archbishop Fabre dered an inspection of the district rather arrived unpleasant, to him and unsatisfactory, to from faundice, but it is not thought that all concerned. He has announced that he intends to repeat his trip next sum: Toronto, Nov. 23 .- James Pettit. nier, when the facilities for making a cheesemaker, and Collector of Nixon tour of Kootenay will be much greater. Tewnship, has disappeared. As his ac-It is reasonable to expect that Mr. counts were short it was supposed that Tarte's visit to the province will be of advantage to him and to the people of leads to the belief that he has been British Columbia. He has frankly stat- foully dealt with. ed that his ideas of the province, its A young man named Chas. S. Braten. much widened, while on the other hand ed with presenting a cheque on a bank his visit has given great cause for en George Gooderham, the well known milcouragement to British Columbians. lionaire. There is every prospect now that the Winnipeg, Nov. 23 .- The trial of the minion has been treated by the federal as member for Winnipeg, which was power will soon be remedied. The two be counted on to take quite as earnest presiding judges. an interest in the province and its inerests as the minister of public works cannot at once do everything that the be expected to make a vigorous effort.

SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Given by the Cedar Hill Lodge of Good Templars.

Cedar Hill Lodge No. 3, I. O. G. T., gave another one of those social enter. 14 Poles and one American crossed the tainments for which it is becoming river this morning, bringing with them somewhat famous, on the evening of a full kit of lumbermen's tools. They November 20th, and current gossip says that the usual standard of excel- Railway near Tilbury to work in a lumlence in no degree depreciated when ber camp for the winter. The customs Mercurius, the god of eloquence and officers levied 35 per cent. on the tools. song, again on this occasion made his This is the first time that duty has been appearance on the stage in our midst. charged on second-hand tools coming in-Despite the threatening atmosphere a to Canada temporarily and it is believe goodly number found themselves in at- ed to have been done on the strength tendance, while the following programme was rendered: A duet, enti- for the Corliss and other alien labor tled the "Medley," in which attention bills. of the audience was held for about a London, Ont., Nov. 23.-At midnight quarter of an hour, while Mr. C. E. on the 17th inst., Samuel Parkinson, of King attempted to smoke the peace pipe, actions set to music, accompanied by his sister, Miss Alice King, in her usual acceptable manner. A song by Mr. Watkins, of the marines, received a well-merited encore, and a song by Mrs. Sabin was well received. Mr. S. Pollock gave an excellent recitation. But the comic song of Mr. Douglas and Mr. Sanimy Johnson must of necessity take the cake in bringing down the house. A recitation by Mr. Trowsdale received an encore and Mr. Gardner's song has been well spoken of. Miss Alice Miller did regards the Manitoba school settlement, her part nobly as piano accompanist for the evening. The part of the programme that seemed to attract most attention was the play, a farce, entitled "A Regular Fix," by Cedar Hill amateurs play was well received and whether there was more mirth in the audience or on the platform is difficult to deter-

After the usual bill of fare had been carefully scanned and the appetite recaled to the satisfaction of the inner man, a large number returned to their

Hon. Mr. Tarte and Party Reach Calgary on Their Way East.

Great Interest Being Taken in Canadian Mines. Across the Border.

Toronto, Nov. 25 .- Fire broke out si multaneously in three different buildings on the Exhibition grounds yester day and before the flames were subdued \$10,000 damage was done. It was the work of an incendiary. Montreal, Nov. 24.—Detective Gold

fone, of Pittsburg, had quite an exciting

chase after Louis Levy, who disappeared from a Pittsburg court room while sentence for perjury was being passed or Levy had been a second-hand searched Toronto and Hamilton with a push cart, dressed as an old clothes man he came to Montreal. Last night while visiting the Jewish quarter, dressed as Some Manitoba Tory politicians and an old clothes dealer, he saw Levy's announced their earnest condemnation There were some men inside, one of from the street to attract the man's at tention and was rewarded by recognizthem, and it is not likely that their op- ing his quarry. He promptly went and position will succeed in overthrowing collared Levy, but the latter refused to Mr. Tarte have said, the approval of Levy's wife gave battle, so he had a the extremists on either side was not hard time of it until the Canadian officers arrived. Among the things taken to be looked for; the settlement must get from Levy were several lottery tickets its support from the great body of rea- and a telegram from Pittsburg which sonable and moderate people. This ele- read, "Look out for Detective Morris ment comprises the great majority of (Goldfone's first name). He is after von. Dave Brown.

Collingwood, Nov. 24 .- William Thomas, aged 18, was drowned in the bay by upsetting the cance in which he was out

Wirnipeg, Nov. 24.-With the advent of Minister Sifton as minster of the interior, a new immigration policy will be adopted, which will rapidly fill up the vacant land of the prairie provinces. It is estimated that about 5,000 people have emigrated from Eastern Canada during the summer, and 100 from Mis ch'gan.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 24.-Presidentelect McKinley will be invited to attend the convention of the International Epworth League in Toronto in July, and reply to the address of welcome to be delivered by Lord Aberdeen

Winnipeg, Nov. 24.-Wheat is rapidly being sent down to the seaboard, but about 40 per cent of the crop is being retained by the farmers in expectation of higher prices.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.-The annual report of the Inland Revenue Department, Canadians consumed .623 gallons per head-of spirits, as against .666 during the year previous. They are getting heavier on heer having drunk 3.528 gals. per head, as against 3.471 in 1895. There was less wine and less tobacco orning from Paris via New York. His Grace is suffering

his illness is serious. he had fled, but blood on the floor of his cheese factory and adjacent ground

capabilities and its needs, have been of Kingston, has been arrested chargfor \$2,200, purporting to be signed by

neglect with which this part of the Do- petition to unseat Mr. H. J. Macdonald fixed for to-day, has been postponed until January 15th next. Chief Justice ministers who are yet to visit us may Toylor and Mr. Justice Bain will be the

The last steamer, laden with wheat, before the close of navigation on the has exhibited. The Liberal government lakes, will leave Fort William on Nov. 26th. There are at present 2,928,243 bushels of wheat in Port Arthur and province wants, but it may confidently Fort William elevators, and it is expected that 1,500,000 bushels of this will shipped out by that time. Shipments to Fort William from the West are very light just now, and will not average more than 25,000 bushels per day. Receipts. last week were 498,551 bushels, the shipments being 466,102.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 23.-A party of stated that they were going to Ruscomb a small station on the Michigan Central of advices from Ottawa in retaliation

Ostrom, arose from his bed, left his crossed the fields to the high house. way and has not been seen or heard of He was 54 years old and a brother of Principal Parkinson, of Toronto. Searching parties have failed to find any trace of him.

Windsor, Nov. 24.-A report is current that William McGregor, M.P. for North Essex will resign his seat and take the position of collector of customs here Mr. Martin, the present incumbent, being "superannuated. Toronto, Nov. 24.-At a meeting of the

was passed that the time had arrived when Canada should have representation in the Imperial house of commons. George Punder and F. A. Brown, of Rossland, have arrived here from Montreal, where the former completed arrangements for the sale of the Colonna mine for \$80,000. The purchasers were a syndicate of Montrealers organized by Joseph F. Wardner. Mr. Punder is at present organizing companies to control the Erie and Morning Star mines. spent a Winnipeg, Nov. 24.—Hon. J. E. Pen-Com. degast, M.P.P., mourns the loss of his

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daughter Marguerite, whose death occurred early this morning. Two prominent and respected pioneer citizens of Winnipeg, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nixon, celebrated their golden wedding in Grace church this evening in the presence of a large number of relatives and invited guests.

for defrauding the Northwest government of \$700 was acquitted to-day by jury who were out all night. The Liberal convention for Saskatchewan takes place at Prince Albert to-mor-

A Calgary dispatch says Hop Mr Tarte and party reached- there to-day from the coast and left by special train for Edmonton, where the minister of public works will be banquetted.

The city authorities have a suspected case of smallpox under surveillance. The patient is a little Australian girl, who reached the city with a party of im- one dread season of death and desola migrants on Saturday last. been isolated, the immigrant shed has Hindu, Mogul, Mahratta or feudatorybeen quarantined and all precautions never dreamed of taking up official arms taken against the spread of contagious against the direful foe. Famine was disease, if such it proves to be.

Montreal, Nov. 24.-A. W. Ross, of A. W. Ross & Co., returned from Boston yesterday, where he had been on a business mission. Mr. Ross says great interest is being taken in the United States in Canadian mines.

STIRRING UP DISCORD.

Conservatives Endeavoring to Start a Racial War.

Winnipeg, Nov. 24.—A public meeting to discuss the school settlement was held in St. Boniface to-night, at which the following resolution, moved by Senator Bernier (Conservative), and seconded by A. A. C. Lariviere, M. P. (Conservative), was passed unanimously: We, the Catholics of St. Boniface now assembled, having taken cognizance of the so-called settlement of the school question as published in the newspapers, desire to put on record our strong protest against such a settlement, which is quite unacceptable to the Catholic population of Manitoba, and nothing but a wholesale and disgraceful surrender of our schools and of the language of the test also against the idea put forth by the government both at Ottawa and the Winnipeg, that the settlement of such momentous question can be effected without consulting the minority, which is the aggrieved, and consequently the most interested party in the controversy. It is an outrage to undertake the final settlement of the same without their knowledge and consent. Moreover, we declare that we will accept no other settlement than a settiement which shall have previously received the approbation of our archishop, who has the authority to judge

education in this land, under the protection and guarantee of the constitu-The Free Press (Conservative) says: "On Sunday Archbishop Langevin announced that now the terms of settlement shut out all hope of the restoration of the minority's separate schools, the educational work would be taken up directly under his own supervision. His announcement has been promptly followed by action. This morning, under the personal instruction of the Archbishop, ten schools were epened, four in St. Norbert, two in St. Jean, one in Letellier, one at St. Adolph, one at St. Joseph, and one at Labroquerie. These schools are opened at the voluntary ex-

in this matter, and with whom we are

be followed in the battle we are now en-

gaged in for the triumph of Christian

complete accord as to the course to

REFORM IN ILLINOIS.

Christian League to Ask Legislature to Pass Reform Laws.

pense of the minority."

Chicago, Nov. 25.-The coming Illinois legislati re will be asked by the national Christian Citizenship League to pass northwestern provinces and Oudh, while laws prohibiting the sale of cigarettes the regulating of saloons, counties, towns and wards, under local option, and compelling the strict obscrvance of the sabbath.

LABOR TROUBLES.

Strikers Attack Workmen, and a General Fight Follows.

Hamburg, Nov. 25 .- A dispatch from Luebreke announces that serious labor disturbances broke out yesterday. While the employees of Theil's enamel factory were going to work a body of strikers, belonging to the same concern, attacked the workmen. A free fight followed. A number of shots were fired and several persons were seriously wounded.

MINERS AND OPERATORS.

Trouble Between Them has Assumed Serious Aspect.

Tetre Hante, Ind., Nov. 25.-The fight between the bituminous coal miners and operators has assumed a serious aspect. The operators have ordered all houses now owned by the company vacated by December 1st. This apparently means that nonvnion men are to be brought in sailed for Europe a few days ago with to fill the places. It is feared that troughthe intention of looking into the comble will follow such a move.

FAMINE IN INDIA

Past Panics, and the Efforts to Avert the Impending One. India, after twenty years of fortunate exemption from her ancient scorge, is once more threatened, says the Telegraph, with a widespread f J. Baritzan, on trial at Prince Albert These dreadful visitations, as will be known to students of Eastern his are wont to occur in the Peninsula Hindostan at intervals which seem to establish a relatively regular cycle. To these recurring calamities was due in old times the fact that the vast population of India did not proportionately increase Famine after famine, ensuing after the failure of the latter rains, swept th weaker and poorer folk by millions, and disease, following upon the track death, completed the periodical holocaust of victims. The miserable people grew into the habit of reckoning from She has tion to the other. Their rulers-whether rather looked upon as the natural means for keeping down the birthrate; a decree of Allah, or of Siva, issued from date to date, for divine, or at least irresistable, purposes, not to be opposed by any feeble mortal means. One of the most striking differences between the native and the British Raja in India had been the bold and generous adoption by the latter of official responsibility for the lives of those swarming millions of the land. It is, of all our innovations there, that one which would most make Asoka and Vikramaditya wonder and Akbar the Great stroke his beard in amazement, if those vanished potentates could return to regal existence. Yet it has been deliberately accepted as a duty by the Supreme government in Calcutta that not a single life of man, woman or child must be lost by hunger in India, if the efforts, the resources, and the autherity of the Sircar can prevent it: and the affirmation of this unexampled beneficence has just been solemnly made in the legislative council at Simla.

In that august assembly Mr. Woodburn, as minister of the viceroy, formal, ly anhounced the all but certain approach of a widespread and terrible fam-Oudh, in part of the Allehabad, Agra Robilkund, the Cis-Sulej tracts of the Punjab-northward to Lahore, and southward to Jubbulpur, Nursingpur, Raipur-and even as far away as Upper Burmah. This implies 50,000,000 or 60,-000,000 of people menaced with scarcity -nay, not only menaced, but already having to pay for 16 pounds of grain the same price which two years they paid for 30 pounds. Of course, it is only the poorer section of the population which will suffer, but even then the initial expectation of the Queen's government is that 3,000,000 of adults must semehow or other be kept alive for a whole year, and that this will want a million pounds of grain, earned or bestowed, in excess of such local stores as may be in hand. Happily, during the years of comparative plenty, Her Majesty's government, with a beneficence utterly unparalleled in Eastern history, has never for a moment forgotten that such a conflict must, and would some day descend upon them. The last great battle for the lives of the Indian pea sants was waged, with a splendid though imperfect success in 1877-78, and it was demonstrated that canals and wells to water the earth, and railroads, cart reads and tramways to convey surplus or foreign foodstuffs, were the best remedies against the deadly drouth. These preventives or palliatives have been energetically pushed from the famine fund and other official resources. The irrigating capacity of canals has risen from 1,500,000 to 3,500,000 of acres, and will reach 4,000,000 within the next six months. In the northwest provinces the irrigating capacity of canals has risen from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 of acres. There are now over 10,000,000 of acres irrigated from various sources in the in the Punjab the total irrigated area has risen since 1877 from 5,000,000 to 7,500,000 millions of acres. During the same interval the open miles of rail have increased in the central provinces, the Punjab, the Northwestern provinces, Oudh from 2,460 to 6,234, while the cost of carriage by rail has been greatly re-

COMPRESSED AIR EXPERIMENTS The Manhattan elevated railway in New York City is to experiment with the use of compressed air for traction purposes, the American Air-Power Company being engaged, says the Engineer ing Record, in installing an air-compres sing plant, consisting of a Corliss compound engine driving a four-stage air compressor at 100 Greenwich street. New York city. The company will also supply one motor car for drawing a train over the elevated tracks, and upon it the experiments will be made. The motor car is ready, and only awaits the completion of the power-house. As has been noted before the Metropolitan Street Railway Company is said to be very favorably impressed with the working of the compressed-air car operated for a upon one of its lines. It is now but that the possibility of the adgiven option of this system of propelling cars rests with Chief Engineer Pearson, who pressed-air plants in Paris and Berlin.

Hon. Victor A. Miss Annie P This A

A Fashionable Paul's Chur

The cosy little c Esquimalt, was the ty and fashionable is afternoon, Ensor Sharp the n ized of Lieutenant, Stanley, R.N., sec and Countess of De Bickerton Pooley, & Hon. C. E. and Mr malt. Owing to il Columbia was prev at the ceremony. tily decorated, the the ladies in utilizi The bride, who her father, was att The bodice was trin pleated chiffon and gift of her aunt, Ma court train of silver-by two little girls, M muir and Miss Inez dressed in white sa white velvet hats tr

feathers. They wor lets, the gift of the The magnificent worn by the bride Countess of Derby it was worn by hers riage. The bride's white roses and carr of the bridegroom. were a diamond he Countess of Derby, sapphire bracelet The bride was att maids, Miss Pooley, her sisters; Miss Miss Dolly Loewen, Miss Miss Olive Bryden. fully dressed in wh ices of the white ac fon had gold zouave white felt hats wer trich feathers and carried bouquets of mums, which with t watches were the groom. The brideg by Lieutenant W. C This afternoon a l ing held at the resid parents, which has a with flags and ever

moon will be spent

Mr. and Mrs. Le Po

Among the many were the following the Earl and Count mond tiara; the H Ferdinand, George, ham Stanley and I diamond spray; Lor bracelet with diamo horseshoe; the Coun topaz cuff links and legy cheque and Chin ed table cloth; from diamond pendant, sapphire and diamond diamond bracelet. ents were also receiv Derby, silver plate of Derby (to the bride Hon. C. E. Pooley (dressing bag; the Ear Lathom, silver inkstar Amphill, tortoiseshel snuff box; Lord and cil. silver cigarette box; Admiral Pallise Dunsmuir, cheque; cheque; Hon. P. O'l O'Reilly, cheque: Mr rane, silver box; Con and Lieutenant Cayle garette box; Miss L ommander and Mrs stand: Lieutenant and silver pocket book; pherson, wolf skin ru grizzly bear skin and and Mrs. Charles V bear skins; Mrs. Per gar basin and cream ; silver photograph fra Mrs. McCallum, mos the Bishop of Britisl Miss Perrin, carriage Mrs. Flumerfelt, pai sticks: the Misses box; Mr. and Mrs. F stand; Colonel and M ing clock; Miss Hat dishes; Mr. and Mrs. calendar; Mr. and I sugar basin; Mr. and silver photograph fran Campbell Sweeney, sidle; Miss Pooley, silv automizer; Mr. Georg inkstand; Major and box; Captain Barnes turquois and pearl ba

> Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, Foster, lace handkerch silver pin cushion; Mis silver pen and pencil Jones, silver photogra Misses Davie, silver Mr. and Mrs. Eberts, cgraph frame; Mr. ohnson, silver tray; Hunter, silver glove st Mrs. Galletly, piece Ch Flag Lieutenant Craw and diamond brooch; berton, silver scent bo berton, silver purse; silver hairpin box; the Reed, silver sweet Ward, scent bottle; the ernor and Mrs. Dewd with diamonds; Miss ered photograph frame; e, silver scent bottle Lady Crease, silver bottosh, lace handkerchief Gavin Burns, silver dis feffrey, silver sugar sif-silver pin cushion; M Diece of Irish lace; Mis

ver tea strainer; Mr. an

ant Gordon, R. E.,

Abbott, silver butter

silver ladle; Hon. S.

and Mrs. Rawstor

dishes; Mr. Kirk,

silver toilet