

Qualifying Examinations.

The civil service examinations proceeded yesterday with the following names entered for the qualifying course: C. G. Clark, Edith Edwards, J. D. T. Curran, Ernest Graham, Wm. Graham, E. M. Hayes, J. M. Hollins, Wm. S. Key, E. E. Morrison, Maude Parker, R. F. Shepherd, W. J. Stewart, Thomas C. White, Edgar Brown and John Goddard. The subjects handed by the candidates yesterday were penmanship, composition, arithmetic and geography. To-day the examinations will continue with history, grammar, orthography and transcription. These will close the regular qualifying examinations. So far only two candidates have expressed a desire to take the optional subjects, and they have not yet entered their names, so that it is probable that the examinations will close to-day.

BIDA PESTH. Nov. 9.—At a meeting of the Liberal members of the Hungarian Diet held to-day, Count Szapary, the Prime Minister, announced that the Emperor Francis Joseph had accepted the resignations of Count Albert Apponyi who became Premier. Herr Tisza is also expected to resign in the lower house of the Diet announced the resignation of the ministry. He stated that the ministers had agreed upon amendments in the bill to reform the marriage laws, excepting the making civil marriages compulsory. Upon this point there was a division of views, and this difference of opinion led to the resignation.

HAMBURG. Nov. 9.—The Hamburg Senate proposes to widen and deepen the River Elbe at the point known as Kehlborn. The work will cost about \$6,000,000 marks, which will be raised on a municipal loan.

HOEN. HAMPTON—On the 4th inst. at 821 Johnson street, the wife of George Hampton, of a son.

DIED. MANN—In this city on the 8th November, 81 years, native of Oxford, England. WATSON—On the 8th October, 1892, at Oakland, California, Alexander Watson, aged 61 years, a native of Fife, Scotland, and for many years a resident of Victoria, B. C.

WILKINSON MINERAL CLAIM. Take notice that we, the British Columbia Mining and Milling Co. Limited, Free Miners' certificate No. 4184, intend, 60 days from this date, to apply to the gold commissioners for a franchise of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above mentioned claim. Dated at Barkerville, this 25th day of October, 1892. no 1d

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From the Daily Colonist Nov. 10. THE CITY.

Keeping the Holiday.

All the Government offices, legal offices and banks, and the majority of the business houses, are closed to-day in accordance with the proclamation of Thanksgiving Day.

No Smallers There. Mr. John L. Penney, who returned from the West Coast yesterday, gives further confirmation of the information that there is no smallpox among the Indians of the Sea Coast.

Obituary. A dispatch from Germany yesterday brought to Messrs. Simon, Gustav and Max Lettich, and news that their mother's death at her home near Cologne. The sons have the heartiest sympathy of all Victorians.

St Paul's Sale of Work. The sale of work of the Ladies' Aid, of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, netted the handsome sum of \$220, which will be applied in wiping out the substantial debts of the Church Building committee.

Victorian Amateurs Opera Company. The repertoire of Olivette has arrived and the society will meet at the usual place on Monday next, when the books will be distributed for immediate practice. A full attendance is a suitable part to take in this favorite opera is desired.

Victorian Hebrew Social Club. The young people of the Synagogue have started a social club, with Mr. N. Reinhardt as president, Miss C. Phillips as vice-president, Miss Isaacs treasurer, and Mr. H. Bein secretary. A committee is at work drafting a suitable hall for meeting, and arranging other preliminaries.

Still Further Honored. Lieut. H. C. Carey, R.E., son of ex-Mayor James Carey, who recently finished a commission on the Halifax fortifications, has been promoted to a captaincy, and has now been detailed to Bermuda. Captain Carey has had a very successful career since leaving Victoria, having taken first place at Kingston Military College and been engaged in important works ever since.

Good Halibut Fishing. The fishermen's craft which have arrived in port during the past few days have been well loaded down with halibut. These fish, it is said, are readily caught at this time of the year on banks located between Beacon Hill and Williams Head. One fisherman who arrived in wharf this evening reported having caught over 100 halibut in a very short time.

Battalion Drill. About ninety men were present on parade last evening at the Battalion drill of the Garrison Artillery. Lieut. Col. Prior was in command, and after drill addressed a few words to the men, encouraging them to keep up their efforts at recruiting, and pointed out that all the difficulties under which the corps was at present working would be done away with on the completion of the new drill hall. Another battalion drill will be held on Monday, the 21st inst.

Board of Health Meeting. There will be a meeting of the city Board of Health at the City Hall to-day, that is, providing the hard-working aldermen can be induced to meet on Thanksgiving Day. One of the questions likely to come up in regard to what steps should be taken to prosecute medical men and others who have failed to report cases of contagious and infectious diseases in prescribed forms by-law, which, up to the present time, has not been enforced. The particular case referred to is the one mentioned in a report of Dr. Richardson to the directors of the First Presbyterian church being the solo of Mr. J. G. Brown, "My Ain Country."

Methodist Corn Social. The ladies of the Centennial Methodist church gave a corn social last night. The refreshments included corn bread, corn cake, corn pone, corn on the cob, boiled, baked, fried, roasted and baked, corn pudding and corn pie, the entire bill of fare concluding with a corn-cake. The literary and musical portion of the program was in the hands of Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Reid; instrumental, Miss Morris and Mr. Piper; recitations, Miss Hackett, Mr. Kettle; reading, Mr. Shakespeare; those presenting most delightful evening were unanimous in voting the corn social a decided success, and one which did the ladies great credit.

A Coal Combine. There was a rumor on the street yesterday, which could not be traced to any definite source, that an agreement has been drawn up and signed by all the coal dealers in the city, to put a stop to the present "cut" and run the price up to the old mark, \$8, for the winter. Some of the dealers who were asked about the alleged agreement said they had seen nothing of the kind, but understood there was a move on for the combine. Such a proposition was made a short time ago and decided by some of the officials, and it was which led to the drop. There is one dealer selling at \$5.50 per ton, others asking \$6 and \$7, and the result has been that a good many people have laid in their winter supply at the low figure.

NOT YET ARRESTED. The Embzeiler Wolfe Includes a Few Victorians Among His Victims.

The embzeiler Wolfe, after whom the city police were industriously chasing on Tuesday, has not since been heard from. The general impression is that he got off by the City of Kingston, and when safely on board was stowed away, and thus escaped the vigilance of the police, who were ready to receive him on the arrival of the vessel at the other side. A man answering the description is known to have left Victoria on the steamer, but the police at Port Townsend failed to effect an arrest. While in Victoria, Wolfe tried some more smart work and found it to work fairly well. He endeavored at one of the local banks to negotiate a big draft on a Chicago firm, but as neither he nor the firm was known, the banker declined to produce the coin, telling him, however, and by means of which he drafted for collection and place the proceeds to his credit when received. Wolfe finally agreed to this, and securing a note from the bank in effect that the bank would draft for collection he went his way. Exhibiting the "receipt," he drew several checks for amounts in three figures, which were paid by his friends and acquaintances, and by means of which he raised what ready money he required without difficulty. When the checks were presented and dishonored, Wolfe had gone. A telegram to Chicago, which was first drawn upon was non-existent. Chief Sheppard yesterday despatched particulars of the case to Chief Crowley, of San Fran-

DULY SWORN IN.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney is Now Installed as Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

The Oaths of Office Taken Yesterday in the Supreme Court Before Sir M. B. Begbie, C. J.

Hon. Edgar Dewdney was sworn in Wednesday as Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia. The official duty of administering the oath was performed by the Chief Justice, Sir Mathew Baillie Begbie, in the Supreme Court, there being a very large attendance, both inside the railing and outside.

His Lordship was seated in his usual place. Mr. Dewdney being beside him. The Cabinet Ministers, Hon. C. E. Footey, Q.C., Hon. Forbes G. Vernon, Hon. J. H. Turner,

the scene last night of a quiet but cozy wedding. The contracting parties were Mr. Fred A. Jackson, well known in athletic circles as one of the managers of the B.C.A.A., and Miss Elizabeth M. Lorimer, both native Victorians. Rev. P. McFarlane officiated, and Miss Lorimer and Mr. Jackson attended the young people. The bride's costume was of Pongee silk, and very pretty creation. Of the gifts, a numerous collection, the following may be mentioned: Handsome marble clock, with appropriate inscription, from the B.C.A.A. and J.B.C.C.; picture jar, Mr. and Mrs. J. Richards; lemonade set, Mrs. A. D. Cameron; pair vases, Mr. A. Jock; napkin rings, Miss O'Connell; vase and flower jars, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson; napkin rings, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilson; fruit dish, Mr. R. Jackson; cricket, Mrs. Widdowson; ivory jar, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop; trays, Masters Hog; table cloth, Mrs. Pottinger; tray cloth, Miss Cameron; butter knife, Mrs. Lorimer; afternoon set, Mrs. Lisett; and Mr. F. Williams; breakfast set, Miss Watson; pair vases, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cullin; and pair vases, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cullin; and table

Victoria Division, No. 2, Uniform Rank, K. P., gave a social dance in the Philharmonic Hall, last night. The general committee in charge of affairs were T. Deasy, chairman, H. L. O'Brien, W. P. Smith, H. Rendall and Lieut. H. A. Duke. The floor managers were T. Deasy and H. L. O'Brien. Finn's orchestra furnished the music, to which some 70 couples "tripped the hours away."

These were those, he said, who declared Imperial Federation to be a fad; but the men who in England and elsewhere were prominently identified with the movement were not men of rule whom it could honestly be said, they were "faddists" on anything. They were men of strength of character and of intellect, some of them among the brightest thinkers and most able statesmen of Great Britain, Lord Rosebery, Lord Playfair, Prof. Seeley, Prof. Bryce and a score of others whose names alone were a guarantee of deep consideration and thought. These were men who gave their time and their energy to the consideration of the most important problems of the day, and they believed it was the greatest political subject at present before the country.

It was not every man who called himself a British subject, said Mr. Parkin, who really understood and appreciated the full significance of the meaning of the term "British Empire." He declared that three model conceptions of it and, strange to say, these three were all from the Americans. Webster's expression was well known, as also Emerson's, but they were not a resident of the United States, who had gone to London and thence around the world, and having considered the marvelous industries of Great Britain, the Gibraltar, the Malacca and Singapore controlling the commerce of the sea, Hongkong the second harbor of the known world, Australia and New Zealand, and last of all the greater half of North America; then he said he had realized that the Empire of Great Britain was not a humble citizen (applause). And while Canadians enjoyed a full measure of responsible government, the times were fast changing when there must be a change. The colonialists had now no voice in the council of the nation in discussing and determining the great questions of peace and war, or in sitting in judgment upon the international issues which were constantly arising. This condition of affairs must change, and when the change came it would bring with it further measures of responsibility for those to whom it brought greater privileges.

After briefly referring to the change in public opinion in Great Britain during the 25 years, the lecturer discussed the enormous outlay of the Mother Country upon the navy, which was maintained for the protection of the United Kingdom against shipping, and 450 millions more expended in the outlying dependencies. Of the expenditure thus necessitated, the British people paid 19 shillings, five pence three farthings on every £1, and Canada's share was but the infinitesimal part of a farthing. As an instance of how this operated, Mr. Rankin drew attention to the wool trade of Australia. The raw article was carried to the Colonies by steamships, and the wool was then transported to the United Kingdom by sea. The wool was actually drafted for this purpose had never come before Parliament, and now the feeling had changed, and the conditions had likewise changed, the factors of steam and electricity having played so important a part that to-day it was absurd to say that oceans divide. Well it was that the Colonies had not been allowed to go separate, and if now such a proposition were made, those who would be interested and affected by it would first wisely consider the great national risk which was being faced.

Regarding that he could not enter into the discussion of all the different phases of the question, the English, Australian, South African, Canadian, military, financial, industrial and political, the speaker's lecturer briefly referred to one of the commercial questions involved. Fifty years ago, he said, there was in Great Britain a proposition to divide the Empire into agricultural and one-third agricultural, while three-fourths of the Empire for the purposes of the Mother Land became what was known as the workshop of the world, and as such she depended upon the most remote portions of the Empire for her supplies of raw materials. Three leaves out of every four consumed, were imported; nine months' meat had to be brought into the country every year, and

three other private weddings were celebrated yesterday, so it appears that Wednesday is again becoming, as it was a few months ago, the great day of the week for marriages.

VICTORIA MARKETS. A Dull Week, With Little Alteration in Prices—Christmas Supplies Arriving.

The local markets have been exceptionally dull during the past week, and even for the week before. The main reason has been the arrival of the "Christmas" goods, which have not been in the way of doing business.

With very little business doing there is practically no change to note in prices. Large consignments of goods are every day arriving for the Christmas market. Farmers are not coming in with their produce owing, no doubt, to the unfavorable weather, which seems to have a depressing effect upon trade generally.

Flour continues at most of the butchers have contracted for their supplies for months to come and at such figures, they say, as will not permit of a cut. A large shipment is due to-day from the interior.

Wheat, per ton, about 30.00. Oats, per ton, about 20.00. Barley, per ton, about 25.00. Beans, per ton, about 28.00. Potatoes, per ton, about 18.00. Apples, per bushel, about 1.00. Pears, per bushel, about 1.00.

Butchers' prices: Beef, per lb., about 5.00. Mutton, per lb., about 4.50. Pork, per lb., about 6.00. Butter, per lb., about 12.00. Eggs, per dozen, about 1.50. Fish, per lb., about 1.00.

Vegetables: Potatoes, per bushel, about 1.00. Onions, per bushel, about 1.00. Carrots, per bushel, about 1.00. Cabbages, per bushel, about 1.00. Lettuce, per bushel, about 1.00. Spinach, per bushel, about 1.00. Peas, per bushel, about 1.00. Beans, per bushel, about 1.00.

Fruit: Apples, per bushel, about 1.00. Pears, per bushel, about 1.00. Oranges, per bushel, about 1.00. Lemons, per bushel, about 1.00. Grapes, per bushel, about 1.00. Strawberries, per bushel, about 1.00. Raspberries, per bushel, about 1.00. Blackberries, per bushel, about 1.00. Blueberries, per bushel, about 1.00.

Dairy: Milk, per gallon, about 1.00. Cream, per gallon, about 1.50. Butter, per lb., about 12.00. Cheese, per lb., about 10.00. Eggs, per dozen, about 1.50.

Grains: Wheat, per ton, about 30.00. Oats, per ton, about 20.00. Barley, per ton, about 25.00. Beans, per ton, about 28.00. Potatoes, per ton, about 18.00.

Meats: Beef, per lb., about 5.00. Mutton, per lb., about 4.50. Pork, per lb., about 6.00. Butter, per lb., about 12.00. Eggs, per dozen, about 1.50.

Seafood: Fish, per lb., about 1.00. Shellfish, per lb., about 1.00. Sea urchins, per lb., about 1.00. Crabs, per lb., about 1.00.

Spices: Pepper, per lb., about 10.00. Cloves, per lb., about 8.00. Nutmeg, per lb., about 12.00. Allspice, per lb., about 6.00.

Other: Tea, per lb., about 15.00. Coffee, per lb., about 10.00. Sugar, per lb., about 8.00. Cocoa, per lb., about 12.00.

Gold and Silver: Gold, per ounce, about 100.00. Silver, per ounce, about 80.00.

Exchange: London, per £100, about 100.00. San Francisco, per \$100, about 100.00.

Commodities: Petroleum, per barrel, about 10.00. Coal, per ton, about 8.00. Iron, per ton, about 15.00.

Textiles: Cotton, per lb., about 1.00. Wool, per lb., about 1.50. Linen, per lb., about 1.00. Silk, per lb., about 2.00.

Manufactures: Paper, per lb., about 1.00. Soap, per lb., about 1.00. Glass, per lb., about 1.00.

Iron and Steel: Pig iron, per ton, about 15.00. Cast steel, per ton, about 18.00. Sheet steel, per ton, about 20.00.

Construction: Cement, per ton, about 10.00. Bricks, per 1,000, about 5.00. Lumber, per cord, about 10.00.

Transportation: Freight, per ton, about 5.00. Insurance, per ton, about 1.00. Shipping, per ton, about 1.00.

Services: Printing, per 1,000, about 10.00. Advertising, per line, about 1.00. Postage, per lb., about 1.00.

THEY LAUGH LAST.

The Grant Brothers Succeed in Raising the Premier, and She Returns to Victoria.

Arrival of the Japanese Gunboat Kongu—Work at the Shipyards—Marine Movements.

"He laughs best who laughs last," was what the Grant brothers were saying yesterday when, conveyed by the American tug Collis, steamed into Victoria harbor and made fast her lines at R. P. Ribbet & Co.'s inner wharf. On board the rescued wreck were Captain John Irving, manager of the C.P.N. Co., to whose fleet the Premier belongs, Captain Struve, and Captain O'Brien, the Premier's old commander and the successful tenderer for the contract of raising her.

Five thousand dollars was what he asked to float the sinking and deliver her either at the Tacoma or the Esquimalt dock. Just about two weeks ago he was told to go ahead—that his offer was accepted—and he then outlined, and the services of the Grant brothers, of Tacoma, as sub-contractors. They proposed to practically demonstrate that their collapsible canvas cylinders were best that they claimed on them, and all that other wreckers said they were not.

So they went to work, and for a time made but poor progress. Their business opponents chuckled, and remarked that "Premier will never be brought up that way," and even Captain O'Brien grew skeptical.

But the friends and exponents of the wonderful "secret process" continued their operations, secure in the shelter of a tent-roofed scow. The result is thus announced by Captain O'Brien:

"It is now some ten years since a Japanese man-of-war has been in a British port on the Pacific, and the visit of the Kongu is therefore regarded with interest. She is quite a large ship, a third-class corvette, armor built, having been turned out of the English shipyards some ten years ago, at that time being one of their first-class gun-boats. The Japanese, as a matter of fact, ever, learned a great deal since that time, and now have some first-class ships afloat. The Kongu is 228 feet in length, 40-foot beam, 21 feet 2 inches in depth, and has a draught of 17 feet in the fore part and 18 feet in the stern. She carries 8 guns, 2 of 17 centimetres and 6 of 15; also 4 Nordenfields and 2 machine guns. As the training ship, she has 50 midshipmen on board and a crew of 213 men. When a COLONIST reporter called at the ship yesterday afternoon, he was most hospitably received by Capt. Teshiro, who is in command. This gentleman, who speaks very fair English, gave the reporter some particulars of the movements of the vessel. She will remain here for about 10 days, and will then go to Vancouver for a couple of weeks. From the Terminal City the route is to San Francisco, and from there, about the beginning of the year, she will go to Hawaii for two or three months, and thence to San Francisco, where she will remain for a few weeks, and will then return to the home port of Yokohama. The Japanese man-of-war has been in a British port on the Pacific, and the visit of the Kongu is therefore regarded with interest. She is quite a large ship, a third-class corvette, armor built, having been turned out of the English shipyards some ten years ago, at that time being one of their first-class gun-boats. The Japanese, as a matter of fact, ever, learned a great deal since that time, and now have some first-class ships afloat. The Kongu is 228 feet in length, 40-foot beam, 21 feet 2 inches in depth, and has a draught of 17 feet in the fore part and 18 feet in the stern. She carries 8 guns, 2 of 17 centimetres and 6 of 15; also 4 Nordenfields and 2 machine guns. As the training ship, she has 50 midshipmen on board and a crew of 213 men. When a COLONIST reporter called at the ship yesterday afternoon, he was most hospitably received by Capt. Teshiro, who is in command. This gentleman, who speaks very fair English, gave the reporter some particulars of the movements of the vessel. She will remain here for about 10 days, and will then go to Vancouver for a couple of weeks. From the Terminal City the route is to San Francisco, and from there, about the beginning of the year, she will go to Hawaii for two or three months, and thence to San Francisco, where she will remain for a few weeks, and will then return to the home port of Yokohama.

Reports from Seattle as to the smallpox epidemic have been of so serious a nature during the past few days that the British Columbia authorities have deemed it expedient to take some active steps to prevent, as far as possible, the introduction of the disease to Victoria.

The intention is to have a careful inspection and examination made of all steamers arriving here. All passengers must show vaccination marks or produce a certificate of vaccination before they will be allowed to land, and the vessel herself must have a clean bill of health from the proper authorities on the other side. Written notice to this effect has been given to the captain and purser of the Kingston by Dr. Macdonald, Victoria's sanitary and quarantine officer, and these officers have been notified that if the Kingston brings over any infected passengers, she will be dealt with in the strictest manner under the provisions of the quarantine laws.

This being the case, the agents and officers of the company will undoubtedly exercise the most ordinary care in taking any passengers on board, and will see that they do not have any "walking cases of smallpox" amongst the passengers.

Similar precautions to these, are it is understood, also ordered to be taken at Vancouver and New Westminster, and if the regulations are carried out rigidly, no danger of having any cases foisted upon British Columbia, for treatment, is anticipated. Mayor Bevan, when asked by a COLONIST reporter yesterday what steps the city authorities were taking to prevent any smallpox patients coming in to the city, replied: "We can do nothing; that is a matter which the Dominion authorities, and they alone, can handle. For instance, if it was to go down to the wharf when the steamer comes in and see the captain for his clean bill of health, he would probably ask me, 'Who are you?' I trust, however, that the Dominion authorities will see that all necessary precautions are taken."

THANKSGIVING DINNER. The Ladies of James Bay Methodist Church Proved Excellent Caterers.

The ladies of the James Bay Methodist Church gave a Thanksgiving dinner and social last night. The tables did not groan, because they were too well built, but they might well have staggered under the load of good things. Turkeys, chickens, roast pig and "stitch" formed the pieces de resistance, and these were flanked by the golden pumpkin and mysterious mince, of pious form, nor was the cranberry sauce of our fathers forgotten.

The sight of the tempting array was calculated to make a dyspeptic groan, for he would know that doctor's orders would not count, while the person of healthy appetite the spread was a poem.

Everything was piping hot, and no discontented person arose from the tables, which is proof of the thorough manner in which the cooks for the occasion discharged their arduous duties.

The rattle of the dishes and the hum of voices; the well set tables and the deft waiters lying here and there formed a very attractive combination. The result of the golden pumpkin and mysterious mince, of pious form, nor was the cranberry sauce of our fathers forgotten.

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IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

George R. Parkin Discusses the Subject Before a Representative Victoria Audience.

The Land That Shakespeare and Tennyson Loved With all Their Mighty Minds.

At the Sir William Wallace Hall last evening, before a small but representative Victoria audience, Geo. R. Parkin, M. A., discussed Imperial Federation, and in the short time at his disposal made an excellent advocacy of the cause he so ably represents.

Hon. J. S. Helmeke, M.D., was in the chair. He made a brief speech in introducing the lecturer, and gave some excellent advice to the members of the Mock Parliament, under whose auspices the address was given, exhorting them to make their organization a scholastic one, and seek to learn from their work some of the lessons which would be useful to them in the after life when possibly—very probably—some of them would be filling places in the legislative halls of the country.

A round of applause greeted