The Electric Light Company's Plant Was Destroyed by Fire at Noon To-Day.

Twelve Thousand Dollars Damage-Thousands Will Do Without Light.

Twelve thousand dollars' damage, gallant fight of the firemen and two thousand subscribers without electric light to-night. This is a summarized account of the fire at the works of the Vic toria Electric Company, Langley street,

Smoke was pouring out in thick, black clouds, and flames were bursting forth from the windows and from the roof of the electric company's works when the fire bell sounded the alarm. The fire had just been noticed by Peter Weil, em- intermission of first and second parts is a mistake. No ployed at the Victoria theatre, and he music was played and the interlude seemhad turned in the alarm. But the fire ed a trial of patience to many. The ormust have been burning for twenty or chestra is as follows: First violinsthirty minutes. It had gained considerable headway and the building was en- lins-Mr. F. Kay, Master F. Rochen, veloped in flames, which were quickly Master H. Rochon; viola-Mrs. Wilson; creeping along the roof and threatened the destruction of the store of Boscowitz & Son, Fort street, and also adjoining Ball; accompanist-Mrs. H. R. Foot; piabuildings. The fire department were not no-Mrs. H. R. Foot, Master T. Brooker, behind in responding. The chemical was at work in a few minutes, but Chief Deasy, who ran down from his rooms, ordered the chemical out of action, and forthwith brought into play four streams the force of one of which was consider- | the Salvation Army. ably accelerated by the fire engine.

Crowds had gathered, and Langley, Bastion and the lower end of Fort street were literally packed. The flames seemed to be gaining headway, and the friends of Mr. Boscowitz were not slow to realize that the valuable furs in stock were in danger. Two wagons were called and any number of willing hands began the work of rolling out the furs, the places burning overhead. The woodwas crackling at a lively rate and made a very pretty bonfire. But not for long. o'clock, within the half hour, the the counter. building was but little damaged; the fire | the house. The damage to the plant was great. LLe | tle of whiskey, taking it out of the botto the engine was not such as to put it suffered badly. The entire contents of the room had been completely burned The frames of the dynamos may be used again, but it is doubtful. The store room adjoining was only slightly dam-The total loss is estimated at \$12,000, of which \$10,000 is on the plant and \$2000 on the building. The loss may exceed this sum, but, it will require more than a hasty survey to properly compute

The origin of the fire is unknown and no theory can be adduced. Engineer William Milligan, who had the shift from midnight until noon, left the works at noon and all was right. The furn- Dowager Empress has, at the suggesaces were going and there were forty pounds of steam on. The boilers were since the death of her consort, with the well filled with water and the current was shut off as it usually is in day time. It seems that Her Majesty is one of the That is all that is known.. The roof was necessarily very dry, being constant- lating drugs like quinine, iron and Peru ly kept warm by the boilers and the fur- vian bark disagree, but such is not the nace, and the floor of the dynamo room | case with the wine tonic referred to. It is was saturated with oil as are the floors | well known that the Princess of Wales of all engine rooms more or less. Three also derived increased strength of bruin barrels of oil were in the dynamo room, and nerves from it during her last great and two were burned, spurting up into trials. Moreover, in consequence of the the faces of the firemen and hindering | benefits obtained by the Empress a great them in their work. The third barrel was charred, but the fire did not reach among the ladies of the Russian aristoc-Two of the firemen were scorched in the face and hands, but not Journal, London, Jan. 12, 1895.

The plant is insured in the Queen and the Lancashire insurance companies for \$2500 each, and the building has \$4 100 insurance in the Lancashire and Canadi-

MADE THEIR DEBUT.

Performance of the Euphonic Orchestral Society for Charity.

The Euphonic Orchestral Society gave a good evening's entertainment to a good house last night in Institute hall. It was the initial performance of the sotainments. The concert was for the laudable purpose of helping the food and shel-Foot introduced the society to the audience in a neat speech. The society had only been in existence a year, and coned. Director Wickens had worked wonwould appreciate both the entertainers it up. Critics he invited to come again when they would hear something better. Mozart's "Figaro" was the overture. This difficult composition was creditably rendered, but could scarcely be said to be within the sphere of the orchestra. Considerable spirit was thrown into the opening of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and a good attempt at interpretation was made with Hayd's Symphony. The Scotch and Irish airs and the selection from Faust by Gounod were more within the reach of the orchestra. The exe cution of these pieces was exceptionally good. Miss B. Rochon gives assurance of becoming a good cornetist. The ren-

dition of Hartman's Polacca was by no means commonplace. That she was a little nervous in the beginning can be forgiven, when the age of the young lady and the fact that she has seldom appear ed in public are taken in account. Mr P. Gordon was perfectly at home in his song "Children's Home," and was applauded for his second song "Jessie's Dream," although perhaps "Puli - vay' was the best suited to his voice. Clement Rowlands was the lion of t- evening. His clear penetrating voice filled the hall and he was warmly applauded for the pretty piece "Island of Dreams." Mrs. Rowlands was heard to advantage in "Sunshine and Rain," and later on in 'Snow in Years." Miss A. Dolan was cheered for her song "The Flower Girl." but that lady was unfortunate in selecting a piece not quite in keeping when her The violincello solo by E. Rochon from Raff's Cavatina was a musi-

cal treat and was duly appreciated. The orchestra is composed of 20 pieces, and they are quite well harmonized. Many of the musicians are quite young, and little Master Rochon is a boy hardly in his teens. The programme was long one, perhaps a little too long. The Mr. E. G. Wickens, Mr. A. Bantley, Mr. A. Collis, Mrs. H. R. Foot; second vioviolincello-Mr. E. Rochon, Mr. D. Thompson; double bass—Mr. Pferdner; flute-Miss G. Collis; trombone-Mr. ? clarionet-Mr. Muriset: cornets-Miss B. Rochon, Mr. A. Boorman; drums-Mr. C.

The proceeds of the concert, after the expenses have been deducted, will be handed over to Adjutant Archibald of

HE KNEW THE PLACE.

Burglar Finds and Steals \$61 Hidden in the Grotto.

A burglar, who knew the ropes thoroughly, made a comfortable haul at the Grotto Saloon between 3 and 5:30 o'clock this morning. The place was closed at while the roof was smoking and in many the first named hour, and two and a half hours later the porter opened up to sweep work in the rear of the brick sunuing out. In the interim the side door was opened by breaking the glass panel on the side nearest the latch. The break-The water soon told; the upshooting of | ing of the glass made it easy for the burthe flames became less and less, and the glar had simply to reach in and pull the smoke gradually diminished in volume. latch back. When the saloon was clos-In twenty minutes the fire was under ed \$61 was taken from the cash register control. A few mirutes more and part and placed in a money sack and the lat- the use of all her faculties. She was did not apepar it is presumed that he of Street and Villeman, he had no rea-The latter could hardly fire was out, but many men were kept have been found in a night's searching, busy chopping away at the roof to make and Mr. O'Brien, the proprietor, has an bered by her. sure of no recurrence. The Boscowitz idea that it was someone familiar with The thief was not a total had not spread beyond the electric works. abstainer for he helped himself to a botboiler had not suffered and the damage | tle-rack very likely as it was more convenient, being uncorked. There was out of service. The dynamo room had very little to indicate that the place had been robbed except for the broken glass panel and the missing money and bottle. The case was reported to the police early this morning and every effort is be ing made to trace the thief.

> PRINCESS OF WALES AND THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.

> THE EMPRESS GAINS STRENGTH.

The producers of "Mariani Wine" (Vin Mariani) should, according to report, soon have a splendid market in Russia for their nerve and brain tonic, as the tion of the Princess of Wales, drunk it most remarkable and beneficial results. most delicate persons with whom stimudemand for this tonic has sprung up racy suffering from "nerves."-The Court

ROBBERY AND ARSON.

Thieves Rob and Fire the Salvation Army Officers' Residence.

The residence of the Salvation Army officers on Douglas street was broken open and robbed last evening while the occupants of the place were attending the meeting at the barracks on Broad street. The thieves, n ot content with robbing the place, made a dastardly attempt to burn it down. All of the proceeds from the sale of the War Cry, one contents of Mrs. Archibald's purse, and ciety and promised well for future enter- all the money about the place were stolen. There was ample evidence of the handiwork of experienced thieves, ter home of the Salvation army. Captain for the place was searched in a systematic manner. A trunk containing a lot of papers was set fire to, either accidentally in searching it or to hide the fact siderable of the talent had to be mould- that the place had been robbed, and when the occupants of the place returned ders and he was sure that the audience from the meeting the blaze had almost eaten through the trunk. It was quickand the effort that had been made to get | ly extinguished but the papers were virstreet. The thieves, not content with The case was reported to the police at once and an endeavor is being made to trace the thieves.

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"William is a scholard, an' is a-writin' of poultry; but Dick is a-pushin' him close."
"What's Dick doing?" "Sellin' of eggs."

BRIEF LOCALS.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Monday's Daily. -There was a private session of the city council Saturday night when the (stimates were up for consideration.

match at Rugby football. -At a meeting of the creditors of C. refreshments were served. A. Lombard & Co., held on Saturday night, it was decided to continue the

-J. A. Mara, M. P., has been nominated as the Conservative candidate for the Commons in the Yale-Cariboo district. The convention was held at Kam-

-The bark Melrose was hauled out on the marine railway yesterday and the hunting trip to Beechy Bay. They had has already commenced. She will be on the slip for several days. -The complaints of the Bella Cools

will be a monthly mail in winter and fortnightly mail in summer. -Rev. H. B. Brashier, at present in the diocese of Calgary, has been appointed pastor of St. James' church in the place made vacant by the resignation of Ven. Archdeacon Scriven. The new pastor will not arrive here for some weeks

yet, and, in the interim, Rev. Canon Paddon will officiate. -The Y. M. C. A. defeated the Wanderers at a match of Association football Wanderers, and Bland, Lorimer and secretary. Booth, for the Y. M. C. A., each scored. The match was exciting and interest-

-The officers from Toronto who will organize the food and shelter home here are expected to arrive in a few days. by the members. A series of drawings disbelieve Dutch Annie, but then all her ceiving meals from the Army is slightly of on the decrease owing to the successful efforts made by the Army officers to get work for the unemployed.

-Hon. A. N. Richards, Q. C., and D. M. Eberts, Q. C., who conducted the recent law examination, have made their report. J. H. Lawson, with the firm of Bodwell & Irving, and R. L. Lennie and W. C. Moresby of Westminster, who took their intermediate, passed very cred-Mr. Lawson is being congratu itably. lated by his friends.

-Mrs. Margaret Wilson died on Saturday at the residence of her daughterin-law, Mrs. Murray, 51 Michigan street. The deceased lady was 92 years old, and up to the time of her death enjoyed promised to call this morning, but as he quit the prisoner. As to the evidence a relict of the late William Wilson and left the city suddenly to avoid further was a native of Scotland. The trouble- trouble. He has been connected with a some Napoleonic days were well remem- well known retail firm for a few years

-The annual drill of the Garrison Artillery passed off very satisfactorily. There was a good attendance of all companies at the parade on Saturday. Col. Prior put the companies through battalion drill and Lieut. Williams directed the manual and firing exercises. At the drill hall there was an inspection by Col. Peters. To-night there will be a company inspection of No. 3. It will include drill with a 64-pounder. Tuesday night kle's Musical Evening." The piece is No. 1 and Wednesday night No. 2 com pany will drill.

-The Good Templars of South Saanich held another of their successful concerts on Friday evening. The Cedar Hill Glee club rendered their part splendidly before a large and appreciative audience. Songs, recitations, instrumental duets and a comedy written and acted by local talent completed a really good programme. Rev. Mr. Ashton filled the chair in a manner that gowns of their maternal ancestors of two showed it was not the first time he had acted in that capacity. Refreshments were served during the evening and the train returned to town about 11.30, every one satisfied that the concert had been Bushby, W. H. Langley, S. A. Roberts, a great success financially and other-

-Captain Henry Hudson, of the sealng schooner Dart, was in town yesterday from Neah Bay, says the Port Townsend Leader of yesterday. He reorts severe weather along the coast during the past week and that several casualties were very narrowly averted. The chooner Emma Felitz, which is owned by Captain Claplanho, was nearly driven on the rocks on Vancouver Island. ()n Thursday afternoon the wind was blowing strong southwest and the wind and the tide bore the little vessel rapidly toward the shore. The captain tried tacking, but with poor success, which was accounted for later when it was found that the rudder was gone. Signals of d's tress were hoisted and a canoe manned by twelve Clayoquot Indians came to the rescue and towed the schooner to Clayoquot Sound. Captain Claplanho paid his rescuers \$110 for their services. The sealing schooner Puritan was also at the mercy of the wind and water for several hours the same day, but fortunately steered clear of the rocks and gained harbor in safety. Considerable anxiety is felt over the protracted absence of the sealer Matilda. The schooner, which is a 25-ton one, left La Push on the Quillayule two weeks ago, after recuring an Indian crew. The schooner is commanded by Captain Isaacs, white, and manned by a crew of Quillayute Indians. The schooners rarely stay at sea any great length of time and the Neah Bay sealers are at a loss to account for her whereabouts, as she has not been sighted since leaving La Push.

From Tuesday's Daily. -Work will probably be commenced on the new postoffice in the course of a -A large quantity of halibut brought

down by the Thistle was shipped to New York and Boston to-day. -Richard Martindale, aged 60, a farmer of South Saanich, died Sunday. De ceased was a native of Westmoreland, He leaves a wife and family. Eng. -Mr. D. C. Fraser, M. P. for Guysboro, is lecturing in Nova Scotia on "Our Western Heritage," and dealing

with the wonderful possibilities of British Columbia -Two hotel men arrested for obstructing the streets in seeking patronage on

the arrival of steamers were convicted

in the police court to-day and fined \$10 and \$5 respectively. -The calico ball of the Foresters in A. O. U. W. hall last night was well a: -At the Caledonian Park Saturday the | tended and passed off splendidly. The colonies defeated the old country at a ball room was tastily decorated. Bantley orchestra furnished music and

> -Adam Johnson, a well known colored man, who has resided here since 1858, died yesterday. He was a native of Kentucky and aged 72. The funeral will take place to-morrow from the residence of Mrs. Greenway Chambers, a daughter of the deceased.

-Charles A. Godson and J. P. Falls

returned last evening from a work of repairing and overhauling her very good luck, 42 ducks falling before their unerring aim. They say that game is very good in that vicinity, and seem to have enjoyed their outing very much settlers have at last borne fruit. That -George Wilson has been arrested for colony is going to have a post office. stealing a watch from a Mr. Alexander, Thor Thorsen will be postmaster. There who sent it down from the north by Captain Oliver of the steamer Glad Tidings to be repaired. Wilson claims that the watch belongs to him, and will endeaver to show that it does when the case comes up for hearing to-morrow. -The sports committee of the Victoria Rugby football club met lase evening and passed on a number of matters in connection with the athletic meeting on April 13. It was decided to change the half mile run to a mile run to meet the desires of a number of runners. John at Beacon hill on Saturday. The score Fraser was elected honorary secretary stood three to one. Goward, for the and Kenneth Macrae assistant honorary

-At the session of the British Columbia Natural History Society last evening circumstantial evidence was strong, and a paper written by W. B. Anderson on although the people as a rule considered read by the secretary and later discussed means the case. He did not wholly accompanied the paper, and the matter evidence was contradicted. She was ble was discussed. The latter point was story over again where one concubine deemed worthy of careful investigation. was thrown out and another taken in evening of a three handed quarrel, which the woman and her character, but he was but an act in a very sad drama was just as bad, and she and her friends from real life. Two brothers fighting were his associates. He had nothing to for the sake of a wronged sister attack- be proud of; nothing creditable, but eved the young man charged with being erything discreditable. He has cast imthe author of her troubles. They gave putations on the woman, but he is not him a good punishing and readily told one jot better. For him there were onthe rapidly gathering crowd what they ly two ways to weigh the matter: he were doing it for. The three were tax- must either be perfectly satisfied that en to the police station by Constable the prisoner is innocent or perfectly sat-Perdue, but the young man assaulted declined to prefer charges, as he would satisfied neither the one way nor the have been locked up as a witness. He other, and on that ground he would ac-

IT WAS A SUCCESS.

"Lady Sparkle's Musical Evening"

Pleased a Large Audience. There was a large and fashionable audience at Philharmonic Hall last night to see the presentation of "Lady Sparrather an ambitious effort, and W. H. Langley, its author, deserves the great-

est credit. It was given in aid of the finds of the King's Daughters and the different parts were taken by well known society amateurs. The costumes were very pretty and added immensely to the general effect. The young ladies in particular looked very pretty in the centuries ago. Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Powell, Miss Nonie Powell, Mrs. Helmelen, Mrs. Barnard, Miss Mouat, Mrs. Bullen, the Misses Loewen, George Herbert Robertson and W. Beaven, who weather is fine and everything gives took part are all entitled to credit as is

stage manager. The musical programme rendered was

Piano solo-Minuet .... Mozart 

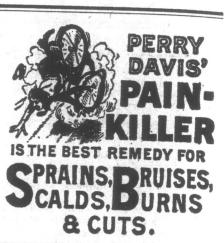
THE RATE WAR.

Pacific Coast Steamship Company Includes Victoria in the Cuts.

R. P. Rithet & Co. received a telegram from Superintendent Johnson of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, this morning, including Victoria in the cut rates to San Francisco and making some sharp reductions in the rates to Alaska. On the steamship City of Puebla, which sails for San Francisco on Monday next, the cabin fare from Victoria will be \$15 and the steerage \$7.50. The steamship Topeka will sail for Alaska on March 9 and the Alki on March 17, and the rates by them will be as follows: Wrangel, cabin \$10 and steerage \$5; Juneau. \$12 and \$6 Sitka, \$15 and \$7.50. The steamship Alki will not call at Sitka, but

will make the other ports. The fight between the old company and its opponents is grownig more interesting every day, and where it will terminate is hard to say. The Willipa, of the opposition line, is expected here on Sunday.

Mr. Jay-I should like to know something. Miss Bird-I should say you needed to.



STICKNORTH GOES FREE.

The Charge Not Substantiated to the Judge's Satisfaction.

Wilhelm Sticknorth was acquitted this morning of the charge of arson by Justice Walkem. The court opened at 10 o'clock and the accused gave his evidence. He denied setting fire to the house and also denied confessing to Dutch Annie-in fact, he contradicted almost all Dutch Annie's evidence. As to the insurance, he said that he did not know that the policy was to be for se much as \$500.

His lordship, at the close of the defence, stated that he did not think he needed to hear either counsel. He them went on to say that in serious charges such as arson-where if a conviction were recorded the sentence would in all probability be five years or more—the crown to succeed must prove the accused guilty beyond a doubt. Here the "Fungi of British Columbia" was such evidence as weak such was by ne which varieties were considered edi- undoubtedly jealous, and it was the old -Pandora street was the scene last The accused discredits the evidence of isfied that he is guilty, and here he was son to dishel In conclusion complimented Chief Deasy, who, he said, had acted promptly and asked the accused pertinent questions at the fire. In his evidence he had given an intelligent account of the contents of the house and the fire. He had shown no animus and no unnecessary zeal to convict, which was most creditable. He had

done his duty and done it well. After the prisoner was discharged the judge took occasion to refer to the conduct of the agent who solicited the insurance and who had not gone upstairs to see the contents-by thus putting on insurance over value of course the commission would be greater, but it was offering a premium to people to burn their own places to get insurance.

G. E. Powell for the prosecution and A. L. Belyea for the defence.

MARDI-GRAS.

New Orleans en Fete for the Annual Demonstration.

New Orleans, Feb. 25.—The city is filled with visitors from all parts of the country who have come to enjoy the festivities. There are more strangers here than on any previous occasion. The promise that the carnival this year will George E. Powell who made a very good be a brilliant success. The Cleveland Greys of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived here yesterday afternoon. The Greys have been selected as a body guard of His Majesty Rex and were received with all the pomp and ceremony due a command upon which such a distinction has been conferred.

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BUTTER AND BOWE

The Proposal of the Min Agriculture to Buy But at 20 Cents per 1b

Subjects Him to General What Fools These I isters Be.

The proposal of the minister of ture for the government to great butter-merchant, cannot sed seriously. At a conferen bec dairymen at Montreal, or instant, Mr. Angers thus unfold markable scheme "The federal government of

take all winter butter made in ary to April, at 20 cents per livered in Montreal, and send land and boom it as cheese boomed. The government w boom the industry. This offer made by Professor Robertson in last week. There are now on winter creameries, and butter, ly shipped there, would increase adian trade. This would inc reputation in England. Rega summer season, the governmen certained from the Canadian P the Grand Trunk that they are place a number of refrigerating the line to Montreal, and co can be had here and on the Cold storage could be obtained inal rate, but it would be inc prevent speculation. The m commerce was going to ascer refrigerators could be obtained steamers. This might be exp the government, but after a ye mand might be such for butter trade will be able to look aft The Montreal Star refers t

posal as follows: "Butter and Bowell:-This first time the electorate has been ed on the eve of an election, bu ernmetnt has never before gon butter business on such an scale. \* \* \* Quebec was s upon a time by a vigorous beet icy, and everybody knows how province has been getting on b ever since. But 'Butter and beats 'Beets and Beaubien' as tion cry all hollow."

And the Winnipeg Free Pres "The government has under buy all the butter offered at 2 pound. Will the proper min how much he is prepared to pay what kind of eggs he can use general elections coming on sh eggs are eggs-whether there crease in price for the up to da tion, and whether those they are ripe will be subject count or vice versa, if well adv wards completion. We have ba a very fine brand of fenci which we can cordially recomm purchasing minister-is this a created for Dr. Montague che price (not Dr. Montague, but poles). But the government's ing is in hay. That is one of strong points, and we can do a selves. Manitoba can supply t ment with excellent hay-our h very superior quality-at say to five dollars a ton, f.o.b., ac distance. There are so man sucking the public cow at Ott hay should be a consideration. duce dealers the government without it. Hogs are becomin alty-we don't mean the kind of government usually has to app the father of bacon. We can moment make a price for th would be glad to hear from t ment as to a deal. Manitob are cash, C. O. D., so to spe government must not feel of this stipulation. Manitoba is place. We are out a large s called Hudson Bay railway trusting to the government's quality which did not material

THEIR SINCERITY DOUB How Much Conservative Lea lieve in Protection.

The touring ministers in their es made much of the fact that have since achieved leading p the Liberal party, were twenty inclined to look with a not u eye upon protection. Their ha was brief for in 1878 they of National Policy, and have I that date unswerving advocate iff, designed only to bring in While dealing in ancient histor isters might have told us how tive leaders regarded protection when there was an impression founded as it turned out, that al government was likely to principle in its tariff legislation Tupper, who in the leadersh Conservative opposition was s to Sir John Macdonald, was alarmed when, for revenue Mackenzie increased the tarif to 17 1-2. "I fear," he said ment "that the hon. finance seeking to enter the thin ed wedge of protection which will ly work ruin and desolation." knew, as this expression show the Maritime provinces a low necessary; but twelve months metamorphosed himself in less hours time from a free trader ple to a protectionist (for party Sir Charles Tupper did not protection twenty years ago, not now in all probability; b found it a serviceable bait with catch gudgeons. And Sir Ch great fisher not only for his but for all his relatives unto and fifth degree as well. Another man of prominen Conservative party of twenty

was the late Thomas White.

in an address to the Dominion

trade, he combatted the propo