

WEEKLY COLONIST
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DEATHS.
 In 1883, the number of deaths in the United States was 475,000, or one for every 10 persons.

Washout on the Railway.
 A train did not arrive at Port Moody on Tuesday night because of a washout of the track between Hope and New Westminster. The country mail and passengers will not arrive at Port Hammond until to-morrow.

Personal.
 Dr. Heilcken continues to improve, and strong hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

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B. C. PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.
Fourth Annual Report of the Managing Committee.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was held on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Municipal Council.
Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1885.
 The last regular meeting of the present council was held last evening in the City Hall.

THE RECENT ACCIDENT ON THE C. P. R.
Damage More Serious Than at First Supposed.

It is now ascertained that the damage to the engine and passenger coach in the accident on the C. P. R. is more serious than at first supposed.

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New Westminster.
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