d by members from town and the ing country.
more settlers have taken up pres on Anarchist mountain, and there for thirty more. All the settlers ng well, having had good crops.

SHAWNIGAN.

E HILL, Jan. 5. — The Loyal gan lodge No. 84, CO.O.F., held st annual ball at Odd Fellows hall, Hill, on Monday evening, it being a locess. Quite a number of the mem-id friends were present, and it was need the best ball ever given in the

PLUMPER PASS.

PER Pass, Jan. 3.—The last twelve have wrought but little change in mmunity. Financially the settles improved remarkably, and in to a store erected in the spring, new buildings now adorn the place, which may be classed a large hotel Government fog alarm statio e statistics for the year indicate a ommercial progress, and the returns ly creditable to so small a settlehe Pass. There has been an inn crime as compared with other in the spring various depredations nitted by outsiders in robbing unhouses, whilst numerous cases of nd cattle stealing were reported; ks to Superintendent F. S. Hussey, en stationed here, and is doing the interest has been taken in sheep.

and so far with success. Mr. War-Pike, of Saturna Island, and W. , of Pender Island, are among the ck raisers around this district, pleasing to note that this latter has been most successful with his at the different fairs. Agricultural have been diligently followed up have been diligently followed up hay and grain crops were exceeded. Attention is being more generate to the raising of fruit for which ands are well adapted, and many ards have been laid out with big ions. The fruit crops, hewever, so good as in former years. The most of the islands has been steadily of Galiano Island more especially. Galiano Island more especially its share of the advantage and from letters of enquiries received ads and others as to the locality of

dog fishing and salmon fishing y the principal operations engaged young men, who find it a paying whilst the transportation of cord whilst the transportation of cord the River canneries and cities is prominence. Coal prespecting on ds took place in the spring and the as were so good that a syndicate, incipally of Westminster and Vanpitalists, undertook to put a bore on Saturna. Misfortune, howowed their undertaking, as at a over 100 feet the head of the drill ving the remainder of the steel in very endeavor to get it out provpessful. The company, however, enewing their operations, and a drill which has been purchased by the East, is at present ly r awaiting further develop ent lying in

If of the settlers residing in and ais neighborhood a hearty vote of accorded Capt. Jaggers of the s officers who have throughout the ded them every courtesy and con-

y the largest gathering that has d at a soiree on Mayne Island in the schoolroom, after the chil-ertainment, on Monday evening, 25. Over 100 people were prethe committee of manage el proud of the success attending

of sheep worrying by dogs has red on the island, a ewe belong-T. Bennett being found in the

brook, of Galiano Island, spent nolidays with friends in Victoria. isual amount of exhibitation characterized Christmas week ed itself on Friday evening last, ting valedictory entertainment at the house of Mrs. Jack to a f young men who are about leav-toria to embark on a sealing ex-

Year's dinner given by Mrs. Village Bay, was participated in er of friends and a jolly time was nong the invited guests present and Mrs. J. W. Sinclair, Mr. and anley, Mr. and Mrs. Cullinson, rs. Davidson, Mr. F. Murcheson, e, and Mr. H. Macklin. on Pike, who has been spending in Victoria, returned home on

PACIFIC CABLE.

January 5.—Sir Charles Tupper rd Fleming, C.M G., had made ts for an interview to-day with of Ripon, secretary of state for , in regard to the British cable anada and Australia, about the of which Mr. Fleming interested his late trip to the antipodes. uis of Ripon is unwell to day, and the conference had to be posthere is great reason to be cretary favors the grantsidy to the project by the Imper-

TON, Jan. 5.—Revised, correctpron, Jan. 5.—Revised, correct-plete copies of the Hawaiian noe, transmitted to Congress resident's mesiage of December been received from the Gov-inting office, and have been the House committee on Foreign to volume, in its completed and orm, contains a number of inad important communications Minister Willis, which were in vain in the volumi ch of correspondence laid before with the President's message.

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From THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 5. THE CITY.

THE appointment of Mr. J. P. Planta as Police Magistrate of Nanaimo was officially gazetted yesterday.

ERNEST T. W. Pearse, of Kamloops, has been appointed clerk of the peace for the County court of Yale, vice G. C. Tunstall.

A MEETING of the British Columbia De posit & Loan Co., Ltd., in liquidation, will be held here on February 2, in order that the liquidator may present his final ac-

THE California Rugby union men met Wed nesday night and voted to pick a team to represent California in a series of games with Portland and British Columbia teams during the Midwinter Fair. The first game will be played in March.

THE incorporation of the Victoria Athletic Grounds Association, Ltd., was formally gazetted yesterday, with Mesers. W. H. Ellis, Thomas H. Allice, W. J. Smith, W. H. Cullin and W. G. Mackenzie as trustees. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000. in \$10 shares.

THE funeral of the late Miss Perry took place yesterday from the family residence on South Turner street and from Christ Church Cathedral where services were conducted by Rev. Canon Padden, many sor-rowing friends being in attendance. The pallbearers were Messrs. Macaulay, Mar-vin, Wilson, Stanley, Barnard and Powell.

Two NEW district municipalities—the one to be known as Mission Valley and the other to be known as Mission Valley and the other as Scarborough—have sought incorporation. The applicants in the former case are Messrs. B. Lequime, Charles Balagno, Thomas Wood, G. Whelan, J. T. Davies, W. and A. Postill; in the case of Scarborough they are Messrs. Edward Pare, J. A. McDonald, H. White and D. Galbraith.

MAGISTRATE E. BAYNES REED held court at Esquimalt yesterday for the trial of William Farrell, a sealer, who was arrested during the morning upon a charge of theft. The complainant was one William Lennox, a naval pensioner, who stated that \$15 had been taken from the inside pocket of his wasterest while he was asleen. waistcoat while he was asleep, a further sum of \$32 being missed from his cabin. The prosecution utterly failed to fasten the crime upon Farrell, who was discharged Mr. Arthur Davey conducted the defence.

LAST evening, in the presence of a number of friends, at the residence of the bride's father, 73 King's road, Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fred. W. Rudge and Miss Janet Dyer, eldest daughter of Bartholomew Stapledon. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. H. Rudge and Mr. J. Stapledon, and the bride by Miss C. G. Stapledon and Miss Nellie Rudge. The bride and bridesmaids looked their best, which says a great deal. The presents were numerous, chaste and useful. After suppornumerous, chaste and useful. After supper the toasts of "The Happy Couple," "The Bridesmaids," and "The Host and Hostess" received a hearty response.

THAT the citizens of Victoria have no intention of allowing the Y. M. C. A. to remain closed is evident from the liberal response which has been made to the appeal of the young men for financial aid. Worlock, the owner of the building in which the rooms are, has made a most liberal offer, which will be made public in a few days. The second large help came in the shape of a check for \$100 from Mrs. R. the shape of a check for \$100 from Mrs. R. Dunsmuir. Quite a large number have promised \$1 per month, and several amounts, some larger and some smaller, have been received. The canvas will be pushed for a week, and it is hoped the whole amount will be received by that time. The treasurer, Mr. Pidduck, 79 Government treat will be glad to receive contributions. street, will be glad to receive contributions.

MESSES. McPhillips & Williams give notice in the Gazette of yesterday that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly at its next session, for an act in-corporating a company to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of steam or electric railway, and a telegraph or telephone line from Vancouver to New West-minster, with power to build a branch or minster, with power to build a branch or branches from the main line to a point in Hastings townsite and in Port Moody, and also to some point at or near the mouth of the Fraser river, with power to make connection with any other line or lines of rail.

"More than 30 per cont. of the books These are given to the library as fines, or gifts from readers who have already read them. Only for these we would have been in a long lives of prosperity." way or steamship company, and to build serious difficulty. branches for that purpose, with power to construct and use ferries, and for all other usual powers, rights and privileges. The name of the company is to be "The Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company," with headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Company, "With headquarters and office at the city of Vancouver Central Railway Cen

THE newly formed Victoria Choral Society have adopted the report of the organization committee, whose appointment was announced in the Colonist some time ago, and have also approved the constitution and by-laws presented by them. The officers elected are: J. J. Austin, president; George Sheddan, treasurer; John Royd librarian; R. S. Day secretary Boyd, librarian; R. S. Day, secretary; and W. Edgar Buck, conductor. The music The Sunday school children of St. Saviours have the first cantata rendered. The first rebears will be the first public enter-tainment has not been arranged yet.

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The Sunday school children of St. Saviours church, Victoria West, enjoyed their annual Christmas entertainment last evening in Fairall's hall, Esquimait road, when a large gathering of young and old folks were treated to a very interesting programme. Santa Claus did not make his appearance until the last part of the programme and consequently the excitement and expectancy of the little ones was maintained throughout. The programme, which was rendered almost solely by the children, was as follows: Carol, "See amid winter smow," Sunday school; recitation, Maud Sullivan; comic duet, W. Cave and A. E. Cave; recitation, Dora Harper; recitation, Evelyn Brook; long, A. E. Cave; play, "The Hoyden," J. Davey, L. Russell, A. Nicholson and N. McKay; recitation, Bertie Atkins; song, "Minstrel Boy," Miss Mary Crocker; recitation, the Misses Roberts; song and tableaux, Miss Crocker's class; soene, "William Tell," R. Knox, T. Crocker, P. Craft and J. McKay; piano duet, L. Russell and A. Nicholson; scene from John I, A. Nicholson, F. Jenkins, H. Sullivan and S. Crocker; recitation, G. Harper; duet, the Misses L. Nicholson and Minnie Fairall; soong, Miss Minnie Fairall; and sketch,

"Troublesome servant," A. E. Cave and W. J. Cave. In order to defray expenses in connection with the entertainment the Ladies Guild of the church propose holding a sale of work and concert on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday next.

MASTER A. McTavish is at present under the care of Dr. Helmoken as a result of an accident Wednesday evening. The lad, with several companions, was playing with a small revolver when the weapon was acci-dentally discharged, the bullet entering his leg.

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THERE was an enthusiastic meeting of the Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association last evening, and final arrangements for the last evening, and final arrangements for the show were completed. The various committees will now get to work, and all lovers of good poultry and dogs can count on a fine exhibition on the 24th, 25th and 26th instant. The following is a partial list of the specials secured: Dr. Duncau, for best Irish setter dog owned in British Columbia; made to the prominent workers in the order, and the local history of the oraft.

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Yesterday evening was a busy one for Victoria ledge, No. 17, K. of P., for in addition to the usual business there was an installation of officers, presentations were made to the prominent workers in the order, S. F. Tolmie, for best fox terrier dog; Erskine, Wall & Co., for Irish setter bitch puppy; F. Campbell, for Irish setter dog puppy; C. N. Cameron, for Irish setter dog under six months old; Davidson Bros., for Irish setter dog or bitch; E. A. Morris, for brace of Irish setter pups; R. Jamieson, for pointer bitch; Colonist, for Irish setter bitch; E. G. Prior, for Pekin ducks; Cochrane & Munn, for wire-baired fox-terrier dog or bitch; Prior, for Pekin ducks; Cochrane & Munn, of for wire-haired fox terrier dog or bitch; Pheaix Brewery, for Spanish cock or hen; M. Salmon, for game cock; "Times," for best English setter in show; W. McKeon, for cocker dog or bitch; Kurtz & Co., for bull dog; Challoner & Mitchell, for best team of four Irish setters; W. B. Sylvester Brown, for Leghorn cock and breeding pen; D. E. Campbell, for Gordon setter dog, or bitch; Clarence Bar, for fox-terrier dog; B. Williams, for field spaniel; J. Kingham, for best Irish setter dog or bitch shot over this season; M. & H. Fox, for English setter dog. There will be large additions to the dog. There will be large additi above list in the next few days.

VICTORIA'S FREE LIBRARY.

Below is given in full the annual report

Below is given in full the annual report of Dr. James McGregor, city librarian, to the Mayor and Council:

"The total number of books lent out during the year was 21,625; to ladies, 10,224; to gentlemen, 11,401. This gave a daily average of nearly 70, (67). New members are 376—ladies 145, gentlemen 231. While we have added almost 400 to our list of readers, we have only added 220 to our list of books; and these include 150 volumes presented by Mr. Robt. Williams. They are mainly classical and methematical books. Our book list now numbers 7,080. That would be the number of volumes in our library, if none had been destroyed or lost. Many hundreds of them have been used up Many hundreds of them have been used up by constant use (not to say abuse) of them for more than four years.

"As to the public reading room, it has been supplied with papers and periodicals almost entirely by Mr. Rithet's annual donation of \$50. This has been continued for four years, but for some reason Mr. Rithet has seen fit to discontinue it this

year. "We have therefore now in the reading room only three daily newspapers (two of them the Victoria papers) supplied by the generosity of the publishers.

"We have no weeklies or magazines at

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1 A F. and A.M. Enjoys Its Annual Rennion.

Pythian Castle Also the Scene of In-

company separating about I o'clock, having passed a most agreeable evening—one to be remembered as a delightful reminiscence in

Irish setter dog owned in British Columbia;
J. Fullerton, for pointer pup; Fred Carne,
for best Brahma; M. W. Waitt Estate, for
pointer dog; G. McCulloch, for best cat;
S. F. Tolmie, for best fox terrier dog;
Erekine, Wall & Co., for Irish setter bitch
puppy; F. Campbell, for Irish setter dog lor Commander, requesting the attention for a few minutes of Brother E. E. Leason, of Sunset lodge, and reading from a hand-somely engrossed address prepared by direc-tion of the members of Victoria lodge. In

"The officers and members of Victoria lodge. In this document it was explained that:
"The officers and members of Victoria Lodge. No. 17, K. of P., tender their sincere thanks to you for your kind and untir-ing services while assisting to conduct the affairs of the lodge as Past Chancellor. At the same time, we ask your acceptance of a slight pledge of gratitude and token of

The token of esteem referred to was in The token of esteem referred to was in the form of an emblem pin, neatly executed in gold and enamel, the lodge symbol pen-dant from a bar of solid gold, upon which Mr. Leason's name was neatly engraved. Between the bar and the drop was placed a solitaire diamond, while on the reverse of the pendant was a suitable inscription. The pin was made in Victoria by Messrs. Chal-loner & Mitchell.

After the usual speeches of compliment, congratulation and acknowledgement, the lodge proceeded to the installation of offiers, as follows: C.C., C. L. Cole; V.C., J. J. Randolph; Prelate, A. S. Potts; M. of W., F. O'Grady-Beaven; M. of F., A. A. Aaronson. Grand lodge representatives chosen were: P. C., G. S. Russell, W. P. Allen

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A. Rusta and John W. Walker, with alternates, W. C. Pope, R. H. Berryman, E. P.
Nathan and A Macpherson.

The second presentation of the evening was to Bro. George S. Russell, the spokesman of the lodge in this case being D. D.
G. C., Bro. W. P. Allen. The address set forth that the signess. forth that the signers
"On behalf of the officers and membe

of Victoria lodge tender our sincere thanks to you for your unprejudiced and impartial services, and the able manner in which you have conducted the affairs of the lodge

The souvenir was a jewel of the order, neatly executed by Mr. A. A. Clayton in gold, silver and enamel. Mr. Russell replied in appropriate terms and the lodge closed at a late hour.

CANADIAN FORESTERS.

A full meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters was held last evening, being the first this year. Court Emery opens 1894 with every prospect of a successful term, and despite the times has endeavored to reduce to a trifling number the "fall-offs." Reports of various committees were received and a new member duly enrolled. The next meeting will be held on the first Thursday evening in February, the members considering monthly meetings well attended preferable to bi-monthly ones poorly visited.

onizard there had not abated. It was the worst storm that the city has experienced for ten years. More than fifty accidents have been reported since noon. All the trains had been delayed and the delivery of mails had been suspended. Traffic both by sea and land was stopped early in the afternoon.

MATABELE SLAUGHTER.

London, Jan. 5 .- Captains White and Donovan, who were in the Matabele campaign, have come to London. They have given a detailed account of the fighting. Captain White denies the stories of the im-mense slaughter of the Matabele, not more than 1,500 or 2,000 warriors having been killed, he says, in the whole campaign.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The severe cold weather continues throughout England and other parts of Europe. A vessel went on the Goodwin Sands last flight. Owing to the heavy sea it was impossible to launch the lifeboats. At daylight this morning the wreck had disappeared and without doubt all her crew were drowned. It is believed the lost vessel was the Swedish bark Chris-City Hall, Westminster, Jan. 4, 1894, tiana

From THE DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 6. THE CITY.

Dr. Crompton, who was intimately acquainted with the late Norman Friend, has communicated the sad facts of his death to the bereaved relatives in the old land. No further effort will be made to recover the heady as it could not have a preventing ody, as it could not but prove unavailing.

Hasell directed the attention of the fore-man and jurors to the fact that nothing could be found in the evidence to justify the latter portion of the finding, and it was thereupon amended to read that the de-ceased "committed suicide by hanging." Bentsen was, as his papers show, an experienced and capable seaman. He had signed for the round voyage on the Candida, but deserted that vessel here, hoping to make more money by shipping as a sealer.

THE case of Joseph Nucci, the Italian bootblack charged with stabbing Rafael Pulltan on Christmas eve, was again remanded yesterday under very unusual circumstances, the hearing now being set for the 12th instant. Chief Sheppard had the 12th instant. Chief Sheppard had intended to proceed in the matter yesterday, but explained why he could not in asking for the continuation. The principal witness for the prosecution is of course the man Pulltan, who since the stabbing has been a patient at the Jubilee hospital. He was there until shortly after midnight Thursday; at 4 o'clock vesterday morning the hospital at 4 o'clock yesterday morning the hospital authorities telephoned to Police headquar-ters that he had disappeared. No one knows how or when he went or whether he had assistance. Chief Sheppard asked yester-day, for a warrant for his arrest as a necesday, for a warrant for his arrest as a necessary witness and the magistrate announced that it would issue immediately upon the information being laid. Mr. A. L. Belyes, for the defence, announced in court yesterday that neither her nor his client had heard an extension of Delivery. of Pulltan's escape until it was referred to by the Chief; and the application was made r the release of the accused in his own recognizances. The magistrate determined, however, that the bail should remain as

PUBLIC SAFETY IMPERILLED.

John C. Walker, of the Esquimalt road John C. Walker, of the Esquimalt road, was, in the City Police court yesterday, charged with having violated a corporation by-law by discharging firearms within the city limits. The offence was committed at a late hour on New Year's night, when Mr. and Mrs. Henry Croft were passing the residence of the defendant on their way home from the city. Mr. Croft briefly stated the circumstances of the case, and then a brother of the defendant and a lodger in his house gave evidence. Their story was that they

the same time opened the window; this was positively sworn to by the lodger, who, though it was dark and he was in bed some distance away, was quite sure as to the position of affairs. The rifle, while the window was being opened, was discharged accidentally, and Mr. Croft immediately times another twenty-four hours navigate the same times another twenty-four hours navigate times another twenty-four hours navigate. accidentally, and arr. Croit immediately to appeared on the scene to inquire what the shooting was for. He was told that the rifle (went off accidentally, and replied, "Accidentally be d—d;" but for this impolite to observation the defendant says he would have called and anologized to him the follows.

box, chose the latter, and briefly reviewed the facts as narrated by the other witnesses. His reasons for pleading not guilty were, he said, because the rife was not

appear vindictive, and felt in no way harshly towards the defendant. It was a dangerous towards the defendant. It was a dangerous practice, however, for anyone to discharge a .44 rifle in such close proximity to the streets and the homes of citizens; it was dangerous to the public safety.

In giving judgment, Magistrate Macrae said that he felt bound to acquit the defendant of intent to injure Macrae.

said that he felt bound to acquit the defendant of intent to injure Mr. Croft personally, but without doubt he should be held guilty of the breach of the city by law charged. Mr. Croft had done a public service in bringing the matter forward. Men who used their weapons as this rifle had been used did so at their peril; no one suspected Mr. Walker of intent to commit a murder, but he had no right to shoot even at a supposed chicken thief. The penalty imposed was a fine of \$20. As Mr. Croft was leaving the court room, His Honor detained him for a moment until he thanked him from the bench for having in the public interest brought the matter before the proper authorities,

VIENNA, Jan. 5.—It is reported that bloody conflicts still take place between Albanian tribesmen and Montenegrins. The Porte has offered to settle the dispute and

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

Navigation Interrupted on the Fraser -R. P. Rithet & Co. for December.

Lince the first sealer—the Enterprise departed on the 10th proximo, there have been up to the present time twenty-one schooners cleared at the customs house on schooners cleared at the customs house on sealing cruises. This means that more than one-third of the sealing fleet have left port, carrying with them 428 white men and 74 Angela College on Thursday evening was a Indians, and that a large amount of money has been expended in the city in equipping the vessels with provisions, etc., as can be for 300 had been provided in anticipation of

In their monthly freight and shipping report for January, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., say: "At the beginning of a new year we naturally turn to tabulated reports of the various industries of the Pro-vince, in order to ascertain their position as compared with a year ago. An examination of the figures at present available leads to of the figures at present available leads to the conclusion that, during the period just ended, substantial progress has been made, and that the outlook for the future is very hopeful. To this general statement, hower, an exception must be made in the case of lumber, the trade in which has been of fair proportions it is true, but owing to great depression in all consuming markets, prices have been unremunerative. These remarks also apply, although in much smaller degree, to the coal industry, in which shipments have been, with one exception larges than ever before but the general tion, larger than ever before, but the general result has been disappointing. The salmon season turned out entirely successful, the run being particularly good on the Fraser river, and the pack was the largest on record. A close estimate gives the aggregate as about 575 000 carge of the aggregate as about 575,000 cases, of which upwards of 400,000 cases have been sold or consigned to English markets, while the balance has been disposed of mainly in Eastern Canada, Australia and locally. The value of the pack is about \$2,750,000. When we add that, in addition to the balance has been disposed. The we add that, in addition to the above, more than 2,000,600 pounds fresh and smoked and 4,000 barrels salted salmon have been exported, the importance of the industry exported, the importance of the inquiry will be recognized. The past season has been a good one for sealers, but as the subject has been referred to in previous issues of this circular, there remains little to add, of this circular, there remains little to add, save that the recent sales of seal skins in London have yielded fairly satisfactory results, and that the sealing fleet will number very much the same vessels as last year. It would be rash to attempt to forecast the effect of the new regulations, as only a practical trial can test their utility or futility. Such a trial will no doubt be afforded during the coming season. the coming season.

NEW ENTERPRISES. Capt. Pettit's interest in the steam Capt. McCoskrie, and the latter is now in charge of the vessel. He has added a large dence of the defendant on their way home from the city. Mr. Croft briefly stated the circumstances of the case, and then a brother of the defendant and a lodger in his house gave evidence. Their story was that they were on the look-out for chicken thieves and thought they were about. The defendant, being accustomed to firearms, took the rifle, a .44 Marlin, from his brother, while the latter went to a ground-floor window and showed a light with a reflector, which acted somewhat as a searchlight for the benefit of the brother at the upper window. The latter held the rifle in both hands, and pointing to the south, and at the same time opened the window; who, though it was dark and he was in bed

A Colonist special from New Westmins ter says: "If the present cold snap continues another twenty-four hours navigation will be closed by the ice. The steamer Gladys left port this morning as usual, but came back about noon, meeting ice at Whonnock, which obliged her to abandon observation the defendant says he would have called and apologized to him the following day.

John C. Walker, the defendant, when asked if he would be sworn or preferred to make a statement without entering the box, chose the latter, and briefly reviewed

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5.—(Special)—Wood ward has retired from the Vancouver foot

Vancouver, has earned provincial fame, and is popular with every lover of amateur sport in Vancouver. Woodward's wild rushes and tremendous tackles will live after Woodward has gone.

HERE AND THERE.

The Vancouver Golf club has a very large membership. A full outfit of paraphernalia has been received by the club from England. When the golfites practice at the park lookers on say, "What a silly game." After a time they get interested, and very often before they see their first game finished they are golf cranks. It's a catching game, golf is!

"MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM."

overflowing by 8 o'clock, and, though seating for 300 had been provided in anticipation of a full house, every seat was occupied and a great many who came late had to pay for their want of punctuality by standing during the performance. "Titania" spoke the prologue written by Mr. Scaife with admirable effect, though as subsequent events able effect, though as subsequent events able effect, though as subsequent events showed there was no cause to "beg our worship's pardon for temerity" in the daring task undertaken by the performers, as one and all acquitted themselves admirably and afforded abundant evidence of the away soon. The ones named are all bound for the Japan coast.

THE YEAR REVIEWED.

In their monthly freight and shipping report for January, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., say: "At the beginning of a new year we naturally turn to tabulated reports of the various industries of the Proof the latter part, her semaphoric signalling being thoroughly appreciated and the audi-ence vociferously demanding an encore. "Bottom" did full justice to the excellent part of the weaver, her by play in the love scene with "Titania" provoking roars of laughter. "Oberon" and "Titania" spoke the beautiful lines allotted to them (amongst the most beautiful that Shakespeare ever wrote) exceedingly well, and looked every wrote) exceedingly well, and looked every inch a fairy King and Queen. All the dresses were good, and the effect of the colored lights thrown on the group of sleeping fairies, arrayed in portraiture of different flowers, was pretty in the extreme. A glee conducted by Mr. Greig, and sung behind the scenes during the act, added greatly to the effect greatly to the effect.

The final scene, wherein the mechanics

act their famous play of "Pyramus and his love Thisbe" before the Duke and Duchess kept the audience in continual laughter, the parts of the "hard-handed men who work in Athens," being all well sustained. "Lion" shook her tawny mane and rearred as that it did the audience in continual sustained. served their full meed of applause. The latter's dog, indeed, acted as if to the manor born, showing an indifference to his unaccustomed surroundings which was sistibly funny.

The grouping and costuming of the court scene were very pretty, but "Theseus" and "Hippolyte," "Demetrius" and "Lysander," spoke hardly loud enough to be heard at the end of the room. A well arranged group of all the performers, some 30 in number, with colored lights brought the play to a close amidst vooiferous applause. Let no one say henceforward that Shakspere is unappreciated in Victoria. Thurs. spere is unappreciated in Victoria. Thursday night proved the contrary in the most unequivocal manner, and it is to be hoped, as Bishop Perrin said in his remarks during the interlude, that other and even greater surprises in the same direction are in

tore.

The second part of the programme, owing

PROLOGUE. (Spoken by Titania.)

(Spoken by Titanta.)
Vaulting ambition oft itself o'er leaps,
But equally t'is true the infant creeps
While learning still to walk. It has been said
That fools rusn in where angels fear to tread;
Yet great events from little causes grow,
As mightier trees from smaller seeds; and so
We cry your worship's pardon heartily:
And humbly beg that our temerity
You will forgive, in this the daring task
Which we have undertaken. All we ask
Should our poor efforts unavailing prove
To win a smile or e'en to laughter move,
That you will give us credit for desire
To raise the standard of our culture higher;
In which endeavor there's no better plan n which endeavor there's no better plan Than study of the "Myriad minded Man."

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

Theseus—Duke of Athens. Miss Kitty Davie
Lysander—Courtier Fanny Devereux
Demetrius—Courtier Bluebell Kitto
Philostrate—Master of the Revels.
Norah Drummond
Prince—The Carpenter Emily Aspland
Snug—Joine. Kate Devereux
Bottom—Weaver Minnie Worlook
Flute—Bellows-mender Milly Wilson
Snout—Tioker Lizzie Barl
Starveling—Tailor Gertie Rithet
Oberon—King of the Fairies. Evelyn Johnson
Titania—Queen of the Fairies Kate Worlook
Puck—Alsprite. Gabriell Aspland
Peas-Blossom—Fairy Gladys Kane
Cobweb—Fairy Lida King
Moth—Fairy Una Nicholles
Mustard Seed—Fairy Madelaine Kane
Fairies in attendance on Titania, DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

The scenes and dances arranged by the Misses Scenery by Mr. Kitto and Mr. Sowerby. Music by Mr. Greig.

[The above report, intended for publication yesterday, was necessarily "held over," owing to an unfortunate shortage of space.]

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 5.—President Bermudze Morales perceived that the outrageous man-ner of recruiting for the regular army done ward has retired from the vancouver foot-ball club, much to the regret of his associ-ates, for a better man has never tackled on the British Columbia football field. He was a star among stars; his record was brilliant and unsullied. He can look back with pride upon his six seasons of Rugby in

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