

## Local News.

The clearings for the week ending March 7th amounted to \$921,317.

During the past several weeks W. G. Arnold, of Kamloops, has been in the city arranging for the manufacture and sale of a new kind of soap invented by him, and known as Arnold's improved soaps.

The funeral of Gabriel Becker took place on Tuesday from the residence, View street, to the Roman Catholic church. Rev. Father Fissar officiated, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. L. J. Quagliotti, M. McTiernan, Sam Baron and P. Cosatto.

On account of the number of requests the cantata "A Joyful Thanksgiving," which was given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church a short time ago, will be repeated on Tuesday, March 21st. It will be preceded by a short organ recital and miscellaneous programme.

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A Toronto exchange says: "The announcement has been made of the appointment of Mr. W. R. Travers, formerly manager of the Merchants' Bank at Berlin, as general manager of the Pacific Bank of Victoria. B. C., at an annual salary of \$10,000 and a five year contract. The Pacific Bank is a newly formed institution."

The monthly general meeting of the board of trade will be held at the board rooms on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The business to be transacted consists of the following: Various matters referred by the council; port charges, report of committee on trade, commerce and transportation in regard to pilotage; Island railway, report of committee on railways, re extension of E. & N. railway to north end of the Island. F. W. Morse, first vice-president and general manager Grand Trunk Pacific railway, has accepted an invitation to attend the meeting, contingent upon being in the city at that time.

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Private letters from points on the Nanx report that the Indians on the upper part of the river are in a state of wild excitement. Whiskey, in great quantity has been shipped to them, they being the consignees of which has been forwarded north in recent weeks. The natives have learned to have an order sent by mail and made out in some white man's address, instead of applying in person for that which, under the law, they would have to be refused. It is said that so crazy with drink have many of the Indians become that they have made one or two attempts on the lives of white people. Residents along the river have been considerably alarmed, and have applied for police protection.

Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, of Vancouver, sends the following abstract from the official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending February 21st, 1905: During the week 530 patents were issued to citizens of the United States: Austria-Hungary, 3; Belgium, 1; Canada, 13; Denmark, 1; Great Britain, 15; France, 7; Germany, 13; Italy, 2; Mexico, 1; New South Wales, 1; New Zealand, 2; Norway, 1; Russia, 3; Switzerland, 1; and Transvaal, South Africa, 1. Henry Griffiths, of Australia, received this week a Canadian patent on an improvement in New Westminster brewery. Westminster received this week a Canadian patent on a toy support for a child's high chair, which is the invention of J. M. Ankers, of the Westminster waterworks.

The ladies' committee of the British Columbia Protestant Orphanage held their regular monthly meeting at the institution on Hillside avenue on Monday, when quite a considerable quantity of business was transacted. The visitors for the month reported having found the children happy and contented. Mrs. J. Hutcheson and Mrs. G. L. Milne were appointed visitors for March. An inquiry for a little girl for adoption was referred to a committee for investigation. The committee recommended that a previous application for a girl be granted, the little one to be placed on trial for three months. The matron reported the receipt of the following contributions: Hiram Walker & Sons, \$20; G. Potter, basket of onions; W. Harrison, two overcoats; Mrs. Munroe, clothing; Mrs. Callie Nurse, Wallis, clothing; Miss M. Hart (teacher North Ward), two boys' jerseys; Mrs. Jenns and Mrs. Todd, clothing and candy; R. Movat, one barrel broken biscuits.

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Thomas Young, the man committed for trial in the city police court a few days ago on the charge of stealing from the residence of T. W. Martindale, elected Wednesday morning for speedy trial on Monday next.

The death occurred on Saturday of Charles McDonald, St. Joseph's hospital. He has been an invalid for some time and was 72 years of age. Deceased was a native of Nova Scotia. The funeral has been arranged to take place tomorrow morning at 9:45 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. McDonald, Hayward's undertaking parlors, and shortly after at the Roman Catholic cathedral.

W. Davidson, member for Slocan, wishes to correct an impression which was conveyed in the report of the proceedings of the legislature a few days ago, by which he was represented as wishing to have clergymen made eligible as school trustees. Mr. Davidson says he advocates the new School Act being amended so as to follow the old one in this particular and exclude clergymen from acting as trustees.

The following donations are thankfully acknowledged at the Aged Woman's Home during February: Mrs. Johns, Carey road, butter; Mrs. Lehman, waterworks, fresh eggs; Mrs. Patterson, soup; Mrs. Hart, clothing; Mr. Goward, apples; Mrs. Sterling, reading matter; Times and Colonist, daily papers. The management also desires to extend grateful thanks to the Hawthorne Circle of King's Daughters for serving a dainty repast at the home for all the inmates.

Mr. R. C. Worlock, teller of the Victoria branch of the Imperial bank, and Miss Beatrice Mary Lucas were united in holy bonds of matrimony on Thursday at Seattle. Both of the contracting parties are well-known and popular Victorians. The announcement of their marriage came as a surprise to intimate friends and acquaintances. Mr. Worlock went to Seattle on Wednesday, and was joined the following day by his fiancée, and several hours later the wedding ceremony was performed.

A dance was given by the Fernwood Young Men's Association on Monday at the club rooms. There was a large attendance, and all spent a very pleasant time. The hall was splendidly decorated, the F. Y. M. A. colors being much in evidence. Flags and bunting had been used in profusion, and pretty sitting-out corners were placed at different points of vantage. A splendid supper was served about midnight, after which the musical programme, which was rendered by the St. Basil's orchestra, was continued. The committees responsible for the arrangement follows: Refreshment—Messrs. Gallop, Rennie and Bassett. Decoration—Messrs. Winch and Davis. Floor—Messrs. Jamieson, Neil and McMillan.

The following candidates were successful at the recent examination for coal mine managers held at Nanaimo, Fernie and Cumberland: First Class—Elijah Heathcote, Norman Fraser and Robert Strachan. Second Class—A. Summerville, J. F. Webb, Thos. R. Jackson, Charles Grihame, Evan Evans and David Neilist. Third Class—Wm. McLellan, H. H. Hodgson, James W. Jenson, John Doney, James Perry, Joseph Smith, John Weeks, David Crawford, C. M. Taylor, Duncan Thomas, A. G. Watson, John McAlpine, T. A. Spruon, W. A. Jones, Joseph Cook, Joseph Thomson and John Biggs. The examiners were E. Priest, T. Boyce, Thos. Buddie, A. Dick, P. H. Shepherd, Thos. Morgan and John Morgan.

The schoolroom of St. John's church was crowded on Tuesday night on the occasion of the production of "The Decoy Duck," a play written by Miss Graham, the scene of which is laid in Victoria. A short but meritorious programme opened the entertainment, musical selections being rendered by Mrs. Harris, the Misses G. and D. Sehl and Miss W. Lugin. An orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Bowen, also contributed to the programme. The characters were taken in an exceedingly clever manner, the acting of Miss Sorby as Mrs. Burnaby, a match-making widow, being particularly creditable. The cast was as follows: Mrs. Burnaby, Miss Lucie Moore, her companion, Miss Ard; Marie, Mrs. Burnaby's French maid, Miss P. Devenant; Mrs. Harry Forbes, B. Tye; Hon. Arthur Craven, just out from home, Mr. Punnett; Spencer, his valet, W. Ard. After the play Miss Graham, the authoress, was called and presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

A series of mishaps, although unforeseen and unavoidable as far as the production of the play was concerned, marred the opening of what had promised to be a strong bill at the Grand theatre on Johnson street last night. The J. M. Francis trio, who were on route from Bellingham, failed to make the proper connections, and wired at the last minute that they would not be able to arrive until today. As if this were not enough to disturb the manager's usual serenity, the first performer to appear on the stage was so evidently under the weather that in justice to his audience Mr. Jamieson called him off and promptly discharged him. Of the remaining items on the bill, Miss Mabel Darr is a very pleasing soprano who sang several songs in good

minutes, the establishing of a summer camp was discussed and approved, the arrangement of details being left to members of the physical committee. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. W. W. Bolton; vice-president, John Nelson; secretary, E. W. Whittington; treasurer, Wm. Scowcroft. A number of matters of minor importance then came up, the secretary reporting that a new sign has been placed over the Broad street entrance to the Y. M. C. A. The treasurer submitted a statement showing \$357.15 as the total receipts for the past month, \$100 being a donation from James Dunsmuir. A communication was read from Rev. W. Bolton, president of the Victoria District Football Association, thanking the board for the use of Y. M. C. A. rooms for meeting purposes. The meeting then adjourned.

Dr. George Duncan, who was seriously injured through a runaway on Saturday last, continues to improve. Dr. Carter, who is attending on him, stated this morning that he now expected a complete recovery.

An enjoyable social was given Tuesday at Hermosa, the residence of K. Wollaston, Monzie street, in aid of St. James's church. The entertainment was announced as "a pancake social" in honor of Shrove Tuesday, and ladies appeared in character costume. There was a choice programme of music, and refreshments were dispensed. A pleasant time was spent by all in attendance.

N. de Bertrand Lugin (Mrs. E. B. Shaw) has a very pretty story for children in the current number of St. Nicholas. It is called "Svedie," and the scene is laid in Dawson, with which far northern city Mrs. Shaw became very familiar during her residence there. "Svedie" is one of a series of stories and sketches of the north that she has contributed to magazines in America and England.

A pleasant evening was spent by the 200 maskers who attended the dances given by Mrs. Lester at the A. O. U. hall on Tuesday. Miss Heater and J. Fawcett supplied a delightful programme of music, a perfect floor, charming music and an appealing song contributed to the success of the dance.

Word has been received of the sudden death of Gustie Le Mare, of Mission, Mont. She was well-known in Victoria, Vancouver, and in fact, throughout British Columbia and the Yukon as a vaudeville performer. She was the first wife of William Gates, who, it will be remembered, created a sensation by purchasing all the eggs on the Dawson market at \$1 a piece in order to please his bride.

The Victoria Golf Club will hold a mixed foursome competition on the Oak Bay links on Saturday, the 18th instant, open to colonel and honorary members. The competition will be match play, against Colonel and Mrs. Beger, 18 holes, special bogey and handicap allowance. Entries must be sent to Dr. Cobbett, A. D. Crease or honorary secretary by Wednesday, the 15th. The prizes have been kindly presented by Commander Hunt and Dr. Grubbell, R. N.

Quatsino residents are looking forward to the time in the near future when, in their estimation, that point will become a terminus for a transcontinental railroad. A correspondent of this paper states that Knight's Inlet will probably be selected as the route for the Grand Trunk Pacific railway to the coast. In event of this information being correct there is little doubt, he says, that Quatsino will be made the objective. It would also appear that the policy of the C. P. R., in the proposal to extend the E. & N. railway to the north end of Vancouver Island, contemplated Quatsino as the terminus. The geographical position of the place, the correspondent thinks, is favorable beyond question. The entrances to Knight's Inlet and Quatsino are in the same latitude.

"Another piece of property in the business portion of the city has just passed into the hands of a Chinaman," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "The Celestial in question is a wealthy merchant of Victoria, who is keenly alive to the fact that Vancouver is the place for the investment of cash. Saturday he purchased the City hotel, on the northwest corner of Powell street and Columbia avenue, from A. Fairon, a pioneer resident, the price paid being \$15,000. It is the Chinaman's intention to erect a three-story modern hotel building on the site, the present tenants having taken a two years' lease for the new building."

The Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, at their last meeting completed the necessary arrangements for their usual spring social. This year it will be held in connection with special services on the preceding Sunday, to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the beginning of Presbyterian services in Victoria West, in the church on Monday evening, the 20th instant. A good programme with refreshments will be provided.

On Tuesday the death occurred of Mrs. Margaret Barnard, widow of George A. Sargison, at the family residence, 92 Bay street. Deceased was 74 years of age and a native of New Brunswick. She came to Victoria with her husband and family in 1873, and was one of the original organizers of the Protestant Orphans' Home. Since its inception she took an active part in the management of the institution. Owing to her death it has been decided to postpone the 32nd annual meeting of the subscribers until Tuesday, March 14th. She leaves six sons and four daughters to mourn her loss. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, and later at the Metropolitan Methodist church, where impressive services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams.

On Tuesday a meeting of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association was held at the rooms, Broad street. After the adoption of the

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voice; Deely and Shean are a team of exceptionally clever black face comedians who made an immediate hit; Mr. Frederic Roberts sang the illustrated song, "There's Nobody Just Like You," and the moving pictures give a most amusing illustration of the adventures of an escaped lunatic. The programme has been rearranged for the remainder of the week. The J. M. Francis trio arrived on the Princess Beatrice this afternoon and will appear to-night, and Mr. Roberts, in addition to the illustrated song, will sing a baritone solo. In "The Think of a Miser's Gold," which is his selection for the week, full scope is afforded his fine voice. The full programme therefore for the remainder of the week will be: Illustrated song, "There's Nobody Just Like You"; Miss Mabel Darr, soprano; Deely and Shean, black face comedians; Frederic Roberts, baritone solo, "The Think of a Miser's Gold"; J. M. Francis trio, in the one-act farce entitled "My Wife," and the moving pictures.

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On Friday evening next at the North Ward school, J. R. Mackie, of this city, will present a number of new and original views of scenes in Canada, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. These views are entirely new and beautifully colored, and will prove of great interest to all who may be privileged to see them. They will be illustrated and explained by speech and song by J. and C. Mackie. Professor Haynes's orchestra of pupils will assist by rendering several choice marches, duets and solos. The children will render a few of their beautiful motion pictures. The beautiful cup and medals won by the North Ward team, junior champions of the City Association League, will be presented at the same time. The team will play some football tableaux. Those who may attend will certainly have a treat, as the programme will be an attractive one.

News has been received by Mrs. Davis, 63 Mears street, of the death of her brother Edward McNeillage, C. E., at his residence, Castle avenue, Buncrana, Ireland. In this connection the Derry Standard says: "Edward McNeillage was a native of Scotland, and had been connected with the city for the greater part of his lifetime of seventy-six years. His father came to the city from Scotland, and was appointed landscape gardener in garden with Grey's Institution. The deceased was in early youth connected with the Ordnance Survey, and did a good deal of work in County Tyrone. For many years he was assistant to the late Mr. Fraser, surveyor of Donegal, but in the early sixties he resigned that position and became assistant to Mr. Collins, who was then chief engineer of Londonderry. Mr. McNeillage in that capacity made a map of the city for the present Ordnance Survey, and drew many of the maps. When he left Mr. Collins's department he took up private practice as surveyor and valuator, and did an extensive business. He made the valuation of the lands for the railway between Buncrana and Carnadoonagh and also most of the land for the Burroughfield line."

A coroner's inquest was held Monday afternoon in consequence of the death of Gabriel Eckers, who died at St. Joseph's hospital on Sunday from injuries received in a fall from a high building. The case came to Victoria through the C. P. R. hotel foundations. Dr. Stainer, who attended Eckers, said that he sustained a comminuted fracture of the lower end of the femur. A second operation for the purpose of re-joining the fracture, the bone not having hardened, was performed on February 14th. Pneumonia, which had set in, had been the direct cause of death. Pneumonia was usually more fatal with old men, especially as resistance was impaired by long confinement to bed as in the case of Eckers. Secretary Vinnage, of the company, explained that Eckers was employed at a rope pulling heavy timbers from the mill by means of a snatch block with a line attached to a donkey engine. Eckers was keeping the rope taut. He had been told to stand at the back of the engine, instead of behind the donkey engine, and he had persisted in doing so. He was warned against this repeatedly. The line broke and the block struck him, causing the injuries described by the doctor. The fear was good. A verdict of accidental death was returned by the jury.

Members of the Victoria West Athletic Association held a meeting Tuesday evening at the club rooms for the purpose of discussing the advisability of arranging a match with the James Bays to decide the senior championship. It was agreed to issue a formal challenge. Other matters were then dealt with, a report being submitted by the committee appointed to prepare for the masquerade ball announced for Thursday, the 16th instant. This affair will be held at Stimpie's hall, and the work of decorating has already commenced. After the consideration of a number of questions of minor importance the meeting adjourned.

The lecture to be given by M. Finch-Brentano on the "Secrets of the Bastille and the Iron Mask" on Monday evening next, under the auspices of L'Alliance Francaise, promises to be of the most interesting character. Only students of French history can adequately conceive of the vast field which the subject affords. This scholarly lecturer places at his service. M. Finch-Brentano is regarded as one of the most talented lecturers of France. His father, a professor at the School of Moral and Political Sciences, in Paris, acquired a widespread reputation throughout Europe for his works on philosophy, the right of nations and political economy. Upon leaving college, M. Finch-Brentano entered the Ecole des Chartes, from which he graduated in 1885 with the degree of paleographer-archivist. He was then selected for admission to the French School of Rome, but he preferred to take up, at the Arsenal library in Paris, the unfinished work of Francois Ravaisson, in classifying the archives of La Bastille.

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There is said to be a scarcity of horses in the city. Japanese agents have been buying quite extensively throughout Washington and Oregon, and the local market, which is generally supplied from those states, has had to depend so far this year on the animals already here.

A meeting of the secretaries of the Fifth Regiment company was held on Tuesday. The question discussed was the disposition of the proceeds of the recent Paardeberg Day celebration. No definite understanding was reached. Other matters of little public interest were discussed.

To-morrow evening a lecture will be delivered by W. W. Ritchie at the Metropolitan Methodist church, "Beautiful Canada." His remarks are to be illustrated by 125 views. This address has been given more than fifty times in different parts of the Dominion. Everywhere the entertainment has elicited favorable comments from the press. A pleasant time is assured all who attend.

Mrs. Sarah Reay, of Sidney, passed away Wednesday, aged 61. She died at the residence of her nephew, Morris Thomas, from which place the funeral will take place Friday at 2:30 o'clock. Deceased was a native of Blaxwich, Staffordshire, England.

The Fernwood Municipal Association held a meeting last evening and considered their rules. W. P. Marchant presided. Another meeting will be held on March 22nd. In the meantime application will be made to the school trustees for the use of the Fernwood hall as a place of meeting.

An "At Home" was held by members of the Y. M. C. A. basketball team on Tuesday at the rooms, Broad street. An excellent programme, consisting of musical selections and recitations, was rendered. Among those contributing were the following: Messrs. Royds, Fisher, Sprinkling, Green and the Messrs. Fox, all Emery and White. Refreshments were dispensed during the evening.

Captain H. Webb, chief officer of the steamer Wyfold, arrived from San Francisco on the steamship Senator on Thursday. He crossed the Pacific on the steamer Mongolia and came on to this city because Victoria is his home. Capt. Webb says that the Wyfold has not yet been condemned. Her cargo was, but the steamer is to be given a new trial. According to the Japanese law, Capt. Webb states, a vessel can only be held responsible in a case of this kind where her crew has been shipped by her owners. He therefore believes that the Wyfold will yet be released. Her captain and chief engineer are still in Japan.

Officials of the Victoria West Athletic Association have decided not to issue a formal challenge to the J. B. A. A. senior for a match or series of games to decide the local basketball. They explain that such action is not called for until the reply of the James Bay management committee is received to the Victoria league's request that their decision to withdraw entirely from the local junior, intermediate and senior series be reconsidered. If the J. B. A. A. accede to the association's suggestion the contest between the Victoria West Athletics and the James Bays for the championship will be continued, should the present stand of the club be maintained. The V. W. A. A. will issue a challenge in order to give the James Bays an opportunity to play for the cup now held by Victoria West.

The committee of the city council, to whom has been delegated the task of effecting reforms in the matter of street names, is beginning to realize, as did its predecessors, that it has run up against a pretty hard proposition. Already quite a number of protests against the names suggested for some of the thoroughfares have been received, and more are bound to follow. It is to be feared that the committee, after all, will have to consult the classic dictionaries to hit upon something sufficiently sonorous to satisfy the majority. Doubtless it is willing to receive any assistance the public may give on the subject, but it is apprehended that such assistance will be rendered in the form of protest.

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quity failed to locate the youngster, alarm was created and Provincial Constable Campbell of Esquimalt with others spent the day Wednesday trying to solve the whereabouts of the youth. Towards evening, however, the little fellow turned up. He had lost his way and had wandered out as far as the Elk lake water station, from where he was brought in by the train Wednesday. The boy had spent the night at different places along the road and was brought into the city by Mr. Campbell, a ship carpenter living in the district.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Times wires to-day that the new shipping bill before the Dominion House, making it easier for shipping masters to procure crews in Canada and obviating the necessity of going to Puget Sound for men, has passed. The advantages of the bill have already been pointed out in the Times. Some time ago the Esquimalt Liberal Association took the matter up, and in a petition to Ottawa represented local conditions as favorable to Americans, and recommended certain changes, such, for instance, as would make it optional for shipping masters to visit the Sound for crews. Under the old law loaded vessels from British Columbia ports had to visit Port Townsend to complete their crews before proceeding to sea, and often losses were entailed that bore heavily on the ship owners, and at the same time worked against the interests of Victoria and Vancouver.

BRITISH CABINET VACANCIES.

London, March 9.—It is again reported that Premier Balfour is experiencing difficulty in filling the vacancies in the cabinet. It is rumored that Walter Hume Long and others have declined the post of chief secretary for Ireland and that fresh trouble has arisen in the war office, which it is not unlikely will involve the resignation of Secretary Arnold Forster.

The Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will meet on Wednesday evening, the 8th, for the discussion of "The Sacramental Cup." The meeting will be open and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

## SHOT BY TROOPS.

Five Striking Miners Killed and Fifteen Wounded.

St. Petersburg, March 9.—A telegram from Ekaterinograd says that five miners have been killed and fifteen wounded in a conflict between strikers of the Sherbinov mines and Anzobach quicksilver mines, and soldiers in the district of Bakum.

The strikers were looting and resisted the troops, firing revolvers and throwing stones at them. The soldiers fired a volley and order was restored.

Revolutionary disorders have broken out at Smolensk. Bands of demonstrators are marching through the streets carrying red flags.

## LORD STRATHCONA

Has Arrived at New York From England.

New York, March 9.—Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner, was a passenger on the steamer Oceanic which arrived to-day from Liverpool.

A company of Russian actors, who will present "The Chosen People" in this country, were also among the Oceanic's passengers.

## COAL MINE ACCIDENT.

Rope of Cage Broke and Seven Men Were Killed.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 9.—While seven men were being hoisted in the cage at the Clear Springs colliery, at West Pittston, to-day, the rope broke and the men were hurled to the bottom, a distance of 220 feet. All were killed.

## BORN.

IRVINE—At New Westminster Junction, on March 8th, the wife of L. K. Irvine, of a daughter.

RILEY—At Nelson, on March 4th, the wife of Robert B. Riley, of a son.

WINSKEL-GINGELL—At Vancouver, on March 7th, by Rev. A. Newton Powell, William Winskel and Miss Clara Deatrice Glingell.

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