Earl Li Is Sick

The Aged Chinese Statesman Is Reported to Be Seriously Ill.

Colonel York's Column Has Disarmed a Battalion of Imperial Troops.

Preliminaries of the Treaty Between the Powers Have Been Arranged.

London, Nov. 27.—Li Hung Chang, according to the Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, is seriously ill, and has telegraphed for his adopted son, Li Ching Fang.

Dr. Morrison, wiring to the Times from Pekin on Sunday, says: "The foreign envoys have agreed to two propositions that were previously rejected owing to lack of unanimity. These are Sir Ernest Satow's proposals that China should agree to recast the commercial treaties, and the Italian proposal that China should consent to foreign financial control as a guarantee of the indemnity.

"The delay in the presentation of the note is due to the postponements by the home governments. This increases the difficulties of the position, and aggravates the dislocation of trade and finance, especially the collection of inland revenues. At the lowest estimate the indemnity is computed at £60,000,000."

Berlin, Nov. 26.—A despatch received to-day by the Navy League here says, that Col. York's column reached Kalhan, about 100 miles northwest of Pekin, on November 18. The Chinese troops, numbering 3,000 men, fled. A battalion of Chinese imperial soldiers was disarmed.

The National Zeitung, discussing the punishment of guilty officials in China, says: "Germany must abide by the decision of the ministers at Pekin."

The Post says the negotiations will probably be finished by the end of the week.

The German press refers editorially this evening to a report that United States Ambassador White on Saturday handed the new United States note regarding the Chinese settlement to Baron von Richthofen, secretary for foreign affairs, all the papers declaring that Germany refused to comply with the demands therein formulated. When Mr. White was approached on the subject this evening, he replied that he had no interview with Baron Richthofen on Saturday, nor had he then received the United States note. He stated that he had received nothing from Washington since Thursday last, and what he received then was not a note, but merely instructions in consequence of which he had an interview with the secretary for foreign affairs on Friday. Mr. White reiterated that the result of the Friday interview was satisfactory. It was merely an interchange of views, in which no definite proposition was submitted and no definite engagements entered on. What was said was in the nature of a suggestion looking toward greater moderation in the punishments, but this was only a suggestion which Germany might either accept or reject. It was not a formal proposition.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The state department has been informed that the agreement or understanding or preliminary treaty (it is not possible now to learn just in what form the matter stands), reached by the foreign ministers at Pekin. It is not regarded as proper to give out for publication at this time any detailed information respecting the events. It is stated, however, as the arrangement stands a very poor chance of receiving the sanction of all the powers represented in the Pekin conference, unless some material amendments shall be permitted. There is some reason to believe that the indemnity proposition has taken such form as to make it possible for the Chinese to meet the demands, and this fact, taken in connection with the unreasonable demands of some of the powers respecting punishments, may require our government to make efforts to have the demands moderated. There are indications, too, that in these efforts our government is to receive the support of one of the most powerful of the governments represented at the Pekin conference, and who has generally been supposed of late to have favored an extreme position.

BACK EROM HALIBUT BANKS

Hundred and Five Thousand Pounds Caught In Thirty Hours.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 26.—The steamer New England, of the New England Fishing Company, arrived yesterday from the halibut banks with 105,000 pounds of halibut, being the largest halibut catch on record. The catch was made in 30 hours. The weather was very rough and a quantity of fishing gear was lost.

The plans for the reception of the Canadian contingent on the occasion of their home-coming have been somewhat altered from what was first suggested by the officers of the Duke of Connaught's Own. It is understood that the city council are desirous of taking a prominent part in the reception, and the Sixth Connaught's Own have appointed a committee, consisting of Lt.-Col. Worsnop, Major Bennett, Surgeon Robertson and Lieut. Tate, to confer with the council as to the ways and means of giving the British Columbia heroes a rousing welcome home.

It is thought that one of the features of the reception will be an entertainment conducted by Frederick Hamilton, war correspondent of the Toronto Globe, who will exhibit limelight views from photographs, taken by himself, of different scenes in the career of the Canadians from Montreal to Pretoria.

AS USUAL.

Turkey Staves Off the Question With the United States.

Washington, Nov. 26.—The issue between the United States state department and Turkey over the withholding of an exequatur to Thomas H. Norton to be consul at Harpoot has passed into the controversial stage, and the indications are that it will be weeks before the matter can be settled.

A DENIAL.

The rumor published in Vancouver papers, and circulated in this city, that the C. P. N. Co. proposed to remove their offices to Vancouver, is given a straight denial by Mr. J. A. Thomson, managing director of the C. P. N. Co. When seen yesterday in this regard he stated that the question of removing the head offices of the C. P. N. Co. from Victoria to Vancouver had never been considered for a moment.

ANOTHER STORM.

Gale Sweeps Over Northern Ohio—Two Men Killed.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 26.—Another violent storm prevailed on Lake Erie and throughout Northern Ohio, the wind coming from the north and blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour, this morning. The gale was accompanied by rain and sleet. The lake has been lashed to a wild fury, and no vessels are leaving port. The telegraph and telephone companies have suffered great damage from the heavy storm of last week, and were again badly handicapped by the prostration of lines on practically all routes.

Akron, Ohio, Nov. 26.—Frank Worner and Louis Rohrer were killed here today by a trolley wire which the storm had torn from the poles.

DESERTED SCHOONER.

Heavily Laden "Advance" Abandoned at Sea and Goes to Pieces.

Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 26.—The patrolman of the Wallis Sands life-saving station this afternoon sighted a heavily-laden schooner drifting ashore on the sands, dismasted and helpless. Her name could not be made out. There was no sign of life on board, and it was thought the crew had been swept overboard by the furious seas. The life-savers prepared to go to the schooner as soon as she should strike bottom.

The vessel struck about one hour after being sighted, and began to go to pieces. The life-savers went to the vessel, but found no one on board. The name on the stern-board was "Advance." The life-savers think she is British.

ANNA GOULD'S GOLD.

Countess' Countless Dollars. But Not a Dollar For the Count.

New York, Nov. 26.—Samuel Untermeyer obtained to-day from Justice Fitzgerald in the Supreme court an injunction order, returnable on Monday next, against the Count and Countess De Castellane and George, Edwin, Howard and Helen M. Gould, as trustees under the will of the late Jay Gould, restraining them from paying to Anna Gould (Countess De Castellane) any part of the trust fund to the debts of Anna Gould, or to her support of the children, until the further direction of the court. The plaintiff in the suit is Anton Dittmar, who sues as assignee of Asher Wertheimer, a London bric-a-brac dealer. The complaint, which is a long printed document, contains copies of drafts drawn by Wertheimer and accepted in writing by the Countess De Castellane, amounting to $385,000, of which $285,000 is past due. It is alleged that Anna Gould has $18,000,000 held in trust for her by her brothers and sister, and that her income is about $900,000.

Judge Dillon, counsel for the Gould family, made the following statement concerning the suit: "The Countess de Castellane is not entitled to any part of the capital or principal sum of the estate of her father, as the statement of the plaintiff seems to imply. The will of Mr. Gould provides, in substance, that the income is to be a trust fund in the hands of the trustees to be appointed, for the support and maintenance of his daughter, and that she cannot anticipate or dispose of any part of that income until it is actually received by her; and until she receives it, she shall be liable for her debts or those of her husband, and undoubtedly the trustees will feel it to be their duty to have this provision in the will carried out in its full extent, or as far as possible. She has no control, nor has the court any control, over the principal sum, which goes to her children, after her death. In the statement it is said the creditors claimed, at the proceedings in Paris, whereby Mr. George Gould was appointed guardian for his sister, and the idea of the Gould family was to get possession of the income of the Countess de Castellane and force her creditors to settle on their terms. This is obviously a misstatement.

BUSY STEVESTON.

News Notes From the Salmon Town on the Lower Fraser.

Steveston, Nov. 24.—Steveston is quiet nowadays, ashore, but the waterfront is very busy, and Deputy Collector Beer is a busy man. Steamers from North, Amur and Danube; from Vancouver, Pingal, Statira, Glenogman, of the Mackenzie fleet; and steamers Dunsmuir and Lapwing are busy salmon carrying to the ships Arumamurtha and Machrihanish, the latter having just reported ready to receive cargo. Messrs. Mackenzie Bros. have chartered the steamer Reliance and a covered scow, in addition to their busy fleet, and are negotiating for a charter of the Victoria steamer J. L. Card, now being refitted on Turpett's ways.

English Bay cannery, operated by the United Canneries Co., Ltd., of British Columbia, put up a good many fall fish during the week, as also did Messrs. Buthmer & Dawson, of the Brunswick Cannery Co., at Canoe pass.

The Japs are still busily engaged in packing their strange Xmas gifts, viz., their dry salted dog salmon, and the saw mills are busy making boxes for them. This fall fishing is a new element to be permanently calculated upon in the future, and means a good deal to the province in increased consumption of materials for manufacture, and labor for operation.

Mr. C. Windsor stated the other day to your correspondent that their company, the U. C., of R. C., had packed over 25,000 cases of fall fish alone, while the banner pack is that of Messrs. Currie, McWilliams & Co., with 35,000 cases, establishing a record for next season's sockeye pack to beat.

The Japanese hospital, situate here, ceases operations for the winter season at the end of this month, having had a very busy time, treating more than eight hundred patients, of whom twenty-four died of typhoid, nine of beri beri, and eight from the effects of immersion in the Gulf by storm or accident. The hospital committee have met this severe strain on their young resources nobly, having paid all their liabilities, and all the building debts, excepting about $1,500 or $2,000, which should not be difficult to obtain, as they have ample security in their land and buildings to offer.

Sale at Metchosin. — The King's Daughters of Metchosin will hold a sale of useful and fancy articles, suitable for Christmas presents, in the public hall, on Friday, December 7, at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided. There will be a dance in the evening, the proceeds to go to the piano fund.

Facts of The Plot

Lord Roberts Reports to the War Office Attempt on His Life.

Italians, Greeks and a Frenchman Are Now Under Arrest.

General Dewet Said to Have Crossed Into Portuguese Territory.

London, Nov. 27.—The war office publishes the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Johannesburg, November 26:

"As reports of a plot against my life will probably reach you, I think you should know the facts. It is my belief that there was a plot in existence, and five Italians, four Greeks and a Frenchman were arrested on November 16, and are now awaiting trial. Their intentions were to explode a mine under St. Mary's church during the morning service held at 11 o'clock on November 18."

Lorenzo Marques, Nov. 27.—A detachment of 80 mounted Portuguese troops, with two guns, crossed the river this morning to Catembo. It is reported that Gen. Dewet is in Portuguese territory.

Paris, Nov. 27.—The president of the municipal council will propose to-morrow in the council a vote to arbitrate the Transvaal difficulty.

Later this afternoon M. Rochefort, accompanied by a deputation including Deputies Milleveri and Paulin-Mery, Senator Provost DeLaunay and M. Copee, proceeded to the Hotel Scribe and presented Mr. Kruger with a sword of honor, destined for Gen. Cronje, now a prisoner on the island of St. Helena. M. Rochefort spoke of the patriotism of the Boers, and expressed the hope that the "syndicate of thrones" will some day be overthrown by a "syndicate of presidents."

During the day a thousand students formed in procession in the Latin quarter, each school preceded by a band and the whole headed by a magnificent bouquet of chrysanthemums, with ribbons in the French and the Transvaal colors and inscribed: "The students of Paris to President Kruger—for the fatherland and right." The students marched across the Seine and were loudly cheered on their way to the Hotel Scribe. There President Kruger appeared on the balcony and saluted them.

Kruger and Dr. Leyds drove to the foreign office, where they were received by the minister of foreign affairs, Delcasse, with whom they had an interview lasting three-quarters of an hour. On their leaving, Delcasse conducted Mr. Kruger from be staircase. An incident similar to the one that took place in Marseilles occurred on the arrival of the students' procession at the hotel Scribe. An upper window of the Grand hotel, opposite, was opened and a handful of copper and silver were thrown down. The students, incensed at the insult, wished to attack a shipping office which is on the level, but the police interfered, pointing out that the shippers had no connection with the people above them. Ultimately the shippers were persuaded by the police to close the office, in order to prevent further incidents. A delegation of four students entered the hotel and presented a bouquet to Mr. Kruger, who, accompanied by them, appeared on the balcony, amidst great enthusiasm among the students, who numbered 2,000. A body of the students stationed themselves below the window from which the money had been thrown, singing anti-English songs and shouting, "Down with the English!" No disturbance, however, occurred.

When the attention of Leyds was called this afternoon to the statement attributed to Pearson, former commissary general of the Transvaal army, and cabled from New York, that Kruger would soon proceed to the United States, he replied: "The rumor is without foundation. Nothing has been said regarding such a movement."

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—(Special)—The militia department is advised that, as sufficient officers in the army have been obtained, the secretary of state for war proposes to take steps to discontinue granting direct commissions. Any commissions offered to the colonies not already filled will lapse on December 31, and no nominations will be received after that date.

No. 456 (Hobson), reported missing from July 1; 140 (Bourne), 143 (Gilroy), 144 (Griffith), 159 (Simpson), 608 (Stringer), reported missing from July 5; 16 (Daykin), 37 (Sabine), 43 (Webb), and 73 (McLeod), reported missing from July 7, were released on September 5.

New York, Nov. 27.—Commissary-General Samuel Pearson, the Transvaal refugee who arrived here yesterday, said to-day during an interview that if even Gen. Buller who was by all odds the best of the British generals in South Africa. He added:

"If Roberts were taken out of the command in South Africa, the English army would mutiny to-morrow. They love him, but they hate Africa. The man most hated in South Africa by the Boers is Kitchener. There is not a man in our army who would not shoot him on sight. He is the man who butchered the negroes in the Soudan, and he would not give Botha half an hour at Colenso to take our women and children away from the lines."

Gen. Pearson denied the characterization of their operations as guerilla warfare, saying: "We have always about 1,500 or 2,000 men and a train of baggage wagons. They can never catch us."

He considered Louis Botha the greatest man in the Boer army.

RIDEAU HALL FIRE.

Damage to Amount to Seven Hundred Dollars.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—Fire was discovered in Government House last night, and damage to the extent of $700 was done.

LAST HOPE GONE.

Kruger Tries Unsuccessfully to Secure European Intervention.

London, Nov. 28.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says he hears that President Kruger has petitioned the powers for arbitration under The Hague convention; that two powers acceded to his request, but all the others rejected the petition.

Up-to-Date Styles at

WEILER BROS.

Our first consignment of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties From

Paris, Berin, London.

WEILER BROS.'

COLD STORAGE FRAUDS.

The Property of the Company Sold in Montreal.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—The judicial sale of the assets of the Cold Storage Company, in liquidation, took place to-day. The real estate on William street went to W. F. Robinson for $120,000, and the Guy street property to the same man for $12,000.

The cold storage cases now before the Court of Queen's Bench, are likely to develop some of the most startling criminal prosecutions in the financial history of Montreal. The present charges are against Alexander McCullough, of Croil & McCullough's Dairy Co., and D. J. McGillis, on the ground that they conspired to defraud the Merchants' Bank of Halifax out of $220,000 on bogus warehouse receipts. At a special meeting of the Montreal Butter and Cheese Association, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that this association considers it of the utmost importance in the interests of justice and commercial morality, that the provincial authorities should spare no effort or expense to secure the arrest of T. J. Chisholm."

Chisholm is the man who forfeited his bail and fled the country.

IN ST. PAUL'S.

Body of Sir Arthur Sullivan at Rest in the Great Cathedral.

London, Nov. 27.—With all the pomp and circumstances which might have attended the obsequies of a member of the royal family, the remains of Sir Arthur Sullivan were buried in St. Paul's cathedral this afternoon.

Immense crowds assembled at the late residence of the deceased, and St. James' Palace, while every point of vantage around St. Paul's was crowded hours prior to the arrival of the cortege. Great crowds lined the route traversed by the procession.

The Queen, Emperor William of Germany, the Prince of Wales and other royalties were represented, and the musical and dramatic world attended in force. The presence of United States Ambassador Choate and other diplomats was noted.

The coffin was embedded in magnificent tributes, sent from far and near, in such numbers that they filled four glass hearses.

TWO MORE CASES.

More Smallpox at Nanaimo—Mr. Stannard Submits to Vaccination.

Nanaimo, Nov. 26.—(Special)—H. F. Stannard, the Vancouver commercial traveller, got vaccinated last night, and went to Vancouver this morning. He could not stand the prospect of 14 days' detention.

Two fresh cases of smallpox were discovered to-day and removed to the isolation hospital. One is from the Whitehead house, where some other cases have been discovered. The other is from a house hitherto unaffected. Vaccination is proceeding wholesale. Crowds were at the city hall all day, and doctors were inoculating as fast as possible.

The Native Sons have decided to go ahead with their anniversary banquet, in spite of the unfortunate prevention of guests attending from outside.

Frank Mitchell, an Extension miner, was seriously injured this morning by the premature explosion of a shot. His charging rod was blown six inches into the lower part of his body. He is now in Nanaimo hospital.

Rev. E. S. Rowe, of Victoria, lectured this evening in the Methodist church on "Tendencies of Modern Development."

A CAMPAIGN AGAINST VICE

Great Gathering In New York to Organize For the Fight.

New York, Nov. 27.—A great gathering of business men responded to the call for a conference at the chamber of commerce to-day, to plan a campaign against vice. The feature of the meeting was the retirement of Bishop Potter from the ranks of the movement and a speech by ex-Mayor Abraham S. Hewitt, in which he asserted that the responsibility for the present condition of affairs in the city rested upon the mayor.

Charles Stewart Smith presided over the meeting, and George Foster acted as secretary. A letter was read from Bishop Potter, giving reasons for his non-attendance at the meeting. The bishop wrote:

"I shall not be able, owing to a trustee meeting, to attend the meeting of the chamber of commerce to-day, nor, I think I ought to add, should I do so if I were able. The aim of such a meeting should be, primarily, to unify the forces on the side of law, decency and the protection of the weak in this community. The clergy may duly exercise the prophetic office of rousing, warning, entreating, but in social and political movements, their best service will be in the ranks, leaving to others the task of generalship. New York wants a strong committee of three or five trusted laymen to co-ordinate forces and cement purposes."

My friend, look here! You know how weak and nervous your wife is, and you know that Carter's Iron Pills will relieve her, now why not be fair about it and buy her a box.

Marconi's Latest.

London, Nov. 28.—Signor Marconi, according to the Daily Express, has practically solved the question of ocean transmission by wireless telegraphy, and will soon be able to use his system across the Atlantic.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

Shot to Death by a Mob Near Lake City, Florida.

Lake City, Fla., Nov. 27.—Spencer Williams, a negro gambler, was shot to pieces by a mob near this city. Williams, who recently arrived here from Pensacola, last night shot and dangerously wounded City Marshal Strange and William Strickland, a business man of this city, while Strange was attempting to arrest the negro. As the news of the shooting became known, citizens formed a posse and overtook Williams this morning in a swamp. Williams was literally shot to pieces. Fully 200 holes were found in his body, which was brought into town and placed in front of the court house gate, where it was surrounded all the afternoon by a crowd.

Demand For Dog Salmon

Important Provincial Industry Being Worked Up by Salmon Shippers.

Shipments of Salt and Canned Salmon to Japan and States.

The shipment of dog salmon, canned and salted, to Japan and the United States has increased enormously this year, and an industry of no mean importance is being worked up in this connection by W. A. Ward, the well known local shipping merchant, Johnson, Burnet & Co., and J. A. Macrae, of Vancouver, and others. There are now at the outer wharf the steamer Danube, discharging box after box of this salted dog salmon, which she has brought from Steveston, the steamer Selkirk discharging a similar cargo from Steveston, and the barge Atlas unloading a cargo of the salted fish from the Cowichan. The steamer J. L. Card brought a cargo a few days ago. The Northern Pacific liner Energia, which arrived there on Sunday from the Orient, is loading about 1,500 tons of this fish for the Japanese consumers. The bulk of the shipments from here are on account of W. A. Ward. That firm has also the credit of shipping the bulk of "chums," as the American dealers call the canned dog salmon, to the south of the 49th parallel.

The bulk of the dog salmon being put up is going to Japan and the United States—the large boxes of salted fish going to the Far Eastern market, and the canned fish to the States—but it is not alone to those countries that the shipmens are being made. Two thousand cases have just been shipped by the local firm to Central America, and more are to follow. Last month twenty thousand cases of the canned fish were shipped to the United States, and an equal amount, or, perhaps, more, is to follow. It is estimated that from eighty to ninety thousand cases have been shipped to the American consumers, and of this amount the figures will show that W. A. Ward has shipped 40,000 cases. Wallace Bros., who are salting salmon on the Skeena, has also done a large export business. They have shipped their fish not only to the Eastern American market, but to Great Britain and Germany.

Of the shipments to Japan, 1,400 tons of salted fish has already been shipped by the local firm, and 2,100 tons are expected to arrive for shipments. The fish is taken both from the Fraser and Cowichan rivers and salted there for the most part. Much of that from Cowichan is brought down and put up at the outer wharf. A great deal is also being taken from Cowichan to Steveston for shipment west to the Orient.

Not only are the well known shipping firms of Victoria and the Mainland building up an industry this year in this direction, but Japanese firms are also handling a large amount of fish. The steamer Alpha has been chartered on account of one of the Japanese firms, Jin & Tamura, of Steveston, and, if she has not left before this morning, she is to start from there with a full cargo of the salted salmon for Japan. She will take all that she can carry comfortably. Jin & Tamura have been working up this industry for some time, and have been making shipments for years past, the consignments growing in size every year.

The great demand this year for dog salmon in the United States and Japan is in a measure due to the failure of the catches in those two countries. The take off the Japanese coast and the fisheries of the Kurils and off the coast of Russian Asia, has been poor this season, and, in consequence, there is a much increased demand for the salt fish from British Columbia. In the United States, too, the salmon catch has not been as good as was expected, and the orders for the "chums" were accordingly increased.

Canada In Brief

Sir Charles Tupper Addresses Enthusiastic Meeting at Greenwood.

Centre Star Mine Declares Dividend—Lacrosse Team for Australia.

Sir Adolphe Caron Better—Mr. Sifton's Foreigners Going Home.

Greenwood, Nov. 27.—Sir Charles Tupper addressed a large and enthusiastic audience in the opera house here to-night. The first speaker was Mr. T. M. Daly, of Rossland, who held the close attention of his hearers for more than an hour. Mr. Daly was followed by Hon. J. Lowles, who delivered an able address, dealing with the benefits accruing from a preferential tariff favoring the British colonies. In the course of his remarks, Sir Charles intimated that he had very little use for a member who went solely as a labor champion, saying that he would become a mere puppet of the leading party in the house, and of no use to the laboring classes.

CENTRE STAR

Toronto, Nov. 27.—The Centre Star Mining Company to-day declared a monthly dividend of one cent a share payable in January.

BETTER.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—Sir Adolphe Caron is reported much better to-day.

LACROSSE FOR AUSTRALIA.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—The proposal to send a Canadian lacrosse team to Australia is warmly received here, and the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association will hold a meeting to consider it.

RECORD BREAKER.

St. Jerome, Que., Nov. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Lebel married seven years ago and now have eleven children. On December 1, 1899, the mother gave birth to twins, and on November 19 last, triplets were born, making five children inside a year.

UNSUITABLE IMMIGRANTS.

Toronto, Nov. 27.—A party of thirteen Germans and Galicians passed through on the way to their European homes, after a few months in Manitoba. There were in the party five men and eight women and children. "It was too hard work for my father," said one girl in the group, who was the only person capable of understanding or speaking English. "He worked at a trade at home and could not stand farming."

COUNT IN JAIL.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—Count Teulouse Delawrec, a Russian nobleman, was sentenced to-day to five years in the penitentiary for issuing debentures, knowing them to be forged. He negotiated documents with the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, which caused the arrest of the Count in Chicago.

TO REPRESENT CANADA.

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—(Special)—It is now said that Sir Louis Davies or Mr. Scott will be deputed to go to Australia to represent Canada in the inauguration of the commonwealth.

A commercial agent of Canada in Trinadad says that the feeling in favor of reciprocity with the Dominion is dying out, in view of the good price prevailing in the States for West Indian sugar.

BERNIER'S EXPEDITION.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—The Star's London cable says: Capt. Bernier, of Quebec, has gained the support of Sir Clements Markham, president of the Royal Geographical Society, to attempt to reach the North Pole, and is now here, making arrangements, and hopes the British government will co-operate with the Canadian ministry. Capt. Bernier's plans, as approved by Admiral Markham, contemplate the departure of the expedition from Vancouver with a wooden or steel ship, and crew of six sailors and five scientists, and will enter the Arctic basin in August, a month earlier than Nansen did. The expedition would winter on the ice."

SUICIDE.

Granton, Ont., Nov. 27.—Leslie Grant, aged 21, committed suicide last night, by hanging, in his father's barn. No cause is known.

LUMBER DEAL.

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—George H. Perley has purchased the interest of A. H. Buell in the Hull Lumber Co., paying about $150,000.

EDITOR'S DEATH.

Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—Robert Campbell, editor of the Pilot Mound Sentinel, died suddenly to-day of pneumonia.

SHOE LOCK-OUT.

Manufacturers in Montreal Threaten to Close Their Factories.

Montreal, Nov. 26.—(Special)—It is highly probable that the shoe manufacturers of Montreal will inaugurate a general lock-out in a few days. At a meeting of the Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association it was decided to notify the Lasters' Union that unless the operatives came to an agreement with the Bell Company the employees would lock out all the lasters. The employers' ultimatum practically means that they are prepared to close down their establishments altogether for a time. For some time there has been considerable friction owing to the fixing of price lists of the new lasting machines, and both sides have evidently been preparing for a conflict. The officers of the union expect trouble, but they say they are in a position to make a good fight. The lasters here are well organized and affiliated with all Canadian shoe workers' unions.

COURTS MARTIAL.

Italian Chamber of Deputies Wants Them Abolished.

Rome, Nov. 26.—The chamber of deputies, in spite of the opposition of the minister of war, adopted to-day a socialist motion to abolish trials by court-martial.

Are Still Required

Strathcona's Asked to Remain in Transvaal a Little While Longer.

Captain Parry of Winnipeg Appointed to West African Constabulary.

Second Contingent Will Leave Capetown For Home by December.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—Comptroller Fred. White, of the N. W. M. P., has received a letter from Col. Steele, dated Pretoria, October 17. The Colonel says the regiment had given over their horses to British cavalry corps and returned to Pretoria, expecting to start for home, but were asked afterwards to re-mount and put in another few weeks in the field. The counter orders were due to a scarcity of recruits for the Transvaal constabulary, which is being organized more slowly than was expected. Col. Steele said that he did not know how long they would remain, probably six weeks. Very few of Strathcona's Horse are willing to enter the Transvaal constabulary or stay in South Africa.

Sir Alfred Milner reports to the Governor-General the death from disease at Watervale of Sergt. Evatt, of "D" Battery, R. C. A.

Mayor Payment has asked the good offices of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to secure a pom-pom captured by the Canadians at Paardeberg, to be placed in City Hall square.

Winnipeg, Nov. 26.—Capt. Parry, of the 90th Rifles, has received notification from the Governor-General's military secretary of his appointment to a command in the South African constabulary. This is one of the 12 commissions which were placed at His Excellency's disposal amongst the officers of the Canadian force.

The second Canadian contingent will scarcely be home for Christmas, but may arrive by New Year's day. A telegram from the war office states that 50 officers and 1,000 men of the Canadian contingent will leave Capetown for Canada direct on the steamer Roslin Castle, about the 1st of December. The despatch refers to the second Canadian contingent, composed of the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Canadian Artillery. The steamers of the Castle line, to which the Roslin Castle belongs, are all first-class ships and fast sailers, so that the homeward trip of the second contingent should be made well within 30 days. The steamer will land her troops at Halifax.

Montreal, Nov. 26.—The Star's London correspondent cables:

"Major MacDougall, regimental adjutant of the Second special service battalion, C. L., left South Africa for England on the steamship Dunnotal Castle on November 21. Pte. L. B. Scott, Strathcona Horse, was accidentally shot dead at Mozara, on November 21; he belonged to Regina.

Snow Storm In Montreal

Ties Up all the Lake and Atlantic Steamers In Port.

They Hope to Get Away—The Latest Season on Record.

Montreal, Nov. 26.—A big snowstorm has raged here all day, delaying trains and impeding street car traffic, but the most serious effect was the delay caused to the sailing of ocean steamers. The lake Champlain, the last passenger steamer of the season, took her passengers, 225 in number, on board Sunday morning, but the ship is still tied to her docks, unable to get away.

The steamship Estonia, of the Elder-Dempster line, is also tied, waiting for the storm to abate, as are two upper lake steamers, the Leafield and the Ano, bound for Atlantic ports. All expect to get away in the morning, as the indications are for clearing and colder weather. Two Head line steamers are expected to arrive in port this morning, and there are still two upper lake boats to get away. The chances are that they may have a tussle with the ice. The season is one of the latest on record.

A SEVERE CASE OF ITCHING PILES

A Well-known Minister Escaped a Dangerous and Painful Operation and Was Thoroughly Cured of Piles by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Rev. S. A. Duprau, Methodist minister, Consecon, Prince Edward County, Ont., states: "I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years and they ultimately attained to a very violent form. Large lumps or abcesses formed, so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool. At this severe crisis I purchased a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, but I had little or no faith in it, as I had tried various remedies before and to no purpose.

"Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man to-day and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation and many years of suffering. It is with the greatest pleasure and with a thankful heart that I give this testimonial, knowing that Dr. Chase's Ointment has done so much for me. You are at perfect liberty to use this testimonial as you see fit for the benefit of others similarly affected."

No physician or druggist would think for a moment of recommending any other preparation than Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for piles. It is the only remedy which has never yet been known to fail to cure piles of any form. 60 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Aldermanic Altercations

Opponents to the Terminal Railway Fire a Couple of Blank Shots.

City Will Expropriate and Arbitrate in Reopening Craigflower Road.

Last night's meeting of the city council was almost entirely devoted to routine business, little of general public interest transpired, but it was evident that opponents of the Terminal Railway were determined to utilize this, their last, opportunity to throw obstacles in the way of the scheme. The first pom-pom thrown into the civic arena was a petition from five ratepayers asking that five new clauses be inserted in the by-law before its submission to the votes of the people on Thursday; the second was a notice of motion by Ald. Williams that five new clauses be inserted in the by-law, which clauses, by a singular coincidence, agreed with the prayer of the petition, word for word. The Craigflower Road By-Law was again up for discussion and was referred to the city solicitor for the insertion of a compensation clause, which will enable the city to expropriate such property as cannot be secured by arrangement with the owners.

His Worship Mayor Hayward, Ald. Kinsman, Williams, Cameron, Beckwith, Stewart, Yates, Cooley, Hall and Brydon formed the quorum.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were received and read:

From Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Courtney, deputy minister of finance, acknowledging receipt of council's representation, re mint. Filed.

P. R. Brown, manager Colonist Printing & Publishing Co., asking the city to purchase 5,000 copies of a special Vancouver Island number. Referred to finance committee for report.

Jas. Lee & Son, re opening Davis street, to Bridge street. Referred to city engineer.

R. L. McMicking, for permission to plant shade trees opposite his residence on Kingston street. Request granted, subject to approval of city engineer.

S. A. Spencer, for the continuation of a box drain on Johnson street. Referred to city engineer.

Horace J. Mott, drawing attention to a defective electric light on Harrison street. Referred to the engineer.

Thos. J. Hooper, complaining of the impassible state of Government street, opposite the Jim Fook Yuen block. Referred to engineer.

Henry T. Twift, general secretary of the Settlers' Association of B. C., requesting the co-operation of the council of Victoria in a movement to secure improved transportation facilities between the farming districts of the Fraser valley and the trade centres—Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster—and as a preliminary, to appoint delegates to represent the city at a convention to meet at some convenient place to be mutually decided upon. Referred to the railway committee.

REPORTS.

The city engineer presented the following:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Communication from James Bendroldt, re sewer connection to house No. 50 Quebec street—Upon examination of the system, I find it would be necessary to extend the sewer from the intersection of Menzies and Belleville streets westerly, thence southerly along Oswego street, a total distance of 1,120 feet, and as there are no more funds for sewerage extension, I do not think it possible to grant the request at present.

Re Kingston Street school—I may say this building is in the pumping area and therefore, cannot be properly dealt with until that system is carried out.

Communication from T. A. Le Page, re surface drainage on Moss street—I have examined the above locality, and instructed the street superintendent to make the necessary repairs to the culvert complained of together with a short section of box drain to be renewed, which, I trust, will be satisfactory.

C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

The report was considered, clause by clause, and adopted without amendment.

The finance committee recommended payment of accounts aggregating $4,278.63, and in a supplementary report on sundry other accounts, amounting to $1,548.75.

The tender of the Hinton Electric Light Company, $475, for a lighting plant for the North Dairy Farm pumping station, was accepted.

PETITIONS.

A long petition, of which the following is the prayer, was received from George Jeeves and others:

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that before submission of said by-law to said ratepayers there be inserted therein:

1. A clause providing that freight and passenger traffic passing over the said road between this city, as such practically terminus aforesaid, and points on the Great Northern lines shall be allowed the same terminal rates per ton and facilities at least as that extended to Seattle.

2. A clause providing that in any event such rates East by the said route shall be $1 per ton cheaper than the aggregate rates of transportation to the consignees or consignors by the present means of transportation.

3. A clause providing that the city, such practical terminus, as aforesaid, be treated as such by the line of steamers now in course of construction by the Great Northern Railway Company, pledged to ply between its Western terminus and the Orient, or at least one of such steamships.

4. A clause providing that local rates in accordance with a schedule from time to time to be agreed upon by a committee, half of whom shall be nominated by the municipal council, and in the event of a dispute arising, the same shall be referred to an independent arbitrator, to be agreed upon, who shall have expert knowledge pertaining to railroad matters.

5. A clause providing that running over the roadbed and tracks of the Victoria & Sidney railway may be secured by any railway company nominated by the corporation, and upon such arrangements being made as will not interfere with the handling of traffic by said promoters over their lines.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

GEORGE JEEVES,
WILLIAM ALLEN,
W. A. ROBERTSON,
R. HICKS,
WM. LORIMER.

On motion of Ald. Yates, seconded by Ald. Beckwith, the petition was referred to the railway committee, for report at next meeting.

A petition from J. Gerhard Clark and others, re improvements to Bellot