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PRIVATE BILL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session to amend the Act passed on April 6, 1889, to amend the Act to incorporate the Canadian Northern Railway Company.

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PRINCIPAL RELIEF

How the United States Assisted to Feed the Starving Millions of Russia.

A Generous Response to the Call for Aid-The Famine Now Over.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The Russian famine having now so nearly ended that the Imperial authorities report a continuance of active foreign effort unnecessary, the National committee have deemed it proper to make a general statement of what the people of the country have done in behalf of those who suffered. The famine itself, as the world knows now, was one of the most appalling in all history, embracing a population of some twenty millions, and aggravated by the ferocity of a winter almost unparalleled. It was, therefore, a challenge to the entire Christian world and in the face of limitations of the ability to help. Happily the New World had been blessed with abundant harvests and Russia's millions could properly turn to us in silent appeal for help.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Three Chinamen Lucky in Their Countryman's Woe—Fraser River Indians Prosper.

Itinerant Peddlers at Nanaimo—A Boy's Narrow Escape—Nanaimo Harbor Works.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—Mr. Bellamy has shipped boring machinery to Port Moody, and will commence boring for coal a mile from the railroad station this week.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 24.—The new Masonic hall will be dedicated by the Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. on Tuesday with elaborate ceremonies. Three hundred Masons are expected to be present.

By the bursting of the water pipe in Ogilvie, Campbell and Freeman's dry goods store during the night, \$1,000 worth of goods were ruined. Chief Pierre, of the Hops tribe, having no less than 40 acres under crop.

The three Chinese held for robbery of the Wanchuck sloop at River's Inlet have been allowed to return to their homes. Evidence against them is being gathered, and they are being held at Nanaimo. It is understood a *noche prosequi* will be entered the next session.

Frank Viner, Indian Agent, has been paying the Fraser River reserves an official visit during the past two weeks, and reports the natives to be comfortably fixed for the winter.

A few old Indians require trifling assistance, but a very small sum will meet their wants. On most of the reserves food crops were raised last year, and the butchers boys were nearly run off their legs delivering orders.

A heavy rain has been falling all day, interfering seriously with Christmas shopping.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—Some weeks ago a man named Osgood canvassed this city for subscribers to *Nanaimo Illustrated*. He did his work by getting a large number of subscribers, who paid partly in advance. He gathered in a considerable sum in the neighborhood of \$1,000. Since his departure nothing was heard of him, till a few days ago, when a resident of Nanaimo saw him in Tacoma. He gave a very unsatisfactory report of *Nanaimo Illustrated*.

Weather very mild; the sidewalks very sloppy. Christmas trees were given in the different schools and churches, and well laden with good things for the little folks. Arrived, steamship Wellington, from San Francisco.

Sailed, steamship Tokpa, for Alaska. Geo. Johnson, of North Vancouver, married to Mrs. Polly Green, in this city, last evening. Since Chief O'Connell has turned to looking after itinerant peddlers, he has been kept busy tracking them. This morning the chief spotted a party of four women, who were engaged in a house to house visit, offering soap and other articles. The baskets were taken from the fair peddlers until they paid up their licenses.

As the little son of Captain Gibson was getting off the noon train from Victoria to-day he slipped from a step of the car while it was still in motion, and fell upon the track. Fortunately the little fellow rolled out of danger, but he had a very narrow escape from being run over.

A band is being instituted in the Y. M. C. A. under the direction of Prof. Spears. The band is entirely new and novel, and will be one of the most fascinating bands ever known.

The Christmas set to be held in the Wallace Street Methodist Church on Monday evening promises to exceed in interest anything undertaken in the past. The entertainment will consist of songs and dialogues, with recitations, etc., by the scholars of the school.

Rev. J. W. Galloway, Methodist minister at Cape Mudge, arrived from the north yesterday, and from him it was learned that a klotman named Keewis had lost her life by being drowned while in a state of intoxication. A white male is said to have furnished the whiskey. Her two companions have been arrested.

Wm. Marks, for some time employed as salesman in Quessell's meat market, is in the Jubilee hospital, suffering from cancer of the stomach. His condition is considered critical.

A. R. Heyland has received a telegram from Mr. F. C. Gamble, Dominion Government engineer, instructing him to shut down all survey work on the harbor for the remainder of the year. The plant will be laid up for the winter.

IMPERIAL BAKING POWDER. PUREST, STRONGEST, BEST. Contains no Alum, Ammonia, Lime, Phosphates, or any Injurious.

E. W. GILLET, Toronto, Ont. CURE FITS!

THE DOMINION'S ESCAPE. The bark Dominion's Escape was hauled off the beach in Esquimaux harbor by the tug Constantine and Hope yesterday morning and removed to her former anchorage.

Try Victoria Lager. The steamship Walla Walla departed for San Francisco yesterday morning, taking with her the following cabin passengers from Victoria, who will spend Christmas at home: Dr. E. Hall and wife, Mrs. L. J. Lewis and daughter, Mrs. J. W. Galloway, Mrs. H. A. Leo, Miss B. Bennett, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. J. F. E. Hall, and Mrs. J. W. Galloway.

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