

A SUDDEN CALL.

The news of the sudden death of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries in the Laurier government, will be received with feelings of unfeigned sorrow in all sections of the Dominion.

The Premier will sorely miss the cheery presence and the mature counsels of his late colleague.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATES.

The Christmas festivities being over, the season is opportune for the aspiring municipal politician to apply his ear to the ground and listen.

Ald. Goodacre, a worthy citizen, has already decided that the things he hears do not beckon him towards the chair of the First Magistrate of Victoria.

The calls of business and of his legislative duties are two important in the ears of W. G. Cameron, M. P. P.

Ald. Hall has been listening keenly for many days, but the sounds that have reached his ears are exceedingly difficult to translate.

Ex-Mayor Hayward has been listening intently, his blood tingling with eagerness, lest perchance the voice should send forth an appeal that might escape his notice.

Mr. Morley, bold man with intrepid soul, disdains to apply his sensitive ear to the ground.

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The British Columbia Mining Exchange has issued a splendid Christmas number.

HAPLESS RUSSIA.

Conditions in Russia do not seem to be improving with great rapidity. The trouble with the Tartars is that they do not realize what fortune has in store for them.

It is determined that the experiences of the past shall not be repeated, and the only manner in which such experience can be avoided is by uprooting and overthrowing the institutions responsible for the wrongs suffered and the injustices inflicted.

The Times has been requested to give publicity to the following communication from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Phoenix, B. C., General Hospital.

Phoenix, B. C., Dec. 19, 1905. Wilson Brothers, Victoria, B. C.: Gentlemen—Phoenix is now prostrate with a typhoid epidemic.

The hospital being inadequate, the board built a cottage for the use of the nurses, and converted their rooms into private wards.

On behalf of the hospital board and citizens, I wish to thank you in advance for any help you can give us, and to assure you that it will be appreciated by the entire community.

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will thoroughly cover the situation." The fact that the official head of the administration had not had an opportunity for several weeks of communicating with the Master of the Administration, who is popularly supposed to be Hon. R. F. Green, may account for the confusion between the Vancouver announcement and the final deliverance to the organ of the government in this city.

British Columbia is not the only part of the world troubled by educational problems and school issues. One of the questions now occupying the attention of the educational authorities in Great Britain is that of the use of slates in the schools.

The devotees to field sports in British Columbia are soon to be given an opportunity to display in a practical way the depth of their interest in the improvement of the game supply of the province.

The McBride government has "abolished the bar" of the legislature. But the bar which has been abolished must not be confounded with the institution of which Hon. Chas. Wilson is a "burning and shining light."

Health Officers Attribute All the Trouble to an Unsanitary Milk Supply.

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immigrants. They should do very well indeed and increase and multiply if given a chance. If every sportsman made them a special object of his solicitude and care they would have a chance.

We hope, therefore, that the public-spirited secretary of the Fish and Game Club will be given all the encouragement he could desire, and that as a result of his efforts British Columbia will in course of time become even more widely known than she is at present as the paradise of sportsmen.

There is a small hatch with a scuttle on it, looks as if it might have come from a schooner and two companion ladders, fir, 5 and 8 feet long.

There appears also to be no question that part of the wreckage belonged to a second vessel that recently met disaster off the West Coast.

There is one historic instance of an offender being dragged to the bar of the House, on which occasion the prosecuting ministers presented a more or less ridiculous spectacle.

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MORE WRECKAGE FROM THE FAWN

LARGE QUANTITY OF FLOATSOM ON COAST

Parts of Newcastle Vessel With Several Letters of Name Missing Also Found.

A correspondent of the Times writes from the West Coast under date of the 22nd inst., giving additional details of the wreckage that has been coming ashore between Carmanah and Cloose. He says:

"There is a sealing boat on the beach seven miles east of Carmanah, painted the same as the one two miles west, brown inside and lead color outside.

"Five miles east of Carmanah is a schooner's mast with some wire rigging attached, also part of a life buoy with letters. PO --- IU. Three letters are apparently missing.

"On Bonilla point, there is part of a life belt with PO ---, the rest missing. The buoys are nearly new, and do not seem to have been in the water very long.

"There is a small hatch with a scuttle on it, looks as if it might have come from a schooner and two companion ladders, fir, 5 and 8 feet long.

"Two miles west" is a ten-gallon water keg, still lashed in its chocks. It has a star painted red and white screwed on one head.

"The ship's boat referred to in the Times some time ago, was a very large one, made of teak. I think it must have been a ship's long boat.

"There are a lot of empty cases, marked Wilson Bros. They probably contained bins of some sort, also a large oil barrel. A lot more wreckage is floating off the shore, and I may be able to identify some of it later on."

The schooner's wreckage mentioned in the above correspondence in all probability belonged to the Fawn. That vessel had a hatch with a scuttle on it, and the companion ladders of the side stated also compare with those on the lost vessel.

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DR. KENNEDY & KERGAN, 145 Shelby Street, Detroit, Mich.

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TREASURES STOLEN. Ancient House of Dante Entered by Robbers, Who Carried Off Relics.

Florence, Italy, Dec. 27.—Much excitement has been caused by the daring of thieves, who seem to have organized to steal the art treasures.

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