

Judge Macdougall in Toronto is drawing forth as sensational revelations as the Lexow committee in New York. In the American metropolis the corruption is found among the police force, from common officers up to the governing commissioners. In Toronto "the good," the scandal involves a number of aldermen, who profited through the letting of pavement contracts, the sale of street railway franchises, and the more recent electric lighting contract. Already the investigation has resulted in the arrest of ex-alderman Stewart, who was chairman of the light committee, and who resigned his seat at the council board when the exposure of his wrongdoing was first made. Mr. Hewitt, another alderman who resigned, is now a fugitive from justice along with Coleman, one of the corruption agents. The prosecuting counsel has also asked that Bailey and Gowanlock, now aldermen, and Hall, Verrall, Maloney and Small, ex-aldermen, be found guilty of receiving bribes. The Toronto people are naturally much concerned over the revelations. They do not know how much of their municipal business has been transacted on this "hoodle" plan, and no doubt they would be justified in suspecting a very large amount. Other cities have been stirred by similar suspicions arising from Toronto's experience. Many observers are inclined to entertain the sweeping conclusion that municipal government is utterly condemned by the revelations, and that corruption cannot be kept out. There would seem to be more reason to conclude that the system has not been properly tested. The people have persisted in selecting men for the aldermanic position who are not properly qualified. Other considerations than the character and ability of candidates have swayed their choice, and the result is such as Judge Macdougall's investigation has revealed.

THE YEAR'S RECORD.

In accordance with its usual custom the Times to-day presents a review of the city's commercial and industrial history for the year. There is unfortunately too little in the showing that we can congratulate ourselves upon, but we have to remember that the depression from which Victoria suffers is world-wide and that other cities and other countries have been more severely affected than our own. One feature in the statistics at least is encouraging, namely, the increase in the outflow of gold. There is a good prospect of gold production increasing still more in the coming year, and of greater activity in mining generally, a prospect that means enhanced prosperity for the people of the whole province. A lesson that British Columbians have learned in company with all other Canadians during the past year or two is that depression cannot be kept out by any tariff wall. Restriction, indeed, has had an effect directly opposed to that predicted for it, and has hampered industries whose natural and unimpeded development would have done much for this province and for the whole country. We see no reason for serious depression and discouragement in the outlook ahead. Given anything like a fair chance and both Victoria and British Columbia must renew the progress which has suffered a temporary check.

THE MENTALLY AFFLICTED.

A book on mental diseases written by Dr. Clark, superintendent of the Toronto asylum, should provide advantageous instruction for those who have to do with the treatment of the insane in this province. The picture of the New Westminister institution's condition drawn by the investigating commissioners vividly impressed the public mind, and the many who still remember it will appreciate the contrast which the following passage from Dr. Clark's book suggests: "The comparative quietness in our large hospitals for the insane is mostly due to little or no restraint, to personal kindness and the absence of brutalizing and degrading methods in their treatment. Madness under aggravation was not always a necessary product of the malady, but was a result of unnecessary restraint and mismanagement. Chief officers of asylums have brought to them ever and anon patients who are violent and bisterous because they are in irons or tied with ropes and straps by friends and relations, based upon the mistaken idea that to be insane necessarily means to be dangerous. At the asylum door these are removed, and, as a rule, the result is comparative mildness, quietness and tractability." The methods pursued at New Westminister seem to have departed about as far as was possible from those which the eminent Toronto alienist described as the correct one to be observed. Ameliorating and soothing treatment, as far removed from restraint and punishment as can be conceived, is everywhere insisted upon. As the Times has pointed out, we cannot hope to see all the modern reforms ad-

opted in the provincial institution, for that would involve the abandonment of the present block building and the substitution of the cottage system, but there is no reason why the treatment which Dr. Clark describes as beneficial should not be followed at once.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A cable dispatch says that the office of the Manitoba government in London has been closed permanently. No doubt Mr. Greenway, the Manitoba premier, discovered that the expense of maintaining a London branch was altogether out of proportion to the benefits accruing therefrom, and, like a sensible man, he put up the shutters and recalled his emissary. With such an example before him, Mr. Davie will probably feel that to appoint Mr. Vernon as "agent-general" of B. C., at an expense of \$9000 per annum to the taxpayers of the province, would be a mistake. If Manitoba, with her immigration policy, does not need a permanent office in London, what possible excuse can be offered for British Columbia indulging in the expensive luxury?

The rumor that Mr. Chapleau will retire from the lieutenant-governorship of Quebec and rejoin the Dominion government arises most naturally from the weak appearance of the Quebec side of the cabinet. It must be remembered, however, that Mr. Chapleau is shrewd; he is not likely to give up the comfortable office he now holds to go back into a ministry which appears doomed to defeat. Besides his health is precarious and would hardly bear the strain of a hard election campaign.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Dec. 28.—The annual Masonic ball took place in the opera house last evening, with greater effect than has ever previously been displayed. This ball is always the principal event of the season. Philo's orchestra, of Vancouver, supplied the music, and everything passed off successfully. In accordance with the ever increasing population, the attendance was unusually large. Negotiations are now on between the New Vancouver coal company and the builders of the whalbeck City of Everett for the chartering of that vessel to ply between Nanaimo and San Francisco with coal.

The firm of William Patterson & Son, butchers, have assigned to R. Brown for the benefit of their creditors. Nanaimo, Dec. 29.—Another petition is being circulated through the city for signatures in favor of the registration of the re-survey bill now before the legislature. It will be remembered when the matter of raising funds for the purpose of re-surveying the city was submitted to the ratepayers it was defeated. But the then mayor (A. Haslam) was distressed that the work should be done, so the current revenue was used for that purpose and the re-survey made. Next it was necessary to get a special act of parliament passed to register the map, with the result that a petition has been lodged against it. What success the present petition will meet with remains to be seen.

David Anthony, a miner employed at the Union colliery had his two legs broken while following his occupation on Monday last. It is stated among the legal profession that Mr. E. V. Bodwell, of Victoria, will represent the government at the next sitting of the commission to be held in this city on Mr. J. P. Planta's case.

Nanaimo, Dec. 31.—The citizens' committee met again on Saturday evening, when arrangements were completed for the work of the campaign. It is understood that the temperance lodges will open the campaign on Sunday, Jan. 13th, when municipal politics will be introduced at a meeting to be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The speakers will be selected from the different divisions. The citizens intend holding their first meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 14th, which is the day of nomination.

An important meeting of Branch No. 1, M. & M. L. P. A., took place on Saturday. The committee reported that they had been unable to get the reduction restored. Another committee was appointed to endeavor to get the reduction restored to those receiving less than \$2.50 per day. Another meeting is to be held to-morrow afternoon, when a contract will be submitted to bind employer and employe, as the old contract has expired.

Fong Sung, one of the leading Chinese residents of Chinatown, was buried with great honors this afternoon. The deceased was a leading official in Chinese Masonic circles, and in consequence the obsequies were very grand.

Mr. E. C. Stearman will assume the management of the Crescent pharmacy, and will probably purchase Mr. H. Proctor's interest. The latter leaves next Wednesday for the east. At noon on Saturday Arthur J. Randle, fourth son of Mr. Joseph Randle, and Miss Mabel Bryant, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, both of this city, were married at St. Alban's church by the Rector, Rev. G. W. Taylor. The bride had as bridesmaids Miss Mamie Robinson, Miss Olive Randle and Miss Rose Hilbert. Oliver Randle, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. Mr. Thomas Bryant, the bride's uncle, gave her away. After the ceremony and wedding luncheon, which was served at Mr. T. Bryant's residence, the newly married couple left for Victoria, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride was, until the close of the term, teacher of the Harewood public school, in which capacity she proved thoroughly efficient and made many friends. Mr. Arthur Randle is in the employ of the firm of W. Van Houten & Co., and is a general favorite.

CUSTOMS RETURNS.

Victoria Like Other Parts of the Dominion Feels the Depression.

A Good Showing Nevertheless Made in Receipts of the Custom House.

Victoria, like every other city in the Dominion, shows a decided falling off in her customs returns for the year just closing. The causes for this are put down to the "general depression" words that have come in so handy to politicians in power when expressing their financial position. Last year, 1894, the imports dutiable amounted to \$2,196,424 and free \$785,313; exports, products of Canada, \$3,317,022, and not the produce of Canada \$257,978; the duty collected was \$748,835.82 and other revenues \$79,552.65; the inland revenue collections amounted to \$156,005.91. The returns for 1894 follow:

INLAND REVENUE. Table with 2 columns: Month, Amount.

IMPORTS. Table with 3 columns: Month, Dutiable, Free.

EXPORTS. Table with 3 columns: Month, Produce of Canada, Not Produce of Canada.

COLLECTIONS. Table with 3 columns: Month, Duty, Other.

The Chinese immigration revenue for the year amounted to \$41,630 and the sick mariners' fund \$2204.88.

POLICE RETURNS.

Cases Dealt With in the City Police Court During the Year. The annual report of the police department will shortly be made up. The report will approximately give the following details: Drunks during the year, 406; assaults, 55; larceny, 53; infraction of city by-laws, 139; lodging, 63; gambling, 15; infraction of public morals, 30; suicides or attempts at suicide, 8; obtaining under false pretences, 9; possession of stolen property, 57; injury to property, 9; carrying concealed weapons, 10; cruelty to animals, 2; possession of an intoxicant, 31; supplying an intoxicant, 51; vagrancy, 62; insane, 28; cutting and wounding, 2; assaulting the police, 4; fighting, 15; embezzlement, 3; cruelty to animals, 1.

GENERAL BOOTH'S VISIT.

Leader of the Salvation Army to be Here Next Week. Commandant H. H. Booth, son of General Booth, will arrive from the east on Tuesday evening to meet his father who is due here from the Sound on Wednesday. He will accompany the general on his tour through Canada. This commandant will hold a New Year's jubilee meeting at the barracks on Tuesday evening.

There are but a few seats left for the meeting at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday evening when Gen. Booth will explain his "Darkest England Scheme." All the district officers, including those from Nanaimo and the Mainland have been ordered to Victoria for the general's meetings. It is probable that at one of them mention will be made of the scheme to start a "food and shelter" in Victoria.

The regular meetings to-morrow will be held by Adjutant and Mrs. Archibald.

London, Dec. 29.—A Tokio dispatch says that with a view of maintaining discipline and pacifying the district of Liao Tung, the Japanese have established civil administration at Kinchow.

Salt rheum with its intense itching, dry, hot skin, is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, because it purifies the blood.

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THE CENTRAL PACIFIC. Representative of English Shareholders Inspecting the Property. San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, representative of the English shareholders of the Central Pacific Railway company, commencing to-day, will devote several days to the inspection of the company's property in California, and will then leave for the east to consult with C. P. Huntington and advise with members of the congressional committee on Pacific railroads.

THOMPSON MEMORIAL SERVICE. Solemn Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday. On Thursday, the day set for the burial of Sir John Thompson, there will be a solemn pontifical mass celebrated at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral for the repose of the soul of the dead premier. The service will begin at 10.30 o'clock, and His Lordship Bishop Lemmens, assisted by several of the clergy of the diocese, will officiate. The Cathedral will be draped in mourning colors and there will be special music. It has not yet been determined whether there will be an oration or eulogy delivered or not. The services are being held at the suggestion of Premier Davie, and will very likely be attended by a number of officials and officers of the Queen's service.

GLADSTONE'S BIRTHDAY. The Grand Old Man the Recipient of Many Congratulations. London, Dec. 29.—Gladstone celebrated his 85th birthday to-day and was the recipient of hundreds of letters and telegrams of congratulations and birthday gifts. He is in remarkably good health and spirits and despite the stormy weather drove through the village of Hawarden to church where he met a deputation of Armenian Christians from Paris and London who presented a silver chalice to the church. The chalice was presented to Rev. Stephen Gladstone, son of the ex-premier, and rector of Hawarden church, in recognition of the interest his father has taken in the Armenian outrages. In reply to the presentation the ex-premier expressed sympathy with the suffering of the Armenian Christians. The deputation took luncheon with Gladstone at Hawarden Castle.

GLADSTONE'S BIRTHDAY. (Continued) Gladstone said, replying to the Armenians: "Every nation, every human being, has authority in behalf of humanity and justice. If the allegation made should prove to be true it was time the sultan was made sensible of the madness of such a course as is being pursued."

CROPS DESTROYED. Losses from the Cold Aggregate Millions in Florida. Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 31.—Three million dollars will hardly cover the losses in Florida from the cold of the past 72 hours. The mercury dropped to 23 degrees above zero last night and the cold completed its work of destruction. Pine apple and orange plantations are ruined, as well as the winter vegetable crops. Next year's orange crop will be shortened by one million boxes, which means an additional loss of \$1,500,000 by the growers and the transportation companies. The direct and incidental losses by this cold spell will aggregate \$5,000,000 in the next two years. Last night at 8 o'clock the mercury was at 41 degrees.

ROYAL CITY RETURNS. The Year's Business in the City on the Frasier—The Salmon Pack. New Westminister, Dec. 31.—The year 1894 has not been the most prosperous in the history of New Westminister, but on the whole it has not been so bad as many expected. For the coming year better things are expected and indications are that business all around is on the mend. During 1894, eighteen fires occurred, entailing a loss of \$60,510. There were 193 births, 178 deaths, and 85 marriages. The number of enrolled pupils at the public schools is 964, a slight increase over the former year. The postoffice revenue was \$906,937, and 4740 postal orders were issued. There was a large increase in the shipping over the previous year. Coastwise, 625 vessels of 208,540 tons arrived and 614 of 201,480 tons departed. Foreign, 23 vessels of 9160 tons arrived, and 21 of 8740 tons departed. Ten new vessels were added to the registry of this port during the year. The customs returns show imports \$531,703, duty collected, \$127,145.32; exports, \$1,849,689. The balance of trade in New Westminister's favor is over a million dollars.

The salmon pack in the Fraser river was 362,870, valued at \$2,362,714; northern pack, 135,235 cases, total British Columbia pack, 498,105.

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PORTRAITS. An Interesting Graphs Own Pioneer Men Who Found Wealth - R. Golden.

Up in the Pioneer where the grizzled and this commonwealths and reunions, topographs and relics new thirty and will interest anyone Bob Kidley, a pioneer 58'er in British of the hall and old guard he did of the hall are near topographs of pioneer unquestionably the kind extant. An hour there to-ders and as they I picture they were kindly face of Sir great crown color the eye. "Inar the pioneers by one of the best of one of the pioneer the photograph of who did not long High up on the craton of Captain pioneer steamboat side is a picture John Irving, and John Dickson, pioneer California and B. Dickson was at of S. L. Kelly, and estate. Close to Captain Spring, with a west coast trading station, both of several years. All United States cons late lieutenant-g Humphries, the s are a great trio neral franchise. T years deputy prov whose father was ish army, H. O. T ed the old govern Fell, ex-mayor and kept the old Pacific also there. Bisho Catholic Bishop I member him, arr robes. There is a the late Roderick I top of a mineral Ben Griffin smiles picture. He was "Rare old Ben," f story-teller who e Columbia. He ke and it is something poor old Ben told is a card that B at. It bears the Barker, who died Bob, Billy and U were shipwrecked on Columbia in 1858 ing fortunes of n was a warm bod tained. Barkervi Billy, who, in sig made a rich strike burn and hares o puts it. His cof is an oil painting e ex-mayor and ex- He was one of th country. Once a sident times a whi tained one Christi his weight. S weighed 250, othe He really weighed in a buter siffards, and his his weight came on eral consent jeth- stuck. The boy tion at "Scott's," Westminister in the photograph of Chur of the Albion Iron the brewer, Coot- minion Savings ba er, Charles Norton nizan for years, tash, an old time provincial secretar tures of John K time the very life the scenes at poo the burias service merchant, B. F. to reside in Port Will McNiffe, of t Clarke, late harb this year. T. M. In for the St. Andr Granada are a m men who no longer reunions of the s photograph of the on the wall. No the old days thu sies those names pictures of the me keeping alive the One of the most illuminated address board of aldermen Lewis when his in 1872. About dress are the pictu Leigh, city clerk, Gowen, J. G. Tay R. Mitchell, Jame E. McMillan, a Mr. Gowen and M away. All were citizens. Mr. Tay to the Protestant McMillan is the p other survivors all nity. There is a photo Beaver when in she was modern. tograph of her w