The RECEIVE COLUMN AND ADDRESS over, for all that had to be done was to block her well up and there was ample room for her. If she had been a larger without any loss of dignity or of real power on the part of the Imperial Governs ohigh that even without extra blocking her deck would have been wide enough to give all the room she lian colonies require. Sir Henry Blake nevertheless true, that if the Olympian of disagreement between Queensland and had been a much larger vessel she could the Mother Country, resigned. This was have been more easily accommodated, the proper thing for him to do. If he held Large side-wheel steamers are now never on to the office, and had the Government built, except for river navigation. But sent him out to Queensland the relations by taking off a section of one of the between the Colonial Office and the colony wheels the largest of them can be made would have been greatly strained, and in easily to enter the Esquimalt graving all probability Sir Henry would not have dock. Screw steamers, such as the found Quensland a very pleasant place of Islander, even if their capacity is very residence. It is well, therefore, all things much greater, have no difficulty in being docked at Esquimalt. We may say in did. Hereafter the Home Government docked at Esquimalt. We may say, in did. Hereafter the Home Government admirers, who cheered him enthusiastipassing, that the Esquimalt graving dock will, we think, take some pains to find is quite large enough to accommodate any out whether the gentleman whom they ship on the Pacific, and when the time propose to appoint as governor of any comes when the largest steamships are particular colony is acceptable to its incomes when the largest steamships are put on Pacific routes the dock can be made to suit them with comparativaly that the matter was not, from a Queensmade to suit them with comparatively that the matter was not, from a Queenslittle expense or loss of time. The ground lander's point of view, worth making such out of which the dock is excavated is so a fuss about. Under responsible governprepared that fifty, or even one hundred ment it matters very little what a governfeet, can be added to its length with little or's private opinions are on political subexpense, and but the slightest disturbance jects. His ministers save him the trouble forming the policy of the administration of its ordinary operation. Considering what had to be done to the Olympian, she and of directing the public affrirs. was made fit for sea in a wonderfully it is important that he should be short space of time. Her bottom was very foul indeed. There were scraped from it as many as thirteen tons of bar-

nacles and mussels. Some of the mus sels had grown quite large. The work fluence, but as a statesman he must allow could not have been done so speedily if others to do the thinking for him. Whethe dock did not afford the workmen ther Sir Henry Blake or Sir Henry Norfacilities for continuing their labor day and man was appointed Governor would, as guided by the Mohammedan law only in the government of the colony was connight. The dock is well lighted. There the government of the colony was conare twenty-eight electric lights ranged cerned, be a matter of perfect indifference to the inhabitants of the colony. A very along each side of it, and attached to each

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boon to all who navigate these waters and it would be a public misfortune if it were

underestimated by those whom it is cap-able of benefiting.

We cannot close this article without calling public attention to the efficiency of dock-master, Captain Devereux. He is

The Freedom of the City. LONDON, Dec. 19. -John Dillon, thanking the authorities of the city Waterford to-day for conferring the fre dom of the city upon him, said he valued the honor more highly than the address nembers in the commons.

Gladstone Starts for Italy. London, Dec. 19.—Mr. Gladstone start d for Italy this morning. His arrival at Dover was greeted by thousands of his

Tax on Foreign Goods. LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Mancheste that all foreign goods similar to those produced in England should pay the same portion of imperial and local taxation which they would have paid had they been manufactured by Great Britain.

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A Cruel Despot.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 19.—By the sultan's order, four natives charged with murder, have been decapitated in a horrible and bloody manner in the streets, and their mutilated bodies exposed. The sultan has ordered that twenty-four life prisoners, one of whom is a woman, be similarly executed during the next week. They will not be killed at once, but a few each a pleasant-mannered gentleman who can perform his social duties gracefully and bloody manner in the streets, and their mutilated bodies exposed. The sultan has ordered that twenty-four life prisonacceptably. As the head of society he ers, one of whom is a woman, be similarly acceptably. As the head of society he ers, one of whom is a woman, and his wife may have a good deal of inand his wife may have a good deal of inwill not be killed at once, but a few each will be given in February. day. The English consul has protested against the proceedings of the sultan, but his efforts were without avail. The suladministering justice.

Hugh Sutherland Sanguine of the Completion of the H. B. Railway. jor Mayne in Trouble with the Militia Auth orities-Forbes, the Artist, Painting a Por

trait of Sir John-Tons of Turkeys for the as Trade—Judgment in the Miner Case in February. (From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 19.—Hugh Suther

land, who is here pushing matters in con-nection with the Hudson Bay railway says he is sanguine the road will yet l mpleted.
Major Mayne, professor of the military and inedaquate. General Middleton says the rules and discipline forbid the use of nguage of that kind. Policy requires

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ner which cannot but inflict much suffer-ing on every bird thus treated. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have this matter under co tion now, and should any case of such in human practice be brought to their notice this season, will doubtless prosecute the

Obituary. The death of Sir William Pearce, the eminent shipbuilder, is announced. The Parthia, Abyssinia and Batavia, now running between Vancouver and China, were owned by the deceased gentleman, having been built by him originally for the Cunard Company and taken back afterwards in part payment for some of the more recent vessels built by him for that company. Sir William Pearce was one of the baronets created by Her Majesty last year in commemoration of her jubilee.

Messrs VanVolkenburg & Co. received by the mainland boat yesterday afternoon, the baronets created by Her Majesty last year in commemoration of her jubilee.

Messrs VanVolkenburg & Co. received by the mainland boat yesterday afternoon, the Christmas prizes were presented to be a decided tendency among the ladies to take the prizes, whenever an opportunity was afforded of competing with the christmas prizes were presented to be a decided tendency among the ladies to take the prizes, whenever an opportunity was afforded of competing with the christmas prizes were presented to be a decided tendency among the ladies to take the prizes, whenever an opportunity was afforded of competing with the christmas prizes were presented to be a decided tendency among the ladies to take the prizes, whenever an opportunity was afforded of competing with the christmas prizes were presented to be a decided tendency among the ladies to take the prizes, whenever an opportunity was afforded of competing with the christmas prizes were presented to be a decided tendency among the ladies to take the prizes.

The prizes. He was a conservative in politics, and at the time of his death represented the Indian was fined \$50, or imprisonment Govan division in the House of Comfor three months, for being in possession

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The fire limits bylaw is a good one and should not be deviated from. All should hot be deviated from. All should be treated alike. In Mr. Prior's case, however, the graceful thing for the council to do would be to remit the amount of the fine, as it was by their permission he through the medium of your paper, as to the working of the by-law respecting the erection of wooden buildings within the fire limits of this city, and for the infraction in the fire limits of this city, and for the infraction of wooden buildings within the fire limits.

The thanks of this office go forth to Mr. H. L. Salmon for a box of choice Havannas laid on our table yesterday, and which will be smoked with due ceremony and kind remembrances of the donor. The case of Regina versus Cooper, for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, came up for trial at Westminster on Tuesday, before Judge McCreight. The case lasted all day and at the conclusion his lordship reserved judgment.

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trians, and through the indecent language and actions of some all the hackmen are brought into disrepute. For the protec-tion of the hack drivers themselves the aw should be strictly enforced.

TOWN TOPICS TERSELY TOLD. oeal and General Happenings Gathered up

The Cedar Hill school examination takes place on Friday morning, commencing at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Jas. Hutcheson has in his garden on Church Hill strawberry vines in flower, some of the fruit fully ripe and partly

beef.
In the provincial court yesterday an

The case lasted all day and at the conclusion his lordship reserved judgment.
Mr. Spalding acted as Crown prosecutor and Mr. Jenns appeared for the prisoner.
The Comus club gave their second assembly of the season last evening in Harmony Hall. About fifty couples were in attendance and made the hours for marrily away a deligate lunch heing

It is stated that poulterers and others who deal in turkeys, geese, etc., during the Christmas season, have been in the habit of cramming the birds with foed for some weeks prior to killing, in order to give the fowl a plump appearance. The feed its forced down to the feed its feed down to the feed down to the feed its feed down to the f ion, M. Burkholder; song, 'Christmas all the year round;' recitation, Miss Watson; Dialogue, First Division, 'Death of the OldYear;' Second Division Reading, H.McIntosh; school song, Hearts and Homes."

Rev. P. McF. Macleod, in a short address The recitations were all given clearly and well, and more than one of the little ladies gives promise of becoming brilliant elocutionists. The songs were given heartly and cheerfully and with the true ring of happy youth. Music is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the most important branches of school education, and it evidently is no way predected in is now being enjoyed here with the cold at Toronto a year ago, when he had the pleasure of attending the closing exercises at one of the city schools, and the ther mometer dropped below zero. Here we have warm bright sunshine, not like the eastern cold, or yet the perpetual rain of Vancouver. One serious fact in connec-tion with the examinations this year had and it evidently is in no way neglected in the public schools of Victoria.

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panied each gift with a few words of congratulation and kindly advice. The following are the successful prize winners:—

First Division—Head of girl's school, Miss Hattie M. McIntosh, silver medal. Canadian History, competition between girls and boys school, Miss Hattie M. McIntosh, English History, Miss Agnes Blackbourne. English Grammar, Miss Elizabeth Banfield Geography, Miss Agnes Blackbourne. English Grammar, Miss Elizabeth Banfield Geography, Miss Agnes Heisterman. Mental Arithmetic, Miss Miriam Frank. General Proficency, Florence Shotbolt.

Third Division—Special prize for head of the class, presented by Mr. Henry Short, and awarded to Annie Dunkerley. First prize for deportment, silver medal, presented by Miss Cameron, and awarded to Alice Mand Creech. Special prizes for regular attendance, presented by Miss Cameron and awarded to Mary Catheart, Mary May Creech, Annie Clarissa of these pupils who have been present every day of the present et by Mr. Helpt Division—Laura McGregor head, presented by Mr. Helpt Brown, Writing, Maude Underhill, Deona Roberts. Spelling and deportment, Frances Brown, Nelly Squires, presented by Mr. Short.

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Nelly Squires, presented by Mr. Short.

The very pleasant duty of awarding the prizes having been performed, Mr. Wilson, inspector of schools, briefly expressed his regret that Mr. Pope could not be present in person, owing to sickness in his family, and announced the result of the recent examinations. The following are the public would like to see was a university established in this city, on modern lines, at which ladies and gentlemen would be received on equal terms. He thought that there was a prospect of soon seeing some-thing done in the matter, and looked for-ward to the time when Victoria would be

trying to rub off the lower names with her back hair, and her kind action, although

it might make her temporarily gray headed before her time, would alway

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the centre of a magnificent educational system, possessing a college as satisfactory in every way as our public schools.

Col. Wolfenden, school board secretary, and trustee Heisterman, briefly addressed the school and visitors, expressing pleasre at the satisfactory work done the term, and wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Short addresses by Rev. Messrs. McRae
and Parker completed this very important part of the closing exercises and scholars, teachers and friends departed wishing each other a happy holiday season.

> CITY POLICE COURT. (Before Hon. A. N. Richards.)

E. G. Prior, M.P., was charged with an infraction of the building by-law, he having made some alterations to a wooden situated on Johnson street. Sergt. Walker said the alterations con in the putting of new windows and sashes into a wooden frame building owned by Mr. Prior.

Mr. Prior said that he had let the building to Mr. Hodge, and had expressed his willingness to take the responsibility of putting in the windows. Mr. Hodge required the windows, being a blacksmith; required the windows, being a blacksmith had written to the council about the mat ter, and obtained permission to put in

had no power to grant such permission,

ander protest.

An Indian woman was fined \$5 for being drunk and incapable.

Chas. Allen, charged with being drunk, was sent to prison fer one week.

MARINE.

Ship Jabez Howe sailed from San Francisco for Nanaimo yesterday.

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FRIDAY, DEC From THE DAI LOCAL AND ed the Pr f Washington Terr he late Chas. Ellis atch from Washi

Vancouve At the regular more couver-Quadra Lodg M., held on Wedne owing officers we lowing officers wer Miller, W. M.; P. Phillips, J. W.; A. I elected); Mr. Becker W. Trickey, Tyler,

December 27th. Christ The Queen's Mar scene of plenty, and artistically decorated hundreds of people ways makes a fine occasion has excelled sion has exc The meats are all o on, and the epicu isfy himself in Market would be look at the display

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