A BOLD POLITICAL JOB

Eastern Press So Styles Semlin-Martin Process for Creating a Majority.

Mr. Deane's Action Shows Lack of Respect for Decencies of Political Life.

Czarism of Attorney-General Martin Calculated to Inflame Political Passions.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—The Eastern newspapers, as the facts become known, are commenting upon the unconstitutional action of the British Columbia government in rushing through the legislature a bill to seat two supporters on the eve of a judicial decision as to whether they or the opposing candidates were entitled to the seats. The Montreal Gazette characterizes the government's course as a bold political job, and Mr. Deane's conduct in voting on the bill as a most indecent violation of the British constitutional practice, without British respect for what is decent in public life.

The Ottawa Citizen says Joe Martin is a czar, and that the action of the legislature is calculated to inflame political passions.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISH.

Americans Won't Be Allowed to Have Them If the Government Pay a Bounty.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 11.—The attitude of Newfoundland respecting the settlement of the fisheries question is this: If the United States congress passes a bill giving American fishing and mercantile vessels a bounty, it will be useless for Newfoundland to agree to give the Americans free bait in Newfoundland waters in return for the free entry of Newfoundland fish in American markets, because the proposed bounty would place American fishermen in the same superior position regarding the fisheries as they are in now.

The Canadian and Newfoundland representatives will probably rearrange a basis for joint action on meeting again at Washington.

QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.

Educational Reform Promised in the Speech—Pride in the Commissioner's Visit.

Quebec, Jan. 12.—(Special)—The provincial legislature opened to-day. The speech from the throne of Lieutenant-Governor Jette promised a measure relating to public instruction. Without in any way affecting the principles which form the basis of the school system, this legislation it is promised will materially contribute to the diffusion and improvement of primary education.

A touching allusion was made to the death of Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau, and there was reference also to the death of Cardinal Taschereau. Graceful reference was made to the sessions in Quebec of the international commission, whose presence was a source of satisfaction and even of pride to the inhabitants of this city, and at the same time a tribute paid to the oldest province in the confederation.

MURDERED BY AN OFFICIAL.

Fate of a Luckless German Civilian Who Resisted Uniformed Bullies.

London, Jan. 11.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says: "In a duel at Metz on Monday Lieutenant Schlickmann of the Bavarian infantry shot and killed Herr Tillman, a civilian.

Tillman, who was shoved off the sidewalk by some officers last May, struck one with a stick and boasted of it in the restaurants. The court of honor decided that as he was a member of a wealthy family he could give satisfaction and selected Lieutenant Schlickmann to represent the regiment. The father of Tillman vainly appealed to the police to stop the duel.

In accordance with the Emperor's decree, duels are only allowed in exceptional cases, and by the assent of the court of honor.

SLAVONIC PATRONYMICS.

The patronymics of the Slavonic races in -eff -evich, -ovich, -in, -ich) are too well known to need comment, but it is worth noting, as a curiosity, that the Little Russian or Ruthenian, has an ending of its own, -enko, as in the surnames Nikitenko, Yefimenko, son of Nocetas, son of Euthymus. Of the other nationalities under the dominion of Russia, the Georgian has two terminations, -shvili and -dze, both meaning son.

"When the names become "Russified," says Thielmann, "the termination -chvili is generally changed into -eff or -off. An exception is found to this rule in the case of the Bagratidze, the most distinguished family in the land, which calls itself Begration." An instance of the change above referred to is the name of Ratieff, in Georgian Rathieshvili; while as to Begration, I do not know its origin, but it reminds one of the Armenian patronymics with their monotonous ending -ian, examples of which are common among the Armenian residents in London, Hagopian, (Jacobson), Krikorian, (son of Gregory), Findjandijan (son of the coffee-cup maker).—Notes and Queries.

THE FIGHTING MAORIS.

Some three hundred Maoris were shut up in intrenchments at a place called Orakaw. Without food, except a few raw potatoes, without water, pounded at by artillery, and under a hail of rifle bullets and hand grenades; unsuccessfully assaulted no less than five times—they held out for three days, completely surrounded. General Cameron humanely sent a flag of truce, inviting them to surrender honorably. To this they made the ever-famous reply: "Enough! We fight right on, forever!" Then the General offered to let the women come out, and the answer was: "The women will fight as we!" At length, on the afternoon of the third day, the garrison in a body charged at quick march right through the English lines, fairly jumping over the heads of the men of the Fortieth regiment as they lay behind a bank. Half of them fell; the remainder got clear away. The earthworks and the victory remained with us, but the glory was theirs.—"The Long White Cloud," W. P.

MR. KELLIE'S MISTAKE.

Even His Friends at Revelstoke Denounce the Gold Commissioner Deal.

Revelstoke, Jan. 12.—(Special)—At a meeting called by Mr. Kellie's supporters last night a motion was put supporting his position on incorporations.

Out of three hundred present only thirty-five voted in favor of Mr. Kellie's appointment of Coursier as gold commissioner, which is very unpopular, even with Mr. Kellie's friends.

A CORRESPONDENT'S VIEWS.

London Newspaper Man Thinks Victoria An Advantageous Outfitting Point.

Capt. R. A. Cadell, the London newspaper correspondent, who last year made the overland trip from Edmonton to Dawson, and who has done much towards advertising this province in England, is again in Victoria. He is waiting at the Dominion until his partner joins him, when he will proceed North, which will probably be on Monday. Capt. Cadell is the owner of several claims in the North, and he has just returned from London, where he has placed his interests on the market. His opinion of the investing public of the Old Country is that it will be slow to act in connection with the development of the Northern country. Capitalists feel that the gold bearing regions should first be opened up and facilities provided for getting into them. When this is done and the richness of the country is proven beyond question then the capitalists will take hold and commence development work in earnest. Capt. Cadell says what he will advocate strongly in all his correspondence is that all Englishmen going North should take no heed to what their outfit should consist of until they reach Victoria. He says the merchants of this city are more in touch with the needs of the Northern prospector than any he knows. He has arrived at this conclusion from personal observations in Montreal, Toronto and in all leading points en route.

PEG-LEG BROWN.

To Be Tried Next Spring for the Murder of London Policeman.

London, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Peg-leg Brown will not be tried for the murder of Policeman Twohey until the spring assizes. A motion for postponement of his trial was heard to-day, and after several hours' argument Justice Meredith decided that the case should go over till next spring.

ELECTIONS ELSEWHERE.

Choice of Municipal Rulers in Vancouver and in Kootenay Towns—Some Close Contests.

Vancouver, Jan. 12.—The elections today resulted in the return of the following aldermen, Mayor Garden having been chosen for a second term by acclamation:

Ward 1—Robert Grant and Hugh B. Gilmour.

Ward 2—Robt. Skinner and J. McQueen.

Ward 3—Dr. McGuigan and Captain McFadden.

Ward 4—J. Foreman and W. Brown.

Ward 5—W. H. Wood and J. Bruce.

The element opposed to saloon licenses and variety theatres did not succeed in electing their men. One notable feature of the contest is the defeat of Ald. Townley.

The voting for license commissioners resulted in the return of Messrs. Longfield and McAllister.

Rossland, Jan. 12.—The city election to-day resulted in victory for A. S. Goodeve for mayor. His majority was 103. All the candidates for the council favored by Mr. Goodever were also elected. They were: C. O. Lalonde and John Hooson, First ward; Ross Thompson and J. Ferguson McCrae, Second ward; and Albert Barrett and John Edgren, Third ward.

H. H. Wallace, the present mayor, was a candidate for re-election, and was supported by the labor unions. The labor vote, however, was evidently divided, for Mr. Wallace did not carry a single ward.

Nelson, Jan. 12.—The municipal elections held here to-day resulted in the election of Neelands as mayor by a majority of six over Houston. For aldermen G. F. Beer, H. B. Thompson and Chas. Hillier were elected in the East ward, and Frank Fletcher, A. L. McKillop and J. A. Kirkpatrick in the West ward.

Kaslo, Jan. 12.—The civic elections today resulted in the defeat of Mayor McAnn by Dr. Hartin, by two votes. The aldermen elected were Campbell, Kane, Moore, Papworth, Fawcett and Twiss, sr.

Sandon, Jan. 12.—The following council was elected by acclamation on Monday: H. H. Pitts, mayor; E. R. Atherton, Alex. Crawford, Chas. D. Huner, R. Macdonald, John Buckley and Eric Thompson, aldermen.

FULL COURT.

Several Appeals Disposed of at Yesterday's Sitting.

The Full court yesterday allowed a new trial in McGillivray v. Heinman, provided the costs of the trial below and of the appeal be paid within three months. Mr. L. P. Duff for defendant (appellant), Mr. W. H. Langley for plaintiff (respondent).

There were two appeals heard in E. & N. railway v. New Vancoucer Coal Co. Mr. E. V. Bodwell and A. P. Luxton for the E. & N., Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C., and Mr. Gordon Hunter for the New Vancouver Coal Co. The first appeal was by plaintiff against an order of Mr. Justice Irving striking out only one section of defendant's statement of claim, when plaintiff asked to have two struck out. Judgment was reserved in this. The court allowed defendant's appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Martin ordering defendants to give further particulars on one section of the statement of defence.

The appeal by Messrs. Trethewey, King and O'Brien, of Kaslo, from the decision of Mr. Justice Drake ordering their names to be placed on the list of contributories of the Ibex Mining & Development Company of Slocan in the winding-up of the company was allowed with costs without prejudice to any proceedings which the liquidator might be advised to take. Mr. Robert Cassidy and Mr. Arthur Davey for the appeal, Mr. A. E. McPhillips and Mr. G. H. Barnard for the liquidator, contra.

FILIPINOS' RECKONING.

They Can Stand Off Americans for Six or Eight Years Until Powers Intervene.

Three Million Dollars Too Low a Bid to Make for the Insurgent Army.

London, Jan. 12.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says that Prof. Blumentritt, Aguinaldo's representative there, writes to the Tageblatt as follows:

"The Americans being addicted to drink are less able to fight in the tropics than the sober Spaniards. A guerilla war would be kept up for six or eight years, during which the inevitable conflict between the powers in Eastern Asia would afford the Filipinos a chance.

All the Jesuites and Benedictines are at liberty, and only the other orders have been kept prisoners. The former are now pro-American because American rule offers the only hope of retrieving their fortunes. Ill treatment of prisoners is severely punished, while the nuns are not molested, most of them being natives.

"The Americans imagine they can buy the insurgent army for $3,000,000, but the Filipinos anticipate that an American party inspired by Washington's spirit will yet come into power and grant them independence.

London, Jan. 11.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Hongkong: "The Americans who are arriving from Manila complain bitterly of the inaction of Major General Otis, particularly in leaving the Manila water supply at the mercy of the rebels. They say a collision between the Americans and insurgents is inevitable."

FILIPINOS WILL FIGHT.

Landing of Americans Will Be Taken as Declaration of War—Critical Situation.

Manila, Jan. 12.—The situation at Iloilo is unchanged. The Filipinos are unceasingly active day and night. On Saturday they loaded some lighters with rock and sank them at the entrance of the river, blocking the channel for all vessels with the exception of the launches. The lights have been extinguished.

Order, however, is maintained with severity, and offenders are promptly shot. On Sunday one of the Arizona's boats manned by soldiers was carried by the ebb tide to Quimaraes Island, and while attempting to land there armed natives assembled on the beach and compelled the Americans to retire.

The Filipinos refuse to have any dealings with the Americans. Vegetables and fruit are not obtainable. Business is suspended, and the warehouses are full of rotting sugar.

London, Jan. 12.—The Hongkong correspondent of the Times says: "The Filipino refugees insist that Aguinaldo will regard a landing of the Americans at Iloilo as a declaration of war, and will immediately attack Manila. He has already warned the foreigners, including the Spaniards, of his intention of offering them a safe conduct into the provinces. The American authorities still exercise a strict censorship at Manila over all press messages."

Hongkong, Jan. 12.—The Filipinos here say that ten American volunteers jumped overboard from the transports from Manila to Iloilo, swam ashore and said they had volunteered to fight for the Filipinos. The report is not confirmed.

NORTH POLE VIA VICTORIA.

Details of the Expedition Proposed to Be Started Next Spring.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The Canadian expedition to the north pole may now be considered an assured fact. The visit of Capt. Bernier to Ottawa last week has created considerable interests in the plans of the expedition. He came to confer with local capitalists and inventors as to the outfitting of his party. It will be a purely Canadian expedition, and is expected to make the start in May next. The leader of the party, Capt. Bernier, belongs to Quebec, and comes of an old seafaring family, and has already commanded some forty-seven ships and steamers in different parts of the world. Arctic exploration has been his life-long study. The Dominion government is giving the expedition substantial aid, as well as the government of Quebec, and its leader has now the assurance that its total cost, amounting to about $70,000, will be defrayed, save about $20,000, which will be forthcoming from Canadian sources within the next few weeks.

Dr. Nansen, after having seen all its details, said to Capt. Bernier: "You will get there if you are persevering enough." The captain is of the opinion that many of the other expeditions failed because they were planned in opposition to nature. They started northward in seas where the current ran toward the south. As the vessel advanced in a northerly direction it was continually meeting drift ice, which barred its progress. If the explorers advanced on sledges over the ice floe, the slow current gradually drove them to the south on the floe on which they thought they were advancing.

The leader of the Canadian expedition proposes to take advantage of a northern-bound current. His intention is to charter a good sealing steamer and proceed to the mouth of the Lena river, Siberia, and as much further to the north as possible, probably abandoning her in about 79 degrees north, and between 130 and 140 degrees east longitude. The party will consist of seven men, including two scientific observers and two Eskimos to take care of the dogs and reindeer. With every equipment that human ingenuity can devise he expects, at a minimum rate of four miles a day, to reach the pole, and within eighteen months to have completed his mission and reached Spitzbergen. In the other hemisphere. He hopes to be assisted thither from the pole by a southerly-bound current. From Spitzbergen he expects to return to civilization by a Norwegian excursion steamer.

As a precautionary measure the expedition will be provisioned for two years and a half. In his equipment there will be a unique boat, in compartments, built of aluminum and wood, with all the necessary appliances for wind and hand power, and so arranged that it will serve also as a house. There will be thirty sledges of various kinds, modelled to carry from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds each, and also made of aluminum and wood, to fit into and form the bottom of a ruber raft, 25 feet long, 6 feet wide, 4 feet deep and capable of carrying 18,000 pounds. Six skeleton kayaks will form part of the outfit, with covers detached, but ready for use in case of emergency. Each of these will be able to hold two men and six months' provisions. Capt. Bernier will take with him 120 tame and unhorned reindeer, to be utilized in carrying the provisions as far north as possible. They will be fed with 400 pounds of moss a day, and killed one by one to feed the dogs, of which there will be fifty or sixty, of the Siberian hound variety. Before going into winter quarters the balance of the reindeer will be killed to provide food for men and dogs.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Driving Pulley of Power House Bursts—Red Rose League—Fisheries Staff for Washington.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—J. R. Booth says the government have not approached him with the view to acquiring the Parry Sound railway as part of the Intercolonial system, and further that this road is not for sale.

A big driving pulley, weighing four tons, at the Ottawa electric railway power station, flew to pieces at an early hour this morning, wrecking the interior of the station. The man in charge narrowly escaped injury.

A Red Rose league is being organized here, prominent Conservative ladies taking hold of the project.

Capt. Spain, Dr. Wakehant and R. N. Venning have been summoned to Washington. It is assumed that the Atlantic fisheries question is under consideration.

Officials of the Ottawa Carbon Co. say they know nothing of the proposed trust.

A PRETTY OPERETTA.

The "Prince and Pedlar" Presented to a Crowded House Last Evening.

The children's operetta, the "Prince and Pedlar," was presented in three acts before a crowded house in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening. About thirty children prettily costumed and excellently schooled for their respective parts gave the performance. Mrs. Bridges was musical director, Miss Elaine Telfour dancing instructor and Mr. F. Finch Smiles stage manager, and as a result of their labors a most creditable performance was given. The cast included the names of twelve little misses, every one of whom displayed artistic skill. The dancing of little Lulu McDougal was considered by many the "hit" of the evening. Pretty music and pretty voices made a combination that alone recommends the entertainment. As the operetta is to be repeated this evening, the cast is given as follows:

Flora, Queen of the May, Frances Fragier; Elgiva, Flora's sister, Addie Morris; Elsie, the captive maiden, Gracie King; Dame Margaret of the Inn, Jessie Bruno; Dorothy, Flora's attendant, Ruby Knight; Ina, Flora's attendant, Flossie Conway; Spirit of the Wood, Lulu McDougal; Piers Henry, Miss Bridges; Sir Arthur, Muriel Bridges; The Pedlar, Ethel Sinclair; Robber Chief, Daisy Bridges; Rober's Imp, Lulu McDougal.

The operetta was given in aid of the Catholic orphanage.

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET

Attorney-General's Partner Files Suit for Penalties in Tisdall Fireworks Case.

Victoria Diver's Task on the Fraser—Old Gold Channel Yielding Again.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 12.—In the registry office is a document showing that Fred. Buscombe is suing Mr. Tisdall, ex-M. P., for sitting in the house and voting for two days, during which time it is claimed he was disqualified, owing to having sold 70 cents' worth of cartridges to a government official. The suit is filed by Mr. Deacon, junior partner of the firm of Martin & Deacon. Mr. Buscomb is a personal friend of Mr. Tisdall's. Mr. Tisdall will not discuss the matter, stating that it is a personal affair and not now before the public. The impression, of course, here is that the suit was taken to prevent the possibility of a suit being instituted by any person or persons in political opposition to Mr. Tisdall, after the example set in the case of Mr. Stoddart.

A writ has been issued to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Tisdall's resignation. The date fixed is the 25th instant. Mr. McCraney has been appointed returning officer. There is no mention of opposition.

J. McHardy, of Victoria, is in Westminster with wrecking and diving plant to raise the hulls of the steamers Bon Accord, Gladys and Edgar, which burned and sunk during the big fire.

Word has reached here that the long sought for old channel of Cedar creek has been found by Mr. W. Likely, who has been working on the problem for 18 months. He found a nugget and much coarse gold. Every inch of dirt is pay. This creek yielded big results in the sixties.

The Hawaiian Star of January 3, brought by the steamer Tartar, chronicles the death of W. J. Gallagher, editor of the Commercial Journal of Honolulu, on the morning of the 3rd instant. Mr. Gallagher was born in Aurora, Ont., in 1864. Removing to Vancouver, he became editor of the Telegram, one of the pioneer newspapers of this city, and became widely known throughout the province as an aggressive journalist. He started a paper of the same name at Nanaimo, but like its predecessor it prover a financial failure. Mr. Gallagher moved to Honolulu three years ago, where, besides editing the Commercial Journal he was correspondent for a number of American papers. A widow and four children are left, the oldest child being 14 and the youngest one year old. The Star says Mr. Gallagher was a quiet, unassuming man, and was well liked on the islands.

Mr. Shimezu, Japanese consul, states that all Japanese should rejoice at the passage of the land tax in Japan. Mr. Shimezu says that he is convinced that Japan is in a sound financial condition.

An appeal is being made to citizens to Aid the Victorian Order of Nurses. Arrangements are being made for permanent rooms for the use of the order.

SUICIDE DISPROVED.

Toronto Lady Wrongly Reported Dead Awarded One Dollar as Damages.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—(Special)—An interesting libel suit came to its conclusion in the assize court this morning. Mrs. Beverley Robinson, of New York, formerly of Toronto, sued the Telegram for $25,000 damages for publishing a report to the effect that she had shot and killed her child and then committed suicide. It proved to be another lady named Mrs. Beverley Reason.

The Telegram corrected the mistake immediately and made an explicit retraction and apology. The verdict brought in this morning gave the plaintiff $1 damages instead of $25,000 asked. It will be decided later whether this carries costs or not.

MAGIC BAKING POWDER

PURE AND WHOLESOME.
ONE POUND CAN 25¢
LONDON ENG. E.W. GILLETT. CHICAGO, ILL.
TORONTO, ONT.

DOMINION DESPATCHES

Bank Clerk's Name Coupled with Shortage of Fifteen Thousand—West Elgin Election.

Hiram Walker Dead—Judge Dugas Satisfied to Remain at Dawson City.

Special To The Colonist.

BANK CLERK SHY.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—A. E. Musson, clerk in the Merchants' bank here, is suspected of being short in his accounts, and is under surveillance. The sum involved is in the neighborhood of $15,000.

FIRE FIEND FREED.

Kingston, Jan. 12.—John Beiser, sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary for arson, has been pardoned.

WEST ELGIN.

St. Thomas, Jan. 12.—D. McNish, Liberal, was elected to-day for West Elgin by 244 majority over T. G. McDiarmid, Conservative, who was returned after a recount at the general elections. This is the last bye-election until appeals are heard in the cases of North Waterloo, East Elgin and South Perth.

MANITOBA MISSION.

Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—Premier Greenway left here to-day for Toronto and Ottawa. Attorney-General Cameron's departure is delayed by illness. He expects to leave on Sunday.

WINNIPEG CUSTOMS.

Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—The customs duties collected at Winnipeg for December, 1898, totalled $71,784.01 as compared with $65,149.41 in December, 1897.

CROW'S NEST LABORERS.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—M. Denis, one of the victims of the Crow's Nest Pass railway construction, says the men employed on that work have not been treated properly by the government, which has postponed the consideration of their grievance.

LA BOURGOGNE BLAMED.

Company Liable for Damages Arising Out of Collision Which Sank Her.

London, Jan. 12.—The admiralty court to-day found that La Bourgogne, of La Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, was alone to blame for the collision with the British sailing vessel Cromartyshire on July 4 last, off Sable island, on the coast of Nova Scotia, which resulted in the sinking of the steamer and the loss of over 500 lives.

The court found that La Bourgogne was travelling at an excessive speed in the fog, and must have ripped more than one of her 13 bulkheads, which accounted for her sinking so rapidly. It was further found that the Cromartyshire could not have rendered any more assistance than she did.

In the judgment of the court, the loss of La Bourgogne is attributed to the fact that the Cromartyshire racked her starboard side, thus damaging the boats, and her subsequent list to starboard rendered the port boats unavailable

The court awarded damages to the Cromartyshire, which will be assessed by the registrar.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Writ Issued for the Election in Vancouver City—New Officials.

Yesterday's Gazette contains notices of the issuance of the writ for an election in Vancouver city to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Edward Tisdall. A return of the result is to be made before January 25.

The following appointments are gazetted: Abraham Barlow, J.P., of Quesnellemouth, to be a coroner for the province; Dr. Alex. M. Monro, of Vancouver, the newly appointed medical health officer for Atlin, to be coroner for the province; Norman William Francis Paul, Victoria, to be notary public within and for the counties of Victoria and Nanaimo; Eva J. Graves, of Rossland, to be official stenographer under the provisions of the Supreme Court act; Thomas Parker, Rossland, to be registrar under the provisions of the Marriage act; Robert C. Lowry, C.E., of New Westminster, and Jas. H. Brownlee, C.E., of Vancouver, to be notaries public; Chas. C Fisher, New Westminster, to be assessor and collector under the provisions of the Assessment act and a collector under the provisions of the Revenue Tax act for Westminster county, excepting the Hope and Yale polling divisions of Yale electoral district, vice E. L. Kirkland; Jas. B. Kennedy, J.P., of New Westminster, to be assistant assessor and collector under the Assessment act and collector under the Revenue Tax act for the said district, vice C. C. Fisher, promoted; and Wm. McCrancy, of Vancouver, to be returning officer for Vancouver city electoral district.

Tenders are being called for certain work on the Matsqui dyke. Plans can be seen at the office of the government agent, New Westminster. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of $600.

The Silver Top Mining Company, Limited, non-personal liability, of Rossland, capital $100,000; and the Fairview Corporation, Limited, capital $1,000,000, have been incorporated.

At Rossland on January 28 a special meeting of the Mascot Gold Mining Company, Limited, will be held for the purpose of considering a proposal to sell a part or all of the company's assets. A second meeting will be held on February 11, when the resolution passed at the January meeting will be submitted for confirmation.

CANADIAN DEATH ROLL.

St. John Man Dies at Kaslo—Mother and Two Children Burned.

Halifax, Jan. 11.—The house of George Fleming, at Pleasantville, in Upper Musquodoboit, was burned last night and Mrs. Fleming and two children perished in the flames. Four other children in the house escaped. The father was absent from home at the time.

Galt, Jan. 11.—Thos Todd, head of the Todd Milling Company, of this place and well known throughout Canada, died this morning.

Hamilton, Jan. 11.—Walter Ross Macdonald, a well known barrister, died suddenly of heart disease at his residence here to-day.

Kaslo, Jan. 11.—Norman Robertson, late of St. John, N.B., died here this morning.

Thos Marshall committed suicide this afternoon by taking strychnine.

BRIDGEWATER BURNED.

Little Nova Scotia Town Loses Its Business Portion in Few Hours.

Halifax, Jan. 12.—A fire which originated in the opera house has practically swept the entire town of Bridgewaer. The burnt district embraces both sides of Main street for a distance of half a mile, and includes fifty-four stores and dwellings.

The fire started about 1 o'clock, and a few hours later the whole business portion was in flames. Hardly a vestige of the handsome stores in the business community remains.

The following are the principal losses: Telegraph office, post office, Hyman's livery stable, Wentzel's meat shop, the music hall, Wade & Paton's office, Taylor's drug store, all the law offices, Bower & Co.'s store, Patilo Bros.', McKay's shop, fish market, Merchants' bank, Halifax bank, Dominion savings bank, Heenan Bros.', Findell's meat market, H. Barnaby & Son's, R. Logan's shop, Hobbs' grocery, Munro's candy shop, Oxner's general store, custom house, shipping offices.

The fire was not extinguished till 4 this afternoon. The loss is estimated at $125,000; insurance about half.

THE FLAGSHIP AT VANCOUVER.

Sir: H. M. S. Imperieuse has returned to Esquimalt after a fortnight spent at Vancouver. It seems to have been a most agreeable change, and one and all speak in glowing terms of the trip. Many officers went up the line on shooting expeditions, and amongst the other amusements the splendid bright, cold weather afforded excellent skating and tobogganing. There were also several dances, both public and private, winding up with a most excellent one given by the Vancouver Club to the admiral and officers of the Imperieuse, and it was with great regret that a longer stay could not be made, as Vancouver has always been a favorite resort, both with officers and men of the fleet. Not only is there a nice clean town close at hand on landing, but the community there all seem to pull so well together and vie with one another in hospitality and kindness. No internal bickerings; no fancying yourself better than your neighbors; no striving to outdress or outshine one another—in fact a refreshing atmosphere of goodwill and good fellowship seems to prevail throughout.

R. N.

THE POWERS THAT BE.

(Read by Ralph the Ranter at a Meeting of the Job-Chasers.)

The Turner government is dead
And we are ruling in its stead,
The Doctor and myself and Joe,
Three mighty men, as you all know.
We are the rulers, Joe and I.
The Doctor only dots the I.
'Twas by my power that he won
The title that he bears as "Hon."
We will reward your noble band
With every office in the land;
And all who dare oppose your lodge
We'll, every one of them, dislodge
And fill their places with your friends.
Let others take what heaven sends.
There's Tully, the shrewd Yankee man,
And all who hate the Chinaman.
There's Fillmore with his bar-room jokes,
Who fools the simple country folks.
For we must try to keep our Cane,
We may have need of it again.
For when there's dirty work to do,
'Tis well to have a friend, whose hue
Will show no stain, however black,
And when abused won't answer back.
"Our Willie" tried, in vain, to make
A Judge of him. It wouldn't take.
Poor Fillmore couldn't pass the "Bar"
Though long had been his guiding star.
But we will prove, as you shall see,
'Twill easy be, for Joe and me,
To take poor Fillmore by the hand
And make him honored in the land.
Our wisdom, too, you will discern,
As soon as you our reason learn;
Our reason is, to state it brief,
"It takes a thief to catch a thief."
'Tis time such simpletons were taught
To imitate the modern dodge
And learn the passwords of our lodge.
We toil not, neither do we spin,
The Lord will help us, now I'm in.
'Twill be a glorious sight to see
The country run by Joe and me;
For we will rule it as we please;
We'll hurl out the accurst Chinese,
And make the Dunsmuirs share the land,
And work their mines as we command.
But I have one sad tale to tell,
There's one thing I've not managed well.
There's one who is too deep for me,
For I have failed to make him see
'Tis wrong the heathen to employ;
He only answers "My dear boy."
In accents sweet and voices bland,
As on my back he lays his hand.
And all the time I do believe
That he is laughing in his sleeve.
But though I've talked and talked in vain,
I mean to talk and talk again.
I'll teach him that he mustn't laugh
At me, your chieftain, Ranting Ralph.

HEINE.

It is strange, madame, how godly men pointed the finger of condemnation at the stricken poet, putting the Christian anathema upon him. Our poor Hermes was having his Passion and the sight of his agonies filled the pietists with rapture. In mediaeval times, still regretted in some centres of Christian instruction as the true ages of faith, there was a sort of zealots called flagellants, who used to run madly over Europe, beating themselves—and murdering the Jews. How little essential change has taken place in the religious spirit.

How Heine hated this spirit with a hatred bequeathed to him by generations of his hunted and suffering race, that is to say, like a Jew! And he also hated it like the true Hellene he was; so it took what revenge it could upon him. The little German princelings who put up non-conductors on their funny little courts and castles to dodge the lightnings of his wit, also furnished some diversion in kind. For this man had written:

"The people have time enough they are immortal;
Kings only are mortal."

"The human spirit has its right, and will not be rocked to sleep by the lullaby of church bells."—The Philistine.

LUMBER DENIED.

Canadians Make Generous Concessions but Can Secure Nothing in Return.

One-Fifth of Present Prohibitive Duty the Tender of the Americans.

While Making Fortunes From Canadian Logs Exported Without Charge.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Representatives of the American and Canadian interests met in conference to-day. Among the American lumbermen were W. C. McClure, of Duluth; McKnight, V. A. Smith and B. F. Nelson, of Minneapolis; G. W. Goodyear, of Buffalo; and Judge J. W. Cochrane, of Ashland, Wis. The Canadians were represented by W. C. Edwards, M. P.; W. Anderson, representing the J. R. Booth Lumber Co.; J. H. Figan, A. Lumsden, and others of Ottawa, and George M. Clinky, of Montreal. There were also present United States High Joint Commissioner John A. Kasson, Congressmen Stewart, Broussard and Towney, and Mr. Charlton, a member of the Canadian high joint commission. Mr. Charlton, the first speaker, was followed by Representative Towney, and he by Mr. Edwards.

Free admission to Canada of American forest products and free export of saw logs and pulp wood are the concessions the Canadians offered. In exchange they put in a strong plea for free lumber. The Americans, however, produced data tending to show that the manufacture of lumber in Canada is much cheaper than in the United States; that their proximity to the New England market and the important concessions granted the Canadian roads placed the northwestern and southern products of the United States at a very great disadvantage, and consequently their demand is wholly untenable.

It seems probable, however, that the American lumbermen, rather than that the pending treaty between the two countries should completely fail, will consent to a concession of 20 per cent. from the present $2 rate, which would make the rate $1.60 a thousand feet, but under no circumstances, it is said, would they consent to any further reduction.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—The Ottawa lumbermen are not at all pleased at the action of some of their members in going to Washington to confer with the Americans and ask for a $1 rate on lumber. It is well known that free lumber cannot be secured, and $1 duty on Canadian lumber is not considered a fair concession for Canadian logs free of export duty. The Toronto lumbermen absolutely declined to go to Washington. It is said that Mr. Edwards, M. P., worked up the present deputation to strengthen Sir Wilfrid Laurier's hand, so that he may be able to say that Canadian lumbermen were willing to accept $1 duty.

STOCKS, METALS AND PRODUCE.

Preponderance of Gains in the Changes of New York Quotations.

New York, Jan. 1.—The net changes in prices of stocks for the day were rather mixed, but with a preponderance of gains. The movements seemed largely to be the outcome of an organized campaign against the short interests. One group of stocks after another were boosted, leaving the bears in doubt where the next movement would set in.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Jan. 11.	Jan. 12.
Amn. Cotton Oil	..	35c
Amn. Sugar	126	125½
Amn. Spirits	..	14¾
Amn. Tobacco	148¾	147
Atchison	21⅞	21¾
Baltimore & Ohio	19	..
Bay State Gas	7	7
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	88¾	89½
Can. Pacific	85	86¼
Can. Southern	56	56
Ches. & Ohio	27	27½
Chicago, B. & Q	126	127⅞
Chicago Gas	112⅞	112
C. R. I & P.	115⅝	115¼
C. M. & St. P.	122⅞	122¾
Cons. Gas, N. Y.	192	189½
Del., Lack. & Western	156⅞	..
Del. & Hudson	112	111¾
Denver & Rio G. pfd	68⅝	70⅛
Gen. Electric	100⅝	100
Hocking Valley	2⅝	..
Jersey Central	98⅞	103
Lacleede Gas	54½	54¼
L. E. & W.	19	19
Louisville & Nashville	66⅛	65⅝
Man. Elev.	106	106⅝
Mo. Pac.	46	45¾
Nat. Lead	38	38
North American Co.	7	..
Nor. Pacific, com new	46¼	46⅞
Nor. Pacific pfd	78	78½
N. Y. C. & H.	129½	123⅝
N. Y. L. E. & W.	15¼	15
N. Y. O. & W.	20¼	20¼
Omaha com	98	97½
Pacific Mail	45	..
Phil. & Reading, all paid	23⅛	22½
Pullman	162	..
Southern Ry com	11½	11¾
Standard R. & T.	9¾	10½
Tenn. Coal & Iron	38½	36¼
Texas & Pacific	19	18¾
U. S. Leather com	7½	7¼
U. S. Rubber com	47	47¾
Union Pacific receipts	44¼	45
Wabash	7⅞	..
Western Union	94½	94¾
W. & L. E.	7¼	7⅛
C. P. R. in London	88¼	88½
Com. Cable in Montreal	184	184¾

Money on call steady at 3 per cent; last loan 2½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with bankers' bills at $4.84½ to $4.84¾ for demand, and at $4.82 to $4.82½ for sixty days. Posted rates $4.83 and $4.85½. Commercial bills, $4.81 and $4.81¾.

New York, Jan. 12.—Copper strong; brokers, $14.00; exchange, $13.75 to $14.00.

Lead strong; brokers, $3.85; exchange, $4.10 to $4.15.

Tin firm; straits, $22.00 to $22.25; plates firm.

Spelter firm; domestic, $5.25 to $5.35.

Pig Iron—Southern, $10.25 to $11.75; Northern, $10.25 to $12.25.

New York, Jan. 12. – Wheat closed—March, 78⅝c to 78¾c; May, 75⅝c.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Wheat closed—May, 70¾c; July, 68¾c.

Corn—Jan., 35c; May, 37¼c to 37⅜c; July, 37⅝c.

Oats—May, 27¾c to 27⅞c; July, 26¼c to 26⅜c.

JUDGE AT DAWSON.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—A letter received from Judge Dugas at Dawson City says he is in good health, and does not intend to return to Montreal.

FATHER CHINIQUY.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—Father Chiniquy, the ex-Roman Catholic priest, is ill, aged 90.

HIRAM WALKER.

Walkerville, Jan. 12.—Hiram Walker, founder of the town, and a widely known business man, particularly in connection with distilling interests, died to-day at his residence in Detroit. He retired from business several months ago, and has been failing gradually.

LEGISLATIVE A

Bill to Exclude Aliens Mines Receives It Reading.

Objection to Authority panies Reserved to vincial Govern

THURSD

The Speaker took the ch and prayers were read deacon Scriven.

PETITION

Petitions were presente

By Mr. Prentice—From John Shields and C. R. for a private bill to con croft Water Works Co., Ashcroft Light & Power for an enlargement of t joyed under the respective

By Mr. Munro—From son and others, respecti bilities incurred by the m ers of Sumas dyking dist

By Mr. Higgins—From ler, Arthur P. Judge and field, of Vancouver, seek poration by private bill to carry on a general financial business.

By Major-General Kame H. Senkler, A. P. Judg seeking the incorporation of a company to build a railway from Quesnelle Skeena.

POLICE AND PR

THE ATTORNEY-GE moving the second readin to amend the Police and lations act, explained the s pose of the measure as bei the direction of the police agement of the gaols and present vested jointly in th of police. It was intende responsibility for the prop the gaols out of the juris superintendent of police a wardens responsible