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Mr Hill's Statement

President of the Great Northern Speaks About the Big Railway Deal.

To Prevent Union Pacific Getting Control of U. S. Northwest.

And Taking the Trade South Over Their Own Transportation Lines.

St. Paul, Dec. 21.—President J. J. Hill of the Great Northern railway, and of the recently organized Northern Securities company ,this afternoon gave the following statement to the Associated Press:

"I have been absent from Minneapolis more than two months, and during that time there arose a discussion throughout the state of what has been generally called a consolidation or a merger of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, and in this discussion statements have been made which are so widely different from the facts, that I feel called upon to make a conservative statement of just what has been done in the past and what will be done in the future.

"When the Northern Pacific failed and the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co. reorganized itself, myself and friends were holders of a large amount of that company's securities. After the reorganization was completed, we bought about six millions of Northern Pacific stock, both common and preferred. Some of this stock was afterwards sold, but a large amount has been held from that time to the present.

"About a year ago, the Union Pacific company bought Huntington and other interests in the Northern Pacific, and at the same time made an effort to buy the control of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

"With these lines in the hands of the Union Pacific interests, both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern would be largely shut out of the states of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, except by using other lines of railway, some of which were in the market for sale, and might at any time pass under the control of or be combined with the Union Pacific interests. We then, with the Northern Pacific, made proposals to the directors of the Burlington & Quincy to buy their entire property. When this transaction was about being closed, the people who represented the Union Pacific company and who had previously tried to buy the Burlington, asked to be allowed to share with us in the purchase of that company. This proposal we refused for the reason that it would defeat our object in buying the Burlington, and was against the law of several of the states in which the longest mileage of the Burlington was located.

"At that time, against the opposition of the more southern lines, both the Northern Pacific and Great Northern had put into effect a low colonization rate, and were carrying daily thousands of people into the Northwest, many of whom were coming from Kansas and Nebraska, along the lines of the Union Pacific. This movement was at its height in the month of April, and after we had closed the purchase of the Burlington, the Union Pacific people undertook the boldest effort that ever was made in this country, and bought over sixty millions of the stock of the Northern Pacific in the markets of Europe and the United States. I was in New York at the time, and after Messrs. Morgan & Co. were aware of the action of the Union Pacific people, it was found that together we held about twenty-six millions of Northern Pacific common stock, and inasmuch as the common stock, by right of a contract made with the preferred, stockholders, when the company was reorganized and the stock issued, had the privilege of paying off the preferred stock at par on the first day of January of any year until 1917. Messrs. Morgan & Co. then bought in London and New York about sixteen millions of the common stock of the Northern Pacific. At the same time the Union Pacific interests, having already so large an investment, bid the stock up until there was the largest stock corner ever known; the common stock in three or four days went up to $1,000 per share. I explained to my friends how that, with control of the Northern Pacific, the Union Pacific would control the entire Northwest, and of the West from Mexico to the Canadian line, except for the Great Northern. So great was the effort to get this control that one of my friends in London, who owned two millions of Northern Pacific common, was offered and refused $14,000,000 for his stock. The result was that Morgan & Co. and ourselves owned forty-two out of eighty millions of the Northern Pacific common, with the privilege of paying off the seventy-five millions of Northern Pacific preferred.

"The Union Pacific people owned thirty-seven millions of the common and forty-two millions of the preferred, which was a clear majority of all the stock of the Northern Pacific, and claimed the exclusive control of the Northern Pacific and, through that ownership, control of one-half of the Burlington. When it was known that these preferred shares could and would be paid off, and before the annual election, mutual negotiations resulted in Mr. Morgan giving them a representative in the Northern Pacific board. At the same time I was elected a member of the Northern Pacific board. When I was advised of my election I notified them that I could not legally act as a director of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern at the same time, and I resigned after the first meeting of the board.

"Several of the gentlemen who have long been interested in the Great Northern railway and its predecessor, the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba, and who have always been among the largest shareholders, but not the holders of a majority of its stock, whose ages are from 70 to 86 years, have desired to combine their individual holdings in corporate form, and in that way secure permanent protection for their interests and a continuation of the policy and management which has done so much for the development of the Northwest and the enhancement of their own property in the Northwest and elsewhere. Out of this desire has grown the Northern Securities company. It became necessary (in order to prevent the Northern Pacific from passing under the control of the Union Pacific interests, and with it the joint control of the Burlington) to pay off the seventy-five millions of Northern Pacific preferred. The enormous amount of cash required for this purpose from a comparatively small number of men, made it necessary for them to act together in a large and permanent manner, through the medium of a corporation and the Northern Securities company afforded them the means of accomplishing the object without the necessity of creating a separate company to finance the transactions for the Northern Pacific, while at the same time, the credit of the Northern Securities company would be much stronger as it would also hold a considerable amount of Great Northern and other securities.

"The Northern Securities company is organized to deal in high-class securities, to hold the same for the benefit of its shareholders, and to advance the interests of the corporations whose securities it owns. Its powers do not include the operation of railways, banking, mining nor the buying or selling of securities or properties for others on commission; it is purely an investment company, and the object of its creation was simply to enable those who hold its stock to continue their respective interests in association together, and to prevent such interests to be scattered by death or otherwise; provide against such attacks as has been made upon the Northern Pacific by a rival and competing interest whose main investment is hundreds of miles from the Northwest, and whose only object in buying control of the Northern Pacific was to benefit their southern properties by restraining the growth of the country between Lake Superior and Puget Sound, and by turning away from the northern lines the enormous Oriental traffic, which must follow placing on the Pacific ocean of the largest ships in the world.

"The foregoing is a brief and absolutely correct statement of the whole subject, and its truth can easily be verified by the state of Minnesota and any other state or person having sufficient interest to investigate the facts which are all matters of record.

"Now, as to the effect of what has been done upon the public interests; let me ask a few questions, which I want every candid and honest man to answer for himself:

"Did the Union Pacific people, with their railway lines extending from Omaha and New Orleans to California and Oregon, through the several states in the Middle West and South, purchase a majority of the stock of the Northern Pacific company for the purpose of aiding that company and increasing the growth and prosperity of the Northwest country, or was it for the purpose of restricting such growth and aiding the development of their enormous interests hundreds of miles to the south?

"Did they purchase the Northern Pacific and its interests in the Burlington for the purpose of building up the Asiatic trade between the Northern zone lying from St. Paul and Minneapolis to the Pacific coast, or in order to control the Oriental trade for their own Southern railroad lines through their own seaports over their own ships?

"In defeating their control of the Northern Pacific and retaining it in the hands of those who had built it up and with it the entire Northwest, did we injure or benefit the people of the Northwest?

"Did I, by inducing my friends to hold their Northern Pacific common stock and act jointly with Messrs. Morgan & Co., when this stock was selling at $500 and $1,000 a share, thus preventing the Union Pacific from controlling the Northwest, injure or benefit every interest, agriculture, business and otherwise of the entire country between Lake Superior and the Pacific Coast?

"Had we sold our twenty millions of Northern Pacific even at $300 a share, amounting to $60,000,000 dollars, or nearly $40,000,000 more than its present value ,and transferred to the Union Pacific control of the entire country between Canada and Mexico, what law of Minnesota would we have violated? Could we not legally have put the money in our pockets and let the country learn what it was to be dominated by a parallel and competing railroad.

"Why did Governor Vansant sit still from May until November, while a majority of the stocks of the Northern Pacific company was controlled by a parallel and a competing railroad company in clear opposition to law and wait until myself and friends have, by our efforts and with our own money, relieved the Northwest, not as a rival parallel or competing railway, but doing what we clearly have the right to do as individuals, or working together for greater permanency and security as a financial corporation?

"Has there ever been a case in the history of this country when men have dropped their money profit and stood as firmly by the interests of the communities which had grown up with their own and largely by their own efforts and capital?

"The public is interested in having a good railway service, and at fair and reasonable rates. The past is gone and speaks for itself; I can speak of the future, and have no hesitation whatever in saying that the increased volume of traffic both through and local, will enable the companies to reduce their rates in proportion to the volume of such traffic and that in the near future the public will have a chance to see for itself this feature of what I have said.

"The development of the country will increase with greater increase in population between Minnesota and the Pacific. No merger or consolidation of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern is contemplated.

"Each company will be operated separately in the future as in the past.

"I greatly dislike to discuss my matters in the newspapers, but during my absence an attack has been made upon myself and friends, which has been persistently supported by both political and rival interests. All I ask is fair play, and let time determine whether the public will be benefited or injured by what we have done and will continue to do.

(Sd.) "JAMES J. HILL."

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MAJOR OGILVIE WOUNDED.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—John Ogilvie received a telegram from Governor-General last night informing him that his son, Major J. H. S. Ogilvie had been dangerously wounded at Klipeat, in South Africa.

ON MAGNETIC HEALING.

Much is spoken and written during of treating disease. The most truly remarkable cases of magnetic healing which have come under the notice of the writers have been those in which Dr. Chse's Ointment was used. This preparation seems to have magnetic powers in stopping the dreadful itching, burning sensations of salt rheum and eczema, and when used regularly makes the cure thorough and permanent.

Warden Re-instated.—It is announced that W. G. Armstrong, warden of the provincial jail at New Westminster, who was suspended some months ago pending the investigation of alleged irregularities in the management of the institution, has been re-instated.

The Closing Examinations

City's Public Schools Are Dismissed For The Christmas Holidays.

Interesting and Appropriate Programme Presented By Bright Young Pupils.

The public schools of the province yesterday closed for the Christmas holidays, which last until the first Monday in the New Year. In the city schools there were the usual closing exercises, which are referred to in detail below:

BOYS' CENTRAL.

The closing exercises of the Boys' Central were held in the Pemberton gymnasium yesterday forenoon, and the regret is that more parents were not present to hear the singing which formed the principal items on the programme. If, as the Rev. Mr. Rowe said in his address, the boys could sing so well without being regularly taught, it would be a wonder what they could do after systematic instruction. Certain it is that the manner in which the lads acquitted themselves reflects great credit upon Mr. Solloway, who acted as conductor.

Trustee Brown acted as chairman, there being present on the platform as visitors, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. E. S. Rowe, Rev. B. H. Balderston, Trustee Drury, Mrs. Jenkins and a few others. In the course of his remarks with respect to singing in the schools, the chairman stated that he had all along advocated the appointment of a music teacher, which would cost but $800 or $900 per annum, but he had not been able to get the majority of the school board to see the matter in the proper light. He advised those present who had votes or could influence votes to work and vote only for those candidates who would advocate the teaching of music in the schools.

The first number on the programme was the singing of the "Maple Leaf Forever," by the combined classes of the Boys' Central, and the grand old song was sung with a vim and a precision that was most gratifying to all who heard them; so much so that Rev. Mr. Rowe, who afterwards addressed the youngsters, said that after hearing the song sung as it had just been, he intended to write to his old friend John Imrie, the author of "The Maple Leaf Forever," and tell him that away out here on the Pacific Coast he had heard that song sung in what he, the speaker, thought was indeed the spirit, and in a manner that he had never heard it sung before.

A few remarks were made by Mrs. Jenkins, after which there were a few recitations and solos by the pupils. Of these latter all were exceedingly good, and each received an encore. The soloists were Master Herbert, violin; Master Foote, violoncello, and J. Rausch, on the cornet.

Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. B. H. Balderston addressed the pupils, after which Superintendent Eaton was called on to, as the chairman said, "make an explanation." This was with respect to the award of a prize for Canadian geography presented by Dr. Hanington, and while speaking the Superintendent desired to make still another explanation on his own account. This was with respect to the approaching departure of one of their best teachers, Mr. May, whose pardon he asked for mentioning a personal subject. Mr. May, the Superintendent explained, was leaving simply because the city of Victoria did not appreciate the value of this teacher's services as they should be, and as another city did. The meagreness of the salaries paid to male teachers in this city caused four of the best on the staff to tender their resignations, and if the same rate of change was kept up, there would not be a single one of the present male teachers on the list by the end of the next term. Such a state of things was bound to work irreparable injury to the Victoria schools. With respect to Dr. Hanington's prize, Mr. Eaton stated that the thoughtful donor had been under the impression that the subject of Canadian geography in general, and that of British Columbia in particular, was not given as much attention in the schools as the subject would seem to warrant. In line with this idea, Dr. Hanington had agreed to give a prize to the boy handing in the best paper on the questions to be set by himself. Owing to an unfortunate accident, Dr. Hanington was unable to be present yesterday, but Mr. Eaton read a letter expressing the writer's agreeable surprise and astonishment at the correctness of the six best papers which were submitted to him for approval, at the same time admitting that the question he had "set" were by no means every-day questions. The writer particularly commended the work of Peter Hing, a Chinese student, whose paper was awarded third place.

Mr. Eaton then asked Trustee Drury to present Dr. Hanington's prize to the winner, Don Herbert, who, although one of the smallest, is head of Mr. Gillis' class, and the storm of applause with which his school fellows greeted the award showed that in their opinion, too, he was entitled to the honor.

A prize for the neatest kept books was then presented to Master King by Rev. Mr. Rowe, who laughingly commended the young man for doing something he had never been able to do—keep his books neat and clean. The singing of the National Anthem brought the exercises to a close.

The following is the complete programme: Song, "Maple Leaf," school; recitation, Leonard Acton; cello solo, H. Foote, accompanied by Mrs. Foote; song, "Land of the Maple," the school; recitation, Fred Waring; cornet solo, J. Rausch; Christmas carol, the school; recitation, Cecil Losee; violin solo, Don Herbert, accompanied by E. H. Russell; song, "Johnny Cannuck," the school; Christmas carol, twenty-five selected boys; National Anthem.

Mr. Huxtable, janitor of the schools, was presented with a chair by the staff of the Boys' and Girls' schools.

NORTH WARD.

The North Ward school held a morning session, in which lessons were taught in the different class rooms, and at 1:30 pupils and parents met in the assembly room of the school, when the following programme was rendered:

School song, "The Maple Leaf"; recitation, "Schoolroom Trials," Thelma Thomson; school song, "Holy Night"; address, Rev. W. H. Barraclough; school song, "Dear Canada, Thee"; recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," Beulah Westwood; song, by two girls; song, "Under the Apple Tree," seven girls; address, Rev. J. H. Vichert; song, by two girls; class song, "Old King Cole"; addresses by visitors; God Save the King.

There were present Trustee Mrs. Grant, A. G McCandless, F. H. Eaton (city superintendent), Rev. Mr. Barraclough, Rev. Mr. Vichert, and about 200 visitors. The assembly room was very beautifully decorated by the children, also the class rooms. At the close of the programme the visitors were asked to inspect the different class rooms, and many expressed themselves highly delighted with the general effect, particularly the drawings on the boards by the children.

Mr. Eaton, in his address, stated that unless higher salaries were paid to the male teachers, they would go to places where they were better appreciated.

Mr. A. G. McCandless proposed three cheers for the principal, which was heartily given by parents and pupils.

The programmes, which were passed round to the visitors, were printed by the children of Miss Marchant's class.

VICTORIA WEST.

The various classes of the Victoria West school were put through some of the usual routine work. At 10:15 a.m. the intermediate and senior grades were gathered in the room of the second grade where a short informal programme was carried out.

Each of the teachers received beautiful presents from their respective pupils, Miss Wesbit receiving a beautiful chatelaine work basket, silver thimble and scissors; Miss Pope, a case of perfume; Miss Chapman, a nice tea set; Miss Gardiner, a musical album, from her boys, and a silver and ebony dressing set; Principal Tait, a splendid pocket-book and sterling silver seal, and Miss Johnson, a beautiful copy of Tennyson's poems.

The Rev. D. MacRae and the Rev. G. Tanner addressed the children, and after singing the British and Canadian national anthems, the pupils dispersed for the Christmas holidays.

The following programme was given by the pupils of the primary grades in the mission school, where there was a large gathering of visitors, among them being Mrs. Grant, of the school board: Song, "Hark the Bells"; recitation by Mable Rutlan; recitation by Josie Todd; song, "The Thrush"; recitation, Lilly Callow; song, "The Cobbler"; recitation, Edith Austin; song, "Boy Blue"; recitation, "The Months"; song, "Carol"; recitation, Ruby Hemans; song, "Bright Waves"; recitation, Violet Evans; recitation, James Callow; song, "Rain"; recitation, P. Callow; speech, Mrs. Grant; recitation, Wilfred Pomroy; song, "Merry Christmas; recitation, Katie McGraw; "God Save the King."

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High school pupils were dismissed for the Christmas holidays yesterday afternoon, the closing exercises taking place in Pemberton gymnasium. The prizes, medals, diplomas and certificates were presented the successful scholars by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, assisted by the Board of School Trustees and the Superintendent of City Schools. The list is as follows:

Silver medal and diploma, given by His Excellency the Governor-General to head of Victoria High school for the year 1901, Lilian M. Mowat.

Diplomas of Associate of Arts, McGill University—Lilian M. Mowat, May G. Tully, Olive S. Preston, John A. Coates (with Matriculation in Applied Science).

Certificates issued by Education Department, British Columbia:

Intermediate—Miss Lila Coburn, Junior—Leo Anderton, Emma G. Black, Lilian J. Brunton, May Few, Maude L. Field, Matilda Gaerdes, Sophie F. Hiscocks, Kristruna Johnson, Emily M. Johnston, Harold B. Marchant, Mabel M. Miller, Ellen C. Ohlson, Elizabeth J. L. Whittaker.

Gold medal to pupil who gained highest marks in mathematics in A. A. examination, presented by A. Huggart, Esq., John A. Coates.

Silver medal, to pupil who gained highest marks in Latin in A. A. examination, presented by A. Huggart, Esq., Lilian M. Mowat.

Silver medal, to pupil who gained highest marks in examination of whole school in English history, presented by C. E. Redfern, Esq., Frederick Wood.

Prize to pupil gaining highest marks in Canadian history, presented by R. L. Drury, Esq., May G. Tully.

Prizes for English literature, May Tully, May Few, Harold Marchant.

Provincial rolls of honor—Proficiency, Lilian M. Mowat; punctuality, Winnifred M. Johnson; deportment, John A. Coates.

Each of the teachers received a very handsome Christmas gift from the pupils of his or her division.

The thanks of the school are extended to R. L. Drury, Esq., A. Huggart, Esq., A. L. Belyea, Esq., F. H. Eaton, Esq., and C. E. Redfern, Esq. for the medals and prizes they were so good as to give on this occasion.

SPRING RIDGE.

The closing exercises of Spring Ridge school took place yesterday morning. The programme was as follows:

"Christmas March Song"; roll-call; class reading, selections from Readers; song, "Jack Frost"; recitation, "Baby's Stocking," Irene MacLennan; arithmetic match; Christmas carol, "Shepherds Watching"; recitation, "Two Little Stockings," Rhodas Sherwood; spelling match; Christmas carol, "What Do They Say?" recitation, "A Christmas Dream," Leonard Pusey; Christmas carol, "Awake! Awake!" National Anthem.

At the close of the programme Mr. J. G. Brown spoke a few words of commendation and kind wishes to the children.

The arithmetic match was won by Miss Irene MacLennan, and the spelling match by Master Gruer MacLennan. The accompaniments to the songs were played on the violin by Master Joseph Davison.

SOUTH PARK.

The closing exercises of the South Park school took place in the assembly room at 11 o'clock. The programme was short, consisting merely of the presentation of the provincial exhibition diplomas for penmanship and map-drawing to the winners, Jean Goodman Roberts, Wilhelmina Baxter, Clavilla Jane Caselton, Grace Eleanor Cross, Conchita Adelaide Schnoter, Gladys Elsie Cruickshanks, Maude McBeath Smith and Dorcas Lilian Pearson. The presentations were made by Trustee Drury. The pupils of first division spent Thursday morning in the provincial museum, afterwards writing an essay on what they saw there. Two books were awarded to the writers of the best compositions, Evelyn May Abbey and Wilhelmina Baxter, Chairman Hall making the presentations.

Short addresses were made to the children by Chairman Hall, Trustee Drury and the Rev. W. Leslie Clay. The speakers dwelt on the kindly season of Christmastide and earnestly and forcefully brought home to the children the fact that life's truest happiness consists in earnest, faithful work and the consciousness that one has done one's best—high ideals make life worth living.

Mr. Drury spoke with kindly appreciation of the good and useful work being done in various busy corners by former "South Parkers," who cherish pleasing memories of their old school.

Two presentations were made as a close to the day's programme. Mr. Collis, the school janitor, received an umbrella from the teachers, and the principal was presented with belt and gold-enamelled buckle by the members of the staff.

GIRLS' CENTRAL.

The usual class exercises were held in the morning at the Girls' Central school. The scholars were dismissed at noon.

KINGSTON STREET.

An interesting programme was rendered by the children of the Kingston street school, James Bay. The children assembled in Miss Lawson's class room at 10 o'clock. There were a large number of visitors present. The programme was as follows: Song, "Brightly Grows the Day"; song, "Good Morning, Merry Sunshine"; song, "The Winter Rose" (boys); song, "Here We Come Awassailing"; song, "Pitta Patter"; song, "Listen to the Christmas Bells"; recitation, "Christmas at the North Pole," G. Sutton; song, "Up Yonder on the Mountain"; song, "O Sweet Robin Redbreast"; song, "Like the Gently Falling Snow"; song, "Who Has the Whitest Lambkins"; recitation, "Christmas Fairies; physical exercise;; song, "Little Stars That Twinkle"; concert recitation, "The Chimney," third division; song, "Here We Float"; recitation, "Dreamland Railroad"; song,, "The Land of the Maple"; "God Save the King"; song, "Hark, the Bells Are Ringing Gay"; song, "We Thank Thee, Heavenly Father."

Messrs. Baxter, Drury, Eaton, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet and Mrs. Simpson addressed the scholars. The speakers congratulated the pupils on their bright appearance and on the excellent programme. They wished the teachers and children a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Miss Lawson made a short speech, thanking the residents of James Bay district for the presentation of an organ to the school, with the help of which, she said, the children were enabled to obtain the proficiency noticeable in their singing. She returned the compliment paid the teachers and children by the other speakers, wishing the parents a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Mrs. Simpson proposed three hearty cheers for Miss Lawson and her assistant teachers. In response, the children gave three rousing cheers.

HILLSIDE.

The exercises at Hillside avenue school commenced at 10:30 a.m. The rooms were very prettily decorated with evergreen, the work of which was done by the principal, Miss Blackwell, and staff, owing to the youthfulness of the scholars. The programme was as follows: "Song, "The Fairies," by the school; recitation, Olive Rule; song, "Robin, Robin," by school; recitation, James Eakin; song, "Our Country's Flag," by boys; Lullaby song, number of girls; recitation, Gerald Foot; song, "Sleep, Baby Sleep," by second division girls; dialogue, "Santa Claus' Visit to the Mother"; song, "The Raindrops," by school; recitation, Violet Croot; "Nurse's Song," by first division girls; song, "Dotty and Clock," by third division girls; dialogue, three little boys; song, Boys' Brigade of first division; recitation, Leslie Lane; song, "Above the Spire," by school; recitation, Arnold Newbigging, and addresses by Rev. J. F. Vichert and trustees.

Trustee Jay was among the visitors.

ROCK BAY.

A large number of parents and friends attended the closing exercises of Rock Bay school yesterday morning. Trustee Mrs. Grant was a visitor. The school was prettily decorated for the occasion and the visitors were greatly pleased with the work which has been done by the pupils under the able tuition of the principal, Mrs. Wheeler. The programme was as follows:

Song, "Come Little Leaves," by school; recitation, Ernest Wolfe; recitation, Jessie Leonard; song, Bertie Roe; recitation, Victor Leigh; recitation, Florence Cavin; song, "Christmas Candles," by school; recitation, Leo Ives; recitation, Emily Nobles; song, Lilly Potts; recitation, Clifford Noble; recitation, Henry Pottinger; song, "Sweet Robin," by school; recitation, Ernest le Messurier; recitation, Lottie Walker; song, Hazel Morrison; recitation, Edward Brooks; song, "Listen to the Christmas Bells," by school; recitation, Ralph Cruickshanks; recitation, George Leonard; song, Mary Moir; recitation, Maurice Galloway; recitation, Gertie Beaton; song, "Ring Out Merry Bells," school; recitation, Alex. Hill; recitation, Blanche Vard; recitation, Robert Walker; recitation, Dorothy Rudd; recitation, Agnes Hansen; recitation, "Santa Claus," by eight girls and Santa Claus, and song, "We Live in Cloud Land," by school.

Shouting For War

Crowds of People Make Demonstration in Buenos Ayres Against Chili.

And Preparations Are Made In Case of Failure of Diplomacy.

Santiago Reports Say Chilians Are Taking Things With Great Coolness.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 20.—In order to commemorate the foundation of the league of Patriots here, tens of thousands of young men paraded the streets yesterday evening cheering for Argentina. The crowds estimated to have numbered as many as 90,000 persons, shouted: "No more diplomatic notes"; "Let us have war sooner than that." There were also some cries of "Death to the Chilians." In this connection Brazil contemplates appropriating £5,000,000 to £10,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing new war vessels, and Peru and Bolivia are also strengthening their armaments.

Santiago de Chili, Dec. 20.—Senor Portel, the Argentina minister to Chili, and Senor Janes, the Chilian minister of foreign affairs, are still discussing existing matters between their respective countries. News of the excitement in Argentina received here from Buenos Ayres has not had the slightest effect upon the Chilian people, who still take things with great coolness and tranquility. The Chilian training ship General Baquedano, which was recently in the West Indies, has been called back to Chili. Chilian steamers have suspended their voyages to San Francisco in order to be ready in case of necessity for transport duty.

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ESQUIMALT SCHOOL.

Interesting Closing Exercises Held on Friday Afternoon.

Christmas closing examination was held at Esquimalt on Friday afternoon, and was well attended by both parents and children, and a goodly number of visitors also. J. Oliver, J. P., of the school board, occupied the chair, and was assisted by Rev. C. E. Sharpe, M. A., and Mr. Case, chief boatswain of the navy yard, and Miss Campbell, who very efficiently put the children through their different studies, all acquitting themselves in a very creditable manner, showing marked improvement in their different studies. The different dialogues, recitations and songs by the pupils were very correctly gone through. Masters Olford and Bainbridge distinguished themselves by the delivery of their recitations, also two recitations by Miss Elsie Jeeves and Miss Vidal Oliver. A dialogue entitled. "How the Story Grew," was loudly applauded by the audience.

The school room was neatly decorated with bunting and portraits of royalty and prominent naval and military leaders of the present day, displaying the good taste of both teacher and pupils in arranging them.

The prizes were distributed to the different classes by Miss Logan and Miss Kerr ,after which the Rev. C. E. Sharpe presented the teacher with a beautiful gold ring, set with pearls and opals, and a purse mounted with gold, showing their high appreciation of their teacher's services in her untiring efforts on their behalf.

At the conclusion of these exercises, Rev. C. E. Sharpe delivered a short speech, in which he complimented teacher and children on their very interesting closing services, and the examination was brought to a successful close by singing the National Anthem.

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A Knotty Question

Manitoba Government Is Wrestling With the Subject of Prohibition.

Opposition Paper Says Cabinet Is at Loggerheads Over the Problem.

But Press Despatch Reports a More Amicable State of Affairs.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Free Press says tonight: "Matters in connection with the Liquor act are fast approaching a crisis and a hastening incident occurred this morning.

Premier Roblin and his colleagues, who were to meet a deputation representing the liquor interests this morning, met in council instead. The session was of brief duration, but of considerable importance. The Premier, with his colleagues, gathered around him, outlined a proposition to the effect that a compensation clause should be added to the act, and that this clause should be submitted to the people in the form of a referendum. This he thought would solve the question and help the government out of its difficulty. The Premier was supported in this view by his bosom friend of the cabinet, Hon. Robt. Rogers.

"The Attorney-General, however, headed a revolt immediately, and was sustained by Hon. S. Davidson and McFadden. It is understood that some very high and vigorous language was used by Mr. Roblin when the matter was being discussed and finally the meeting broke up in a row."

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—A delegation representing liquor interests of the city, consisting of Messrs. E. L. Drewery, Fred. Drewery, G. F. Galt, E. G. Beliveau, A. Strange, T. Montgomery, George Welie and F. H. Phippen, waited on Premier Roblin this morning with the object of learning the government's plan in regard to liquor act.

The Premier informed the delegation that he and his colleagues had been so busy with other pressing matters that they had not had time to go into the question. He also intimated that it would be premature to enter upon any discussion at present. The delegation then withdraw and they will probably meet next week the members of the provincial government by arrangement.

E. L. Drewery, interviewed this afternoon, said he was quite satisfied at the Premier's intimation. This was a question involving great interests, and it was only right that the government should have ample time for its full consideration.

More cases of sick headache, billousness, constipation, can be cured in less time, with less medicine, and for less money, by using Carter's Little Liver Pills, than by any other means.

For Pension Fund.—The idea of starting a pension fund for the city police force has taken definite shape and a committee of officers has been formed to carry the scheme into execution. The fund is to be given a good start in the same manner that the fund at Vancouver was started. A neat little volume containing the history of the force and the men, with half tone engravings of some of the officers and a number of views in and about the city is to be issued and a percentage of the proceeds of the money paid for advertising in this book is to go to the pension fund. In Vancouver $800 was obtained for the fund in this way and no doubt a much larger sum will be obtained here. Besides helping along a good cause the book will be a splendid advertisement for the city as no doubt many copies will be sent away.

NEWSPAPER FAILS.

L'Evenement of Quebec Forced to Assign.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Demer & Frere, publishers of L'Evenement, made an assignment today for the benefit of their creditors on the request of the Canada Paper company of Montreal. The liabilities are heavy.

Beauty and good sense seldom go together. We usually let our good sense go first, in order that we may keep our beauty a little longer.

The Granby Converter

Secures Contract For Treatment of the Hall Mines Smelter Matte.

Plant Will It Is Expected B Working During Next Month.

Galloway Sentenced For Vagrancy—More Serious Charge Against Him.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 20.—The Hall Mines Smelter of Nelson, has signed a contract for the delivery of all its matte for treatment by the new converter of the Granby smelter. The Mother Lode smelter, Greenwood, made a similar arrangement several weeks ago. The Granby converter, it is expected, will be in operation not later than the middle of January, and will have a capacity of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty tons daily.

The Trail smelter is the only British Columbia reduction plant that has not yet contracted to ship its matte to Grand Forks. The Trail product is now being treated at an Eastern converter under a contract which will expire within the next five months. As the Granby company can probably quote a cheaper rate, there is every reason to believe that the Trail plant will soon avail itself of the privilege of having its matte treated at Grand Forks. The converter process simply produces blister copper, further treatment of the product in a refinery being necessary in order to extract the gold and silver values. The first carload of matte consisting of 20 tons reached here from Nelson today.

In the police court here today Sim Galloway of Spokane was sentenced to six months at hard labor on a charge of vagrancy. He will be removed to the jail at Nelson, B. C. tomorrow, and will be tried here on January 9 by Judge Leamy, on the more serious charge of compelling his wife to enter a disorderly house in this city. Mrs. Galloway has returned to her parents at Spokane. Mrs. Hammer, alias the "Blue Goose," the alleged accomplice of Galloway, will likely be committed for trial tomorrow on a similar charge.

Imitations abound, but insits upon getting the genuine "The D. & L." Menthol Plaster. "The D. & L." has stood the test of years. It cures. Its imitations are impotent. "The D. & L." is made by the well-known Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

ROSSLAND OUTPUT.

Shipments From the Mines For the Past Week.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 21.—The shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending tonight, are 6,050 tons, divided as follows: Le Roi, 4,400 tons; Great Western, 300 tons; Le Roi, No. 2, 1,350 tons. The total for the year up to date is 286,543 tons. Operations have been partially suspended at the Kootenay mine for a few days, but the property will start again with a full force on the 26th instant, when necessary changes in the pipe lines will be finished and a number of contracts awarded. Underground work is to start at the War Eagle on Monday or Tuesday. The Centre Star mine crew has been increased to 130 men.

WHAT ARE PILES?

Ask Scores of People Who Endure the Wretched Itching, Burning Sensations of Piles and Do Not Know the Nature of Their Disease or the Remedy to Apply.

Piles, or hemorrhoids, as they are sometimes called, are small tumors, which form in and about the orifice of the rectum. They are caused by an enlarged and inflamed condition of the veins, which are very numerous in this part of the body. Internal piles are situated along the veins which carry blood from the intestines to the liver; external piles, on the veins which sorround the rectum.

Piles are of frequent occurrence among people who have a predisposition to rheumatism or gout. Such persons are subject to constipation and to obstruction in the passage of blood from the intestines, the most common cause of piles. Congestion of the rectum, bladder and uterine organs, ovarian tumors and nearly all diseases of the liver are followed by piles and are very liable to appear during pregnancy and immediately after child birth.

In bleeding piles the hemorrhage is sometimes so profuse as to cause death, but protruding piles are probably more dreaded, because it is believed that nothing short of a surgical operation will cure them. As a rule every form of piles becomes at times acutely inflamed, and extremely painful. The itching and burning usually increases at night, and the misery which many people endure is beyond description.

The magical power which Dr. Chase's Ointment has over each and every kind of piles gives it mastery over this disease, even in its chronic form, and it is not at all unusual to hear of it curing where cruel, expensive and dangerous operations have failed.

There is no guesswork about Dr. Chase's Ointment, as a cure for piles. It has been tried in the crucible of time, and gradually won its way into favor with the medical profession, as well as with the public in general. It has a wonderful soothing and healing effect, and wherever applied to burning, itching, inflamed skin it affords almost instant relief, cooling the fires of disease and healing the raw ulcerous skin.

Ask your friends and neighbors about Dr. Chase's Ointment. It is recognized by a surprisingly large number of people as the only actual cure for piles. It will not fail you. Sixty cents a box at all dealers, or by mail postpaid on receipt of price, by Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.