Glean Bill of Health

The Death Rate of the City Is the Lowest in Many Years.

The D'Arcy Island Lazaretto Problem Assuming a Serious Stage.

health for the past year the city of Vic- ed Victoria as their home. toria may well feel gratified, as the mayor expressed it this morning, at the admirable showing for the year 1899. So satisfactory have these matters been the effect that the Chinamen sent up throughout the year and with such from that city were dead, but that the smoothness and effectiveness has the work of the officials charged with the care of the public health been discharged that the mayor this morning explained to the civic Board of Health that he had not previously considered it necessary to summon them together. The meeting of that body which was held that such is not the case. this morning was convened for the purness of the year.

their assembling in former meetings had not previously been required, the mayor read the following report from the medical health officer:

Victoria, Dec. 23rd, 1899.

tagious diseases. In the spring a mild country to keep down epidemic diseases. form of measles was very prevalent, and This opened up a general talk upon this autumn there were a few cases of the subject of leprosy, most of the memmeasles and chicken pox. Only two cases bers of the board manifesting considerof scarlet fever and one of diphtheria able curiosity in regard to the strange not all reported. Most of the latter came from cannerles, mining camps, and places ions reached at the leper congress held outside of the city. At present there are two years ago in the city of Berlin.

Formaldehyde disinfecting machine and a ment suitable for its propagation. A

Darcey Island. There are at present five patients, all Chinese. Two deaths occurred during the year. There were no recommendations being approved and new cases. On the night of June 15th, by recommended to the council of 1900, it the extension of a bush fire, the east wing being further resolved that the council of the buildings occupied by the lepers should attempt to secure the co-operawas burned completely. One of the in-mates, Lim Sam, of Victoria, was burned the matter in urging the provincial govto death. Fortunately, there still remained ernment to take over the lazaretto. plenty buildings to comfortably house all patients, and as the supplies were not all destroyed no real privation was experienced. On receipt of the news of the tion Hospital, both the mayor and Ald. fire, I at once visited the island with a complete stock of food, clothing, utensils, tion, the letter contending that the cost furniture, etc., to replace the articles lost. of maintenance would be far in excess of This lazaretto is now in a truly deplorable the present figures. condition. Only one man is comfortably Dr. Fraser mentioned in the same conable to work. Two of them are quite help- nection that the hospital board desired attendance on the feeble efforts of the batiomary nurses would receive in the others. The time has now arrived when treatment of contagious diseases. This Having falled to get the federal govern-ment to care for them, an effort should be made to get the local government to do

Considerable progress has been made any one short of a certificated nurse. with sewer connections, though a great many buildings are not yet connected. Re day he was to have a conference with sewers, cess pits, nulsances etc., I may the deputation from the Jubilee Hospistate that no amount of legislation or tal board, when the matter would be ussion will be successful without the thoroughly gone into. intelligent co-operation of our citizens. In too many instances the sanitary inspector then submitted as follows: ands that a man will spend more money in legal costs in fighting a clause in the Health, Sewer, or Wash House By-law, than it would have cost to put his prenises in condition to comply with the law. In this connection I would respectfully recommend that

(a) The city do its own scavenging. (b) The law be so amended as to provide a fine for plumbers connecting closets with surface drains. (c) No cess pits be permitted within the

I would also suggest that the care of the morgue be placed in the hands of the

city limits.

I desire to testify to the ready assistance in the performance of my duties I have received throughout the year from the mayor and council, the members of the medical profession, the public school

teachers and the police. Appended is a list of deaths for the year, with their causes. This is as complete as the data at hand will permit. I have the honor to be, etc., R. L. FRASER, M. D.,

Med. Health Officer Gastro-Intestinal Diseases.-Peritonitis, S; gastric ulcer, 1; appendicitis,3. Nervous Diseases .- Apoplexy, 8; cerebral abscess, 2; myelitis, 1; cerebral softening, 2; paralysis, 3; cerebro-spinal meningitis,

Zymotic Diseases.-Cholera infantum, 5; typhoid fever, 1; berri berri, 2. Respiratory Diseases. — Pneumonia, 14; bronchitis, 3.

Kidney Diseases .- Chronic nephritis, 11; diabetes, 1; uraemia, 2; pyonephrosis, 1. Diseases.—Cirrhosis, 4; gall stones, 1.

Circulatory Diseases .- Hemorrhage, 2: embolus, 1; heart disease, 18; aneurism, 3; nicerative endocarditis. 1 Other Causes.-Delirium tremens.

shock from burn, 2; abscess, 1; senile gangrene, 2; senile debility, 3; pyosalpinx, 2; scorbutus, 1; cancer, 18; tuberculosis (all forms), 34; Chinese (not certified), 22: still born, 14; chronic alcoholism, 1; no

Total, 210. Estimating the population at 26,000, the death ratio for 1899 was 8.07 per 1.000.

In connection with the report some discussion arose in reference to the care of adopted, the doctor said that the reserve

been taken up to the lazaretto. The dis- ed to the council of 1900. preter to remain with them.

willing to take over an establishment worked well. which was at present such an unfair After an inquiry from Ald, Macgregor charge upon the city. Victoria was in regard to the fitness for food of fish obliged to contribute four-fifths of the exposed on a public stall for several With one of the lowest death rates in these Chinamen entered the province at reply from the medical officer that the its history and with a clean bill of Williams Head and consequently claim- flesh was not thereby injured, the board

Some good natured chaff followed among the aldermen in regard to the fact was being kept secret by the Victoria authorities in order to make Vancouver bear part of the expense of mainhealth officials on their next visit to the island invite the Vancouver aldermen to accompany them in order to prove

Ald. Williams asked if it was not a this morning was convened for the pur-pose purely of passing the reports of the New York had done away with the health officers and winding up the busi-leper establishment in connection with their work. To this Dr. Fraser replied After explaining to the members that that he could not credit such a statement as there was no country in the world which had such strict quarantine laws as the United States. They aimed at preventing disease from entering the country and consequently were To the Local Board of Health, Victoria, much more exacting in their quarantine regulations even than England, where Gentlemen:—During the past year Vic-toria has been unusually free from con-cellent sanitary arrangements of the

were reported. I am unable to state the disease. In the course of this talk, Dr. number of cases of typhoid, as they were Fraser gave the results of experiments The isolation hospital, though little From this it was gleaned that the disused, was kept in constant readiness to ease was not contagious in the ordinary receive any cases of contagion that might acceptation of the term, neither was it occur. During the year one case of dlph- hereditary. Even contact with lepers sipelas, and two of measles were treated being contracted unless the subject was at the hospital. Five suspects entered the in a state of health or had been living hospital for detention and disinfection. A in climatic conditions or in an environ stock of Formaldehyde solution for disinfection has been purchased. We are now able to disinfect dwellings, clothing, furniture, etc., without destroying or injuriture, etc., without destroying or injuriture. ease, or he might be allowed to mingle "I paid five visits to the leper colony on with the people without spreading the

In regard to the matter of the In Hospital Board taking over the Isola-Humphrey strongly opposed the sugges-

ess and depend for food, fire, nursing and it principally for the training their prosome steps must be taken to provide for he feared would result in trouble as the the proper care of these unfortunates. people who were taken to the Isolation against their will and would decidedly object to being treated or attended by

The mayor explained that later in the

The report of the sanitary officer was

Victoria, December 26, 1899. Health: for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1899.

I was appointed sanitary inspector on ded husband. written notices to abate nuisances, all of which have been abated.

I caused eleven householders to have their closets disconnected from the surface drains, twelve cess pits have been cleaned out and filled in. I disinfected 6 rooms (13.400 cubic feet); made regular visits to night soil tank on Cook street, which is giving every satisfaction.

In my spare time I visited slaughter houses, fish markets, public wharves, and

Chinese hospital. I made many visits through the slums of Chinatown, and can say of the latter, though still far from sanitary, it is infinitely better than it was in former years. greatest evil I find in the plumbing

and the most difficult to get them to put in a sanitary condition. The present method of flushing the surface drains is expensive, and at the same in their work of filtering the blood. time is far from being satisfactory. I Backache is nature's warning that the rect from the water mains; one man could do the work in a week. By the present method, it takes four men, a horse and cart, and 900 feet of hose per month.

low water. of the Indian reserve, within the city limits. I cannot use strong enough language to express my opinion of it. pretence whatever to keep it in a sanitary condition; and in the summer time, when there is always a number of Indians com ing in, betwixt stagnant water and filth would be bad enough 10 miles from

I am, gentlemen, Your obedient servant. JAMES WILSON,

Sanitary Inspector. In regard to this report, which was

some kind would have to be appointed tinct menace to the health of the city. in the very near future, although since It was decided to memorialize the Indian the preparation of his report a compara- department in regard to the matter. The tively young and healthy Chinaman had remainder of the report was recommend

ease in the case of this man was in its Ald. Beckwith brought up the matter earlier stages and a strong effort had of tainted turkeys being brought in from been made to have him taken back to the East, and asked if any complaint China, his relatives co-operating to that had been made in regard to it, as he saw end but without success. He therefore trouble had resulted in Vancouver from More Enjoyable Entertainments became a charge on the city. Continu- this source. He mentioned a case of a ing the doctor said that on his last visit man in this city being very sick after to the island many of the colony had partaking of turkey and Dr. Fraser menwept and entreated the Chinese inter- tioned a similar case, which had come under his notice. Ald. Hayward said Regarding their treatment, he believed the tainted turkeys referred to as comthe provincial authorities, if properly ap- ing to Vancouver were in a car where Happy Orphans Have Their proached on the subject, would be quite the refrigerating apparatus had not

cost of maintenance, simply because days under a stream of water, and a

This morning President H. D. Heimcken, Treasurer T. Shotbolt, Director Joshua Davies, and Secretary E worthy of the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital board held an informal conference with his worship the mayor in regard to come matters affecting the welfare of that institution. The deputation expressed an opinion favorable to the Isolation hospital being turn d over to the Jubilee hospital, but his worship thought such a proposal would not recommend itself to the council. The need of additional accommodation was also mentioned, it being felt that a ward for the temporarily insane should be provided. The government is being asked for assistance to this end, and his worship adthe incoming council it being too near the end of the present council's term for them to deal with the matter. The conference, which was quite informal, then

A Matrimonial Experience

A Seattle Man Enjoys a Short Lived Happiness in Victoria.

theria, one of scarlet fever, one of ery- would not necessarily result in disease His Mother-in-Law Induces the Bride to Return Home.

will certainly be worth hearing.

where a short time before he had obtained a divorce from his wife. But Mr. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P., Major Bremmeyer is still young and not un-Nicholles, Thornton Fell and Mr. W. F. comely and had no intention of letting this incident prevent him from obtaining | another partner. There were difficulties There was a happy gathering last which commences at 7:30 sharp, a free in the way-the principal one being a evening of the children of Christ Church clause in the marriage laws of the State cathedral Sunday school, of Miss Perof Washington which forbids a divorced rin's Bible class and of the cathedral fore the expiration of six months from the date of his divorce. This little obstacle, however, he proposed to circumvent by coming to Victoria to be again vent by coming to Victoria to be again regularity of attendance, Bishop Perrin wedded, and to facilitate his purpose the accompanying each presentation with aplady of his choice joined him here ou propriate words. Then carols were sung the morning of the 27th.

phens, is only nineteen years of age and 'til the Christmas tree claimed everyone's a school mistress. Upon joining her ful attention. There was a present and a both inward and outward, says the ture husband here no time was lost in bag of candy for each scholar and af- Bennett Sun of December 16th, just rerepairing to a clergyman's and later in ter singing the National Anthem the ceived. The wind and cold weather has the forenoon the nuptial knot was tied company dispersed, tired but happy. The at last compelled the dauntless Captain by Rev. Mr. Miller.

appeared on the scene the following assisted in the success of the entertainmorning, and under the pilotage of Offi- ment by the donation of candy and take a scow of about 10 tons of freight cer Murray, the clergyman who had per- cakes. formed the ceremony was soon found. To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Later, the pair were located in private rooms on Pandora street, where the per-Gentlemen:-I beg to submit my report suasions of the mother prevailed and the girl was induced to leave her lately wed-

June 1st, 1899. There were 114 complain's This morning mother and daughter rereceived by my predecessor, and 183 by turned to Seattle on the Victorian. The myself, which I attended to. I served 115 luckless husband cannot be seen, but his opinion of his mother-in-law is generally understood to be of the popular variety.

The corporation of Glasgow has accepted the bid of a New York company for electric feeders for the Glasgow. tramways at £151,000, or \$10,000 below the lowest bid in Great Britain.

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Prudence tells everyone suffering with I wish to draw the attention of your backache to set their kidneys right. The onorable body to the unsanitary condition experience of tens of thousands of people tells them that to accomplish this there is no means so successful as the use of There is no Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills-the world's greatest kidney cure.

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Gelebrating Christmas

for the Little Ones of Victoria

Turn-- Linta Claus is Kept Busy.

"Didn't we have a good time?" the little ones of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage are saying to each other today as they play with the toys they received yesterday, and munch the last of the liberal supply of candy with which they were made happy. And the ladies and gentlemen who attended the Christmas entertainment will also agree that the little ones enjoyed themselves in roya! style, for fifty happier looking children it would be difficult to find even at this happy season. All this week friends of the institution have been sending presents to the Orphanage and did not forget that the necessities of the season required that there should be plenty of good things to eat. Yesterday afternoon the children showed the visitors what they could do in the way of singing and reciting, and very well they acquitted themselves. Then there was a delightful stereoptican exhibition by Mr. vised the deputation to place their W. F. Best, followed by the event of the wishes in writing and lay them before day, the Christmas tree. There were day, the Christmas tree. There were presents for all the children, and Santa-Claus had so arranged it that every one received just the very thing he or she had hoped for, the matron, Mrs. Mc-Gregor, having communicated with His Majesty the King of Christmas by Arctic post. Toys, useful articles, nuts and candy there were in abundance and the expressions of delight marked the children's satisfaction.

Nor was this all, for there in the centre of all the good things was a monster cake, frosted beautifully and fully four feet square, a donation from Messrs. McMillan Bros. There was another cake too, a reminder of the absence in South Africa of a very good friend of the little folk, Private Frank Finch-Kniles, now serving with the Canadica contingent. He took a deep interest in the Orphanage when he Okell. An address was given by Dr. was here, and before he 'eft for the front ordered a local confectioner to be sure and deliver at the Orphanage a the Bible class. Dr. Hall hoped that cake won by him in a shooting competition in time for the little ones' Christmas treat.

Mrs. McGregor, the matron, was not forgotten, the ladies' committee of Peter N. Bremmeyer, of Seattle, who management giving her a Christmas preat present in this city, has had a sent. During the afternoon the prizes matrimonial , experience. The were awarded to the elder girls who public of course can glean the outlines of were successful in the bread and bun Nanaimo, the chair was taken by Mr. the case and speculate upon details, but making and needlework contests, and some day pehaps Mr. Bremmeyer will the ladies also entertained their visitors tell the particulars of the story which to tea. Among the gentlemen present were Ald. Hayward, president of the It was about Christmas Day that Mr. board of directors; Bishop Perrin, Bis-Bremmeyer arrived here from Seattle, hop Cridge, Revs. J. C. Speer, W. L.

and tea followed. After tea the young The young lady, Elizabeth Clair Ste- folks played some interesting games unthanks of the teachers are extended to Armstrong, of the little steamer Alpha, Fate, in the form of the girl's mother those members of the congregation who to tie his boat up and give the ice a

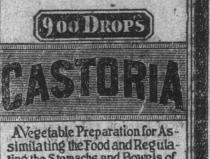
> In Oddfellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, last thern wind was too much for the steamevening, the feast of the Holy Innocents, er. The passengers accommodated themthe children of St. Barnabas' Sunday selves very comfortably on the scow durschool to the number of about 100 were entertained, there being also a large at- its furious gale, they all "mushed" back tendance of parents and friends. The first thing disposed of was a sumptuous tea, to which the little ones did full justice. Then came a concert of which the made the trip on a bicycle in about 12 following was the programme: Address on Santa Claus by the Rev.

E. G. Miller. Selection on the gramaphone. A capital rendition of "Cinderella," which was much enjoyed, six girls and

Violin solo, Thos. Hood. Tableau-Old Woman in a Shoe-Miss Lancaster and class. Piano solo, Miss E. Cole. Recitation, Juanita Sears.

Song, Rev. E. G. Miller. Then came Santa Claus, revealed to the wondering gaze of the children by the drawing of the curtain, when the merry old fellow was seen in his cutter to which were harnessed four deer. The prizes and toys he distributed made everyone happy, the little tots especially being well pleased with their playthings There were a great many prizes of which it is impossible to give a list, but Julius Rausch for most regular attendance and Arthur Whittaker for not missing a Sunday in the whole year deserve honorable mention. Miss Alice Turner gave a recitation during the interval and the Misses Andrew sang "Her Majesty." Three cheers and the presentation of oranges and candy brought a very successful and enjoyable evening to an end.

Victoria West Methodist church held their annual Christmas tree in Semple's Hall last evening, which was a great success. The hall was crowded and the children rendered their pieces very credtive cure for kidney disease, liver com- itably indeed, reflecting great credit upon the trainers, Mrs. Wild, Mrs. Hardy and Miss Okell, the accompanist. The event of the evening was a presentation to the the lepers at Darcy Island. Dr. Fraser as it at present existed without any sanexplained that a nurse or attendant of itary precautions whatever, was a disers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.



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tree came in view all the little ones were

entertainment in St. Columba's Presby-

will offering being taken at the door.

A GREAT BUILDER.—The D. & L.

MUSHING TO DAWSON.

colder travel has increased wonderful-

ly, travellers by the score are already

beginning to be seen on the trails bound

chance. On Tuesday the Alpha was to

and 30 passengers to Caribou, and was

already to start at about 4.30 o'clock

in the afternoon, but the strong nor-

ing the night, and as the wind kept un

One of the first to come out on the

ice this year was O'iver Lawson, who

days-having left Dawson on the 28th

of November. Mr. Lawson is of the

opinion that a good bicycle rider can make the trip when the trail is well

Business in all lines of trade has re-

ceived a very marked impetus during

the past ten days; especially is this true

of the hotel business. The lobbies of

the principal houses are filled with in-

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took an attack of nervousness. I got

petite and was very weak and miserable

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Blemishes

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p. esentation was made by Mrs. Hardy. Rich Strike Special mention should be made of the little girls' recitation, "Our Little Dollies," of the Boys'. Brigade, and of the duet rendered by Miss Walton and Miss Lewis Hall, showing the progress of the school and the great advancement of with the extension of the church and with more accommodation for the Bible class a still greater improvement would Find on That be made in 1900. When the Christmas

full of joy, as there was a present for one and gll. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. P. D. Knox, who was in S. M. Okell. Fifteen Dollars to t'e Pan. In Victoria West this evening the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school will have their treat. To-night

News is given in Dawson papers just realso the Christmas tree for the deaf and ceived here of a rich strike on Sulphun dumb children in Miss Merritt's school will be held in the half upstairs in the A.O.U.W. building. There is also an 'A gentleman reported to be absolutely reliable, and who has just returned from Sulphur creek, confirms the rumors of a fabulously rich strike on 46 below on Sulphur. He says a deposit of gravel fourteen feet in depth and yielding from \$1 (the minimum) to \$15 pen pan has been tapped; \$100 to \$1,500 per square foot, surface measure. Almost too good to be true. "Many men are found to add their testimony as to the truth of the reports of the richness and vast extent of the deposit of gravel uncovered on 46 above on Sulphur abulous as it may seem. It is probably safe to presume, in the absence of proof to the contrary, that it is a purely local deposit of narrowly circumscribed extent and not a part of a continuous "streak." Developments tending to solve this pro-

> tense interest. "Mr. Joseph Murphy is prosecuting the development of 43 on an extensive scale, and says he has not the least doubt of the reliability of the report in re 46. Says in fact that he has reason to believe that he has tapped the same deposit on his claim, and he is correspondingly elated. Mr. Murphy claims to have the most efficient hoisting apparatus on the creek. It is on the double cage, or car, plan, operated by steam, and has a capacity of two

> Continuing under the caption later, the Sun says: "Just before going to press our attention was called to a significant strike on 96 below on Sulphur, This claim is owned by Mrs. Fancher, of this town. Two or three days ago one of the men working on the claim brought to town a sample of gold washed from the top of the gravel which had just been tapped, and which was shown the reporter. The yield was over 50 cents per pan. To-day Mrs. Fanther received word that the next fire gave even better results, and a full report is being awaited with much natural anxiety

> From the owner of a claim in the richest section of Gold Run the Sun learns that there are about 350 men employed on this creek at the present time. He pronounces it the busiest scene to be witnessed any-where in the district, although there is not a single steam plant on the creek. Does not think a steam thawer can be profitably employed during the winter season. In summer, when thawing by direct fire is impracticable, there will probably be a number of steam plants operated there. The gentleman admits, however, that the prevaling mild temperature seri

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"I have had pimples on my face for three years, and about two years ago I took an attack of perwaysness I got Itd.. makers.

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