Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—The Rev. Mr. Westman officiated Saturday in connection with the funeral of the infant daughter of J. W. Rowlands, of the Burnside farm.

—Among the new post offices established in Canada on January 1st of this year are two in this province. They are Blucher Hall and Excelsior, both in Yale-Cariboo. The postmasters are Donald Fraser and John Cahilty respectively.

—The Woodmen of the World held its semi-monthly meeting Friday night in the A.O.U.W. hall. After transacting the business of the meeting the ladies of Columbia Circle, No. 1, provided a most enjoyable entertainment. Refreshments were served and a dance held.

—Officers of the R. M. S. Miowera, which arrived here on Saturday, report having met a United States revenue cutter about 50 miles beyond Cape Flattery looking for some disabled steamer. The name of the vessel was not learned, and the report has caused no small amount of speculation among shipping men.

—The Times has received the following telegram from Thos. W. Lawson, dated Boston, Mass., January 20th, 1905: "Exact knowledge 'trusts' will cause American people to peaceably and legally revolt. I give it in February Everybody's Magazine. Costs me $40,000, $50,000. Won't you add your mite by calling attention to 'The magic Jimmy.'"

—Saturday gallery shooting practice was held by members of the High school cadet corps at the drill hall. Thirty-two took part and the following are some of the highest scores—possible 25: Walter, 23; Bamford, 22; Burgess, 20; Macrae, 18; Newman, 17; Angus, 16; Boyd, 16; Robson, 16; Kent, 16; Taylor, 16; Hanbury, 16; Hartman, 16; Raymur, 15; Trace, 15; Rogers, 15; Rollin, 15; Paul, 14; Dowler, 14; Beckwith, 14.

—Arrangements having been made to have an instructor for the gymnasium classes on Thursday evenings, all members of the Fifth Regiment desirous of attending must be on hand sharp at 8 o'clock, as the time for each apparatus is limited. All men attending these classes should provide themselves with rubber shoes, sweaters and belts. There will also be an efficient boxing instructor, so that all members wishing to learn the "noble art" will have a splendid opportunity.

—The local Council of Women has taken up the subject of British Columbia assisting in the Lady Minto Cottage Hospital fund. There are three of these philanthropic institutions located in sparsely settled parts of the province and four more are being asked for. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has consented to take the chair at a meeting to be held for this purpose, and kindly suggested that if convenient to hold the meeting at Government House he would have much pleasure in welcoming all who feel interested in the good work. The local Council of Women has accepted the suggestion of His Honor and is arranging for a meeting to take place at Government House next Wednesday at 4.30 o'clock.

—Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 131, S. O. E. B. S., held its annual communication on Tuesday evening, when the following officers were duly installed for the ensuing year by District Deputy F. Dykes: Past President, G. Gardiner; president, S. Doncaster; vice-president, C. Gilman; chaplain, C. Pomeroy; secretary, J. F. Mullens; treasurer, W. Norman; committeemen, F. Tubbs, G. Paine, R. Nunn, W. Wiltshire, W. C. Wilson; inner guard, R. C. Waite; outside guard, G. Wilson; physician, Dr. Gibbs; auditors, H. T. Gravlin, C. Gilman and R. C. Waite; trustees, A. Lee, F. Tubbs and G. Paine. It is interesting to note that this lodge has had another very successful year, a large number of new members having joined, besides having a record balance in the bank. The members are to be highly congratulated on their efforts, which have had such satisfactory results.

—Friday the opening session of the Y.M.C.A. mock parliament was held at the rooms, Broad street. After the appointment of D. W. Higgins as speaker the speech from the throne was read. The usual formalities having been complied with the debate on the King's speech was opened, speeches being delivered by prominent members of the government, the leader of the opposition and members of the latter party. The different addresses were interesting, those occupying the treasury benches supporting the policy outlined in a most spirited manner. Opposition members, however, scored their platform unmercifully and, it is predicted, that a resolution censuring the government will be introduced at the next session. Both sides having been given an opportunity to express their views the finance minister moved the adjournment of the debate until next Friday evening.

—On Thursday evening a conversazione was held, invitations being issued by Canon Beanlands and the choir of Christ Church cathedral. Among those who took part were Miss Archbutt, Miss Mainwaring-Johnson, Miss Raper, Mrs. Floyd and Messrs. A. T. Goward, H. Kent, H. Moxon, P. Wollaston and R. Worlock. The prizes were presented by Major C. T. Dupont and were awarded as follows: Attendance—1st, C. Griffiths (presented by the choir master); 2nd, J. Hawkesley (presented by Miss Archbutt); 3rd, N. Bagshawe. Conduct—1st, H. H. King (presented by Canon Beanlands); 2nd, C. Griffiths (presented by W. T. Williams); 3rd, G. Hughes. Singing—1st, H. H. King (presented by T. R. Smith); 2nd, A. John (presented by H. Kent). Improvement—1st, W. Courtney (presented by P. Wollaston); 2nd, D. Pennock (presented by P. Wollaston). Special prizes—T. Cross and N. Royds. Bishop Perrin addressed the gathering. Refreshments were served before the gathering broke up.

—The report appearing in Sound papers yesterday that British Columbia logs have advanced in price is not true, according to Victorians interested in the business of handling them.

—Captain C. Ryder, president of the California Shipping Company, says the stranded ship Carleton will float on January 24th. On that date tugs will make a third attempt to get the ship off the shore.

—A Chinaman was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Magistrate Hall in the police court Saturday for the theft of wood from a dealer on Cormorant street. He gave as his excuse for the theft the fact that he wanted to go to jail, his previous experience there having been so satisfactory.

—At a meeting of the board of management of the Victoria Property Association held on Friday it was proposed to take active steps towards the protection of unoccupied houses against the wanton destruction too frequently seen, offering rewards for the conviction of the offenders and pressing for adequate punishment.

—On Wednesday evening the members of Victoria West Epworth League, who attended the service, and members of the Mission Band of the city, were taken into the parsonage where a very pleasant social evening was spent together. The league feels itself under a debt of gratitude to these young men for the faithful work done during the recent special services.

—Local Socialists held their regular fortnightly whist party on Thursday in the A. O. U. W. hall (upstairs). A very enjoyable evening was passed in playing progressive whist, there being about 50 present. After refreshments were served, dancing followed till the wee sma' hours. These gatherings are a regular social feature of the local Socialist body, and are very popular with them.

—The British Columbia Lumberman says: "James Leigh & Sons, of Victoria, B. C., have purchased a planer and matcher from Cowan & Co., of Galt. This is to be one of the company's No. 6 styles, planing 24 inches wide, 6 inches thick and matches 15 inches wide. It weighs 15,500 pounds, and will be one of the finest machines in use in British Columbia."

—Confirmatory of the news published in these columns respecting the closing of the naval hospital, the following letter has been received by Lieut.-Governor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, K. C. M. C., from Commodore Goodrich: "I have the honor to inform you that the Royal Naval hospital here will be vacated by the 1st of February next, and that should any of the local or provincial authorities desire the use of the buildings and land, the admiralty would probably be willing to lease them on payment of a very moderate rental."

—Lodges 1, 2 and 4, I. O. O. F., and the sisters of the Rebekah degree had a very enjoyable masquerade ball in the A. O. U. W. hall Thursday. The costumes of the maskers were excellent, and the floor was taxed to its utmost. J. Fawcett and Miss Heater supplied the music. The joint committee consisted of J. Brayshaw, T. Hubbard, R. Livingstone, A. Henderson, P. W. Dempster, S. Reid, W. H. Cullin, T. Booz, J. Bell, Mrs. P. W. Dempster, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Walker. At 11 o'clock the dancers unmasked and a splendid supper was served under the charge of John Smith and A. Bellinger. Dancing continued after that for several hours.

—At the Mother's Club meeting in Spring Ridge school on Wednesday afternoon the following subjects were selected for discussion for the coming term: Morals and Manners; Self-Reliance and Self-Control; Power of Suggestion; Necessity of Demanding Prompt Obedience; Self-Defence and Children's Quarrels; Keeping Children Free From Care; Self Respect; Tale Bearing; Children's Lies; Unnecessary Disappointment; Companionship of Girls; Filial Respect; Keeping Ahead With the Children; Reverence for Authority; Teaching a Regard for Promises. Mothers and others having charge of children are invited to attend the meetings and give their own experiences.

—The annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian church was held Thursday, with Rev. Dr. Campbell in the chair. It was the most largely attended meeting for a number of years. The reports were good. The Sunday school supports a pupil at Point aux Trembles; the Women's Missionary Society supports a pupil in India; the Ladies' Aid Society beautified the church grounds, and the Junior Endeavor contributed $25 for missions. The choir is large and in excellent form. The session speak encouragingly of religion in the home, and family worship becoming more general. The management board shows receipts of $3,115.50. Messrs. J. Frank, W. Gill, W. Dempster, W. Walker and Mrs. McGregor were elected to the management board. After the usual vote of thanks to the church workers, an excellent meeting was closed with the benediction.

DR. VON STAN'S PINEAPPLE TABLETS.—Medical science by accident discovered the potency of the pineapple as a panacea for stomach troubles. The immense percentage of vegetable pepsin contained in the fruit makes it an almost indispensable remedy in cases of dyspepsia and indigestion. One tablet after each meal will cure most chronic cases. 60 in a box, 35 cents.—32.

—Next Wednesday evening in First Presbyterian church schoolroom the celebration of Burns's anniversary will take place under the auspices of the First Presbyterian church choir. This celebration has been held under the direction of J. G. Brown for seventeen years, and the St. Andrew's Society of this city decided some time ago that it could not more worthily honor the national poet than by attending this concert in a body, and have so intimated to Mr. Brown their intention of carrying out this decision. Those who are taking part in the programme this year are all well known artists in their several lines, including a number of new faces at the Burns's celebration. The following will appear for the first time: Mrs. Moresby, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Bishop, Miss Orr, W. H. Larrigan and R. C. M. Worlock, and the following will be none the less welcome because of their having appeared before, Miss McCoy, Miss Maggie Hill, Jesse Longfield, W. K. Houston, W. M. Allan, Mrs. Lewis Hall and Mr. Brown. In addition the choir will render a number of their beautiful Scottish part songs. The programme will start at 8 p.m. prompt and doors will be open at 7.15.

—Rev. Norman L. Tucker, who resigned the rectory of Christ church, Vancouver, to undertake the office of organizing secretary of the Missionary Society of the Canadian Church, is to visit Victoria on Tuesday, and is announced to give an address upon missionary work, in the Cathedral schoolroom, at 3 p.m., when it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of those interested in the cause.

—In connection with the second payment of $50,000 made last Monday on the Ellis ranch in Okanagan by Shatford Bros., it is announced that the Penticton end of the estate will be immediately surveyed into ten acre blocks and put on the market. Two townsites will be laid out, one at Nine-Mile Point and one at Penticton. The estate in in the hands of the Okanagan Land Company, Limited, and Shatford Bros. will personally take charge of the management.

—In the Metropolitan Methodist church Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Whittington preached a thoughtful and eloquent sermon on "Covenant Keeping." In the evening a large congregation gathered for the evangelistic service. The pastor described the "Plan of Salavtion," and excellent music was given by the male quartette, Mrs. Hicks and Mr. Martindale. A number of young men pledged themselves to lead a better life.

—The Metchosin Farmers' Institute held its annual meeting on Thursday evening. The following officers were elected: President, John Wallace (re-elected); vice-president, T. C. Oldershaw (re-elected); secretary-treasurer, J. H. Smart (re-elected); directors, A. H. Peatt, Thos. Parker, R. Witty, W. Sweatman and W. B. Charters (re-elected). Two additional directors were named, A. E. Bannister and A. Wale. The membership of the institute is now 157. Supper was served during the evening, and afterwards singing and dancing occupied the evening.

—The trustees in charge of the Albion Iron Works are selling the plant piecemeal. A considerable portion of it has already been disposed of, and it is the intention to realize as much as possible on the property in this way. The land on which stands the plant will also be sold, and thus will pass out of existence one of the biggest plants at one time operating on this coast. Some of the machinery and tools have been purchase in odd lots by local firms. Nicol Thompson, of the firm of N. Thompson & Co., Vancouver, will also take a quantity of it, he having been in the city on Saturday.

—The provincial government Thursday afternoon decided to supplement the reward offered by the city council of Nanaimo for the finding of the two children lost over a week ago. This course was decided upon as a result of the Attorney-General receiving from Major Planta, of Nanaimo, the full particulars of the circumstances surrounding the occurrence. The provincial government has added $250 to a reward for a similar amount offered by Nanaimo city council. Superintendent Hussey of the provincial police left for the Coal City on Friday to investigate the whole subject.

—The remains of Patrick H. Haggerty were laid at rest Saturday. The funeral took place from Hayward's undertaking parlors, where services were conducted by Rev. G. K. B. Adams. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: Ald. Stewart, J. Mortimer, A. Woods, J. A. Phillips, L. M. Anderson and J. Ambery.

—Impressive services in connection with the funeral of John Walker Greig were conducted Sunday afternoon at the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing company by Rev. W. Leslie Clay and Rev. H. Carson. The hymns "Shall We Gather at the River" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" were sung, and Miss Scowcroft rendered the solo "Perfect Peace." The remains of the late Mr. Greig will be sent to Cockenzie, Scotland, for interment.

—A. J. Bechtel, of this city, has received word that his second son, Arthur D. Bechtel, has been signally successful at McGill, having passed with honors his second year medical course in the big eastern educational institution. Arthur studied in California for a time and then came north to Victoria, attending the collegiate school under J. W. Laing, M. A. But ill-health necessitated a change of residence, and he was obliged to complete his preliminary course at Vancouver. His record in Montreal has been a highly creditable one.

—Regarding the report that the B. C. Electric Railway Company had every intention of commencing the construction of a branch line to the Gorge this summer, A. T. Goward, manager of the company, informed a Times representative that there was nothing new in the matter beyond what was published in this paper some time ago. As readers of the Times are aware, the company has offered to lease some land at the Gorge from the Hudson's Bay Company and extend the tramway line upon certain stipulated conditions. Should a satisfactory agreement be reached the line will be built and a park established, but whether it will be this year or next the officials of the tramway company are not in a position to announce.

—A special meeting of the stationary engineers was held a few evenings ago when an address was delivered to the members by J. Peck, chief inspector of boilers and machinery, the subject being "Applied Mechanics and Strength of Materials.' The address was a masterly one, as might be expected, and was thoroughly appreciated by all members fortunate enough to be present. The local engineers hope that a similar treat may fall to their lot in the near future. S. Baxter, the well-known local inspector, was also present. At the regular meeting of the association on Thursday evening, the fifth of the serions of papers now being given by the members was read by T. Watson on "Condensers." This subject was very ably handled, and was illustrated on the blackboard by drawings, etc. The next paper will be given by W. Robertson on "Feed Water Heaters" on Thursday evening, February 2nd.

—The Journeymen Tailors' Union of Victoria will hold an "At Home" tomorrow evening in the Victoria hall on Blanchard street, when the local sartorial artists will entertain their friends and admirers.

—"The death occurred on Saturday morning of George Melhuish, the well-known commission merchant of Cordova street east," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "Deceased was 60 years of age, and death came suddenly from heart failure. Mr. Melhuish was an old-timer, having come to the country in 1887 from London, Eng. After a few years spent in ranching at Chilliwack, he moved into the city, and of late years devoted himself to handling fruit on commission. He leaves a wife, one son and two daughters to mourn his loss. One of the daughters is Mrs. Tytler, and the other, Miss Melhuish, is a graduate nurse of the Jubilee hospital, Victoria. The son, G. W. Melhuish, is in the employment of the Yorkshire Guarantee & Securities Corporation."

ANOTHER SITTING.

Assessment Commission Will Hear John Oliver on Thursday of This Week.

The assessment commission will hold a sitting on Thursday, commencing at 10 o'clock. John Oliver, M. P. P., will appear before it, this special sitting being called in order to give him the opportunity of doing so.

It is reported from Nelson that the mining men of Rossland, Nelson and Kaslo are indignant over the action of the assessment commission in regard to the two per cent. tax. A series of meetings are being held and the government is to be informed of the willingness of the Mining Association to present its views of the tax before the commission, if the latter will report on the evidence submitted. A resolution expressing the views of the association, which will be signed by the mining men, according to letters and telegrams coming in from the Boundary and other mining centres, will ask for a modification of the present tax which presses unduly upon the mines making small or no profits. The modification proposed is to exempt payroll as well as the freight and treatment on gross smelter values, and to increase the percentage of taxation from two per cent. upward so as to yield an equitable revenue. This resolution will probably be endorsed by the Nelson Board of Trade, and will be presented to the associated boards meeting there this week.

SPLENDID ENTERTAINMENT.

Several Excellent Boxing Exhibitions at Fives Court, Work Point Barracks, Last Week.

Five's Court, Work Point barracks, was the scene of a most enjoyable entertainment on Wednesday evening. Sergt.-Major Friar acted as master of ceremonies and Mr. Reid presided at the piano. The proceedings were opened by a musical selection rendered in excellent style by Sergt. Asky. Following this was a splendid four-round exhibition between Grs. O'Donnell and Morrison. It was fast from the start and resulted in a draw. The "Lighthouse Keeper" was sung by Sergt. Turner, and as an encore the selection entitled "We Stuck on Deck With Glue" was given in splendid voice. The programme then was varied by three two-minute rounds between Sergt. Dunn, R. G. A., and Gr. Nelthrop. It was very interesting, but the former proved too much for his opponent, outboxing him at every point. Two character sketches were given by Br. Rondeau. The performance elicited enthusiastic applause, and, responding to a unanimous recall, he sang "Then His Day's Work Was Done." Grs. Hartley and W. Cook next faced each other in the ring, fighting a fierce four-round bout. It was declared a draw, as both men gave and received considerable punishment. Ford and Drummer followed with a brief match which was won by the former, Drummer being forced to yield to the aggressive tactics of his opponent.

Sergt. Whiting gave an excellent musical selection, which, judging by the applause, was much appreciated. Gr. Sandford, assistant gymnasium instructor, entering the ring against Gr. Alcock, disposed of him in short order. Another first-class exhibition was given by Gr. Burgess and Br. Rondeau and won by the former. Although defeated, Br. Rondeau's hitting and foot work were much admired. Messrs. Sandford and Morrison were engaged in another fast bout when the former hurt his elbow with a left hook, and Morrison got the decision. Ford and Burgess made a good fight. The latter astonished those present with the splendid showing. He took much punishment in a smiling manner and made the well trained Ford work hard for a decision.

This closed what was voted an enjoyable entertainment combined with healthy and pleasant exercise.

DELEGATE EXPELLED.

Action of Mine Workers' Convention in Case of Delegate Randall.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 20.—Opportunity was given Robert Randall, the Wyoming delegate who stirred up the United Mine Workers' convention yesterday by denouncing President Mitchell as a traitor and charging him with selling out the Colorado strike, to address the delegates again to-day. Randall made no direct apology in his speech today, but compared with the violent one yesterday, it was somewhat apologetic. He held Mitchell and the national board members responsible for the loss of the strike, but did not use his previous violent terms.

National board member James Kennedy, of Colorado, in a short speech, denounced Randall's attack, saying that there were no grounds for it.

The convention later voted to expel Randall from the organization.

Twenty years ago, Russia declared positively that she would never consent to class coal as contraband of war. To-day she is just as positive in refusing to class it as anything else. Meanwhile her ships are largely dependent for their coal supplies upon the efforts of contraband dealers with this country.—London Daily Graphic.

AN INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE PROPOSED

W. H. LUCAS SUBMITS EXCELLENT PROPOSAL

Northwest League Will Be Organized, Including Victoria and Vancouver—Financial Arrangement.

Professional baseball will be introduced here this summer. This is practically assured as W. H. Lucas, who is prominent in sporting circles all along the Pacific coast, has just completed a tour of Spokane, Helena, Butte, Bellingham, Vancouver and Victoria—the cities it is proposed shall enter teams in the new league—and reports that his suggestion has everywhere been received with gratifying enthusiasm. Mr. Lucas thinks that such an organization can be made a financial success by means of an arrangement which he has submitted for the consideration of prominent business men of each of the places mentioned. Briefly it is that the gate and grand stand receipts for each of the scheduled matches be divided equally between the contesting teams after the usual deduction of 10 per cent. towards a reserve fund to defray incidental expenditures necessary. In this way, Mr. Lucas explains, the larger cities will help out the smaller ones, thus putting all on an equal basis as far as finances are concerned.

Mr. Lucas was in the city on Saturday. While here he interviewed A. T. Goward, manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company; H. Wille, formerly manager of the Victoria baseball team; S. Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, and other prominent citizens. All agreed that his proposition is the best that has been submitted in favor of the introduction of professional ball up to the present. As it puts Victoria on the same standing financially as other teams there are no greater risks in entering than the latter undertake, while the advantages, outside of the number of excellent exhibitions played here during the season, would be numerous. For these reasons Mr. Lucas received every encouragement, having secured several unqualified promises of support. He intends taking up the matter of organization immediately, as there is much to attend to before the schedule is drafted and final arrangements made for the opening league games.

While here Mr. Lucas was interviewed by a representative of the Times. He explained the proposition in detail, emphasizing the very extensive advertising Victoria would receive through becoming amalgamated with such a league. The city would become known in every city or town of the Pacific coast, and in sporting circles throughout Eastern Canada and the States. Before a team could be entered from here it would be necessary to raise about $3,000 in subscriptions. One thousand of this would be deposited with the management as a guarantee of good faith, and returned at the end of the season providing the local club fulfilled its obligations. The remainder of the fund would be used towards meeting the initial expenses which, of course, must be entailed in employing a manager to engage players and superintend other details of organization. In order that the team may have some chance in the struggle for the pennant, Mr. Lucas points out that these preparations should be thorough and completed early in the spring, so that the team may have some time to train for the first matches.

Once started the team might be expected to pay their own way. Between fifty-five and sixty games would be played here during the summer, and the receipts of each equally divided between the visiting and home teams. The same arrangement would be followed in the matches contested at outside points. This would benefit such cities as Victoria and Vancouver, Mr. Lucas contends, as they would share equally with Spokane, Butte, Helena and Bellingham the comparatively large gate and grand stand receipts secured in matches at those cities.

Regarding the selection of a manager, Mr. Lucas says that this is in the hands of members of the local club. He is willing to recommend an experienced man, but the acceptance or otherwise of his suggestion was entirely in the hands of members of the local club. If a Victoria man suited to the position could be secured no objection could be raised to his appointment.

With the circuit outlined, first class teams representing each of the cities mentioned, and the financial arrangements suggested formally agreed to by all clubs interested, there is tvery reason to believe that such a Northwest league would prove a success. Mr. Lucas, who has visited every city, is confident and it is to be hoped that local enthusiasts will assist to carry out Victoria's part of the contract. The amateur team organized last summer here was a failure and no convincing argument can be advanced against professional ball. Sunday games would not be played either here or in Vancouver. Therefore there is nothing to prevent local citizens cooperating in the effort to carry the suggestion through to a successful issue in the interests of sport.

Discussing the appointing of managers to the respective clubs interested the Seattle Times says:

"McCloskey is now in Butte and is to have charge of the team at that place. Good backing has been secured for the teams in Spokane and Helena, and it is a cinch that McCloskey would make a winning at Butte. Lucas has been trying hard to get Dugdale to take the Bellingham team, but the fat boy shakes his head and says he is going to stay in the chicken business. George Howletts, one of the most intelligent ball players ever in this part of the country, will probably be put in charge of one of the British Columbia cities and Charley Reilly may be sent back to Spokane. It is understood that men of wealth have agreed to back the teams in Victoria and Vancouver and first class teams will be put in those cities. Saturday will be the big day in those cities, and it is possible that the Sunday games will be played in Seattle and Tacoma if satisfactory arrangements can be made."

THE AUTHORITIES AND PACIFIC NAVAL STATION

Wm. Sloan Gives Notice of Question in the Dominion House of Commons.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Wm. Sloan has given notice of the following questions: "Has the government any information that the Imperial authorities propose to abandon Esquimalt as a naval station; if so, what action has the government taken respecting section 9 of the terms of union, under which the colony of British Columbia entered into the union with the Dominion, reading as follows: 'The influence of the Dominion government will be used to secure the maintenance of a naval station at Esquimalt."

Grand Trunk Pacific.

The minister of railways has approved of the land asked for by the Grand Trunk Pacific for a terminal on the south side of the Keministiqua river at Fort William. The transcontinental railway commission will require to give its approval.

IMPORTANT MEETING.

A meeting of the festival chorus committee was held last Saturday afternoon, J. G. Brown presiding, to consider what was best to be done in view of the unsatisfactory result of the meeting last Wednesday evening in the First Presbyterian church. The members of the committee present were: Mrs. Archbutt, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Moresby, and Messrs. E. H. Russell, H. Kent, Dr. Hume, R. N. J. Mullens, G. Phillips, W. D. Kinnaird and Gideon Hicks.

In view of the uncertainty of the festival being held in 1906, after considerable discussion it was resolved that the committee disband.

The question of organizing a choral society was discussed, but owing to the lateness of the season and the time required for such organization it was considered inadvisable to attempt to do so at this time, but the matter will likely be taken up in earnest after the summer holidays.

Before disbanding the committee unanimously resolved to request Gideon Hicks to take up some choral work for this season at the Metropolitan Methodist church as on previous occasions, and the members of the committee pledged themselves to give their hearty support to such an undertaking. Mr. Hicks promised to consider the matter, and in all likelihood an important announcement in this connection will be made immediately.

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NOT CONFIRMED.

Nothing Known in London Regarding Revolt of Circassians.

London, Jan. 23.—Nothing is known here of the report from Constantinople, which has reached Capt. Cullen, of the Imperial Marine Association, of Tokio, now at Victoria, B. C., to the effect that 1,500 Circassians have revolted and killed the Russian guard at Slavini, in the Caucasus, and that Russians and Turks in large numbers are crossing the frontier into the Caucasus to spread the revolution in Tiflis province, the capital of which, Tiflis, is alleged to be in a state of siege.

The Gazetteers available do not mention a Slavini in the Caucasus or elsewhere.

To a Times representative this afternoon Capt. Cullen, who received a cipher dispatch from an officer at the United States legation in Constantinople, stating that a revolt was in progress at Schlavini, he explained that this place was a Russian conscript assemblage point just outside of Tiflis. As a matter of fact, the Hetman of the Circassians in the Caucasus positively declined to obey the Czar's order that he assemble certain men as conscripts at the point named, over a month ago, stating that it was in violation of the agreement made with Prince Sham Yal when he surrendered to the Russians in the early seventies. The agreement, Capt. Cullen said, was that no Circassian should be conscripted or otherwise taken for military duty outside of their own country or European Russia. And, furthermore, the captain continued, no Circassians were now serving with the Russian army anywhere.

BORN.

LAWRENCE—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 15th, the wife of J. Lawrence, of a son.

HODGES—At Nelson, on Jan. 17th, the wife of Fred. Hodges, of a daughter.

YOUNG—At New Westminster, on Jan. 14th, the wife of Jas. A. Young, of a son.

M'KILLOP—At Nelson, on Jan. 12th, the wife of A. L. McKillop, of a son.

WOODHOUSE—At Nelson, on Jan. 13th, the wife of W. A. E. Woodhouse, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

LOOP-ROBINSON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 19th, by Rev. R. Newton Powell, Rutherford H. Loop and Miss Dorothy Jane Robinson.

MATHESON-BONNER—At Vancouver, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, George Malcolm Matheson and Miss Jane Eve Bonner.

DIED.

GODFREY—At Vancouver, on Jan. 20th, Mrs. T. B. Godfrey, aged 53 years.

MELHUISH—At Vancouver, on Jan. 22nd, George Melhuish, aged 60 years.

ROBERTS—At South Vancouver, on Jan. 22nd, Mrs. W. E. Roberts, aged 21 years.

MURRAY—At the family residence, on the 16th inst., Capt. Geo. W. Murray, aged 56 years, and a native of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

GREIG—At his residence, 238 Simcoe street, on the 19th instant, John W. Greig, a native of Scotland, aged 56 years.

HAGGERTY—At Prospect Lake, on the 19th instant, Patrick H. Haggerty, a native of Massachusetts, aged 47 years.

GREIG—At his residence, 238 Simcoe street, on the 16th instant, John W. Greig, a native of Scotland, aged 56 years.

O'BRIEN—At Vancouver, on Jan. 15th, Mrs. Jane O'Brien, aged 68 years.