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A DEEP AND DOUBLE GAME.

The price of coal in Victoria is the subject of numberless paragraphs and articles in the *Times*. Everyone knows that it is not sympathy with the consumers of coal that causes our contemporary to be continually harping on that subject. Its hatred of Mr. Dunsmuir is so great that it cannot refrain from having recourse to this method of traducing and misrepresenting him, although it knows that by a cunning concealment of facts it is doing that gentleman the grossest injustice. There are other articles of general consumption which are very dear in Victoria. Why does the *Times* not try to worry and bully the dealers in them to lower their prices? Why should one dealer more than another be nagged into selling at lower than the market rates? The course pursued by the *Times* with regard to coal is most unbusinesslike, and besides, it is dishonest in the extreme. The writers in the *Times* know well that Mr. Dunsmuir does not sell coal to the consumers in Victoria. The coal used in this city is bought at the pit's mouth by the dealers here. They pay the mining company the market price for that quality of coal—six dollars a ton. There Mr. Dunsmuir's connection with coal selling in Victoria ceases. The dealers may or may not have their coal conveyed to the city by rail. We presume that the dealers sell the coal they buy at the Wellington mines as best they can, according to the principles of trade. It would be indeed strange if Mr. Dunsmuir discriminated in favor of Victoria coal dealers and sold to them for say, four dollars a ton, coal which he was selling to his other customers for six. Even if he did so, it is very questionable if the consumer in Victoria would get the benefit of the reduction. If Mr. Dunsmuir pursued the other course open to him and took the retail coal trade of Victoria into his own hands the *Times* would doubtless be the first to denounce him for his "greed" and for his desire to monopolize everything. It is easy to imagine the phillipics that would appear in the Opposition organ if Mr. Dunsmuir interfered with the city coal trade in such a way as to drive out of it the local dealers who would not be in a postion to compete with him in the open market. But this is what the suggestion which the *Times* makes amounts to. It should not be forgotten that all which Dunsmuir & Sons get for the coal sold in Victoria is six dollars a ton.

Any person, capable of reflection, can see that the *Times* people do not want the price of coal reduced in Victoria. As they are not exactly fools, they know well that Mr. Dunsmuir is not the kind of man to be bulldozed into pursuing any particular course. No one that has the slightest acquaintance with him believes that Mr. Dunsmuir can be coerced into lowering the price of coal, or into doing anything else by abuse and vilification, lying and misrepresentation. He is not the kind of man that scandal mongers and journalistic bullies can drive. None in the community are better convinced of this than the editors and inspirers of the *Times*. So they keep on snarling and snapping about the price of coal, well-knowing that they are taking the most effectual means of keeping it up to its present rate. As long as they do this they feel satisfied that they will have the grievance they have manufactured. If Mr. Dunsmuir, no matter from what motive, became a competitor of the Victoria retail coal dealers and reduced the price of coal to the consumers, the *Times*, as we have already said, would be the first to condemn him for his interference, or it would take credit to itself for having forced him to take measures to cut down the price of coal. The citizens of Victoria can easily see that the *Times* in persistently nagging Mr. Dunsmuir about the price of coal has been playing what it regards as a very deep game. Its editor thinks that he has won the goodwill of the Victoria coal consumers by deploring the high price of coals and by reproaching Mr. Dunsmuir for not reducing it, while at the same time he is pursuing a course which he very well knows effectually prevents its reduction. There are people who are too clever by half. Such people are continually over-reaching themselves. And this is just what the *Times* has done in this coal business.

With regard to the price paid by the housekeepers of San Francisco for Wellington mine coal, a reference to the *Examiner* of that city of the 29th ult., shows that it is $14 a ton.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

CABLE NEWS.

Scheme of an English M. P. for a Penny Postage Between England and America.

Mental Depression of the Czarina Caused by Brooding over the Recent Train Accident.

Exciting Scene at an Eviction in Donegal—The Police Repulsed by the Tenants.

Ocean Penny Postage.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Mr. John H. Heaton, M.P., who will visit the United States shortly, expects to appear before Congress in the advocacy of ocean penny postages. He argues that as letters are now carried at that rate both in England and America at a profit, the same arrangement could be profitably managed in transmission of ocean mail between the two countries. Non-contract steamers now carry letters for the English postoffice from Southampton to New York for about a half-penny (that is if forty letters to the pound), and the rate paid to these non-contract steamers is one shilling and eight pence per pound. Mr. Heaton calculated that the English postoffice make a profit of from fifty to sixty thousand pounds annually. On American mails, twelve million of letters and 2,500,000 pound weight of newspapers, etc., were sent to America in 1887 for which the steamship company received less than £100,000, while the English post office received more than £180,000.

A Melancholy Empress.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Ever since the wrecking of the Czar's train at Borki the Czarina has suffered from mental depression, which has increased to the point of causing much anxiety for her health. Her symptoms closely resemble the malady with which her sister the Duchess of Cumberland was afflicted some time ago, and Professor Batkin has advised the Czar to have her treated by Professor Lindesdorf of Vienna, under whose treatment the Duchess of Cumberland was cured. The almost absolute certainty that the disaster to the Czar's train was the result of a criminal conspiracy has had much to do with the Czarina's increased depression of spirits, and it is believed that a sojourn outside the boundary of Russia for a time would prove highly beneficial to her.

Another Case of Contempt.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Sir James Hannen, president of the Parnell commission, is in London for the purpose of conferring with his associate commissioners in the matter of another contempt case upon which the commission will act at its next sitting. The identity of the person or persons held for contempt is not disclosed, and the silence observed on this point is creating a feeling of nervousness in the breasts of many persons who have expressed themselves concerning the actions of the commission, in print and otherwise.

Skating in England.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Better skating than England has enjoyed for many years is reported from several points in the provinces, and a large number of professional matches are occurring. The contest for the championship of England will be decided at Cambridge on Friday.

A Question of Accuracy.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Gladstone's telegram impugning the accuracy of the *Tablet's* translation of his letter suggesting that the position of the Pope be made the subject of arbitration, has led to the *Tablet's* publishing the entire correspondence to-morrow. The *Pall Mall Gazette* upholds the accuracy of the *Tablet's* translation and asks Gladstone what he means if he does not mean international arbitration on the Pope's position.

Fair Prospects of Recovery.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—John Bright is much better, and has fair prospects of recovering from his illness.

Exciting Scene at an Eviction.

DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—A series of very exciting scenes attended an eviction from the Olphert estate, in county Donegal, to-day. A blacksmith named O'Donnell had strongly barricaded his house, and the bailiffs and police in attempting to effect an entrance by storm, were several times repulsed. In one of the attempts Sergt. McComb received severe pitchfork wounds in the cheek and leg, and serious injuries about the head from stones with which the attacking party were pelted, and was carried away entirely disabled. Ringing cheers from the bystanders greeted each successive repulse of the police and bailiffs. Finally, when the soldiers were ordered to fire upon the house, the beseiged party were advised by Father Stephen to surrender, and they did so. Ten persons were arrested, including Father McFadden.

Murder of an Irish Farmer.

DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—At Ballinasloe to-day a farmer named Brown, who occupied a farm from which the tenants had been evicted, was killed by four men with whom he was disputing over his occupancy of the farm. One arrest has been made in connection with the crime.

Trial of a Wisconsin Murderer.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 31.—Hans Kuhn, the alleged Wisconsin murderer, who was arrested on board the steamer Lord Gough on Saturday, was arraigned in court to-day. He declared his entire ignorance of the murder. He was remanded pending proceedings for extradition.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Serve a Writ.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Last Saturday an agent of the *Times* made several attempts to serve a document upon Mr. O'Brien, but in every case was unsuccessful. The nature of the paper is unknown, but it is presumed to have reference to certain public utterances in *United Ireland*, of which Mr. O'Brien was undeniably the author, and which the *Times* regards as libellous.

The Stanley News Entirely Correct.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The government authorities at Brussels assert that the revolution in Uganda, resulting in the deposition of King Mwanga by one of his brothers, both explains and confirms the telegram recently received from East Africa, the correct interpretation of which was in doubt. This telegram stated that Emin had escaped to the shores of the Victoria Nyanza, where he awaited the arrival of Stanley, and it is now confidently believed that the news conveyed by the message was entirely correct.

An East India Society Scandal.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—In spite of the efforts which have been made to keep the affair secret, it has leaked out that during the progress of a ball at the government house at Madras a few days ago, Lady Connemara, wife of Lord Connemara, the Governor of Madras, suddenly left the house and proceeded to an hotel where she still remains. She has since steadfastly refused to give an explanation of her action, but it is announced that she will sail for England by the first steamer. It is known, however, that the disclosure of a painful scandal, involving Lord Connemarra and several ladies of prominence at the capital of the presidency, is imminent. Public and official sympathy at Madras is overwhelmingly on the side of the wife of the Governor.

Peaceful Outlook for 1889.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—German newspapers generally comment on the opening of the New Year with expressions of satisfaction at the peaceful outlook. The *North German Gazette* (Prince Bismarck's organ), in summarizing the existing differences between the various nations, says the dispute between France and Italy with regard to Tunis will not have any important results. The paper eulogizes the Servian radicals, declaring they gave convincing proof by their action yesterday of their willingness and capability in the matter of formulating a practical policy.

Visiting the Tombs of the Late Kaisers.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The Emperor and Empress visited Friedrichrue and Potsdam to-day, and afterwards went to the mausoleum at Charlottenburg wherein the bodies of Emperors William and Frederick are deposited.

A Severe Sentence.

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—Mr. Edward Harrington, M.P. for West Kerry, and editor of the Tralee *Sentinel*, was to-day sentenced to six months' imprisonment at hard labor for publishing reports of suppressed meetings of the national league. Harrington did not appeal from the judgment of the court.

Heavy Rains in Toulon.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Recent heavy rains have caused damaging floods in the vicinity of Toulon.

The Congo Government.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 31.—Mr. Jannssen has been appointed *ad interim* administrator of the department of the interior in the Congo government, in place of Mr. Strauch, resigned.

Father Kennedy's Arrest.

DUBLIN, Dec. 31.—Several priests have signed a protest against the imprisonment of Father Kennedy, who was convicted for attending a league meeting. The protest avers that the league is a legal organization, and that Father Kennedy's offense is of a political and not a criminal nature.

Damaged by Floods.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Enormous damage has been done by floods in southern France.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Mayor Stewart of Ottawa Unseated for Bribery.

A Member of the Ross-McLaren Lumber Sydicate Coming to British Columbia—Chief P. O. Inspector Dewe to be Superannuated on the First of January—The Crofter Commission will not Involve Expense to the Dominion.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—L. G. Little, member of the Maclaren-Ross lumber syndicate, left for British Columbia to-night to look after the company's recently acquired Chilliwack timber limits.

Chief Postoffice Inspector Dewe will be superannuated on January 1st.

The appointment of a Canadian representative on the Crofter Commission will not involve expense to the Dominion, the imperial authorities stipulated for the appointment of a commission before making a further grant.

Mayor Stewart of Ottawa was unseated and disqualified for personal bribery to-day.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Col. Irving has arrived from Prince Albert, whither he was sent to take the surrender from the Indians of a small section of the country to the north of the treaty. The Indians are anxious for the treaty, and the half-breeds resident in the section will now be able to get their scrip.

The public accounts for the last fiscal year were issued to-day.

Collingwood Schreiber was examined on the Onderdonk section before the arbitrators to-day.

The Governor-General and Lady Stanley held a levee at Toronto this afternoon.

MAINLAND STATISTICS.

The Year's Customs Receipts at Westminster.

Vancouver's Progress—Value of Buildings Erected During the Year—Imports and Exports—Value of Lumber Cut at Moodyville, Vancouver and Westminster—Total Tonnage of Shipping, Freights per C. P. R., Etc.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 31.—The total customs receipts for the year 1888 were $22,915.18.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 31.—Value of buildings erected for the year, $1,350,000.

Exports, $879,757 for the six months ending 31st Dec. Imports, $217,065 for the same period. Revenue, $73,074 for the same period.

The lumber cut at Moodyville, Vancouver and Westminster equals 100,000,000 feet.

Total tonnage from the sea arriving, 134,450.

Tonnage of freight by Canadian Pacific, 38,894; tonnage east-bound, 21,441.

Expenditure on streets for the year, $85,000.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

Baseball and lacrosse matches were played throughout Manitoba on the first, the day was the finest known in many years.

Mr. Ogilvie, surveyor from the Yukon, reached Winnipeg on Tuesday. He met Lord Lonsdale about 1600 miles north of Edmonton.

Charges of intoxication have been made by the trustees of the Western Methodist church, Toronto, formally, against Rev. T. W. Jeffrey.

Upwards of six hundred citizens of Ottawa called on His Excellency the Governor-General New Year's Day between 12 and 2 o'clock, the time appointed for the reception at his office.

The eclipse of the sun was plainly observed throughout Manitoba on Tuesday afternoon. In Winnipeg the eclipse was only three-quarters, but total at Portage la Prairie and Brandon.

The municipal nominations were made throughout Ontario on Monday. In many cases the officers were elected by acclamation. In Toronto Mayor Clarke was re-elected by acclamation; Brantford, C. B. Heyd; Clinton, Joseph Whitehead; Dundas, H. Brickford; Galt, John M. Lumsden; Harriston, Richard Dowling; Listowel, S. Bricken; Newmarket, Wm. Cane; Napanee, J. C. Carcallen; Oakville, John Urquhart; Owen Sound, Duncan Morrison; Perth, T. A. Cade; Prescott, J. Carruther; Parkhill, John Gibbs; St. Marys, F. D. Stanley; Stratford, H. F. Butler; Tilsonburg, J. C. Ross; Thorold, James Lawson; Walkerton, R. Faux.

WESTMINSTER NEWS.

A Hotel Keeper Fined for Selling Liquor.

While His License Only Covered Wine and Beer—Fatal Accident on a Gravel Train at Sailor Bar Bluff—No Blame Attached to the Railway Company.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WESTMINSTER, Jan. 2.—James Gibson, hotelkeeper of Chilliwack, was arrested here on a warrant issued by the local magistrate. Gibson was fined $150 or three months' imprisonment for selling whiskey while his license only covered wine and beer. Not being placed in confinement he immediately left Chilliwack. Instructions were wired and prisoner is held pending further word from above.

Dr. Griffin, of "black hand" notoriety, was placed in the provincial penitentiary yesterday.

Peter Rome, an employee on a gravel train, fell from the train at Sailor Bar Bluff, east of Yale, yesterday, and was run over and instantly killed. An inquest was held and a verdict given that death resulted from the carelessness of the deceased in handling the cable while the train was in motion. No blame is attributed to the company.

The eclipse yesterday was not successfully observed here owing to extreme cloudiness. Partial glimpses of the sun were caught semi-occasionally.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

In response to New Year greetings sent by THE COLONIST to its provincial and eastern contemporaries, the following courteous acknowledgments have been received at this office:

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 1.—The *News-Advertiser* reciprocates most heartily the good wishes of THE COLONIST. "All well" sounds the watchman. May brotherly love continue.

F. C. COTTON.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 1.—Everything lovely in the banana belt. Thanks for New Year greetings.

"FREE PRESS."

WINNIPEG, Jan. 1.—Enjoying prosperperity and finest weather possible. The *Call* wishes you a happy New Year.

NIGHT EDITOR,
for the Company.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 1.—The *World* staff greets brethren of the press. Happy New Year.

THE "WORLD" STAFF.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 1.—At the dawn of the new year the *Empire* of Toronto greets you. May prosperity be showered upon you throughout 1889.

L. P. KRIBS,
News Editor.

MONTREAL, Jan. 1.—The Montreal *Gazette*, the oldest newspaper in Canada, reciprocates THE COLONIST's greetings for a bright and prosperous new year for the Pacific Province and the whole Dominion.

"THE GAZETTE."

NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 1.—The *Free Press* reciprocates the kindly New Year's greeting of the Nestor of provincial journals and trusts THE COLONIST and its enterprising proprietors may enjoy many, many years of prosperity and influence.

GEO. NORRIS.

AN APOLOGY.

The Seattle "Times" Retracts its Statement Reflecting upon Capt. John Irving.

In the early part of December, the Seattle *Times* published a despatch from its Port Townsend correspondent reflecting upon Capt. Jno. Irving of this city, and associating that gentleman with a gang of smugglers operating in Victoria. Upon the offensive article being brought to the notice of Capt. Irving, he at once took steps to vindicate his character and make the *Times* retract its sensational and unreliable statement. Capt. Irving placed the matter in the hands of Struve, Haines & McMicken, attorneys of Seattle, and yesterday received the following letter, which explains itself:—

To Capt. John Irving, Victoria, B. C.

DEAR SIR,—Your favor of the 20th inst. was delayed in reaching us, but immediately upon its receipt we went to see the proprietors of the *Times*, and they made the correction in their editorial column which you will find in the marked copy we send you. We believe this will undo any wrong impression their first correspondent's report may have created. The publishers of that paper exceedingly regret the circumstance, and will make any further retraction you desire, or do anything further to counteract the unintentional wrong. Our opinion is, that this editorial notice will more than counteract the first correspondent's report, which on its face was exceedingly sensational and unreliable. If you desire any further statement made in the paper let us know. We would not advise proceedings against the paper of any kind; for in the first place, a criminal libel would not lie under our law, and in a suit for damages where a wrong statement was unintentional, without malice, and believed by the publishers to be true at the time of its publication, only nominal damages, if any, could be recovered.

Yours very truly,
STRUVE, HAINES & MCMICKEN.

Accompanying the above letter was a copy of the Seattle *Times*, of Dec. 28th, containing the following apology, which is perfectly satisfactory to Capt. Irving, as he had no desire to proceed to extremes, but simply to set himself right in the eyes of the public:

"CAPTAIN JOHN IRVING.

"In our dispatches from Port Townsend of the 21st inst., reflection was made upon Captain John Irving, of Victoria, as being associated with one Joslyn, who is reported to have been mixed up in opium smugglings. We learned from the best authority that Captain John Irving does not even know Joslyn or Durant, and is not related in any manner to the smugglers. We take pleasure in making the correction."

MARINE.

Bark Lizzie Williams sailed for Nanaimo from San Francisco on Sunday.

Steamer Islander leaves the C. P. Co's wharf every morning, except Monday, at 4 o'clock, and not at 2, as many people have been led to understand.

The C. P. R. steamship Albany arrived at Yokahama from Vancouver on Friday.

Bark Enoch Talbot returned to Port Townsend from sea on the 30th, leaking at the rate of fourteen inches per hour. She had 1300 tons of coal from Nanaimo, bound for San Francisco. She encountered heavy seas from the west when 50 miles off Cape Flattery.

Steamer Cariboo Ely left for Port Simpson and way ports yesterday.

Schooner Maggie Mac will leave about the 10th inst. on a sealing trip.

Tug Lottie arrived from Nanaimo yesterday with the schooner Ariel, coal laden, in tow.

Steamer Walla Walla arrived on Sunday at 5 p.m. after an exceptionally quick passage from San Francisco.

Bark Viola sailed for Liverpool on the 28th December.

From the DAILY COLONIST, Jan. 3.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

Coal Shipments.

During the month of December, 24 vessels cleared from Nanaimo with cargoes of coal, amounting altogether to 34,393 tons. Of these vessels, nine loaded Wellington coal, thirteen Vancouver coal, and two East Wellington.

Race Rocks Light-keeper.

Mr. W. P. Daykin, who has been appointed to the Race Rocks Light House (vice Albert Argyle resigned), was transferred to that that station from the Sand Heads the end of last month. The agent of marine accompanied him when the change took place.

The Decision is Final.

The Attorney-General having absolutely refused a new trial in the celebrated Dr. Griffin case, no argument will take place on the 10th inst., nor at any other time. The doctor arrived at Westminster on New Year's morning and was committed to penitentiary to serve his term of five years.

A Sign of Fine Weather.

Westminster was visited by a dense fog on Monday, which lastest for several hours. The citizens of the Royal City, however, were far from displeased at having their city shrouded in fog, as according to the *Columbian*, fogs on the Fraser are considered a sign of continued fine weather.

An Afflicted Family.

Death has visited the family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sehl, and taken away their youngest son, Edward, aged four years and four months. The sad event occurred yesterday, the little lad passing away after a short illness. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community. The funeral will take place on Friday (to-morrow) at 2 o'clock, from the residence of the parents, corner of Pandora and Quadra streets.

Teachers' Institute.

During this week the teachers of Westminster district are holding their annual institute meetings at Westminster city. The sessions will be held morning, afternoon and evening in the high school-room of the school building. Papers on educational subjects will be read by teachers and others, and a question drawer will be a chief feature of Friday afternoon's session. At the public meeting to be held in the Oddfellow's hall on Friday evening a programme consisting of addresses, music, vocal and instrumental, readings, etc., will be rendered.

A New Year's Smash Up.

Four young men, whose names are withheld in the hope that they will in future behave themselves, procured a carriage and span from the Transfer stables on New Year's Day and started out for a drive. The young men had so many calls that they were unable to take care of themselves, much less a lively team of horses, and the result was a smash-up on Douglas street, the carriage being completely wrecked. The damage will amount to about $200, and the boys who will have to foot the bill will not be likely to forget New Year's Day, 1889.

Townsite of Ladners.

In view of the rapid growth that the village at Ladner's Landing has made during the past year, and its bright prospects in the near future, three prominent landowners, Messrs. Thos. McNeely, D. Chisholm, M. P., and W. H. Ladner, M. P. P., have portioned off a piece of their property and had it surveyed into town lots. The survey, which was made by Messrs. Wood, Turner & Gamble, covers about fifteen acres and is divided into some 200 lots, commencing to the west of the wharf and running back to the Canoe Pass road. The new townplot was registered on Monday as the townsite of Ladners.—*Columbian.*

"An Ounce of Prevention."

In order to prevent the oft-recurring fatal mistake of giving a patient poison instead of the proper medicine, druggists should adopt the precaution used by Messrs. Langley & Co. Every poisonous compound leaving their shop is sent out in a specially made bottle, the outer surface of which is thickly studded with sharp projections something like a chestnut burr. On the glass stopper these projections are particularly sharp and a person grasping it in the dark would very quickly find out what he had hold of. These silent reminders of the contents of the bottle are further assisted by a decided "poison" label, which makes a mistake almost an impossibility.

Steamboat Troubles at Seattle.

The harbor-master at Seattle is experiencing some trouble in keeping the ferry slip free, so as to permit of easy entry and departure of the West Seattle ferry boat. Owing to lack of wharf accommodation steamers are compelled to lie abreast of the slip, and deline to move away until force is applied by the harbor-master. On Sunday the Idaho blocked the entrance to the slip and had to be removed by force, and on Monday the steamer George E. Starr tied up in front of the slip. Force was again necessary to remove this vessel, and while the harbor-master was engaged in his task, some trouble arose between J. R. Polley, agent of the O. R. and N. Co., and the harbor-master, which led to the arrest of the former.

The Sun's Eclipse.

The partial eclipse of the sun on Tuesday, as was to be expected, attracted the attention of a great many Victorians. The day was unfortunately not as clear as might be desired to obtain the best view of the heavens, although as the hour of the eclipse approached, the clouds parted and at one o'clock the state of the atmosphere was all that could be desired. The eclipse here lasted from about noon until 2 o'clock, the height of obscurity being at 1:25. The shadow of the moon, travelling eastward, entered the sun's disk at the south-western portion of its surface, and at half-past one covered seven-eighths of the sun's surface. During the eclipse, the dusk of evening settled down and a chill pervaded the atmosphere.

His Injuries Prove Fatal.

Thomas Thompson, the Johnson street gunsmith, who, last Thursday morning, made a determined attempt to end his life by cutting his throat, died at his home on Albert street on New Year's evening. It was thought by Dr. Milne, who was in attendance upon the injured man, that his life could be saved, and in fact Thompson did appear to rally and gain strength steadily, until Monday night, when inflammation set in and the patient became rapidly worse, death coming to his relief at about 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening. The deceased was in his fiftieth year, and leaves behind him a wife and family of two. He was a native of "Merrie England" and had been a resident of Victoria for several years, during which he made many warm friends, who will not soon forget his kindliness of heart. Of late years, his business had not prospered, and the importunate demands of his creditors, even after he had becoms so despondent that he sought relief from his troubles in death, would not allow him a moment's peace, and this, it is said, was the only cause which led him to take his own life. The funeral of the unfortunate man will take place to-day at 2:30 p. m. from his late residence on Albert street.

Death of a Pioneer.

John Matheson, an old pioneer of British Columbia, died at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday morning. The deceased was a native of the Orkney Islands, and was aged 60 years. He arrived in British Columbia 31 years ago, and has been residing at Skeena river for the past 20 years, where he leaves a wife and children. The funeral will take place this afternoon from St. Joseph's Hospital. The deceased was an old friend of Mr. T. J. Burnes, who has taken charge of the funeral arrangements.

Postmortem Examination.

I having been reported that the late Maggie Hughes was, at the time of death, *enciente*, the rumor caused the deceased young lady's mother and friends great concern, and in order that the young girl should not go down to her grave with this imputation upon her character, Dr. Milne was requested to make a *postmortem* examination before the funeral took place. The examination was made by Dr. Milne on Tuesday, with the result that the rumor was proved to be utterly false, and the doctor has handed a certificate to that effect to the deceased girl's mother.

New Year's Reception.

Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the local lodge of the Good Templars and the Young Men's Christian Association were "at home" in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. on Broad street, from 11 o'clock to 6 on New Year's day, and during that time entertained over 500 callers, young and old, of both sexes. The rooms were cosily arranged, with little *tete a tete* tables placed in every convenient nook and corner; coffee, cakes, fruit, etc., being served by the ladies to each of their visitors. Parlor games were also provided, and with music and agreeable conversation, all enjoyed themselves thoroughly and well.

Two Bold Robberies.

On New Year's morning two young Englishmen, arriving by the Vancouver boat, were accosted on the wharf by two men, who offered to carry their luggage to the hotel. The one was handed the two valises and the other several small bundles to carry, and the party started up Yates street, the man with the valises bringing up the rear. On the way to the hotel, the parcel-carrier, who appeared to be the spokesman, stopped to haggle about the price which they were to be paid for their services, and while the strangers were engaged in conversation with him, the other crook slipped away unnoticed with the valises, which were afterwards found by the police rifled of their contents. The police succeeded in running down the highwaymen, for they can be called nothing else, but their victims having left the city, no evidence can be obtained against them.

On Saturday last a watch and chain, valued at $150, was stolen from the cabin of the steamer Sir James Douglas, which is at present tied up in the rear of the Customs' House. The police were shortly afterward put on the track of the thief and the stolen property was soon after found in a Johnson street pawnbroker's establishment. Two watches were also stolen from the steamer Olympian on Saturday last, and the manner in which the thefts were committed would lead to the supposition that it was one man who committed both robberies.

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Honor Lieut.-Governor Nelson received a large number of callers at Government House on New Year's Day, among them the following gentlemen: Dr. McNaughton Jones, Mayor Grant, C. G. Ballantyne, G. A. Hartnagel, Alex. Munro, R. P. Rithet, Capt. John Irving, H. E. Croasdaile, Judge Harrison, J. Angus, Hon. A. N. Richards, Mr. Justice Gray, Mr. P. H. Gray, Thos. Shotbolt, Thos. B. Hall, J. K. Worsfold, Mr. G. H. Gray, Thos. C. Sorby, T. Lubbe, H. P. Bell, Wm. Dalby, R. Harvey, H. D. Helmcken, Capt. Jones, W. J. Taylor, Montague L. Troupe, E. V. Bodwell, M. H. Cowan, G. C. Shaw, Morris Moss, D. W. Higgins, M.P.P., W. R. Higgins, J. Trutch, W. A. Russell, Dr. Renwick, F. E. Woolridge, S. Phipps, Tom Cairnes, A. F. Lowen, T. H. Jones, Geo. Powell, Wm. McCulloch, C. W. Busk, Commander A. C. Clark (H.M.S. Espeigle), E. B. Marvin, T. Earle, H. F. Heisterman, J. H. Todd, J. S. Yates, Dixi H. Ross, Geo. Jay, jr., G. A. Keefer, Sebaro Fujii, U.S. Consul Robert J. Stevens, W. Marvin, R. H. Benedict, H. B. Rogers, F. S. Barnard, M. P., L. H. Feiling, C. F. Moore, Mr. Justice Walkem, W. M. Chudley, C.E. Renouf, A. Brown, A. G. F. McKiernan, O. E. Fletcher, Cecil Fletcher, T. S. Mulligan, H. B. Roycraft, R. E. Jackson, D. Graham, W. E. Smallfield, W. Allison, A. A. Green, Fred. H. Worlock, D. A. Boscowitz, Leonard H. Solly, Wm. Atkins, Robt. Williams, Lieut.-Colonel E. G. Prior, Rev. P. McF. Macleod, T. McConnan, Dr. J. S. Helmcken, H. G. Lewis, Jas. Gauden, Geo. Simon, Sir M. B. Begbie, Mr. Justice Crease, W. S. Gore, Col. Wolfenden, Dr. G. L. Milne, Joshua Davies, Wm. Harvey, Chas. E. Pooley, M.P.P., D. R. Harris, James Fell, Lieut. Gaudet, A. J. Langley, G. F. Matthews, Lieut.-Col. Holmes, W. S. Drake, J. H. Turner, R. Jones, C. C. Worsfold, W. S. Jemmett, Rd. W. Sabor, B. Boggs, Edgar Marvin, W. H. Redmond, F. Gamble, Capt. Nicholles, Thos. Earle, W. F. McCulloch, W. Ridgeway Wilson, Rev. H. Kingham, Dr. R. F. Verinder, C. W. Rhodes, H. Fiennes Clinton, Robt. Beaven, M.P.P., Jas. Wilson, Wm. Angus, J. A. T. Caton, J. J. Lang, R. E., Hy. Dumbleton, G. H. Burns, C. E. Redfern, Uriah Nelson, Rev. A. Beanlands, Jno. Devereaux, W. Hammond, H. C. Godden, C. Dempster.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

ROWING.

A letter received yesterday from Toronto contains the information that O'Connor, the champion oarsman of America, and the coming champion of the world, will visit Victoria early in February. He will remain in the city for a few days before proceeding to San Francisco.

FOOTBALL.

The Victoria-Vancouver match, which was to have been played on Tuesday, did not materialize owing to the fact that the grounds of the Vancouver club were in such poor condition that playing was impossible. The terminal city boys telegraphed at the last moment that the match could not be played, but the Victorians having purchased their tickets decided to go and enjoy the day in Vancouver, which they did.

Two scratch games were played on Beacon Hill on New Year's Day, the one Rugby; the other Association rules. Good play was done in both, and spectators and players were equally pleased with the day's fun.

An "association" club in connection with the Y.M.C.A. will shortly be formed. There is plenty of excellent material.

NOTES.

The first game of baseball of the season was played at Kamloops on January 1st, 1889, between the Kamloops boys and the C. P. R. team, resulting in a victory for the latter by one run. The full nine innings were played.

Hon. David Glass, speaker of the house, of Manitoba, and A. C. Miller, of Providence, R. I., arrived by the Islander last evening, and are at the Driard.

A GILDED SIN.

[A SERIAL STORY BY BERTHA M. CLAY.]

(Continued.)

"Trust you? Great Heaven, trust a woman who could burn the will of a dead man! Stay—tell me one thing. Did he wish you to destroy it? Did he ask you to do so?"

"No," she replied, "he did not."

"Then do not ask me to trust you, Veronica. No man's honor would be safe in such hands. If there is a mystery, and you will explain it to me, good—that will do; if not, we must part."

She held out her arms to him with a low cry.

"Part?" she repeated—"part—you and I?"

"Yes," he answered, coldly, "if it broke my heart a hundred times over. You do not suppose that I, a man of honor, could marry a woman who had deliberately destroyed the will of a dead man? I would not marry such a one even if the loss of her killed me."

"I never thought of that," she said clasping her hands

"I should imagine not," replied Sir Marc. "I could never look at you without remembering what you had done. I should be wretched, miserable. We must part."

"Part!" she repeated faintly. "Oh, Marc, I thought you loved me so!"

"Loved you! I love you even now despite what you have done; but marry you I cannot, Veronica. Your own conduct has parted us."

"You must not leave me, Marc," she said, holding out her arms to him. "You are more than my life; you must not go."

"I could never trust you," he said holding back her arms lest they should clasp his neck unawares. "There is no help for it, Veronica. Unless you can explain away this mystery, we must part.

Think it over, and give me the answer yourself."

She stood quite silent before him, her white face drooping from the sunshine, her hands clasped in mortal pain. Was there any chance, any loop-hole of escape? Could anything absolve her from her solemn vow? No, there could be no release. It was for Katherine's sake, for her father's memory—the same urgent reasons that had influenced her before existed now. Were she to be induced to break her vow, Katherine would suffer tenfold. She would keep it.

"Must we part, Veronica?" he said—"we, who have loved each other with so great a love, must we part?"

"Unless you can trust me, and let me keep silence," she replied.

"I cannot trust you; I can only say good-by. Good-by, Veronica. You have broken the heart of the man who has loved you as few ever loved. Farewell!"

He did not touch her hand, or kiss her face, or stop to utter one more word. Perhaps if he had done so his strength would have failed him. He left her standing there in the sunshine, with the bitterness of death hanging over her.

He went at once in search of Lady Brandon. He found her in the pretty morning-room, alone. She cried out when she saw his pale, set face.

"What is the matter, Sir Marc? What is wrong?"

"I want to speak to you, Lady Brandon," he said. "Veronica and I have had some unpleasant words. We have had a quarrel that can never be healed, and we have parted forever."

Lady Brandon held up her hands in dismay.

"Can it be possible, Sir Marc, that you have parted with Veronica? Why, it will break her heart! It must not be. Let me go to her—let me talk to her. If she has offended you, she will, I am sure be very sorry; let me go to her. I know how she loves you, my poor Veronica!"

"It is quite impossible," he said, hurriedly. "This quarrel can never be healed; even if Veronica wished it, I could not."

"You are angry, Sir Marc," asserted Lady Brandon; "and when your anger subsides you will be sorry for this."

"I shall regret it all my life," he said; "no one knows that better than I do. There will never dawn another happy day for me. Lady Brandon, I am a lost, ruined man."

"You will think better of it," she told him. "How could you quarrel with Veronica? I know no one like her; she is so good, so tender of heart, so true, so loyal!"

"No more!" he cried, shuddering. "I can hear no more!"

"You must hear me," Lady Brandon persisted. "I cannot have Veronica sacrificed to a mere fit of temper."

"It is worse than that," he declared.

"Have you thought what the world will say, Sir Marc? Her wedding-dress is ordered—her *trousseau* is prepared. Everything is being put in a state of readiness for the wedding. What am I to say?"

"There is nothing to say," he replied gloomily, "except that Veronica has dismissed me. I will take all the blame all the shame, all the disgrace. But, Lady Brandon, there is one thing that I should like to ask you. Do not talk to her about our disagreement. Do not ask her any questions. That which we have quarrelled about lies between us a d