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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—W. Taylor, a logger, had his leg broken at Robson's camp, back of Comox, on Thursday, through the breaking of a tackle.

—The steamer Maude brought word to Victoria on Wednesday that the Indians at Cape Beale report having seen a large black steamer capsize near there.

—A cable to The World from Yokohama announces that the C. P. R. steamship, Empress of China, arrived there yesterday morning, Dec. 26th, from this port.

—Following the putting on of a small patrol steamer on the northern coast it is said that the Dominion Government will fit out the Quadra so as to make her suitable for such service.

—Several thoughtful people sprinkled saw dust and ashes on the walk in front of their premises this morning, but even with that there were several steep places on which it was difficult to retain a footing.

—At Cottonwood, Cariboo, on Dec. 19th Rev. P. C. L. Harris united in marriage J. A. Fraser, formerly school teacher at Quesnelle Mouth, to Miss [illegible] C. C. Smith, resident governess to the family of John Boyd, Cottonwood House, Cariboo.

—A fire was started at 2 o'clock this morning in a shed at the rear of Bailey Bros.' old stand, near where the two attempts at incendiarism were made a few nights ago. The promptness of the fire brigade prevented the blaze from spreading, but mastery was not had without a spell of hard work.

From Friday's daily.

—Lord Thurlow, whose name has been associated with the projected British Pacific railway in this Province, is reported to be in financial difficulties, and his estate is said to be in the hands of administrators for the benefit of his creditors.

—The Fairview Advance states that the C. P. R. special rate of 42½ cents per 100 lbs., on small experimental shipments of produce from Penticton to Vancouver, has been raised to $2.13 per 100 lbs. At this rate, it is reported, shipments will naturally cease.

—Harry Judd, of Howe Sound, was married on Wednesday evening to Miss Annie Edwards, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Baer, at the residence of the bride's father, 112 Keefer street. Mr. and Mrs. Judd left for their new home on Thursday morning.

—The Christmas number of Leaflets from Loretto convent, Toronto, published by Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., has reached this office. It is a handsomely gotten-up publication and contains a large variety of articles, especially suitable to the holiday season. In it we find an article headed Notes and Comments from the pen of Miss Annie A. Fagan, daughter of W. L. Fagan, of this city, who is a regular contributor to this publication. Her articles are cleverly written, indicating literary ability on the authoress' part of no mean ability.

From Saturday's daily.

—An effort is being made to have Mrs. Brown, who is alleged to have shot at her wayward husband the other evening, proceed against him for desertion. She seems to prefer to let the matter drop.

—Ashford's correct name is said to be Flowers, and it is also stated that he has a sister a marchioness. If it be true that he has wealthy relatives an effort should be made to have them care for the children.

—The Salvation Army in this city was asked to raise $60 for the Self-denial fund, of which amount $50 was collected. As there were a number of promises of money no doubt the $60 asked for will be reached.

It was a watch valued at $50 which was stolen from the Salvation Army home the other night and not $50 in cash as reported. However, $50 did disappear, but it did not belong to the Self-denial fund, that money being in bank.

From Monday's daily.

—Postmaster Miller has received notification that the office here has been raised to the rank of a city one. The mail delivery is now the next question.

—Ex-Ald. Collins, who is a candidate for the mayoralty, met with a painful accident on Saturday. While proceeding to business he slipped on the sidewalk in front of Messrs. Weeks & Robson's store and broke one of his ankles. The accident may have the effect of confining him to the house for several weeks.

—It is understood that a clue has been obtained to the robbery committed at the Salvation Army home a few evenings ago, when a watch valued at $60 and $50 in cash were stolen. The thief is alleged to have left town on a vessel which recently went down to Port Townsend, and the authorities of that city, it is said, have been notified of the facts and will keep a lookout for the person in question.

From Wednesday's Daily.

—Billy Poole has been arrested on a warrant for making a murderous attack on Louis Pomeroy. The latter nearly died from the loss of blood.

—A telegram this morning to Mr. J. E. Chipman conveys the sad intelligence of the death of his wife, which occurred in Halifax yesterday. She had been an invalid for some years.

—The Canadian Pacific has its eye on Milwaukee business. It is reported that a new steamship line will be placed on the Milwaukee-Grand Haven route, and a new road will connect the same with the Canadian Pacific.

—The residence of C. C. Eldridge, Richards street was visited on New Year's night by sneak thieves, who carried off a tub of butter and a tub of mince meat. The thieves evidently knew where to get such articles of a good quality.

—Robert Cassidy, solicitor for Lowenburg, Harris & Co., Victoria, has served notice on Bodwell & Irving, solicitors for Captain Clive Phillipps-Wolley, of the intention of his side to appeal the case recently upheld in the Full court between the parties named to the Supreme court of Canada.

—Messrs. C. Cameron and W. J. Jeffree of Victoria, while duck shooting near Sidney on Monday discovered on the beach a well-preserved human skull. How long it had lain upon the shore could not of course be known, nor when he of whom it was once a part was numbered with the dead. A bullet hole in the back of the skull near the base indicates the manner of the owner's death, all else regarding the grim relic is speculation. The skull is that of a white man—well shaped and well balanced.

—Two Whatcom youths, Charlie Requa and Bert Brannin, arrived in New Westminster on Friday night, having run away from home to seek their fortunes in the gold fields of this Province. Sheriff Requa telegraphed Gov. Moresby to apprehend them, which he did while they were enjoying a game of pool. Both have been returned to their parents.

—The Western World, of Winnipeg, has commenced the publication of a series of illustrated character sketches of Western men. This month Sir William Van Horne is presented. The portrait of the railroad king is very good and the article accompanying it deals with him in his office, his house and his car. The writer evidently enjoys a close acquaintance with the magnate. A similar sketch of Hon. Theo. Davie, Premier of British Columbia, is promised for next month.

—Edward Gabriel, who for the past three years has been an invalid from the effects of an accident occurring while he was at work in the Bank of British Columbia in this city, died on Monday at his residence on Beechy street, Victoria. He was born in Manchester, Eng., and came here from his native town over four years ago. He leaves a widow and four children, one son and three daughters. The funeral takes place on Thursday afternoon. This is the man who brought suit against Contractor Mesher for damages under the Employers' Liability act for damages because of the accident referred to. He won in the lower courts, but appeal after appeal wore out his means, and the consequent worry doubtless hurried his end.

ARCHDEACON WOODS DEAD.

The Venerable Clergyman Passes Peacefully and Painlessly to His Reward.

New Westminster, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The Venerable Archdeacon Charles Thomas Woods, whose serious illness has several times lately been mentioned in the columns of The World, died this morning at the St. Mary's parsonage, Sapperton. Death was not unexpected, for it has been evident for weeks past that he was fast failing, and indeed he had never been the same since the death of his wife, about two years ago. Yesterday he asked for his old friend, Rev. Thomas Croucher, of Yale, who, upon being communicated with, promptly responded to the call, arriving at Sapperton during the course of the day. This morning between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock the late Archdeacon received the Blessed Sacrament at the hands of Rev. Mr. Croucher, and a quarter of an hour later peacefully and painlessly passed to his rest. So calm and gentle was his death that it seemed more like a falling asleep. Although it is about 18 months since the deceased was taken ill, whilst attending an examination at All Hallows' school, Yale, it was not until three or four months ago that he was unable to continue taking occasional services. Since then his active duties as rector of St. Mary's, Sapperton, have been carried out by his son, Rev. Philip Woods. The Archdeacon was born in Parson's Town, Ireland, and was 79 years of age at the time of his death. He leaves four sons and five daughters. The sons are the Rev. Father H. Woods, S. J., who is connected with St. Ignatius college, San Francisco, and who has just concluded a series of sermons in the Roman Catholic cathedral in Victoria; Rev. Philip Woods and Messrs. C. E. and E. M. N. Woods, civil engineer and barrister respectively. One of of the daughters is married to Dr. Bentley, another to Capt. Jemmett, another is a sister of All Hallows', Ditchingham, Eng., and the two youngest are unmarried and living at home in Sapperton. The funeral arrangements are not yet made, but in accordance with the expressed wish of the late Archdeacon, his body will be buried at Sapperton from St. Mary's church.

Archdeacon Woods' ecclesiastical career, vide Crockford, was as follows: Ven. Charles Thomas Woods, St. Mary's, Sapperton, B. C., Archdeacon of Columbia, took his B. A. degree and divinity testimonial in 1849, and M. A. in 1855, all at Dublin University, was ordained deacon in 1849 and priest in 1850 by the Bishop of Worcester, Eng.; made archdeacon of Columbia in 1865; his first curacy was St. Nicholas, Warwick, Eng., 1849-51; then of St. Michael's, Badbrook, Eng., 1851-4; minister of Quebec chapel, 1854-8; chaplain Woburn chaplaincy, Tavistock square, 1858-60; principal of Victoria, B. C., Collegiate school, 1860-68, and was rector of Holy Trinity, New Westminster 1865-9, when he was appointed rector of St. Mary's, Sapperton.

JOLLITY AT SPENCE'S BRIDGE.

Spence's Bridge, Dec. 28.—About 20 of our residents and the same number of children were invited to supper Christmas night by John Murray, our postmaster. It is needless to say all accepted of his hospitality and enjoyed a most substantial repast, after which we adjourned to the school-room, where a Christmas tree had been set up and literally loaded down with toys and other presents for the children. The tree looked very pretty indeed. A long programme of songs and recitations, together with instrumental music, had been prepared by Mr. Hoskings, and to him is due a great deal of the credit for the success of the entertainment. Under his instructions the children made a very creditable showing and delighted the older people for two full hours. Among those who took part were Miss Catharine Winters, Miss Katie White and Miss Millie Hoskings, all of whom sang delightfully. Little Miss Eva Hoskings delighted all both with her singing and recitation. Miss Bessie Winters also recited a piece entitled The Spider and the Wasp very prettily. Robert Winter recited in good style The Captain, and Richard White distinguished himself by reciting a humorous piece entitled Grumble Alley. E. Chard and James Hoskings added considerably to the success of the evening by their violin playing. Mr. Hoskings also sang The Anchor is Weighed, and as an encore brought down the house with I Guess You Have All Been There. During intermission the Christmas tree was stripped of its beautiful load, the children drawing out of a box numbered pieces of card with the number duplicated on the present they were to receive. This occasioned considerable mirth, as sometimes a boy would draw a doll and a girl a steam fire engine. Mr. Clyde, the school teacher, presented each of his scholars with a beautiful story book. Mr. Murray, our host, acted as chairman, and made a very appropriate speech, which was well received. After spending a most enjoyable evening the proceedings came to a close with the singing of God Save the Queen. Before leaving everyone personally thanked Mr. Murray for giving them such a delightful entertainment.

J. W. L.

CAME WEST FOR HIS BRIDE.

Mr. G. H. Finlay, of Guelph, Ont., and Miss Philpot, daughter of Dr. Philpot, of this city, will be united in wedlock to-morrow at 11 o'clock in St. Paul's church. After partaking of the wedding breakfast the happy couple will leave for their future home in the Royal City of the East by the Atlantic express, where they will be warmly welcomed by their many friends. They go east by the C. P. R. to St. Paul, and thence home by way of Chicago and Detroit. The bridegroom has been a resident of Guelph since his boyhood, and has always been very popular with the young folks there. His father has been manager of the Bank of Montreal for the last 15 years. The World's best wishes accompany them on the voyage through life upon which they are about to enter.

The funeral of Sir John Thompson will become historic, marked as it is with all the honors an Empire can bestow, which [illegible] to prove that genuine re[illegible] at his death, wherever the [illegible] floats.

THE ROYAL CITY.

HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT NEW WESTMINSTER.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Dec. 29.—The current week has been one of somewhat unusual festivity for the inmates of the Asylum for the Insane. First there was feasting on Christmas, then there was Wednesday evening's Christmas tree, and accompanying enjoyments, and last night there was a miscellaneous entertainment, very thoughtfully arranged and carried out by a party of ladies and gentlemen connected with the Royal Templars of Temperance. The Christmas tree, thanks to the unremitting efforts of the matron, Mrs. Ross, who had valued assistance from Mrs. Chas. Woods, Miss Lyal and Miss Webster, in loading it with suitable articles, was a source of much delight to those for whose benefit it was provided. The attractions of the tree were supplemented by the gay adornments of the large recreation hall. Music, played by some of the patients, and dancing, added to the evening's pleasure, and when the time to disperse came, it was with regret that the large company said adieu to the scene of so much sterling enjoyment.

In the Lulu Island robbery cases, alluded to yesterday, the preliminary enquiry into the charges against Cookson, Peterson and Steffson, for pig stealing, and against Crawford and Steffson for stealing potatoes, was not concluded, but was adjourned until Friday, January 4th.

The city council held an extra meeting last night, the business being chiefly connected with authorizing payments, to clear up as far as practicable the financial affairs of the year now closing. The Finance committee reported that a number of accounts and pay rolls, payment of which had previously been authorized, had been paid. The recommendations of the various committees for payment of a large number of amounts due, were adopted and the accounts were accordingly passed. The totals of the several committees' accounts were as follows: Fire, $58.74; Police, $15.50; Health, $13.50; Water, $13.24; Board of Works, $194.18; Light, $60.39; Finance, $732.91—total, $2,018.51. The city engineer's report on the Glen bridge was adopted, but before finally passing the work the Board of Works will examine it.

The Fraser River bridge sub-committee held one meeting this week and adjourned, awaiting to receive the amended plans. These came to hand yesterday, but owing to the absence of two members at Victoria no meeting could then be held but this afternoon matters will be fully gone into.

Dogs are proving such a nuisance at the weekly market gathering that it has been decided to take stringent measures to remedy the evil. Dog-owners will therefore do well to leave their pets at home, otherwise they will probably have early cause to lament the loss of their four-footed favorites. The police intend to be strict in this matter.

Burnaby lake was visited by about 100 city people yesterday. During the afternoon there were at times fully 50 adults skating, many ladies being of the number. Excellent skating was obtained, the ice being thick and in good condition. Some venturesome skaters were out on the middle of the lake. All enjoyed the pastime and hoped for continued frost to allow of other visits being paid. The street cars took passengers half way to the lake, but most of the skaters had to walk the remaining distance to and fro.

Pat Kain was again before the District court this morning, charged with the murder of Fie Mau, the Chinese gardener, near Vancouver. Capt. Pittendrigh granted a further remand until Saturday, Jan. 5th.

A very pleasant time was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside, Fourth avenue, last night by about a score of friends. It was intended at this gathering to do honor to Miss Lennie, who will shortly leave this city to go East, but unfortunately this young lady was too unwell to be present.

A fire occurred yesterday afternoon at the premises, on Alexander street, occupied by H. Stead, bootmaker. It appears to have been caused by the foolish act of someone pouring benzine into the fire in the stove, thereby causing an explosion which scattered the burning fluid about the building. Both fire halls promptly sent assistance, and the flames were speedily extinguished. The damage is not very heavy, Mr. Stead's loss being estimated at about $100, and that of Jas. Cunningham, owner of the building at a like sum.

The prisoner Ashford, charged with the murder of his wife and child, arrived over from Vancouver last night, in charge of Gov. Moresby and others. He will remain here till the time arrives for his trial. He appeared to be very dejected and had nothing to say this morning.

The annual entertainment of the Central Methodist church Sunday school was held last night, and was numerously attended. Previous to holding the public gathering the officers, teachers and scholars of the school took tea together in the rooms under the church. The occasion was an enjoyable one. During the evening the Superintendent, T. D. Pearson, addressed the audience in brief, but suitable terms. The assistant superintendent, W. C. Coatham, read the annual statement, which showed the school to be in a very satisfactory financial condition, being free from debt and possessed of a considerable number of valuable assets, which include a cabinet organ and a violoncello.

D. Lewis and J. Waters appeared on remand before the Police Magistrate this morning, charged with robbery from the person of J. S. Manson. After hearing the evidence offered both the accused were committed for trial.

The steamer Transfer has been temporarily laid up, the ice on the Fraser river preventing her running as usual. The Bon Accord and Gladys too are idle, being unable to get up the river. The Edgar is still able to continue trips to Ladner's and Steveston.

Since writing this morning about Burnaby lake the sun has come out brightly and numbers of the city residents are arranging to go out for a spin on the ice. Appearances suggest that there will be a big crowd. It is to be hoped that no mishap will occur to mar the general enjoyment.

New Westminster, Dec. 31.—An entertainment in connection with Knox Presbyterian church Sunday school was held at Sapperton last Friday night. The young folks went through a programme of about 20 numbers, and received a visit from Santa Clause, whom they quickly relieved of a load of candies. Supper for all, scholars, teachers and friends, ended an evening's pleasure, for which no admission charge was made. Rev. E. B. Chesnut and the school superintendent, J. B. Kennedy, M. P. P., were among those present.

At Holy Trinity Cathedral last night the choir under the leadership of H. Morey, sang as an anthem And the Glory of the Lord taken from the Messiah.

A Dane named Chris. Nilson, 52 years old, was last week admitted into the Royal Columbia hospital. A sensational statement had previously been published to the effect that if not at once cared for this man would die: but it afterwards transpired that although somewhat cramped and generally debilitated, a good bath was what he was very much in need of, to do a deal towards setting him up again.

A scow laden with coal broke away from one of the wharves this morning, and started up river for a voyage on its own account. A tug was afterwards sent to bring it back.

A collision occurred on Columbia street on Saturday, between a street car and a horse and rig. Joseph Wintemute left the animal standing near the sidewalk, whilst he went to the door of a store close by. The street car, coming down the street, caused the horse to start off, and unfortunately he crossed the track, getting clear of the rails himself. The rig, however, was in the way of the car, which had too high a rate of speed on to be stopped before it collided with the rig. The horse, although thrown down, escaped without injury, and so did Mr. Wintemute, who had managed to get hold of the reins before the collision. Two shattered wheels and broken shafts were the extent of the damage to the rigs whilst the car did not receive any damage.

A local wag has posted up in a conspicuous window in Cordova street a notice to the 400 of this city intimating to all who desire their names included in that projected monument of snobbishness, the B. C. blue book, that characters (blue or otherwise) will be supplied on payment of a fee of 25 cents; crests, pedigrees, etc., extra.

A circular has been issued to many local vocalists intimating that it is proposed to perform the Pirates of Penzance shortly, and inviting assistance. It is to be hoped that the proposal will be carried into effect.

New Westminster, Jan. 2.—The joint bridge committee met in the city hall on Monday night, when the conclusions of the sub-committee previously appointed to examine and report upon the several bridge plans and bids, and the consulting engineer's communications thereon, were submitted. These were briefly, that after examination of plans and tenders, and hearing verbal explanations from representatives of two of the tenderers, the plans of the Hamilton Bridge Company are the best for the money, but that the bid thereon seems to be beyond the resources of the corporation. The plans of both the Bullen and Dominion companies having been approved, acceptance of the lower tenderer was recommended. The report did not name the lower of these two. A letter from C. D. Rand, president of the Burrard Inlet & Fraser Valley Railway Company, having been read, it was resolved, after full discussion, to give Mr. Rand an opportunity to definitely state to the committee what his company is now prepared to do towards carrying out its proposals to construct a bridge, he to meet the joint committee next Thursday evening, when he will be requested to state definitely what he will do. Before adjourning the committee consented to hear Mr. Bullen and other representatives of tenderers at their next meeting, so as to have the benefit of any further information these gentlemen may have to communicate.

Following the bridge committee's meeting the city council met. The Market clerk reported December receipts, $78. A request from James Sampson, to be exempted from taxes upon a lot which is used as a public highway, was laid over for the incoming council to deal with. The City Engineer reported that the guard piles at Lulu Island draw bridge, for the protection of steamers, applied for by the C. P. N. Co.'s representatives, would cost $750. This matter was also referred to the new council. The committee reported concerning the two 24-pounder bronze howitzers. These guns were presented to the city 26 years ago by the Imperial authorities, about the time the Seymour artillery corps, named after the then Governor of British Columbia, was organized. The guns being of a pattern now obsolete, it was recommended that they be placed in Queen's park as mementoes of by gone days.

The Liquor License Amendment by-law was further laid over, and the Fraser River Bridge by-law was formally read a first time. Sundry payments totalling $84.81, and the manufacturers' exemption pay roll $574.88, were authorized on the recommendation of the Finance committee. The council then adjourned until Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., at 8 o'clock.

The dead body of a man was discovered about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, lying under Messrs. Bell-Irving, Paterson & Co.'s wharf. The Chief of Police was immediately communicated with, and he had the body removed to Murchie's undertaking rooms. A jury was empanelled shortly afterwards, Capt. Pittendrigh presiding. After viewing the body an adjournment was made until this morning. The deceased was dressed in a heavy tweed suit, and in his pockets were found among other documents a letter addressed to Hemrick Zechow, Seattle, dated from Washington, D. C., Feb. 12, 1890, and signed by Henry N. Cope. There were also found in the pockets a copy of the Seattle Telegraph, of Nov. 7, 1894, a good silver watch and gold chain, $19.05 in cash, match box, etc. The body has the appearance of being that of a man in comfortable circumstances, and seems to have in the water for several weeks. An examination has been made by Dr. Boggs, who will give evidence as to the cause of death when the jury resumes the enquiry. Meanwhile it is hoped that the police of Seattle, who have been telegraphed to, will be able to supply information that will assist in identifying the deceased.

The prisoners at the Provincial jail yesterday were treated to a New Year's dinner, and ordinary discipline was relaxed as far as might be. A very plentiful dinner of roast beef and vegetables, followed by plum pudding, was served out to 61, and the men appeared to thoroughly enjoy the addition to the suitable fare which is usually provided. About the only exception was Ashford, who kept to his bed and appeared indifferent to dinner and everything else.

The ball at the Guichon on Monday night was a very enjoyable affair. There was a numerous attendance, and those present appeared to enter thoroughly into the night's pleasure. Good music and the best of refreshments contributed not a little to the success of the occasion.

The ladies of the Y. M. C. A. held a reception and musicale last night. A number of young men availed themselves of the hospitality proffered, enjoying refreshments, music and social chat.

The trustees of Holy Trinity cathedral are gratified at being able to report that the income for the last year has not only, with strict economy, met the year's expenses, but has admitted as well of a small reduction being made in the indebtedness of the church. Rev. A. Shildrick made an announcement to this effect on Sunday night, and urged general co-operation in providing, not only the $2,500, which is the minimum estimate of the coming year's expenditure, but also in an earnest endeavor to free the church from prior debt.

Burnaby Lake continues to attract many visitors, the skating being very good. Between 300 and 400 persons were there Saturday, whilst yesterday the number was about 250. Ladies constituted a large proportion of the skaters, the majority of whom took the street cars to within about a mile of the lake, the remainder walking the three miles distance from the business part of the city.

The report of the secretary and treasurer of the annual celebration committee has been submitted, showing that the total subscriptions were about $2,200. A credit balance of $105 remains, and there are amounts promised, but not paid which total about $150, but this latter is a doubtful asset.

Orders for lumber are not wanting to keep the Brunette and Royal City mills at work through the winter, but unfortunately at such low rates as will not admit of an ordinary wage being paid to the workers. Then, too, collections are frequently difficult to make; so owners are still having an anxious time.

A very satisfactory statement of the affairs of the Mainland and Nanaimo Steam Navigation Company was submitted to a recent general meeting of stock-holders, held in this city. The accounts showed a surplus, the result of a profitable period of business, and prospects were stated to be encouraging. The election of officers for the ensuing year is announced to take place on Friday next, the 4th prox.

A seasonable greeting from Westminster to your many readers! May the new year witness improved business, and so bring a partial return to prosperity. The opportunity to earn a seasonable wage is a wish that will probably be welcome to many who have not lately enjoyed this privilege. May it soon be theirs, and with it many comforts and blessings which lately have had to be foregone.

AT LADNER'S LANDING.

Christmas Was Spent in the Real Old English Style—A Gossipy Letter.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ladner's Landing, Dec. 31.—The Christmas holidays were observed in true English style here. Everybody stayed at home, or took the alternative, and went to somebody else's home. Small processions of kith and kin could be seen wending their way to various points of the compass, and it is but fair to assume that many were the happy greetings and welcome of friends and relatives, to say nothing of the elongated countenances of those present, when they smiled as they recognized old acquaintances that had once been the pride of the barnyard.—The Sunday school children Christmas tree, according to the children's version, was such fun, and "my what a lot of presents Santa Claus brought us," but in the midst of all this plenty, Adam's descendents still lives. One William Dineir helped himself to the forbidden fruit. After hours on Christmas day he removed a pane of glass in Messrs. Hinchcliffe & Sherman's saloon, and abstracted therefrom a few bottles of spirits. This was soon discovered, when Chas. Stanley, the night watchman, shortly afterwards had William Denier, better known as the Professor, in tow; also, three bottles of spirits. On Wednesday he was brought before W. H. Ladner and Wm. McKee, J. P.'s. He pleaded not guilty. The evidence of Messrs. Stanley, Murray, Kittles and Hinchcliffe was taken. The accused was asked what he had to say. He replied that a man named John Robson had given him six bottles in all. The bench concluded that John Robson was of mythical origin, and sentenced the Prof. to three months' hard labor in the Westminster jail.——For the last week the weather has been all that could be desired for the time of year, sharp frosts at night, and bright sunny days. The thermometer registered about 26 above zero at daylight this morning.——In the municipal arena the programme so far talked of is that Wm. McKee will contest the reeveship with W. H. Ladner, the present incumbent. For ward two, Thos. McNeely will cross swords with the present alderman, Wm. Arthur. In ward four, the two gladiators will be T. E. Ladner and Wm. Goudy, the present councillor. John McKee, who at present represents ward five, will run again. Whether he will be opposed is not made public yet. Wards one and three are not definitely settled at this writing.——As mentioned in my last those interested in creamery matters were to meet on Saturday, 29th. About 25 farmers met in the Town hall on that date, W. H. Ladner and Wm. Kee were voted to the chair and secretaryship respectively. The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting, and invited any one present to give their views. A desultory conversation followed, several of the farmers taking part. Finally the three following resolutions were unanimously carried: First—That a committee be appointed, composed of Messrs. Benson, John McKee and H. Kirkland, to canvas the farmers as to the number of cows each one would be prepared to furnish milk from; also, to enquire about a site and get the bill for the lumber for the creamery. Second—That after this committee had gathered all the details that an effort be made to get the Agricultural Society to take the matter in hand, at their annual meeting, which will be held about the 20th of January. The third resolution was moved in lieu of the circular received from the British Columbia Board of Trade. The idea involved in the circular was that the Provincial Government grant a bonus to creameries. This did not suit the meeting at all. The following was then moved and carried without a dissentient: That this meeting is of opinion the Provincial Government can materially assist in dairying purposes by passing a short act exempting all stock for dairying purposes, either private dairies, creameries or otherwise; also, all buildings for the same purposes, from taxes. The meeting was in session several hours and adjourned to the call of the chair. If nothing unforeseen occurs it is expected to have the creamery full equipped and ready for operation by May, 1895.——As this, Mr. Editor, is my last communication for the old year, I wish you, your staff, and your readers, a happy and prosper us new year.

DELTA.

GAME PROTECTION.

A Society for this Purpose Successfully Organized at Kamloops.

At Kamloops a largely attended meeting was held for the purpose of forming a Game Protection Association. Mayor Lee occupied the chair and J. J. Carment acted as secretary. R. Mackay Fripp, of this city, secretary of the Game Protection Association, addressed the meeting at length, dealing with the enforcement of the game laws. He pointed out that the Game act does not cover every point it might, as the Indians slaughter a great deal of game needlessly. He also showed that this was the only game country where the killing of game is allowed during the rutting season. He thought the black bear should be considered a game animal on account of its fur bearing qualities and should be protected during at least May, June and July.

W. H. Whittaker thought an association of this kind would be very beneficial, and showed how destructive the hunting of big game by the Indians was. He advised pressing the Dominion Government for favorable legislation as regards Indians for the protection of big game. Mr. Marpole agreed with Mr. Whittaker's remarks and told of a shooting party which in the Okanagan had killed 42 deer and 5 sheep, among which were several does and lambs. The trophies were taken across the line. He suggested the appointment of wardens in every part of the country. This, he thought, would be a big step toward the protection of game. He considered November 15th late enough for the close of the season for shooting large game. Ald. Furrer held that a committee should be formed at once. The Indians, he thought, should not be allowed to shoot for market, nor have any more privileges than the whites. Dr. Lambert said he would prefer to have these points considered by a committee, and recommend that the opinion of others versed in the habits of game animals be obtained, with a view to change legislation so as to be of most practical use. Those present enrolled themselves as a society for the protection of game in the upper country, and the name Inland Game Protection society was chosen. It was thought that the fee need not exceed $1 per annum. The officers were then chosen for the ensuing year: President, R. Marpole; vice-president, W. H. Whittaker; treasurer, T. W. Lambert; secretary, J. J. Carment; committee, F. J. Fulton, E. H. Jones, F. Rushton, W. H. Pegram, J. R. Hull, W. J. Roper, and R. E. Smith. The executive committee was empowered to draw up a constitution, and to carry more weight, it was decided to affiliate with the Game Protection society here. Votes of thanks were tendered Mr. Fripp for his attendance and assistance, and to Mayor Lee for acting as chairman.

A STRANGE, WEIRD STORY.

The Provincial police in Victoria are at present working upon one of the most unique and extraordinary cases in the criminal history of the Province. As reported, the steamer Mischief went up the West Coast of the Island last week for the purpose of rescuing a white boy named Arthur Moore from Dgeklezet Indians, to whom, it is alleged, he was sold by a man named Bellinger for $90. The boy and man were found, and also the Indian who bought the youth. They together with witnesses who are stated to have seen the transaction closed, are all in Victoria now. The boy tells a straigthforward story. He says his father's name was John Moore, and he remembered living with him in Boston in a boarding house a long time ago, and afterwards in the little town of Chassell, among the Michigan pine forests. Then he went to visit at Holton, another village down in Muskegon county, and there it was that Bellinger got him and took him away in a wagon. He could not quite remember whether Bellinger stole him or bought him, and he didn't know at all what he wanted him for. Then they travelled a long way on the cars, and after awhile Bellinger took him off among the Indians and sold him for $90. With them he was well treated, for the Indian woman Natkins made him clothes, gave him plenty of food and saw that no one abused him. The boy's story is corroborated by letters found in Bellinger's possession when arrested. The police will communicate with the authorities in Michigan in the hope of ascertaining the earlier incidents of little Arthur's strange adventures.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Pat Kain Arranged on the Charge of Killing Fi Man.

World readers will remember that on the evening of Sept. 15, 1894, Fi Mau, a Chinese market gardener, was shot dead while on his way home from Vancouver to his ranch near New Westminster. It was discovered that he had had no large sum of money with him and all that was found in his purse were two Straits Settlements dimes and a Canadian five-cene piece. The post mortem brought out the fact that he had been shot twice in the breast. At the inquest nothing was elicited that would give a clue to the murderer. Gov. Moresby, however, had a theory and he kept working at it. As a result Pat Kain, a notorious character, who has done time more than once was arrested—on the charge of vagrancy. He was remanded from time to time until this morning when he was formally charged with the murder. When asked for his plea he said: "This is a job that Mr. Moresby is putting up on me." After some further parley he pleaded not guilty.

Long Bew, a Chinese merchant on Dupont street, was the first witness. He explained that he was a partner with Fi Mau in the ranch. Fi Mau started for home on Sept. 15th in a wagon drawn by two horses. He had no money from the sales of the vegetables as Long Beu looked after that. Fi Mau was well liked by the other Chinaman.

A recess was here taken and at the request of the prisoner Mr. Boultbee was sent for to defend him.

J. M. Graham had walked along the Westminster road that afternoon. He saw Kain beside the road and spoke to him. Kain was not far from the Collingwood. Witness met a Chinaman driving a span of horses about half way between the Collingwood and the Gladstone. It was then after 5 o'clock, perhaps 20 or 25 minutes. He was positive Kain was the man he had seen by the road. Kain was picking and eating berries.

Dr. Bell-Irving testified to having made a post mortem examination of the remains of Fi Mau. He found two wounds in the body made by a rifle or revolver bullet. One of the bullets had gone through the heart.

This closed the evidence for the present. Kain preserved a sullen demeanor throughout the sitting of the court and once accused Mr. Moresby of having said that he would give $100 to see him hung.

A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

A serious runaway took place on Sunday morning. Alex. Gibson, the well-blacksmith and farrier, and Andy Ross, of the Real Estate Exchange, got permission to take out Chas. Ferguson's grey horse for a spin. They hitched up at the Royal City Mills. The animal had not been driven for some weeks and was unusually frisky. All went well until at the corner of Richards and Hastings streets, they encountered a street car. The animal shied and the jerk threw the rig up against the curb and upset it. Gibson, who is unquestionably a good horseman, was driving, and in some way he got caught in the lines and was dragged about 100 yards before getting free. The horse then ran down Water street, and left the buggy, minus two wheels and the shafts in front of the Oriental. The animal was caught near the B. C. Iron Works apparently none the worse for his extra exercise. On examination by a medical man it was found that Gibson's leg had been broken. He was taken to the hospital, where the limb was set by Drs. Tunstall and Langis. It will be some weeks before he will be able to be about, but he has secured the services of a first-class man to look after his business. Mr. Ross escaped unhurt. It was found that the two nuts were off on the side on which the wheels came off. These were not found where the wheels came off, so it is likely that they worked loose and came off before the rig struck the curb, though it is hardly probable that they were off from the time the rig started out.

B. C. COAL ABROAD.

A Tacoma despatch reads funnily as follows: Tacoma coal merchants and business men generally are quite indignant over the fact that, despite repeated protests, the Navy department continues to coal the vessels of the Pacific coast squadron with British Columbia coal. To-day a steamer arrived from British Columbia with 253 tons of Comox coal, which is being loaded on the coast defense vessel Monterey, now in harbor. Considering that a dozen mines in Pierce and King counties supply a superior quality of steam coal, which the Southern Pacific railroad, for instance, uses exclusively on its coast lines, the Tacoma and Seattle merchants feel that the Navy department is inclined to favor the coal interests of British Columbia rather than those of Puget Sound.

THEIR SERVICES APPRECIATED.

The Vernon News has this to say: On Saturday Sister Francis and the remaining nurses left for the coast, the diphtheria patients having fully recovered and no vestage of the disease remaining in the city. For their prompt responce to the city's request for assistance, and the untiring efforts put forth by these devoted ladies in combating this terrible disease, we have been placed under an obligation which all will recognize and which cannot fully be cancelled by pecuniary considerations. They will be long and gratefully remembered by many of our citizens.

A BODY FOUND.

New Westminster, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The skeleton of a man has been found at Burnaby lake, near the outflow of the Brunette creek. The clothes on it are stated to suggest a man name Woodward, who some years ago made his escape from the Provincial Asylum for the Insane, and who was never heard of afterwards until now. Arrangements have been made to bring in the remains and to hold an enquiry respecting them.

THE OLD YEAR.

Wail, winter winds,o'er moor and fell;
The year is dying. Hark! The bell
Rings out amid the falling snow,
Good-by, old friend, for thou must go;
Good-by, Old Year.

Good-by, Old Year, thy life is done,
Since first thy light upon me shone,
The blissful hopes that fill'd my heart
Are withered all, and all depart
With thee Old Year.

With bitter tears my eyes are wet;
My heart is sad with vain regret
For all the good that I had thought
To do, for ill that I have wrought
In thee, Old Year.

Where are the friends that side by side
With me have walk'd, the true and tried?
Gone, like the snow, that, fair and white,
Fell o'er the land thy birthday night
All gone, Old Year.

Where are the flowers that brightly bloom'd
In thy young life, the earth perfumed?
Gone! with the winter's frosty breath,
And lying, like our friends, in death
In death, Old Year.

But soft! thy heart beats faint and slow;
Thine eyes are dim, thy pulse is low;
One parting glance; thy life is o'er
The New Year stands within the door.
Good-by, Old Year.

SPALLUMCHEEN VALLEY.

The Class of Settlers Wanted—Happenings in and About Enderby—Gossipy Items.

Special Correspondence to The World.

Enderby, Dec. 29.—The festive season is drawing to a close, and by the time these lines reach our readers we shall have entered upon the new year. Of the year that is past we now know both the best and the worst; it can bestow no more gifts, it can deal us no more blows. So we turn with eager expectancy to the coming year. "Man never is, but always to be blessed." However badly preceding years may have treated us, we are always anticipating, Micawber-like, that something good is about to "turn up." There is always bright hope for us in the unknown future. May it ever be so! There are few things which the coming year could bring that would be of greater benefit to this valley than the advent of a good number of new settlers; that is, settlers of the right sort, mind you. We do not want any more of the kind whom the emigration societies have been dumping down among us for years past moneyless, muscleless and incapable. We do not at present want even the best-qualified artizans or farm-laborers. We have already received as many as we can possibly assimilate, and more. The kind of settlers that we now need is men with a little money at their back—practical farmers, or others who would take the trouble to learn farming thoroughly, and who would clear and cultivate some of the thousands of acres of bush land now lying idle and unproductive, and who would employ men on their farms, paying them cash wages. It may be objected that nearly all the land is already taken up. So it may be, but that is no obstacle. There are numbers of settlers who have only a few acres of their quarter-sections cleared, and who would gladly sell out for a small cash consideration. Many of them know little or nothing of farming, and do not expect nor even hope ever to clear up the whole of their land. In fact, some have only taken up land at all in the hope of selling at enhanced prices later on. In addition to this class there are among our ranchers many genuine farmers; hard-working men, who would have reached the summit of their ambition if they could only get 50 or 60 acres into cultivation, but who cannot do so because through lack of money they are obliged to "work out" half of their time. Such men as these would be set up for life if they could sell off 50 or 100 acres for cash, and put the money into their remaining land. What is needed is that the real truth about this valley, and about British Columbia generally, should be made known in the old country and in Eastern Canada. The disadvantages as well as the advantages should be frankly stated. This would be far more effective than indiscriminate praise. Men of capital, as a rule, are cautious, and the wild and exaggerated terms in which unscrupulous emigration agents are accustomed to sing the praises of the Golden West, are enough to frighten any intending settler who has anything to lose. If the Hon. F. G. Vernon should accept the position, which has been offered him, of Agent-General, at London, for British Columbia—which we trust he will do—we would suggest that the corporation of Vernon, or some other local representative body, should ask him specially to make known in Great Britain the real advantages and attractions of the Okanagan and Spallumcheen, for the class whom we have referred to, as desirable settlers. Mr. Vernon has been associated with the locality for so many years, and knows its capabilities so thoroughly, that we could not possibly have a better advocate. There can be no doubt that there is a splendid opening here for the small capitalist—or the large one either, for the matter of that. It is nothing but the want of money which is keeping the country back. His Excellency the Governor General has shown his confidence in our future, by investing largely here. If solid, practical men, who really mean business, and who have no exaggerated ideas or expectations concerning the country, come among us, and invest their money wisely and well, in the cultivation of the soil, we are convinced that they will have no cause for disappointment.

What may turn out to be the germ of a great industry has just been started in this valley. A gentleman living near Vernon has been experimenting in the tile-making, and has succeeded in turning out some very good specimens. He think of manufacturing large tiles or slabs, which can be used for house-building, which is so well-known in England. In this system the tiles are screwed on to both sides of a wooden framework, and the space between them is filled in with concrete. The inside of the tiles being rough, the concrete adheres to them, and forms the whole into a solid mass, which is in every way as good as a brick wall, and very much cheaper. In fact, it is expected that it will be possible to turn out the tiles at such a price as will render a house built on this system as cheap as a frame-house, while of course, it will be much more substantial, and will practically last for ever.

A suggestion: We do not know whether any of the clay of this valley is suitable for the manufacture of pottery in general, but we should think, if it is adapted to the making of tiles it would, at any rate, do for the coarser grades. At present all our earthenware comes from abroad, and is consequently, very high-priced. If only the clay is the right sort, there is certainly a fortune waiting for the man who can take up this idea and work it out.

A rather remarkable feat has just been accomplished by Earnest Oliver, Enderby. He travelled on horse-back from Kamloops to this town, on Wednesday last, doing the whole journey—all but seven miles—between 9 o'clock in the morning and half-past 6 in the evening. The distance between the two places is not much less than 100 miles; so, even without allowing for stoppages, he must have made an average of ten or eleven miles an hour. He came the whole distance on one mount, a mare which he had just caught and brought in from the range, and which had never been kept in a stable. He says the road was very good all the way. He met with no adventures, save running up against a good able-bodied Christmas dinner at Perry's on Campbell Creek, where they seem to have been a day behind the calendar. It is hardly necessary to add that the dinner came off second-best in this encounter.

At the conclusion of the prayer meeting held on Christmas evening, at the Methodist church here, the Rev. W. Misener was presented by the congregation with a Christmas gift, which consisted of an envelope containing $25. The presentation was made on behalf of the donors by Mrs. Paul, and was accompanied by an address read by Mr. Bull, expressive of the esteem in which Mr. Misener is held by his people, and their high appreciation of his efforts for their spiritual welfare. The minister was entirely taken by surprise, not having had the slightest inkling of what was on the tapis, and seemed to be greatly gratified by the thoughtful kindness of his friends.

The population of Enderby is increasing with great rapidity. We have twice lately had to chronicle the arrival of a diminutive stranger. It is again our pleasant duty to congratulate George Hutcheson, the manager of the Stepney ranch, on the birth of a son and W. Watson on the birth of a daughter, not a son, as the Vernon News has it, in this week's issue.

Enderby parents are fortunate in being able to place their children in the care of a thoroughly trustworthy and well-qualified teacher. The public examination was held on the eve of the Christmas holidays, in the presence of thirteen visitors, who expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the results obtained, and also with the tone and discipline of the school.

We are pleased to learn that the newly-opened school at Deep Creek also passed an excellent examination. Miss Schwenger, who has lately come from Victoria, to take charge of this school, is spending her holidays in town, on a visit to Mrs. Appleton.——Miss Caldwell, school teacher at Nakusp is also passing the holidays here, with her sister, Miss Jennie Caldwell.——James Greyell left for his old home on Thursday evening's train. He was on the ni[illegible] at the mill, but that establis[illegible] ing now shut down—so far as [illegible] is concerned—in all probabilit[illegible] fall—he decided to return to [illegible] where he owns a quantity of [illegible] was a general favorite here, [illegible] greatly missed by his many [illegible] A sort of infectious cold, a[illegible] mild form of grippe has be[illegible] here during the last 10 we[illegible] few of us have escaped an at[illegible] Gardom has received a tele[illegible] his son Basil, whose departu[illegible] land we recorded last week. [illegible] that the young traveller was [illegible] the road, and arrived at Ne[illegible] late for the steamer by whi[illegible] to have sailed; he had cons[illegible] wait there for three days un[illegible] ing of the next vessel.——We l[illegible] the Rev. Knox Wright has [illegible] call to a church somewhere in [illegible] where they have offered him a considerable stipend. We understand, however, that Mr. Wright intens to decline the call, preferring to remain among his old friends here.——The weather prophets have been treating us to a grand acrobatic display this year. Their chief ability, like that of the ballet-dancer, seems to lie in their agility. In the fall they emphatically fore-told a winter of arctic severity. The signs were infallible, they said; winter berries were unusually plentiful; old hunters had stated that the furs were heavier than they had been for forty years; everything pointed to a winter the like of which this generation had never known. Lately, however, apparently quite forgetful of these predictions, they have been pointing out that birds which usually migrate quite early in the fall are still here; and confidently assuring us that winter. "See me reverse" should be the motto of these wiseacres.——The weather motto of these wise acres.——The weather has been very dull here during the past week. A little more snow has fallen, and the temperature has fallen. Last night we had 16 degrees of frost.

MERCURY.

KOOTENAY NEWS.

The Nelson Tribune says: The War Eagle Mining Company, of Trail Creek, has been incorporated with a capital stock of $500,000. Stock is subscribed as follows, in shares: Patrick Clark 58,334, John Noyes 25,000, H. L. Frank 58,333, William L. Hoge 25,000, George W. Dickenson 25,000, J. A. Finch 62,971, A. B. Campbell 62,916, W. J. C. Wakefield 25,908, Austin Corbin, second, 62,500, E. J. Roberts 44,345, A. T. Herrick 32,500, B. C. Kingsbury 17,241. Eighty per cent of the amount of each share is paid up, making $400,000, and leaving a balance of $100,000 unpaid on account of subscription.——The men who are shipping ore from mines on the Kaslo river slope of the Slocan have one advantage over those on the Carpenter creek slope. There is enough snow on the Kaslo river slope to run "rawhides" to their full capacity. Bob Jackson is sending ore down daily from the Northern Belle to Bellville, whence it goes to Kaslo. On the Carpenter creek slope there is not enough snow to keep heavily loaded "rawhides" on the trail, and they are going down from the Noble Five and Reco with 1200 lbs., instead of 1,800 to 2,000.——Byron N. White, manager of the Slocan Star Mine, Slocan district, passed through Nelson on Thursday on his way to Spokane. He said 500 tons would be shipped from the Slocan Star this month; but that future shipments would depend upon the price of silver.——Marriages: At Spokane, on Dec. 22nd instant, at the residence of the bride's parents, Samuel Howard Green of Kaslo to Miss Flora Goodwin of Spokane.——At Kaslo, on the 17th Dec., at the residence of R. F. Green, J. William Cockle to Miss Annie Kellett, both of Kaslo.——At Spokane, on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the residence of A. B. Goldstein, Michael Flaherty to Miss Belle Thomas, both of Kaslo.

THE NEW HOME.

As announced in these columns some days since, the Alexandra Hospital property has been handed over to the Orphans' Home trustees. The Attorney-General has undertaken to put through the necessary legislation legalizing the transaction. In anticipation of the bill going through the House at an early date, Premier Davie to-day wired the president of the Home that he could take possession of the hospital building at once. There will be no time lost now in making the new home a comfortable one for the inmates by those having the arrangements in hand.

ANOTHER HANDSOME BLOCK.

C. S. Douglas & Co., states that despite the depression existing during the past year considerable real estate has changed hands in Vancouver, buyers in nearly all cases purchasing for the purpose of building, thus showing a substantial growth in the city. As a fitting finale to a very good year's business this firm closed the sale this week of 66x105 feet on the northeast corner of Cambie and Hastings Sts., to local capitalists, who propose to erect thereon a handsome block during the coming year. The price paid is said to have been $21,000.

A CEMETERY FOR GOLDEN.

The last issue to hand of the Canada Gazette contains an order-in-council setting apart certain lands at Golden, B. C., for the purposes of a cemetery. The tract is described as follows: All that portion of the southeast quarter of sec. 12, township 27, range 22, west of the 5th meridian, founded on the north by the southern boundary of the Golden Mining and Smelting Company's property, on the east, by the east boundary of said sec. 12, and on the south and west by the northerly boundary of the old traveled trail to Fort Steele, containing by admeasurement 2.70 acres.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

It is definitely announced that Attorney-General Longley will become Premier of Nova Scotia, and Hon. W. S. Fielding run in the Liberal interest for Hants for the Commons. Hon. A. G. Jones will be the candidate of the same party for the united counties of Queens and Shelburne. Hon. G. E. Foster will not run in Kings, N. B., D. Pugsley, of St. John, will be the Conservative standard-bearer, and H. A. White, the Liberal. The Finance Minister will try St. John or York.

CONFIDENCE BETRAYED.

The World is in receipt of a letter from John McMyn, of Knight's Inlet, stating that a certain party has skipped out with $100 of his goods and valuable articles belonging to other people. He refers to the absconder as an "oily tongued scoundrel." Mr. McMyn should place the matter at once in the hands of the police.

LE ROI EST MORT.

Behold a dying King! the hoary year—
His garnered days are gathered in the sheaf—
The glory, and the grandeur, and the grief
Are ended now, and only death is here.

Tread lightly and let fall perchance, a tear
For this poor King whose reign was all too brief,
Whose splendor has become a withered leaf,
A flickering candle and a waiting bier.

But hark! the stroke is on the midnight hour,
See! he is clutching, gasping he is gone!
This infant at the door! what do he bring?
Ring out, ring out, from every town and tower!
Ring out the bells until the break of dawn,
And shout, "The King is dead! Long live the King!"