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eed to Skagway on the schedule
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ing, or what is called the snag.
hung until the crew recovered
Amur is commanded by Capt.
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r reef is situated right at the
to Port Simpson, and is separ-
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to make on her southern run
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COMPETITION ENDED.

eel Makers Reach Agreement Re-
garding Prices.

Dec. 19.—A conference of the
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angles, branded as iron, will be
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HANGED HERSELF.

rd, Ont., Dec. 19.—Mrs. McCon-
ghter of Mrs. Alexa Forrest, of
committed suicide yesterday by
herself with a towel in the cel-
had been ill for some time and
ect to fits of despondency.

FOR PASSENGERS.

gestion has been made that rules-
y passengers should be put into
The Evening News has prepared
trains and couplets for the com-
select from. Mr. Punch adds:

tlemen you rarely meet
ling underneath the seat.
e smash you into bits,
nd—you've bought "Short Skits."
e the window straps behind;
razor strops you'll find.
ur buns bruise not your fists;
them to geologists.
—Punch.

CHRISTMAS.

lies deep on the moorlands,
nt sinks gently down,
chill wind's sad vibrations
he forest bare and brown;
ugh the night is dreary,
a glory in the skies;
d, the little Christ-child
nger lowly lies.

winds, carry the story,
ead the tiding afar
birth of the King of Glory
nded by a star!

s, with exultation
d your praises sweet,
e wise men haste from distant

hip at His feet!
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believed to be practically set-
satisfaction to all parties.

7,110 youths called for military
n in Paris, 64 could neither read
and 99 could read only.

OMACH'S "WEAL OR WOE!"—
ich is the centre from which,
tandpoint of health, flows "weal
A healthy stomach means perfect
perfect digestion means strong
nerve centres—strong nerve
an good circulation, rich blood
ealth. South American Nervine
keeps the stomach right. Sold
& Co. and Hall & Co.—52.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR PRESENTS PRIZES

COLLEGIATE SCHOOL CLOSING EXERCISES

Excellent Showing Made by the Boys in Attendance During Term Just Completed.

The Collegiate school held its closing exercises on Thursday, there being present, at the invitation of Principal Laing and Mrs. Laing, a large attendance. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor presided during the evening, and on the platform, in addition to the head master and his staff, were Bishop Perrin and Ven. Archdeacon Scriven.

After a programme of music had been given His Honor distribute the prizes. In doing so he laid stress on the importance of penmanship. Bishop Perrin also spoke briefly. Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, in speaking of the examination he had just conducted, that the three essays which were assigned first places were the best he had ever examined.

A farce, "A Model of a Wife," was given by the boys to the amusement of all. After the play the visitors adjourned to the main building, where they were entertained by the host and hostess.

The head master's report for the year referred to the excellent quarters found in the new school, the Laurels. Boarders were attending from Nelson, Rossland, Vancouver, Macleod, Tacoma and other points, which showed that the school had come to be recognized as an important educational centre. Everything should be done to make Victoria a great educational centre, and the Collegiate school was doing a part in that.

The report went on to say: "Our members are well up to the average, the roll call this term being 56, including 19 boarders. With our increased accommodation we have room for 35 to 40 boarders. The health of the boys has been excellent, a matter of deep thankfulness.

"Of our old boys, we have heard good accounts of the work of the two Hanningtons at McGill University, one of whom may, we hope, become a Rhodes scholar; of George Dart, who has passed his examinations with honors at the University of Edinburgh, of his brother Hibbert, on board the Britannia; of Harold Hamersley, and Harold Jukes, at the R. M. C., Kingston; of the two Costobadies at Guy's hospital in London, and of Gerald Potts, who obtained an open scholarship at Trinity University, Toronto. Seven or eight of our old boys have entered banks, notably Dorrell, who was highly complimented by the bank's manager for his most creditable work.

"A word as to certain subjects of study in the school: First and foremost each boy is instructed in the history and doctrines of the Bible. The study of English and Canadian history is a special factor in our curriculum."

He lauded the work of Mr. Bell, instructor in history. The study of English literature was also made an important branch of the school's work.

The examiners were Venerable Archdeacon Scriven, M. A., Rev. W. D. Barber, M. A., who examined the upper and lower school respectively in classics, English and French, and A. J. Parish, M. A., R. N., the naval instructor of H. M. S. Grafton, who undertook the mathematics of the upper school.

An entrance scholarship for new boys was announced to be competed for on the first day of the Easter term, January 11th, 1904.

Special prizes had been given by Bishop Perrin for Divinity, Sir Henri Joly for writing, the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin for arithmetic, C. W. Busk, of Nelson, for composition, F. A. Pauline for spelling, Mr. Goodacre for recitation, Messrs. Hibben for history, Miss Archbutt for music, and Mrs. Laing for good conduct among the boarders. The result of the prizes was as follows: School scholarship, Busk, average 78; Form VI., W. Todd; Form V., Phair; Form Upper IV., Busk; Form Lower IV., Martin I.; Form III., Turner; Form Upper II., Appleby; Form Lower II., Martin II.; Form I., Holden; Divinity, Upper school, Spencer I.; Divinity, Upper school, Peters; writing, Upper school, Hill; writing, Lower school, Turner. The copies sent in have been so good and equal in merit that Mr. Archer Martin has very kindly given a third prize to DeLano. Spelling, Upper school, Spencer I.; spelling, Lower school, Barnes I.; recitation, Upper school, Pitts; recitation, Lower school, Turner; arithmetic, Phair; composition, Busk; history, Pitts; boarders, Busk; music, 1, Hill; 2, E. McQuade.

With reference to music, Miss Archbutt writes: "The boys have all done good work with their percentages. Hill is especially worthy of commendation, with 95 per cent., and as McQuade has run him closely with 92, I have decided to give two prizes as a mark of my appreciation of their efforts. I am only sorry I cannot give each boy a reward, as they have all worked most willingly and enthusiastically."

The following promotions were reported: Upper IV. to V., Busk; Lower IV. to Upper IV., Martin I.; Third to Lower IV., Turner, Stoddart, Pinder, E. McQuade; Upper II. to Third, Appleby, DeLano, Barnes I., Barnes II.; Lower II. to Upper II., Martin II., Few.

The examiners' reports were also presented. A. J. Parish, M. A., R. N., in his report, said: "In arithmetic in Division I. four boys obtained over 80 per cent, Rochfort II., Phair, Pitts and W. Todd. On the whole the paper was very well done, but some boys lost marks for not showing up all their work. On algebra, Pitts and Phair show most promise. In Euclid, in Division I., Phair is at the head and in Division II., A. Spencer and W. Todd acquitted themselves with credit. On the whole there has been very steady progress since I last examined them, and I am sure you must be pleased with the results."

Archdeacon Scriven, in his report, said: "I have to notice first the very excellent work of Todd I., the sole representative of Form VI. He has made good marks in every subject in which I have examined, and has the high average of 68 per cent. in all papers. The three boys of Form V. are but little behind him. They have all passed a very creditable examination. An average of over 60 per cent. has been made also by Busk, Martin I., Spencer II., Todd II. and Hill in Form IV. The last four are in the Lower IV., and are very promising pupils. Some of the English subjects deserve a special word of praise, notably the Essays and the Papers on English Literature and History. I found great difficulty in selecting the best essay for Mr. Busk's prize, and only after much consideration have awarded it to his namesake, who is closely run by Martin I. and Todd I. All these are really high class essays. On the whole I consider that the school has acquitted itself well, and that it does great credit to those who are responsible for the tuition."

Rev. W. D. Barber, M. A., said in his report: "In Form III. the best average marks were obtained by Turner (19), E. McQuade (69), Pinder (64) and Stoddart (63). In spelling Stoddart obtained 93, Bennent 88; in Divinity, Turner 87; in Latin, Pinder 80; in French, C. McQuade 90; in English History, Stoddart 80; in English Literature, Bendroit 88; in dictation, Stebbins 1; Bennett, E. McQuade and Cole 100; in arithmetic, E. McQuade 93; in algebra, E. McQuade 84; in Euclid, Turner 80, Stebbins 1; obtained the highest marks for Essay, E2, Bennet being second with 80, the average of marks is again excellent. The Divinity papers remarkably good, the Essays fairly good, arithmetic excellent and Euclid good. In Upper and Lower II. Forms, the boys show an intelligent grasp of their term's work, the general average of marks being high.

In general average, Barnes I. and Appleby have 76; Barnes II., 69; Peters 68; Parry and Martin II. 62. In English grammer, Stirling I. has 80 and Barnes I. 77. In these forms the work was carefully done in the English subjects, the writing was legible and neat, and the general results show individual attention and successful work on the part of the masters.

On Form I., Holden was first in all subjects, and is a boy of good promise, Stirling II. being a good second.

COLLEGE CONCERT.

Faculty Gave an Enjoyable Entertainment in the High School Thursday Night.

The faculty of Victoria College furnished an excellent entertainment in the auditorium of the High school, there being present a very large gathering of the parents and friends of the pupils. E. H. Russell, B. A., had charge of the arrangements, and the programme reflected credit upon him as well as upon those who took part in it.

Mrs. J. D. Helmcken delighted the audience with her solos. Mrs. Sehl also acquitted herself in excellent manner. Percy Wollaston, W. Kennedy, H. Kent and E. H. Russel also sang well. Mrs. Jessie Potts, D. Cobbett and A. and J. Longfield, all gave instrumental selections, which were much enjoyed.

An address was given by Principal E. B. Paul, M. A., in which he complimented the pupils upon their conduct and the progress which was being made.

Refreshments were served by the lady teachers, the tables being decorated with the college colors, yellow, black and red.

C. P. R. OCEAN SERVICES.

Pacific Record More Satisfactory Than That of Atlantic During Past Year.

A Montreal dispatch says: "Arthur W. Piers, general manager of the C. P. R. steamship lines, speaking of the result of the past season's business, said:

"At the close of the present season, the first during which the Canadian Pacific railway has operated steamship lines on both the Pacific and Atlantic, I would say that both fleets here had a satisfactory year. Perhaps that on the Pacific, owing to favorable conditions, was more satisfactory than that on the Atlantic. During the year the steamers have handled the greater portion of the tea and silk trades. While right along there was a good deal of competition, freight rates were not affected to anything like the same extent as they were on the Atlantic. This naturally tended to allow a better showing being made, but then the conditions on the Pacific are such as will not permit of a direct comparison with conditions on the Atlantic.

"Regarding our Atlantic trade, we have not been complaining. The entire fleet carried a much greater amount of tonnage than they ever did when controlled by the Elder-Dempster Company. Besides, this line made new records for cattle shipments, and prices for these up to near the end of navigation were fair. Our passenger business was heavy, and showed excellent returns. It must be mentioned that the business on this line was affected to a certain extent by the strike that occurred at the opening of the season, and the fact that new large sheds had to be constructed. Now that nearly all the preliminary work has been attended to, the showing that the fleet should make next year should be much ahead of this year's. The increased tonnage was undoubtedly due to our steamship line connection with the railway."

ANNUAL SOCIAL

Of the Royal Arcanum Proved an Enjoyable Event.

The annual social of the Royal Arcanum took place on Thursday evening at the Pioneer Hall. A most enjoyable evening was spent by a large number of members and friends. J. L. Beckwith occupied the chair, and during his opening remarks told how strong the order had grown all over the States and Canada. Statistics show it is going ahead by leaps and bounds, and he advised all young men who did not belong to any order, and who needed protection for those who were dependent upon them in case of death, to insure in the Royal Arcanum. Hon. Abram E. Smith was present, he being a life-long member of the order.

The following excellent programme was given, during which refreshments were served: Piano selection, Mr. Olive; song, They All Love Jack, E. E. Wootton; recitation, Waterloo, Mr. Henderson; song, Asleep in the Deep, Mr. Cullingford; instrumental, piccolo solo, Mr. Hollins; song, The Bandalero, D. B. Christopher; recitation, Miss A. Mittlestate; song, Crazy Musicians, W. H. Jones; instrumental duet, violin and piano, Master and Miss Mittlestate; song, I'm Waiting for Thee, Mr. Williams; song, Swanee River, Mr. Wootton; song, Drinking, Mr. Cullingford; song, Village Blacksmith, D. B. Christopher; song, Irish Christening, Mr. Jones; God Save the King.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

This week's Gazette contains notice of the following appointments:

Sidney Williams, of Quesnel, to be a justice of the peace.

Adolphus Williams, K. C., of Vancouver, to be a stipendiary magistrate for the county of Vancouver, and police magistrate for the said city, vice J. A. Russell.

Arthur Johnson, of Revelstoke, to be a license commissioner for the Revelstoke license district, vice E. A. Haggen.

Arthur H. E. Beckett, of New Westminster, to be a clerk in the land registry office at the said city.

William Robert Williams, of Phoenix, police magistrate, to be a magistrate under the "Small Debts Act," for the city of Phoenix, and within a radius of three miles therefrom.

The appointment of F. R. McD. Russell as police magistrate at Vancouver during the absence or illness of the salaried police magistrate is cancelled.

The offices of the provincial government will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 26th, and Saturday, Jan. 2nd.

The appointment of Rowland Lea, of Victoria, as attorney for the Yreka Copper Company, in place of the late H. McKenzie Cleland, is noted.

John C. Franklin, 109 years old, died in the asylum at Toronto on Friday. He came here from Ireland many years ago and had latterly lived in Bowmanville. He had been in the asylum only about a year.

WANTED—Faithful person to travel for well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary $20.00 per week with expenses additional, all payable in cash each week. Money for expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House,

HOSPITAL BOARD HOLDS ITS MEETING

PLUMBING QUESTION RECEIVES QUIETUS

Arrangements Made by the Members for the Christmas Festivities—Reports From Officers.

On Thursday at the board of trade rooms the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital was held there being a large attendance. President Day occupied the chair, and those present were Messrs. Helmcken, Wilson, Shotbolt, Forman, Lewis, Pemberton, James, Humphrey, Twigg and Holland.

Proceedings were opened in the usual way, after which communications were dealt with.

Mrs. B. M. Hasell, secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, informed the board of the intention of that society to hold their annual ball in aid of the hospital on the evening of Wednesday, December 30th, at Assembly hall, Fort street. The interest and support of the directors was requested, and they were extended a cordial invitation to attend. This was received and the invitation accepted with thanks.

H. M. Grahame submitted a cheque of $25, being the subscription from the estate of A. Van Lakeren for the current year towards the Provincial Jubilee hospital. Donations towards the hospital were received from F. W. P., $28; and A. Walters, Salt Spring Island, $5. These were acknowledged with thanks.

The secretary next read the following communication:

F. Elworthy, Esq., Secy. Directors of Jubilee Hospital, City:

Dear Sir:—In the report of the proceedings of the regular meeting of the board of directors of the Jubilee hospital on the 17th inst., and published in the Colonist on the following day, a communication from the master plumbers, asking for equal distribution of the plumbing work required by the hospital, etc., was held by one of the directors, Mr. A. Wilson, to have been "fathered by the Trades and Labor Council and aimed at his firm."

I am directed to state that the Trades and Labor Council has had nothing whatever to do with the communication referred to above. Whenever the council considers it necessary to express an opinion on anything concerning the hospital, it invariably does so frankly and direct, through its secretary.

I am further directed to state that while the council emphatically denies having in any way inspired or prompted the said communication, it has no hesitation in endorsing the principle contained in the request made by the master plumbers as correct, and deserving the favorable consideration of the board of directors.

CHRISTIAN SIVERTZ,
Secretary.

The appended statement was submitted showing the cost of plumbing at the Jubilee hospital for twelve months:

1902.	Labor.	Materials.
November	$ 2 90	$ 12 05
December	11 25	7 10
1903.		
January	12 20	12 85
February	3 50	6 95
March	11 50	20 15
April	5 55	17 45
May	1 00	4 35
June	3 00	4 40
July	7 00	9 35
August	29 70	32 70
September	18 50	8 05
October	7 10	19 55
	$113 20	$150 95

In view of the statements contained in this letter Mr. A. Wilson withdrew what he said at the last meeting to the effect that the Trades and Labor Council was responsible for the Master Plumbers' petition. He said that it now appeared that three of the hospital directors were behind the petition. He was sorry for anyone who could not speak out his mind in a manly way.

Mr. Twigg, speaking on this question, said that the company of A. & W. Wilson had done the work for about twelve years, and it was certainly time another firm was given a trial. If the work was not satisfactory it could be put in other hands.

Mr. Wilson, after a few preliminary remarks, asked what the general run of workingmen did towards the assistance of the hospital. He, however, was perfectly willing that all work should be taken from his firm.

Mr. Twigg said that it was the principle of the thing with which he disagreed. He moved "that the work be given to some other firm than that of A. & W. Wilson for six months on trial." This was seconded by Mr. James.

H. D. Helmcken moved in amendment as follows:

That the master plumbers be thanked for their communication, and be informed that their recommendations will receive proper consideration; that there is at present, and has been for some time, the system of a fair distribution of patronage amongst the trade, and that a copy of the return be forwarded the master plumbers."

Before the amendment was put Mr. Wilson moved, in amendment to the amendment, "that the firm of A. & W. Wilson be prohibited from doing any plumbing work in connection with the Jubilee hospital."

The latter, however, found no seconder, and Mr. Helmcken's amendment being put, carried by a large majority, Messrs. Twigg and James only voting against it.

Mayor McCandless wrote regarding the agreement between the police commissioners and police directors with reference to the treatment of the police force. The agreement having been satisfactory to both parties concerned he asked that no time be lost in the issuance of certificates to members of the force. This being done, the sum of $600 would be placed to the credit of the hospital. Received and filed.

The finance committee's report was submitted as follows:

Accounts for November amounting to $1,769.56 were examined and approved for payment. In the accounts are included the sum of $135.44, estimated to be a six months' supply of potatoes; also a charge of $40 for repairs to sewers, and $30 for installing telephone connection between the ward kitchens and office. Notwithstanding these charges, the average per diem cost per patient is only $1.55. The total days' stay was 1,699. The salaries for the same month, amounting to $867.27, were paid on due date. We would recommend that Mr. Burrell be appointed auditor for the present year, and that the audit be made at the end of each half year, and that the books of the hospital be closed at the end of each half year.

It was adopted unanimously.

Edward Hasell, resident medical superintendent, reported that during the month of November the number of patients admitted was 94; number of patients treated was 128; total days' stay, 1,699; total daily average, 56.19. Statistics for the month were included. This was received and spread on minutes.

The question of Christmas entertainment at the hospital was discussed, and the usual $25 was granted the nurses and other employees. Dr. Hasell announced that the choir of the cathedral would render carols at the hospital on Christmas Day.

The meeting shortly after adjourned.

SIDNEY SCHOOL CLOSING.

An Excellent Programme Was Rendered To Purchase a Library.

Two important items of interest have transpired recently in connection with the Sidney school. One of these was the examination, when a number of the parents visited the school for the purpose of hearing the pupils review some of the work done during the past term. Miss A. Currie, the teacher, presented the financial statement, showing a balance in hand. The visitors were asked to voice their opinions as to what object the funds should be applied, when Rev. T. H. Wright, Captain Riley, J. J. White and others favored a library, which they thought would be most helpful to the school and community, and it was unanimously decided to purchase a library with the funds in hand and the income from the closing entertainment. After oranges and candy had been generously distributed, Rev. Mr. Wright was called upon to give an address, complimenting the teacher and pupils on the successful work of the term.

In the closing concert, teacher and pupils presented a bright and pretty sight on Thursday evening. A varied and interesting programme was well rendered, to the enjoyment of the large audience present. It is not necessary to make special mention of any, as they were all of the best, from the tiny tots to the seniors. Mrs. J. J. White presided at the organ. The programme was as follows:

Instrumental Duet .....
Miss E. Brethour and Miss Alice Roberts
Recitation—A Voice from Santa Claus.
..... Marriott Armstrong
Solo—The Match Girl ..... Eva Roberts
Good-Night Drill ..... Little Girls
Duet ..... Miss Alice and Eva Roberts
White Garland Drill ..... Senior Girls
Chorus—What Will You Take for Me, Papa ..... Primary Class
Recitation—The Bachelor ..... Ina Brethour
Recitation—The Housekeeper's Soliloquy ..... Pearl Harrison
Chorus—Birdies' Ball ..... Junior Class
Sash Drill.....Fourth and Senior Girls
Refreshments—Coffee and Cake.
Instrumental Music ..... Miss E. Brethour
Recitation—The Inventor's Wife .....
..... Lily Brethour
Military Drill ..... All the Boys
Recitation—How a Girl Entertained a Missionary Lady ..... Joyce Brethour
Instrumental Music ..... Mrs. Critchley
Flower Drill ..... Senior Girls
God Save the King.

A vote of thanks, moved by Rev. Dr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Lewtas, to all who had provided the evening's entertainment, was enthusiastically carried. The financial income for the evening was $31.75.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ESQUIMALT

Concert and Comedietta at the Masonic Hall To-night.

The concert and comedietta in aid of the St. Joseph's Catholic church, Esquimalt, which was originally intended to be given on December 7th, but postponed on account of the Flora's accident, will take place in Masonic hall, Esquimalt, this evening. The entertainment is under the distinguished patronage of Rear-Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., and Mrs. Bickford. The programme is as follows:

Planoforte Duet .....
Mrs. J. Barry and Miss Sehl.
Vocal Duet—Dean' Ye Cry, Ma Honey .....
..... Albert W. Noll
Miss Sehl and Miss D. Sehl.
Bass Solo—Selected .....
F. W. Olivier.
Mandolin and Guitar Duet—Spanish Gallopade ..... Pirani
Miss Sehl and Miss D. Sehl.
Reading—Selected .....
Miss Stone.
Contralto Solo—Love's Sorrow.....Shelley
Miss O'Keefe.
Violin Solo—Saltarella ..... Tatini
Edgar Fawcett.
Accompanist, Miss McQuade.
Hornpipe .....
J. W. Radout.
Intermission.
Frank Glynn's Wife—A Comedietta in One Act.
Cast of Characters.
Mr. Frank Glynn and Alice Glynn—A Newly Married Couple.....
..... F. Sehl and Miss Sehl
Mrs. Glynn, Frank's Mother, Miss Doyle
Stella Glynn, His Sister, Miss Edith Reade
Gertie McConnan, Alice's Cousin .....
..... Miss Locke
Norah, an Irish Maid ..... Miss Dorothy Sehl
Ed. Asbury, Frank's College Chum ...
..... Mr. Leroy
God Save the King.

CORNER'S INQUEST.

Jury Call Attention to the Need of Effectually Covering Holes.

The inquest into the circumstances connected with the death of John Kentfield was held on Saturday afternoon. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that the boy had come to his death in an accidental manner by falling into a hole dug for a telephone pole. It was also added to the verdict that in the opinion of the jury the holes, in one of which the boy had come to his death, were not properly covered, and recommended that these should be covered by pieces of timber not less than ten inches thick, twelve inches wide and eight feet long.

The evidence went to show that the boy had been sent to Saunders's grocery about 2.15 in the afternoon of Thursday. Upon his not returning his stepmother became alarmed, and a search was made about 5.30 for the boy. The father of the boy had searched all night for the missing lad, and only on the following morning had he found the boy's body in the hole, the feet sticking out.

Dr. Fraser had performed a post-mortem examination. The hole was five feet three and a half inches deep, twenty-six inches across, and had three feet and one and a half inches of water in it. There were ten other holes in the neighborhood, all covered, but not very well. A child could fall through into some of them.

Employees of the Telephone Company testified that they had covered the holes, including this one, when they were completed.

The jury brought in a verdict as given above.

Sixteen hundred Chicago livery drivers are on strike for increased pay. Seventy-five funerals were scheduled for Friday, some of them being postponed in the hope that the strike would be settled. In other cases the bodies were carried to the cemeteries in undertakers' wagons only. The presence of a large police guard prevented strike sympathizers from attacking a funeral, when a hearse carrying the body of Mrs. Mary Kucera, followed by a long procession of carriages, started toward the Bohemian cemetery.

Farmers' Sons Wanted With knowledge of farm stock and fair education, to work in an office, $60 a month with advancement; steady employment; must be honest and reliable. Branch offices of the association are being established in each Province. Apply at once giving full particulars. THE VETERINARY SCIENCE ASSOC. London, Can.

SHOT BY A BOY FIVE YEARS OLD

YOUNG INDIAN GIRL ACCIDENTLY KILLED

Queen City Brings Ore for the Crofton Smelter—Silver Side Salmon Plentiful at Quatsino.

With 150 tons of ore for Crofton from the Yreka mine, Quatsino, the steamer Queen City arrived on Sunday from West Coast points, and on Monday proceeded to the smelter to discharge cargo. The mine is now producing some very fine ore out of No. 2 cut. The ledge appears to carry its width, and the ore turned out is fairly rich, running about 10 per cent. in copper.

The Queen City brings word from the coast of a deplorable accident happening to a young girl belonging to the Nawitti tribe of Indians, Hope Island. The girl was shot by her little brother five years of age. The latter picking up a rifle a short time ago said to his sister, in childish innocence, "I will shoot you." With this he took aim and shot the girl in the throat, killing her almost instantly. The girl was a great favorite, about 10 years of age, and her loss is keenly felt by the tribe. The house where she lived has been abandoned, and the dead has been left within its gloomy walls for its final resting place. Before forsaking the place, however, a big sorrow dance was held by the natives, who are now talking of removing to Fort Rupert.

An Anamise dance is now in progress on the reserve of the Koshene tribe. Indian Edward is performing the Hamatsa. He is camped in the woods, and only appears at stated intervals, without dress of any description.

The Queen City brings news from Quatsino that over 5,000 silver sides have been caught in Winter Harbor by Indians using the spoon hook, and that the bulk of these fish have been salted by Mr. Leeson, of that place. This salmon is rated by the United States fish commission as No. 1 among the different varieties. The flesh is not quite so red as that of the sockeye, and the fish is slightly larger on an average than that variety. The two rivers, Marble creek and Ma-la-ty, where these fish spawn, offer an excellent opportunity for a hatchery. Both rivers drain lakes. The run is considered large enough for a cannery, which will be put in next year. The taking of these salmon is the finest of sport. The usual plan of the Indian is to troll his hook at the stern of the canoe with a strong line, and get the fish aboard as quickly as possible. The best way is to take an ordinary sealing boat with the platform in the bow to stand upon, and then get a native in the stern to push the boat to where the fish are, and then troll the hook back and forth across the bow. One old native landed 50 fish one morning, his canoe being loaded down. He did not have any rod or reel, an outfit which he looks on with contempt. These fish are sometimes confounded with the cohoes, on account of them taking the spoon. But seeing both together the difference is apparent. The silver side has a very bright skeen of the scales. It is also deeper on the sides. The flesh is redder and it has no spots on the tail like the cohoe.

Early in the season two natives left their ranch one morning about 4 o'clock (their usual time in the summer) to fish halibut. Off Entrance island they ran into a shoal of silver salmon. One of the natives having a spoon bait stopped and trolled for salmon, while the other went on for the halibut, about four miles off shore. The one remaining caught 42 salmon and his companion 21 halibut, and they were both back in there houses by 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This being the first catch of salmon all turned out next morning and caught from 10 to 40 to the canoe.

FIVE FUNERALS.

One Took Place Monday Morning and Four Sunday.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The remains of the late John Tway were laid at rest this morning. The funeral took place from the residence of Mrs. Tway, No. 130 Fort street, at 10.30. Services were conducted by Rev. T. H. Wright at the residence and grave. There was a large attendance of friends and many flowers. The pallbearers were G. S. Perkins, T. F. R. Oliver, Capt. Williams, J. Pim, T. Luscombe and T. A. Brydon.

The funeral of the late Robert Irvine took place at 2.30 yesterday afternoon, from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, where services were conducted by Rev. H. J. Wood. There was a large attendance of friends and many floral tributes, among which was a beautiful wreath from the employees of L. Goodacre & Sons. The pallbearers were T. Cessford, H. Stanley, H. Field, W. Winger, A. Stevens and W. McFadden.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted the services in connection with the funeral of the infant son of Samuel C. Cameron, of Moose Jaw, N. W. T., yesterday. The funeral took place from the residence, David street, at 9 a.m., to Ross Bay cemetery, where the interment took place.

The funeral of the late Mrs. George Giles took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mr. Hall, King's road, to St. John's church, where Rev. Archdeacon Scriven and Rev. W. D. Barber conducted appropriate services. A large number attended and many beautiful floral tributes were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. R. Anderson, W. H. Cullin, C. Cullin, A. Arnold, Geo. Anderson and F. Cochenour.

The remains of the late John Kentfield, the 11-year-old son of J. T. Kentfield, of Victoria West, were interred yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Rev. W. D. Barber conducted appropriate religious services. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many floral tributes. The following acted as pallbearers: F. W. Ashby, J. B. Ashby, J. R. Saunders, and J. B. Sewell.

KILLED BY MUSSULMANS.

Judge and Two Gendarmes Recently Appointed Under Reform Scheme Have Been Murdered.

Gettingen, Montenegro, Dec. 21.—A Christian judge and two Christian gendarmes, have been murdered by Mussulmans at Gusinye in Northern Albania. The victims were recently appointed to their position in conformity with the Macedonian reform scheme of Austria-Russia.

MINING IN CASSIAR.

Report of Second Annual Meeting of Rosella Hydraulic Mining & Developing Company.

The Rosella Hydraulic Mining & Developing Company, Ltd., held its annual meeting in the office of the company on Friday, December 11th. The attendance of local shareholders was very large, and contained many new faces. Geo. H. Gowan, solicitor, Vancouver, represented the shareholders of that city, and Lawrence Manson, of Nanaimo, the shareholders of the Coal City and Ladysmith, while the secretary handled the proxies of eastern shareholders. Keen interest was manifested in the reports presented. The following is taken from the president's address:

"In representing the reports of our second annual meeting, we do so feeling that we have reason to be proud of the work accomplished during the present year. Your directors have worked unceasingly in the promotion of the company's best interests, with the result that everything is in readiness for the plant which we hope to see in operation in the early part of the coming season. In this respect we are as far advanced as many companies which have been in existence for ten or more years; while at the same time we have kept within our means, as the treasurer's report will show. The expenditure of the season of 1903, added to that of the former, makes a total of about $11,500. Economy has been our watchword, and the judicious expenditure of all moneys has greatly increased the value of our property.

"Valuable time was lost in the early part of the year through waiting for returns for the sale of $30,000 of stock in New York. The unfortunate state of the stock exchange embarrassed our customers, the result being that the season was too far advanced to admit of other arrangements being made in time to ship the plant before the close of river navigation. However, with the capital available, Mr. Haskins, together with two good men, were equipped for a winter's work. They are now upon the property making ready for the instalment of the hydraulic plant which was ordered from the Vancouver Engineering Works, and is now ready for shipment. The directors have contracted with a prominent broker in London, England, for the sale of some of the company's shares, his latest report being to the effect that he expects to close a deal with a client at an early date.

"Our present assets (independent of our property, the value of which cannot be estimated) are about $2,000 more than present liabilities.

"In conclusion, permit us to call your attention to the active part this company has taken in the British Columbia Northern & Mackenzie Valley railroad, the building of which will be of great benefit to us, not only in cheapening the transportation to and from our property, but in making it possible to develop our mineral claims, which are of such magnitude that it is impossible to estimate their worth. Trusting that the season's work by the directors and officers may meet with your approval as their untiring efforts have landed us on the eve of prosperity."

The satisfactory nature of the report was evidenced by the secretary receiving applications from several of the shareholders for more shares, some of them more than doubling their holdings, the proceeds from which will meet the requirements for the winter's work of the manager and his men, pay for the plant and leave a clean sheet on May 1st, 1904. Few companies can show a better financial position; the sale of sufficient shares to pay the working expenses of the season of 1904 will place Rosella creek on a dividend paying basis.

The secretary informed the meeting that the company has a standing offer from a millionaire mining man to the effect that if the first results of the plant to be installed next summer averages one-fourth the amount of the several tests made during the past two years, he will purchase the property from the company and pay therefor half a million dollars cash. Should this offer be accepted (a not likely contingency) the present shareholders would receive over one dollar for every twenty-five cents invested. A quantity of coarse gold taken from the company's property was exhibited, which has been assayed and found to be worth $18.30 per ounce, the highest value obtained from any large property in the province.

All the officers of the company were re-elected, and three new directors added to the board. After a few remarks by Mr. Gowan expressive of his appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which the company's affairs has been conducted, the meeting closed.

NEW LODGE AT CROFTON.

Instituted on Saturday by Instituting Officer, W. P. Allen.

W. P. Allen, instituting officer, Knights of Pythias of British Columbia, was at Crofton on Saturday last for the purpose of instituting Copper King lodge, No. 34, K. of P., of the grand jurisdiction of British Columbia. Bro. Allen proved himself an efficient and capable officer for the arduous work he had in hand. After instituting the lodge 22 members were duly initiated into the mysteries of the order, after which Bro. Allen, as. D G. C. assisted by Bros. E. Pferdner, as G. K. of R. and S., Alex. Watson as G. M. C., S. L. Redgrave as G. P., T. C. Wark as M. at A., T. Walker as G. M. of W., and Mr. Webber, I. G. (all of whom are members of Victoria lodges), successfully installed the officers elect of the new lodge. They were as follows: C. C., Bro. M. J. Conlin; V. C., Bro. W. H. Yost; P., Bro. F. G. Cole; M. of W., Bro. W. Dyke; K. of R. and S., Bro. E. L. Gillman; M. of E., Bro. S. Burgoyne; M. of F., Bro. G. Watkinson; M. of A., Bro. I. D. Ross; I. G., Bro. T. C. Anderson; O. G., Bro. H. Exell.

Bro. John Evans, M. P. P., of Duncan, Bro. Gold, of Victoria, and other visiting brethren rendered valuable assistance in carrying out the initiatory ceremonies. The Grand Lodge officers and visiting brethren were hospitably entertained by the members of the new lodge at Bro. Pearse's, and it is only right to mention that it is principally due to the indefatigable efforts of Bro. Pearse that this promising young lodge has become a reality.

IN PANAMA TERRITORY.

One Hundred Colombian Troops Have Landed at the Island of Pines.

Colon, Dec. 21.—Information has been received here that about 100 Colombian troops have landed at the island of Pines, northwest of Cape Tiburn, which is situated at the western entrance of the Gulf of Darien. The island of Pines is in Panama territory, and is the only island along that coast which is wooded, peaked with mountains and also well watered, thus offering every facility for camping and being used as a base of observance.

It is significant that the United States auxiliary cruiser Fowler left here this evening bound toward the Island of Pines to obtain confirmation of the report. The Bancroft is still on that coast in the vicinity of Nombre De Dios. The Nashville has returned to Colon from Bocas Del Toro.

TWO FATALITIES HERE THURSDAY

R. IRVINE FOUND DEAD IN THE BURNES BLOCK

A Young Boy Loses His Life by Falling Into a Post Hole in Victoria West.

Two fatalities occurred Thursday afternoon. Robt. Irvine was found dead at the foot of the stairs in the Burnes house, presumably through injuries received as a result of a fall from the first story to the ground floor, and John Kentfield, an 11-year-old boy, fell into a hole evidently dug for a telephone or telegraph post on Esquimalt street, and was unable to lift himself out. There was about three feet of rain water at the bottom, and he was found this morning at about 9 o'clock by his father quite dead. Death had resulted from drowning, his head having been immersed in the water.

Little is known of the circumstances surrounding the death of Robt. Irvine. Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock he was in good health, having called at Goodacre's store, Government street, where he was employed whenever an extra hand was required. From here it appears he went to the Burnes house, where he and Mrs. Irvine roomed, and went to bed. The next that was heard of him was