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the most of which finds its way into their own pockets.

An unqualified denial is given to the report that the Governor-general of Cuba, Senor Callega, is to be recalled, and his office filled by another gentleman, who will become a practical dictator. Senor Callega has, it is said, given entire satisfaction to the Spanish cabinet and there is not the slightest probability that he will be removed.

A PRAYER.

Father in Heaven, look down below
On us poor mortals, grouped upon
This earth of thine, and grant us aid
To carry on the work begun.
'Tis for Thy holy cause and name;
Help our endeavors to be right,
The right of love, that knows no shame.

In every heaven-born soul of man,
Are love and truth, and hope from Thee
Implanted, but 'is oft forgot
In this great world of pageantry,
Be still with love and truth we dwell,
(The attributes of the Divine)
Though oft they're hid, Thou knowest full well.

But let us hide ,Thou knowest the place,
For nothing's hid from out Thy sight,
Thou knowest the heart and every thought,
Through sunshine's ray and darkest night,
We pray to rest content with Thee,
And may our prayers be not in vain,
Father of love, of light, of unity!

And, when on earth our eyes are closed,
To open in that world beyond,
May we behold Thy heavenly face
And see Thy smile of love,--and fond,
Then hear Thee say, welcome within
The portals of thy heavenly rest,
The portals that are closed to sin.

Vancouver., March, 1895. --L. J. C.

THE MARKETS.

With an advanced spring, which augurs well, reports from all districts provincially being to the same import, it is natural that farmers are paying much attention to home affairs, and consequently market matters are quiet. Of course little home produce is at present expected, the market in staples being supplied from outside sources, a deplorable fact, but apparently a necessary evil--or blessing, whichever way it is looked at. A reliable authority who was quoted in The World a few days ago states that the prospects from a horticultural point never looked better for 10 or 12 years. This is indeed cheering. The assistance about to be rendered by the Government is bound to alleviate a large number of farmers, and with indications of exceptional crops and improved times, there is every prospect to anticipate that the province is about to experience a new epoch of prosperity. One matter of interest may be noted, and that is that Australian and Chilian oats have gone up, which may portend, as predicted, another rise in flour. Fraser river hay is a little higher, but is expected to remain at $18 per ton for some little while, $10 having been the ruling price during the months it might have been expected to go higher had any severe weather been experienced. Current prices are as follows:--Clover, $12; oats (Edmonton) per ton, $23; oats, new, $28; shorts, $20; bran, $18; hay, on Fraser bank $18; potatoes, Fraser river, $13; Feed and Produce--Wheat per ton (Washington, $24; oats (Edmonton), $25; local, new, $25; shorts, $20; bran, $18; hay, on Fraser bank, $18; potatoes, Fraser river, $12; Ashcroft, $18 per ton; rolled oats, per 90-lb. sack, $3 Keewatin flour, $4.40 per bbl.; Oak Lake Hungarian $4.30, Portland City, $4.20; salt $13@14; Oil cake, $38.50.

Produce--Butter (creamery) 25 cents per lb., dairy 20@25c. per lb.; fresh eggs 30c per dozen. Ontario, 10 cents per dozen. Lard, per lb., 11 1-2c. tins, Hams per lb., small 12@12 1-2c. large, 10c. bacon, per lb. 12 1-2c.; backs 10 1-2 roll, 10c., dry salt, 8 1-2c.; smoked 10c.; mess pork, 17c.; short cut, 18c.; cheese, 12@14c.

Meats--Beef hindquarters per lb., 6c.; forequarters, 5c. per lb.; cuts, 7@12c. per lb.; mutton, cuts, 19@12 1-2c. per lb.; pork, 6@9c. per lb. cuts, 8@10c. per lb.; sausage 15c. per lb.

Apples--$1@1.10. Quinces, 5c. per lb. Lemons, $3.50 per case. Oranges, 30c. per dozen. Vegetables--Carrots, turnips, beets, parsnips, cabbage, 15c. per dozen. Onions, 10c.

Fish--Cod, (wholesale) 5c.; small fish, 4c.; bloaters per doz., 75c.; kippered herring, 10c; fresh salmon, 10c. per lb; crabs, 5c each; kippered salmon, 12 1-2c.; finnan haddies 20c. Game--Turkey, 16c. per lb.; geese, 10c. per lb; ducks, wild, mallard, 40@50c. per brace; widgeon, 25c. do.; teal, 10c., do.; chickens, 10c; wild geese, 75@80c.

WESTMINSTER MARKET.

Poultry, none; pork, carcass, none; cuts, $@ 10c. per lb.; Beef, forequarters 4@6c. per lb; hindquarters, 6@7c. per lb.; cuts, 7@12c. per lb. Mutton, carcass, none; cuts, 10@12 1-2c. per lb. Butter, 50@60c. per lb. roll. Eggs, 30@35c. per dozen. Oats, $21 per ton. Oats, $22 @$27 per ton. Wheat $25 per ton. Potatoes $13@15 per ton. Mangolds, $7 per ton. Carrots $8 per ton. Red carrots, 50c per 100 lbs. Turnips, 50c. per 100 lbs. Onions, 1 1-2c. per lb. Cabbage, 1c. per lb. Beets, 1c. per lb. Parsnips, 1c. per lb. Apples, $1@1.10 per box.

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337-4 A. M. VERCHERE, C.M.C.

Kent Municipality Assessment Roll, 1895

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Assessment Roll of the above Municipality has been returned to me and now remains in my office, where the same may be inspected by any person or persons interested therein. If any person or persons complain of his or their assessment or non-assessment, or of the assessment or non-assessment of any other person or persons for the year 1895, he or they shall, at least ten days previous to the first meeting of the Court of Revision, to be held on Saturday the 13th day of April, 1895, at 2 p.m., in the Odd-Fellows' hall, Agassiz, notify the Assessor, Jas. A. Macdonald, in writing, P.O Agassiz, B. C., of his or their ground of complaint, and the Assessor shall, at the time and place above referred to, form themselves into a Court of Revision for hearing such complaints.

H. FOOKS, C.M.C
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CITY AND PROVINCIAL ITEMS

From Thursday's daily.

—A Fish and Game Protection Association has been formed in Victoria. It will work in conjunction with the Vancouver and Kamloops associations.

—R. Sparling, of this city, has been elected Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British Columbia now in session at Victoria, an honor which his many friends here will appreciate.

—The Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor of Sapperton Presbyterian church and of St. Andrew's church, New Westminster, will come over this evening to pay a friendly visit to the Y. P. S. C. E. of St. Andrew's church of this city.

—A peculiar combination of weather occurred in this city on Monday. At 1:20 o'clock hail began to fall, changing soon to snow and this was accompanied about 3 o'clock by several flashes of lightning followed by a number of thunder. A thunder storm in March was never known before there and this is only the second thunder storm in six years. The snow melted as it fell.

—Word has been received in Nanaimo of the death of Geo. Robinson in England, at the age of 70 years. Deceased came to Nanaimo in 1854 in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Co., to open a coal mine there. He remained for five years, but later on removed to Victoria, where for some years he had a photographic gallery. Mrs. Ryder, formerly Miss Snow, of Chilliwack, are sisters of the deceased.

—F. Adams, contractor for the Parliament buildings, Victoria, will probably be prosecuted criminally on a charge of aggravated assault. It is alleged that he assaulted E. C. Howell, a clerk of the works on the buildings, who had conveyed a letter to him from the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to Haddington Island, relative to work being discontinued in getting out stone which was below the water mark and unfit for use.

—Rev. C. Sangustad, president of the pioneer colony of Norwegian settlers who are making homes for themselves at Bella Coola, arrived in Victoria by the Danube on Wednesday had an interview with Hon. Col. Baker relative to the pressing needs of the colony particularly in the matter of road construction. The people are, he says, well pleased with the country, and he expects that a second detachment of colonists will shortly arrive from the Middle States to join the family at the New Norway on the Skeena.

—The Orange Grand Lodge was in session all day Wednesday at Nanaimo. It was decided to hold the next 12th of July celebration at Victoria. The morning was occupied in a discussion on the Manitoba school question, when a resolution was adopted endorsing the action of the Manitoba Government and calling upon all Orangemen and Protestants to support no candidates for the House of Commons who will not openly and unreservedly pledge themselves to determinedly oppose any and all attempts tending towards the establishment of seperate schools in the Province of Manitoba, and the continuance of the French as an official language in the Northwest Territories.

—Chief of Police Sheppard, of Victoria, has decided to rid that city of the hobo element which does not work, not because they cannot get employment, but because they do not want it. In consequence officer George Predue had six vagrancy cases in the Police court yesterday, and promises as many or more for Saturday. Benjamin Brown and Nelson Gonnason determined to leave town forthwith, William Thompson was remanded for sentence and Charles McMiln and Samuel Davis were sent to the Provincial jail to do one month at hard labor. William Vilman disregarded the summons served upon him and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Vancouver has been doing this for some time past.

—Mrs. Grant took her seat at the Victoria school board on Wednesday evening. Being introduced she said she hoped that she would do her duty effectively. A letter was read from a school teacher reporting the finding of cigarettes in possession of boys and giving the name of the alleged vendor. On motion the matter was referred to the chief of police. The defeated candidate, D. Spragge, wrote protesting against Mrs. Grant's return on the ground that voters were accepted after 4 o'clock, the hour of closing. It was generally understood and was agreed to by both candidates, said Mrs. Grant, that all inside the booth before 4 o'clock should be allowed to vote even if their ballots could not be dropped in before that time. The board filed Mr. Spragge's protest and took no further action. They considered Mrs. Grant elected and suggested that Mr. Spragge had recourse to the courts if he wished to take it.

From Friday's daily.

—Albion farmers are going to form a co-operative association for marketing fruit and other produce.

—The funeral of Fred. King, the logger, occurred this morning and was well attended by old friends of the deceased.

—The Canadian Order of Oddfellows has secured incorporation in this Province under the Benevolent Societies Act of 1891.

—R. W. Stark, of Winnipeg, has secured the right to manufacture for Manitoba and British Columbia a patent microbe killer.

—The Trail Creek Mining Co. (Foreign) of Chicago, has been formally registered to do business in this Province with a capital of $250,000.

—On Thursday Theodore Lubbe was fined $25 by Mr. Justice Drake for assaulting J. Keith Wilson on municipal election day at Victoria.

—The Nanaimo steam motor tramway by-law passed its third reading at the meeting of that council on Monday night but not before it had been almost defeated beyond recovery.

—The Senate of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, has conferred the degree of D. D. upon Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge of Victoria in recognition of his scholarly attainments and of his eminent service to the cause of evangelical Christianity.

—It is understood that Robert Ward, J. P., president of Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., will shortly proceed to England and assume for a time a share in the management of the company's affairs there, at 70 Basinghall street, London, in connection with their extensive interests in this city and Province. In the meantime, the management in Victoria will be vested in Thomas R. Smith, W. A. Ward and the secretary, J. C. Maclure, gentlemen well known and long associated with this old established house.

—Down in Mexico Louis Foot, an Englishman, has been swindled out of $50,000 by American prospectors, alleged, by means of the old salted mine trick. If British investors would come to British Columbia they would get value for their money.

—Word has been received of the death at Inkberrow, Worcestshire, Eng., of George Robinson, who had charge of the opening up of the coal seams at Nanaimo for the Hudson's Bay Company. He was the father of Mrs. Conny Ryder, of Chilliwack.

—A certificate of incorporation has been issued to the British Columbia Gold Fields Exploration and Concessions Co., Ltd., of Vancouver. The capital stock is $500,000 at $5 a share, and the provisional trustees are John M. Browning, Harry Abbott, A. G. Ferguson, Chas. Wilson and J. M. Buxton.

—The death took place at Nanaimo on Saturday of the wife of Rev. G. W. Taylor, rector of St. Alban's church. Mrs. Taylor was a daughter of the late B. Williams and a sister of B. Williams, secretary of the school trustees, of A. Williams, gentlemen's furnishings, and of Miss Williams' pricipal of the girls' high school, Victoria. Mrs. Taylor had also belonged to the teaching profession.

—The reception given last evening by the St. Andrew's church Y. P. S. C. E. to the Y. P. S. C. E.'s of New Westminster and Sapperton proved to be a very enjoyable affair. A feature of the evening was a guessing contest. A number of quotations were read out and the contestants were asked to write down the names of the authors. Twenty were given. Miss Maggie Burns and A. H. Lynn-Brown won the prizes. The local members were cordially invited to attend the visit.

—Since the publication in The World of the bank of British Columbia's semi-annual report rumor has been busy regarding the two persons whose accounts the bank had to write off as losses. Of course wagging tongues have been making unwarranted use of local names for the benefit of their owners bodies and scandal mongers it may be stated that The World has information that one of the accounts, at least, was held at a branch on the Lower Fraser in 1894.

—The work of turning out the young salmon from the Fraser river hatchery has commenced. The fry are in splendid condition, and as livelier and stronger than last year, the percentage of loss has been small, and close on 7,000,000 fry, all sockeyes, will be the result of the season's hatching. Last week 950,000 were let loose in the Pitt lake and 300,000 in Stave river. On Wednesday 950,000 more were deposited in Silver Creek, one and a half miles from its mouth. The work is being carried on under the supervision of Mr. McNish.

—Mr. William Shannon, an old and highly esteemed pioneer, who has travelled over a considerable portion of this Province during the 35 years he has resided in it, was most injured from a trip through the lower Fraser valley. He states that seldom has he seen the country looking more hopeful or the farmers more free of spirits than at present, notwithstanding the fact that prices are low. The area to be put into crops this year will be larger than ever before, and should the season prove to be a propitious one, our agricultural friends will reap an abundant return for their arduous labors.

—J. M. Retallac, who for a few days has been staying at the Oriental hotel, Victoria, returned on Saturday from a Duluth syndicate, left for Spokane last night. Mr. Retallac has been negotiating for the purchase of a group of gold mines owned by the Cottonwood Mining Co., of London, and situated in the Nelson district. The ore is part free milling and part sulphides, and should the examination which Mr. Mac will make, make as soon as the snow is off the ground, at the mines prove satisfactory a quartz mill will be erected in the spring. The sulphides will be concentrated and shipped to a smelter. The cyanide process, which has lately come into general use for separating gold will be experimented with upon the ore and should it prove successful, it will give a cheap method of treatment. In a couple of weeks Mr. Retallac expects to be back again. He has been in the Nelson district quite recently and is satisfied the mines will turn out well. Mr. Retallac, who has had a great experience in mining, has a very high opinion of Kootenay's mineral resources.

From Saturday's daily.

—The B. I. R. C. Co., Port Moody, has shipped to Tacoma 80,000 feet of lumber by a scow in tow of the tug Lois.

—Mrs. Gordon Grant, of Victoria, first lady trustee to be elected in the Province, has received a congratulatory despatch from Lady Aberdeen.

—Keefer & Godden have put on a full force of men at the Rock Bay factory, having received the contract for supplying stone for the Government buildings at Victoria.

—The Washington state Legislature has passed an act providing for the publication of school books by the state. It is anticipated that this will mean a saving of 66 2-3 per cent. on the dollar to school book purchasers.

—James Welsh, recently appointed chief commissioner of cattle, and a well-known pioneer, died yesterday, after a brief illness at the age of 54. He operated for a time in Cariboo and then laid the foundation of a snug fortune which he bequeaths.

—Constable McKenna came over from Victoria this morning en route to New Westminster, having in charge a man named Brownlee, alias Baker, alias Lafelle, who escaped from the Westminster chain gang four years ago while doing 18 months for highway robbery. Ex-Constable Anderson led to the arrest, having seen Brownlee on the streets of Victoria.

—T. Girouard, of Vernon, has patented in Canada and the United States an invention which may revolutionize the building trade. It consists of cement placed over wire netting, such as ordinary poultry netting, and can be used for either roofing or walls. It forms a practically indestructable building material and can be cut up into any shape desired. Several people in this city have been endeavoring to purchase the right for this district.

—A marriage which was to have taken place at Armstrong a few days ago met with an unexpected interruption. James Jackson was to be the groom, but not being legally entitled to that name the friends of the bride objected at the last minute. Smiley he was born, but he had the license made out in that of Jackson. A new license was procured later, and henceforth Jackson will be known, as well as his wife, as Mr. and Mrs. Smiley.

—A committee of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen will will meet in the James Bay Athletic club house, Victoria this evening. The several rowing clubs should be thus represented: Portland, T. Brooks White and H. E. Judge; Williamette, P. J. Bannon and Al Wheelein; Vancouver, F. L. P. Gwetting and H. M. Bowell; Burrard Inlet, J. A. Russell and H. H. Watson; Seattle, J. S. Goldsmith and R. M. Herd; and J. B. A. A., H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., and J. Stuart Yates.

—A Seattle despatch says: A. B. Hunt, ex-chief of the fire department, who left Seattle about the time his trial on the charge of fraudulently obtaining naturalisation papers was to have come up, appeared in the city yesterday. The supposition that Hunt went to Vancouver by boat was correct, and it is also almost certain that he collected some evidence which will be used in his trial next summer. After Hunt wired Mayor Phelps from British Columbia that he desired a 30 days' leave of absence, and if the request was not granted wished to tender his resignation, he went direct to Sarnia, Ont., a few miles from which place his family is staying, and then to Petrolia, where his father lies ill from a stroke of paralysis. In speaking of his trip Hunt said it was connected with private matters, and he did not seem to take kindly to any intimation that he crossed the line because a friend, who thought he knew what was going to happen, informed him that he would be forced to trial whether he wanted to or not.

From Monday's daily.

—John Kirkup, has been appointed mining recorder and constable for West Kootenay.

—Rev. Mr. Tait, of Victoria, has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Union. He will be inducted on the 18th inst.

—The electors of the Cowichan-Alberni on Tuesday to vote upon a by-law to borrow $19,000 to improve the fire department.

—Complaints against the postmaster at Port Haney have been investigated by Inspector Fletcher, who has exonerated the local official.

—An influential party of American capitalists, headed by Nelson Bennett, are in the Slocan Country buying up mining properties. They know a good thing.

—Foley Bros. & Guthrie, St. Paul, Minn., have the contract to build the Kaslo-Slocan Railway from Kaslo to the mouth of Sanchon on the south branch of Carpenter Creek.

—The case against Dr. Milne, of Victoria, for non-payment of taxes for the Gas Co., was concluded this morning in the police court, the amount involved, $50 being ordered to be paid.

—D. M. Eberts, M. P. P., Attorney-General, was returned by acclamation on Saturday for South Victoria at the bye-election, made necessary by his acceptance of a position in the Provincial Cabinet.

—The death of Mr. Robert Matthews, of Dundas, father of Mr. W. H. Matthews of this city is reported. Deceased died on the 13th inst., somewhat suddenly. He was in his 73rd year and one of the oldest pioneers of Ontario's Royal City.

—The skiff Flora was seen out on the Inlet yesterday, being captained by J. Thurston, who is picking up logs for the booms. The little craft in the 24th of May races. She will also compete at Victoria and Nanaimo.

—Dr. G. M. Dawson, the eminent geologist, has been appointed by the Government to proceed to make the selection and appointment of the mineralogist for this Province, as provided for by an act passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament.

—John Silver, a tobacco dealer, Victoria, has been convicted in that city of selling cigarettes to two boys. Both being under 15 years of age. Mr. Silver has retained Messrs. Miss Agnes D. Cameron, principal of the South Park school, was the means of bringing the case into court.

—The bachelors of Zion church excelled themselves last Friday night in their efforts to entertain their friends. The evening passed pleasantly, with games, conversation, music and refreshments. It was decided at the meeting young people's society that the Warrimoo was just the place at which to enjoy oneself. A goodly sum was added to the coffers of the Zion Y. P. S. C. E., as a result of the social.

—The elector of the Cowichan-Alberni district held a public meeting at Duncan on Saturday evening to discuss Provincial affairs in connection with the provincial bye-election necessitated by the elevation of Hon. Theodore Davie, one of the two representatives of the district in the Legislature, to the Chief Justiceship. The attitude of the meeting was the decision to give the nomination to Thomas A. Wood, a well-known, prosperous and popular farmer of Quamichan, and a supporter of the Government.

—Lots in Victoria on Saturday, before Mr. Justice McCreight and Mr. Justice Drake, the case of Emerson vs. Irving was up for hearing. The point to be argued was whether when a witness is ordered to be cross-examined on an affidavit which he has made in interlocutory proceedings he can demand the payment of his expenses before he is cross-examined. On behalf of Captain Irving Mr. Bodwell argued that the witness could demand expenses while Mr. Russell for plaintiff took the opposite view. This is a new point in the procedure and to settle it the case was adjourned so that the Full court might pronounce upon it.

—The American bark Colusa, bound from Puget Sound for Shanghai with a cargo of lumber, is 102 days out, and grave fears are entertained for her safety, says the Tacoma News. The average time to Shanghai from this port is 50 days. Harbor Master Cliff is well acquainted with the Colusa's master, Capt. Backus. He says Backus is a patient and experienced seaman, and as a ship was not overloaded and carried a very small deck load, he believes she will arrive safely in port. The Colusa is an American bark, 1139 tons burden, 175 feet long, 38 feet beam, double decks, 22.5 feet deep in hold, and was built in Bath, Me., in 1873. She is owned by G. F. Smith & Co., San Francisco, and carries a crew of about 12 men.

From Tuesday's daily.

—A Haslam, M. P., will stand for re-election for Nanaimo at the coming election.

—Michael Morrisy's residence at Cedar Hill, Victoria, has been destroyed by fire.

—I has been decided to hold the Northwest Association of Amateur Oarsmen regatta at Victoria this year on July 19th and 20th.

—A large lot on Courtney and Government streets, Victoria, has been sold by the Hudson's Bay Co. to Robert Porter, it is understood for $20,000.

—One of Phillip's sanitary grates has been put in the old wing of the city hospital. On an unofficial trial it has worked splendidly. The official test will be made to-morrow.

—In the Art, Historical and Scientific Association rooms last evening Rev. L. Norman Tucker, assisted by Lacey R. Johnson, who manipulated the stereopticon, lectured on Switzerland, to a good house. The lecture proved of much interest and was ably delivered, the many excellent views enhancing the pleasure of the evening.

—The drowning of a man named Finn at Barclay Sound, on Feb. 1st has been reported to the police of Victoria. He was in company with Captain Jamieson, formerly of the sloop Escort, and according to the story told by the latter was drowned by the upsetting of a boat. Search was made for the body but it was not found. Nothing is known of or his antecedents.

From Wednesday's daily.

—Arrangements are under consideration for an Island vs. Mainland Rugby football match to be played at Nanaimo on Good Friday.

—Arrangements have been made that hereafter County court work in Kamloops will be taken by Judge Cornwall; Judge Spinks will take Nicola, Okanagan and Kootenay. The two districts of Kootenay and Yale were found too large for one man to attend to.

—The War Eagle Co. up to March 1st manifested its ore as containing 2 ozs. gold, 3 1-2 ozs. silver and 5 per cent. copper. The declaration now reads 2 2-3 ozs. gold, 4 ozs. silver and 5 per cent. copper. This makes an improvement of nearly $5 a ton, in itself a fair profit.

—The Kamloops Agricultural Society has been duly registered and the trustees will draft by-laws shortly to be submitted to a general meeting of members early in the summer. It is the intention to have such an exhibition this year as will surpass all previous records.

—As mentioned in The World a day or so ago, the Manor House is to be re-opened under the management of J. A. Virtue, formerly of the Hotel Vancouver and later of the Oak Bay. Work was commenced this morning on the refitting and refurnishing of the premises. The date fixed is April 1st, and it is expected that everything will be in readiness by that time.

—The Inland Game Protection Association is endeavoring to procure pheasants, quail and other game, and intends trying to raise them in the vicinity of Kamloops. The efforts of this society to obtain more satisfactory game laws have been crowned with success, owing greatly to the exertions of the Hons. G. B. Martin and D. M. Eberts. The society are taking steps to have the new law widely distributed.

—J. M. Stewart has perfected and patented a new log grip, which is as effective as it is simple. The old plan of having to drive hold hooks into the logs is done away with. This hold consists simply of two grip hooks and a bit of steel cable, and when this once takes hold the more pressure that is applied only serves to increase its grip. Mr. Stewart has one that he has used to haul 3,000,000 feet of timber into the water and it is none the worse for wear.

A $10,000 FIRE.

The R. C. P. M. Dry Kiln Totally Destroyed this Morning.

At about 9:30 this morning the fire brigade was called out for a blaze in the dry kiln at the Royal City Planing Mills, which are part of the various ramifications of the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company. The fire gained headway with great rapidity and one end of the kiln was a mass of flames when the fire brigade got to the scene. The chemical and down town engine were quickly at work and hose was also laid from the hydrants. The pressure was very small, however, and it was not until the engine got to work that any force was obtained from the hose. The engine, M. A. MacLean, from No. 3 hall, Mount Pleasant, did not get out at all, the blaze owing to the break down of the front axle while going along Dupont street. The upper part of the street from Westminster avenue down for about a third of its distance to Columbia avenue is planked. Where this stops there is a drop and when the engine jolted through it commenced to bounce and the result that the axle collar passed a few yards further on. The driver was not hurt but the engine must have been severely shaken up and parts of it bundled about, doubtless wrenched to be dislocated. Its absence was another handicap. One side of the broken axle looked as if it might have had an old crack in it.

The men worked hard with such apparatus as they had and were aided by several volunteers, some of whom did yeoman service. Fortunately the wind was blowing in such a direction as to carry the flames towards the adjacent buildings on which account they were more easily handled, which under the circumstances, was fortunate. The kiln was filled with stock, the bulk of which was burned through; two truck loads of shingles were wheeled out almost before the flames reached the structure. The loss on the building and machinery connected with the drying process will be $5,000 and on the stock it will be quite as much more, though it has not yet been definitely estimated. The direct cause is not known but the igniting of fires in drying kilns is not an unusual thing.

The insurance on the kiln is small. The London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Powis & Whitehead holds a policy on the building and machinery for $2,500, and the Phoenix of Brooklyn, Crowley, Lowen & Campbell, agents, holds one on the stock for $1,000. The loss on the building and machinery will be $3,500 as stated above but it is thought that on the stock will not go much over $3,000.

REMOVING TO NEW YORK.

The Perry Davis' Pain Killer House Removes from Providence to the Big City.

The Providence, R. I., News, of the 25th of February states that the headquarters of the renowned Perry Davis Pain Killer will be removed on the 1st of April from that city to New York. This, says our contemporary, is one of the oldest business houses in the city. A special to the News from New York says: "President W. V. Lawrence, of the Davis & Lawrence Co., Montreal, Canada, has been actively at work for the past few weeks arranging for the transfer of the Perry Davis Son's Pain Killer house from Providence, R. I., to New York city. It is expected that by the 1st of April, or thereabouts, the change will be made. It is stated by Mr. Lawrence that the main reason for shifting the headquarters to New York is partly because of the inaccessibility of Providence as a shipping centre, partly because the heirs of Perry Davis & Son —and they are numerous—will be content with a dividend from the new corporation, and partly because E. W. Davis, the son of the late Perry Davis, has never had any active connection with the firm, while the Davis & Lawrence Company have done more than any other branch of the concern to further the interests of 'Pain Killer' since the old gentleman died. Mr. Davis Senior was originally with Perry Davis & Son in Montreal, and Davis' sons, one there in Providence, a joint stock company was formed for the Canada business. Enquiries at the Providence office elicited nothing beyond the fact that Mr. Bloodgood, manager, is away and will return to-morrow, and that the Perry Davis' heirs are wealthy and "kind of tired of the business," preferring to be "stockholders instead of members of the firm."

FIRST IN THE FIELD.

There was a largely attended meeting in Sullivan hall on Tuesday evening under the auspices of Ebenezer, L. O. L. No. 1, a programme of vocal and instrumental music was furnished, and addresses were delivered by E. Odlum, D. Donaldson, R. Sparling and Rev. J. M. MacLeod. The remarks of Mr. Donaldson, it is interesting to note, were practically an announcement of his candidature for the House of Commons as an Equal Rights per. His address was principally directed against the giving of separate schools to the Roman Catholics of Manitoba. He hoped that the Manitobans would look out for this case take as their motto No Surrender. He had been told that he would get no support from the Roman Catholics, others said he would get none from the Orangemen. For his own part he thought that if the voters were all Orangemen his candidature would be a picnic. He eulogized Sir John McCarthy and Col. O'Brien, and closed with a poetic appeal to Orangemen to stand shoulder to shoulder. The chairman, Thos. Duke, was by a unanimous resolution instructed to wire Clarke Wallace, urging him to stand firm in his opposition to the granting of remedial legislation to Manitoba.

THE FIRST ROBIN.

We are annually reminded the near approach of spring by the appearance of the "first robin," but before him appears the seedman's list. We have just received a very handsome catalogue from the Steele, Briggs, Marcon Seed Co., Toronto a copy of which will prove interesting and profitable to our readers who if sending their names and address to this house for a copy, will be supplied free. We have no hesitation in saying that they justly hold the title Canada's leading seedhouse. Their seeds are to be had in the stores of all leading merchants throughout the Dominion, which is the strongest recommendation that their seeds have merit. Nor could they have made for themselves such a grand reputation except by supplying goods of the highest standard of quality and those who buy them are thus assured of getting the very best, which is the most essential to the growers' success, whether he be farmer, gardner or florist.

A special to The World this afternoon from Kaslo states that the steamer Nelson was burned to the water's edge this morning.

SPALLUMCHEEN VALLEY.

Signs of an Election—Progress Being Made—Local and Personal.

Enderby, March 16.—People here are just beginning to realize the fact that a Dominion election is impending. A requisition asking J. A. Mara to stand again is being signed by the Conservatives, and Hewitt Bostick's election address is being widely circulated, but up to the present these are the only signs observable of the coming struggle. Both gentlemen, I understand, have been on a visit to White Valley, Mr. Mara has been to Armstrong and Mr. Bostick is visiting the Mara settlers to-day, but no meetings have yet been held. It is as yet too early for one to form an opinion but so far as can be judged at present the supporters of the rival candidates seem to be about equally balanaced.

—Progress is the order of the day in this valley, neither floods, droughts, low prices, high freights, nor any other of the many factors combined in the composition of that grim spectre, hard times, which so persistently stalks in our midst, can prevent the onward march. Only a fortnight ago I referred to the very satisfactory result of the efforts made on behalf of the Mara organ fund. I have now to record another little settlement. Mara is to have a public school. The settlers have persuaded the Educational Department to provide a teacher, and an allowance of $40 towards the furniture and fittings of a school house. A public meeting was held at the station on Saturday last, which was attended by about 30 persons. Rev. J. E. Rosoman occupied the chair. After considerable discussion it was decided by a majority of 10 that the school house should be built of logs, and will be erected by the settlers themselves, should be located on the east side of the ravine on Mr. Lightbody's or Mr. Gray's ranch. Messrs. Logan, Appleby and Van Houck were elected trustees and E. Chappel, secretary.

—Allan Dobson, who has resided at Mara during the last two years, has left the country. He started for Texas on Tuesday last, where he will visit relatives, after which he will return to his home in Brighton, Ont. He is a lively boy, and will be much missed.

—Mr. Stroulger, who has resided at Mark Hill's place at Mara during the past year is about to remove to his ranch at Deep Creek, where he is building a commodious house. —Robert Sanderson and James Lagan completed this getting out of 100,000 feet of timber which they contracted to supply to McIntosh's saw mill at Kamloops. —Mr. Piper, of Deep Creek has had the misfortune to be burnt out the second time within a few months. On the first occasion a little of his property, such as guns, blankets, etc., were saved, but this time, I am sorry to say, everything was burnt up. The cause of the fire is assumed to be the overheating of a stove pipe. —A meeting was announced to be held yesterday at Vernon for the purpose of forming a shippers' union among the ranchers. I have not yet heard any particulars, but it is earnestly to be hoped that the meeting of young men will result in the project will be carried to a practical issue. —An amusing incident was observed at Enderby on Saturday evening. When the train arrived it one of the passengers left it and went to the hotel to obtain a drink. The train did not stay here as long as usual, however, and it started before the return of the thirsty traveler. Hearing the warning bell and the rumble of the wheels he started off at full speed in pursuit, and after running to the further end of the platform, made about 10 spring on the last car, when his foot slipped and he fell. As he picked himself up the train was vanishing in the distance. The man arrived here on Sunday and on Monday so that drink must have proved a somewhat expensive one. —Mr. Harvey has been spending a few days at home, having returned to Kamloops by a train. —Wm. Allen has met with a painful accident, having cut his foot severely with an axe. —Mr. Johnston has returned to his ranch on Shuswap lake after an absence of several months. Everyone is pleased to see him back again. —Jas. Buck has returned from the coast. He says he has decided that Enderby is good enough for him. —Mr. Wilde leaves for England this evening. —The weather here is very cold for this time of the year. Although there is a clear sky to-day we have had a frost mist every night. There is but little snow left on the ground. In and around Enderby the roads are very muddy and travelling just now is anything but pleasant.

MERCURY.

BROKE JAIL AT SEATTLE.

The most daring jail delivery that probably ever occurred on the Pacific coast occurred at Seattle on Sunday night, when 10 prisoners escaped from the jail. They were led by Frank Hamilton, alias Thomas Blanck, the convicted murderer of constable Wm. Jeffrey and Chas. H. Birdwell. The manner of the escape was most daring. Some 20 or 30 prisoners are lodged in the jail in a room which formed a steel cage. This is enclosed within the walls, while in the room the cells are again secured. Entering into the cage the guard had to pass through three doors, all of which he regulated by combination levers. As he did so on Sunday evening, Blanck stepped up to the inner railings and pointing what appeared to be a revolver at the guard demanded that he throw up his hands or he would kill him. The guard complied, and with a rope Blanck tied the officer to the cage. Quickly he took the guard's revolver and 30 cents, and then made him show the way out. Blanck said that any who wished could go with him, and nine prisoners, convicted murderers, thieves and other bad characters, rushed out to the jail office, which happened to be vacant, and from there access to the street was quickly gained. The men dispersed, and made for the country. Two of the escaped men repented, and went down to the police office and gave information of the escape. One had the supposed revolver which Blanck held the guard up with, and it proved to be a wood, painted and painted. Half on hour after the escape telegrams and telephone messages were flying in all directions, and the whole country was on the lookout for the escaped prisoners. It is thought that they can be run down in a few days, and no doubt some are heading for this Province. Following are the descriptions of the escaped prisoners: Thomas Blanck—Height 5 feet 8 1-2 inches, weight 155 lbs, light complection, light hair, blue eyes. Servius Rutten—Height 5 feet 11 inches, 190 lbs. German,