Weekly Colonist

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CABLE NEWS.

Balfour Speaks at Manchester—Order Triumphant Under the Government's Irish Policy.

The Condition of the Crown Prince Alarming---Violent Symptoms---Signs of a Fatal Result.

A French Officer Arrested for Selling Important Secrets to Germany---Refused to Sign.

The Speaker's Eye.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Right Hon. Arthur Wellesley Peel, speaker of the house of commons, who has been suffering from an affection of the eye which was considered hitherto as nothing serious, to-day sustained a rupture of the blood vessels of one of his eyes.

Mr. Balfour Speaks at Manchester.

Mr. Balfour addressed an immense meeting at Manchester to-night. There was considerable disorder at times, and the Irish secretary was both hissed and cheered repeatedly. In consequence of the warnings conveyed by the *Times'* sensational story of a plot to assassinate Balfour, the precautions taken by the police were quite elaborate. Balfour in the course of his speech compared Mr. Trevelyan to Bunyans Pilgrim, who started with Christian in the right road, but falling into the slough of despond, used violent language toward his companions and finally returned to the city of destruction. The Radicals, he said, had changed not only their old policy but their morality as well, and even the foremost separatist showed an increasing want of moral perception. Gladstone had been forced to retract the assertions he made at Nottingham, and while Trevelyan talked about the increase of evictions, the fact was that during the first three months of Trevelyan's administration as chief secretary for Ireland there were 853 evictions, while during the same period of his (Balfour's) there were only 132. In conclusion Mr. Balfour predicted the complete triumph of order under the government's Irish policy."

The Crown Prince's Condition.

The hasty summons of Dr McKenzie to San Remo to the Crown Prince confirms that expert's original diagnosis of the patient's malady, which led the physician to assert that Fritz's recent exuberance of spirits and freedom from discomfort was simply a phase of his disease and a recurrence of violent and alarming symptoms was certain to come sooner or later. No one can deny that the present crisis bears out the doctor's assertion and all are now inclined to accept his further statement that this may pass away leaving the patient in a condition as apparently hopeful as it was a week ago, but only to return again with increased signs of a fatal result. The announcement from San Remo yesterday that Dr. McKenzie's apartments had been given up indicated that the patient's condition was very much improved and it is now evident the rooms were given up and the hopeful dispatch sent out without Dr. McKenzie's authority.

Dr. Morell McKenzie left to-day for San Remo.

Rosebery's Warning.

Lord Rosebery, speaking at Oldham last night, criticized the speeches in which the dissidents indulged at their recent Olympic feasts. He said that the liberal party had not been accustomed to get support from those of wealth and rank and warned the dissidents that they were pursuing a negative policy that would be unable to make headway against the voice of Ireland.

Again Alarming.

The Cable News Company furnishes a special dispatch from San Remo to-night, stating that the symptoms which have suddenly developed in the case of the Crown Prince are very alarming. The tumorous growth is rapidly spreading, threatening the most deplorable results.

Sugar Men in Council.

At a conference of sugar men held here to-day, it was decided in favor of an international convention in which the British delegates will embody the desires of England in a *protocol* which the conference will discuss and probably sign on Friday.

A Risky Leap.

Lawrence Donovan, bridge jumper, will leap from the suspension bridge at Clifton during the week in which the Smith-Kilrain fight occurs.

French's Scheme.

DUBLIN, Dec. 14.—At the landlords' convention here to-day Lord Lansdowne's agent, Mr. French, advocated that the state advance funds for the landlords to pay their mortgages and take their rentals as security. Mr. Egard declared this was the landlord's last chance.

Refused to Sign.

The Dublin *Express* says that the Duke of Norfolk and Sir George Errington both declined to sign the home rule address so presented to Mgr. Persico, by the English Roman Catholics, and that Cardinal Manning was debarred from doing so by etiquette.

Anti-Socialist.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—A government bill has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation of the Bundesrath, increasing the stringency of the anti-socialist law by extending the penalties to expulsion and loss of citizenship. New penalties are also prescribed for socialist press offences.

The Crown Prince Becoming Worse.

SAN REMO, Dec. 14.—Advices from Vienna state that the crown prince's throat is suddenly becoming worse and a special medical consultation has been called at San Remo; hence Dr. Mackenzie's hurried departure for Italy.

Sold the Secret.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—An officer attached to the garrison at Antibes has been arrested for selling to Germany the secret of the rifle and plans of the new fort.

The negotiation was effected with the German consul at Nice.

QUEBEC.

Quebec a French-Canadian separated two dogs that were fighting, and they turned on him and wounded him so that his condition is critical.

The supreme court has granted a petition asking that summonses be issued against McShane, minister of public works, and Aime Bourass, for alleged bribery and corruption in connection with the Laprarie election. The writ is returnable January 18th. A determined effort is being made to unseat McShane.

The votes polled in the Boston municipal election aggregated 51,487. Of this number O'Brien, Democrat, received 25,621, and Hart, Republican and Independent, 24,866. The common council will stand 43 Democrats and 20 Republicans. The vote was in favor of license by 8,483 majority.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

From the DAILY COLONIST, Dec. 16.

Another Big Law Suit.

The first blow was fired yesterday in the suit commenced by certain settlers and squatters on lands near Nanaimo against the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company. The counsel engaged by the settlers are we believe, Hon. A. N. Richards, Q. C., Hon. Stephen Richards, Q. C. (of the Ontario bar) and Mr. J. Terry Mills. For the railway company Messrs. Davie & Pooley and Mr. Theo. Davie, Q. C., have been retained.

The Holidays.

Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Sunday this year, it will be necessary to keep them either on Saturday or Monday. The general opinion seems to be that the latter would be the best. It is hoped that, since a brief time intervenes, some decided action will be arrived at so that all classes of the community will observe the same day. Monday seems to be the favorite on the Mainland and would probably suit everybody, especially the merchants, better than Saturday. It is hoped the authorities will make some definite announcement in the matter at once.

Presbytery of Columbia.

The Presbytery of Columbia met in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, last Tuesday, the Rev. D. Fraser, M. A., presiding.

Among other business Mr. Fraser reported that he had moderated in a call to a minister for St. Andrew's Church, Victoria. The members and adherents of that Church unanimously declared themselves in favor of the Rev. Patrick McFarland McLeod, of the Toronto Central Church. The stipend offered was $3,500 a year. The Rev. Mr. McLaren had been appointed by the congregation, and Dr. Cochrane by the Presbytery, to prosecute the call before the Toronto Presbytery.

The next ordinary meeting was appointed to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, on the first Wednesday in March, at 10 a. m.

The Rev. D. M. Gordon, B. D., Halifax, was nominated as Moderator of the next General Assembly.

The meeting was then closed with the benediction.

"St. John's Guild."

The school room adjoining St. John's Church was prettily decorated yesterday when the fancy bazaar was held. The display of the fancy articles was very nice, and the ladies who presided at the different stalls were kept very busy at their self-imposed task. At 8 o'clock in the evening the concert commenced. It was the first entertainment given by the St. John's Guild this season, and it certainly was a successful one. Great disappointment was felt by the audience by being deprived of the great pleasure they would have felt at seeing the fairy play repeated. Next time, however, charades will figure prominently in the entertainment. Following is the programme of last night's concert:

Piano Solo	Miss Menzies
Song	Mr. Whyte
Recitation	Mr. Whyte
Trio	Mrs. Jones (piano), Miss Powell (violin), Mr. T. Gore (cello)
Song	Rev. Mr. Beanlands

INTERVAL FOR REFRESHMENTS.

Song	Mr. Whyte
Reading	Miss Arrowsmith
Reading	Dr. Reswick
Song	Mr. Roberts
Trio	Mrs. Jones (piano), Miss Jones (violin), Mr. T. Gore (cello)

"God Save the Queen."

Dominion Cartridge Company Limited.

We notice that Mr. N. P. Leach, secretary of the Dominion Cartridge Company Limited, Montreal, is in the city. This company which is managed by American experienced in their line of business, is one of the most successful manufacturing firms in the Dominion. The general excellence of their ammunition over foreign makers has given them the greater portion of the eastern Canadian trade and they are fast coming into use on the Pacific slope. Their cartridges are perfect in their shooting qualities, and contain a superior grade of powder than that used in the different make of American cartridges which gives them a greater velocity and penetration, consequently a longer musical range and point-blank range, and leaves less residuum in the gun after firing. This company has secured large foreign orders which speaks well for the energy and business ability of the managers. They are protected by 30 per cent. duty, but they give a large portion of this to the wholesale dealer who brings their ammunition much less in price than the American cartridges.

HOME FROM OTTAWA.

Capt. J. D. Warren Returns from the Capital with Where He Has Been Looking After the Sealers' Interests.

Capt. J. D. Warren has proceeded to Ottawa since he left the Sound in the interest of the sealers who had vessels seized by the Americans returned last evening. To a representative of THE COLONIST Capt. Warren stated that his trip had been a profitable one. When he arrived at Ottawa the statement of claim had not yet been forwarded, and his presence there made it possible for the government to place the question in its proper light and thus arm the Canadian representatives with the best possible proofs to bring before the commission. Of course nothing definite had been decided when he left, but there was a confident feeling existing that the whole question would be settled in favor of the Canadians.

Capt. Warren stated that it was his opinion that the question of authority for Behring's Sea would be decided favorably to our sealers before it was time for them to head their schooners for the North. The matter of compensation would probably take considerable time to settle. However, it would be decided finally and the sealers remunerated for their severe losses. The Captain had a pleasant run from Ottawa to Victoria, the trip taking less than six days.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

ONTARIO.

Captain Andrew Steinhoff, one of the oldest sailors on Lake St. Clair and the River Thames, is dead.

A fire destroyed James Atchison's hardware store, Toronto, and did about $10,000 of damage; covered by insurance.

The five-year-old daughter of Andrew Thom, of Norway, fell onto a red hot stove during her mother's absence and was roasted alive.

It is stated that Sir John will not resign his seat for Carleton until the decision of the protest against Edwards in Russell is given.

Geo. Wardless, a Gananoque dudish young man, was arrested in company with a lady, at Kingston for stealing two watches from a boarder with his mother. The lady pleaded guilty and went to the Central for six months.

While attempting to serve a summons at Shelburn in a Scott Act case, Constable Finbow was badly beaten. Warrants were issued against his assailants, but the other constables refused to execute them and are being proceeded against.

Eugene Zimmermann, who resigned the directorship of the Fidelity Bank shortly before the collapse, was to have been arrested, but managed to leave for Europe before the detectives could get him.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Closing Exercises of the Rock Bay Schools—Other Schools.

The closing examination of the boys' department of the Central School was held yesterday. The following gentlemen and ladies were among those present: Messrs. Gilchrist, Turpie, Mccullum, Becker, Carder, Hayward, Gowan, Johnston, Adams, Cogan, Mosely, Munro, Shakespeare, Hutcheson, Blackmore, Bradley, Forrest, Elston, Sylvester, Gowan, Hutchinson, Johnston, White, Luscombe, Lane, Leask, Simpkins, Barkholder; Mesdames Pope, Superintendent of Education, D. Wilson, Inspector of Schools; Trustees Hayward, Walker, Heisterman, Hayward, Milne, Macdonald, Spears, M. P., Cowan, Higgins, M. P. P.; Revs. Mr. Fraser, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. J. E. Starr, Lt.-Col. Wolfenden, Coun. Grant, M. P. P., W. Grant.

To convince the visitors of the high standard of the school and the progress made since the last examination, all the divisions were exercised in the different subjects they had studied. The chief feature was the spelling competition between the third and fourth divisions, in which the latter were victorious. Master Butler being declared to be the best speller. Following is a programme of the exercises gone through:

10.30 to 11, 8th and 7th divisions; songs, readings, spelling catechisms.

11 to 11.30; 6th division; recitations, arithmetic, spelling, geography.

11.30 to 12, 5th division; geography, grammar, mental arithmetic.

1 to 1.30, 4th division; spelling competition with 3d division.

1.30 to 2, 3d division; grammar, arithmetic.

2 to 2.30, 2nd division; recitations, mental arithmetic, history, songs.

2.30 to 3, 1st division; general review of history, geography, grammar, mental arithmetic.

Mrs. Holmes, Teacher—Walter Gowan is head of the class and was D. S. Helmcken's silver medal. Highest in reading, Benny Dodd; honorable mention, Walter Gowan. Spelling, Henry Becker; composition, Gordon Cogan; mental arithmetic, Walter Hayward; written arithmetic, Frank Powell; geography, Frank Higgins; history, Frank Higgins.

Mr. Tolmie, Teacher—To make the prize given by W. C. T. U. for the best essay on Temperance, Miss Lucy Wright; Evil Results of Drink—Miss Lucy Wright.

Promotion List in order of Merit, of those who passed from the second into the third division—George Thompson, Frank J. Whettet, Victor L. Davis, Walter S. Smith, Neil McNeil, George A. Coates, William E. Watkins, Edward Eccles, Charles Stocks, Sylvanus J. C. Beckingham, Frank McGregor Fraser, William G. Martin, Edward N. Lodge, Earl W. Clarke, William Wright, Hector Vaughan, Alexander Strachan, William J. Leask, Thomas C. Fletcher, John Brown, John E. Pendray, William F. Whitley, Alfred S. Hall, Colin Campbell McKenzie, Walter Shotbolt, William J. Savory.

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Miss Nelles, Teacher—Joseph Winger head of class. Highest in reading, Edward Keown, William Lodge, Frederick G. White; honorable mention, Joseph Winger. Spelling, Norman J. Cridwell, Hughie Dawson, William Lodge, John Russell, William White, Charles Edward White, Joseph Winger, who all obtained full marks; writing, Reginald Mitchell; written arithmetic, Joseph Winger, who obtained full marks.

Promotion List of those who passed from the eighth into the seventh division—Joseph Winger, William Wade, Albert Edward White, Scot White, James H. Dawson, Edward Keown, William Lodge, Frank J. Carlow, William Kim Numsen, Cockrell Walker, Fletcher, James Russell, Thomas Russell, Victor M. Finlayson, George Dickinson, Edward J. Pettingill, Cross A. S. Miller, John McRae, Anthony Finlayson, Allan Cockrell, Bernard P. Schwengin.

After the results of the examination were known Mr. Jeffs, on behalf of the Hon. A. R. C. Dupe, Superintendent of Education, presented those who had passed into the High School with the new certificates. Taken altogether the school made a good showing and had beaten the city this time. He would like to see an improvement in mental arithmetic. Mr. Halliday and the other teachers were to be congratulated on the highly satisfactory standing of the school.

His Honor Judge Mclnnes then presented the *dux* of the school, Walter Gowan, with the medal. Mr. Robson was gratified at seeing that every year's larger number of the pupils' relatives and friends found their way to the school on the closing day. He congratulated the teachers on the skill and wished them and their pupils a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

D. Wilson, Inspector of Schools, briefly addressed the boys and offered a prize for grammar, to be competed for at the next examination.

Trustee Hayward, Walker and Heisterman also spoke a few words, the last of these gentlemen promising to give a prize next year to the best behaved boy and to the boy who would never be late during the ensuing session.

Chas. D. W. Higgins, M.P.P., made a few remarks and suggested that were the examinations held in the evening not only the mothers but also the fathers could be present.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. Messrs. Fraser, Starr and Dr. Reid addressed the boys briefly and exhorted them to be upright and honest, and warned them that the habits they acquired in their school days would cling to them always, and therefore they ought to acquire none but good habits.

N. Shakespeare, M. P., presented the successful pupil with the prize given by the W. C. T. U., and in doing so warned all the boys to abstain from all kinds of intoxicating drinks. If they wished to grow up healthy and strong they would follow his advice.

Trustee Hayward led the boys in three cheers for the teachers and also for the ladies present. After giving three hearty good cheers the boys were dismissed.

The school will reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

Rock Bay Ward School.

The closing examinations of the above school took place yesterday morning. Among those present were Mrs. Macdonald, Miss McDonald, Miss Robinson, Miss Bradley, Miss McConnell, Miss Cameron, Viva Leecold, Miss Lorimer, Miss E. Lorimer, Miss Hanson, Miss Clyde, Miss Findley, Miss Kent, Miss E. Kent, Mrs. J. Grant, Miss Carr, Miss Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Reddie, Miss Heathorn, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Storey, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. McAfee, Mrs. Crockett, Mr. Sellick, Mrs. Garland, Mr