THE REVIVAL SERVICES

To Be Instituted This Week by Eminent Eastern Evangelists.

Services for To-Day in the Churches of Victoria and District.

The present week witnesses the initiation of the series of special evangelistic services arranged by the Ministerial Association and to be conducted by Rev. L. W. Munhall of Philadelphia, assisted by Professor Birch. The former is an eloquent and impressive speaker, who during several years of active ministry in his chosen field has been eminently successful, not only in the East, but also on the Mainland of this province, where he has been quite recently engaged. His companion, Professor Birch, fills the part of Sankey to Dr. Munhall's Moody, being a sweet singer of sacred songs and also an instrumentalist of marked ability, with a particular partiality for the cornet. Their united labors in this city will commence at the First Presbyterian church on Tuesday, and will according to expectations be in progress for some time.

At Christ church cathedral to-day there are to be the customary services as arranged for the day—Septuagesima Sunday—the preacher being the Archdeacon. The arrangements for the day are as hereunder:

MORNING.

Matins and Holy Communion.
Hymns .....83, 164 and 315.

EVENING.

Anthem—"Seek Ye the Lord"... Roberts
Hymns.....270, 238, 240 and 165

At St. John's, the rector, Rev. Percival Jenns, will preach at each session of worship, morning prayer being followed by a celebration of holy communion, while the hymns to be sung are: In the morning, 215, 254 and 317; and evening, 172, 83 and 23. The organ voluntaries will be:

MORNING.

"In the Beginning".....Haydn

EVENING.

"Now Heaven in Fullest Splendor"...
.....Haydn
"Acihieved in Glorious Work".....Haydn

The following is the order of service at St. Barnabas' church, the services of the day commencing with holy eucharist at 8 a. m., followed by litany at 10, choral holy eucharist at 11, and choral evensong with processions at seven—Rev. J. B. Haslam officiating at all services of the day. The music is chosen as hereunder:

MORNING.

Simper's communion service in E flat.....
Hymns.....107, 322 and 324
Organ voluntaries:
Pastorale in G.....Bodenachatz
Minuet.....Beethoven
Ave Maria in D minor.....Poola La Ville

EVENING.

Hymns.....297, 533 and 477
Organ voluntaries:
The Star of Bethlehem.....Adams
Violin concerto in C.....Mendelssohn
Grand offertoire in G.....Wely

At St. James' there will be morning prayer and sermon at 11, holy communion at noon; Sunday school at 2:30, and children's service and baptism at 3; the rector preaching at all services, and evening prayer with sermon at seven. There are no special announcements made for the Church of the Holy Saviour, at Victoria West, where Rev. Canon Beanlands preaches; for St. Luke's, Cedar Hill; or for St. Paul's, Esquimalt.

Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach at both services in the First Presbyterian church, giving in the evening a special discourse on the theme, "Revival—what is it? What is the agent to produce a scriptural revival?" At St. Andrew's church there will be all the customary services of the Lord's day, the pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, officiating, and the session of the Y.P.S.C.E. being held on the conclusion of the evening church exercises. Rev. D. MacRae is to be at home with his congregation in St. Paul's, Victoria West, dispensing the Lord's Supper after morning service; and Rev. J. C. Forster takes the usual services in the district churches.

For the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Pandora avenue, the following announcements are made: Ten a. m., church classes meet as usual; 11 a. m., church service, with sermon by the pastor; 2:30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible class, and 7 p. m., sermon by the pastor upon "Lessons from the Upper World." In the Centennial Church Rev. J. F. Betts preaches both morning and evening, while the choir will present a programme of sacred music especially attractive. At Victoria West both services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Hicks, who will in the evening deliver his tenth sermon on "Pictures of the Kingdom," the special subject being "The Marriage of the King's Son." The Sunday school hour is 2:30 and a song service at 6:30 precedes the evening worship. At the Bay Church the preacher both morning and evening will be Rev. George F. Swinnerton, who announces for his morning subject "Agnosticism," preaching in the evening a first sermon on "Daniel," illustrated with lantern views.

In Calvary Baptist church the pastor, Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, will preach at both services. It is Home Mission day, and after a 10-minute sermon to the children in the morning, the reverend gentleman will speak on "The History of the Baptist Cause in British Columbia." In the evening the subject will be "Reasons Why British Columbia Should Be Evangelized," the ordinance of baptism being subsequently administered. Home mission offerings will be taken at all services. Mr. O. E. Kendall, of Emmanuel church, will be the preacher of the day, "My Son, Give Me Thine Heart" being his subject for the morning, and "Isaac, the Child of Promise" the evening theme. In the Mission, on Burnside road, also the customary service will be held this evening, at 7 o'clock.

The Congregationalists meet for worship in the Temperance hall, Pandora avenue, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., their pastor, Rev. P. C. L. Harris, preaching at the morning service from the text Matt. ix., 13; and in the evening taking as his subject "Helping the Lord."

At the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, Rev. Dr. Wilson occupies the pulpit at both services, preaching in the morning on "Quench Not the Spirit," and in the evening on "Rock and Sand."

Services in St. Andrew's R.C. Cathedral are to be held at the usual hours, the sermon at the 10:30 service being by Rev. Father Newell, O.P., of Portland.

The evening's lecture at Theosophical headquarters, on Broad street, will be upon the subject "The Mystery of Satan," by Mr. Gibson, of Los Angeles.

ON THE TESLIN TRAIL.

Mr. Frank Callbreath Gives Some Interesting Facts About This Popular Route.

Mr. Frank Callbreath, who arrived in this city from Telegraph Creek on Friday night, and who is at present a guest at the Oriental, has some interesting facts to relate of the Stikine route and the people, including several Victorians, who are now going over it. He says the trail going up the river and overland to Teslin lake is in excellent shape for travelling and that the four or five hundred people who are now on their way north are making good progress.

Capt. McDonald of the Yorke party, Mr. Callbreath says, will through in time to construct his steamer before Lake Teslin is free from ice. All the people who camped at Telegraph Creek last fall, numbering about 150, are now upon the trail moving their outfits toward Teslin lake. Blair and Peters of Kootenay have reached Ka-Ki-To mountain. Charley Kent, Milt. Lather, Harry Chapman, Sam. Berlin, Hank Thompson and John Woods, nearly all Kootenay boys, have, Mr. Callbreath says found Capt. McDonald's party. The Levy party are within twenty miles of Telegraph Creek.

When Mr. Callbreath left Telegraph Creek moose and Cariboo were plentiful and had been killed within five miles of the town. He is convinced that thousands will go to the North by way of the Stikine river this winter and spring.

WHEN NATURE FAGS.

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WINTER AT GLENORA.

New Arrivals From the Upper Stikine Report Mild Weather and a Good Trail.

J. Hale, one of those who arrived from the North on the steamer City of Seattle Friday night, brings some interesting news from Glenora and Telegraph Creek, on the Upper Stikine. He comes direct from that part of the country, and having travelled over the ice and snow by dog train and snowshoes, reports having met hundreds who are making the journey in a similar manner. Travel, he says, is good all the way, the river being frozen hard, and in some places considerable snow lying under foot. The weather has been exceedingly mild, and at no time since the winter set in has he seen the thermometer over 20 degrees below zero. Mr. Hale advises all who contemplate following the contractors of the new northern railroad to adopt different plans, for he says that this track will be greatly broken up, and almost unfit for travel. He went up to Telegraph creek in November, and now returns to this city with a party including Frank Callbreath, son of Mr. J. C. Callbreath, Horace Davie and J. B. MacKay. Of the Victorians whom the party report, one who is making good progress on the trails is J. Hancock, who, when the party had started for the coast, was 50 miles the other side of Telegraph creek. The McDonald party was also making good head way and expected to reach the last hill on the road between Telegraph and Teslin lake on the 10th. From there on the party should make easy progress.

About Glenora Mr. Hale says some very promising quartz discoveries have recently been located.

NELSON'S CUSTOMS BUSINESS.

Immense Export of Ore for January—The Imports and Duty.

NELSON, Feb. 2.—The volume of business done at the Nelson customs house during the month of January amounted to $1,202,669. The imports amounted to $82,605, of which $8,793 were free. The duty collected amounted to $21,976.48. There were exported 8.740 tons of ore, 760 tons of matte, $9,300 of gold bullion, amounting in all to $1,197,489.

TOM NULTY TO HANG.

Sentence Pronounced Upon the Rawdon Multi-Murderer.

JOLIETTE, Q.—Feb. 4.—Thomas Nulty, of Rawdon, was to-day found guilty of having murdered his three sisters, ranging from 18 to 11 years, and his little brother, aged 9, and was immediately sentenced to be hanged on May 20. The defence undertook to prove that Nulty was an epilectic and acted under irresistible impulse. Nulty is aged only 20.

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WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

An English Solicitor Questions the Course of a Local Weekly Paper.

The Colonist's Sunday Sermons Discussed—On the Political Situation in China.

TO THE EDITOR:—As a member of the English bar and a stranger to this country, I may, perhaps, be pardoned for expressing considerable astonishment at the line of criticism pursued anent the recent libel prosecution in the police court. I have no personal interest in the affair one way or the other, and only desire to see the case decided on its merits. I hold that men occupying high public positions lay themselves open by their actions to public comment and that to a greater degree than private individuals. If in any case the bounds of moderation have been overstepped, there is only one way in which such men can vindicate their honor.

To suggest that because a general election is at hand these men should be stopped from taking that course, is to the last degree unfair. Yet that is the attitude of the Province. It can only mean that on the eve of a general election men holding high positions can be libelled to any extent with no means of redress except through the columns of a newspaper, an entirely ineffectual remedy. The Province has gone further, and in its last two issues under the mask of a humorist has discharged paragraph after paragraph of frigid puerilities not only at the heads of the prosecutors and their counsel, but at the magistrate who presided over the police court.

The very questionable taste of jesting with such a serious matter at the expense of the parties to the proceedings carries its own condemnation, but the attacks on the magistrate betray a total ignorance of the law which calls for further comment.

It is the duty of this functionary to decide whether or no a libel has been committed, and if so to commit the defendants for trial. It is also his duty to exclude all evidence not relevant to this issue. The truth of the alleged libel is not material, and any question asked in this connection it is not only his right, but his imperative duty to disallow, previous decisions in the highest courts leaving him no alternative. The defendants can, by a special plea in the Supreme court, call evidence as to this, but till then it is altogether irrelevant.

Still greater injustice would be done if, pendente lite, the matter could be discussed in the legislative assembly. Both parties have full scope for discussion at the trial itself, and later on the attention of the legislative assembly can be drawn to the matter in the usual way.

It may be unfortunate that the prosecution should coincide so nearly with the general elections, but it can hardly be said that this is the fault of the prosecutors. I must ask your pardon for this trespass on your valuable space, but I do not like to see a public servant subjected to vulgar abuse, when his sole offence has been the discharge of his duty. I remain, etc.

F. H. BULKELEY-JOHNSON.
Union Club,
Victoria, Feb. 5, 1898.

A RED-LETTER DAY.

TO THE EDITOR:—The opening of the new Parliament buildings that will occur next Thursday I submit should be made a red-letter day in the history of British Columbia, and in order that Victoria City should do her part I would advise the formation of a committee of reception and entertainment to arrange for the housing or putting up of friends from outside points and to ask all the good people of Victoria to communicate with this committee offering a room or rooms for so many of the visitors. This is particularly desirable on account of the crowded state of the hotels. Then to arrange displays of bunting and the entire lighting up of all houses with Chinese lanterns and other forms of illumination on the opening night. It will be a big advertisement for Victoria and a fitting and hospitable way of entertaining the large number of visitors that will be in our beautiful city on that occasion.

BUSINESS MAN.

ANOTHER SICK MAN!

TO THE EDITOR:—Reports continually pouring in show that the world will soon have another sick man on their hands, as evidenced by the present condition of China. The sad collapse of so important a nation as China naturally brings with it many difficulties to deal with and the necessity of prompt action to meet the emergencies arising therefrom.

Now at the time when Spain's trouble caused her to be regarded as the sick man, it excited on that occasion no desire on the part of other nations to take advantage of those troubles.

But China is too rich a treasure to be allowed to pass unmolested, for it has served to bring Russia, Great Britain and Germany prominently under notice to consider how they could best turn to account the calamity that has befallen China, France and Japan in the meantime occupying the inferior position of lookers-on—France to receive such consideration as her Russian ally might be disposed to award her; Japan to be satisfied with retaining possession of Formosa and the expectation of receiving fifteen million pounds sterling, when Great Britain, Russia or other powers had completed negotiations for the loan.

Verily Japan, who has been the cause of all this trouble, in the meantime occupies the most precarious position of being benefitted by her defeat of China, inasmuch as she has not as yet received the fifteen millions, amount of indemnity.

The information with regard to this loan is so conflicting that little reliance can be placed npon its correctness—one day reported to have been negotiated through Great Britain, followed by the contradictory information of its being accomplished through Germany in connection with Russia. Now unquestionably the settlement of this loan and the advantages secured to those advancing the money is a very serious subject for consideration.

As the matter now stands Russia, by the boldness of the action she has taken, is showing her determination to get the lion's share out of China's troubles, and moreover by her overbearing demeanor is so undermining the prestige of China's government, causing it to become such a nullity, as may ultimately lead to the dismemberment of that vast empire.

And it is to check these ambitious designs of Russia and to render them abortive that Great Britain, on behalf of herself and her commercial interests, and for the protection of China, aye, and for the world's good, is about to show her usefulness for the solution of the Chinese trouble in possessing the advantage of being a great and important power.

W. K. B.

The medical properties of Hall's Hair Renewer to invigorate the scalp, remove dandruff, restores the hair and its color, surpass anything of its kind.

WHAT IS RELIGION?

TO THE EDITOR:—An article appearing in your issue of last Sunday, and under the head "The Origin of Religion," is one that will not soon be forgotten by many who have read it. It was a plain statement of facts, the result of which may be arrived at from various standpoints. The science of phrenology teaches that the brain of man is composed of groupes of organs, each calculated to perform a specific work. It is the religious groupe that makes man a worshipping creature, while the organs of cause and effect has something to do in determining the object of worship. It would be impossible to concieve of anything being created without there being a co-relative; the very fact of there being darkness implies light. Organs of sight are not created without there being made something at which to look: so likewise the other senses. The organs of acquisition and secretiveness predominating will cause one to acquire and accumulate money or its equivalent, hence the absolute necessity for something to be acquired. In the creation of man and in the divisions of the brain, the organs compelling man to worship are not placed there without there being so surely provided an object to worship, so the origin of religion must then rest with the Creator. Religion, in a comprehensive sense, includes a belief in the being and perfection of God, in the revelation of His will to man, in man's obligation to obey His commands, in a state of reward and punishment, and in man's accountableness to God; and also true godliness or piety of life, with the practice of all moral duties. It therefore comprehends theology as a system of doctrines or principles, as well as practical piety; for the practice of moral duties without a belief in a divine law giver, and without reference to His will or commands, is not religion. If we are then forced to adopt some religion, how are we to arrive at something that will satisfy and how can we prove the merit of the various forms of religion in existence? Just the same as we would prove a tree by its fruit and a pudding by eating it. The effect of true religion must tend to uplift man, socially, morally, mentally and physically. Man is not created for the benefit of religion, but religion for man. An important centre of religious teaching is the Bible, and, strange to say, that although the foundation of all so-called Christian denominations is based thereon, yet all more or less have a tendency to wander from the plain and simple teachings of that book and teach for doctrines the commandments of men.

Speaking from a commercial standpoint, what has the Bible done for commerce in Great Britain, and where were her cities and towns before the book was thrown open to the common people? Where was Glasgow, for instance, and what has transformed it from the obscure village of St. Mungo into a city of merchant princes, covering with shipping and lining with palaces for miles the same Clyde, on whose sedgy banks the waterfowl was then scarcely ever disturbed? Its own civic motto is said to form the true answer—"Let Glasgow flourish by the preaching of the word." The adoption of such a motto in those days would indicate the outburst of a people who were bound to travel and must have light, with the result that to-day it is one of the greatest, if not the best governed city, on the face of the earth. Other phases of this practical subject we would like to discuss, but have already trespassed. So long as writers can confine their remarks to business and a spirit of inquiry we hope you will grant occasional space for the same and give us something yourself oftener.

L. J. W.

Prevent Pneumonia

Prevention is always better than cure, even when cure is possible. But so many times pneumonia is not cured that prevention becomes the natural act of that instinct of self-preservation which is "the first law of nature." Pneumonia can be prevented and is often cured by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

"Some years ago I had a severe cold and was threatened with pneumonia. I could neither eat nor sleep, and was in a wretched condition. I procured a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and took it according to the directions, and at the end of fifteen daysw as as well and sound as before the attack. I have recommended it in many cases of pneumonia since, and have never known it to fail in effecting a cure."
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HUNDREDS RUSH NORTH

The Steamer "Danube," Sailing To-Night, Carries Nearly 1,000 Tons of Freight.

Many Americans Among the Two Hundred Passengers—The "Queen's" Big Load.

The scene at Turner, Beeton & Co.'s docks which was enacted just prior to the departure of the Islander was repeated yesterday when the steamer Danube, which is to leave for the North this evening, attempted to stow away in her capacious holds several hundred tons more freight than she could carry. All day long enthusiastic nugget seekers from all points in the States and Canada, anxiously hung around the dock until their freight and baggage was safely aboard. In the motley crowd were men just arrived from the quartz mines of Arizona and Colorado, bearded, rugged faced miners from all parts of California. Several brown visaged soft handed gentlemen from Virginia and South Carolina, and scores of tenderfeet from New York state and Eastern Canada. The assortment of colors displayed in the costumes worn by the northern bound pilgrims brightened up the dingy old freight sheds, and fairly dazzled the dock habitues. There were red mackinaws, black, blue, brown and bright yellow mackinaws, sweaters of almost every imaginable color, and a variety of head gear, startling to the vision both as regards color and shape.

When the Danube steams out of the harbor about 8 o'clock this morning she will carry close upon 200 passengers and 950 tons of freight. She leaves behind several tons of freight which will be taken northward almost immediately by steamer Tees. Every available nook and corner of the Danube has been called into service and nearly all the freight taken on boord yesterday was purchased from Victoria. The majority of the passengers are Americans who visited this city for the purpose of outfitting and obtaining mining licenses and have been here for the most part all week. The route via the Stikine seems to be the favorite with many of these, no doubt on account of the government's decision to build the railroad from Glenor to Teslin Lake, for many expect to wait at Wrangel in order to follow the railway contractors' party over the snow.

Among the passengers are the following parties who outfitted completely in Victoria; E. Schoff and party of eight, from the Western States; Dr. Hepworth and party, from Victoria; Sankey and Newman, Minneapolis; E. M. Yocom and party, Colorado; R. T. Smith, and Meiser, D. Buckholz and party, of Port Angeles.

Captain J. Pike and George Paddle, old sealers, of this city, will also go North on the Danube.

Mr. J. Turner, who is going to Glenora and Telegraph Creek in connection with the Canadian customs work, and a detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police, who are also going up to the Stikine river, were among the Danube's passengers. No doubt all the freight offered the Danube would have been taken up had not the company accepted 600 tons of coal for Douglas island. The old crew of the steamer have been replaced by a new crew.

The steamer Queen, which replaces the Corona on the Alaskan route for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, sailed North yesterday morning with passengers numbering over 500 and a large cargo of freight. In the brief time that the passengers were allowed here, many of them visited the customs house in order to obtain mining licenses. Very few passengers from this port went up on the Queen.

LOCAL FLEET GROWING

Activity in Yukon Business Causing Frequent Additions—"Thistle" and Tow Away.

"Corona" Wrecking Operations Reserved for Canadian Craft—Arrived for Repairs.

News is received every day of some new steamer being built or some vessel being purchased to be added to the fleet of northern steamers. It was learned yesterday that the well-known shipbuilder, Mr. W. J. Stephens, who already has the contract for building some three or four steamers, has purchased, in the interests of Victoria parties, the steamer Elwood, from the Lewes River Transportation Co. of Portland. Mr. Stephens is still in Portland and, it is said, is arranging for the buying of a second vessel. The Elwood is regarded as one of the finest small sized sternwheelers on the Columbia river. Capt. William Grant, of sealing fame, is also entering the steamboat business, and is building at Leigh's sawmill, in the upper harbor, a freighting steamer something on the Oscar's lines, to be 100 feet long with a beam of 24 feet and depth of 9 feet. The steamer will be capable of carrying 200 tons and of running 10 knots an hour.

A WRECKING EXPEDITION.

Captain Charles Goodall, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, arrived from San Francisco yesterday and will be leaving for the North on the steamer Maude to-day. He would have left on the steamship Queen yesterday had the necessary permission been obtained from Collector Milne for that steamer to call at Lewis island. The permission, however, was refused and in no other way will Collector Milne allow American vessels anything to do with the wrecking operations of the steamer Corona, which work the Captain goes North to superintend. The Maude, which leaves today in connection with the work, will, between lumber, cement and wrecking appliances, have all the cargo she can carry. She will have as passengers thirty men, some few being expert divers on whom much very important work is to devolve. Lewis island, about five or six miles to the northward of where the Corona lies, will be made the Maude's headquarters.

NORTHERN SHIPS DEPART.

The E. & N. steamer Thistle, Captain Butler, and the dismantled bark Richard III, in tow of the Lorne, Captain Wallace Langley, pulled out from their respective wharves yesterday for the gateway cities of Lynn canal. On the Richard III dogs barked in every key and jerked at their chains as if in eager desire to abandon their voyage. Thirty-five horses stood in comfortable stalls 'tween decks, while in the hold was stowed hundreds of tons of mixed cargo, such as is forwarded every day on steamers going North. On the Thistle no such scene was to be witnessed, the entire ship being devoted to the accommodation of passengers. A list of these has already appeared, that is of those embarking here. All, with few exceptions, were Americans, and they being strangers in town there was no ceremonious leave-taking with friends. Their number will be augmented to upwards of one hundred passengers at Vancouver and Nanaimo, where at both the Richard III and Thistle will call. An interesting point in connection with the sailing of these vessels is that of their passengers, more than two-thirds have taken out insurance on their outfits with Messrs. F. C. Davidge & Co., Ltd. The office of this company, prior to the sailing of the ships, was yesterday one of the busiest places in town, but at the same time everyone seeking information was pleasantly waited on.

THE "CALEDONIA" HERE.

The Hudson Bay steamer Caledonia, which for several years has plied very successfully on the Skeena and Stikine rivers, has arrived down from the North. Her machinery, as has previously been stated, is to be taken out of her hull and placed in one of the new vessels building for the Hudson Bay Company at New Westminster. This vessel is to be completed and ready for service by April 15.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Coquitlam, which arrived at Vancouver from the North on Friday, will be down from the Terminal City today to go on Turpel's ways for repairs. The ways are occupied by the C.P.N. steamer Transfer, but this steamer will be floated ere the other is ready to be "hauled out."

THE CITY

COLUMBIA lodge, No. 2, I.O.O.F. have decided not to dispose of any portion of their Douglas street property at present. Negotiations have been in progress for some time. February 16 will be the 26th anniversary of Columbia lodge, and the Sisters of Rebekah are going to honor the occasion by a dance at the hall for the benefit of the proposed home for aged Odd Fellows.

THE third of the series of magic lantern exhibitions kindly given by Dr. Kirker to the pupils of Craigflower school and their friends, was held in the schoolhouse on Friday, the chairman being Trustee J. W. Rowland. The large attendance was evidence of the unabated interest in these entertainments. The first views were illustrative of Malta, and Dr. Kirker's personal acquaintance with the island gave special value to his descriptions. The pupils contributed to the evening's enjoyment with well rendered songs and recitations. A former pupil of the school, W. Wensley, sang a character song in capital style.

THERE will be a full rehearsal for the chorus and orchestra in connection with the coming production of Giorza's grand festival mass on Tuesday evening next, in Pioneer hall, Broad street, commencing at 7:45 p.m. sharp. The date set for the concert, which is to be given for the benefit of the B. C. Benevolent Society, has been fixed for March 7. Besides the production of Giorza's Mass there will be several vocal and instrumental solos, all of which will be accompanied by a full orchestra, and the orchestra itself will render two numbers. For his concert Mr. F. Victor Austin is producing two new compositions of his own, one for the violin, with full orchestra and a new Ave Maria, which is written for soprano, with violin obligato and full orchestra.

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Canadians Again Having Things Their Own Way.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 5.—The championship skating races were continued to-day. The starters in the first race, the one mile novice, were J. W. Olmstead, Rochester; and E. A. Kent, of Cromwell; W. E. O'Brien, of Newburgh, was protested. The race was won by Kent, with Olmstead second; time 3:37 1-5.

For the ten mile championship of America the starters were B. Bellefuille, Gibbs, C. McLave, Cooney and McCulloch. Cooney dropped on the last lap of the sixth mile, being three-quarters of a lap behind. The seventh mile was finished in 25:50. The men were then all within ten yards of each other with Bellefuille leading, McLave second, Gibbs third and McCulloch last. Gibbs took command at 7½ miles; Bellefuille spurted and dropped back again, and Gibbs went to the front in two laps. It was then raining hard. Eight laps from the end of the ninth mile McCulloch took the lead but did not quicken the pace. The ninth mile was finished in 33:13, with all four men bunched. McCulloch was urging Bellefuille to get the lead. All the men alternated in taking first place. Bellefuille then spurted with the finish four laps away. Three laps from the tape McCulloch went in the lead and in another lap was leading by 20 yards, Bellefuille second, Gibbs third and McLave fourth. On the last turn McLave and Gibbs fell. McCulloch finished first in 36:43 2-5, and Bellefeuille second, 40 yards behind. McLave came in third, followed by Gibbs. Bellefuille was five yards ahead of McLave and he one yard ahead of Gibbs.

SMASHED IN THE ICE.

Exciting Adventure of a British Vessel Off Newfoundland.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 5.—The British steamer Addington, Captain Harland, nine days out from Baltimore for Bergen, Norway, with 9,000 bushels of rye, has arrived here with her bow stove in by an ice-floe. The accident occurred off Cape Race yesterday, when the ship was embayed in an ice-floe, her plates driven in, and her forepeak filled with water. On Monday her decks were swept by heavy seas in a gale, during which her lifeboats were smashed and deck gear carried away. She will probably go into dock for repairs.

KOOTENAY THRIVING.

Mineral Export for January Double That of Corresponding Month Last Year.

Gold and Copper Belt of Forty-nine and Hall Creeks Promise Very Well.

NELSON, Feb. 5.—J. A. Veach, superintendent of the Fern mine, is in the city. Mr. Veach says that work at the mine is progressing favorably, and large bodies of ore of good value are being uncovered. An electric light plant has been installed, and it is the intention to immediately put in a cyanide plant to treat the tailings of the stamp mill which at present are being stored. It is expected that the cyanide plant will double the output of gold per ton. The ten stamps will not be put in until after the cyanide plant is installed. The next clean up will be about the end of February.

The Wilson brothers, of Nelson, who went to England last fall have returned to the city. While in the Old Country they succeeded in organizing a company with large capital to engage in mining operations in this district. On Tuesday last they took up their bond of $5,000 on the Last Chance group on Toad Mountain, one and a half miles from Cottonwood lake. This is a copper-gold proposition running very high in copper and looks very promising.

So far in 1898 the value of mineral exports from Southern Kootenay through the port of Nelson amounts to $1,429,262. During the month of January they amounted to $1,193,458 an increase of almost 100 per cent. over January, 1897.

There is at present a great deal of interest being taken by mining men and investors in the gold and copper belt, comprising Forty-nine and Hall creeks, which from present indications bids fair to become the richest mining district in Kootenay. The district includes the Silver King, Fern, Northern Light Group of the Bright Prospect company, Referendum and Athabasca.

The Winnipeg and Eureka Mining Company, Ltd., have sent out a force of five men and a large quantity of supplies to their claims on Toad Mountain, about two miles from the Silver King. It is their intention to open out the claim and drive a tunnel to strike the lead.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act and in the Matter of the Estate of James Chaplin, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of Mr. Justice Walkem, bearing date the second day of February, 1898, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, are requested to send me particulars thereof, on or before the 31st day of May A.D. 1898, and all persons indebted to said deceased are requested to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
feb7 Official Administrator.

NOTICE—Sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land described as follows:—Commencing at J. James Carthew's southeast stake in the Kitamat townsite, thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains west; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains east to stake of commencement.

ALFRED MAGNESON.
December 15th, 1897. fe7

NOTICE—Sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land described as follows:—Commencing at Clifford & Co.'s southeast stake on the west side of Kitamat Inlet, opposite Kitamat Indian village; thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains west; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains east to stake of commencement.

GEO. ROBINSON.
December 15th, 1897. fe7

NOTICE — Sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land described as follows: — Commencing at Geo. Robinson's southeast stake in the Kitamat townsite; thence 40 chains south; thence 40 chains west; thence 40 chains north; thence 40 chains east to stake of commencement.

WM. A. MATHESON.
December 15th, 1887. fe7

NOTICE—Sixty days after date I intend to make application to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land described as follows:—Commencing at W. A. Matheson's southeast stake in the Kitamat Townsite, thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains to stake of commencement.

JAMES CARTHEW.
December 15th, 1867. fe7

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment:—

28th January, 1898.

Gerald E. Baker, of Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island, Esquire, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be resident Physician at Salt Spring Island.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

31st January, 1868.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint the under-mentioned officers of the North West Mounted Police to be Justices of the Peace within and for the County of Nanaimo, namely;—

Samuel B. Steele, Esquire, Superintendent. Aylesworth Bowen Perry, Esquire, Superintendent; Zachary Taylor Wood, Esquire, Inspector; D'Arcy Strickland, Esquire, Inspector, and Robert Belcher, Esquire, Inspector. fe7

NOTICE is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway Company will be held at the head office of the company, No. 28 Fort street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, on Monday, the 7th day of March next at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to elect directors and transact the ordinary business of the company.

Dated the 20th day of January, A.D., 1898.

(Signed) A. W. JONES, Pres.
JNO. IRVING, } Directors
C. G. MAJOR,