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ANT GUN.

or the Benbow.—Tested at Woolwich.

15.—The largest gun yet ted at Woolwich arsenal. one-hundred-and-eleven. four feet long, and its charge of powder is 900 be mounted on a recently ironclad, the Benbow. e times in the presence y of ladies and gentle- charge of powder was 1 700, and the third 800. as great as might be the explosion of such ities of powder. The n inclined plane, the hich was so admirably re was no violent wrench otal weight of the gun 35 tons, and the projec- l mass of iron, weighing will pierce 33 inches of ile range. Heretofore, nade have been those on lads, furnished by the ght being 105 tons each.

L BURNED.

ontinental in Berlin—Loss illion Dollars.

3.—The Hotel Contin- yed by fire yesterday. lit in 1885 at an expense was opened on Febru- er the management of the well-known hotel- e stories high and con- with handsomely de- e trimmings. It occu- atire block, situated on the centre of Berlin, the Central railroad de- rains run in all direc- erated on the European ronized mostly by Eng- ricans. The hotel was the Central hotel, which latter found it impossi- afford accommodation to The furnishings of ere first-class in every

VE CONFERENCE.

Archbishop Cooke of Cashel.

21.—A conference of the r was held to-day at the conference was largely bers both of the house of e house of lords. The alf an hour. Salisbury by Goschen. Both were then they entered. The dress to the conference, to the late Lord Ides- s the government sus- of his death. The mar- the secession from the urchill, which the speak- considerable loss to the 's acceptance of an office government, Salisbury hened the conservative rking time for a month, quis, we have arrived at s. He then said he ment would be able by s of procedure to restore mons to its capacity for sputation for courtesy. he added, "we shall be he question of local gov- nd and other measures. resent law will be suffi- the government to cope in in Ireland. In any will be postponed until n of the proceedings for procedure rules." The ects to present a budget eek of April. The mar- ng lease of office for the everal members urged ent introduce in parlia- vernment bill for Eng- d Wales, the provisions extended to Ireland. , conservative, spoke, Roman Catholic conserv- ed the conduct of Arch- Cashel, Ireland, in open- e conduct of the Irish d said he would like to hop tried for this con- English Catholics in Lon- nent provoked great en- nference.

GLAND.

ance of Municipal Corrup- tion.

to-day discussing the f municipal bribery at re, with special interest it is often charged that ng system from the wa- o the vestry is honey- l, this is the first time it t. Hunter, who is the e corporation, was re- a coal merchant, named to the mayor and alder- in commissions of from ton on all the great he bought. Hunter of criminal libel, the s to prevent Lever from own behalf. The four ed the facts that practi- merchants in Lancashire ears that Hunter was the trade, that the him spending $25,000 $4,000, and investing gle enterprise without tion, and that the prac- one among like-offi- porations. The judge gainst Hunter, specially closing Lever's mouth ead of a civil action. Lever amid loud cheers burt, which the judge revent. Lever was fol- pered in the streets of reat throng. When he in Bowdon, he was a popular demonstra- radesmen, delegations, result of the trial had an hour or so. Numer- w, and, perhaps, lead If they do, the state will rival affairs dis- ork.—*London cable to*

NOW AND A YEAR AGO.

ico Bulletin says: There hips in port for wheat ould like to get wheat go to-day there were load wheat and 42 that t wheat charters. The now in port has a carry- 1,000 tons wheat. A ng capacity of the en- r 100,000 tons. Now disengaged tonnage in 0 tons wheat. A year d fleet in port could tons. Now there is nnage on the way or d port. A year ago the s only 122,900. There 6h smaller surplus of for export than at this e outlook for the next bly improved in conse- s and well distributed ten days. It is now a wheat charter was In the meantime, the en few. Only 11 ves- gagement for wheat and , while six more are time last year we had age in port under en- t. There is now 103,500 tonnage in port, against ago, and 167,600 tons aged to come, against date last year.

young Indian poetess aline Johnson, residing described as a slender, a little above middle dant dark hair, frank, , red, flexible lips, and ice.

From the Daily Colonist, March 5, 1887.

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Police Circles.

Lee Queney Tick was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Sheppard and Officer Smith, charged with keeping a gambling house. Prisoner was admitted to bail. Jimmy Chickens, an old gaol-bird, was also taken in for being drunk and disorderly.

Bristow Again.

It is understood that Victoria friends of Lieutenant Mowbray, says the *Post-Intelligencer*, who is confined in the county jail, charged with passing bogus checks, have engaged Messrs. Lewis and Gilman to sue out a writ of *habeas corpus* to test the legality of his imprisonment.

Inquest.

An inquest was held yesterday by Coroner Jackson on the cause of the death of the late Cyrus Hardy. The jury, consisting of R. E. Green (foreman), C. W. Wallace, C. H. Robinson, R. Hicks, J. T. Sherborne and E. H. Bonney, returned a verdict that deceased came to his death from natural causes.

The Boodler.

"A member of the *Times*" replies to the various questions propounded in our issue of yesterday. He denies having bought up a *whole* constituency. Perhaps he missed a few voters. Quotations from ultra-grit papers, east, of same date, giving a majority of from fifteen to twenty to the conservatives, proves that the returns published in the *Times* must have been falsified.

There was a queer fellow named Mac,
Who was given to plenty of clack,
Although a great noodle,
He knew lots about boodle,
In the fair town of Guelph, away back.

Returning to Vancouver.

A few Chinese went up to Vancouver by yesterday morning's boat and others will leave for there during the next few days. Those who fled to New Westminster are also being collected and will return to Vancouver to go to work. It is then the services of the specials appointed by the government under the authority of the legislature, will be required to prevent the law being set at defiance.

The Debts Compared.

1878. GRIT RULE.	1887. CONSERVATIVE RULE.
Average increase of debt per annum.	Average increase of debt per annum.
$8,000,000.	$4,500,000.
Deficits under Grit rule.	Surplus under Conservative rule.
$9,500,000.	$19,500,000.

Dangers to Shipping.

As the Princess Louise was coming into the wharf a few nights ago she narrowly escaped running into a schooner anchored on the James Bay side of the harbor without any lights up. It is apparent, for the safety of shipping, that, in the absence of regular harbor police, some steps should be taken to impose a fine upon craft neglecting to keep up lights at night.

Tried for Embezzlement.

Harry Prindle, an insurance solicitor and agent of considerable notoriety, says the *Oregonian*, was tried by a jury in the state circuit court on a charge of embezzling some $4000 from George C. La Rocque. Last summer, while at Nanaimo, La Rocque intrusted Prindle to settle some business for him in Portland, and claims Prindle did so, but failed to make a satisfactory accounting. Prindle, on the other hand, avers that he was to receive a certain commission, and did faithfully transact the business given into his care. District Attorney McGinn conducted the prosecution and M. C. George the defense. The result of the deliberation of the jury could not be ascertained up to a late hour last night.

Wreck of the Rustler.

The crew of the wrecked sealing schooner Rustler, fifteen in number, arrived from the west coast yesterday. The Rustler was a Boston craft, owned by Captain Warren, of this city, and commanded by Captain Todd, and was driven ashore in a gale on the night of the 26th December, at the Nit Nat river, about 30 miles south of Cape Beale. The captain and crew managed to reach shore in safety, but were unable to save anything on board. Captain Warren himself is at present away on the Dolphin, and it cannot be learned whether the vessel was insured or not, but it is believed she was not. The loss will amount to about $4,500.

The Rustler went to sea about three weeks ago, but had taken no seals before she was wrecked.

Seeking for Information.

A letter of inquiry has been received at this office from Winona, Minn., concerning a Welshman named William R. Hughes, who, it is represented, left San Francisco some time in 1862 for Victoria, Vancouver Island and died on the way. There may be some one now in the city or state who was acquainted with the deceased and can communicate some information concerning him which will be of interest and possibly of value to his surviving relatives. If there be any such person and he will make himself known to the *Bulletin* office by letter or otherwise, the friends of the deceased will be promptly advised of it.—*S. F. Bulletin.*

A Land Case.

In the supreme court yesterday before Chief Justice Begbie, the case of Jaques *vs.* the chief commissioner of lands and works was argued. The suppliant asked that certain lands be conveyed to him from the crown. The chief justice decided in favor of the chief commissioner. Mr. C. Wilson for suppliant, Deputy Attorney-General Irving for the government.

Incoming Passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Passengers per Geo. W. Elder for Victoria: W. Middlemass, J. C. Smith and wife and sister, W. Bigg, R. W. Hills, S. H. White, J. S. Downs, Thos. Shore, E. W. Smith, Geo. Montgomery, Wm. Schlister, E. McQuade, Mrs. McQuade, J. McWinney, T. McLean, W. H. Riddle, G. T. Mills, G. H. Burns, J. N. Seallic, J. Lamb.

Refuses to Eat or Drink.

A young man named Wm. Madeu, says the *Vancouver Herald*, refused to leave the European hotel the night before last when requested to do so, and acted in such a strange manner that Sergt. McLaren thought it necessary to take him in charge. Yesterday an examination into his mental condition was made by Drs. McGuigan and Langis who after a minute investigation found the man to be insane and have recommended his removal to the asylum at New Westminster. He has refused either to eat or to drink since his arrest.

James Bay Bridge.

The following tribute of respect was paid to the memory of the last contractor, whose death was occasioned by his having caught a cold during its erection:

IN MEMORIAM.

Peace to thy memory,
Poor William Emory;
Thou has fought the last fight,
Gone through the last battle
And art now in the grave,
Free from the rattle,
The noise and the strife
Of this sad, weary life.
Ah, well I remember
Thy frolicsome ways,
Beguiling so oft life's gloomy days.
Thou did't cheerily toil,
But when day's work was done,
Would'st throw away care,
And with humor and fun
Would'st share in the glee
Of the happy and free.
Ah, short was thy time,
Soon closed, thy life's play,
For at young thirty-three
Thou won't buried away.
Thou hadn't faults—who has not?
In the grave let them lie;
Passed by and forgot.
But the genial in face
Will live long in the memory
Of those of thy friends.

Poor William Emory.

The West Shore.

The current number of *The West Shore* is a superb one, and fulfills the publisher's promise to improve upon even the splendid issue of last month. The magnificent scenery of the Columbia river and Puget Sound is illustrated, and the engravings are accompanied by entertaining historical and descriptive articles. G. B. Kuykendall contributes an "Ode to the Columbia," which has much poetic merit. C. L. Henderson's entertaining description of Dunfermline is accompanied by several engravings of the historic ruins of that ancient seat of Scotch royalty. In an article, "In Memory of the Pioneers," O. C. Applegate pays a tribute to the sterling qualities of those who laid the foundation of society in the West. The text is illustrated with a number of striking engravings. The first part of a deeply interesting story by O. W. Olney, entitled "Blue Dirt at Red-rock, a Witching" is given, and shows what a romantic charm hangs about those early days of the gold excitement. "Santa Barbara" and "Snohomish, on Puget Sound," receive attention. In "The Golden Tube," Henry Laurenz gives another of those entertaining sketches of early times in the Western El Dorado. S. B. Pettengill supplies an interesting and valuable paper on "The Government of Oregon," and C. B. Carlisle presents, in a most forcible manner, "Some Errors in Female Education."

MARINE.

Steamship Mexico will leave the outer wharf for San Francisco at 1 o'clock p. m. to-day.

The British bark Viola, Captain Prince, is 147 days out from London, bound to Victoria.

The tug Holyoke towed the ship Rosie Welt and the bark Bundaleer to Nanaimo Thursday.

The Norwegian bark Coldstream, Captain Kendall, 684 tons register, sailed from Liverpool on Feb. 5th, to Victoria, with a cargo of general merchandise.

The British ship T. N. Hart sailed from New York May 16th for Shanghai, since when nothing has been heard from her and it is feared she is lost, with all on board.

Ship owners at San Francisco have raised the rates of seamen's wages as follows: To bar harbors, $35 per month; to outside ports, $45; and to Hawaiian islands, $30. This is an advance of $5 all around.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Arrived—Steamer Oregon, Portland. Sailed—G. W. Elder, Victoria; schooner W. L. Beebe, Tacoma.

PERSONAL.

S. Perry Mills and S. J. Pitts went to New Westminster this morning.

C. Spring will leave for the west coast to-day on the schooner Favorite.

Rufus Sylvester and wife, Cassiar, returned to-day from a trip to the east.

M. W. Waitt, Thaddeus Harper and S. Leiser, came down on the Louise last evening.

E. McQuade and Mrs. McQuade are passengers from San Francisco by the Elder.

Very Rev. Father Dowling, bishop-elect of Peterboro, will be consecrated in St. Mary's cathedral, Hamilton shortly after Easter.

J. P. Howe, manager of the New Market theatre, Portland, has left for Chicago and New York in search of attractions for his theatre. He promises to bring back the best or none, and we are sure he will secure as good as can be had.

Among the distinguished persons present at the installation of Augustus Harris as W. M. Drury Lane Masonic Lodge, London, on the 8th ult., we observe the name of the Right Rev. Acton Windeyer Sillitoe, Bishop of New Westminster, B. C. The ceremony, according to the London *Globe*, was very imposing, and the bishop was among those who replied to the toast of "Our Visitors."

FOR THE RELIEF

Of Hon. Edward Blake, whose Life is in Danger.

Our special from Toronto states that Hon. Edward Blake, who left for New Westminster and Victoria to assist Trapp and McCallum, is snowed up in the mountains, and that his life is in peril. We would suggest that a relief party be organized by the conservatives of Victoria, and that it be sent with provisions and fuel to the relief of the honorable gentleman, who is beleagured somewhere between Kicking-Horse and Rogers Passes. This would be pouring coals of fire on the heads of the grits; but when human life is at stake all the world's akin. In spite of his well known hostility to British Columbia, Mr. Blake is a human being and should not be permitted to perish on the threshold of the province towards which he has always shown the most vituperative hostility.

PROVINCIAL COURT.

The Radford-John criminal assault case occupied the attention of this court yesterday with closed doors. Defendant was committed for trial.

From the Daily Colonist, March 6, 1887.

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

There was a gay boodler named Mac,
Who is said to have a great knack
Of padding the news
To suit his own views,
But to-morrow he'll take it all back.

Brakesman Killed.

A brakesman was accidentally killed on a construction train near Port Moody yesterday.

All Clear.

The C. P. R. is reported to be all clear of obstructions in the way of snow or land slides, and daily through trains will commence again to run without detention.

New Residence.

Hon. A. N. Richards has purchased two acres of eligibly situated land near Mr. J. D. Pemberton's residence, and will erect thereon a handsome brick residence.

Outgoing Passengers.

The following were passengers by Mexico yesterday for San Francisco: Geo. Edwards, Chas. Napier, E. Peters, J. R. Wynne, J. R. Seals, Mrs. Lubbe, Mrs. Casper, Mrs. E. G. Josselyn, M. J. C. Armeny and son.

The Old War Horse.

Vancouver *Herald*:—The old war horse Sir John, was again winner of the Dominion stakes on the 22d ult. He seems only to be getting his second wind. Forty years in harness—he is good for ten more. This is certainly the year of jubilee.

For Alberni.

Mr. W. W. Halpenny, government guide, will leave for Alberni about the 12th inst. by the steamer Hope, and those who have signified their intention of going with him or any others would do well to call on him at his residence, Pandora street, and arrange for the trip.

Bark Ashore.

The bark Viola, Capt. Price, with a cargo of general merchandise, to Welch, Rithet & Co., arrived in Esquimalt on Friday night, 149 days from London. In the gale yesterday morning she dragged anchor and drifted into McCallum's bay, near the Hudson Bay wharf, where her keel grounded. As she went on at high tide the probability is that she cannot be towed off, and part of the cargo will have to be lightered.

Will Be Closed.

All saloons will be closed to-morrow in accordance with the act, which provides for the closing of all public houses on election day. It has been stated that a large number of unscrupulous men, who have no votes, have been endeavoring to entice conservatives into betting before voting. We desire to warn those who have any such intention, as their votes will be cancelled and pronounced illegal.

Sea-Sickness Has Terrors.

The chances for sea-sickness on the Mexico yesterday were more than a couple of ladies who intended going down to Frisco cared to take. They went down to the wharf to leave but when they saw the angry waves and heard the wind whistling through the rigging their hearts failed them and they returned home to wait till Neptune should be in a more gentle mood before embarking on the voyage.

The Slugger on a Spree.

A Boston dispatch says: John L. Sullivan, with his left arm in a sling and roaring drunk, went up Tremont street yesterday afternoon arm-in-arm with Billy Porter, the notorious bank burglar. Both men staggered up the street and crowded the pedestrians off the sidewalk. Sullivan was in an ugly mood, and profanely declined the half-timid, half-friendly suggestion of a policeman to go home and sober off.

R. C. Musical Service.

In the absence of Mr. E. McQuade during the last four weeks, Mr. Chas. Lombard has had charge of the choir of St. Andrew's pro-Cathedral, View street. To-morrow is the last day he will remain in charge, and at the morning service the *Sanctus* and *Benedictus* of the Generallis Missa will be sung, and at the evening service Mr. De L'Aubiniere has kindly consented to sing Gounad's *Ave Maria*, arranged to Bach prelude.

An Excellent Move.

The St. Joseph's Social and Literary Society will give a benefit for the crew of the wrecked ship Thos. R. Foster. The military drama, "Lucille," which took so well here and at Nanaimo will be produced again. Several new attractions will be added and everything possible will be done to make the performance a success. The step the society has taken is a highly commendable one and it is trusted that Victorians in general will respond liberally in assisting the sailors who have simply nothing to subsist on.

Dr. Chisholm's Majority.

The following additional returns have been received from New Westminster district:—

Place.	Chisholm.	Trapp.
Richmond	15	12
Langley	35	13

Making the grand total as follows:—Chisholm, 534; Trapp, 238.—Majority 296. Dr. Chisholm's great victory was the subject of congratulation yesterday in liberal conservative circles, and a similar result was prophesied in this city and district.

Chinese Home.

A few citizens have of late given considerable attention to a scheme for providing a mission home for the purpose of saving young Chinese girls from the inhuman clutches of their own people. Notwithstanding almost insurmountable difficulties have been met with, a home has been established on Frederick street, near Quadra. The only difficulty now is the want of funds and the promoters will feel grateful to others who will come forward and help them in their good work. Clothing of all kinds will be thankfully received.

Victoria Athletic Club.

The half-yearly election of officers of the above Club took place on Thursday evening last. The following officers were elected: T. Deasy, president; C. Gardiner, vice-president; E. Shade, secretary; W. Williams, treasurer; J. Weiler, financial secretary; G. A. Shade, captain. At the close of the meeting, President Deasy was presented with a costly gold-headed cane. The members of this club are actively preparing for an exhibition to be given shortly and intend to give a good account of themselves in the various outdoor sports during the summer.

A Newspaper Gone Mad.

The Vancouver *News* of Saturday morning has the following:

"The proprietor and editor of the Victoria COLONIST, who is agent for the Associated Press in British Columbia has sent to the east statements regarding the Chinese agitation at Vancouver that can only be termed malicious falsehoods. It will be some time before the real facts are known in the east, but we trust when the truth becomes apparent that the press association will properly "sit" on the British Columbia libeller and erase his name from their official list."

The above is simply a tissue of falsehood from beginning to end. The proprietor and editor of THE COLONIST is *not* agent for any eastern associated press and has *not* sent telegrams east regarding the Chinese outrage at Vancouver. If any telegrams of the character stated have been sent east they have been forwarded by other means, probably by some malignant and idiotic writer of like ilk with the one who has lately been filling the *News* with so much arrant nonsense.

A Victoria Boy to Marry Miss Fortescue.

The following item will interest many old Victorians. Marcus Mayer is the son of Mr. M. Mayer, merchant of Nanaimo. Miss Fortescue was the *fiancé* of Lord Garmoyle, and recovered $50,000 from the eldest son of Lord Cairn for breach of promise of marriage:

"The Chicago *News Letter* of February 19th says: The rumor that Marcus R. Mayer and Miss Fortescue are to be married in June appears to be true. It is an open secret that the lady developed a most thorough attachment for Mr. Mayer from the start, which there is every reason to believe he returned with interest. The marriage will take place in Boston, and the happy pair will then go on a wedding tour to California—a part of America which Miss Fortescue is most anxious to visit. Mr. Abbey will be Mr. Mayer's best man."

Presbytery of Columbia.

The Presbytery of Columbia met in this city on Wednesday, and on Friday evening adjourned to meet again at Vancouver on the 15th inst. A large amount of important business was attended to by the Presbytery. Commissioners were appointed to represent the Presbytery at the next meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada, to be held in Winnipeg in June next, viz.: Revs. R. Jamieson; D. Fraser, D. Macrae, ministers; and Messrs. J. C. Brown, New Westminster; Walter Clark, Victoria, and E. Sanders, Vancouver, elders. The Presbytery unanimously nominated the Rev. R. F. Burns, D. D., of Halifax, N. S., as next moderator of the general assembly. The returns made from the standing committees and congregations were very encouraging and satisfactory. Altogether, it was stated that the prospects of the church were very bright, and that the prosperous condition of affairs exceeded expectations. The following ministers were reported as now laboring in the province in connection with the Presbyterian church of Canada, namely: Revs. R. Jamieson, New Westminster, moderator; T. G. Thomson, Vancouver, clerk; D. Fraser, Victoria; D. Macrae, Victoria district; A. Dunn, Alberni; T. Scouler, New Westminster; A. Fair, Langley; A. W. Jones, Spence's Bridge, etc.; Jno. Chisholm, Lulu Island; J. A. Jaffary, Spallumcheen, and A. H. Camerun, Donald, Richmond and Lanner's Landing, Chilliwhack and Kamloops, are to be supplied with ministers immediately. The congregations in Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver are self-supporting, and deal very liberally with their ministers, while a number of others are rapidly approaching self-support.

The "News" and the Chinese.

Our extremely touchy contemporary, the Vancouver *News*, is at the present time slashing around in all directions because exception has been taken to the unfriendly acts of its citizens towards the Chinese. Leaving aside the fact that it garbled the statement made in THE COLONIST that "passengers who arrived from Vancouver state," etc., would it not be wiser on the part of the *News* to urge upon its readers the necessity of conforming to the law, and when it has been so glaringly set at defiance, as in the case of the Chinese outrage, to insist that the chief magistrate and other civic officials at once take steps to have the majesty of the law vindicated. The whole trouble lies in the fact that no attempt was made when the first onslaught on the Chinese occurred to bring the ringleaders to justice, though they were well known; and after the second and greater outrage the mayor made no move. It was several days after the incident occurred that the legislature took the matter in hand, passed the bill and made arrangements for sending a force to Vancouver. On hearing this intelligence it suddenly dawned upon the worthy mayor and council to take action, but they had waited too long, and the city has suffered in consequence of their lack of energy or desire to enforce the law. So far as the passage of the bill is concerned, it could only be accomplished by the unanimous vote of the house, and of course the members of New Westminster district, with all others, conceded that the measure was a necessary one. Scolding Victoria and its journals, and prophesying all sorts of dire things to occur in the future inimical to this city, will not help the matter. Better far to make the best of the unfortunate position Vancouver has been placed in by the neglect of its chief magistrate to fulfill his apparent duty, and to endeavor to avoid a recurrence.

THE "TIMES" AND THE MAJORITY.

Proof From Eastern Grit Papers that its Returns were Falsified.

As conclusive proof of the thorough unreliability of the *Times'* published returns of the Dominion elections a comparison with those printed by the Winnipeg *Free Press*, an out-and-out grit paper, will, we think, be sufficient.

On Thursday, February 24th, the *Times* published under flaring headings a telegram dated Toronto, 23rd, that the liberal victory was *confirmed* and gave as totals—Ministerial, 99; opposition, 105.

The Winnipeg *Free Press*, issued on the morning of the 24th, telegrams of the same date as the *Times*, giving the revised returns as follows:

Ministerialists, 109; opposition, 94.

Editorially the *Free Press* acknowledged that the government would probably have a majority of *twenty*.

Telegrams of the date of 23rd February, published in the *Free Press*, stated that Toronto *Globe*, referring to the elections, acknowledged that the result was disappointing to the liberals, and that the government will have a majority of *ten* or *fifteen*.

The *Free Press* of the same date publishes the figures from the Toronto *Mail* (independent), giving the majority as 23; and from the Toronto *World* (conservative), the majority given being 35.

What can the *Times* give as an answer to the above condemnation from its own side of the question? Certain it is that the *Free Press* and the *Globe* placed the Conservative majority at its lowest limit; and yet on the very same day that its double-dyed Grit contemporary in the east, the *Times* had the hardihood to print as *bona fide* telegraphic returns figures *claiming a majority for the Liberals!*

We think that the above should be sufficient answer to the *Times* and positive proof to the public that, no matter where the returns were *falsified*, they certainly were glaringly so. Mr. Dunsmuir, who was treated to half-a-column article in last evening's paper because he gave it as his opinion in the house that the election returns were garbled, can afford to laugh at the additional choler evidence against him. That article has the following sentence: "That news [the liberal majority] sounded the death-knell of Toryism not only in British Columbia, but throughout Canada." It would seem that the *Times* still intends to persist in its iniquitous course, until it becomes a reproach to modern journalism.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAY.

That the Victoria should be crowded to-night, a brilliant array of local talent will address the electors.

That the electric light was "out" last night, which was pitch dark. So it was the night before. Patience is fast ceasing to be a virtue!

That a Fifth avenue lady in New York secured a new parlor maid in a hurry. A lady for whom the servant opened the door was astonished when the maid returned with her card from upstairs: "Here's your ticket, ma'm. Mrs. Blank says she is not at home."

SLIDES IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Snow, Rock and Earth on the Move Above Yale.

(Correspondence of THE COLONIST.)

Notwithstanding the difficulties expected to be encountered by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at this season—and which has been the most inclement for years—and considering the praiseworthy efforts of the syndicate to battle against the obstacles so that trains may keep schedule time, yet they cannot prevent slides of rocks and snow from occasionally tumbling on the line and interrupting the ordinary traffic.

The train from the east not arriving at Yale on Sunday morning last, caused your correspondent to make enquiries, and he ascertained that

A BIG SLIDE

had occurred during the night about eight miles beyond, at a place known as "Eight Mile Hill," and which had completely blocked the line and stopped the traffic. Telegraphic messages had been forwarded by Mr. Goodfellow at North Bend to Mr. Downie at Port Moody, and orders had been issued by that gentleman that all available labor should be procured and sent at the second for accident to clear the way for the trains to proceed. Mr. L. R. Johnson at Yale, with his accustomed activity, soon gathered together a body of laborers and proceeded with them to Eight Mile Hill, and after some hours hard work succeeded in clearing the track of snow and rocks which enabled the eastern bound train to pass through at ten o'clock at night.

In the meantime the train from "back east" had arrived at North Bend and was not dispatched from thence until Monday morning, and on arriving at the identical spot, it was found that another and

A BIGGER SLIDE

had taken place, and the train with its discomfited passengers, mails and express, had to be backed to North Bend.

Work had again to be resumed by Mr. Johnson and of a more difficult character, but the men—supervised by a man of unexceptionable good temper and aided by himself worked with a will, and last night the track was once more cleared, enabling trains from east and west to proceed.

Living as we do in Yale, surrounded by lofty hills, and at the bottom of a basin so to speak, we naturally occasionally to experience slides *here*, and last evening our attention was drawn by a lady that *the train was coming*, but it turned out to be mighty avalanches of snow and rocks, sufficiently alarming to the timid, but not to such an one who mentioned the circumstance, whose equanimity is undisturbable.

YALE, 2nd March, 1887.

THE "TIMES" DESCRIBED.

What the Hot-Headed Editor of the Vancouver News Thinks of the Sheet.

Our Yates street contemporary last evening threw up his hat because the Vancouver *News* man got mad about some statements made in this paper anent the recent outrage perpetrated on the Chinese, and rushed into print with a lot of really uncourteous language. We give below a recently published article in the Vancouver *News* on our erratic contemporary, which probably did not go into ecstacies over it; at any rate he did not reproduce it in the columns of the *Times*. Following is the fraternal opinion of the *News*:

"We have long felt the Victoria *Times* to be one of the most degraded and vile sheets that the province has had the misfortune to be burdened with. A miserable failure in itself with no moral tone to back it up, it attempts to draw other journals into the slough of blackguardism in which it apparently delights to wallow. We have no intention of descending to the depths to quarrel with a sheet that has been universally condemned the Dominion over for its abuse and vulgarity and for the many disreputable dodges to catch the popular vein. For this it has made every possible effort but the right one, viz: respectability, which is unfortunately an impossibility with the *Times*. Under this cover of an alleged interview the *Times* takes the chance of saying that the *News* "was either in collusion with the mob or afraid of expressing an independent opinion." This is a downright untruth and none knows it better than the *Times*. Supt. Roycraft sent the *News'* report of the outbreak to the Provincial attorney as his official account of what had taken place. The *News* has been, and ever will be, in favor of law and order, and none regret more than we do the unfortunate position Victoria, our own city, brought about by a few who, like the *Times*, finds its breath of life in vituperation and agitation. The *Times* also takes the opportunity of attacking (through a letter from an individual in this city) a gentleman who is one of our most respected citizens. Is not the *Times* inconsistent? Why does it aid in the agitation it condemns by publishing an attack on a gentleman of well known character from an individual who is a mere nothing, who has no reputation to lose and who has no respectability to maintain. Such is the food the *Times* feeds on. The *News* is open to the public for discussion of any public question, enterprise or suggestion, but not for abuse or vile attacks on the character of any respectable member of our community. We are bound to no corporation, civic or railway; we receive no favors and we ask for none.

MARINE.

Steamship Mexico, Huntington, sailed for San Francisco at 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday.

The bark Columbus, Capt. Nickerson, 63 days from Iquiqui, arrived in the Royal Roads last night. She will load at Hastings for Iquiqua.

The Red Star Line steamship Waswand, which went ashore at Goodwin Sands, near Deal, while on her way to Antwerp from New York, floated yesterday, after throwing overboard 200 tons of her cargo. She has been towed to Antwerp.

The bark Julia Foard, which put in at San Francisco while on a voyage from Departure Bay to Honolulu, coal-laden, having met with heavy weather, has discharged her cargo at Oakland. A survey has been called. When the Julia Foard first came to this coast she was called the St. Mary, and flew the French flag. She was afterward called the Augusta, and flew the Hawaiian flag. Afterward enough money was spent on repairs on the hull to enable her to fly the American flag, which she now does.

OLIO.

The following is said to be the best thing in "Ruddygore":

When the night wind howls in the chimney cowls, and the bat in the moonlight flies,
And inky clouds like funeral shrouds sail over the midnight skies,
When the footpads quail at the night-birds wail, and the black dogs bay at the moon,
Then is the Spectre's holiday! Then is the Ghost's high noon!

Chorus: Ha! Ha!
Then is the Ghost's high noon.

As the sob of the breeze sweeps over the trees, and the moan of the fen,
From grey tombstones are gathered the bones that once were women and men,
And away they go, with a moop and a mow, to the revel that ends too soon,
For cockcrow limits our holiday—the dead of the night's high noon.

Chorus: Ha! Ha! etc.

The "art of washing hands" is not an easy one, according to Dr. Haffler, of Trauenfield. To insure absolute surgical cleanliness of the hands they must first be carefully washed with potash soap and water as hot as can be borne, and then with a 5 per cent. solution of carbolic acid, or one per mille solution of corrosive sublimate or chlorine water.

CAUGHT IN HIS OWN "TRAPP."

Mr. Blake Positively Snowed Up in the Mountains,

While on the Way to Comfort British Columbia Grits.

TORONTO, March 4th.

Blake is really snowed up in the Rocky Mountains. He left here on the 27th ult. and has not since been heard from. It is an open secret that he started for British Columbia to assist Trapp at New Westminster and McCallum at Victoria, having received the Macedonian cry to "come over and help us" for McInnes of New Westminster and McLagan of Victoria.

As the train in which he left was scantily provisioned and had very little coal it is feared that the honorable gentleman will suffer from exposure and hunger if he does not perish. Much anxiety is felt by the grits here for the safety of their chief.

'RAH FOR CHISHOLM!

The Candidate of the Grits Snowed Under.

Mr. Trapp Defeated by Probably Three Hundred Votes—One More Solid Man to Swell Sir John's Handsome Majority—Grand Liberal-Conservative Victory.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 4.—The result of to-day's polling in this city was a great surprise to all parties. The most sanguine friends of Mr. Chisholm did not count on over ten of a majority and many conceded a majority for Trapp. The defection is attributed to jealousies owing to the forced retirement of McGillivray and other minor matters. The total vote so far, with Langley, Richmond and Sumas to hear from, give Chisholm 486, Trapp 208, a majority of 278. The returns from the various districts are as follows:

Place.	Chisholm.	Trapp.
Matsqui	10	1
Ladner's	55	11
Vancouver	61	19
Moodyville	30	2
Maple Ridge	30	19
Sturgeon	33	14
Port Moody	31	9
Mission	17	8
Chilliwhack	42	40
New Westminster	168	88
Total	486	208

There has been a very heavy snow fall all day, over five inches is now on the ground. The weather is now turning soft and we will likely have rain by midnight.

C. P. R. CONNECTIONS.

The First Steamer to Leave Hongkong Early In April.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

MONTREAL, March 4.—Arrangements of the Canadian Pacific company for through connection with China have been completed, and the first steamer will leave Hongkong early in April. Railway authorities here do not anticipate any interference with the international train service as a result of the retaliatory measures by the United States congress.

POLICE COURT.

[Before Edwin Johnson, S.M.]

Lee Yee, on remand from the 2nd inst., charged with assault and robbery on the street.

Ah You, the prosecutor, upon being called did not appear, and at the request of Mr. Yates the defendant was discharged.

Ah Ling and Ah Gee, charged with playing an unlawful game of tan-tan. Prisoners pleaded guilty to the charge and were ordered to appear on Monday next on their own recognizance of $50 each.

Ah Him, charged with stealing a clock and a coat, the property of Charles McCormick. Prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Sergt. Shepperd, sworn, said that he arrested the prisoner at the police barracks on information he had received, and charged him with being in possession of the articles named, which had been stolen from Chas. McCormick's cabin.

Charles McCormick, sworn, said the clock was similar to the one stolen from his house, but he could swear to the coat being his. His home was broken into about three weeks ago; lives on Fisgard street; did not know prisoner.

Lee Ken, sworn, said he keeps a pawnbroker's shop on Cormorant street. Did not know prisoner, but saw him when he brought the clock to his shop; held him there as a policeman had informed him of a robbery; handed the coat over to the police; could not swear who brought the clock.

His honor then asked the prisoner, through the interpreter, if he had any witnesses. Prisoner said something in Chinese which caused a suppressed titter to run through the large throng of Celestials who were standing outside the bar.

Supt. Bloomfield said he knew the prisoner; he was a chicken-thief; he was sentenced to three months last April; he was subsequently sentenced to another term.

His honor, who said he had no doubt about the coat but there was a little doubt about the clock, sentenced prisoner to a term of six months with hard labor.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

The Latest Ingenious Contrivance of the Smugglers.

Chief Inspector Gardner of Port Townsend, was recently informed by parties who are on the lookout for him in this city that a new scheme of systematic smuggling had been discovered. The *Post-Intelligencer* says that he immediately detailed officers to catch the offenders. On Wednesday they proceeded to Victoria on the steamer North Pacific. While here they noticed a lonely looking chest that had been recently painted. It was landed at the dock and finally it was placed on the steamer and checked to Tacoma. The officers concluded to watch the chest and see the owner. The latter did not appear, however.

On examining the chest it was found to contain a complete kit of well worn carpenter's tools, most of them carefully wrapped as though the owner had been an economical and hard working mechanic. The first thing looked for on opening the chest was a false bottom, but this old scheme was carefully avoided by the smugglers; the bottom was not false. Around the edge of the top and bottom of the chest were heavy wooden strips that seemed to lend it an additional appearance of solidity and nothing more. In probing around the top a hole, recently filled with putty, was found, and further search disclosed a screw. Continuing the investigation along that line, the inspectors found many screws which held firmly these wide bands of what were supposed to be solid wood, but what in reality proved to be hollowed boxes filled with tightly wedged cans of opium. The ingenious boxing around the bottom of the chest contained 28 pounds, and that around the top 14 pounds of opium which had cost in Victoria something over $10 per pound.

Besides these spaces for concealing opium, there was found in the top board small partitioned spaces suitable for concealing about $500 worth of lace.

CABLE NEWS.

The Revolt at Rustchuck.

SOFIA, March 4.—The rising at Rustchuck has been entirely suppressed. All the insurgent officers were either taken prisoners, killed or wounded in the battle with the loyal troops, or were drowned. The mutineers after arresting loyal officers and the commander of a garrison, summoned the infantry to surrender, which they refused to do. Firing then began, and the mutineers were attacked by the militia and forced to retreat. They were pursued and driven into the Danube by the infantry. The mutineers took to boats and endeavored to escape, but their boats were stopped by a gunboat and they were compelled to yield. The loyalists entered Silistria without opposition. They found there the corpse of Col. Kristoff, commander of the garrison, who had been killed by his men. Other officers escaped into Roumania.

Ordered Shot.

The leaders of the revolt at Rustchuck have been ordered shot.

Russian Officers Arrested.

The government authorities have placed under arrest thirty persons including Karaveloff and Izaboff, who were found to be in communication with the insur