Christmas In Victoria

The Festive Season Favored With Splendid Weather and Good

Prosperity Among Tradesmen and Kindly Sympathy for Sick and Suffering.

Christmas Day in Victoria passed on ed by the musical and literary raient of quiety, although there was a good deal of merrymaking in different ways. For Station Master Williams distributed the Christmas Day in Victoria passed on tunately the weather was everything that could be expected, bright, clear sumshine prevailing throughout the day. was rendered by the choir in the above Saturday night, which was celebrated as hamed church.

cial sermons preached. Unfortunately the drizzling, seaching rain caused the congregations to be smaller than should have been the case and put those who braved the elements to a good deal of

At Christ Church cathedral, organ voluntaries by Guilmant and Daniel were given, and some of the most pleasing rols of Bridge, Simper, Stainer, Adam, Hughes and Tours were rendered by the efficient choir, Messrs. A. T. Goward and Harry Taylor taking the tener solos and delighting the large congregation. At St. John's church, Mr. A. Longfield, the organist, played beautifully Batiste's "The Pilgrim's Song of Hope'as a voluntary, and Mrs. Janion sang "He Maketn Wars to Cease," in her usually impreswars to cease, in her soloists were Miss Laura Loewen, Miss Jameson, Major Ross Monro, the choir master, with Messrs. E. A. Powell and J. Longhen

At the Metropolitan and Centennal Methodist churches, too, the musical arrangements were of a striking character, the cantata, "The Coming of the King," being repeated at the latter and the music at the Metropolitan including a number of carols.

ces were also of a special character, room. midnight mass being celebrated on Sun-

and expressions of joyfulness in the An- tendance. glican churches, the congregations being slican churches, the congregations being large as a result of the spring-like rupted by a terrific explosion which weather with which Christmas day was Chorus." by Handel, played as a volun-tary, the authem, "Let us now go," by Manning, in which M. A. T. Goward ship could not be conducted without such Manning, in which M. A. T. Goward sang the tenor solo in splendid voice, and special settings for the usual psalms of the day. At St, John's, holy communion was celebrated at 8 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock the customary morning service and another celebration of holy of the explosion.

Ship could not be conducted without such interference and attempt at violence. The police were summoned and when Sergt. John Hawton arrived he found that while the Mongolians had fled the whites were diligently investigating the cause of the explosion.

A fatal accident is reported from Sheep Creek, August Wiltschko, who had been suffering from toothaghe, startly depend on the ice and was precipitated a thousand feet down the mountain side. The body when the process of the sum of the startly depend on the ice and was precipitated a thousand feet down the mountain side. The body when the sum of the sum of the startly depend on the ice and was precipitated at thousand feet down the mountain side. The body when the sum of the sum o communion and a sermon by the rector were given. The anthem "Glory to God lead pipe about four or five inches in the Highest" was the principal feature of the musical arrangements, Urganist Longfield also playing Handel's "There Were Shepherds," as a voluntary. At St. Barnabas, holy encharist at 8 a.m., matins at 10:30, choral eucharist at 11, and vespers at 7:30 constituted the services of the day. Rev. E. G.Miller, the pastor, preached very appropriate and eloquent sermons at both the morping and evening services, and the anthem was Hopkins's "Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem." At St. James's there was also holy communion at 8 a.m., and matine, with sermon by the rector, at 11, Semper's "Blessed be the Lord God," selected for the anthem and ren-Aered by the choir with great effectiveness. At the Reformed Episcopal the was held at 11 o'clock, Bishop Uridge preaching the sermon, while in the westdean, officiated at holy communion at 8 a.m., and at the 11 o'clock service, when ation of the special meaning of the sea-

Among the Suffering and Needy. As is customary in Victoria, the seacial consideration for the inmates of the hospitals, benevolent institutions and the jail, the Royal Provincial Jubilee hospital receiving a large share of attention from the directorate and other friends. Commencing on Saturday Chinese against the introduction of lay men are scarce afternoon, when an entertainment was chinese against the introduction of christianity among their countrymen, or staff were continued until last evening composed the congregation. The diffistaff, were continued until last evening. On Saturday Dr. and Mrs. Hasell and the matron. Miss Guady, received grate-ful thanks from the patients for souvenir pressed. The King's Daughters and the Daughters of Pity also assisted in brightening up the cheerless lot of those who are suffering, and to them the warmest thanks were given expression

Yesterday the annual Christmas hespital dinner was served at noon to all able to partake of the good things, and at 3 o'clock the Arion Club, led by Mr. Greig's successor, Mr. E. H. Russell, gave their usual Christmas concert. At St. Joseph's Hospital there was

also a pleasing attention to the needs of Among the little ones at the B. C. Protestant Orphanage, the Roman Catholic Orphanage and St. Anne's Convent

there was more Christmas cheer, dinner, souvenirs and good things. For the children of the Protestant Orphanage another treat is reserved for Thursday, when the Christmas tree and the general

"treat" will be given.

Among the old people there was merry-making too, Christmas dinner followed by a liberal allowance of creature comforts, was given at the Old Men's Home, and at the Home for the Aged and In-firm Women, and at the Rescue and Refuge Homes there were also special arrangements for the day. Nor were even the prisoners at the provincial jail forgotten, for there too a sumptuous dinner was served.

AT DUNCANS. Santa Clans in his varied rounds did not forget the children at Duncans. On Saturday evening in the Methodist church a nost delightful entertainment was rendernumerous presents from the Christmas

A Fiendish Attempt Made to Wreck the Chinese Methodist Mission.

An Improvised Bomb Exploded Amidst a Throng of Christian Worshippers

The Methodist Mission church in Chinatown was the scene on Sunday wreck the building or to destroy the occupants, by some miscreants who certainly have no love for the people who labor there or for the work they are carrying on in the face of great difficulties smong the Chinese population. The dastardly deed referred to was the explesion of a bomb in the building while religious service was in progress, resulting happily in no loss of life or even innumber of carols.

At. St. Andrew's (R. C.) cathedral the inflicting damage to the interior of the

The explosion occurred about eight day night and the singing and music yes-terday being chosen with special regard teacher, was conducting the regular service. There were in the room at the Yesterday, Christmas Day, was ob- time a large number of Chinese, while taking out five telegraph poles and prosserved with all the customary gladness a number of ladies also were in at-

favored. At Christ Church cathedrai created a panic among the worshippers. in the morning the Lord Bishop of Co- For a few moments pandemonium reignambia preached a most appropriate and ed but as the smoke cleared away and touching sermon and the musical ar- it became apparent that no injury had ents included "The Hallelujan been done to any of the congregation,

This was not hard to do. A piece of found was horribly manged.

lead pipe about four or five inches in News is given from Dawson that length had evidently been crammed when the first snow made the roads with several charges of powder, and in- good for freighting, hu adreds of tons troduced into the room, the ends of the

worked on the pipe in which it was confined. Pieces of this recovered by the police are now on view at the police station, the pipe being broken into longitudinal sections about an inch in length. One piece seemed to have struck the wall sergeant of police about thirty feet from customary Christmas morning service the point where the explosion occurred. Another piece of the metal was buried about three-quarters of an inch deep in ern suburb. Rev. W. O. Barber, rural the window-sill, while another fragment splintered the slat which holds the window sash in place from the inside.

That the lead-pipe bomb was not the only one employed seems to be indicated ations on Gold Hill are being run deep pieces of a metal pot which were the occasion of showing they were a part had been broken up in

The promoters of the mission, togeth- of the gravel in the spring. er with the police, are at a loss to ascribe a motive for the deed, unless it be on Gold Run. On this creek most of the culty of ferreting out the criminals in

"Rob Peter to pay Paul." That is what they do who take stimulants for weak nerves. Hood's Sarsaparilla gives true nerve strength.

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For Infants and Children.

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Severe Wind and Snow Storm Delays Traffic Over the Passes.

Much Work to Be Done This Winter on Interior Creeks.

Steamer Tees, Capt. J. Gosse, arrived at noon from Skagway with fifteen pass engers after a very rough trip. Among her passengers were a number of late On Sunday evening a service of song arrivals from Dawson, including P. Hanson, manager of the Parson Produce tamed church.

Co. at the Klondike capital; J. A. Dick Saturday night, which was celebrated as Christmas Eve, was also sufficiently fair to allow of the myriads of shoppers getting through their Christmas buying without inconvenience, and the store-keepers report a very satisfactory business.

The Christmas services in the places of worship may be said to have commenced on Sunday evening, Christmas Eve, and especial mention should be made of the musical arrangements, or the sasteful decorations and of the special sermons preached. Unfortunately Several of the passengers on the steamer were among these storm-bound on the train. Some left the train at the tunnel and mushed to Skagway, and others Bennett people. Twenty-three bags of mail were brought from St. Michael, and the lower Yukon.

The train on which the passengers the plow was a mile south of the swith-back it cut out the lower part of the accurulated face of snow on the face of the mountain side. This loosened the mass above, and it came down with a rush, burying the plow and the locomotives out of sight. The passenger train be-hind was not touched by the slide. There

was fifteen feet of snow in the cut.

Those who walked from the blockaded train report that the snow was two feet deep on an average all, along the line. After the rotary had been freed from the bank which buried ber, she struck a boulder hidden in the snow, and of its twenty steel knives only seven were left. Food was secured by the stormbound people at the rate of 50 cents for a, cup of coffee and sandwich on the train, P. Oregon, one of those who endeavored to walk to Skagway, was found lying unconscious in a snow shed with his face and hands badly frozen. The operator at Glacier reports that one immense avalanche swept down the mountain covering 850 feet of the track and trating the wires. Trees twelve inches thick were observed in the slide, and it is not known what else may be under the surface, and what is the condition of the track. The slide covers the track

five to twenty feet deep. The Dawson wires have been down week. That this wire has been paying is shown by the statement by one we'll in touch with the business of the line, that the receipts for the first two months it was in operation amounted to \$13,-

of provisions and machinery were transpipe being carefully closed. In some ferred to the different crecks, and most way a fuse had been attached to the of the claim owners who own developbomb and when the perpetrators of the ed property commenced work. Irrespected deed thought the time opportune the mine was sprung. try, there are still more miners than the terrific force which the bomb excan obtain employment. Wages vary erted may be judged by the havoc it from \$4 per day with board to \$1 per hour without board. On Eldorado, the latter scale has been generally accepted, but on the creek only. On the other creeks no general wage rate governs and different property owners pay different wages. Very few men will accept and rebounded and was found by the pay which is contingent on the value of the output. The miners seem to prefer steady labor at a fixed price. The big companies and rich mine owners seem to have no difficulty in securing men to work on certain creeks for \$4 a day and board. This is a low wage, however, and as a rule miners can demand \$5 per

day and board. As the work on the creeks, the open by pieces of a metal pot which were found in different parts of the room, the particles all showing by the newpess of the fracture that the vessel of which they were a part had been broken up in here is the cost of rocking the gold out

On Sulphur, the work of this winter will determine pay property. Nearly every creek from 65 above to 75 below will be operated. Comparatively no work has been done on the hill sides, work being confined to the creek. Much active development has been commenced on Dominion, and the ground situated between the two discoveries will be thoroughly worked. On this portion of the creek, thawing machines have supplanted the old method of min-ing. Below 'ower discovery most of the claims will be worked by "lay" men, Contrary to expectation, a number of billsides on the left will conduct winter operations. Nothing of any value has been found on the right limit; but on the left, pay dirt has been uncovered as far down as 140 below lower. It is the opinion of experts that the hill sides of Dominion will surpass those of Bonanza. Among the late arrivals from the in-terior is Capt. C. E. Miller, of the river steamer Reindeer. He is from Five Fin-gers, where his steamer is tied up for the

winter. He had considerable trouble with lds in bound passengers on his last trip. The Reindeer was the last steamer to leave for Dawson, and her master agreed to refund the fare in proportion to the get through. She was unable to get past Five Fingers, but the passengers were for going ahead, and the difference of opinion caused the trouble. Some were for taking the provisions off the boat by force, some were for hanging and some for shooting

A settlement was finally made by the men receiving back half their passage money. A few agreed to go on though to Dawson with the master and some of his crew, They built a barge, but were unable to get past Stewart, where they were caught in an ice jam. Capt. Millar reports the river strewn with wrecks all the way down. Caches are to be seen at frequent intervals where

Stampede From Dawson

persons have saved something and put it

Another Rich Strike Reported From the Indian River.

"Swiftwater Bill" Leads a Stampede Other News of the North.

According to news received by G. E. Daniel and Ed. Raiston, who made the trip from Dawson to salt water in ten were brought to that city by a special trip from Dawson to salt water in ten train. There were in all, among the arrivals, 20 Dawsonites and a number of a stampede about the beginning of this month—the first that has left Dawson for some considerable time—to a creek which enters the Indian river about came from Bennett followed the rotary and was pushed by two engines. When in which a large crowd joined, was headed by William C. Gates, more commonly known to the people of the Yukon and the Pacific coast as "Swiftwater Bill," and his brother, Humboldt Gates.

According to the stories being told when the miners left Dawson by this new find, to which a long string of excited miners are now rushing, by dog teams and on foot, is one of the richest that has been made since George Carmach staked Discovery on Bonapea. It is said to pay as high as one hundred dollars in coarse gold to the pan. How the find was made or who the discover-

er was, the miners could not learn Should it prove as rich as reported Swiftwater will again become possessed of a fortune such as he made after he was dumped in a drunken stupor, on one of the richest claims of Bonanza, when that creek was first located. How he went through this is an old story. The returned miners report an endless

number of scows frozen in along the river. There are a hundred or more tied up at an island which has been named Scow Island in consequence. So much freight for Dawson is frozen in on these vessels that the government have decided to cut a sled road from Selkirk to Dawson to allow of the goods being moved in over the ice. Just prior to the departure of the miners the bridge tender at Dawson was | Vegetable married to a young lady of sixteen years of age and for a bridal tour they started to Cape Nome with 26 dogs, carrying

Other arrivals from Dawson are Jack Carr, who brings the Nugget Express, and C. N. Manson, from the Forty Mile district via Dawson. Mr. Hanson says Jack Wade creek will prove richer than Bonanza ever was, and the American diggings of Forty Mile will be one of the richest placer districts in the world. Number Seven on Jack Wade creek has shown as high as \$1,500 for one day's clean-up, and Capt. French, of Bagle City, took out three hundred dollars in

an hour with a penknife. This sounds pretty big, but it is all true. News was given of the death of George and Bert Marham, brothers, of Walla Walla, who were killed in separate accidents in the North, within a week of each other. George left Daw-son in October and his brother Bert soon after received word of his death in a wreck on the lower Yukon. A few days after the receipt of the news of his brother's death, Bert was driving a sled and team from one of the creeks to Dawson, when it tipped and he was killed. A letter has been received by a Skagwayan from Cape Nome via Dawson in which the writer says: "As to the country in general, if I should tell you all I could, you would say I had been smoking opium.

J. Homer Bird, who was recently convicted of the murder of his partners. Patterson and Herling, on the lower Yukon a year ago, has been sentenced by Judge Johnson to be hanged on Febru ary 9th. He has been removed to Sitka.

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Gherkins, per lb
Radishes, 2 bunches for.
Carrots, per lb
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Mutton, per lb.

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Dressed fowl (per pair)...... 1.50@ 1.75
Ducks (per pair)....... 1.60
Turkeys (per b., live weight) 20@ 25
Duck, dressed, each 75

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ONE OF SCIENCE'S HEROES, A correspondent at Lisbon sends

some pathetic details of the death of The feed market this week shows a de- Dr. Camara Pestana, of whose brillian medical career we gave a brief notice anxiety to learn all that he could about it. He was dissecting the body of patient who had died from plague, and in order to extract the virus more thor oughly for analysis he put aside his in-The poison entered his system under the finger nails, and he was struck down with the terrible disease which he was investigating. He was at once moved to an isolated ward set apart for plague sufferers, and there he set himself to study his own case, and to record for the benefit of humanity his own symptoms, and the course of the disease. He refused to see his brother for fear of infection, and in every way, even in making arrangements for his own funeral, he took every precaution to prevent the spread of the plague. His mind and will conquered his bodily sufferings until the very end, and even as he died he was still trying to indicate to those around him the lessons of his own case. He left a letter for the Queen of Portugal, begging for her influence in favor of his colleagues at the Lisbon Bacterie tor, who, as our correspondent says "had toiled for months amid the horrors of the plague hospital and dissecting room, and at last gave his life a willing a sacrifice for the benef world."-London Times. benefit of the whole

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