p to the shanty, but no one volun-
d. There was something so queer
uncanny that nobody felt like making
oser investigation. It was perhaps
minutes after the figure entered the
ty before it reappeared. It passed
the same ground, in the same pecu-
way, and as it reached the trail it
d for a moment as if looking back.
eyes followed it up the plain, broad
until it grew fainter and fainter and
y dissolved.
What did it look like to you ?" asked
man of another.
A little old woman, bent and feeble,"
the reply.
I had seen alike. You may ask why
one didn't pursue. No man had
seen a living woman on that trail, or
cted to. This was a woman, and yet
as not. Its presence cast an awe
everybody. Some of the men re-
ed to bed, and others gathered in
ps and talked in whispers until day-
came. There were fifty men who
up in a crowd to "Satan's" shanty.
found him fully dressed and seated
e door, and he had been dead for
s. Perhaps you expected that, but
e tell you his eyes were wide open,
ision seemed to have returned, and
as looking across to Top-Notch trail
as a living man would—aye, looking
looking, and his face had softened
a smile had crept over it and been
there by the fingers of death.
It was the spirit of his mother !"
pered the men as they stood and
ed into the face of the dead man, and
e have ever believed.

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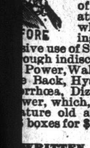
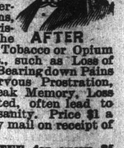
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THE CITY.

Claimants Wanted.

In the Cathedral bazaar, lately held, the art stall prize drawings No. 10 in the dollar, and No. 15 in the twenty-five cent list, are still unclaimed. Holders of the numbers will please apply, with tickets, to Mr. R. Roskell Bayne, 50½ Government street.

To Go South.

H.M.S. Melpomene has, it is understood, been ordered to prepare to sail for the South on the 21st of this month. She will probably only be away a few weeks on a short cruise, returning to port before going on the winter voyage to the Sandwich Islands.

For the London Market.

Two more large shipments of sealskins went over on the steamer Yosemite this morning. The consignments comprise 9 and 32 casks respectively, or in other words 5,840 and 20,032 pounds. The larges of these was shipped by J. Ullman, and the smaller by Walter Borns.

Jubilee Quarantine Hospital.

Dr. Richardson, resident physician, reports five cases of smallpox; no new cases; all doing well.

Dr. Watt, acting health officer for the city, reports: Wm. McGibbon, the patient who has just died near Nanaimo, did not, as reported, leave Victoria "with the disease fully developed," but some 15 days before he was taken sick.

A Healthy Infant.

That healthy infant, the Victoria Home Journal, celebrated its first birthday yesterday. It's not a bad child, though it does occasionally get a fit of colic, and raise a little rumpus. In spite of this it is, as Artemus Ward was wont to say, "An amoosin' little cuss." Bright and keen, it often launches forth solemn facts with a smiling face, and its sturdy fists are already strong enough to deal some telling blows.

To Recover Sealskins.

A case which will be watched with great interest by the local fur dealers was begun yesterday. Captain Urquhart will try to recover, on a writ of replevin, the skins owned by him and now on the Coquitlam. The captain claims that the skins were shipped on the steamer as a common carrier. He did not bond the skins out of the U. S. Government custody, they being released on the general bond filed by the other sealers. He demanded the skins on the arrival of the Coquitlam, but was refused by Captain McLellan, upon which he proceeded to swear out a writ.

Accidental Drowning.

An inquest was held yesterday on the body of Byron Leigh, of the Point Ellice Saw Mills Co., by the coroner, Dr. Hasell. The jury consisted of Messrs. Alexander Watson (foreman), C.W. Kirk, G.C. Gerow, H. P. Elson, T. D. Clarke and J. S. Smith. After hearing the evidence of the brother, John Leigh, and of Elizabeth Ash, who deposed to finding the body in about seven feet of water and about 20 yards from shore, Dr. Leitch was called to give evidence as to the *post mortem* examination. He testified that deceased died of asphyxia from drowning. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental drowning.

Modern Languages School.

Prof. Geo. Coutellier, of the Ingres-Coutellier school of modern languages, opens a class on Monday, at 4:30 o'clock, at 80½ Douglas street. Lectures will be given in French every Monday, the course including eleven addresses according to the following programme: Lemartine, Mme. de Stael, Mme. de Girardin, Casimir Delavigne, Guizot, Alex. Dumas, Balzac, Merimee, Thiers, George Sand, Alf. de Mussett, Taine, Ste. Beuve, Victor Hugo, Oct. Feuillet, About and Sarcey. Everyone who can take advantage of these lectures will do well to do so, as the opportunity is one which may not occur again for some time.

A Fatal Accident.

Mr. Norman McLeod has just received the sad news of the drowning of his son Alexander in the East. The young man had made all arrangements to leave Pictou, N.S., where he had been living, and join his father and brother, Mr. Dan. McLeod, in this section. He had written a letter telling them that all his plans had been completed and that he would not write again as he would soon be with them. About a week ago he went out in a sail boat with a friend named Munroe. They were out in the Straits of Canso when they were overtaken by a sudden squall which overturned the boat and left the two unfortunate men to find a watery grave. The distressing tidings reached the father and brother through a friend who arrived in the city yesterday from the East. The many friends of the bereaved relatives join in extending to them heartfelt sympathy for their untimely loss.

Entertainment at Cedar Hill.

A very large audience assembled in the school room, Cedar Hill, on Friday evening, the occasion being an entertainment and sale of work by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. About $95 over and above all expenses was realized, making $400 now in hand, besides about $100 worth of fancy work. This is the result of 18 months' work. The following was the interesting and varied programme presented:

Instrumental Solo	Miss Morris
Vocal Solo	Mrs. Moir
Recitation	Mr. Semple
Vocal Duet	Mr. and Mrs. Moir
Exhibition of Sleight-of-Hand and Mind Reading	Mr. Marwick
Vocal Solo	Miss Mebius
Violin Solo	Master Hockway
Recitation	Miss White
Vocal Solo	Mrs. Turnbull
Reading	Mr. Landells
Vocal Solo	Miss King
Vocal Duet	Miss McLennan and Mr. Robertson.
Miss Morris	Accompanist

Coming to Victoria.

Among the names of those gentlemen who passed the final examination for Provincial land surveyors, just completed, is noticed that of W. S. Drewry, D.L.S., of Ottawa. This gentleman is at present in charge of the trigonometrical survey of the railway belt throughout the Province, on which is based the highly scientific photo-topographical work now being published by the Dominion Lands branch of the Department of the Interior. Mr. Drewry seriously contemplates taking up his residence in this Province, where his undoubted knowledge of the mountains and their accurate delineation upon maps by the most recent scientific methods would be of immediate service to the local Government, should such work be required. In addition to being a P.L.S. for British Columbia, Mr. Drewry is a Dominion land surveyor, a Provincial land surveyor for Ontario and an associate member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. He has, therefore, had a wide experience, and would prove a valuable acquisition to the surveying and engineering talent of the Province.

A Friendly Banquet.

Mr. Harry Bellingham, late chief engineer of the N. E. T. & L. Co., was tendered a pleasant surprise last night. Mr. Bellingham has been connected with the company for the last 21 months, and during that time has become a general favorite, both with the officials of the company and his fellow employes. When, therefore, he resigned to accept a more advantageous position with T. D. Denny, of Seattle, it was resolved to give him a slight token of the general good will. This took the form of a banquet, which was given last night in the Western Hotel. Here a number of friends and associates of the departing chief met to wish him good luck in his new venture. During the course of the evening he was presented with a useful and valuable gift, consisting of an indicator and pianometer. The former was from the Albion Iron Works, Wilson Bros., and Spratt & Gray, and the latter by the employes of the N. E. T. & L. Co. The combined value of the present is nearly $200. In addition to this, Mr. Higgins presented him with an excellent letter to his new employer, accompanied by a check for $50. The evening was spent in enjoying the bountiful supply of good things, and in songs and toasts.

ROUGH EXPERIENCES

Which Make the Tour of Ralph's Survey Party Anything but Pleasurable.

At the Mercy of Snowstorms on the Mountains—The Country a Wild One.

Engineer Ralph and a portion of his survey party returned to town yesterday. They boarded the Joan at Comox, and took train for Victoria, anxious to get back as quickly as possible.

Upwards of six months ago they left here, commencing operations at Alberni, and pressing their way on to Crown Mountain, and although the distance is a trifle under 70 miles, the work cost them a half-year's labor and more hardships than usually fall to the lot of a survey party.

Their object was to map out the line between the E. & N. R.R. Co.'s belt and the Government lands, and as most of the country had not been previously traversed, the difficulties encountered were found to be far greater than were even anticipated. The line, though fairly direct, presented many serious obstacles, and several hair-breadth escapes are reported in the mountains.

Travelling was very slow, and as the climbs were in many instances very precipitous, several days passed with a log of only a few miles to the credit of the party. Bad weather added not a little to the general hardship, and the construction of an occasional bridge over some Mountain ravine was no greater novelty than the fording of streams, every man with a heavy pack on his back.

A couple of months ago the party were fairly snowed up, and to add to their troubles an impassable canyon was encountered, necessitating a long journey before a fairly safe spot was reached at which to cross.

No very serious accident is reported, but almost every member of the party has one or two to record. At Crown mountain the greatest privations were experienced, and had it not been for the gun, the party would have suffered from hunger. Game was plentiful and had to be depended on to a great extent for food supply.

On the whole the country is rough, but in parts well timbered. Some promising looking samples of ores have been brought back by the party, whose work will be resumed next spring, from Crown Mountain to the coast.

THE CANADIAN WESTERN.

The British Pacific Construction Company Files Letters of Incorporation.

The British Pacific Construction Co., Ltd., has filed letters of incorporation under the Imperial Companies Act of 1862, with a capital stock of $5,000,000, in shares of $100 each. The provisioned trustees are R. P. Rithet, E. Crowe-Baker, W. F. Bullen, E. B. Marvin, W. P. Macaulay, Theo. Lubbe, Joshua Davies and C. A. Vernon, of Victoria, and Frank Bakeman, of Chicago.

The counsel for the company is Mr. F. B. Blackman, Messrs. Bodwell & Irving being solicitors. Col. A. J. Kane, who has been actively identified with the scheme from the beginning, will be secretary.

This company is incorporated for the purpose of carrying on the construction of the Canadian Western Railway, and all land and money subsidies, guarantees, etc., will be handed over to it in consideration of its building the line. The company is possessed of extensive powers in the way of building and operating railway, telegraph and steamship lines, engaging in manufacturing so as to develop the natural resources of the country, and generally to promote everything which will cause the development of trade so that the railway line will be furnished with traffic.

The prospectus is a voluminous document, and clearly sets forth the advantages which the company will possess by engaging in the great enterprise. It is understood a moderate amount of stock will be placed here, but the great majority of it will be reserved for the Chicago capitalists, a number of whom will accompany Mr. Bakeman to Victoria in the course of a short time.

THE CANOE.

WATSON SHOULD STICK TO THE CINDER.

Alex. McLean had a race with Tom Watson, yesterday afternoon, for $100 a side. Both men paddled in dugouts, about 22 feet in length, the Victoria sprinter having a start of 110 yards. Watson dropped on one knee in the bottom of his boat, and with a short, but wide-blade paddle shoved ahead at a good pace. Mac used a small paddle until he warmed into his work, when he handled a long paddle, and plied it standing in his slim craft. Nearing the railway bridge the distance between the two boats was shortened to about 65 yards, and, as the hundreds of spectators ran to the opposite side, the general verdict was that the Fraser River man had a soft thing. Before the boats got out of sight, Mac was well up, and after a few minutes' suspense they were observed on the homeward trip, McLean being well ahead. He now brought all his strength and skill to bear, and distanced his opponent so badly that the latter gave up. McLean paddled home leisurely and pocketed the stakes. The distance was 2½ miles.

MAHER ISSUES A CHALLENGE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Peter Maher, the Irish champion, will issue in a day or two a challenge to fight any man in the world. He will say in this challenge, that he does not wish to embarrass Corbett, but that he wants to fight and will meet Jackson, Goddard, Choynski or any other of them for championship honors, at any time they may name within reason. Maher is keeping himself in good condition.

VICTORIA RIFLEMEN WIN.

A Friendly Match With the Warspite—The Navy Win Handily in Football.

Windle Makes 'Cycling Records—McLean Out-Paddles Watson—Events in the Ring.

By invitation from H.M.S. Warspite a team of Victoria riflemen, yesterday, fired a friendly match with a team from that vessel, at the Naval range, Esquimalt. There were eight men on each side, the Warspite team being captained by Petty Officer W. Evans, and the Victoria team by Lieut. B. Williams.

The weather conditions were very favorable for high scoring, there being only a slight breath of wind, but owing to the early approach of darkness the long ranges had to be curtailed to five shots instead of seven as intended. There were thus seven shots at 200 yards and five each at 500 and 600. The weapon used was the Martini, with the exception of one member of the Victoria team, who used the Snider instead, and in consequence suffered at the longest range.

The shooting for the first two ranges was quite close, but at the last Victoria more than doubled the lead previously obtained, securing in all 58 points to the good. The scores were:

H. M. S. Warspite.

	200	500	600	Tl.
W. Evans	31	23	15	69
A. Height	30	17	18	65
R. L. Sutherland	24	20	19	63
R. Hines	23	19	11	53
H. Holloway	26	20	11	57
W. Herring	27	16	11	54
J. H. Carne	26	17	8	51
W. Dawe	21	15	7	43
Totals	213	147	100	460

Victoria.

J. D. Taylor	28	24	23	75
J. C. Newbury	28	23	18	69
J. L. Beckwith	33	19	16	68
B. Williams	33	18	14	65
J. McRobbie	27	20	17	64
M. G. Blanchard	24	16	21	61
W. P. Winsby	25	22	14	61
G. H. Morkill (Snider)	28	18	9	55
Totals	226	160	132	518

When the result was ascertained, Lieut. Williams, on behalf of Victoria, called for three cheers for the defeated team, which were very heartily given, and the crack riflemen of the Warspite gave three hearty cheers in answer.

The Warspite team hospitably provided refreshments, which were very much appreciated by their guests from Victoria. The return journey in a jolly boat from the range to the dock was enlivened with singing by men of the Warspite, who have an entertaining repertoire for such occasions.

THE RING.

GODFREY AND CHOYNSKI.

NEW YORK, Oct 8.—The coming battle between Godfrey and Choynski, under the auspices of the Coney Island Athletic club, which is down for October 31, is the chief topic in sporting circles, and many and varied are the speculations as to the result of the mill. It will undoubtedly be the greatest fight that has ever been pulled off by the club. Choynski has met Jim Corbett several times, and has also faced Goddard. In his encounters with these men he has always put up a good fight.

THE OAR.

ENGLISHMEN LOSE.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Foreign athletes are becoming hardly less troublesome to John Bull than foreign manufacturers. This was shown by the easy defeat of the London Rowing Club eight by the Paris men on the Seine, last Thursday. The confidence of British sportsmen that the Londoners would win was complete, and scores of Englishmen who went out from Paris to see the race bet large sums of money in their favor.

BASEBALL.

BEATEN AT THEIR OWN GAME.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—In the baseball match at Westminster between Ferndale and Westminster this afternoon, seven innings were played. The local team won easily by a score of 20 to 4, and an innings to spare. The Westminster battery was Workin, catcher, and Lewis, pitcher. For the American visitors—Dowell and Wren.

The local team found the outside curves of the visiting pitcher easily and thumped him all over the lot. The splendid fielding of the Yankees saved them from a bigger defeat. The batters from across the line were on the other hand unable to hit Lewis, who did great work in the box all afternoon. The Westminster club are as hard as nails and playing in fine form. When the famous Victorias and the clever Westminsters meet, then will come the tug-of-war.

FOOTBALL.

ROYAL NAVY VS. JAMES BAY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable game between teams of the above took place yesterday afternoon, and after a hard fight resulted in the victory of the former. The game was started by Sir R. Arbuthnot about 4 o'clock and the Navy at once pressed, some very pretty combination play of their back division resulting in a try by Tyrer, the point not being improved upon. Jones kicked out for the Bays and an exchange of kicks took place, Foulkes eventually kicking into touch in neutral territory. Billinghurst and Acland were now very prominent and repeatedly tried to break through the Navy defence, which was, however, too good. Play was carried into the Navy's twenty-five and Barnard following up well, tackled the opposing full back ere he could return. The Bays now pressed, and a sharp, dodgy run by Haines almost resulted in Billinghurst scoring.

Play was, however, removed to half way only to be brought back again by a very good dribble by Langley—Ackland tackling Hayward before he could return. Barnard was now very prominent and fed Haines well, the latter making repeated efforts to break through. The Navy defence was splendid, and at length Arbuthnot relieved with a good kick, the game being carried into the Bay's twenty-five.

Ackland was now playing very well, and trying hard to get away. Eventually Billinghurst relieved with a good dribble along the touch line, removing play to the half-way line. Arbuthnot and Ethelston were showing brilliant combination—their efforts at times almost completely foiling the opposing backs. A rush of the Bay forwards, in which Jones and Barnard were well to the fore, carried the game into the Navy twenty-five. Hodges, however, relieved with a magnificent dribble, taking the ball almost the whole length of the ground, and eventually kicking into touch close to the opposing goal line. Haines relieved by kicking into touch close to the twenty-five flag, and half-time was called.

The second half opened very fast, and Arbuthnot made a grand effort to score, and, just after, was very prominent in some brilliant passing in which he, Ethelston and Millet took part, the latter scoring right behind the posts. The place kick was entrusted to Petch, who converted easily.

After the kick off, Langley and Billinghurst were very conspicuous, the two Victoria club men playing very hard and doing all they knew to avert defeat. The play, chiefly through their efforts, was removed to Navy twenty-five, and some exciting scrimmages took place close to the goal, the ball at length being kicked behind by Foulkes, and the Navy touched down, though some spectators thought Pegram scored for the Bays. After the kick out the latter forwards, headed by Billinghurst and Haines, pressed again. Arbuthnot, however, relieved with a good kick into touch close to the centre flag.

The Navy now pressed, and a rush of their forwards was well saved by Foulkes, who returned the ball well into touch in the Navy twenty-five. Arbuthnot was now conspicuous and made a grand dribble right down the ground, and picking up after a good run scored between the posts, Petch again converting.

After the kick off Barnard was prominent, and he and Ackland were doing their utmost to stem the tide and prevent further scoring on the part of the Navy. Ethelston, however, got possession, and after a good run transferred to Millet, who in turn passed to Petch, the latter dodging well and scoring the fourth time for the Navy. He took the place kick himself, and again converted. Time was now called, leaving the Navy victorious by three goals and a try to nil.

The game was very good, and, considering the very raw material in the James Bay team, they did wonderfully well against such refined play as was exhibited by the Naval exponents of the game. Of the Navy play there could only be one opinion—they played splendidly—their combination at times being almost perfect, and it seemed to completely bewilder their opponents. Arbuthnot, Ethelston, Hodges and Petch were the most conspicuous of a splendid team, while of their opponents Billinghurst, Langley and Jones worked like Trojans in the forward rank. Behind the scrimmages, Haines, Ackland and Barnard were always in the vicinity of the ball, and it was through no fault of theirs that the game resulted as it did. A word of praise should be given to Foulkes, who kicked well and saved well repeatedly, his post at full back being no sinecure.

James Bay A. A.		*Royal Navy.*
J. F. Foulks	back	W. T. H. Hayward
H. Traill	Three-quarter backs	T. H. Millett
B. Haines		Sir R. Arbuthnot
R. Clarke		R. H. Tyrer
H. Barnard	Half backs	Lieut. Ethelston
A. Ackland		M. H. Hodges
H. F. M. Jones		C. F. Petch
E. E. Billinghurst	Forwards	Lieut. Muntz
L. H. Pegram		R. A. Willis
F. Widdowson		H. Somerville
D. Sullivan		T. Hall
W. Scott		W. C. Chaytor
J. Fraser		H. Strickland
J. Wilson		W. A. Wilson
W. H. Langley		W. K. Stephens

Umpires—Lieutenant Wright, R. N., and Mr. H. B. Rogers.

Referee—Dr. Randall, R. N.

VANCOUVER'S RUGBY MEN READY.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 8.—The Rugby Football Club reorganized for the season last night, with A. St. G. Hammersley, president; C. H. Woodward, secretary; J. Laurencesson, captain, and R. M. Fripp and McIvor Campbell, delegates to the Provincial Rugby Union.

The opening match is set for Saturday week, Veterans vs. Club. J. M. Bowell will act as umpire for the season, and the following clubs have been added to the series:

Nanaimo, Chilliwack, Langley and Matsqui.

The following new Rugby score will be adopted: Try, two points; penalty goal, three points; goal dropped or from free kick, four points; goal, five points.

WEIGHT WON FOR WESTMINSTER.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—Westminster beat Vancouver badly at Association football in Westminster Park to-day. The Y.M.C.A.'s, of the Terminal City, ar comparative beginners and looked lik midgets in the field beside their big opponents.

The first goal was taken for the Royal City in 25 minutes, the mighty Spillsbury rushing the ball up field and by pretty combined side kicks passing to Wilkie and Wilkie scoring on a straight to Ekick on goal.

Ten minutes after the call of time, Westminster again scored, Wood making the lucky kick.

In the next 20 minutes New Westminster scored twice, once by some clever head and leg work, the sphere playing about the athletic bodies of Woods, Spillsbury and Wilkie, the last mentioned player passing it between the poles.

The next goal was scored by one of Spillbury's giants from a touch, a few minutes before the time limit, everybody cheered for the visitors. The active little fellows managed to evade the mighty backs of the local team, securing their one and only goal, Wheeling doing the needful.

The Barkers, Fairclough and Wheeling were more conspicuous for good work than the rest of Y.M.C.A.'s, particularly Wheeling, whose rushes were sometimes brilliant.

L. Springer refereed fairly.

ATHLETICS.

VANCOUVER ENTHUSIASTIC.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 8.—(Special.)—The delegates appointed by the football, cricket, lacrosse and bicycle clubs will co-operate with the Brockton Point executive committee. The combination is a strong one, and the Terminal City will be bound to lead in manly sports unless lovers of athletic contests in Victoria exert themselves to greater efforts than they have in the past. The Chief Magistrate, the City Solicitor, the local newspapers, and numbers of influential citizens in Vancouver, morally and financially support the Brockton Point Association, encouraging a Spartan-like spirit among our young men.

The club delegates on the old board are:

Cricket—McIver, Campbell, T. S. C. Saunders.

Football—J. Laurencesson, C. H. Woodward.

Bicycle Club—E. B. Dean, M. Gintzburger.

The Lacrosse Club have not yet appointed their delegates.

RECORD BREAKING.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—At the games of the New York Athletic Club, at Trave's Island, this afternoon, M. A. Sweeney broke the world's running high jump record, clearing the bar at 6 feet 4½ inches. The previous record was 6 feet 4 inches, made by W. Boyd Page, at Philadelphia, in 1887. J. Mitchell broke another record throwing the 16-pound hammer.

THE WHEEL.

WINDLE A WINNER.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 8. — Willie Windle had another go at the records on a bicycle at Hampden Park to-day, and as a result he holds the World's time for the mile, standing start, and for the half mile, flying start. The former was done in 2:06 2-5; the half mile (flying) was made in 57 4-5 seconds.

PAN-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL

An Interestiug Letter From Rev. J. Somerville—Many Noted Men Present.

Particulars of the Thrilling Incident at Niagara—A Brave and Modest Minister.

"STR. OREGON," QUEBEC.

DEAR COLONIST:—I was late in getting to the council, but I am making up for it by going away early. The council meets every four years. It had formerly met in Edinburgh, Philadelphia, Belfast and London. This, its fifth meeting, was in Toronto in Queen Street Presbyterian Church, built to the memory of the great Dr. Cooke, of Belfast, and named Cooke's Church. It is a most beautiful new edifice and, as its name indicates, is the spiritual home of the Ulster folks within the city. Presbyterian churches in Europe, Asia, Africa and America were all represented. The United States churches bulked most largely. There were altogether about 300 ministers and elders present; of these 200 came from the different denominations of Presbyterians within the Republic. One church—that of Geneva—sent only one; one other, the brave little synod of the Reformed Presbyterians, in Ireland, sent only two, but the council is now to receive immortal honor through the wisdom and courage of one of these two delegates. But of this I will give the details later on. Another presbytery, that of Tie Hin, near Swatow, in China, sent one, Dr. Philip Consland.

When we assembled, there were many whose faces we were glad to see—some because they were known, and some because their fame had reached us from afar. Among the first there were Dr. Blaikie, of Edinburgh, President of the Council; Dr. Black, of Glasgow; Dr. Drummond, the honey-tongued preacher of Glasgow; Professor Lindsay, of the Glasgow College; Rev. Dr. Edgar, of Dublin; Dr. John Hall, of New York; and Rev. Dr. Gibson, of London. Among those not personally known, but known by their works, were the famous Dr. John Paton, of the New Hebrides, many a time nearly destroyed, and yet spared to be one of the finest looking old men I ever gazed on; the patriarchal Dr. Kenneth S. Macdonald, the champion and colleague of Dr. Duff, in Calcutta, and the Rev. Robert Laws, M.D. and D. D., the head of the mission in Livingstonia, Africa. I find among my colleagues from the Church of Scotland a live baronet, Sir Alex. Muir McKenzie. Rev. Dr. McGregor, of Edinburgh, was appointed, but, like the man of old, he sent the excuse, "I have married a wife, and I cannot come." Many others there were who had grown old and gathered honors in the Master's service. No wonder that the Globe said: "Never before in the history of this city of churches and conventions has there assembled within its gates such an important deliberative body. Eminent men of profound learning and noble attainments in all branches of church activity were seen side by side."

Rev. Dr. Caven, principal of Knox College and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Canadian Church, was fortunately selected to preach the opening discourse in St. James' Church to the members of the council. His text was John xvi., 13, "When He the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth." It was an able address. While not in sympathy with much of what goes under the name of the higher criticism, he desires that there should be free research, subject to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Professor Lindsay, of Glasgow, read the first paper, on "The Influence of the Protestant Reformation." There were many other valuable papers on the historic theory and the problems of the present, some of them being too long, thus leaving no time for discussion.

With the forenoon and evening sessions were mingled some pleasant social events. Major Crosby and his wife received the delegates and friends at a garden party at their beautiful residence. On Friday, Lieut.-Governor Kirkpatrick invited them all to the Government House, where music, tea and pleasant intercourse filled up three happy hours.

The Toronto committee arranged for a trip to Niagara Falls on Saturday. No more pleasant excursion could have been planned. There was fine weather, and about 450 set out, leaving behind them all care. With nearly all it was a day of undiluted pleasure. In the midst of it, however, an unexpected danger had nearly put a funeral pall upon all. As Mrs. Grimason, of Toronto, and her two daughters were going across the Suspension Bridge she saw a vehicle coming on, and stepped up from the broad pathway on to the narrow footpath at the side. As she did this her foot caught the step and she was shot right through the aperture between the wood and the lowest rail of the bridge. It seemed as if she had suddenly disappeared to certain death. Fortunately she was able to catch at and cling to one of the iron bracings beneath.

Rev. Mr. Ramsay, the young clergyman of Bellymoney, who has proved himself a perfect hero in holy orders, came forward and saw her thus suspended over the yawning abyss. He shouted to her to hold on. He clambered over the rail, daringly slid down the upright of the bracings hand-over-hand, and held Mrs. Grimason, and called aloud for help. And it came in time. Others came forward, lowered a rope and relieved first Mrs. Grimason, who is advanced in years and of more than average weight, and then her deliverer. We can scarcely realise the sorrow we had been delivered from by Rev. Mr. Ramsay's courage and presence of mind. He is, too, a slenderly made, quiet man. But before this he had a reputation for good scholarship, thoroughness and modesty.

On Monday I moved that he be called forward and thanked in presence of all. This was, of course, agreed to. His reply was characteristic of the man. Let me quote it—the words are worthy of remembrance: "I thank you all. I thank God, whose providence enabled her and me to escape. I did not do anything but what any man of ordinary sense would have done. I was not thinking of it, I just did it because I was there to do it. Give God the glory."

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