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## LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

**High School Examinations.**

At the semi-annual examinations held in the schools of the province for admission to the High School 127 submitted themselves, of whom 57 pupils were successful.

**Information Forwarded.**

Captain Hansen has given to Collector Milne a sworn statement of his raids of the seal islands, both this call and last; and this will be forwarded both to Ottawa and to London by request.

**First of the List.**

The children of St. Michael's church, Lake District, enjoyed their Christmas treat, last evening, under the presidency of Rev. Mr. Brown. Complete preparations had been made for the event, and it is to be presumed every one enjoyed themselves.

**To See the Fight.**

A party of sporting men is being organized in this city to visit New Orleans on the occasion of the Dempsey-Fitz Simmons fight. The trains will leave Portland for the scene of battle on January 7th, and $92 is the fare for the round trip announced by the Union Pacific.

**For Re-Election.**

Aldermen Wilson, Robertson and Holland have announced themselves as candidates for re-election. It is understood that ex-Ald. Coughlan will accept the invitation of his friends, and contest Johnson street ward. A. J. McLellan is also in the field, as will be seen by his card in this issue.

**Just Out.**

The new time card of the Pacific Coast S. S. Co., containing full particulars of the sailing of the San Francisco and Alaska boats for 1890-91, has just been issued, and copies may be obtained at the office of the agents, R. P. Rithet & Co.

**She's All Right.**

The steamer Walla Walla, for whose safety some fears were expressed in this city on account of the high winds prevailing has reached San Francisco safely, although 104 hours overdue. She met with no mishap during the rough trip.

**Sale of the Badger.**

All that is left of the steamer "Badger," as she now lies, a wreck, on Jones' Island, was yesterday morning sold by Mr. George Byrne to Mr. John Stevens, of Victoria, for $150. The bidding was far from being spirited.

**From Port Angeles.**

The George E. Starr brought over a merry excursion party from Port Angeles on Sunday last, and, it is stated, will in future make regular trips between this city and the new county seat of Clallam.

**Good Prices.**

A fine collection of Japanese art objects was disposed of at auction by Mr Joshua Davies, yesterday, the prices obtained ruling high in the main. The articles disposed of were just the things for Christmas presents.

**Educational.**

The Superintendent of Education has received a number of reports from the different schools of this province. They are of a very cheering character. The average attendance seems to have been much the same as usual, and the progress made exceeding satisfactory.

**Plenty of Seals.**

Capt. Charles Spring's schooners Favorite and Kate have just returned from the west coast, having battled successfully with the strong south-east gales and dirty weather. They report seeing any number of fur seals disporting themselves off Cape Cooke.

**Knights of Pythias.**

A meeting of Far West Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held on Friday evening next, when officers for the term will be elected and the Grand Chancellor will be received in state. The regular business of the night will be followed by a banquet.

**Pandora Street Methodist Church.**

On Sunday next will be held the last regular services in the old building; but watchnight will be celebrated there on the succeeding Wednesday evening, after which the new schoolroom building, at the corner of Quadra street, will be occupied for the purposes of the church and Sunday school.

**Resulted Fatally.**

News is received from the west coast that the little child of Prof. Muller, which was badly scalded on the trip to Hesquiot, died about two weeks after that port was reached. The parents have had many misfortunes and afflictions recently, and their Victoria acquaintances feel deeply for them.

**Where is the Winnifred?**

The little trading schooner Winnifred, M. Campbell, owner, Capt. Murchison, master, is reported to have left Kyoquot, on the west coast, for this port in company with the Kate about a week ago, and has not yet arrived. She was last seen by the Kate as night was coming on, at the mercy of a south-east gale, and lying in a dangerous position in shore.

**Decorating.**

The preparations for Christmas in the various churches and public institutions are already well under way, and in Christ church cathedral volunteers wrought a very graceful transformation, yesterday. More holly is being used than of late years, and the Christmas of 1890 is likely to be a remarkably well-observed one.

**The Contract Awarded.**

Yesterday afternoon Messrs. Baker & Snider signed a contract with the Hudson's Bay Co., to construct the streets and avenues laid out in the plan of the Macaulay Point property, and work thereon will be immediately commenced. All these fine residential thoroughfares command good view of the Straits and city, and lots may be expected to sell with a rush as soon as the lists are opened. None of the streets are of less width than 60 feet.

**On Christmas Day.**

A special service will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Christmas Day at 11 o'clock a.m. The service will be mostly of praise, and selections will be given on the organ by Prof Strauss, an efficient instrumentalist. Mr. F. S. Fenwick will sing "Nazareth," and Mrs. Clark Moir's celebrated song, "He will forgive." The above talent cannot fail to fill St. Andrew's to the doors.

**A Coming Musical Event.**

The Swedish Ladies Octette company, (eight young ladies from Stockholm, Sweden) will appear on Monday and Wednesday next at The Victoria. They have been engaged by Mr. Adderley, through the recommendation of Mr. Thomas Ryan of the Mendelssohn Quintette Club, and his good word is surely worth a great deal in the musical world. He says: "This company is composed of eight young ladies, possessing superb voices, which have been very carefully trained, and consists of a double quartette selected and arranged by August Edgrew. Trained by the best instructors of their native land and possessing pure and rich voices, I can confidently recommend them to the public.

**Immigration Home.**

The family of eight, previously referred to, who have come from the United States, bringing with them a cow, a quantity of poultry and other stuff, still remain at the Home, not having yet been able to fix upon a location. A family by the name of Edens, the head of which is a painter, and has recently come out from England, has arrived at the Dominion headquarters awaiting employment for the head of the household.

**Snapping Curs.**

In the various parts of the city the residents not only tolerate, but appear to cultivate, a species of snapping cur which does no credit to them or to their taste. It is, moreover, a nuisance, indeed, an element of danger to those who happen to drive or walk past the houses whence these little brutes sally out. There are several of them on Kane street and one on Menzies street, hot very far from the water's edge, of which complaints are made.

**In Memory of Mrs. Wilson.**

On Sunday last, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the choir seat formerly occupied by the late Mrs. Charles Wilson was heavily draped, and in the morning Rev. Mr. Macleod preached an impressive funeral sermon from the words "If a man keep my saying he shall not see death." The service was largely choral, with appropriate hymns and music, the Dead March being very effectively rendered by a male quartette.

**The "City of Seattle."**

The palatial new steamer City of Seattle will probably arrive in Seattle harbor, on Wednesday. A telegram from San Francisco announced that she sailed, on Saturday, for Seattle. She will probably arrive at Port Townsend some time to-night or early Wednesday morning. On the morning of her arrival at that place, the City of Kingston will leave Seattle at 10.15 to meet her, carrying the members of the Chamber of Commerce and their wives, and escort her to her new home.

**Flower Social.**

A most enjoyable flower social was held last night in Temperance Hall. The decorations were very hansome, and flowers were profusely disposed in all directions. Brief addresses were delivered by Hon. John Robson and Rev. J. White, the remainder of the programme, which was of vocal and instrumental music, being taken part in by Misses Berridge, Humber and Dunnington, Mrs. Watson and Clyde, Messrs. Grant, Moore, Kinnaird, seven boys and four girls, the latter of whom presented dialogues very acceptably. Refreshments were served and heartily enjoyed.

**Buried Treasures.**

Police Officer Hawton yesterday added to the grim museum of criminal relics at the City Hall, an old-fashioned horse pistol and an equally out-of-date sword bayonet, in case, which were exhumed by workmen digging a ditch near the E. & N. Railway station. The blade of the sword is still bright and perfect, though the case has rotted away. The old pistol, too, is loaded ready for use, although the priming has long since mingled with the rust.

**Star Entertainment.**

Mrs. Nella Brown-Pond, who is to appear at the Opera House on the evening of Dec. 26, under the patronage of His Hon Lieut.-Governor Nelson, is one of the finest readers in America. Of commanding presence, noble manner, possessed of a rich, full sympathetic voice, she has a complete mastery of the art, always gaining the closest, undivided attention of her audience, while her dramatic expression is full of energy and power, always natural and on the side of simplicity, never in the least verging on that of extravagance. Her performances everywhere have been popular.

**What Does It Mean?**

The following unintelligible message was found written on the back of an envelope in lead pencil, and enclosed in a small bottle, by a party of Indians walking along the shore of Clayoquot Sound, a week or so ago. It was taken to one of Mr. Charles Spring's storekeepers, and by him forwarded to this city:

August 27, 1890.

Mrs. McBride, La Conner Mr. McBride, La Conner. Lilian Conner, La Conner, Alma Greenkran, Seattle.

Two Siwashes.

All of Camp Delightful. One canoe missing. Don't know whether it got through safely or not. We are sitting in the centre of the pass, waiting. Amen."

**Victoria Jockey Club.**

According to announcement, the British Columbia Queen's Plate—a mile and a half dash to be competed for by province bred horses that have never won money—will be run for on or about the Queen's birthday. The prize for the winner is $500 and a piece of plate, the entrance fee being 10 per cent. of the value of the purse. The British Columbia Derby of 1892 will be run in the Fall of that year by three year old province bred horses, for a purse of $500 with the entrance money added. Nominations for the latter event must be made with the secretary, Mr. W. H. Bainbridge, corner of Yates and Broad street, Victoria, on or before March 1st, next. The Queen's Plate and the Derby are likely to be made annual events.

**In the Police Court.**

After a calm comes a storm, and, after a two or three days rest, the city police magistrate found plenty of work awaiting him, yesterday morning. Timothy Daly, a drunk, was fined $5, and given one week in which to obtain the amount. Susan, an Indian girl, for the same offence, was compelled to part with $6 in good, hard coin. Thomas Johnson, another drunk, paid the traditional V. The case of the barber, arrested for larceny, was dismissed, no prosecution appearing, and an adjournment was taken until Monday in the case of Jno. S. Bates, charged with assaulting his wife. Mrs. Bates stated that all she wanted was to have her husband bound over to keep the peace. Jacob Luckove was fined a nominal sum for neglecting to properly protect his premises from fire, and the case of James J. Daley was laid over until to-day.

**"The Salt of the Earth."**

Sunday morning Bishop Hill delivered one of the course of Advent sermons on the subject of "The Church and the Work." His text was taken from Matthew v, 13, "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his savour wherewith shall it be salted. It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men." His Lordship dwelt upon the qualities of salt and its uses in nature. He next referred to the church as being the salt of the earth. The church was not to be considered as being merely the ministers or its ordinary grown up members, but those who had been admitted into it by the sacrament of baptism. In the words of the Lord Jesus Christ it was the church which must exercise its influence in its own way to stem the torrent of vice and immorality. The Bishop's remarks at the present juncture are commented upon as significant and as calculated to meet the requirements of the sultation. His Lordship's words were calm, simple, dignified and indicated that far from being ignorant of the signs of the times the communion of which he is the head are, in their own legitimate way, salting the earth, and that without controvery or sensational appeals.

**Sons of St. George.**

A pleasing and enjoyable social entertainment, under the auspices of Milton Lodge, Sons of St. George, No. 311, was given, last night, in St. George's Hall, Mr. W. E. Ottaway in the chair. The attendance was large and every one present was highly delighted. Between the first and second parts a bountiful supply of refreshments was served. Prof. Sharpe presided at the piano. The following was the programme:

Piano Solo.....Prof. Sharpe
Song—"True Till Death".....W. Kent
Song—"I'll Wander Back Again".....Miss Russell
Solo—Piano.....M. King
Comic Song—"Bro' Joe".....F. Wright
Song—"Paddy on the Rope".....W. Kent
Song.....M. Holland

INTERVAL.

Piano Duett—"Fire Bell Gallop".....Misses Martin and Braden
Comic Song—"Soap, Starch and Candle".....F. Wright
Song.....W. King
Song—"Sweethearts and Wives".....W. Jones
Selection...Misses Jackson, Irwin and Tweedie
Song—"The Beautiful Twins".....Tweedie
Highland Fling.....Miss Nellie Kent
God Save the Queen.

Dancing followed and was kept up until an early hour.

## PHENOMENAL FLOODS.

**Further Damage Reported from all Parts of Vancouver Island.**

There is no perceptible diminution of the flood at Cowichan, although it is every evening reported as falling rapidly. When morning breaks and the section foreman goes over the railway track in his canoe, he finds it covered with water in some places to a depth of 2½ feet. On Sunday morning the rails were under water for over a mile, and during the day the water continued to rise. The stream was estimated at twelve miles an hour, and the Indians refused to ferry any one across until the waters commenced to go down. It is certain that the Koksilah has, during the past few days, reached a new high water mark. The Indians in the flooded district are reported to have lost a number of cattle, and numerous minor losses are reported. Losee's mill at Shawigan Lake is flooded out, and all operations there suspended in consequence.

Of the flood in other parts of the Island, the Nanaimo Free Press says: "Mr. T. W. Carter, the newly appointed postmaster at Errington, states that the two bridges on Englishman's River were washed away on Wednesday night—the one at Alberni Road, and the one on the Comox Road near Hirst's farm. Also that the bridges at the head of Nanoose Bay had been swept out of position. The Englishman's river rose with fearful rapidity and is higher than ever known before. Immense trees came down the river with terrible velocity, and it is thought that it was the trees that carried away both the bridges. The jam that has existed near the mouth of the river for years has been so increased by this freshet, that it is turning the course of the water, which is cutting a new channel to the west, and probably will lead to the destruction of valuable property.

About 40 yards of the salt water dyke at Hirst's farm, which has been built for several years, was washed away by the freshet, entailing a loss of over $1,500.

Mr. Armstrong, the Alberni mail carrier, had not arrived from Alberni, and it is feared that the bridge across the Qualicum river, near Cameron Lake, have been washed away, also a portion of the road, for with these freshets the lake would rise over the road in many places.

From Mr. M. Bray, Government Agent, the Free Press learns that the following damage to roads and bridges in Nanaimo District has been reported to him:

East Wellington bridge washed away, damage, $200.

Two bridges at Nanoose Bay, one carried away and one shifted, damage, $330.

Englishman's river—Alberni road bridge, $500; Comox road bridge, $600.

Three bridges on Gordons', Malpass' and Crawford's roads, washed away, $200. Washouts, $300.

The Qualicum river bridge on the Alberni road (if gone), $500.

In addition to these there will be many small bridges and culverts and other washouts not yet reported.

The Howe Truss bridge across the Nanaimo river, on the Victoria road, is still intact, and is thought to be out of danger.

The tides are also phenomenally high, even rising on one occasion and putting out the fires under the boilers of the Nanaimo Tannery and Boat Factory.

A question has arisen as to who is the more successful navigator of the two conductors on the E. & N. Mr. Black claims to be the best navigator on the Cowichan river, while Mr. Fred Weldon claims to be the most successful in a canoe of any man on the Island. The question will best be decided by the passengers they take daily across the river.

## A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

**Capt. Clarence Cox Does Not Endorse Prof. Elliott's Report on Sealing Matters.**

The report of Prof. Henry W. Elliott, of the Smithsonian Institute, recently presented to Secretary Windom, in which the startling statement is contained that Behring's Sea does not now contain more than 100,000 killable fur seals, is at present the principal theme of conversation amongst Victoria sealing men. The consensus of opinion is that, scientific authority as he is, Prof. Elliott in this matter does not know whereof he speaks. Capt. Clarence Cox, master of the schooner Triumph, was the last Victoria sealer in Behring's Sea this season, having entered on October 20th and been driven out by the extreme cold and heavy gales on November 8th. In speaking of Prof. Elliott's report, yesterday, this practical man said: "Hansen and I were last in the sea this year, although he did not go for the purpose of looking for seals. Well, I saw the seals thicker then than I have ever before—and I have been making the trips for the past four seasons. Hansen says, too, that they were thicker than he ever saw them before. The Shields boys, who were with me, and who were among the very first to engage in the seal hunting industry, say they have never in their experience seen more seals than on that trip of ours. The only trouble was that we were too late in the season to work; the weather was so rough that we could not put down a boat. I would like to know how Prof. Elliott would go to work to form any estimate of numbers. The seal are like the Fraser river salmon in one way; you might find none at all one day, and millions the next. This talk about the extermination of the seals reminds me of the salmon in another way. You know how many thousands of these fish are captured every year; well, does it affect the supply? Why there are just as many left in the sea, no matter how many are taken out. It's the same with the seals. It is an impossibility to form any estimate of the number of seals at any time, but it's certain there are just as many in existence now as at any time within the experience of the hunters. They are like all other game; when they have learned to know what men and guns are, they become more shy and harder to get at. That accounts for the light catches. Hansen says, too, that he never saw so many seals on the islands as this year, and he's been on them all."

## CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.

**Appearances of the Streets and Shop Windows—A Busy Season Expected.**

On all hands, signs of Christmas are apparent. People of all ranks and conditions, sizes and ages thronged the streets from an early until a late hour yesterday, to see and be seen; to gaze into the shop windows and admire the neat, beautiful and elaborate wares exposed for sale or artistically arranged to give effect and appearance to the approaches to the counters at which the saleswomen and salesmen were doing their best to exchange their own wares for the moneys of the incomer, whether his pocket book were plethoric or attenuated and thin. Compliments congenial to the season were freely exchanged as "Christmas comes but once a year," thus reducing the opportunity to very narrow proportions.

The dry goods houses had employed their window dressers to good effect, and the same deft hands which had exercised their taste and ingenuity in making gay—and possibly gorgeous—the outside exhibits, had been none the less diligent in disposing of their stock on the shelves or upon the counters. "The latest style," "the newest thing out," "see that lovely silk," and "that charming brocade," all at the lowest cash prices, were among the legends which greeted every eye. "What a duck of a bonnet!" some one would say, or "are those Alexandre's kids" as exclaimed by a possible customer were sure to turn upon the parties all available selling, power, and not unseldom large bills were the outcome. But, according to many persons engaged in the trade, there is, upon the whole, a smaller volume of sales than was the case up to this time last season. This, however, is accounted for by the unpropitious weather, but, if to-day be fine, there is certain to be a change for the better in this particular, as money is by no means scarce.

The grocers, too, have packed their windows with all descriptions of comestibles, and here there are numerous novelties, both as to the articles themselves and in the way they are put up. To recapitulate would take an almost infinite amount of space, and, therefore, the best thing to do is to invite all who have not yet done so, to go round and see for themselves. In the drug stores, sundries, scents and other toilet articles are daintily displayed and, as for the Chinese and Japanese warehouses, whether or not they are conducted by whites or "Celestials," there is exhibited in every conceivable way the same desire to please. Fish, fowl and meats of all varieties are well to the fore, and may be said to be of the finest, neither trouble nor expense having been spared to bring them here. Some of the beef is almost of that quality from which the noted English "barons" are cut, fat and well flavored, tender and luscious, rich and mellow. The mutton bears evidence of both breed and feed, its appearance having been heightened by the manner in which it has been killed and dressed. Much of the pork is Ontario grown, "finished off" in yards in this province, while as concerns the game there is little to excel what is to be obtained on this side the Rockies. To-day, therefore, when everything has been made to look its best, it is safe to say that the street and store displays will be fully equal to, if not ahead of, anything that has gone before.

## PLENTY OF WORK.

**The Albion Iron Works Will be Kept "on the Rush" for Weeks to Come.**

In addition to the work of repairing the disabled Costa Rica, which will keep the dock yard busy for 30 days at least, the Albion Iron Works have just received contracts for building the new boilers and machinery for the Hudson's Bay Company's Skeena river steamer, and for repairing the American tug Richard Holyoke. The former will require the most powerful engine ever put in a boat of the size in this city, to enable her to ascend the peculiar and strong riffles that are a distinguishing feature of the Upper Skeena. It is intended to have the boilers and working parts ready as soon as the hull, which is being built under Capt. Odin's supervision at New Westminster. The Holyoke was hauled out, yesterday, and the work of overhauling her will be taken in hand at once.

## PERSONAL

F. Fletcher of Vancouver is visiting Victoria.

A. J. Palmer, of Chemainus is a visitor to the city.

Miss Annie Monro has gone to Comox for the holidays.

Rodk. Begg is spending a few days on the Mainland.

A. R. Johnson leaves for San Francisco on Christmas day.

W. F. Bullen has returned from a business trip to San Francisco.

L. Erb will be a passenger by the next direct steamer to San Francisco.

T. Hooper, architect, arrived from Vancouver by the Islander on Sunday morning.

Among the passengers for Vancouver this morning were J. F. Smith, F. X. Major, and D. H. McDonnel.

E. S. Scoullar, T. W. Gray, A. B. Campbell and D. Drysdale of New Westminster are in town

T. D. Conway and M. Roundy, of Chemainus, G. S. Jaynes, Duncans and W. J. Riley, of Seattle, are at the Oriental.

M. P. Benton, travelling agent of the C. M. & St. P. railway, at Seattle, was among the arrivals on the Kingston last evening.

W. J. Clarke, of the N. P. R. Telegraph office, and J. A. Clarke, of the C. P. R. office in this city, left for Kamloops by the Islander this morning, to spend the holidays. Mr. Dougan of Vancouver relieves here.

Sheriff Redgrave, of East Kootenay, who has been spending a few days in the city, returns this morning to the Mainland. After 30 years of service in Kootenay, Mr. Redgrave is still hale and hearty, and energetic as ever.

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**Totem Poles.**

A. A. Aaronson recently received a pair of totem poles from Bella Bella, which are about the handsomest ever seen here. Each measures over eighteen feet in length.

**Assignments.**

E. S. Wilson & Co., general merchants of Revelstoke and Ainsworth have recently assigned, with comparatively small liabilities as contrasted with the assets, and are likely to obtain an extension. Mr. T. L. Brown, general storekeeper of Kamloops, has also suspended.

**What Is It?**

An Indian who arrived in from the West Coast, via sloop, last evening, reported to one of the Customs officers that, when he left home, the wreck of some large sailing ship was drifting in toward Barclay Sound. The weather prevented him from boarding the hulk, which was entirely dismantled, although he tried to do so.

**Preparing to Meet His Fate.**

Slumach, the murderer of Louis Bee, is getting along nicely and is in good spirits. He enquired a few days ago which of the keepers was going to hang him. During the last day or two he has been rather more anxious about his fate, and is beginning to pay more attention to the ministrations of the priest who is looking after his spiritual welfare.—Truth.

**Returned From the North.**

Mr. J. A. Mahood's surveying party of seven have returned from the northern part of the Island, where they have been marking out timber land to the extent of 7,000 acres for Mr. W. P. Sayward, of this city. The party has been working in the region of Gordon Pasha lakes, and, while there, endured a steady rain of 60 days.

**To Become a Resident.**

It is understood that Count Dillon, a member of the French nobility, whose name is prominently identified with the greatest cable and telegraph schemes that have ever been carried out, has purchased a fine piece of property just outside Victoria, on which he will shortly erect a magnificent residence for his own use.

**Waters Receding.**

The water in the Nanaimo river is rapidly receding. To give an idea of the height of the overflow, the water just reached the level of the school house floor at the bridge; another inch and the floor would have been covered. Visiting across fields is still out of the question, you have to go around on the high levels.—Free Press.

**Paying Up.**

The announcement that all city taxes must be paid up before the end of the year, has had the effect of giving City Treasurer Kent and his staff a great deal of extra work. People are thronging his quarters all the time, being anxious to pay up and save the 20 per cent., which they hold would be better in their pockets than placed to the account of the corporation.

**Sent to Port Townsend.**

Lewis Aniey, a Chinaman by birth, an American by adoption and a cook by profession, has been, for some time past, an inmate of the marine hospital, an affection of the throat causing him to leave his ship, the Kennebec, at Nanaimo. On applying to the U. S. consul to be sent "home," that gentleman transferred him to the hospital at Port Townsend, yesterday.

**Passengers per S. S. Walla Walla.**

The following passengers for Victoria arrived by the Walla Walla last evening from San Francisco: Miss Kavanaugh, Mrs. Wilson, W. F. Anderson, John Pomeroy, B. Moore and wife, H. Morbœuf, G. G. Bushby, Caul Muller, Samuel Ross, Mrs. Norther, T. G. Murphy, Lung Curn, Mrs. S. F. Wells, William Murry, G. E. Field, Mrs. Chillew, —Jones and wife, Dora Moulik.

**Nearing Completion.**

The work on the Nicolmekl bridge on the line of the Westminster and Southern has been completed, thus leaving only four and a-half miles of track to lay to the American end of the rails. The Campbell river bridge will also be completed in a day or two. The force of men employed is large and there has been no slumbering over the work lately. A train from the South may be expected in before the new year, and after that everybody will be at liberty to buy tickets for Seattle, Tacoma and all points South and East.—Truth.

**Surrey Agricultural Association.**

A meeting of the above society was held in the Town Hall at Surrey Centre on Saturday afternoon, December 20th, when Mr. A. Richardson was appointed auditor for 1890. The directors feel that the society should give attention to other matters of importance to farmers besides the annual exhibition, and they have therefore decided to hold a series of meetings, at which various subjects may be brought up and discussed. The first of these is appointed for January 22, at 1 o'clock, when all members are cordially invited to attend and take part in the discussion, re hop raising, which topic has been chosen for that particular occasion.

**Condolence.**

The following letter of condolence was sent to Mr. Wilson by St. Andrew's church choir:

St. Andrew's Church, Victoria.

DEAR MR. WILSON: The members of St. Andrew's church choir desire to express their sympathies with you in your recent bereavement, in the loss of your loving and affectionate wife, and the choir desire to convey to you the deep sense of the loss they have sustained by the removal of one whose valuable assistance was so pleasantly and readily given.—I remain, yours very sincerely,

FRANK B. FENWICK,
Organist and Choirmaster.
St. Andrew's Church.

Victoria, Dec. 20, 1890

**Mrs. Nella Brown-Pond.**

The following clipping from the Boston Herald speaks well for Mrs. Nella Brown-Pond, who is to appear at The Victoria on the evening after Christmas: "The appearance of Mrs. Nella Brown-Pond, the favorite reader, made the leading feature of the Star entertainment at Tremont Temple, and this talented artist has never appeared before a more appreciative audience than that which filled the hall to overflowing, and applauded with hearty enthusiasm each and all of her contributions to the programme. Her selections included the poem 'Pauline Pavlovna,' by Aldrich, 'The Kitchen Clock,' the 'Von Weber's Last Waltz,' and the 'Burning Ship,' to which she added several encore numbers. Mrs. Pond has gained a very prominent position in the department of art effort which she has given her life to of recent years, and her pre-eminent standing is recognized wherever the lecture platform and lyceum stage is a recognized institution, from Maine to California. Gifted by nature with a commanding stage presence that predisposes an audience in her favor, and with a voice that charms and fascinates by its refined and musical character, this artist, with rare dramatic skill and perfect mastery of the art of the elocutionist, commands the sympathies of her audience, and wins from all who hear her a quick and keen recognition of her artistic efforts. Her selections last evening were made with excellent taste, and served to show the wide range of her abilities to the best possible advantage."

## ORDER OF SERVICES.

**To Be Held at St. Andrew's Pro-Cathedral on Christmas Day.**

All day yesterday the ladies of St. Andrew's pro-Cathedral were busily engaged with the usual Christmas decoration of the church. The order of services for Christmas is as follows:—

Midnight (to-night) Pontifical High Mass and sermon by his Lordship Rt. Rev. Bishop Lemmens; assistant priest, Rev. J. Nicolaye; Deacon, Rev. J. Leterme; Sub-Deacon, Rev. Durand.

Low masses at 7.30., 8 and 8.30., a.m., by Rev. Leterme.

Solemn High Mass (with Deacon and Sub-Deacon and Pontificial assistance,) by Rev. J. Nicolaye, at 10.30 a.m.

Pontifical Benediction by his Lordship Rt. Rev. Bishop Lemmens, at 7 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS CHARITY.

**How it Was Exemplified in the Case of a Sightless Colored Man on His Way to San Francisco.**

There arrived from New Westminster, yesterday, an unfortunate blind man of color, on his way to San Francisco by the steamer sailing on Thursday. On landing he was taken in hand by a Government street hackman who drove him round from hotel to hotel without being able to obtain admission. The excuse given in every instance was that the house was full, while the holidays were at hand and it would be impossible for them to take care of a man who would require so much attention. The unfortunate man persisted that he had sufficient money to pay his way; but no one would take the stranger in, so that hungry and cold, he was forced to drive for several hours, every door being as it were locked against him. Tired of his job the hackman,—a very patient, decent man—finally drove up to the police station to ask what he must do. But here he got scant satisfaction, the officers hesitating to take him in. His troubles appeared to be unending as he sat in the vehicle almost concluding that he was forsaken by God as well as by man. Finally a person who was passing hearing of his trouble undertook to see several people of the man's own race. They were very sorry, and one of them gave him a letter to a colored lady who took in boarders. For one reason or another she was unable to accommodate him, and he returned to the police station, one of the officers at which was ultimately enabled to place him. It seems particularly hard that in a place like Victoria, it should have been impossible to discover a place of refuge for this unfortunate soul. It shows the lack there is of some kind of an asylum for male unfortunates.

## THE MARKETS.

**Provisions for the Requirements of Every Citizen of Victoria—Great Preparations for the Christmas Trade.**

Last night a COLONIST reporter made it his business to visit the different butcher establishments in the city, in order to present to the public the provisions that had been made to meet their requirements during this, the festival season of the year. He found that every necessity had been met, and that there was little, if anything, for him to suggest. The establishment formerly occupied by Van Volkenburgh Bros. and now under control of the British Columbia Cattle company was first visited. There he found a valuable and well selected stock of all descriptions of meats—beef, mutton, veal, pork and poultry—all of the choicest and best. No especial effort has been made at decoration or show this year.

Proceeding further the reporter came to Mr. Lawrence Goodacre's, and here he found, in addition to the ordinary supplies, some thirty head of four year old steers, which had been specially fattened for Christmas, both out-of-doors and in the stalls, by Mr. J. Wilson. They averaged 1,200 lbs. dressed, and were of Mr. T. Harper's stock. There were also 120 head of mutton, crossbred Cotswolds and Southdowns, including the "pet" sheep which took the first prize at New Westminster and at Victoria. There was also a two-and-a-half-year old ewe which dressed 140 lbs., some fifty South-down lambs, averaging about 50 lbs. each, and dressed lamb fashion. Mr. Goodacre has besides fifteen milk-fed calves, weighing about 150 lbs. each, and all of fine grades. There was one mammoth hog of 715 pounds, a cross between the White Chester and Berkshire, as well as 36 fine sucking pigs, some 18 back set porkers, and a young Chinaman fattened, as fat as butter. There were immense quantities of poultry, all kinds, from the east, the United States and this province; all arranged in attractive and tempting fashion. The turkeys ran from 8 to 24 pounds, plucked and dressed. There were, in addition, some extra good capons. In the centre of the store was an artistically arranged table, on which were ducks and geese, saddles of mutton, head cheese, sausages, bolognas and a bullock's head, with a number of ox-tails given the most presentable appearance.

At Porter & Son's Island Market, corner of Johnson & Douglas streets, there was also a very good display, with over 25 bunch-grass fed steers averaging 1,000 pounds—one of them 1,100—150 sheep of at least 100 pounds, 700 turkeys, some as high as 25 pounds weight; 450 geese, 42 six months' old lambs, some thirty hogs, including one of 600 pounds, and another bear.

Mr. John Mitchell of Douglas street had a 900 pound steer bred and fed by Brackman & Ker, of Saanich, a large quantity of prime Island mutton, some good lambs, mutton and veal, geese, turkeys, etc., etc.

John Parker & Son, of Fort street, had a grand display of sheep, including one of 175 pounds, a number of beeves of 1,400 pounds, sixty sheep, thirty-one sucking pigs, a grand collection of well-dressed lambs, seventy geese, one hundred and twenty turkeys, two specially good calves and about a score of lambs.

W. A. Stevens, whose establishment, on Johnson street, is now seeing its first Christmas, shows a fine and well selected stock of all descriptions of meat and game, well killed and well cut, and which cannot fail to suit the plates of the purchasers. The display is arranged neatly and attractively.

Messrs. G. King, of Fort street; George Vienna and Brown had an almost unequalled display of poultry and game, chickens in endless variety; geese and turkeys of all sizes, rabbits, partridges, grouse, and ducks in profusion.

## RAILROAD MEN DESTITUTE.

**Five Hundred U. P. Extension Laborers Hungry in Portland.**

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—About 100 laborers called at the police station to-day and stated to Captain Cardwell that they are ex-employes on the Union Pacific Sound extension, and that on account of failure to get their money, which will not be paid for some time yet, they are absolutely destitute. Nearly all of them came from the east to work on the road, and claim that they were assured that their work would be permanent. The captain urged them to refrain from any demonstration. One of the spokesmen said he and the others had been at Contractor J. H. Smith's office and demanded their pay. Their money for last month will not be allowed them till the 26th of this month, and this month's will not be allowed until January 26. Mr. Smith, they say, told them that he would give them his notes for their respective accounts, less 15 per cent, and that they could get the notes discounted by a broker, but they refused the terms.

At the present time no less than 500 idle men, just discharged from the Sound extension, are in this city. Nearly all of them are destitute.

## ALMOST A DISASTER.

**A Port Townsend Southern Train Thrown Down an Embankment.**

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec 23.—An accident happened on the Port Townsend Southern railroad this afternoon, which was a narrow escape from disaster. At a point 14 miles from this city, a train consisting of two coaches, two freight cars and a caboose were derailed, the caboose and freight cars rolling down an embankment of 75 feet.

The passengers had all got out before the shaky part was reached, and all escaped without injury. The only casualty was that of the brakesman, who was thrown from the caboose and rendered senseless. The passengers rode into town on a handcar, and the engine arrived here at 10 o'clock.

The train was 25 hours doing 19 miles, and went off the track six times before being precipitated down the embankment. The roadbed is in a very bad condition from the recent heavy rains.

**For Aiding Podlewski to Escape.**

PARIS, Dec. 24.—To-day was concluded the trial of Labruyere, the French anarchist journalist; Gregoire, also a French journalist, and Madame Duquercy, all of whom are charged with complicity in the escape from Paris of Podlewski, the alleged assassin of the Russian police agent, General Sudeikoff. Labruyere, who confessed to having aided Podlewski to escape, was condemned to an imprisonment of 13 months; Madame Duquercy, who concealed Podlewski at her residence, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment; and Gregoire, who requested the French Consul at Palermo to place him under arrest, was sentenced by default to imprisonment for eight months.

## BIRTH.

LEWIS—December 20th, at 12 Parkington st, the wife of A. D. Lewis of a son.

POTTINGER—At 22 Michigan street, in this city, on the 20th inst., to the wife of Mr. James Pottinger, a son.

NOBLE—In this city, 15th inst., the wife of H. Noble, of a daughter.

## DEATH.

PAINE—In this city, at the Jubilee Hospital, on the 22nd inst., Fred. Paine, a native of England, aged 63 years.

HART—On November 28th, at Cloom, County Leitrim, Ireland, Peter Hart, a native of Cloom, and one of the early pioneers of this province.

JENNINGS—In this city, on the 18th inst., at her father's residence, 120 Cormorant street, Mary, eldest daughter of T. Jennings, a native of Pugwash, Nova Scotia.


## To the Electors of Cariboo District:

GENTLEMEN,—Having been nominated by a vote of 19 to 1 for the vacant place in the electoral district of Cariboo by a public meeting convened at the 150-Mile House, for the purpose of choosing a man to represent the district. I have the honor to request your votes at the coming election.

If elected, I go into the House untrammelled by pledges, believing that a member's usefulness is much impaired by pledging support before knowing what the policy of either party will be.

The shortness of the time before election will prevent my visiting the whole district, but I will advocate the following measures as of prime necessity:

1. A Railway connecting the mines with the lower country.
2. The Royalty clause in the recent Railway Bill I disapprove of and would repeal.
3. A bridge over the Fraser, connecting the Chilcoten country with the wagon road.
4. The opening up of the eastern section by a wagon road to the Forks.
5. The establishment of a ferry at Quesnelle.
6. The support of the reduction works on a liberal basis by the government so as to enable miners and prospectors to test their ledges.
7. The re-modelling of the mining laws so as to enable ground held by speculators to be worked.
8. I would be in favor of having a surgeon or physician as a permanent resident, aided by government (in the lower part of the district).

Hoping to be able to see most of the electors personally, and to discuss local requirements before election day, I respectfully solicit your votes.

ROBERT BORLAND.
150 Mile House, B.C., Dec. 20th, 1890.
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## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act extending the powers of the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway company, and enabling the said company to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of Railway from a point on the Lower Kootenay River at or near its Junction with Goat River, thence to the Columbia River in the neighborhood of Fort Sheppard, with a branch line to Nelson, via Salmon River, and from the Columbia River by way of Osoyoos Lake and Similkameen River to Hope, thence following the south side of the Fraser River to a convenient point for crossing to New Westminster and a convenient terminal point on Burrard Inlet, with power to build branch lines not exceeding 30 miles in length. And that Sections 6, 7 and 18 of the Crow's Nest and Kootenay Lake Railway Company Act, 1888, may be amended by increasing the capital and borrowing powers of the Company, and to change the name of the said Company to "The British Columbia Southern Railway Company."

CHARLES WILSON,
Solicitor for Applicants.
Dated the 11th day of December, A. D. 1890.
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