

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 28th December to 3rd January, 1905. The weather during this week has been unusually overcast and rainy, and in this vicinity the total amount of bright sunshine was only six hours, and rain to a greater or less extent fell upon every day of the week. On Wednesday, 28th, an ocean storm with a centre of 28.89 inches at Port Simpson gradually spread inland across the province, accompanied by abnormally heavy rains both on this island and the Lower Mainland, while on the Coast a heavy southerly gale prevailed for some hours. At the mouth of the Columbia river the hourly wind velocity reached a maximum of 68 miles. This disturbance spread over the Territories and Manitoba, where it caused comparatively mild weather. From this date to the close of the month the barometer remained abnormally low over the continent from the North Pacific Coast to the Great Lakes. On Sunday, 1st, a moderate southerly gale with heavy rain set in over the Straits and Sound, while on the Coast a strong southerly gale was reported from Cape Flattery to the mouth of the Columbia river. This disturbance crossed Vancouver Island on the night of the 2nd, and caused a moderately westerly gale on the Straits and some fresh snow on the Sooke hills. The weather has been comparatively mild in the Territories and Manitoba until the morning of the 3rd when zero temperatures became general, and in Manitoba the temperature fell to 28 below zero. Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 6 hours; rain, 1.64 inches; highest temperature, 55.6 on 20th; and lowest, 35.0 on 1st. New Westminster—Rain, 4.18 inches; highest temperature, 52 on 20th; lowest, 34 on 1st. Kamloops—Rain, 3.33 inches; highest temperature, 44 on 20th; lowest, 28 on 1st. Barkerville—Snow, 0 inches; highest temperature, 36 on 2nd; lowest, 6 on 1st.

Local News.

On Friday evening next Far West Lodge, K. of P., will install officers for the ensuing term. The social will be held at the conclusion of the regular business.

The amended tonorial tariff is now in operation. Neck shaves and moustache curling are now charged five cents each extra, the majority of the barber shop proprietors having accepted the demands of the union.

At a meeting of the Victoria Stationary Engineers' Association, held on Thursday evening in their rooms, five Sisters held, the following officers were elected for 1905: President, M. Hutchison; vice-president, T. Watson; secretary, A. M. Aitken; treasurer, G. Barragouin; conductors, L. Heuther.

J. B. H. Rickaby, of this city, has received his commission as vice-consul for Mexico for this province. It came from the Mexican consul-general, for Canada at Montreal. The appointment is in recognition of the Canadian-Mexican steamship service this appointment will prove of the greatest importance.

News came from Port Angeles Tuesday that the steamer "Mithras" had with a full cargo from one of the Island collieries, put back there on Tuesday with her cargo shifted. Terribly stormy weather prevails outside, and the Edith was but a short time in it when she was overtaken by the tumbling about she received she listed, and was obliged to return up the Straits for shelter. The same dispatch chronicling her arrival reports a loaded barque coming up the Straits. As no vessel of this kind is due, it is feared that the vessel is another victim of the fury of the elements.

Nainimo, O. This was the result of Monday's British game on the cricket field, and while the score shows a decisive beating for the home team, the playing throughout, except during the last 15 minutes, was of the evenest possible description. Nainimo could not be said to be actually fallen to pieces, but the players were apparently winded, while Vancouver boys, as always, proved good results of faithful practice by playing a strong game right up to the end and had lots of steam in them when the game was completed. Nainimo Herald.

Monday evening there were united in marriage Mr. J. R. Stark, of Vancouver, and Miss Olive E. daughter of Mr. Wm. Souden, of this city. The wedding, which took place at the residence of the bride's father, Amelia street, was a quiet one, to which only the immediate friends of the bride and groom were invited. Rev. G. K. B. Adams performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Edna Souden, while Mr. Geo. J. Jones, of Nainimo, supported the groom. Mr. Stark was formerly a resident of this city, and both he and the bride are well known to Victorians. They left last night for Vancouver, where they take up their residence.

During the past year the health department of the city has had to deal with only 56 cases, but little more than a third of the number that came to the attention of the authorities last year, when the total was 184, or thereabouts. This reflects two gratifying conditions—the vigilance of the officials and the improved sanitary state of the place. Undoubtedly the sewer extension operations which have been carried on pretty elaborately are exercising a very beneficial effect upon the health of the city, and with a continuance of this work, according to the programme outlined for next year, the work of the health officers in keeping Victoria free from infectious and contagious diseases will be further facilitated.

On the Kosmos liner Saxonia, which sailed south Monday after spending a couple of days in port, the Sayward Sawmill Company, of Victoria, shipped what is probably the first consignment of lumber to Mexico, in the consignment there were in the neighborhood of 200,

000 feet of prime manufacture. As a starter in Victoria's commercial relationship with Mexico this is a cheerful augury, and it is hoped that as soon as the new steamship line between this city and that country has been established regular shipments will be made.

In the list of Christmas donations to the Old Men's Home two omissions were made. These were the gift of a turkey and newspapers from Mrs. L. G. Quagliotti, and illustrated papers and tobacco from Mrs. B. W. Pearse.

Old Wm. Keller, a character well-known about the city, was struck by a Douglas street tram car on Monday sustaining a broken collar bone and a rib. He was removed to the Jubilee hospital in the police patrol ambulance.

The torpedo boat destroyer Paul Jones, of the United States navy, departed for the Sound on Monday after an extended stay in port. The Paul Jones came here from Port Angeles, and will be making a round of many ports on the Sound.

The Hibben cup has been withdrawn by the school board. It was offered for the school securing the highest percent age in the High school entrance examination. It is not unlikely that the cup will be awarded for attendance.

There was great deal of excitement in connection with the drawing at The Westside on Saturday evening. A good number of coupon holders were present. The winning numbers were: First, 4,106; second, 3,372 and third, 1,250.

Further donations from Barkerville towards the Protestant Orphanage have been received through Mrs. Brown, of that place. The money was collected by Mrs. Kelly, and consisted of the following sums: Mrs. Geo. Clark, \$1; Mrs. H. Flynn, \$1; Mrs. Hodgkinson, 50 cents; Dr. Callanau, \$2. Total, \$4.50.

The sacred cantata "Lost Gipsy" given in St. Barnabas's church on Sunday afternoon was very much enjoyed by a large attendance. It is a story of life among the poor in England, and the various chapters were read by the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, between the different solos and anthems included in the cantata. There was an excellent choir, led by Rev. Mr. Miller.

The mechanical staff of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, has been in the city introducing his patent automatic switch. This invention, which is proving popular in street railway systems, is worked by the motorman without his quitting his place on the car. A swinging grip does the work, and has proved very satisfactory even when snow is encountered.

Dr. Lewis Hall, who is running for aldermanic honors in North Ward, will start the municipal contest with a meeting in Spring Ridge on Friday night. He is arranging for the Old Fellows' hall, and says all candidates in the ward as well as aspirants for positions on the school board will be given a chance to speak. Dr. Hall is out with a progressive platform for municipal improvement, one of the principal planks of which will be the question of water supply and water rates.

The police returns for the month are as follows: Assault, 6; aggravated assault, 1; burglary, 1; conspiracy, 1; cruelty and disturbance, 1; cutting and wounding, 1; inflicting civic by-laws, 1; drunk, 20; frequenting a bawdy house, 1; indecent exposure, 1; infraction of provisions relative to tax, 12; malicious damage to property, 1; in possession of an air gun, 1; prevention of cruelty to children, 1; perjury, 2; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 1; stealing, 5; using threatening language, 1; safe keeping, 31; vagrancy, 2; a total of 101.

Neil Grant, the boy from the Orphans' Home, who was sent up to Vancouver to undergo an operation and treatment for his eyesight, has been brought back to Victoria. His eyesight has slightly improved, but this is not Neil's only affliction at present. He has developed consumption, and it has been decided to bring him down here for the best treatment. His case will be in the hands of Dr. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health. The tent which was erected on the grounds surrounding those of the Orphans' Home.

Considerable interest is being manifested by those interested in sporting events in the big wrestling match that will take place in the opera house next Saturday night between Dan McLeod, ex-champion of the world, and Bob Watson, Nainimo's favorite son," says the Nainimo Herald. "The terms of the match are not an even break, but McLeod has agreed to throw Swanson three times in an hour or lose the stake money. The two men met before last spring in Nainimo and McLeod's contract then was to throw Swanson five times in an hour, but he failed to do it, but succeeded in putting the Nainimo man's shoulders to the mat three times in fifty-five minutes."

At the meeting of Columbia Royal Arch Chapter on Tuesday a very pleasing ceremony was performed by Comp. A. McKeown, on behalf of the members, in presenting Comp. Arthur J. Graylen in appropriate terms referred to the many excellent qualities of the recipient, and expressed the sorrow of the chapter in losing such a painstaking and popular member. Comp. Graylen replied, regretting greatly having to leave Victoria, a city to which he had become very much attached. Comp. A. J. Graylen is leaving for England, and his many friends trust he will have a safe journey, and that at some future time he will be a resident of the city again. The jewel was manufactured by Challoner & Mitchell, the Government street jewellers.

The funeral of James Burgess Colvin took place Tuesday afternoon from the residence of Secretariat Hawton, 151 Pandora street, at 2 o'clock, and later from St. John's church. The services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard. In addition to a large attendance of friends the A. O. F. lodge attended in a body,

and also the ship carpenters' union. The pallbearers were: M. Maciver, D. Stewart, E. Mercer, J. O. Williams, T. Wheelan and W. H. Price.

Mr. J. T. McIlroy, holder of coupon No. 100, won the gold watch drawn for at W. B. Shakespeare's jewellery store New Year's eve.

At Tuesday's meeting of the National History Society the subject of forestry was discussed. A paper on the subject by Mr. Anderson served as an introduction.

The honorary treasurer of the Provincial Public Hospital has received a donation of \$25. The donor's name was not given, but the letter was signed F. W. P.

All arrangements are now completed for the L. O. O. F. masquerade ball to be held in the A. O. F. hall on the 19th instant. The supper is in the hands of well known caterers, and with good music and an excellent floor a good time is assured.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

The subscription list for the Melba concert will be closed on Saturday evening, but judging by present indications the necessary amount will not be raised. If Victorians want to hear the great cantatrice in this city they will have to rouse themselves.

On Friday evening next, 6th instant, D.D.G.M., Frank Nelson, assisted by grand lodge officers, will hold a joint installation of the L. O. O. F. lodges of this city. After the ceremony "smokers" will be indulged in. A large attendance is expected.

The drawing at the jewellery store of W. H. Peacock, at Yates street, has attracted a great deal of attention. Little Miss Domyid did the drawing. The winning numbers are: First, 239; second, 753, and third, 1,955. The prizes are a \$100 diamond ring, a \$25 gold watch and \$15 worth of silverware respectively.

Mr. James O'Brien, of Dublin, Ireland, and Miss Annie, youngest daughter of Mrs. Johnson, of Wilmore, Victoria West, were united in marriage on Tuesday at Christ Church cathedral. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin. It was a very quiet wedding, only the relatives being invited. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien will reside in Victoria.

Instructor Blinn, of the Central school manual training department, announces that evening classes are being resumed this week after the Christmas and New Year holidays. On Tuesday and Thursday nights there will be the usual woodwork instruction, while it has been decided to take up mechanical drawing on Wednesday. Although there are already a large number attending regularly, Mr. Blinn states that there is still accommodation for any wishing to take up either course.

The bazaar held recently under the auspices of the ladies of St. Andrew's (Roman Catholic) cathedral was a most successful one, as is shown by the financial statement, the gross proceeds of which were \$2,859.35—the expenditures were but \$93. The receipts of the bazaar are credited thus: Booth No. 1, \$338.25; No. 2, \$478.35; No. 3, \$621.14; No. 4, \$318.75; No. 5, \$220.95; refreshment table, \$198.85; fish pond, \$138.75; candy booth, \$98.60; drinks, 20; frequenting a bawdy house, 1; indecent exposure, 1; infraction of provisions relative to tax, 12; malicious damage to property, 1; in possession of an air gun, 1; prevention of cruelty to children, 1; perjury, 2; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 1; stealing, 5; using threatening language, 1; safe keeping, 31; vagrancy, 2; a total of 101.

The library returns for the year show a total of \$4,044. Books issued, including 8,096 to ladies and 9,498 to gentlemen. The highest issued in one day was 131, and the average 61. There were 325 new members for the year, 151 ladies and 174 gentlemen. The total number of books now in the library is 11,100; the total number of members on the register is 7,837—ladies 3,827 and gentlemen 4,010. The statistics for December show: Books issued, 4,000—to ladies, 1,144 and gentlemen, 792. Highest number issued in one day, 117; average number, 68. New members, 21—ladies, 6; gentlemen, 15. Books added: "God's Good Man," Corall; "The Frontal Son of Canah," Rev. W. P. Norris; "The Call of the Wild," London; "The Abess of Ylve," Crawford; "Whatsoever Shall Offend," Weyford; "Dealstone Lane," Jacobs; "Christmas Eve on Lansdowne," Fox, and others.

Arrangements have been made by the entertainment committee of the Young Men's Christian Association to continue the lecture series, which was interrupted owing to the Christmas and New Year holidays, next Wednesday evening. On this occasion His Lordship Bishop Perrin will deliver an address on "English Cathedralism," and those who attend, can enjoy on a profitable and pleasant evening, "A Trip to the Far East" will be the subject of a discourse by Rev. Archibald Ewing on the following Wednesday, the 19th inst. His discourse will be illustrated with 100 views of scenery in China and Japan. A nominal fee of 10 cents will be charged adults, all children being admitted free. These lectures will be continued throughout the winter months, and every one will be well worth attending.

The Friendly Help Association held its regular meeting on Tuesday. The honorary treasurer acknowledged the receipt of \$125 in cash for the Christmas treat. Mrs. Baker, formerly president of the society, sent a beautiful calendar from Italy. The theme of the society will be sent to Mrs. Baker. Mrs. McMichael, Mrs. Gould and Miss Lawson were accorded a vote of thanks for their services in connection with the Christmas boxes. Votes of thanks were extended to the schools and the friends who so kindly had the schools' donations sent to the rooms. The following donations of clothing were thankfully acknowledged: Mrs. R. Jones, Mrs. McKelrick, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. J. Christie, Mrs. J. (Dr.) Fagan, Mrs. W. Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. A. G. Saragston, Mrs. (Capt.) Hickey, Mrs. Durick, Mrs. F. S. Hussey, Mrs. I. Braverman, Mrs. Green, Mrs. J. York, Mrs. Duff, A. Friend,

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The Victoria intermediate football team to play at Macaulay Point tomorrow is as follows: Goal, Saragston; full-backs, McArthur and P. Haslam; half-backs, Jameson, Blackburn and Gibson; forwards, Wilson, McDougall, Belyea and Kinloch.

The annual treat to the Sunday school children attending services in the Temperance hall, Pandora street, was given on Thursday, there being a large number in attendance. Presents were distributed, and a lengthy programme was furnished with very pleasing results.

Albert Lawrence, window trimmer at Spencer's Arcade, who was the victim of a painful accident last Wednesday morning, is progressing favorably. He will be confined to the house for some weeks with a broken wrist and other injuries received as a result of a fall from a ladder while at work on the day mentioned.

A PLEASANT DUTY.—"When I know anything worthy of recommendation, I consider it my duty to tell it," says Rev. Jas. Murdoch, of Hamburg, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder has cured me of Catarrh of 30 years' standing. It is certainly magical in its effect. The first application benefited me in 15 minutes. 50 cents."

Petitions for the incorporation of the Victoria and other districts into municipalities have been very favorably received and numerous signed. It had been hoped to include other districts and other parts of the country into one municipality, but a number of residents living in the former section are said to be adverse to this, and are striving to secure a separate municipality. Believing that this is a better plan, the petition which they now desire could be more expeditiously effected.

Parents in whose families there is whooping cough are reminded that not only the children who have the disease, but their contacts have not to be kept home until a doctor's certificate that there is no danger of spreading the contagion can be obtained.

It is said that Trustee Huggert, in response to a resolution passed, has decided to offer for re-election. Some time ago he expressed his intention to retire from the board in order to give more attention to matters of private interest, but his anxiety to do so has been somewhat relaxed in view of certain improvements made in the school, and he has decided to consider his position.

In the account of the council's proceedings in last evening's Times an impression was conveyed by the reported remarks of the Mayor and board of aldermen that the increased donation to the Tourist Association, that \$3,000 had previously been granted by the council this year. Ald. Graham's statement was to the effect that the \$2,000 had been granted previously, and that the \$1,000 additional brought the year's donation up to \$3,000—a sum similar to that of the year preceding.

Word has been received of the sudden death of Mrs. Frederick Matland-Douglas, of Duncan, last week, in New York. Mrs. Matland-Douglas was the founder of the British Columbia branch of the International Order of the "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," and her way to her old home in Savannah, Georgia, and was to have been joined in New York by her husband and daughter. Unfortunately her death occurred before their arrival. The interment took place in Florida.

The grand lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars have arranged for a course of lectures to be delivered throughout the year's holidays, next Wednesday evening. Rev. W. G. T. of Seattle, has been engaged for the course, and will begin his discourses next Saturday evening, January 7th. Mr. Bushell is well and favorably known as a forceful, humorous and logical speaker, and those of the public who avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him may rest assured that it will be worth their while. The arrangement of meetings for this city and vicinity is as follows: Temple, hall, Saturday evening; Cedar Hill, Monday evening; Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimaux, Tuesday evening; Temperance hall, Pandora avenue, Wednesday evening; Simple's hall, Victoria West, Thursday evening.

The Wm. Ewing Minstrel, who will appear here next Monday, are said to be even larger and stronger this season than ever before. The color arrangement in the costuming and scenic effects setting is described as being particularly beautiful and striking. The scenery represents the interior of a bandstand in one of the palaces of the old world, and is gorgeously embellished. The West Minstrel's great season include a remarkable number of great singers; in fact, they actually have sixteen vocalists. One of the many strong features secured this season by Manager Richey is Frederick V. Bowers, the famous singer and composer of "Dequage" and "Always." The principal comedians are Tom Mack, Geo. Wade, McDevitt and Kelly, and a lot more. Other strong features are the Great Kartelli, the Lavalette Bros, and many other costly European acts.

IMPORTANT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED TO-DAY Council of Board of Trade Disposed of Considerable Business This Morning.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The council of the board of trade met this morning with nearly every member who was in the city in attendance. The meeting began half an hour earlier than usual in order to allow of the disposal of the business which had accumulated.

On the subject of halibut fishing the fisheries committee, through its chairman, Beaumont Boggs, reported as follows: Gentlemen—Your fisheries committee beg to report that the evidence of Mr. Batson, a fisherman lately employed by the New England Co., which has been taken at the request of the council, is clearly to the effect that fishing in Heate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound is continually being carried on by American vessels within the three mile limit, also that Canadian harbors are being used in the preparation to fish. The committee recommends that strong representations should be made to the Dominion government to prevent this and to protect Canadian interests which otherwise must be prejudiced by the special privileges granted to an alien company.

It was decided to incorporate this with the resolution proposed to be sent to Ottawa. A communication was read from Turner, Beeton & Co. as follows: F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretary Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C. Be Taxation Commission.

Dear Sir:—Owing to the heavy taxation on stocks, etc., which shareholders in B. C. are subjected to under the present assessment Act, we write this to bring before the notice of your board a particular hardship on the wholesale liquor interests. Clause 59 of the Liquor License Act, 1903, sets forth that commercial travellers representing houses and firms who carry on business outside the province of British Columbia shall pay \$200 a year for transacting business within the province, and you will notice, according to the enclosed correspondence with the surveyor of taxes, that not one of these license fees have been collected, which certainly militates against the British Columbia merchant, who has to pay his taxes and compete with firms from outside who contribute nothing to the government.

Taking a wider view of this matter, your board might see the advisability of representing to the commission in conjunction with Vancouver and other boards the fairness of the government putting a tax on all commercial travellers doing business in the province for houses not carrying stock in British Columbia, and having fixed this tax, taking care it is rightly enforced.

Yours faithfully, TURNER, BEETON & CO., LTD., HENRY B. THOMSON.

The subject will be taken up with the government. S. J. Pitts, as chairman of the committee, reported that the city council had been invited upon, and asked for information respecting terminal railway matters. His Worship the Mayor had stated that a proposal had been received from the Terminal Railway people advising that they intend to discontinue their passenger service, but are prepared to continue the delivery of freight in cars when offering, conditional upon the city giving the present terminal. In the opinion of His Worship the Mayor and board of aldermen, this proposal was not satisfactory, and a contra proposition has been made, particulars of which His Worship was not prepared to make public at this juncture. An acknowledgment has been received from the Great Northern Railway Company, in which it was stated that Mr. Hendry's return to the coast he will communicate their views, and they hoped that a mutually satisfactory arrangement would eventually be arrived at.

The following letter was read from the department of marine and fisheries, Ottawa: Dear Sir:—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, in regard to the board's recommendation to affording greater facilities for the shipment of crews for ocean-going vessels in British Columbia, and in reply I beg to say that this matter engaged the attention of the department during last session, and will be again taken up for consideration during the approaching session of parliament. I may state, for your information, that the respective system will require legislative authority. Yours faithfully, F. GOURDEAU.

A letter was read from the Geo. Carter Co., in which attention was called to the fact that "breast post" from the Orient destined for Victoria was taken on to Vancouver by the Empress lines, and from there sent back to Victoria causing considerable inconvenience. Fares post for the Orient was also sent to Vancouver making it necessary to mail it here two days before the Empress sailed.

A committee consisting of Geo. Carter, W. H. Bone and J. Forman was appointed to take this matter up. The president was authorized to appoint a committee to appear before the commission, which is to take up the subject of the Provincial Assessment Act.

It was also decided to wait upon the provincial government with respect to the question of an exhibit from British Columbia at the Portland fair next year. This was done upon the information being received that the Dominion government was not contemplating making an exhibit.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. Dr. W. Groves' signature is on each box, 25c.

Charles Vedder, a farmer living in Glenview, and George Cookington, his hired man, on Wednesday were instantly killed by being struck by a trolley car at Hartline crossing, about three miles from Schenectady, N. Y., as they were driving across with a sleigh.

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ENLIGHTENED BY EMPEROR. The Mikado Gives Luncheon to Foreign Ministers and Elder Statesmen.

Tokio, Jan. 5.—The Emperor to-day gave a New Year's luncheon to the members of the diplomatic corps, the elder statesmen, ministers and high officials.

Baron Danethan, the Belgian minister, and dean of the diplomatic corps, replied in behalf of the corps. Premier Katsura, on behalf of the Japanese nation, offered the customary hopes for the imperial and national prosperity.

RELIC OF OCLALLAM. An interesting relic, the ensign of the ill-fated Oclallam, has been added to the collection in the possession of Steamboat Inspectors Edwards and Fuller, states a report from Portland. The flag, the original colors of which are almost gone, was picked up on Dungeness sand spit by J. C. LeBrette, the assistant light-house-keeper at Dungeness. It was found soon after the disaster, and as the light house man was transferred to Alaska, he took it with him there, but believing the inspectors' office a better place for it, he forwarded it to Captain Edwards.

The Oclallam founders, in the great storm of a year ago while crossing the Straits from Port Townsend to Victoria, many lives being lost.

RECEIVED BY THE POPE. Canadian Minister of Finance in Audience With His Holiness at Rome. Rome, Jan. 5.—The Pope to-day received in private audience in his study Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Canadian minister of finance, and the latter's wife and daughter, Miss Zillah Fielding. They were presented by the Most Rev. Paul Bruchési, archbishop of Montreal.

ANOTHER FIERCE GALE. Vessel and Ten Men Lost Off Coast of Yorkshire—Steamer Ashore. London, Dec. 30.—A fierce gale from the Atlantic swept over the United Kingdom this morning. Mountainous seas are reported along the coasts.

At Stornoway, outer Hebrides, the Danish steamer Alabama dragged her anchors this morning in a northerly gale and stranded on Peninsula point. Her engine room and the stoke hold sections are flooded. She is leaning forward and is likely to starboard.

A small vessel with a crew of ten men foundered during the gale off Flannaburgh Head, Yorkshire, on the North sea. Several minor shipping accidents have also been reported.

Much damage was done inland. Telegraph and telephone lines are down and communications are interrupted with the provinces and some parts of the continent. A number of accidents in London, due to flying debris, have been reported.

FINANCIAL EXPERT DEAD. Henry V. Poor Passed Away at His Home in Brooklyn. Boston, Mass., Jan. 5.—Henry V. Poor, known for many years as a railroad authority and expert on financial affairs, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. Mr. Poor fell on the ice and broke an ankle three weeks ago, and the shock to his system eventually affected his heart. He was born in Andover, Maine, in 1818. For many years he lived in New York city, where he published a railroad book and many others on financial subjects. He was one of the founders of the New York Geological Society.

FOR WAR FUND. Russian Government Decides to Issue Picture Post Cards. St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The government has decided to issue a new set of stamps for foreign and domestic postage in denominations from one to ten kopecks, bearing pictures of the Kremlin, Plevna, Peter the Great's statue in St. Petersburg, etc., these stamps to be sold for three kopecks above the face value, the surplus going to aid widows and orphans of the war.

DEATH OF BELLE COLE. London, Jan. 5.—Belle Cole, the American singer, whose illness was reported yesterday, died this morning at half-past five o'clock.

BORN. GILLIAM—On Jan. 2nd, the wife of E. Gilliam, of a daughter. WILSON—At Nelson, on Dec. 31st, the wife of D. C. Wilson, of a son.

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