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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A Green Christmas.

A private telegram from Ottawa, dated the 25th, says: "The weather here is beautifully mild; no snow; no sleighing; bright sunshine."

Christmas Greetings.

THE COLONIST received compliments of the season on Christmas Day by telegraph from C. R. Hosmer, manager C.P.R. telegraphs, from the Toronto *Empire*, from the Westminster *Columbian*, from the Montreal *Gazette*, from the Ottawa *Citizen*, and from the Ottawa *Free Press*.

Wedding Bells.

On December 24th, at the residence of Rev. Donald Fraser, Miss Helen Bradbury was united in the bonds of holy matrimony, to Mr. Robert Davison, of the Queen City planing mills. A banquet at the house of the bride's brother, Mr. Thomas Bradbury, followed the event, at which a large company assembled.

Egyptian Oats.

The schooner Martha arrived on Christmas Day with a cargo of 26 tons of Egyptian oats for Brackman & Ker, from the ranch of Mr. H. Trim of Lulu Island. The oats, the finest ever seen in Victoria, it is said, were grown from seed imported direct from the Nile, and speakes volumes for the agricultural resources of British Columbia.

Diphtheria at Maple Ridge.

The *Columbian* reports diphtheria alarmingly prevalent in the municipality of Maple Ridge, and that Dr. Fagan has been employed by the municipality to remain in attendance on the patients until the disease has run its course. Up to date there have been two deaths from the disease at Port Hammond, and there are a large number of children now affected.

In the Grasp of a Devil-Fish.

A few days ago, in the waters of Puget Sound, the body of T. J. Hughes, accidentally drowned some days previous, was found floating by two men in a row boat. The body was at first sight taken for a log, but on closer inspection it was found to be the remains of poor Hughes, and the lifeless body was clasped in the embrace of a huge octopus, its long tentacles or arms being wound around the corpse.

Funeral of the Late John Cuthbert.

The funeral of the late John Cuthbert, formerly of Skeena River, and well known in Victoria, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of Mr. W. H. Smith, Cook street. Services were held in Christ Church Cathedral, and the body committed to the grave in Ross Bay cemetery. Following were the pallbearers: R. Cunningham, R. Doaney, W. H. Dempster, J. Graham, J. Clearihue and J. Roads.

Dazed With Fright.

On Monday afternoon, as the Westminster train was approaching the city, the engineer espied a woman walking on the trestle-work, and sounded the whistle to warn her of the approaching train. Instead of hurrying out of the road the woman remained perfectly still, apparently dazed with fright. A gentleman who happened to be passing at the time, saw the plight she was in and went to the rescue, and managed to get her off the track before the train arrived at the trestle.

Christmas at the "Chinese Home."

On Christmas Eve the girls in the Chinese Home, Cormorant street, were not forgotten. They were treated to a Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. Chase, the donors, were present; and also the matron, Rev. Mr. Starr, Mrs. Starr, Mr. and Mrs. Grant and a few others, and all thoroughly enjoyed the delight manifested by the girls, to whom a Christmas tree was a decided novelty. On Christmas day there arrived at the Home a magnificent cabinet organ, the gift of a number of lady tourists from Philadelphia, who last summer visited Victoria and became interested in the work being done among the Chinese by the Methodist Church.

Rock Creek Mines.

Mr. James Tallyard arrived from the Rock Creek mines yesterday and reports work as very brisk at that bustling camp. In Douglas' cross-cut ledge, a good body of ore has been found; and the tunnel is being driven rapidly forward, a depth of over one hundred feet having now been reached. All the ore as yet taken out at the camp looks well, and a shipment is now on the road to Salt Lake for test. Another shipment from the Carbonate is also coming down for Mr. Tate, of this city. The Alice and the Emma claims have been surveyed and the main Cariboo ledge traced into the Emma claim as well as into the Okanagon claim. The new claim on the Okanagon is looking better than ever and the claims will be worked all winter. Many American miners from the Cœur d'Alene and Salmon river are coming in, and about fifty miners in all are now making the camp their home.

Christmas Donations to the Royal Hospital.

The steward of the Royal Hospital, on behalf of the patients, desires to return thanks to the following gentlemen for Christmas cheer:

Lieut.-Gov. Nelson—plum pudding, roast beef, fruit, clothes.
Hon. J. H. Turner—papers.
Young Bros.—Christmas pudding.
H. L. Salmon—cigars and pipes.
S. E. King—plum cake.
W. Anderson—vegetables.
Victoria brewery—cask of beer.
Francis Beurchier—sucking pig.
Anderson Bros.—box apples.
Rowbotham & Co.—nuts and oranges.
H. D. Helmcken—sucking pig.
Van Volkenburgh Bros.—goose.
Jas. Phillips—vegetables.
H. Saunders—nuts, ham, oranges.
Redgrave & Ella—candy and oranges.
S. Nesbitt & Co.—cakes.
Dr. Davie—tobacco.
L. Goodacre—roast beef.
Bavaria Brewery—cask beer.
Lewis Lewis—clothes.
M. W. Waitt—cards and papers.

Preferred Death to Imprisonment.

The Chinaman, Lang Ah Sam, who was yesterday morning charged in the police court with having stolen cloth found in his possession, and who was delivered over to the Westminster police to be taken to the Royal City for trial this morning, defeated the law by suiciding in his cell yesterday afternoon. The successful attempt at self-destruction was most determined and deliberate, the Chinaman having removed his waist sash, and fastening it to one of the bunk standards, hanged himself by it, his feet touching the ground. He had evidently curled up his legs and deliberately choked himself to death. There being a raving lunatic in the opposite cell, any noise he may have made would have been unheard. The suicide was last seen at four o'clock, and was found dead by the officer in charge when he brought supper to the cell at half-past five o'clock. Dr. Milne, who was in the station at the time, made an immediate examination, but the spark of life had fled. An inquest will be held in the police office this morning at 11 o'clock.

Making Night Hideous.

The Yates street roller rink was the scene of a thoroughly unique concert last evening, and the citizens living in the neighborhood had the pleasure of listening to the assorted howling and cackling of 140 dogs and about 200 chickens. The range of canine voices was immense and the melancholy aspect of the soloists and chorus singers, made their performance appear more in the light of a dismal oratorio than a light opera. The listeners, who wanted to sleep, couldn't see the humor of the selections, which completely discounted the warbling of courting cats.

Christmas at the Hospital and at the Jail.

A genuine Christmas dinner of roast beef and plum pudding, with all the usual extras and *etceteras*, was provided for the prisoners confined in the provincial jail, on Tuesday, the genial warden presiding over the festivities.

The patients at the Royal Hospital also enjoyed a thorougly good Christmas dinner. Through the kind generosity of a large number of liberal citizens, an excellent spread was provided, the following being the bill of fare: Chicken soup, boiled salmon, roast turkey, goose, sucking pig and beef, plum pudding, mince and apple pies, fruit, confectionery and liqueurs. At twelve o'clock twenty-one patients gathered around the board, while eleven, unable to leave their beds, partook of the Christmas cheer in the wards. Messrs. Joshua Davies, J. S. Yates, W. M. Chudley, D. M. Eberts, Mayor Grant and Ex-Mayor Fell, were present, and did all in their power to make the happiness of the patients complete. The substantials having been tucked away, the toast of "The Queen" was heartily honored, and brief addresses delivered by Mayor Grant, Mr. Eberts, Mr. Davies and Ex-Mayor Fell.

The dining-room was very handsomely decorated, and the arrangements for the dinner perfect. In their addresses the different speakers referred briefly to the satisfactory condition of the hospital in every way, and the energy, capability and devotion of the steward, Mr. Garland.

Death of Mrs. Frank Campbell.

The heart-felt sympathy of all classes of the community, from the oldest to the youngest, will be extended to Mr. Frank Campbell to-day, when it is learned that his home has been suddenly converted into a house of mourning. At 8:30 last evening Mrs. Campbell, after but a few hours' illness, passed peacefully into eternity, in the presence of her afflicted husband and sorrowing children, who are almost overwhelmed with their great and sudden bereavement. Seldom has the truism "in the midst of life we are in death" been so forcibly presented as in this instance. Mrs. Campbell was in her usual health on Christmas Day, and there were fewer if any happier families in Victoria gathered around the Christmas fireside. She had been a sufferer for some time from Bright's disease, but although not in robust health, was able to attend to her household duties, and of late did not appear worse than usual. Yesterday, at noon, the deceased lady was taken suddenly ill; her husband, son and daughters were at once summoned, and the best of medical assistance obtained; but despite all that could be done to relieve her suffering, she grew rapidly worse, and at 8:30 last evening, as stated, she expired in the arms of her sorrowing husband. Mrs. Campbell was a lady whom to know was to esteem. A loving and faithful wife; a good, kind mother, and a true friend in need to scores who required her services. She will be sadly missed and deeply mourned, not alone by her family, but by the hundreds who have good cause to remember her charity. She was a true Christian woman, and has gone to her reward after a life of usefulness on this earth. The deceased lady was a native of County Cavan, Ireland, and was aged 58 years. She came to this city in the early days of the colony with her husband, and has since resided here. She leaves one son and three daughters to mourn the loss of one whose motherly counsels will be keenly missed. We extend our sympathy in this, the hour of their sorrow.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS DAY,

And How it Was Spent by Young and Old, in the Queen City of the West.

Another Christmas Day has come with bright sunshine and cloudless skies, bringing with it happiness and good cheer for all, and is now a day of the past. The children welcomed their especial holiday with ringing shouts of gladness, and the soft sweet strains of the tin horn, and the rub-a-dub-dub of the drum taking its first lesson in being beaten, were among the joyous sounds heard in the city even before earth had thrown her mantle of darkness off.

At 11 o'clock large congregations filled each of the Episcopal churches, which had been tastefully decorated in honor of the day, to listen to special Christmas sermons and appropriate music, and join in echoing the Christmas blessing—peace and good will to all.

In the afternoon, the promenade and drive drew hundreds of Victorians from their homes, to enjoy the delightful weather in walking, riding or driving. Beacon Hill was the objective point to which almost all turned their faces, and there several hundreds had gathered by 2 o'clock to witness the Christmas baseball match. The sides were quickly chosen and the boys went to work with a will. The charitable Christmas feeling was too apparent however, and the contest was not as exciting as it would have been had the players felt like fighting for supremacy.

Six innings only were played, and victory rested with Mr. Gowen's nine. The barrel of flour will be paid for by Mr. Jackson's men, and one of the charities will be benefitted thereby. The following composed the teams:

VICTORS—Messrs. Geo. Gowen, Burnes, Borthwick, Baker, Partridge, Wrigglesworth, Fee, C. N. Gowen and Smith.
VANQUISHED—Messrs. Jackson, Gouge, Deasy Hannan, Beckingham, Naylor, Mallandaine, Pierre and Widdowson.

Score by Innings.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	2	5	0	1	3	4	15
	0	0	0	0	1	7	0—8

Lovers of the gun and dog had a good time generally during the day. Shooting parties and solitary sportsmen were plentiful wherever game was to be found, and many returned with full bags. A few were content with practising at the butts, where some very creditable scores were made.

The football enthusiasts made the most of the pleasant afternoon, and several scrub games were played on Beacon Hill, the best of good humor and friendly feeling being shown everywhere. Good skating—the orthodox Christmas treat—was found by a few at Skinner's bottom, although the ice is in far from satisfactory condition. Probably no other city on the continent presented the two attractions on one day—a game of baseball and ice skating, both in the open air, on a mild, bright and beautiful day, such as we are generally favored with only in early spring. In the evening, no preparations having been made for any public entertainment, one and all employed the closing hours in the fireside pleasures which make the Christmas, the festival preeminent.

A Hint to Housekeepers.

Mrs. Robert Williamson, of Glenila, Parry Sound, Ont., says, "I could not keep house without Hagyard's Yellow Oil at hand. I have used it in my family for croup, sore throat, and a cut foot, and can highly recommend it to everybody." tts

AN APPROPRIATE PRESENT.

The employes of the Telephone Company and the City Electric Light Department, on Christmas Day presented Mr. R. R. McMicking with a pair of massive gold cuff-buttons, in the shape of miniature transmitters, and a solid gold scarf-pin, an exact model of a telephone, the handsome sovenirs being manufactured by Messrs. Pennock & Clayton.

The following address, appropriately engrossed, with telephone and electric light poles and wires forming the border, accompanied the gift:

We, the employés of the Telephone Co. and City Electric Light Department, join in wishing you a very happy Christmas, and in hoping that your *lines* may be ever free from *crosses* and *breaks*, and that our *joints* and *connections* may be *solid for years*.

Mr. McMicking was unable to acknowledge the gift in person as it was left at his residence for a Christmas surprise, but forwarded the following to his well-wishers, who had so kindly remembered him:

My Dear Friends:—

Your kindly worded address, and accompanying tokens of good will, reached me this morning, and—I was about to add—were quite unexpected—but sincere as the expression certainly would be, I fear that custom might throw around it a shadow of doubt, and I refrain, preferring simply to express to you, individually and collectively, my appreciation of the generous and kindly spirit thus made manifest.

It has ever been my highest ambition, while faithfully serving employer, to win the confidence and esteem of my co-laborers, and this incident, "coming upon me like a flood," is singularly pleasing, as evidence that my weak efforts have not been altogether in vain, and I trust that the desire to share one another's burdens may cause the same good feeling ever to prevail. Were it otherwise, this day which we celebrate in commemoration of the advent of "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men," would become to us a hollow mockery, and life would be robbed of one of its choicest treasures.

As my eyes are *pinned* to the emblematical and artistic design of the address, and accompaniments, I am reminded that although the *line* of our journeying through life may at times like the flight of the fleet-wing, be divergent, and even erratic, we hope, are the darkness deepens, to be *attracted* to the great centre *Light*, toward which our eyes are irresistibly turned, as we *climb step by step* beyond all *grounds* for remaining *soul-annoyed*, by the *attractions* and *currents of earth*.

Again thanking you for the beautiful emblems and kindly greetings, which will be *transmitted* as an heirloom down the *line of connections* where some, perchance, in time to come, may delight to *tell-of-own* [illegible] gently wish you one and all, a joyous, happy Christmas—and when our locks are whitened and our steps unsteady, the lip faltering, and the memory failing, may we mentally delight to *Hold* [illegible] to the incident of this balmy Christmas.

Yours [illegible] fully,
R. B. McMICKING.

PERSONAL.

T. E. Eldridge, of Tacoma, is at the Clarence.

John Marshall returns to Lillooet this morning.

James Tallyard, of Rock Creek, is at the Oriental.

F. C. Gamble, C. E., returned from the mainland last night.

W. H. and Mrs. Redmond returned from Vancouver last night.

Miss Lawrence, of Nanaimo, is the guest of Victoria friends.

Thaddeus Harper arrived last night from Ashcroft and is at the Driard.

J. P. Clough, H. H. Clayand wife, and George W. Emery, of Idaho, are at the Oriental.

D. J. Bousfield, of San Francisco, arrived from England last night over the C. P. R., and is at the Driard.

Ernest Bodwell, who spent Christmas in Vancouver, returned last night, accompanied by his brother Fred.

Thomas Dunn arrived from Vancouver last night, bringing his large St. Bernard dog with him for to-day's exhibition.

H. A. Jones, one of Vancouver's successful real estate men, is spending a few days in Victoria and is at the Poodle Dog.

Geo. Cowan, M. P. P. for Cariboo, arrived down last night from Barkerville, and is at the Oriental. He is in poor health.

Hon. Jno. Robson arrived home from Ottawa in time to spend Christmas with his family. He is in the best of health after his trip across the continent.

R. Harney, of the Bank of B. C., Vancouver; I. B. Fisher, manager of the Bank of B. C. at Westminster, and Capt. Martin, of the Antrim, spent Christmas in Victoria.

MARINE.

Steamer Isabel arrived from Departure Bay yesterday.

Tug Lottie arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with a scow load of coal and wood.

Tug Lottie left for Nanaimo last night to bring back coal for the O. R. & N. Co.

The bark Viola sails to-day for Liverpool. Her cargo consists of 21,890 cases of salmon and 500 of fish oil.

The Royal City Planing Mills Company have almost completed arrangements for the construction of a fine large tug suitable for towing sea-going vessels.

The S. S. Danube arrived at Vancouver on Sunday with 200 tons of flour for transhipment to the Batavia and consigned to Yokahama, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong. The Danube is undergoing some trifling alterations.

Ships Kaisow and Darra, lumber laden at Moodyville, will be towed to sea today.

Tug Pilot left last evening for Burrard Inlet to take the bark Darra to sea.

Tug Alexander left yesterday with the ship Duke of Abercorn for Burrard Inlet and will bring back the ship Kaisow.

Schooner Martha sailed for Ladner's Landing last evening, with a miscellaneous cargo for Mr. H. Trim.

POLICE COURT.

(Before Judge Richards.)

At eleven o'clock yesterday morning, a gentleman who had been summoned to appear in the police court and state why sentence should not be passed upon him for driving over James Bay bridge at an unorthodox pace, made his bow to an empty court-room, the magistrate not having yet arrived. After waiting for upwards of a quarter of an hour, with his lawyer, the culprit moved an adjournment and retired.

The magistrate took his chair at eleven thirty and proceeded to dispose of the one case on the docket.

Hing Fun, a bad Chinaboy, who had been caught in the act of supplying liquor to the aborigines, and handed over to the police by Messrs. Willoughby and Ward, civilians, was produced, his plea of guilty recorded, and sentenced to four months' imprisonment at hard labor.

The endorsement of *German Syrup* is unparalleled. We will publish 1000 testimonials received during the last six months. Read them. May save your life.

BURLINGHAM, N. Y., May 31, '86.

G. G. GREEN, Dear Sir:—I am frequently troubled with severe colds, and the only remedy that will relieve me of them is your *Boschee's German Syrup*. I have used it for more than twelve years. It is a constant household companion with me. Our merchant here procured it first at my solicitation, and says he has sold a great many bottles. It is a very popular remedy in this section. Every person who has used it speaks in the highest terms of its merits. I do not know of a single case it has not cured. I first used it in Vermont, where I lived before coming here. I advise everyone to use it, as it is certainly the best cough medicine I have ever known. I have tried nearly all of them at different times.

Yours respectfully, MOSES GRAY,
Proprietor Grist Mill.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

A DISASTROUS CHRISTMAS.

The Business Portion of Marblehead Destroyed by Fire.

About Sixty Buildings Burned, Not Including Factories—Two Thousand Five Hundred Persons Afflicted and Great Distress Must Follow—The Loss Will Reach Nearly Three Quarters of a Million—The Fire Under Control.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

MARBLEHEAD, MASS., Dec. 26.—Fire started on Christmas night in the cellar of Daniel Powers' store, which was connected with his residence. A Christmas party was going on there at the time. The explosion shook the whole building and the guests rushed from the house. Powers was sick in bed and was with difficulty removed. The flames spread rapidly and adjoining buildings were soon in a blaze. The buildings burned like tinder, despite the efforts of the firemen, and in a few hours a large area was covered by the fire. About 2:30 this morning the fire was gotten under control, having burned over a tract of from eight to nine acres in the business centre of the town. The burned district covers the space on both sides of Pleasant street, from Anderson street to Spring street; both sides of Spring street, except a school house, and both sides of the street from Sewall to Washington street, and a number of buildings on Nickerson's hill. The entire business portion of

THE TOWN IS IN RUINS.

the number of buildings burned is placed at about sixty outside of the shoe factories. The buildings consumed were all light frame structures, the only brick buildings destroyed were the Grand Army hall and the fire department headquarters. Among the shoe manufacturers burned out are Ballard Bros., John Barry, B. E. Cole & Co., Jacob W. Cropley, Edward Le Favour & Son, T. W. and J. M. Munroe, J. Horne, John C. Peach, Frank Steven Bros., Edwin S. Woodbury, Bridge & Carroll. Other losses are the furnishing house of D. B. H. Power & Co., William H. Caswell, painters; Nellie Rogers, millinery store; J. B. Blaney, boots and shoes; Red Men's hall; the armory of company "C," 8th regiment; the hall of the Samaritans; the tent of Washington division K. of T.; the American Express office; Paine's express; Lasters' union hall; J. J. O'Frost's saloon; E. E. Humphrey's meat market; a photograph gallery; Boston & Maine depôt; Rood's building, containing Stewart's saloon and G. A. R. Veteran club room; John Collier, shoe findings; New England boot and shoe; the cutters' protective union; Chas. A. Slee, drugs; Davis Bros., provisions.

ON PLEASANT STREET,

the Social Club; W. H. Wilson, Barber; W. T. T. B. Club; Arman's dining room; Nicholas P. Putnam's shoe store; A. B. Laney, house; L. W. Farwell's house; W. Lefevour's house; Mrs. Evans' house; Putnam's new store, damaged badly by water; J. A. Renald's barber shop; Summer Bros., jewelry; Francis H. Harrington, tobacco and periodicals; J. M. Hanson, harness; J. B. Graves, jr., keys; Wm. C. Gregor, drugs; the Essex club room; T. P. M. Risty's stove store; Thomas Halov's restaurant; the central fire station; G. A. R. Hall; Henry Symonds, periodicals and books; Geo. P. Graves, dry goods; the Boston branch grocery; Fred. Campana's house; the bicycle club house; T. L. R. society rooms; Amos Phillips, barber; Caswell & Shattuck, painters; Roberts' box factory; Paines' stable; Thos. G. Stacey's house; Rev. J. Curtis' house; George Churche's house, shop and stable. On Nickerson's Hill, Humphrey Dennis' house; the Prime Heirs; Edward Crownstuld's house; J. O. Lefavour's house; John Adams' house. The losses will aggregate $700,000. A number of militia, armed and uniformed, are patrolling the ruins and firemen are engaged in pulling down the high chimneys and dangerous walls. During the fire houses over one mile away caught fire from the sparks and were saved from destruction only by the promptness with which hand hose was used. At least 2,500 persons will be afflicted by the fire, and great distress must follow.

CABLE NEWS.

The Campaign Ended.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The military officials at Suakim are making efforts to persuade the government to advance into the desert, ostensibly for the purpose of pursuing the Arabs so far into the interior that they will not be likely to return, but Lord Salisbury is manifestly determined to recall the British troops, and leave the Egyptians to work out their own salvation. The sudden collapse of what promised to be a protracted Soudan campaign has dashed the hopes of promotion for valorous deeds on the field of battle of a great many army officers, and there is much growling among them in consequence. It is noteworthy that in military circles only the opponents of a campaign extending to the recovery of Khartoum have been officers of so high a rank as to place them beyond the possib lity of promotion.

The Ex-Queen of Servia.

ODESSA, Dec. 26.—Ex-Queen Natalie of Servia has been received with royal honors during her tour. Upon her arrival at the Russian frontier the Imperial chamberlain welcomed her on behalf of Czar and Czarina. At the various towns at which she stopped, the burgomasters all expressed the hope that she would resascend the throne. A gunboat is held in readiness to convey the Ex-Queen from Galto in the event of a crisis in Servia. Gen. Ignatieff has gone to Galta *incognito* to have an interview with Natalie.

An Immoral Play Condemned.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—In the senate to-day during a discussion of the estimates on account of fine arts, MM. Pastor and Presence and other speakers denounced the government for allowing the production at the Odion of Digonieurth's play "Germinie Lacerteux," which they decided was immoral. M. Lockroy, minister of public instruction, responded that the play was constructed with great literary skill and held that what was literary was rarely immoral. The government, he added, was unable to intervene after the censor had passed upon a play.

A Royal Marriage Arranged.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A marriage has been arranged between Arch Duchess Valeria and Duke Francis of Tuscany.

Christmas in Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The Emperor and Empress attended service yesterday in the cathedral. Dr. Stoeker, the court preacher, delivered the sermon. The Emperor sent hearty greetings to Prince Bismarck by his son Count Herbert Bismarck.

Will Not Contest the Vacant Seat.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Sir Wm. Pearce, son of the late Sir Wm. Pearce the shipbuilder, and member of parliament for Govan, has refused to enter the contest for his father's vacant seat. Sir John Pender, the cable magnate, is willing to accept the honor, and will probably receive the nomination.

The Stanley Reports Not Reliable.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Stanley stories, both from Zanzibar and the west coast, are becoming very doubtful. The only report that now appears certain of confirmation is that Stanley reached Emin, but it is feared the particulars given of the meeting are not reliable.

Flour Mills Burned.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Abbas Flour mills at Watham has been burned; loss, £9,000.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

THE GUN.

At Minneapolis, on the 24th inst., Dr. Wm. F. Carver commenced to shoot to break his record. He proposes to put bullets in 60,000 wooden balls in six days, from ten a.m. till midnight. In the first fifty minutes he shot at 100 balls and missed only thirty-five.

A shooting match has been arranged to take place on New Year's day between teams chosen from Westminster and Vancouver. As both cities boast of a number of crack shots, the match will doubtless prove interesting. The match will be shot on the Brownsville range and will be for a purse of $200. The teams will number either five or ten men each and the ranges will be 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots at each range.

FOOTBALL.

The Victoria footballers have arranged a match with Vancouver, to be played in the Terminal City on New Year's day. The team will be picked on Saturday.

The Westminster football boys play at Nanaimo on Saturday afternoon.

The Victoria footballers play at Westminster on January 12th.

FATAL DISASTER.

Burning of the Steamer Lief Erickson Near Seattle

With a Loss of Several Lives—Many of the Passengers Picked Up Out the Water by Passing Steamers—List of Those Lost.

The steamer Lief Erickson burned to the water's edge on Monday evening about 5 o'clock off Alki Point, five miles west of Seattle.

The Erickson was a propeller of 24 tons burthen and plied between Seattle and Sydney, Mason county, and was *en route* to that point when the accident occurred. The fire broke out in the pilot house and it is believed to have been

CAUSED BY A LAMP EXPLOSION.

Another theory is that a demijohn in the pilot house was broken and the whisky ran through to the boiler and ignited. There were 36 people aboard at the time. The fire spread instantly throughout the interior of the cabin. The boat was about twenty-seven miles from shore.

Capt. John H. Nibbe, owner of the boat, was in command. He left the wheel house for the purpose of launching the life raft, but found the passengers trying to put the raft overboard. In the struggle to rescue the raft from a passenger, Capt. Nibbe fell overboard with the raft. In the meantime the passengers were putting on life preservers and seizing firewood or anything else that would float.

JUMPED OVERBOARD.

Capt. Nibbe saw his neice, Miss Annie Tallmer, daughter of Mrs. Bertha Tallmer, of Sydney, struggling in the water, about 150 feet from him, and did his utmost to push the raft toward her, but she was drowned less than 100 feet away from him. He was hampered with gum boots and was almost helpless.

The steamer Skagit Chief, *en route* to Tacoma, saw the fire, and the vessel crowded steam to give assistance. She rescued seven people.

The steamer Mountaineer saw the fire four miles away, and headed straight for the burning steamer. When within half a mile of the Erickson she found the people struggling in the water, lowered a small boat and succeeded in

RESCUING NINETEEN PERSONS.

One man was taken from the water and died in a few minutes. His name is not known. He said just before he died that his wife was lost from the steamer.

THE LOST.

The list of the lost is as follows:
Miss Annie Tallmer, of Sydney.
J. H. Norens, of the Norens brickyard company, Sydney.
Jack Simons, a half-breed fisherman.
S. Smith, of Smith, Taylor & Co., of Colby.

A man and wife whose names have not been ascertained.

The survivors also report another woman as lost.

The steamer burned to the water's edge and has no doubt sunk. Neither the Skagit Chief nor Mountaineer

WENT TO THE BURNING STEAMER,

as all hands had deserted her and she was enveloped in flames. Both devoted every effort to saving life from the water. The survivors speak in great praise of work by the officers, crew and passengers of the Skagit Chief and Mountaineer.

The Erickson was valued at $4,000, and was not insured. She had a light cargo.

The steamer Henry Bailey, tug Politkofsky and steamer Edith also assisted in rescuing the passengers of the Lief Erickson. The Skagit Chief's boat made two trips and together with the men picked up by persons on board the steamer, saved eleven men, the names of whom, as far as could be learned, were: Thomas Whitley, John Bachelor, Archie Stevens, Chris Johnson, and John Carson. Among the saved whose names could not be ascertained was one man who appeared to have been

DRIVEN INSANE BY THE DISASTER.

He could not give his name and kept crying fire and murder, and would at times call out to his wife, who is said to have been the first person to jump from the Erickson when she took fire. The other unknown men were picked up in an unconscious condition and were resuscitated with great difficulty. All of those rescued by Skagit's Chief's men were placed on the Mountaineer and retured to Seattle. The Mountaineer probably saved ten men and Politkofsky one. The engineer of the Erickson is reported to have stayed at his post and perished in the flames.

One of the passengers said that the fire originated near the bow and if ordinary precaution had been used could have been extinguished. He said that there was no life-boat or raft on board, that the only life-saving apparatus consisted of a number of life-preservers. When the steamer first caught fire she was headed toward shore but the tiller ropes broke and she came up in the strong wind that was blowing.

COBBLE HILL CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. P. McLennan and Miss Farnsworth were united in marriage recently, and have the best wishes of all their friends.

A few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Copley, of Cobble Hill, lost their twin sons, aged about nine months. The bereaved mother was taken very ill and now lies in a critical position. She is receiving the greatest care at the hands of her daughter, Mrs. M. McKeon; and other kindly watchers, who deeply sympathize with the family in their trouble, and earnestly hope Mrs. Copley may soon be restored to health and strength. L.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Ottawa Will Have a Green Christmas, the First in Many Years.

Capital Sentence on Prosper Commuted to Penal Servitude—Restriction of Franking Privileges in the Departments—Manufacture of Beet Sugar—Exports of Live Stock to Europe on the Increase.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Capital sentence on Prosper, the Nova Scotia murderer, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

The exports of the live stock to Europe show a large increase over last year.

A delegation of the Toronto board of trade waited on Sir John and invited him to attend the annual dinner on January fourth. The Premier consented.

The customs department has received 5 samples of beet sugar made at the new factory of Berthier, Quebec. Sixteen hundred farmers cultivated the product this summer.

Consternation has been created in the departmental buildings through the restriction of the franking privilege.

Ottawa will have a green Christmas for the first time in many years, considerable rain having fallen here to-day.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The exports for the last financial year were $90,203,000, and the imports $110,800,000. The imports for home consumption were $102,847,000. The duty collected was $22,209,000. The exports show an increase over last year, and the imports a decrease; the duty was about the same.

The government has secured for A. Holt, a Canadian, an indemnification of $1,000 from the United States Government for false imprisonment at Wyoming three years ago.

The country loses a valuable official by the death of Cunningham Stewart, financial comptroller in the postoffice department this afternoon. Cause, typhoid fever.

Dickey, conservative, was re-elected for Cumberland to-day.

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

BEAVER POINT SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

The half-yearly examination of the Beaver Point School, Salt Spring Island, was held on Friday, 21st inst. Trustees Messrs. Trage and Peavine, and a large number of parents and friends of the pupils were present, and at the conclusion of the exercises, the children, in consideration of the very creditable manner in which they had undergone their examination, were invited by the visitors to conclude the day's proceedings with a little picnic. This foretastement of the usual festivities of the season was thoroughly enjoyed by the young folks, whose happy faces, beaming with joy and ruddy with health, stimulated by the pure, fresh air of this beautiful island, bore unmistakeable evidence of genuine happiness and contentment.

The pupils who distinguished themselves in the various classes were as follows: Seniors—Alfred Ruckle, in mental and slate arithmetic; George Colley, in history and geography; Clara Trage, in composition and manual work; and Ellen Ruckle, in geography and definition. Juniors—Robert McLellan and Agnes Ruckle, in mental arithmetic and spelling; Adolphe Trage and Alexander McLellan, in manual work and arithmetic. Great credit is due to the ladies of the district for the manner in which they exerted themselves in the interest of the school. Amongst these may be mentioned Mrs. Ruckle, Miss Trage, Mrs. Peavine, Mrs. Colley and Mrs. McLellan. The teacher, Mr. W. A. Levinge, then dismissed the pupils for the holidays.

SOUTH COWICHAN SCHOOL.

The closing exercises of the South Cowichan school, of which Miss A. L. Johnston is the estimable teacher, were conducted on Friday, 21st inst. The reading of the several classes was good; replies to questions in geography, grammar and arithmetic were apt; also spelling, in which Pauline Nelson ranked first. While it is to be regretted that the attendance in many cases has been very irregular, and while one easily distinguished such from those regularly attending, yet the progress of the whole school was indicative of the painstaking of so well qualified an instructor. With more attention on the part of the parents in this matter, the success of the school would be insured. Trustee Shearing and others spoke of their fullest satisfaction and three cheers being given the teacher by the children, the latter were dismissed.

Notwithstanding the rain there were a goodly number of visitors in attendance. The school room was very prettily decorated, and prizes in the different subjects were presented by Miss Johnston to the successful scholars.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

VICTORIA'S MARKET REPORT.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE WEEKLY.
December 27th, 1888.

FLOUR—Hungarian	$ 7.40
Strong Bakers	7.30
Royal	6.30
Premier	6.30
Snowflake	6.20
Superfine	5.20
Wheat, per ton	35.05
Oats, per ton	35.05
Barley, per ton	30.05
Middlings, per ton	28.00
Bran, per ton	28.00
Ground Feed, per ton	32.50
Oil Cake, per ton	37.50
Corn, whole	40.05
" Cracked	45.00
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs. Canadian	2.70
Oatmeal " "	4.20
" " Saanich	3.50
Bean, large white, per 100 lbs	5.00
" small " "	4.00
" Bayo "	3.75
Peas, for feed, per ton	28.05
Potatoes	15.00
" Sweet, per 100 lbs	4.00
Onions, " "	1.20
Hay, baled, per ton	20.05
Straw, per bale	1.25 @ 1.50
Apples, Granvenstein, per bx 50lbs	1.50
Melons, Musk & Cant., per crate	3.75
" Water "	4.05
Bananas, per bunch	4.00
Pears, choice Bartlett, per box	2.00
Peaches " "	1.25
Plums, Island, per lb	2 to 3
Grapes, Muscatelle, 35 lbs	1.50
Cocoanuts, per 100	11.00
Tomatoes, Cal. 25 lb box	1.00
Eggs, Island, per dozen	50
" Imported "	30
Butter, roll, Island, per lb	40
" Imported "	27
" tub or firkin, creamery	32
" " " dairy	24
Cheese, local, per lb	15
" Canadian "	15½ @ 15
" California "	17 @ 18
Hams, Evans, per lb	15
" American "	17 @ 18
Bacon, Evans, Breakfast, per lb	14 @ 16
" American "	16½
" Rolled "	14
Shoulders "	13½
Lard "	12½
Meats—Beef "	8
" Mutton "	8
" Pork, fresh "	7
" Veal, dressed "	12½ 15
" Tallow "	2½
Wool "	24
Hides "	4 to 7½
Skins, sheep, each	25 to 35
Fish, Salmon, "	7
" Halibut "	8

Black Bruce Materials a Specialty.

Ladies who wear Black from choice will always find the most varied selection at the Orr House. *

A GILDED SIN.

[A SERIAL STORY BY BERTHA M. CLAY.]

(Continued.)

"The worst is, that if I fail to get the money from you, I must try to find out who is the next most interested in the matter. There is one thing that you cannot deny, Miss di Cyntha—you burned the will." She paused with a sudden cry.

Unperceived by either, Sir Marc had entered through the open window, and stood with a horror-stricken face, listening to the last few terrible words.

With an air of terrible bewilderment he looked from one to the other; Veronica was white as death, the servant-girl insolent in the full triumph of her accusation, in the knowledge of her victory. Veronica looked round when she saw the sudden dawn of fear in the girl's eyes. She uttered no cry when she saw her lover, but a cold terrible shudder seized her. He came to her and took her hand.

"What is the matter, Veronica? What does this insolent woman say? Why do you allow her to insult you?"

"Truth is no insult, Sir Marc," put in Norton.

"Say the word, and I will send for a policeman, and will give her into custody. I heard a little of what has passed, and I see she is trying to extort money from you—why not order her from the house?"

"Ah, why not?" cried Morton, insolently. "As you say, Sir Marc, why not?"

"I take the duty upon myself," he said; "