Some Of The Shop Windows

A Cursory Glance By a Colonist Reporter at Government Street Displays.

Storekeepers Now Placing On View Their Choicest Holiday Wares.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Though the shop windows can hardly be said to present their ultimate holiday appearance, they already present a very pretty spectacle, in view of the approaching festive season, and pedestrians along the principal thoroughfares have ample to attract their attention. Going north along Government street from the James Bay embankment, the first of the shop windows to attract the eye of the passerby are those of the Windsor Grocery. A portion of the front is utilized by a florist, and in this the Windsor firm is fortunate, as ample opportunity is afforded for decorative achievement. Christmas trees and evergreens are now being placed in position along the front of the store, and when this feature of the holiday adornment is complete the establishment is bound to present a particularly attractive appearance. The Windsor company is noted for always carrying a choice line of grocer's delicacies, and the big show windows which the store possesses permits of a fine display being made of these goods and ample scope for an exhibition of the window dresser's art.

White's drug store, a little farther up the street on the opposite side, is the next place of business to attract the attention of the stroller for its display of holiday goods. Druggist's goods and the fancy articles carried by such concerns during the Christmas season lend themselves in a peculiarly happy way to pretty window adornment, and Mr. J. L. White has taken full advantage of this circumstance, with the result that his store, with its brilliant vari-colored lights, presents an exceptionally attractive appearance, particularly in the evenings.

Shakespeare's jewelry store, just across the street, is the next point which calls for attention from the pedestrian who is on the lookout for pretty window effects. Mr. Shakespeare has a very fine stock this year, particularly in the silverware line, and as his show windows are wide and of plate glass, ample opportunity is afforded for the display of wares which always attract the eye of the passer-by.

Perhaps no firm in the city have the same opportunities for a rich and striking display as Messrs. Hinton & Co., the electricians. The scope which electrical devices give for unique spectacular effects is almost unlimited, and Messrs. Hinton & Co. carry a full line of the very latest novelties, and as their window space is large, a very special opportunity is presented for the arrangement of an exhibit which draws visitors for blocks, particularly when the "juice" is turned on in the evening. It is quite safe to say that Messrs. Hinton's establishment will be one of the prettiest in town during the continuance of the holiday season.

Of course, it goes without saying, that one of the beauty spots on Government street during the festive season will be the show windows of Messrs. Weiler Bros. Here the art of the window dresser has ample scope for a display of particular magnificence. Four very large windows of great dimensions fronting on two blocks, are invariably so artistically filled with a stock of household requirements as to attract and hold the attention of the pedestrian; but with the approach of the holidays, they are taking on a more than usually resplendent appearance, with the result that during the busy hours of the day a throng of interested spectators can always be seen viewing the rich tapestries, curtains, carpets and rugs; the splendid china and glassware, which, even when viewed from across the street, irresistibly attracts one by the reflected light from the brilliant and sparkling polished surfaces; the magnificent furniture display in the northern windows and other household garniture which, for quality and special variety, cannot be excelled in any part of Western America. It is a matter of common comment, particularly with visitors from distant points, that the stock which Messrs. Weiler Bros. carry is far and away superior to anything seen in towns of similar size in Western America. This is probably due to the circumstance that a large proportion of the resident population of Victoria is made up of a very wealthy class, representing a type of English life which is to be found nowhere else in Canada—or, for that matter, in America—in towns of similar size.

Yesterday the West End Grocery concern, whose splendid show windows, with their fine dressing, have always been a feature of Government street shop adornment, had not completed the display for this week. Notice will be given later of this company's showing, as also of the numerous other prominent stores along Government street and the leading thoroughfares of the city.

Property Owners Association Meet

Annual General Meeting of the Organization Held Yesterday Afternoon.

Some Very Important Public Questions Considered by the Members.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

In the City hall yesterday afternoon the annual general meeting of the Victoria Property Owners' Association was held, when a considerable amount of business was transacted. There was a good attendance of influential property owners. Mr. F. B. Pemberton was in the chair, and the secretary-treasurer, Mr. Thomas C. Sorby, submitted the report of the board of management for consideration.

The election of the office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. Pemberton; secretary-treasurer, Mr. T. C. Sorby; new members of board of management, Messrs. James Forman, Charles Hayward and James Douglas.

A discussion took place as to the new sidewalks now being laid by the corporation, especially as to their cost. This matter will be dealt with at subsequent meetings of the association.

The following report of the board of management was duly considered, and, with slight amendments, was passed:

Gentlemen—Your board of management beg to report a subscribing membership of fifty, including bankers, lawyers, manufacturers, merchants, transportation companies, and others interested in real estate in Victoria.

2. We have secured the representation on the voters' list of a number of corporations, who were not previously represented, as a means of strengthening our hands at the polls.

3. One of our first proceedings was an endeavor to interest the cities of New Westminster and Nanaimo in the movement by the formation of kindred associations like Vancouver; we were unsuccessful, however, in trying to secure a combined movement that might have been of so much provincial value.

4. Some doubt existed in the public mind as to a certain gravel contract for material used in the formation of the new permanent sidewalks and the action of the council therein. The board made enquiries in the matter, but finding the allegation was due to a misunderstanding of the facts of the case, they caused a statement of the matter to be laid before the ratepayers through the press.

5. The board's attention was called to the grant in aid of the visit of the band to the States, they expressed their disapproval, but on discussion with the Mayor (who also disapproved the grant), it was decided to let the matter rest.

6. The attention of the board was called to the inequitable method of assessing the cost of permanent sidewalks on corner lots and they laid the matter before the council. The matter has been discussed and referred to the streets committee and the board have reason to hope some equitable arrangement, similar to that in vogue in other cities, will be made in the near future. The excessive cost of the work, the hollow state of considerable portions, and the danger of slipperiness due to the finish of the surface have also been under consideration.

7. The board have also had under their consideration the more equitable adjustment of the burthen of taxation for the purpose of public education. Admitting all the advantages to the community of education and the duty of the taxpayer to provide for the education of the young at the public expense, the board consider that the present method of education should be reconsidered. They have placed themselves in communication with the educational departments of other provinces with a view to collecting all available data and propose to submit the whole question, as to limitation and scope of education at the public expense, for the consideration of this association in public meeting, with a view to such action as they may decide to take.

8. The board also propose to invite the consideration of the association to certain amendments in the Municipal Clauses Act, amending sections 52 and 59, omitting the power to grant sums of money in aid of "gatherings to be held to the purpose of public sports and amusements, etc."

9. Also amending section 94, making it compulsory for the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to appoint "fit and proper persons to act as auditors to audit all municipal and school board accounts."

10. Also inserting a section in amendment of section 94 enabling municipalities to let lands or streets or grant privileges, charters or franchises on long leases on terms to be agreed upon and taking away the power to grant or alienate to any person or corporation the fee simple or to give any bonus or exemption in any case.

F. B. PEMBERTON,
President.
THOS. C. SORBY,
Secretary-Treasurer.
C. A. HOLLAND.
J. FORMAN.
C. SPENCER.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Dr.			
1904.			
Nov. 30	To amount of subscriptions received for the financial year ending Nov. 30, '94		$248 00
			$248 00
		Cr.	
1904.			
Nov. 30	By printing, station'y, receipt and account books, typewriting, etc.	$ 57 35	
	Salary paid to sec-treas., including office	130 00	
	Postage, etc. to date	6 44	
	Cash at bank $49 90		
	Cash in hand 4 31		
		54 31	
			$248 00

THOS. C. SORBY,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
JAMES FORMAN.

2nd December, 1904.

Whereas in the opinion of this association the present burden of taxation for educational purposes presses unjustly upon the taxpayer and should be more equally divided between those who receive education and those that pay for it:

Be it therefore resolved, "That free accommodation and tuition in the public schools be limited to pupils under the full age of 16, and that a fee, not exceeding one-half the average cost of tuition, payable in advance, be charged to all pupils attending the High Schools under the age of 20, and after that age the full average cost, to be payable in advance.

"2. That a clear and distinct copy of the Ten Commandments shall be placed in some conspicuous place in every room in which pupils are taught.

"3. That in municipal corporations the school board shall consist of seven members: the mayor of the city shall be chairman, three members appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, one appointed by the council, and two elected by the voters on the mayor's list.

"4. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of all school boards, and a full statement of accounts, signed by the auditor, shall be published in three issues of two daily papers published in the municipality.

"5. That any person who is unable to read and write the English language shall not be entitled to vote at any poll open for the registration of votes.

"6. That the board of management be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to endeavor to secure the aforesaid amendments.

Whereas in the opinion of this association the present powers conferred on the council of any municipality to grant sums of money out of their annual revenue, as a contribution to any "gathering to be held for the purpose of public sport, and amusement," is liable to abuse:

Be it therefore resolved, "1. That section 52 of the Municipal Clauses Act be amended by the striking out of all words after 'Dominion of Canada' in the fourth line to the end thereof.

"2. That section 59 of the said act be repealed.

"That the board of management be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to endeavor to secure the aforesaid amendments."

Whereas it s the opinon of this association that it is not in the interest of any municpality to grant to any persons or corporation the fee simple to any land or franchise by way of bonus or grant any absolute exemption from any rate or tax:

Be it therefore resolved, That section 64 of the Municpal Clauses Act be amended by adding the following words after the word "chargeable" at the end of the sixth line: "except in the form of a lease for a period of years for a definite consideration, and; or as may best secure the object in view."

That the board of management be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to endeavor to secure the aforesaid amendment.

Whereas in the opinion of this association the interests of all municipalities would be better secured by the auditing of accounts by a public auditor, as provided in section 94 of the Municipal Clauses Act:

Be it therefore resolved, 1. That sections 95 to 99 of the aforesaid act be repealed and that the power conferred by the act on the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be put in force forthwith.

2. That the board of management be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to endeavor to secure the aforesaid amendments.

Whereas this association having heard that it is proposed to seek the re-enactment of the latter portion of sub-section 3, section 135, Municipal Clauses Act, that was especially repealed by section 17, Amendment Act, passed 1904:

Resolved, That this action be opposed and that the section stand as last amended.

This was all the business and the meeting then terminated.

MISS LEITER'S WEDDING.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The wedding of Miss Daisy Leiter and the Earl of Suffolk will take place at the Washington house of the Leiter family during the last week in December. Probably on Wednesday, December 28th.

"WHITECAPS" INDICTED.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 12.—A sensation has been created by the indictment of H. Montgomery, a member of the legislature, and J. C. Bryant and J. B. Willis, supervisors of Lincoln county, charged with whitecapping. More than four hundred indictments have been found against alleged whitecappers. These indictments including a number of wealthy citizens.

Millions More Go Up In Smoke

Worst Fire in the City's History Raged This Morning in Minneapolis.

Between Three and Five Million Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed.

Minneapolis, Dec. 13.—Probably the worst fire that the city of Minneapolis has ever known is raging here, and already, at 12:30 o'clock, three million dollars' worth of property has been destroyed, with prospects that the total loss will reach at least five millions.

The fire started in the photographic supply house of O. H. Peck, on Fifth street and First avenue south, and in less than half an hour this building was a mass of wreckage. Next to the Peck building is the furniture supply house of Boutelle Bros., the largest house of its kind in the Northwest. This building soon caught fire and is now burning, the sparks from which were carried four blocks by the north wind which is blowing, causing several small fires throughout the city. Relief has been secured from St. Paul, that city having sent all its available fire apparatus. With the wind strong, aided by heroic work, the men are experiencing considerable difficulty in their work, which has not as yet been effective, as the fire is burning itself out in one or two buildings, and their work is entirely directed to the buildings in close proximity in an attempt to save them. It is reported that three firemen have already lost their lives.

UNDER CONTROL.

Minneapolis, Dec. 14.—The fire chief states that the fire is under control. It is believed that the loss will not be as heavy as at first reported.

What Some People Say

That if you find it hard to pronounce Tfa-hsi, who has just celebrated her seventieth birthday, you might do your business with the Dowager Empress over the long distance 'phone and call her "pettie."

That with the telephone to Vancouver in operation and more than three weeks still left in lean year, there is yet hope for Mayor McGuigan.

That if you want to catch the mail it's time to write that letter to Santa Claus, Esq.

That Mrs. Chadwick merely wanted to help Andrew Carnegie die broke, but deliriously happy.

That hibernating is the part of the game which suits the Russian bear best of all.

That the football-like rush of the players in the great scene of "Pretty Peggy" suggests a Bargain Day effect for Clyde Fitch in his next Department Store drama.

That Jane Corcoran should have grounds for action against the local paper that referred to her marked success in the roles of "Pretty Peggy."

That the Christmas trees are all in bud and promise a good crop ten days hence.

That "Douglas, the Shoeman," made himself Governor of Massachusetts a few weeks ago by a newspaper advertising campaign. Aspirants for the aldermanic board please note.

That the people who kick the hardest over the withdrawal of the Sidney-Guichon passenger service never patronized the route when they had a chance.

That it's time for the school trustees to dust off and polish up their little "closing day" speeches.

That four days hence school teachers and pupils will have a Thanksgiving day of their own.

That if we all could feel as Carnegie does about the joy of poverty, how much happier we could be at Christmas time.

That while Andrew Carnegie expresses a desire to die poor, he doesn't seem to yearn to live that way. And it doesn't count much anyway when you're dying.

That the man that stole Chief Langley's dog added insult to dire injury.

That the wicked but wily cigarette bid under the sofa and so escaped annihilation at the annual meeting of the Women's Council.

That Marshal law will be declared in the fire department now that Ald. Oddy's by-law has gone through.

That the hapless turkey may now perceive his conclusion.

That those American fishermen have no right to hail-butt in to a Canadian industry.

That the Tourist Association ought to take an active part in getting out good live men for the council.

GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT.

Denver, Dec. 13.—The next annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in this city beginning September 5, 1905. The railroads have granted a rate of one cent a mile. This announcement was made tonight by the executive committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was in session.

KAISER REHEARSES OPERA.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Emperor William today personally superintended the dress rehearsal of Leoncavallo's "Der Roland von Berlin." Only a few members of the Emperor's household were permitted to be with him in the royal opera house while the rehearsal was proceeding. The Emperor made several suggestions of a practical sort.

ANOTHER VERSION.

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Chefoo gives a rumor of the sinking of a big Japanese warship off Port Arthur on November 30th, three hundred persons being drowned; and of two Russian torpedo boat destroyers by Japanese on November 24th. The first of these reported disasters is probably only another version of the sinking of the Japanese cruiser Saiyen.

SOME OF MRS. CHADWICK'S VICTIMS.

Mayor Keary For A Third Term

Royal City Municipal Elections Yesterday Brought Out Many Candidates.

J. W. Creighton Heads The Poll For School Trustee—Other Winners.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Dec. 12.—The city elections today resulted in the return for a third term of Mayor W. H. Keary by 250 majority over James Johnston, the poll being Keary 441, Johnston 191. The count of the aldermanic votes will not be finished for some time as there are fifteen candidates and counting is therefore slow and tedious. As far as can be ascertained at this hour the leaders for aldermen are Vanstone, Shiles, Adams, Henly, Forrester and Davies. These with Sinclair are likely to compose the board. The school trustees vote shows the return of J. W. Creighton at the head of the poll with Cunningham and Peck also elected.

TAXING THE MINES.

Idaho Receives Large Revenue From Tax on Net Profits.

Wallace, Idaho, Dec. 12.—One hundred thousand dollars will be paid into the treasury of Shoshone county before January 1st by the mining companies of the Coeur d'Alenes for their 1904 taxes. Saturday, December 31st, will be the last day upon which the taxes can be paid, they becoming delinquent January 1st. The taxes this year are considerably above any amount received heretofore from the mining companies for one year's taxes, which is due to the new manner of mine taxation and the greatly increased production of the district. Of the $100,000 taxes, $70,053.43 will be paid by the large producing mines on their net profits for 1903, and the balance upon improvements. The last session of the legislature passed an act taxing the mines upon their net profits. This law compels the mineowners to furnish the county assessor with a sworn statement of the number of tons of ore extracted during the year, the gross yield, the cost of extraction, the reduction and transportation charges, the cost of repairs and construction and the net profit or loss. The regular levy is then made upon the net profits. In addition the companies are assessed upon their improvements. The net profits of nine mines for 1903 were $2,165,416, and it is upon this amount the assessment for the 1904 taxes is made. The state and county levy for this year is $2.75.

SHOWS GRATITUDE OF RUSSIA.

Czar Gives Silver Bowl to Cruiser Talbot, Money to Hospital.

London, Dec. 12.—In recognition of the assistance rendered by the British cruiser Talbot to the crews of the Russian cruiser Variag and gunboat Koreits after the battle of Chemulpo, the Emperor of Russia has presented a silver bowl to the wardroom of the Talbot and $2,500 to the Prince of Wales as a present for the royal navy fund.

MILLIONAIRE'S SUDDEN DEATH.

New York, Dec. 12.—Frank Murphy, a well-known resident of Omaha died of heart disease at the Waldorf-Astoria today. He leaves a fortune of $6,000,000.

What Is Delaying The Minnesota

Big Steamship Was Expected at San Francisco Long Before This.

Suggested That Her Boilers Ma Have Developed Serious Defects.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Many days ago all the San Francisco newspapers were expecting the steamer Minnesota from New York any hour. The vessel had left Coronel a considerable time before that period, and allowing for all sorts of drawbacks, such as rough weather she should have reached San Francisco before the newspapers there mentioned her likely arrival.

It is interesting to note that the Minnesota has not yet been reported at San Francisco, or even as having reached San Diego, from which point her passing would be signaled immediately. It is gathered from sundry hints in several of the American newspapers that the Minnesota was having a little trouble with her boilers even on the east coast of South America. It is possible that this may have developed to such an extent as to necessitate slow steaming, though it is hardly likely that there would be such an alarming reduction as to eight knots an hour, as suggested by a Sound newspaper the other day.

The Minnesota has a good many thousand tons of anthracite coal as cargo for San Francisco, and this will be unloaded at the wharves if the tides serve. Otherwise she will anchor in the bay and discharge into lighters.

There is hardly any probability of the Minnesota reaching Victoria before the closing days of the present month, even were she to report at San Francisco today, owing to the time that it will take to discharge her cargo in the manner described. Should it turn out that the Minnesota's boilers have proved unsatisfactory by reason of leakage or other defect, there is a strong likelihood that they will have to undergo a thorough overhaul at Seattle before the vessel attempts the long round trip to China and back. These boilers are American pattern and were built by the same firm that constructed the Minnesota's hull.

FRENCH BOUNTY BOATS.

Another of Them Will Make the Pacific Round Trip in Ballast.

Port Townsend, Dec. 12.—(Special)—the French bark Bourbaki, Capt. Jean, arrived this morning from Hongkong in ballast. Orders awaited the vessel to proceed light to Sydney, N. S. W. She sails Tuesday.

PUGET SOUND SHIPPING.

Movements of Various Vessels to and From American Ports.

Port Townsend, Dec. 12.—The American ship John Currier has arrived in port from Port Gamble to secure a crew and clear for her voyage to Adelaide. She has a cargo of 1,450,000 feet of lumber, part of which was loaded at Port Blakeley and the balance at Port Gamble. The Gurrier is commanded by Capt. P. S. Murchison and is owned by the California Shipping Company of San Francisco.

The five-masted schooner Crescent, Capt. Olsen, arrived in port Saturday morning after a voyage of seventeen days from Redondo. She will load a return cargo of lumber from one of the Sound mills and expects to receive orders very shortly to proceed to her loading port.

Winslow, Dec. 12.—The British ship Engelhorn came off the ways here Saturday morning and proceeded to Port Blakeley where she will take on the first portion of her lumber cargo for Australia.

Tacoma, Dec. 12.—The French bark Edouard Detaille has completed her cargo of wheat and expected to proceed to sea Sunday morning. She has a cargo of over 100,000 bushels loaded by the Puget Sound Flouring Mills Company and consigned to the United Kingdom. She clears for Queenstown for orders.

Tacoma, Dec. 12.—The French ship Amiral Cecille, Capt. J. Annette, which has almost become a landmark in the harbor here, has at last been released from the custody of the United States marshal and has a tug ordered to proceed to sea tomorrow morning. The Cecille has been in the hands of the marshal since the 11th of November last, when she was seized in consequence of a libel on the part of the owners of the steamer Multnomah, with which vessel the French ship was in collision on the night of the 10th ult. The libel was for damages amounting to $8,000, but instead of giving a bond immediately after the testimony in the case had been taken as is customary in such cases, the owners of the ship declined to do so, hence the long detention of the ship here with her cargo aboard and crew under pay. A compromise was finally effected Saturday by which the ship gives bonds in the sum of $7,500 in lieu of $10,000, as at first demanded. The Amiral Cecille has a grain cargo worth over $90,000, loaded for Girvin & Eyre, and destined for the United Kingdom. She goes to Queenstown for orders.

Winslow, Dec. 12.—The American schooner Salem arrived in port today from Hadlock and will go on the ways here for cleaning and painting, after which she will load a cargo of lumber probably at Port Blakeley. The Salem has been lying idle at Hadlock since her arrival on the Sound about the 1st of last September.

GIRL STUDENTS SPANKED.

Initiation at Chicago Art Institute Is a Great Frolic for Women.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Before an audience of 400, at the Art Institute last night, 23 girl students were spanked as part of an initiation. There was only one man present. He was Dr. William R. Harper, and he neither blushed nor cracked a smile, but looked straight ahead. He was in oil and gazed out from a gold frame. It was a great frolic for the women, however. The initiates crawled the gauntlet on their hands and knees, beneath a succession of arches, formed of overturned chairs. The girls moved south, and the initiation was delivered from that direction. When they entered in black skirts and gunnysack jumpers, they saw "King Arthur, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Twelve Knights of Relief Table," awaiting them. Immediately the crawling began. As each was delivered the chastisement the slap brought cheers.

WHAT THE SIAMESE EAT.

Outing.

Siamese food principally consists of dried, frequently rotted fish, and rice, done into curries which comprise a little of about every kind of condiment, and especially a very popular sauce call- namphrink, a chutney-like and thoroughly mixed thing made of red pepper, shrimp, garlic, onions, citron, ginger and tamarind seeds. The only reason for the fish being putrid is because the natives like it so, for fish are plentiful in the rivers and fishermen numerous, though their ways of catching are rather amusing and antique. One favorite method, borrowed from the Chinese, is beating the waters with long bamboo sticks to frighten the fish into an eight or ten-foot squarish net which is lowered into the river from a framework on the bank by a system of wheels and ropes and pulleys, and hoisted up again when the catch is complete. I must confess that when the fish in the curry chanced to be dried instead of decayed, I found the concoction decidedly toothsome. In fact, a really good curry is in a class apart, and one must go to India or the Far East to get it at its best. Sometimes the natives eat pork and oftentimes chicken, but for the most part rice and the fish curry constitute their chief diet, supplemented by the fruit of the country, of which there are many kinds—mangosteen, mango, pinapple, banana, orange, bread fruit, and that most healthful and serving of all Siamese fruits, the papaya, which grows back from the water and is a greenish oval melon that suggests cantaloupe when opened.

GOSSIP FROM THE ROYAL CITY

John Kay's Death — The Chief of Police Is to Be Deposed.

New Westminster, Dec. 10.—John Kay, the young fellow sentenced to be hanged on January 17th for the murder last spring of John Spittal, of Luin island, died at the provincial gaol here this afternoon. Kay was only 16 years of age and seemed to be weak mentally. The murder of Spittal was a cold-blooded one. Since his trial Kay has been very ill, and it was seen that he would not last until the day set by the law for his demise. Death was due to tuberculosis of the intestines. This is the first instance known in British Columbia where a condemned prisoner died while awaiting his doom.

As a result of the recent police investigation, the official head of Wellington Miller, chief of police, is about to fall. Last evening at a public meeting two of the commissioners announced that drastic steps were about to be taken. Today it develops that his resignation has been requested, but he refused to give it. Another meeting of the commissioners will be held Wednesday, when it is expected Miller's dismissal will be announced.

Civic elections take place on Monday. Mayor Keary is almost sure to be re-elected.

MINERAL ACT.

Certificate of Improvements.

Notice.

"Sunset," "Success," "Sophia" and "Star" mineral claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Renfrew District, located four miles up Gordon River.

Take notice that I, Malcolm Young, Free Miner's Certificate No. 85235, for self and as agent for A. Young and John Young, F. M. L. No. 85236 and 85302, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for certificates of improvements for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under Section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of improvements.

Dated this 22nd day of October, A. D. 1904.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described land: Situate on the Telqua River, in Cassiar District, commencing at a post placed near the junction of the Telqua and Pine Rivers, at the Southwest corner of W. B. Skillen's claim, and thence Astronomical West 80 chains, thence Astronomical North 80 chains, thence Astronomical East 80 chains, and thence Astronomical South to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres.

Dated November 16th, 1904.
Nov. 22. R. E. JACKSON.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on the following described land, situated on the West side of Mud Creek, in the Valley of the Telqua River, in Cassiar District: Commencing at a post at the Southwest corner of F. W. Vincent's claim, and thence Astronomical West 80 chains, thence Astronomical South 80 chains, thence Astronomical East 80 chains, and thence Astronomical North to point of commencement and containing 640 acres.

Dated November 16th, 1904.
Nov. 22. R. S. BYRN.

NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days from date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a twenty-one year lease to the following described lands, situated on Mill Creek: Starting about one and a half miles above Lot 1337, on the Northern boundary of Hunting and Lee's claim, thence following said Mill Creek up to the forks, taking three-quarters of a mile in width on each bank of stream, thence following each fork of said creek for two miles, taking one mile in width on each bank.

H. O. STEVENS.
November 10, 1904.

A TERRIFIC GALE.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 12.—The worst gale in fifteen years swept this island last night. The bark Fanny and three schooners were driven ashore and totally wrecked. Many other vessels were damaged.

AID FOR POOR OF LONDON.

Royal Family and Rothschilds Contribute to the Fund.

London, Dec. 12.—Lord Mayor Pound has issued an appeal for funds for the relief of the unemployed of London. King Edward has contributed $1,250; Queen Alexandra $1,000, the Prince of Wales $500, the Princess of Wales $250, Lord Iveagh $25,000, the Rothschilds $15,000, the Duke of Westminster $10,000 and the Peabody trustees $25,000.

AMERICAN ENTERPRISE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—A building erected by an American Sewing Machine Company, the handsomest structure in Russia, eleven stories high, and built of granite, was opened today. It is the first building in the empire in which the American steel construction has been used.

TWEED SUIT

This $12.00 regular double breasted sacque suit at . . . . .

$8.95

Special for 15 days to mail order buyers.

Suit comes in all wool Scotch Tweed in black ground with white broken stripe, dark heather mixture overlaid with snow-flake mixture black ground with pronounced grey line stripe, or dark grey mixture overlaid with black hair line stripe. We put in first-class linings and trimings and it is tailored in regular custom style

OUR BOY'S DEPARTMENT.

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EMPIRE CREAM SEPARATOR

The Separator that always keeps ahead of the procession. It Turns Easier, Skims Faster, Lasts Longer; requires fewer repairs. Built on common sense plans. The Separator with a Simple Bowl.

Baxter & Johnson
Agents.
53 Wharf St., Victoria.

B.C. STEAM DYE WORKS.
141 Yates Street, Victoria.
Ladies' and Gents' Garments and Household Furnishings cleaned, dyed or pressed equal to new.

WHAT BOY

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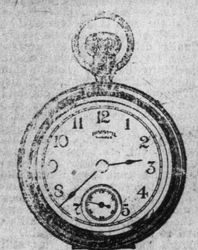

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