NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS.

Victoria Is Treated to an Illustration of the Eastern Canadian Day.

The Deep Snow Prevented a Great Many People From Making Calls.

To Eastern Canucks Monday renewed the memories of New Years day in the old homes on the other side of the Dominion. The depth of snow made locomotion difficult afoot and as the tramcars did not get the lines cleared till late in the day the number of people in the streets was not great. For this reason the callers at Government house and at the Mayor's were few. One Englishman marched up to Government house on snow shoes and now no doubt his wondering friends in the old country will think a pair of snow shoes de rigueur for paying New Years calls in Victoria. The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McInnes were assisted in receiving their guests by Mrs. T. R. E. McInnes, Mrs. Taylor and the private secretary, the list of callers being as follows:

James Angus, J. R. Anderson, William Atkins.

T. J. Burnes, W. H. Bone, F. S. Bone, G. D. Black, Bishop of Columbia, J. T. Bethune, T. Browne, Geo. McL. Brown, E. E Blackwood, C Stanley Baker, S. W. Bodley, T. C. Boulton, Robert Beaven, W. J. Burnes, M. C. Berkeley, Hewitt Bostock, M.P., W. F. Best, J. G. Brown.

Captain Clarke, T. R. Cusack, Geo. L. Courtney, Ian St. Clair, Cecil Cookson, William Chudley, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Herbert Carmichael, Rev. Dr. Campbell.

R. L. Drury, Sylvester Dalby, William Dalby, Lyman, Duff, H. G. Dalby, E. Dewdney, A. J. Dallain, F. Napier Denison, C. E. Dickenson, P. O. Dickenson, Edward Dickenson.

S. W. Edwards.

F. G. Futcher.

W. S. Gore, T. S. Gore, J. H. Green, Thomas L. Grahame, Captain Gaudin, W. P. Grant, Gordon Grant, B. Gordon, William Gordon.

Judge Harrison, F. S. Hussey, William Henderson, Dr. Hathaway, Dr. Edward Hasell, Dr. Ernest Hall, D. W. Higgins, Rev. P. C. L. Harris, H. D. Helmcken, M.P.P., William Humphrey.

H. S. Ives.

B H. John, E A. Jacob.

J. A. Ker, F. B. Kitto.

J. W. Laing, Leonard Langley, C. H. Lugrin, R. Landells, J. Stewart Livingstone, P. S. Lampman.

J. W. Mackay, J. A. McTavish, William McDowell, J. B. McKilligan, Lawrence Macrae, P. C. MacGregor, E. McConnan, H. A. Munn, S. H. Matson, Rev. D. MacRae, S. Maillien, John Macmillan, C. Dubois Mason, Henry E. Mason, H. A. Maclean, A. E. McPhillips, M.P.P., T. B. McKay, William Marchant, Angus McNeill, Alexis Martin, D. B. McConnan, Hon. Joseph Martin, B. C. Mess, A. R. Milne, D. A. MacFadyen, Rowland Mohun.

Reginald Nuttall, Dr. Nash.

C. M. G. O'Brien.

F. B. Pemberton, P. O. Patton, T. J. Patton, T. P. Patton, Lt.-Col. Prior, M.P., Dr. F. S. Pope, George Powell, Ernest A. Powell, B. W. Powell.

Captain Rant, Norman Rant, Captain Richardson, Lawford Richardson, R. Rivtoval, H. M. Retaer, William F. Robertson.

Hon. C. A. Semlin, Hon. Abraham Smith, Sydney Smith, T. C. Sorby, H. Nugent Short, Richard Short, N. P. Short, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet.

Senator Templeman, J. C. Thompson, Thomas Tubman, Captain Livingston Thompson, G. A. Taylor.

W. B. Vandrigacht, R. Vaughan, A. W. Vowell, Dr. Ford Verrinder.

Captain Walbran, Col. Wolfenden, Mr. Justice Walkem, Alex. Wilson, Rev. Dr. Wilson, C. E. Woolridge, S. P. Wootton, W. Ridgway Wilson, H. C. Wilken, E. B. Wootton, Fred. W. Worlock, Montague Worlock, Rev. A. B. Winchester.

Henry Young.

Mayor Redfern, Mrs. and Miss Redfern hospitably received the citizens who called at the Mayor's residence to pay their New Years call. The following were the visitors:

J. R. Anderson.

Ald. Bragg, W. H. Bone, Captain Blanchard.

W. H. Charlesworth, Y. K. Chatfield.

John G. Elliott.

A. Graham, J. Gaudin.

J. D. Helmcken, Ald. Humphrey, Ald. Hall, Judge Harrison.

G. O. Jay, jr.

W. Laing, M.A., C. H. Lugrin.

Ald. MacGregor, Lawrence Macrae, Rowland Macrae, E. McConnan, E. W. Maldondalne, C. Dubois Mason, Henry E. Mason.

W. W. Northcott, Richard Nash.

Francis Page, P. T. Patton, T. P. Patton.

Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, N. P. Shaw, Abraham Smith, U. S. consul, Sydney W. Smith.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, E. A. Wilmot, T. E. Woodbridge, John T. Walbran.

H. B. Young, H. Young, J. York and J. W. D. York.

The Ladies of Perseverance Lodge I. O. G. T., entertained a host of visitors at Temperance hall during the forenoon and afternoon, refreshments and games being provided. In the evening a capital concert was presided over by Mr. John McMillan.

If you are tired taking the large old-fashioned griping pills, try Carter's Little Liver Pills and take some comfort. A man can't stand everything. One pill a dose. Try them. *

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

Exports of the Vancouver Island Mines for the Month Just Closed.

Following are the foreign coal shipments from the mines of this island for the month ending 31st December, 1898:

NEW VANCOUVER CO.

Date.		Tons.
1—S.S. Siam,	Port Los Angeles	4,329
6—S.S.	Wyefield, 'Frisco	5,122
12—Bk.	St. Katherine, Honolulu, H.I	1,699
15—S.S.	Titania, 'Frisco	5,370
13—Str.	Wanderer, Port Townsend	25
17—S.S.	Siam, Port Los Angeles	4,336
22—S.S.	Wyefield, 'Frisco	5,136
28—S.S.	Titania, Port Los Angeles	5,014
30—S.S.	Amur, Alaska	168
Total		31,201

WELLINGTON COMPANY.

Date.		Tons.
1—Sp.	Big Bonanza, 'Frisco	2,248
1—Str.	Pioneer, Port Townsend	36
1—S.S.	Bristol, 'Frisco	2,500
6—Str.	Angeles, Port Townsend	70
8—Sp.	Oriental, 'Frisco	2,500
10—Str.	Wanderer, Port Townsend	35
10—S.S.	Wellington, 'Frisco	2,500
14—S.S.	City of Topeka, Mary Island	150
16—S.S.	Bristol, 'Frisco	2,500
16—Sp.	St. Nicholas, 'Frisco	2,550
16—Str.	Holyoke, Chemainus	70
17—Str.	Wanderer, Port Townsend	40
24—Bk.	Harry Morse, Honolulu	2,000
27—S.S.	Wellington, 'Frisco	2,559
27—S.S.	Cottage City, Victoria	80
Total		20,829

UNION COMPANY.

Date.		Tons.
2—S.S.	San Mateo, 'Frisco	4,150
3—S.S.	Rapid Transit, Seattle	259
4—Str.	Resolute, Seattle	47
3—Bk.	Mercury, Seattle	1,192
12—S.S.	Mlowera, Vancouver	1,250
12—S.S.	Protection, Port Townsend	365
17—Sp.	Glory of the Seas, 'Frisco	3,250
17—Str.	Holyoke, Port Townsend	23
17—Str.	Rapid Transit, Seattle	256
24—S.S.	San Mateo, 'Frisco	4,150
24—S.S.	Rapid Transit, Seattle	250
31—Bk.	Richard III, Mary Island	1,725
31—Str.	Pilot, Mary Island	91
Total		17,008

UNIVERSITAS COLLEGII M'GILL.

Graduates in British Columbia of the Alma Mater Hold Their Third Annual Meeting.

The society formed by the graduates in British Columbia of McGill University to keep green the memory of the gold old Alma Mater in Montreal "built by the money of Jimmy McGill" as the irrepressible undergrad says in the classic halls under the shadow of Mount Royal met yesterday in the Driard to elect officers and to renew the bond of fellowship that binds McGill men together. In the first place the officers elected were: President, W. A. Carlyle, Rossland; vice-presidents, J. A. McGregor, Ba. Sc., Slocan City; Walter Hunter, B.A., Nanaimo; Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B.A., Victoria; Rev. H. M. McIntosh, B.A., Vancouver; secretary, Dr. McGuigan, Vancouver; treasurer, Dr. Tunstall, Vancouver; executive committee, Dr. Holden, Victoria; Hon. Dr. McKechnie, Nanaimo; Dr. Boggs, Westminster; Dr. Lefevre, Vancouver; J. C. Gwillim, Ba. Sc., Slocan City. The next meeting is to be at Rossland, where there are a very large number of McGill men, many of them very prominent in the mining world, in medicine and other walks of life. It was decided that the British Columbia society should present a bursary of $50 yearly to be presented to the matriculant from British Columbia earning the largest number of marks in any faculty.

The proceedings wound up with a dinner at the Driard in the evening, the dining room being decorated with the well-known university colors, gules and white. The McGill men present were Hon. Dr. McKechnie, Walter Hunter, B.A., Nanaimo; Dr. McGuigan, Vancouver; Dr. Tunstall, Vancouver, Rev. Mr. Gordon, Vancouver; Dr. Hanington, Victoria; Dr. John Duncan, Victoria; Dr. Robertson, Victoria; Dr. Holden, Victoria; Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Victoria, and the invited guests present were Mayor Redfern, Principal Paul and C. H. Lugrin. Regrets were received from Senator Templeman, Sir C. H. Tupper, Principal Peterson of McGill, Dr. DeWolf Smith of Westminster, and others. McGill songs, stories of the old college days in Montreal and short speeches made the evening pass very pleasantly and the third meeting of the McGill graduates in British Columbia was pronounced the most successful yet held. The meeting was a timely one, coming as it did so close on the heels of the formal opening at the university of the magnificent chemistry and mining building at which the Governor-General and many distinguished men from Canada and the United States took part.

DEATH RATE GROWING.

Doctors Attribute It to What We Eat.

The constantly increasing number of deaths from stomach troubles is exciting the keenest interest among the medical fraternity. The prevalence of these stomach disorders or ailments the doctors attribute largely to impure food products with which the country at large seems to be flooded, and an attempt to counteract which many of the states have enacted pure food laws. The fact of the matter is the people of the United States are, as a rule, too careless and indifferent as to what they eat or how it is cooked, and the inevitable penalty of disordered stomachs is the result. One of the adulterations that is most serious in its effects is the use of alum to whiten bread or to furnish cheap baking powder. It destroys the coating of the stomach, produces dyspepsia and eventually poisons the blood. Try a pinch of alum in your mouth and note the result. No stomach into which it enters can long remain healthy.

STOCKS METALS AND PRODUCE.

London Market Affected by Rumors of Friction With France—New York. Shows Gains.

New York, Jan. 3.—The Commercial Advertiser's financial cable from London says: "The markets here had a buoyant opening to-day, checked by an unauthentic rumor of the recall of Sir Edmund Monson from Paris. There was a little recovery later. Americans moved similarly, the weakness in them being accentuated by reports of the Philippine trouble and the expectation of a disappointing Louisville & Nashville dividend. New York merely absorbed at the lower level. There was a slight improvement on the street. Spanish fours were 65⅝c.; Copper was strong; Anacondas were 6¾c.; Money was easy this morning and harder later on payments to the bank reducing supplies. There are rumors here that New York is about to take gold. Of to-day's arrival of half a million from the Cape, it is understood that the bulk was taken for New York at 77s. 11½ d. to 77s. 11¾d."

New York, Jan. 3.—The stock market was irregular to-day, but left off strong at fractional gains in most shares, with larger advances in other stocks where interest centred. Initial prices were generally higher, but subsequently the course of speculation was somewhat reactionary and London sold some 30,000 shares partly on the Philippine incident and renewed talk of trouble between England and France.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Dec. 30.	Jan.3.
Am. Cotton Oil	35¼	35¼
Amn. Tob.	142¼	143¼
Amn. Sugar	126⅛	121¼
Amn. Sugar pfd	112½	..
Amn. Spirits	13⅝	14⅜
Atchison	18⅞	19⅛
Atchison pfd	52	51⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	70	..
Bay State Gas	8	..
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77½	79⅜
Can. Southern	*55	55
Ches. & Ohio	25¼	25½
Chicago, B. & Q.	125	125⅝
Chicago Gas	110⅛	110
Chicago & N. W.	142⅜	142
C. R. I. & Pac.	*114	*114
C. C. C. & St. L.	..	43
C. M. & St. P.	120⅝	120⅝
Cons. Gas, N. Y.	196¼	195
Del. & Hudson	107¾	107
Del., Lac. & Western	155	160
Denver & Rio G. pfd	70⅜	70⅜
General Electric	96	95⅝
Hocking Valley	4	..
Jersey Central	98	96
Laclede Gas com	52½	52⅝
Lake Erie & Western	21	..
Louisville & Nashville	64⅝	64⅝
Man. Elev.	97⅝	97½
Mo. Pac.	45⅝	45⅛
National Lead	38⅞	*38⅛
North American Co.	7⅛	7⅜
Nor. Pac. Com. new	44⅛	43½
Nor. Pac. pfd.	77⅜	78
N. Y. C. & H.	*123¼	..
N. Y. L. E. & W.	14⅞	..
N. Y. L. E. & W. 1st pfd	39⅛	..
N. Y. Ont. & W.	18⅜	18⅜
Omaha com	93½	93¼
Pacific Mail	45⅛	45⅛
Phil. & Reading, all paid	23⅛	23⅞
Pullman	158⅛	163
Standard Rope & Twine	8⅝	..
Southern Railway com	10⅛	10⅝
Southern Railway pfd	42	42
Tenn. Coal & Iron	36¼	37¼
Texas & Pacific	19⅞	..
U. S. Leather	7⅛	7⅝
U. S. Leather pfd	72¼	73
U. S. Rubber com	44¼	44
Union Pacific receipts	44	43½
Wabash pfd	23⅜	23
Western Union	93	94⅜
W. & L. E.	..	6
W. & L. E. pfd	..	27½
Met. St. Ry.	192	191⅝

It is said that the soldiers who had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla stood the long marches in Cuba much better than the others.

LOADING AT HAMBURG

First Cargo Ship Being on Berth on the Elbe for British Columbia.

Chemainus Mills Close Down Preparatory for a Six Month's Rush.

A very extraordinary feature of the importing business now being developed is a move by German shippers to send goods in wholesale quantities to British Columbia. The British ship River Fallock, a vessel of 1,586 tons and commanded by Captain Wilson, is now receiving the first cargo at Hamburg and towards the end of this month will be sailing down the Elbe, through the North sea and across the English channel on her long voyage around the Horn to British Columbia. Her cargo, the first shipped direct from Germany to this province, is consigned to Victoria and Vancouver merchants and will, no doubt, consist in the main of iron, salt and cement. What has led the Germans to compete for the supply of the British Columbia market has not yet been explained, "but," said a shipping man yesterday, "you can rest assured that once the Germans have entered on this line of business they will not soon relinquish their hold, for they are among the most aggressive business men in the world." Strange to say, a large portion of the River Fallock's cargo is British goods, being first shipped from London and Liverpool by steamer and transferred at Hamburg. The remoteness of Germany from the Atlantic will not, it is considered, place the country at a material disadvantage in the way of competition while the rates applying to the German ports will compare favorably with those on English goods. Leaving London at about the same time as the River Fallock the British ship Langdale will sail for Victoria and Vancouver with general cargo.

PREPARING FOR A RUSH.

The Chemainus mills, the largest exporters in the province for the year just ended, are now to be closed down for a fortnight to receive an overhauling prior to entering on another busy season. The last vessel to be loaded is the bark John Smith. She has completed her cargo and is now ready for sea. The vessel is destined for Capetown and carries 623,856 feet of lumber, valued at $4,532. When the mills again start up they will have an immense rush of work to handle. The local agents say that they have orders enough on hand to keep the mills running for six months. These orders come principally from China, Australia, South Africa and England.

FIRM NAME CHANGED.

The firm name of Dodwell, Carlill & Co. has been changed to Dodwell & Co., Ltd. Mr. Frederick Dodwell has been appointed chief manager for the Pacific Coast ports; Mr. Anthony Townsend Pritchard, manager at Tacoma; Mr. James Ewing Macrae, sub-manager at Tacoma; Mr. Frank Woolsey, manager at Portland, and Mr. Norman Hardie, manager at Victoria.

THE INDIA AWAY.

On Monday evening the R. M. S. Empress of India sailed for Oriental ports, full of cargo, including the second large shipment of beer that has ben forwarded to Manila. This shipments consists of thirteen carloads in quart bottles and will be trans-shipped at Hongkong for the Philippines. Among the passengers here embarking are W. Lough, of F. C. Davidge & Co., who goes to Shanghai to buy silks and Miss Bertha Myers, who goes to Hongkong to meet her betrothed, a shipmaster, whom she first met at Nanaimo. Twenty-six Chinamen also boarded the ship here.

RETURNING FROM THE ORIENT.

News has been received that the C. P. R. steamship Tartar, which, a few months ago, left Portland with a load of flour, for Vladivostock, left Hongkong on December 23rd. Returning, she is coming by way of Honolulu, but it is not known yet whether she will come north or go to San Francisco. The Athenian, it is said, will have some extensive repairs made to her machinery before she leaves Hongkong.

THE DANUBE SAILS.

After taking on a quantity of grain and hay feed at the Brackman & Ker mill, the C. P. N. steamship Danube left for the north last night. She carried a large freight and will receive at Vancouver and Nanaimo additional cargo. At the latter place the Mill and Anderson party will embark and will have a large quantity of provisions. Among the passengers from Victoria are Capt. Armstrong, H. G. Dalby and Mr. Leavitt and wife.

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BEECHAM'S PILLS, taken as directed, will quickly restore Females to complete health. They promptly remove obstructions or irregularities of the system and cure sick Headache. For a

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Impaired Digestion
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IN MEN, WOMEN OR CHILDREN
Beecham's Pills are
Without a Rival
And have the
LARGEST SALE
of any Patent Medicine in the World.
at all Drug Stores.

DIED.

YATES—At Edinburgh, Scotland, on the 29th December, 1898, Mary, the beloved wife of Mr. James Yates, aged 74 years.

HARRIS—At No. 7 Franklin street, on the 27th instant, James Harris, a native of England, aged 60 years.

BORN.

SHORT—In this city, at Douglas street, the wife of E. Short, of a daughter.

ASSISTANCE ACKNOWLEDGED.

Donations to the Old Woman's Home—A Pleasing Entertainment.

The following donations have been thankfully received at the Old Woman's Home during the month of December and at Christmas: Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, cake, apples, milk, tea, chicken and turkey; Christ Church Cathedral Dorcas Society, night dress and underclothing; Lieut.-Governor McInnes, apples; Mrs. Tite, venison and cake; Mrs. Wm. Munsie, cake; Mrs. Hasell, mincemeat, apples, tea and pudding; Mrs. Carne, clothing, pudding, cake, etc.; Mrs. Hanna, preserves and books; Mrs. McTavish, flour, preserves and apples; Mrs. (Senator) Templeman, turkey and tea; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, turkey; Mrs. M. A. Lea cake and preserves; Mrs. Durham, cake, preserves, etc.; Mrs. Dean, cake; Mrs. Winn, cakes; Mrs. Goodacre, handkerchiefs, oranges, etc.; Mrs. Gould, cake, oranges, candies and nuts; Mrs. Lenz, flannel, etc.; Mrs. Leiser, flannel; Mrs. Page, spectacle bags; Mrs. Teague, hat; Mrs. S. Field, bonnett; the White House, curtains, the Messrs. Earsman and Hardie, ham; Mrs. Waitt, hot water bags; St. Barnabas church, meat and cakes; Old Men's Home, vegetables; board of directors Jubilee hospital, cash; Mrs. Charles Kent, cash; Mrs. Chapman, cash; Mrs. Spencer, Alert Bay, cash; A Friend, cash.

It will be seen from the above list of donations that the old lady inmates of the Home were well remembered in a substantial way, nor were they forgotten socially, as a number of their friends gathered there on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., and spent a very pleasant evening with them. Music, speeches and dainty refreshments made the time fly very quickly, and both the old ladies and their visitors seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

RECEIVED 2,500 VOLTS.

G. N. W. Lineman's Narrow Escape From Death.

Pierre Brouillet, employed by the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company as a linesman, had a miraculous escape from being electrocuted in Montreal, says the Gazette: Brouillet has the reputation of being a first-class man at his work, and it was only natural that he was one of the men picked out to repair the wires of the company, which were damaged by the severe fire at Messrs. Greenshields' the night previous.

It was about 4 o'clock when Brouillet his comrades saw Brouillet suddenly fall across the crossbar. One of the men realizing the peril of Brouillet, gave a scream which quickly brought a large crowd to the scene.

On looking up the spectators were horrified to see the man not only hanging across the beam, but also that his hands were transfixed to the deadly wire. His comrades immediately fixed the safety rope around his body and endeavored to lower him to the ground. This was a harder task than they contemplated for Brouillet was not only limp but completely helpless.

Among those who showed presence of mind were two firemen who secured a high ladder and placing it against the pole, succeeded after great difficulty in bringing the unconscious man to the ground. Some cool-headed person immediately telephoned for the ambulance of the General Hospital, and the response ascended the pole outside of the Thompson shoe factory, on Craig street, in company with two other linesmen. The rapidity with which the men ascended the pole was favorably commented upon by the large number of people who were on the street at the time.

The work of a linesman is an interesting one, for he has to carry out his intricate duties skilfully, quickly, and also cautiously. While many have the two first qualities, unfortunately the majority lack the latter, and consequently a large per centage of the careless men become victims of their own folly.

While in the execution of their duties, was so prompt that the hospital surgeon was on the scene before the victim was half way down the pole.

Although there were no apparent signs of life, the man was placed in the ambulance, which dashed off again to the hospital. After receiving skilful treatment from the house surgeons the man gradually recovered.

The news that a man had ben killed by an electric shock quickly spread throughout the city, and as Brouillet is well-known and universally respected, his reported untimely end caused great consternation.

When the night operators of the G. N. W. started work last evening they were told of the sad accident, and many expressions of regret were passed. About 7:15 last evening the night operators had a pleasant surprise, for in walked Brouillet smiling and as unconcerned as if nothing had happened, and reported for duty.

Although he received a shock of upwards of 2,500 volts the only visible signs are two slight black lines on each hand. He will resume his regular risky duties this morning, and it is to be hoped that he has, what his comrades think, a charmed life.

The old story of Prometheus is a parable. Prometheus was on terms of intimacy with the gods. From them he stole fire, and gave it to men. For this sin he was bound to the rocks of Mount Caucassus, and vultures were set upon him. They only ate his liver. This grew again as fast as it was pecked away. Are his sufferings to be imagined?

Take a modern interpretation of the parable. There is no cooking without fire. In cooking and eating the mischief lies. The stomach is overtasked, the bowels become clogged, they cannot dispose of the food that is given them. The impurities back up on the liver. Then come the vultures—the torments of a diseased liver. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is more than equal to the vultures of dyspepsia and its kindred diseases. There is no more need of suffering from dyspepsia than there is of hanging one's self. Sold by all medicine dealers the world over. *

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache, and all the ills produced by disordered liver. Only one pill a dose.

Perfectly Safe.—No chances were taken by the city building inspector as to the possibility of the repetition of the London disaster at the public meeting last evening. A big crowd being looked for, the City hall auditorium was carefully examined and found structurally safe to accommodate all who could squeeze in.

TORONTO FIREMEN TESTIFY.

M. McCartney, Lombard Street Fire Hall, Toronto, dated March 4th, 1897, states: "Am subject to very painful conditions of costiveness and other troubles resulting therefrom, but I am glad to say that I have found a perfect remedy in Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I trust this may be of benefit to others."

THE SON ON THE STAND

Fred Stoddart Gives Sensational Evidence in the Case Against Pennock.

The Examination in Chief Complete and the Hearing Continued To-Day.

The police court case in which W. H. Pennock, the Yates street jeweller, is defendant, and his neighbor and business rival, S. A. Stoddart, the complaining witness, developed several new and very sensational features yesterday, these arising out of the evidence of the son, Fred. Stoddart, whose cross-examination is yet to come. In effect this witness denied emphatically that he had taken the diamond ring that is the basis of the prosecution, and his testimony goes to demonstrate that the accused by means of false keys made by himself, himself robbed the Stoddart establishment. The son's connection with the case, according to his testimony, was limited to his efforts to recover the missing property for his father when he had come to believe that Pennock has stolen it. In connection with the recovery of the valuable ring—or rather the unset stone—he admitted having signed a paper addressed to W. H. Pennock, admitting that he had stolen the ring and sold it to Pennock, the latter not knowing it to have been stolen. This course he took, he now says, after consultation with his father, and on the guarantee by Pennock that the document would be kept a secret.

The first witness of the day was Luther Calvert, who had been with Mr. Stoddart, sr., secreted in Dr. Ernest Hall's office to overhear the conversation there between the accused and Fred. Stoddart. He corroborated a portion of what had been previously disclosed in evidence touching this conversation—the talk was about a diamond ring and Fred. Stoddart wanted the accused to give him money with which to leave the country. He also wanted the accused to see Mr. Stoddart, sr., and induce him to help him away. Then Pennock and Fred. Stoddart went away and he could not say what else transpired.

In cross-examination by Mr. Belyea this witness stated that the conversation did not last long—perhaps ten minutes. The drift of Fred. Stoddart's remarks appeared to be that he was suspected of stealing the ring referred to, whereas Pennock knew more about it than he did.

Then Fred. Stoddart took the stand and sensational developments commenced almost immediately. He was 29 years of age, and had been handling diamonds for twenty years. He had worked for the accused, he said, from May, 1897, to February, 1898, and going to Pennock's place of business one night found him making a key. He asked him if he had turned locksmith, and received an evasive answer. He had also asked who the key was for, and was told "a certain party," Pennock not saying who the party was. There was a striking similarity between the key Pennock was making and that in witness' possession, which opened the main door of his father's (Mr. Stoddart's) store. He had compared the key of his father's store with the one Pennock had made, and found them very much alike. They have remarked that, the accused replied that many keys looked somewhat alike. There were two safes in his father's store. Pennock did not know their combinations. He had seen some figures on Mr. Pennock's wall.

Mr. Belyea—Just like a fairy tale.

Continuing his testimony the younger Mr. Stoddart said that he did not know the safe combinations. He knew the figures partially. After long thought he could perhaps give the figures. He had heard of the disappearance of the ring on the Monday following its loss. His father had no other ring of the same description. Before he knew of the loss of this ring he had seen the ring in Pennock's possession and had asked to look at it. He had then remarked that it looked very much like one his father had, at which remark Mr. Pennock had appeared annoyed.

The direct examination being continued by Hon. Fred. Peters, Stoddart said that his father had stopped his credit, and he had several times gone to Pennock for assistance, borrowing money from him on some occasions, and at another time getting him to guarantee his board at the restaurant.

"He said then," he young man continued, "that my father had missed a ring. He told me, too, that my father believed I had duplicate keys of his store, but I was not to say anything to anyone about his having told me of the loss of the ring or the duplicate keys, this being to throw me off my guard. I believed that it was the same old story—if my father missed anything he always suspected me.

"Pennock said for me not to come around his store, but if I wanted to meet him to do so by appointment. At that time I did not know what particular ring was missing. Several days after this, another conversation took place in Pennock's store. I had been looking in my father's window and noticed that this particular ring was no longer with the others, where it had been. Having noticed this, I went to see Pennock, and told him that I had found out the ring that my father had lost, and I also said I was confident that it was this same ring that I had seen in his possession. Pennock simply laughed at me and said there were lots of rings like it.

"All this time Pennock had been giving me, or rather loaning me, money to pay my board. I had frequently borrowed money from him before and paid him back. Before doing anything in regard to the ring, I consulted with Dr. Ernest Hall, a friend of mine, whose advice I took in the matter. Then I had a talk with my father.

"The next conversation I had with Pennock was on December 24, and on the 25th (Sunday) I had a conversation in regard to this interview with my father. I next met Pennock and had a conversation with him at his shop on the evening of the 29th, just as he was closing up. He had turned out the gas, and I wanted him to go with me to Dr. Hall's office and have a talk. He said: 'Why can't we talk here; the store next door has closed up, and no one will overhear us?' I told him I wanted to get away, and had a plan—or schedule of what I intended to do, but had left it at Dr. Hall's office. He then locked up and went with me.

"I had stationed the others where they could overhear what was said. There are four rooms in Dr. Hall's suite—a reception room, a consulting room, a bedroom and a private room, which we might call the surgery, in which my father and Calvert were.

"Pennock was extremely nervous on entering. He looked all around a great deal to size up the place to see that there was no one around. The room in which my father and Calvert were I had locked and he placed his hand on the knob of this door and tried it. I laughingly told him there was no one around, but he still appeared extremely nervous, and I had difficulty in getting him to sit down, although I had offered him a chair. Eventually he did sit down, on a chair within three feet of the connecting door that he had tried and which led into the room where the other two were secreted.

"I said to him: 'Pennock, you've got to do something for me, and do it right away.' I asked him then if he had the ring that he had taken from my old man, or my father, still in his possession, or if he had sold it yet. He answered that he had not sold it—he still had it in his possession. I then asked him if the ring was still in the original setting, and he said it was.

"'Now,' I said, 'I want you to see my father in the morning and tell him you are going to help me, and ask him to do the same.' I told him he had more influence with my father than anyone else. I spoke in more than ordinary tone of voice, while he answered in a rather low tone of voice. My loud talking semed to make him extremely nervous, and he opened the door of the reception room several times.

"After we went out he asked me to what extent I wanted him to help me, and I said: 'I do not want much. You give me $50 and get my father to give me $50 more, and I'll go and live with some friends in the East.' He at once commenced to explain how bad times had been with him, and said that he would give me $20 and see my father in the morning. I replied that $25 would be of no use to me on such a trip. We then parted.

"I saw Mr. Pennock the following day in his store, and asked him if he had seen my father. He replied negatively, but said he would see him shortly. I went back and saw my father, and two hours later called on Pennock again, apparently not having come from my father's store at all. He said he had not yet been in, but would go as quickly as possible, that he had been very busy. I said that I would call again.

"I returned again to Pennock's shop some time about one o'clock, when the apprentice had left for dinner. Getting him alone I said: 'Pennock, you tell me you've got that diamond ring yet. If you give me that ring I feel that I will be replaced in my father's confidence.' He says to me, he says: 'Do you think that will fix everything up?' I says I feel assured of it—positively. I asked him if he had it here, and he told me no—it was out on approval. I asked him when he would get it back and he told me that he would have it back at almost any moment. I told him I would call again.

"I then reported to my father at his store. I went back very shortly and said to Pennock: 'Have you got that ring yet?' He says: 'No; you can't have it; I've sold it.'

"I became very bitter at him then. I said to him: 'Do you know, Pennock, I could ruin you and put you in the pen?' I said: 'It is you in particular more than anybody else, and more than my father, who has been defaming my character in this city. Why have you done this? You've always pretended to be my friend.'

"He had told people that I was a lunatic and ought to be in the asylum, and that I had been pronounced insane by physicians in the city. I had to be two-faced, you know,' he said in extenuation, placing his hand on my shoulder in a very friendly may; 'or else they would have suspected me.'

"I replied: 'Well, Pennock, things have come to a crisis. You walked into our little trap very nicely last night. I had two men behind the door you tried on entering Dr. Hall's rooms.' Upon receiving this information he appeared to collapse, and begged me to give him their names, which I refused to do. He then asked me what he would do, and I replied that I didn't know, but that I was going to my father's store at once, and would tell him everything if he did not restore the ring to me.

"He asked me to give him till the next day, and I refused to do so. He then begged me to come back at four o'clock, and I gave him until that time. Then I went and reported to my father.

"At four o'clock I returned and said to Mr. Pennock: 'It is four o'clock, Mr. Pennock.' He said it was all right, calling me to his desk, as there was someone in the store. He brought out a paper for me to sign, handing it to me to sign as there were people in the place. After reading it I declined to sign. He then said to go ahead and do as I liked, as the paper was to protect himself; it was simply between me and him, and no one else would ever see it.

"I returned and had a conversation with my father, and again went to Pennock's store. I said: 'Pennock, if you will keep that paper between ourselves I will sign it.' He promised to do so, and I signed it. After signing it I placed my hand on the paper and he produced out of his pocket an unset diamond, which I took to be my father's.

"The document was addressed to W. H. Pennock, setting forth that 'I hereby acknowledge having stolen a diamond from my father and sold it to him (W. H. Pennock), he not knowing that it had been stolen.' I also acknowledged its return to me. I paid him no money, but merely signed this document. Proceedings were then taken for Pennock's arrest."

At the conclusion of the direct examination of this witness, Mr. Belyea, for the defence, applied for a remand of the case in view of the very extraordinary character of the testimony just received, and he asked that Mr. Stoddart, jr., might be bound over to appear for cross-examination. This latter request was quickly resented by counsel for the prosecution, Hon. Fred. Peters assuring his brother at the bar that the witness would be on hand, although it would not be proper procedure to bind him until the close of his evidence. The security asked for by Mr. Belyea was not deemed necessary by the court, and the case was adjourned until to-day at 10:15 a.m., when the young man will go upon the rack for cross-examination.

FRIENDS PREVAILED

A Nervous Toronto Woman Walked the Floor During the Night for Hours at a Time—She Makes a Statement.

TORONTO, ONT.—"I was troubled with nervousness. It was impossible for me to keep still and if the spells came over me during the night I had to get up and walk the floor for hours at a time. My blood was very poor and I was subject to bilious attacks. My feet would swell and I was not able to do my own house work. I treated with two of the best physicians here but only received relief for a time. I became discouraged. One day a friend called and advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I laughed at the advice but I was prevailed upon and procured one bottle. Before I used it all I began to feel better. I took several bottles and also several boxes of Hood's Pills. Now I can eat and drink heartily and sleep soundly. Hood's Sarsaparilla has entirely cured me and also strengthened me so that I now do all my own work. I cheerfully recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all sufferers from nervousness, weakness or general debility." MRS. H. F. PARM, Degrassi Street.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25 cents.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Outgoing Council Wind Up the Weekly Meeting in Half an Hour.

Several Offers Received for a Site for the New Fire Hall.

The city council tried to get in a record breaker for a short session last night and succeeded very well, for they adjourned within half an hour of the time they assembled.

First of all came a letter from J. Wriglesworth, one of the trustees of the old fire company. He said that in pursuance of the order of the chief justice the trustees would make out the deed of the Yates street fire hall to the city. The chief justice had, he understood, merely authorized a change of the trusteeship to the city and did not authorize the city to sell the property. Mr. Wriglesworth considered the price for which the city were going to sell the property was absurdly low and that the sale was illegal and against the interests of the city.

Ald. Phillips wanted the matter laid over for the city solicitor to look into, but Ald. Wilson objected strongly to this and intimated if any discussion were wanted that he would tell his views pretty plainly as regards the opposition to the sale.

The letter was received and filed, however, without the fires of debate breaking forth.

The clouds dispersed before the next communication, a genial New Year's greeting from Lieut.-Col. Worsnop and officers of the Second battalion and