The Cause of the Recent Fire

North Park Road Inquired Into.

was decided upon by resolution of the City Council, and that there is considerable interest taken in the proceedings was manifested by the large attendance in court.

Chief Sheppard conducted the inquiry, and Joseph Smith looked after his own

interests.

Mr. Frank G. Bichards, ir., deposed that he remembered the fire on North Park street on the 18th October. The house was occupied by Joseph Smith. Witness, as an insurance agent, insured the house, furniture and contents for \$600 in the Union Assurance Co. of London. The policy was issue on the 21st September for three years, and the premium was about \$12 for the term. Mr. Gosnell, who delivered the policy, had Mr. Gosnell, who delivered the policy, had inspected the house and valued its contents

Did you inspect the place?" asked the

Witness: Yes, the day after the fire and found that some of the furniture cover-ed by insurance had been removed. This was acknowledged by Smith himself, who said that he had sold some of it at a second hand store a day or two previous to the fire hand store a day or two previous to the nre. I found that the fire originated in a bedroom, and was confined to it. The contents of that room consisted of a bedroom set, bedding, some chairs, etc. Smith said he had paid \$112 for the suite alone; but I am confident I could have purchased it for \$75.

The fire originated in the northeast corner district, and hearing the alarm ran to the The fire originated in the northeast corner of the room, near a bureau, not far from the window. There was no fire-place or stove

To His Worship : There was a hole burned though the floor right close to the wall.

To the Chief: I insured an organ, the
value of which was said to be \$250. I men

the house, locating the fire in the second tioned to Smith, the morning after the fire, that there ought to be an organ, and asked him where it was. Smith pointed to a hand-organ, which I would value at from \$12 to \$15 when new. Smith said that all his wife's clothing had been destroyed by the fire, as well as his receipts, bills and papers. The clothes were not covered by the policy, but Smith said he thought they were. I went to the rear of the lot with the Chief of the fire department, and, in a stable, which was locked at the time, and that there ought to be an organ, and asked subsequently opened by Smith, we found some boxes, furniture and bedding. In one some boxes, furniture and because of the boxes we found bills, receipts and papers; another was full of his wife's clothing, including a boa which Smith said had been destroyed by the fire. Smith put in a sworn statement for damages amounting to \$246. I agreed to have a valuation put upon the furniture by a man in that line, and Mr. Lowe, with the approval of Smith, inspecting and it and valued itat\$30. I offered the assurbation had been destroyed by the fire and ultimately said that the distance between the two houses was not more than two or three minutes walk.

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"When did you leave Smith's house?" repeated 'His Worship.

Witness fenced the question for some time, and ultimately said that to the best of his ability, the clock was taken out at 7:15, and said the organ was worth \$300. What he said was that it was worth \$25 and the music about \$50. He described the furniture—a bed lounge, for which he had paid the company to the house after the which he found a couple of pieces of cordwood near when the two houses was not more than two or three minutes walk.

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and \$400 new.
"Did Smith say anything to you as to how the fire originated?" asked Chief When we went for the clock I did not enter Sheppard.
"Yes," replied witness, "He said he

"Why?" asked the Chief.

Witness: Because it was dark at the time, and Smith said he could go in and lay his said that the organ had been burned, the chief of the fire department suggested 'Then we can find some of the ivory keys? Smith then said it was a hand organ, and the chief said 'Then we will find the handle.' The organ was afterwards found the chief said 'Then we was afterwards found the chief said 'Then we will find the handle.' The organ was afterwards found the chief said 'Then we will find the handle.' The organ was afterwards found in another room."

"Why?" asked the Chief.

Witness: Because it was dark at the time, was dark at the time, and lay his friends put in a claim to the Board of Health for compensation, and he was awarded \$50.

This concluded the evidence, and His Worship addressing the jury pointed out that their duty was to return a verdict according to the evidence given under oath, and which was so fresh in their memories that, unless it was their special desire, he To the Foreman: Mr. Smith told m

that his child had been very sick, but I don't remember that he said anything about the place being fumigated.

His Worship: "At the time of insurance

were you certain that the risk was a proper

His Worship: "On what grounds do you base your opinion?"
Witness: "On the report of Mr. Gos-Witness: "On the report of Mr. Gosnell, who reported that the contents of the house were worth \$800. Gosnell is paid a commission on the work done, and is employed by me and not by the company."

To Mr. Whitfield: The organ was included in the \$300 insurance on the house.

Smith: "I do The witns apologised and said he was the standard of the previous day, having been duly summoned. The witns apologised and said he was

cluded in the \$800 insurance on the house.

Cross-examined by Joseph Smith: "I do
not remember that you told me the furniture you had sent for sale was never in the

the size control comments of the control of the con

destroyed." Smith further said that he had been in the house at 7:30 that evening, and had taken a clock off the wall to bring it to the house at which he was staying—that of Mr. Rossem. He also stated that he was insured, that he had sent the blankets to the wash, that his child had died there of what some people called small-new and that he had improved the shades.

Into.

An Insurance Scheme that Did Not Work—An Organ that Played a Part.

"A fire inquest," which is not a very common proceeding in Victoria, was held in the Police court yesterday. The Police Magistrate presided, and the following were sworn in as a jury to investigate the circumstances attending a fire which ocoured on the 18th October Lest, on North Park road, in a house tenanted by Joseph Smith:

Messrs. W. J. Dwyer, Thomas Matthews, A. S. Henskie, J. Whitfield and William White.

The fire was reported at the time as a very suspicious one, and was so represented by the Chief of Police. The investigation was decided upon by resolution of the Circumstance and was so represented by the Chief of Police. The investigation was decided upon by resolution of the Circumstance and the statement of the fire was reported at the time as a very suspicious one, and was so represented by the Chief of Police. The investigation was decided upon by resolution of the Circumstance in the sact to the wash, that his head funding dide there of what some people called small, adied there of what some people called small, and died there of what some people called small, and died there of what some people called small, and the shed the schouse of the shed as few who taked to the place with Mr. Richards, who taked to the with Mr. Richards and the died there of what some people called small, and the shed the schouse of the school. The was in surged, that he had funding the shed the shears of the school. The work was decided the place with Mr. Richards as the state of the was a surged the school and was so represented by the Chief of Police.

The Chief, in reply to a question, said that he would not value the contents of the black of the furniture at \$800, and that he would a state of the school and the school and

by the Chief of Police. The investigation that he would not value the contents of the

house at more than \$200.

Cross examined by Joseph Smith: "You may have said that the Japanese box destroyed by fire was larger than the one found in the shed."

Mis Worship: Was yee in this instance, y doing business?

Witness: Yee, sir.

His Worship: Is the worship is the worship in the worship is the worship in the worship in the worship in the worship is the worship in the worship in the worship in the worship in the worship is the worship in the w To the Foreman: "I saw no oil lamp in

the room where the fire was. There was no trace of coal oil or any other inflammable tin the room—nething to show how the fire that originated."

The witness Gosnell, by whom the insur-ance was effected, was called, but there was

ance was effected, was called, but there was no response.

Sergt. Hawton deposed to having served the summons upon Gosnell.

Chief Sheppard undertook to produce the witness, and the inquiry was adjourned until to-day at two p. m.

His Worahip: If the fire had occurred on October 1, before the premium was paid (it was about the middle of September you insured)—would the company have honored it?

Witness replied in the affirmative.

Mr. F. G. Rickards, who represents the insurance company, was asked by His Worship if he wished to put any questions to the witness.

The investigation into the circumstances attending the fire at North Park road on the 18th October was continued yesterday, when the evidence elicited created no small amount of surprise, especially that of the witness Gosnell, who admitted having valued furniture which he had not seen. ing seen the organ?

examined. He was in the North Park road district, and hearing the alarm ran to the place indicated and saw a dim light through the window of Joseph Smith's house. He found the door of the house locked and burst it open. The place was in darkness, and he ran to Mr. Dwyer's store where he

George Rossin swore that he had known clock was hung up and set to the correct time -7.45.

His Worship: What time did you leave

time, and ultimatery sate the colock was taken out at 7:15. There was no delay in hanging it up, and neither Smith nor himself went out after wards until Sergt. Hawton called and told them the house was on fire. Witness did not hear the fire alard, nor did he know that the house was on fire until apprised of them the house was on fire until apprised of the fire were a clock, a box, and a

Witness: Sometimes we would take

the house.
"Why?" asked the Chief.

on the sidewalk while you were in the To the Foreman: All the windows in the

To His Worship: The pearcom willow about four feet from the ground. There is fire by some person unknown to the jury, fire by some person unknown to the jury,

you were about to remove to another house. I went to a house with you, which you said

His Worship informed Gosnell that it house. You told me that all your wife's clothing had been burned, but that you had sent some of the bedding to the wash."

George Pagden, furniture dealer, Fortstreet, deposed that one or two days before the fire Smith came to him to sell some furniture, which formerly belonged to the

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business for the past four months.

Kis Worship: Was the work done b you in this instance, your ordinary mode

Witness: 1 es, sir.

Hie Worship: Is this the only occasion
upon which you valued furniture which you
did not see? Witness would not answer, but explained that the only intimation Smith had had that his house was insured before the 16th

of October, was that witness him so.
His Worship: If the fire had occurred o

witness. The opportunity was availed of, and the following questions were put through His Worship.

"Did Mr. Richards ask you if you had

een that organ?" "After the fire had occurred, did Mr. Richards ask you if you could swear to hav-

"Did you reply that you had, and indi-

"Did Mr. Richards, after the fire, tell you that the organ was a hand-organ, not worth more than \$10 or \$15?" " He did.'

"Did you reply that if that was the only organ, the one you had seen and valued at \$250, must have been removed from the ouse?"
"I did." "Did Mr. Richards then say that, in that

case, the circumstances in connection with the fire were suspicious, and would call for "He did, and that in that event I would required to give evidence."
"Did Mr. Richards enjoin you to be care

"He did."
Sergeant Hawton deposed to having been at the scene of the fire and notifying Smith of the blaze. When the particular room was mentioned to Smith, he said, "My God, all my wife's clothes are there.

Smith was cross-examined at great length by Chief Sheppard, who elicited that the value set on most of the furniture was because of the fact that the articles were heirlooms. Since the fire witness said that he had had the smallpox, and having burned some fumigating stuff on his stove his friends put in a claim to the Board of Health for compensation, and he was

would not sum up.

The jury did not think it necessary that house were open, some ten or twelve inches.
There had not been a fire in the house since the day Mrs. Smith left it, a week before.
To His Worship: The bedroom window is about four feet from the ground all.

pressed themselves as—
"Of opinion that the house was set on to thoroughfare there.

To Joseph Smith: I heard you say that and we would recommend that insurance agents be more particular as to whom they employ to solicit insurance."

The jury were then discharged, His Worship complimenting them upon their intelligence and attention

FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

Regulars Woefully Whipped by Revolution

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 23 .- A report was

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Hotel Russer Mangled by a Train-Vancouver Schools Praised-That Midnight Robbery.

The Pert Moody Coal-Valuable Sa ples of Kootenay Ores-Local Mining Enterprise.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 23 .- A letter was r eived by the Board of Works from D. H dorgan, a city contractor, making very engineer in reference to his usage of a city contractor. Mr. Morgan will appear before the Board of Werks. The letter is said to have been kept from the reporters by the

Mr. J. A. MacFarlane, F.C.S., ex-manager of the Boles Copper Mining company, South California, has permanently located in Vancouver, and becomes a partner of Mr. J. M. MacKinson in mining and real

There was a very large attendance at the High school examinations yesterday. Hon.
Theodore Davie and Enspector Burns were
present. Inspector Burns says the system
of aducation in British Columbia is superior to that of any province or state in America.
The regular monthly meeting of the Y.
M. C. T. U. was held last evening. Papers
were read on the effects of sobscoo, and the

nercies of God.

Mr. C. P. Major heard seventy five appeals entered against the assessments of lands held outside the municipalities or with-in the district of New Westmanster. The Court sits in New Westmanster to-day. The friends of Otto Bond, the young Russian Jew who committed suicide here on Tuesday, cannot be found. His fellow-

countrymen in the city will bury the emains.

Mr. Geo. Barnes will not give the pelic minute particulars as to his doings on the night he was shot and robbed. Common talk on the street is that there is something rious about the affair that should be

The programme of the Epworth League oncert at the Homer street Methodist church last evening, was of unusual merit. Those who contributed the instrumental Those who was a way of the contributed the instrumental through the contributed the con Those who contributed the instrumental numbers were the Misses Nicholls and Mrs. Micholls, Mrs. J. J. Banfield, Miss Orrell, Messrs. F. Dyke, T. Dyke and Mr. Apple-ton, all talented and highly trained musicians. The instrumental music was musicians. The instrumental music was far ahead of that of the usual church concert order. Vocal selections were rendered by Miss Orell, Miss Nicholls, Mrs. Rumble, Messrs. Welsh, Lee and Dr. Richardson. Miss Orell is now the recognized star among the soprano singers of Vancouver. Mr Welsh has a magnificent voice, his low Welsh has a magnificent voice, his low notes being particularly sweet. A thorough

musical training would fit him to take a place with the male singers of the day.

The juvenile Templars of Mount Pleasant Lodge, I O.G.T., held their annual Christman and Christman Christman collection. elebration in Temperance Hall on

Tuesday evening.

Every seat in the "Church of our Lady of the Holy Rosary" has been taken for the celebration of midnight mass on Christmas eve. Those not having tickets to day will ot be able to attend. Mr. Wright, ex-steward of the St. George's club, died in the hospital yester-

day. The Anglo-Columbia Co, limited, has opened a branch office in town.

All the houses east of Granville street are without water owing to an exposed main being frozen. The precious fluid is dis-

tributed each afternoon by the city from a watering cart.
The converts of Miss England's Chinese Mission school gave an entertainment list evening in their rooms to invited guests The Chinese boys have made w progress under the painstaking tuition of their teacher.

A Japanese was fined \$100 by Magistrat ordan for running an illicit whiskey shop in Richmond municipality.

The steamer Island Belle will go on the route between here and New Whatcom Anacortes, Seattle, Fairhaven, Port Town end and Tacoma.

There was a heavy fall of snow in Van ouver to-day.

Mr. Edward Smith, a runner for the Oriental hotel, fell under the wheels of the Whatcom express while attempting to board the training that with the training to board will be worked on a large scale at once, and the train last might at Hastings. The the energy and good fortune of the Koote-wheels passed over his left leg and arm. He nay and Columbia Prospecting and Mining was placed on the train and taken to Vancouver, when Dootors Wilson and Lefevre
amputated the mangled limbs of the unfortunate sufferer. Mr. Smith has his senses and is bearing up marvelously under the terrible strain, not having lost conlousness for a moment since the accident.

It is thought he will recover. NANAIMO.

2 p.m. The cold during the past three days is the severest felt in Nanaimo in years. No snow yet, but plenty of good skating at East Wellington. A large number of the Laredo, Texas, Dec. 23.—A report was received here late last night of a skirmish that occurred near Guerrero on the 17th inst., between the Mexican troops and revolutionists, in which the latter, 500 injured. Both mea were taken to their terms of the second of the sec

Chilliwack, and not Mission, as at first of searching and attempting to rectify the

proceed without interruption.

Prospecting for coal at Port Moody has begun in a businesslike way, a company called the Port Moody Coal Prospecting Co. having been formed last week to prosecute the work under the direction of Mr. Bell

Coast.

There is no doubt round Colville that the There is no doubt round Colville that the Silver King is sold, and it is stated that Jimmy Durkin is expecting the cash for the Cobaugh interest shortly.

Cobaugh interest shortly.

Contracts have been let for rock work between Northport and the boundary.

A representative of the San Francisco Bridge company has been inspecting the site of the bridge across the Pend d'Oreille, with Mr. Roberts, and a contract for the bridge may be let within two or three days. Provisional arrangements have been made for hauling in supplies.

The arrangements made by the C. & K.
S. N. company for passenger traffic are:
Passengers leave Nelson at 9 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, arriving at Northport
days and Thursdays, arriving at Northport he same day, proceeding next morning spokane, where they arrive in the evening ranins leave Spokane on Mondays and Thursdays, passengers by which will reach Nelson on Tuesdays and Fridays. The bove arrangement saves a day on the road, as up to the present it has been a three days' journey to or from Spokane by this

Foreign mining companies are not to have all their own way in running West Koot-enay. The Toad Mountain Mining company, whose incorporation is announced, is composed chiefly of local men who know enough of the business to be undertaken to

make a success of it.

One of Nelson's business men imported 12 The freight from Marcus for Christmas use. The freight from Marcus to Northport, 30 miles, was 700; from Northport to Robson, 28 miles, \$2.70. And still the Kamlo Sentinel does not see why we want the Nel son and Fort Sheppard railway.

Mr. Stirsky has invented a burglar alarm

which he intends to patent in the States and Canada. It is simple in design. (From the Miner.)

The Kootenay & Columbia Prosp and Mining company's smelter returns of their sample parcels of ore from the Wellington mine, as received from the Smelting and Refining company, Montana,

Lead, per cwt, 22.5, per ton... Silver, per oz., 347.95 per cent Gold, per oz., 11. Total value per ton. Net proceeds, 2989 pounds-\$397 35. NO. 2-2053 POUNDS OF ORE Silver, per oz., 246 2..... \$242 67 elting costs..

Net proceeds, 2053 pounds-\$215 65 NO. 3-3708 POUNDS OF ORE. Lead, per cwt., 69.2, per tqn. Silver, per oz , 242.6..... \$237 62

Net proceeds, 3708 pounds-\$381 05. This result is based on silver at 85 cents an ounce. It proves that Canadian enter

ALBERNI.

ALBERNI, Dec. 20 .- The weather continues fine but somewhat colder. The ground froze up last night but there is no snow as yet.

Rev. Messrs, Adamson and McDonald at NANAIMO, Dec. 23.—The shooting match for turkeys, arranged by the Rifle association, took place at Mayor Haslam's sawfield. He is highly esteemed by the people. At the License court, held on the 15th, mill yesterday. Following are the lucky shots: Dr. G. A. B. Hall, 4 birds; Mayor Haskam, 3; A. B. Anderson and R. Watnesson, 2 each; W. Young, W. J. High and W. Wall, I each. The balance of the 30 on the petition. There will probably be an turkeys will be shot for to-morrow, at 2 p.m.

for Barclay Sound to prepare for the sealing year.

IN THE FULL COURT.

Before Begbie, C.J., Crease and Drake, JJ. Dec. 22.

The trouble between the Tramway company and Burnaby municipality in regard to the extension of the tramway line along the Vanceuver road has been amicably settled, and the work of laying the track will proceed without interruption.

Prospecting for coal at Port Moody has begun in a businessilite way a company of the best of examining and attempting to procure title, and all costs; and this only on the basis of a rescision of the contract and conveyance back of the land. The plaintiff still held the deed, and had not tendered the work under the direction of Mr. Bellamy, expert. Already a gang of men are at work putting up a derrick, preparatory to boring.

The clerk of the Coquitlam Council has prepared the roll of voters of the municipality, the total number being 117, divided by wards as follows: Ward 1, 17; Ward 2, 122; Ward 3, 12; Ward 4, 30; Ward 5, 29.

In Burnaby municipality the number of duced, or, as an alternative, a new trial granted ex debito usticiæ, though no motion had been made for that purpose.

Fell, contra. The court has no jurisdiction other than to grant a new trial—no

In Burnaby municipality the number of electors is considerably greater, being 453, divided as follows: Ward 1, 76; Ward 2, fendant is now out of time. The court 169; Ward 3, 201; Ward 4, 40; Ward 5, 67.

R. E. Lemon has returned from the

Rock Strict Stri Per Drake, J.: There is no evidence what

from defendant, that would go to reduction of damages.

Per Begbie, C.J.: You cannot get damages for breach of a covenant for title, hold the conveyance, and get a return of the purchase money all at the same time.

By the Court:

The measure of damages for breach of a covenant for a good title is a return of all covenant for a good title is a

covenant for a good title is a return of all covenant for a good title is a return of all purchase money paid, with legal interest, and all expenses and costs necessarily occasioned by the effort to obtain title. No damages for loss of prospective profits on the bargain can be allowed.

On the suggestion of the Curt, Mr. Fell consented to reduce the verdict by accepting a judgment calculated on above basis, viz., \$2,200 purchase money returned with interest at 6 per cent. from date of its payment; necessary expenses as above, as to the amount of which reference to the Registrar, with direction to report specially, and costs of action to be taxed, no costs of this appeal to either party.

The full Court then adjourned till Friday

at 11.

Griffiths v. Boscowitz—Appeal to Divisional Court. Stands for judgment.

Mason v. Oliver—Appeal from County
Court to Supreme Court. Stands to be heard before two judges on day to be fixed.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

(In the Full Court, before Begbie, C.J., Crease, J., and Walkem, J.)

Dec. 22, 1892. Re. The Vancouver Improvement Co. and the Land Registry Act—This was an appeal from an order of Mr. Justice McCreight made on September 6 last dismiss
Oreight made on September 6 last dismiss
By this time the little boys and girls Creight made on September 6 last dismissing an appeal from the local registrar at Vancouver, dismissing a petition of the company for a certificate of indefeasible title to certain lands, under section 63 of the Land Registry Act (C. S. B. C. 1888, Cap. 67) which reads as follows: "63. The owner in fee of any land, the title to which shall have been registered for the space of seven years, may apply to the registrar for a certificate of indefeasible title, but he shall first make an affidavit that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, all deeds and documents, maps, plans, and papers (with a list thereof annexed) relating to the title to the land in question have been produced to the registrar", etc.

The affidavit of the company stated, "The said Vancouver Improvement Company are the owners in fee of the above-mentioned lands, the titles of which lands have been registered for the space of seven years."

Upon this the certificate of indefeasible title to was time they were having some fun for them-selves, so they said that was all, and Mr. Watson told them it was the best he had heard in that room, and he did not think the big folks could do half so well.

So Mrs. Sid-dall and Miss Honor, the teach-ers of the class, said: "It must be about time for Santa Claus to come," and sure enough just then the door opened, and in popped old Santa himself. All the children laughed to see his jolly red nose and long white beard. On his back he had a big big basket of sweeties, which he handed out to every little boy and girl there. How jolly old Santa Claus lands, the titles of which lands have been registered for the space of seven years."

Upon this the certificate of indefeasible things down from the tree and gave them to each one of the tots, and all the old folks smiled to see how happy the children were. Well, after the boys and girls the names and shown each other their cities the pages and shown each other their cities the pages and shown each other their cities the pages and shown each other their

title was refused by the local registrar upon the following grounds: "That in view of the judgment in re Trimble, requir-ing the applicant for a certificate of inde-feasible title to be the registered owner for

the period of seven years, I cannot enter-tain the application."

Mr. Justice McCreight dismissed the appeal to him upon the same grounds.

A. E. McPhillips now moved by way of

appeal.

In re Ellard, Mr. Justice McCreight made an order for the issue of a certificate of indefeasible title, in a case similar to the of indefeasible title, in a case similar to the present, on September 22, 1885. His present judgment is in deference to re Trimble. The question being an important time. one, the parties are anxious to have it re-considered by the full court. The only rethe applicant should be the owner in fee and 2. That the title which he holds should but would continue to increase socially and have been, for seven years, a registered

The section does not require that the

ported into the section by implication r construction, but effect should or construction, but effect should be given to it as it stands. Re Douglas, Land Ord. Act, 1870, 1 B. C. Rep. pt. 1, p. 85. Philpot v. St. George's hospital, 6 H. of L. cas, p. 338. Fordyce v. Brydges, 1 H. of L. cas, pp. 1 and 4. Countess Rothes v. Kirkaldy, W. W. Co., 7 App. cas. 702. The granting of an indefeasible title to purchasers of a seven wears old registered title. chasers of a seven years old registered title is not contrary to the policy or intention of the act, as the title would still be defeasible on every ground necessary to be guarded against, invelving any fraud in any part of the chain of title only—Curnie, sec. 66, ibid. All errors, omissions, or informalities, in the registration of title or any proceeding connected therewith, and notwithstand ing the existence in any other person of any estate or interest in the land and except in the case of fraud, etc.

The registration of an ordinary certificate of ownership is notice to the world of a claim of title, and it is not the intention of claim of title, and it is not the intention of the act that the seven year limitation should begin to run again in favor of dormant claims every time the title passes to a new owner, otherwise the limitation might never take effect, and an indefeasible title never be obtained.

The Court, without calling on A. G. Smith, who appeared for the registrar, stated that they desired the question, as one of considerable public importance, to be argued before a bench of four judges, and erefore adjourned the matter for that purFOR THE LITTLE ONES.

A Tale of a Good Time Told in Easy Words for Tiny Tots.

Old Santa Claus Gives Each of His Boys and Girls a Nice Gift.

This is the time of year when every one feels that the little boys and girls should have all the fun which can be made for them. Old folks and big boys and girls can find some way to have a good time, but the little ones must have some one to take care of things for them, and see that all the left for the tots to do but just to
The kind teachers of the M The kind teachers of the Meth-o-dist Sunday School infant class have been think-ing of all this for a long time, and so they said, "What will our infant class like... best;" and one of them said, "Let us give our little boys and girls a Christ-mas tree

for their very own."

All the good people of the church thought this would be a good thing to do, and that it would please the little chil-dren very much to have a tree just for them selves. for their very own.

All the good peor So last night all the mam-mas and papas of the chil-dren took them to the Pan-do-ra Ave-nue Meth-o-dist church, and, sure enough, there was a big, big tree all fixed up so prettily with lights and gay colors. But the best of it was that every limb was hanging full of just the kind of things all little boys and girls so dearly love.

But the chil-dren did not for-get that there was a big.

there was a big crowd of old folks there who could not get a gift from the tree. So hey said, "We will see that you have some So they asked Rev. Mr. Wat-son to tell

the folks that if they would keep still and be good and not laugh too much, the class would try to please them with some songs and pieces.

And then the class sang a song Pre-cious Jew-els, after which little Herbie Wat-son and Freddie Harding, three years

old, and Josie Wat-son, six years old, and Herbie Pen-dray, seven years old, all spoke pieces, and the big folks clap-ped their pieces, and the big folks clap-ped their hands and said it was very nice.

Then Willie Half-penny sang a song about "Little drops of water," about "Little drops of water," and Doug las Ga-ler, Mary Tate and Annie Wie

spoke some more pieces.

Alice Bar-ker, four and a half years old, sang a pretty little song, and every one clapped their hands. Elsie Wier and Maud Galer, sged four years, spoke pieces, and then all the class sang a song. Laura Noris Core Showitts.

Well, after the boys and girls had all shown each other their gifts, the papas and Well, after the shown each other their guis, the papas and mammas said it was time to go home. So they all said good night to their teachers and went home to dream about old Santa Claus and the big Christmas tree, all their

CHILI AND THE U. S.

Admiral Gerhardi and Officers Objects of President Montt's Hospitalities VALPARAISO, Dec. 23.—Admiral Gerhardi

He expressed the hope that the relations That | between the United States and Chili, which but would continue to increase socially and commercially as republics. Admiral Ger-hardi also visited the Minister of the Navy. applicant should have been registered as the owner for seven years. This is a tree owner for seven years. This is a pre-requisite which should not be impre-requisite which should not be impre-requisite which should not be impre-requisite which should not be impre-requisite. The officers of the San Francisco and company. The officers of the Chilian navy will give a ball on Saturday in honor of the

> Scrofula ... the Neck The following is from Mrs. J. W. Tillbrook, wife of the Mayor of Makeesport Penn



some time. We then began giving him Hood's proved very rapidly until the sore healed up. Erysipelas. We again gave him Hood's San saparilla with most excellent results and he has had no further trouble. His cure is due to Hood's Sarsaparilla

He has never been very robust, but now see:

HOOD'S PILLS do not weaken, but ald

healthy and daily growing stronger."



CANADIAN

Women Permitted to Lawyers in Ontario bezzler Captu

Profit Sharing in New Ice Bridge at Qu Natural Gas S

Toronto, Dec. 27 (Spe Society, this morning, con tion of admitting women The result was the adoption admitting women. This is woman who can qualify is n tice law in this province.

LAKEFIELD, Dec. 27.—)
man Mitchell, son of Thom
tempted suicide by shootin,
revolver. Despondency wa
BRANTFORD, Dec. 27.—J
young farmer, was killed b ning away near here yester HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—Pro who has had charge of the here for twenty years, dro TRENTON, Dec. 27. — . father of a grown up family

ent citizen of Trenton, ha here, charged with the sedu girl named Wolley, of Tord Hamilton, Dec. 27. — bridge, in the case of Collin ton Street Car Company, I plaintiff, Mrs. Collins, \$5,0 her husband who was kille last spring.

LONDON, Dec. 27.-Alex here from Michigan last e of a detective, having been year ago. ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. T. S. Sims & Co., brush an

adopted a modified form

occurred since then to pr ment from being as success

with their employes.

but the cash payment of employes amounts to between cent. on the year's e thing near a week's extra ment has been renewed for OTTAWA, Dec. 26.-The umbia Mining and Prosp some time ago shipped b ectional boiler, diamond A telegram has been rece advising him of the arrival was routed on the "Soo" Spokane Falls and Little pert driller who had charg borings at Northumberland duct the work. This is drill operating in the Slo the tests at a depth will interest by mining men. made in sections, the heaving 160 pounds. The pla gether instead of being riv gether instead of being will be packed from Nelso ton mine, where it will

BARRIE, Dec. 27.—Rev. late clerk of the General Presbyterian Church in C died at his residence here WINDSOR, Dec. 26.—The has been struck on W. A. Kingsville, with a capacity lons daily.

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—Aborice bridge formed yesterda

NORWOOD, Dec. 27.-V the woods near here a you Perkins was struck by a stantly killed. QUEBEC, Dec. 27 —A m was found frozen to death temperature during Sund degrees below zero.

MONTREAL MA Crushed to Death-The City of Three River MONTREAL, Dec. 27der Cadoret, mayor of Simon, fell under a he

About two months

Smith, U. S. consul at !

crushed to death.

to Washington a report sanitary condition of the cil promptly passed reso ing the consul's report ar recall. Col. Smith has counsel to enter action f the city.
The residence of Mr. T Vice-president of the C. ter street, was badly de Christmas day. The fu aged, it is said, to the ext The river was frozen the first time this seaso able number of people p

each of its thousand Christmas turkey. TREMENDOUS Forty-five Degrees Belov

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.the West contains the mendous storm has been Gull lake two trains were and trains arriving the the West have been from hours late. The weather the Assinibola is cold and st the mercury last week zero no serious results fo

AMERICAN SV Henry Labouchere Expe These Enterprises quarters in 1

London, Dec. 28.-1 exposes in this weeks' Tr of the swindlers, who se inary fees from American vices in looking up c English estates. The Moore is, of course, most enterprising and s of the lot. Truth sends out his circulars f road, Shepherd's Rusl Howard, of No. 15 Uni don, has been but 457 Eighth avenue, 1 by Truth to be sending