Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM.

—A practice of the Victoria Intermediate Association football team will be held to-morrow morning at Oak Bay.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Latham, of No. 10 Seventh street, mourn the loss of their infant son, who died on Friday morning.

—The 30th annual banquet of the Sons of England will be held on Monday evening next at the Royal hotel. An energetic committee has charge of the preparations, and a good time is assured all who attend.

—The action for divorce brought by M. D. Dean against his wife was partly heard before Mr. Justice Irving Friday morning, and ultimately laid over until January 9th.

—Rev. John Antle has secured $500 in subscriptions in Victoria toward the missionary boat for visiting the Northern lumber camps, and intends to convass Vancouver with a view to raising the necessary balance.

—Kang Yu Wei, the noted Chinese reformer, will be leaving for Vancouver next week. He is still at the Driard, and of late has had his time pretty well occupied in receiving visitors and looking after correspondence.

—Friday at the Pioneer banquet given in the Driard, Mayor Barnard, in the course of his response to the toast, "The Mayor and Council," proposed by Richard Hall, M. P. P., announced that he would be a candidate for re-election as chief magistrate in January.

—The French ship Jules Verne is on her way to the Royal Roads from Hakodate. The vessel belongs to the same company which owns the other two French vessels recently in port.

—The social at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening next is in charge of the Ladies' Auxiliary of that institution. There will be a mixed programme of vocal and instrumental music and readings, and at the close refreshments will be served. The entertainment is free, and everybody is cordially invited.

The Indian Tom, who is suspected of having murdered an Indian woman of the Nawitti tribe at the northern end of Vancouver Island last September, has been arrested by Provincial Constable Wollacott and taken to Alert Bay. He will be tried at Vancouver. The story of the murder has already been published in the Times.

SOUTH AMERICAN NERVINE makes the whole system radiant in perfect health, it accelerates circulation, enriches the blood, penetrates to the very centres of nerve force, builds tissue, makes and keeps people well. This wonderful remedy has had a charmed experience and has done its greatest work in cases that the medical fraternity had pronounced hopeless.—140.

—A branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Canadian church was organized Thursday at a meeting held at Bishopsclose. The organziation is for the city parishes. Miss Dupont was elected president, Mrs. Luxton, vice-president, and Miss Turner, secretary-treasurer. All wishing to join are requested to do so.

—Twelve members of the High school cadet corps held rifle shooting practice on Saturday over the gallery range at the drill hall. The following scores were made, the possible being 25: A. Waters, 22; S. P. Macrae, 20; B. Robson, 20; H. Rogers, 20; R. Bamford, 20; J. H. C. Burgess, 19; H. Angus, 18; Thomas 18; Prevost, 17; Sears, 17; R. Robertson, 17; Spencer, 15.

—The Dominion Express Company's office has just passed through the hands of the carpenters and painters, and now presents a handsome appearance. Agent McKenzie has had the counter space enlarged, which is most convenient to their patrons. A new and up-to-date arc light has been added to the lighting facilities, and this, with the new wall paper and gilding effects, makes the Dominion express office the finest of its kind in the city.

—Referring to the growth of the halibut fishing business in the north, the Seattle Times says: "The halibut fishing industry is carried on exclusively in Southeastern Alaska in the winter months, and already about 15 fishing schooners have left port to join the fleet about Juneau and Wrangel Narrows. In all there are probably 50 small boats fishing for halibut at the present time. In the summer months a large number of the schooners make their headquarters about Cape Flattery. When the weather is good they venture as far as 40 miles off the cape."

"LOVE LAUGHS AT LOCKSMITHS" as South American Kidney Cure laughs at disease. It's the seemingly impossible doors to disease that it unlocks that makes its cures almost incredible. But for every cure there is a proof if you care to investigate. It is a liquid kidney specific and it never fails. Makes and keeps men "fit" and well.—142.

—The High school entrance examinations will be held next week in the High school, beginning on Monday morning at 9.30 o'clock. The subject for Monday will be British History and Canadian History in the forenoon, and Drawing in the afternoon. Candidates are requested to be at the High school at 9.15 o'clock, in order that the work may begin punctually.

—"The many friends of W. F. Proctor, accountant of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, will be pleased to hear of his promotion to be manager of a branch of that bank in Greenwood, although regretting that he will leave Vancouver. He will go to his new post on Friday. Mr. Proctor's place as accountant here will be filled by V. C. Cronyn, of Victoria, who will be transferred from the capital city branch. Mr. Cronyn will assume his duties here at the end of the week."—Vancouver Province.

—The committee of the Children's Aid Society met at the city hall Thursday afternoon. There were present Mrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. C. E. Redfern, Mrs. D. Jenkins, Mrs. W. H. Spofford, Mrs. E. R. McGregor, Miss Carr and Chas. Hayward. The secretary reported on the work being done, giving the information that four children from three families in the city had been brought under the control of the society. In other instances the timely action of the organization had led to a change in the conduct of parents. The president referred to the work which A. E. McPhillips, K. C., had done for the society in conducting its cases in the courts. This he had done gratuitously.

—The Victoria No. 2 Building Society held its fifth drawing last evening, J. Woolcock, Geo. A. Gardner and J. E. Church acting as a committee. The successful number in the first drawing was 148B, held by John Westcott, and in the second, 179B, held by P. S. Lampman. The holder of each is entitled to $1,000.

—Wong Wing Fuk, who recently returned to Victoria after an absence of several months, gave himself up to the police Thursday on the charge of conspiring to prosecute Wong On and Wong Gow, who are charged with murdering Mah Quan in the Chinese theatre. Wong Wing Fuk was released on bail, on the application of his counsel, Geo. Powell, the amount being fixed at five thousand dollars.

—The Pacific Wireless Telegraph Company is wasting no time in establishing a local station at Douglas rock. Already a small office for the accommodation of the operator has been completed, and Friday a 90-foot pole arrived from Shawnigan lake. To this will be added two poles about 75 and 65 feet in length, respectively. They will reach an altitude of approximately 200 feet when in position. The work is being pushed forward energetically, and should be completed within a comparatively short time.

—No. 1 mine at Morrissey, where the blow out of gas occurred a few weeks ago, is closed up at the present time. The way in is barricaded, and it is not likely that for some time to come that the mine will be reopened. The last blow out of gas was a phenomenal one. Its volume was in excess of nearly everything previously met with in coal mining. No. 1 has been subject to these outbursts of gas, which can neither be foretold nor can they be overcome. It would not be a surprise if the management forsake this particular mine for some time.

—Old William Keeler's propensity for carrying unique weapons about his person attracted the attention of the police Thursday, and Detective Macdonald, meeting him on the street, relieved him of a formidable looking horse pistol he had in his pocket. The gun is about a foot long, and has six chambers. It was unloaded, and Keeler says he purchased it from a second-hand store for seventy-five cent. On Friday the old man called at the police station for his property, but the police declined to surrender it. Keeler claims he wants to shoot game with the gun, but the manager and inmates of the Old Men's Home as well as the police are of the opinion that he is better off without it.

—Christ church auxiliary sale of work, which was postponed on account of the concert last Wednesday, will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, in the cathedral schoolroom. Stalls are to be provided for fancy work, dolls and candies. A special feature will be the "Home Cookery" stall, which will be provided with delicacies for the table. In the evening a promenade concert will be held with an excellent programme.

—On Thursday an amateur orchestra was organized at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, under the conductorship of Jesse Longfield. A business meeting was held first, and this was followed by a very successful and profitable rehearsal. A committee composed of the following: Messrs. DeFoe, Talbot and Longfield, was elected to make all arrangements, and anyone wishing to join are asked to submit their names or to be present at the rehearsal, which takes place next Thursday. Regular practices will be held each Thursday in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. building, Broad street.

—In connection with the opening of telephone communication between Victoria, Vancouver and way places on Thursday evening last, it should be stated that Mayor Barnard at the city hall, Victoria, conversed with Mayor McGuigan at Vancouver at 8 o'clock, offering congratulations appropriate to the occasion and declaring the new service open for commercial use. Subsequently a number of interested citizens assembled at the central office and fully tested the "talking" ability of the service.

—The "At Home" held at Mrs. Talbot's, corner of Cook and Pandora streets, as was anticipated, was a splendid success. A large number of people sat down at the table, beautifully loaded with good things. The evening brought a larger number of friends, who all joined heartily in the various amusements which were provided. During the evening a short programme was given, consisting of the following contributions: Solo, by Mrs. Knight; pianoforte duet, Misses Bernice and Winnifrid Scowcroft; solo, Mr. Petch; recitation, Miss Connie Fisher; solo, Mr. Arton; mandolin and guitar duet, Messrs. Talbot and Newlands; solo, Miss N. Scowcroft; duet, Miss Talbot and Mr. Kinnaird.

—Officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's telegraph, pronounce the story regarding a probable strike of telegraphers in the Northwest emanating from Nelson, and published in Friday's Colonist, as untrue, or at least greatly exaggerated. Mr. Christie, the local manager, states that he had a conversation over the wire this morning with J. Wilson, the superintendent of the Pacific division, who stated, with reference to the Nelson special: "While the Order of Railway Telegraphers are in consultation with officials at Montreal regarding a new schedule of salaries, the story of the Nelson reporter is all nonsense. Mr. C. H. Powell, referred to as representative of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, is not a member of that organiation. He is the inspector of the central division of the C. P. R. telegraphs, and is on leave of absence. He simply made a passing call on Superintend Lawrence."

—The date set for the Christmas entertainment in connection with the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school is Tuesday, December 20th. Tea will be served to all members of the school at 6.30 o'clock in the schoolroom of the church, after which a beautiful Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem Chimes," will be given by the school in the main auditorium. A platform will be erected large enough to accommodate the whole school. The musical part of the entertainment is under the leadership of Aaron Parfitt, who is drilling the scholars in order that it will surpass anything formerly given by the school along this line. Those taking the recitations are being drilled by Mrs. Frances, a teacher in the school, who has had long experience in such work. The method of giving has been reversed this year, and instead of the school giving presents to its members, the members will contribute presents to be distributed among those who do not have regular visits from Santa Claus. The presents will be carried by the scholars in the "Grand March," and deposited at the foot of the platform as they march up. The cantata will be open to the public, and no admission fee will be charged. The junior primary class will hold its entertainment on Thursday, December 29th, in the schoolroom.

—Rev. J. P. Westman conducted the services Sunday afternoon in connection with the funeral of the infant son of John Latham, of Seventh street.

—Wm. McKay will again try his luck in the approaching city elections, donning his armor and sallying into the arena as a candidate for school trustee.

—Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance, is expected to arrive in Victoria in a few days. He is believed to be on his way across the continent now.

—The law examinations commenced Monday, with P. S. Lampman presiding. Fourteen candidates presented themselves, taking the various examinations.

—One of the Driard billiard tournament matches is announced for this evening between Messrs. Walton and Proctor. The game is expected to be well contested.

—The regular quarterly meeting of the board of licensing commissioners will be held in the police court chamber, city hall, on Wednesday afternoon. There are eight applications for transfers on the programme.

—The Victoria agency of the marine and fisheries department has received word from Capt. Hackett that the Quadra left Union Bay for Nanaimo on Monday. She will likely reach Victoria in a day or two.

PILES—ITCHING, BLIND AND BLEEDING.—CURED in three to six nights. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is peerless in curing. One application gives instant relief. It cures all itching and irritating skin diseases, Chafing, Eczema, etc. 35 cents.—143.

—In the County court to-day the trial of Streek, Jasper and Worth was commenced before Judge Harrison. The men are charged with assaulting a street car conductor, Alex. McLeod. The prosecution is in the hands of Deputy Attorney-General McLean. A. E. Belyea, K. C., is defending the prisoners.

—Complaints have been made of the manner in which the streets have lately been lighted. A lady coming out of Calvary Baptist church Sunday stepped off the sidewalk in the darkness, and falling a distance of probably a couple of feet, severely sprained her ankle and wrenched her arm.

—"The marriage took place at noon yesterday of Mr. George Henry Brown and Mrs. Annie Maud Burton, both of Victoria, though the groom has been in Vancouver for some time," says Sunday's Vancouver News-Advertiser. "The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. L. Rugg, D. D., the new pastor of the West End Baptist church, at his residence, 1615 Burnaby street."

—"Some idea of the extent to which the Nanaimo herring fisheries are being developed this season may be obtained from the fact that the industry now employs nearly 100 persons," says the Nanaimo Free Press. "Little mention has been made up to the present of the market which has been developed on the Sound and at Vancouver and Victoria for fresh herring, and which is supplied almost entirely from Nanaimo. Messrs. A. R. Johnston & Co. and P. Stoddart are the principal contractors for this branch of the trade, and daily send away large quantities of fish. Several steamers are constantly engaged in the business at this time."

—Manager Jamieson's bill at the Grand theatre on Johnson street for this week includes Miss Katherine George, contortionist and exponent of exaggerated physical culture; Frye and Allen, comedy sketch; the juggling Burkes, expert club jugglers and hoop rollers; Miss Marion George, violinist; J. O. Wise, in an ambidextrous chalk talk, and Walsh and Ligon in a musical comedy sketch entitled "The Burglar and the Soubrette." F. Roberts will sing "The Fatal Rose of Red," and the moving pictures will illustrate "The Moonshiners." This makes eight acts, a longer bill than last week, and Mr. Jamieson says he has every reason to believe it will prove quite as entertaining.

—At the request of a large number of friends who saw the opera "Dorothy," the Victoria Operatic Company have decided to give two performances on January 2nd, 1905—a matinee in the afternoon, commencing at 2.30 sharp, the prices being 50c. and 25c. for children to any part of the house, and an evening performance at 8 o'clock. J. M. Finn has been given the conductorship, and theatre patrons can look forward to one of the best amateur productions ever given in Victoria. The chorus will be greatly strengthened, and no doubt the Victoria theatre will be packed to hear Cellier's tuneful opera. Mr. Finn, who was called in at the last moment for the first production, will commence rehearsals at once for the additional performances.

—At the Dallas hotel on Saturday last about 3 o'clock the first idea one got was that all the children of Victoria were there. Members of the young folk packed the house to the doors, and one of "the Pierrots'" most successful performances was given. The grand climax was reached when, after a special programme of "Pierrot" songs and stories, the children were introduced to Mr. Punch. Altogether a most enjoyable afternoon was spent, and the children went away highly excited at the bright things they had seen and heard. This performance will be repeated next Saturday. In the meantime the Pierrots will perform tonight at the Dallas, Wednesday at Duncans, Thursday at Chemainus, Friday at the Dallas, and Saturday at the Dallas matinee.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Arrangements for the definite extension of the Gould system from ocean to ocean have been completed. Arrangements are being made to let immediate contracts for the construction of the Western Pacific road from Salt Lake City to San Francisco. With the completion of the Western Pacific George J. Gould will have extended the railway system built up by his father from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast.

The funeral train bearing the remains of the former president of the Transvaal, Paul Kruger, arrived at Pretoria Saturday, and there was an imposing ceremony attending the removal of the casket from the train to the hall in which the body will lie in state. The hearse was escorted by a uniformed bodyguard, composed of former members of the Boer artillery and police. Preceding the cortege were Generals Botha, Smuts, Delarey, Dewet and other Boer leaders, who were followed by the town councillors and burghers.

EXCITING GAME ENDED IN DRAW

DESPERATE STRUGGLE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Each Side Scored a Goal—Other Sports and Pastimes Which Took Place.

It was generally predicted that Saturday's Association football match between Victoria and the Garrison would prove the finest exhibition of the series, and those who so prophesied were not wide of the mark. From the blow of the whistle the struggle was desperately fought, the advantage varying from one side to the other, so that the result was uncertain until well on in the second half. Then the Garrison scored, their forwards managing to elude the stalwart backs—Lorimer and Goward—placing the ball neatly in the net. This performance provoked loud applause, all the soldiers present uniting to cheer their team, hats flew into the air, and everyone rejoiced because victory seemed assured. But they didn't take sufficiently into account the plucky spirit of the Victoria boys. The reverse only made them more determined, and from the kick-off the ball was carried into the Garrison goal, and Berkeley scored, making the contest a draw.

One of the largest crowds that has witnessed an Association football match on local grounds gathered at Work Point to see this game. The Garrison was out en masse, while a large contingent of Victoria enthusiasts were in attendance to encourage Victoria-United in the struggle against the soldiers' crack eleven.

The initial half was much in favor of the Garrison, and the spirits of local supporters began to droop as they saw Victoria's goal subjected to a continual bombardment. At last, however, the players in white got away and cheers followed them as they raced up field with the ball at their feet. It travelled quickly from York to Berkeley, and then to Lawson at centre. The latter made a splendid attempt, but Centre Half Paley was in the way, and the rush proved ineffective. An anxious period for the locals then commenced. Time and again the Garrison vainly attempted to score, the local half backs, assisted by Messrs. Goward, Lorimer and Finlaison, putting up a superb defence. But try as they would they couldn't clear. First there was a corner, and it was sent down field. Another one followed, which Matthews considerably sent behind the goal. Probably wishing to make good this poor play he got the ball from the goal kick and sent in a beautiful shot which Finlaison luckily stopped. He just managed to get it away before checked. The local defence then steadied down and the Garrison team wasn't allowed to approach the danger zone very often. On the other hand Victoria started rushing, the forwards, well supported by the half backs, playing in a spirited aggressive style. This resulted in two notable rushes, one of which was headed by Lawson, the local centre forward, and the other by Walter Lorimer, who was at centre half. Both, however, were repulsed, and the half ended with a clean slate.

Play was much more vigorous in the second half, Victoria-United taking advantage of the grade in their favor. Still the forwards did not play together as many expected. There wasn't the combination one would look for when the ability of the individual players is considered. There were many opportunities lost, the Garrison backs relieving with monotonous regularity. The latter fed their forwards well. If Victoria made a rush either one of the opposing half backs or full backs obtained the ball and sent it up field into the hands of the Garrison forwards. They attacked and generally met a "stone wall." Goward, the coolest man on the field, no matter how dangerous the emergency, almost always managed to place himself in the right place at the proper time. His remarkable judgment was never better demonstrated. S. Lorimer gave him good support, so the ball was repeatedly cleared.

Not until about ten minutes from time did anything of importance occur. This took place just after Lawson had astonished both teams, to say nothing of the spectators, by sprinting three-quarters the length of the field, with the ball and just failing to score by the narrowest margin. The Garrison retaliated with a rush, the forwards running in a line and passing the ball from one to the other. Here Goward made a fatal mistake. He allowed himself to be drawn off, and before he could get back the ball had been sent through. As mentioned the performance was followed by the wildest excitement.

The Victoria eleven didn't allow the grass to grow under their feet now. They were right after the ball, and soon had it at the other end of the field. J. Lorimer, in a sprint down right wing, was tripped, and a foul kick was awarded. Goward took the kick and placed the ball directly in front of the goal. A scrimmage occurred, from which Berkeley made the goal, evening the score.

Although it was a close, exciting game, it cannot be said that either team played perfectly. The forwards on both sides were loose at times, while the half backs were about evenly balanced. Lorimer and Paley, who played centre half for Victoria and Garrison, respectively, are worthy of special mention. The work of the full backs on both sides was the feature of the game. Taken altogether the match was the best seen on local grounds this season.

NOTES.

It is understood that Capt. Goward, of the Victoria-United team, has severely sprained his right ankle. This will interfere with his play, and unless there is some improvement will greatly weaken the defence of that team.

During Saturday's game Thompson, Victoria's new half back, was hurt, and had to retire. He returned later, however, and played pluckily to the end.

The Garrison have two reliable full backs, while Paley, at centre half back, is a host in himself. No wonder the local forwards found it difficult to penetrate the defence of the soldiers' team.

"Three cheers for the Garrison," shouted a number of enthusiasts just after that team had scored. There was a hearty response. But their enthusiasm was dampened when Victoria evened matters three minutes later.

Victoria-United eleven will have to win all their games in order to beat the Garrison in the championship race.

HANDBALL.

THE FERNWOOD SERIES.

Great interest is being evinced by members of the Fernwood association in the best average tournament recently inaugurated by officials of that club. Several matches are to take place to-morrow, commencing at 7 o'clock. The present standing of the tourney follows:

Player.	Games pl'd.	Pts. for.	Pts. ag'st.	Ave. for.	Ave. ag'st.
E. A. Gallop ..	4	84	28	14.00	...
A. Marcotte ..	7	141	69	10.71	...
W. P. Marchant	8	154	78	9.50	...
P. K. Winch ..	7	141	75	9.42	...
F. R. Moore ..	7	129	77	7.42	...
H. Jameson ...	7	90	112	...	3.14
W. P. Bassett .	8	103	138	...	4.37
E. B. Jones ..	5	57	99	...	8.40
W. Wilson	9	91	173	...	9.11
H. Spengler ...	5	44	104	...	12.00
V. Heather ...	1	6	21	...	15.00
N. Davis	4	15	84	...	17.25

THE HUNT.

RUN ON SATURDAY.

The Victoria Hunt Club held a run on Saturday afternoon. Of the seventeen who took part in it six were ladies. The course was over the land of Messrs. Conn, Borden, King, Clendenning and Irving, with a finish at Cedar Hill. The next run will be from the Gorge bridge at 2.30.

HOCKEY.

LADIES' MATCH.

By a score of 1 to 0, the Victoria ladies' second team defeated the High school girls in a game of hockey on Saturday afternoon. The match took place at Oak Bay and was a very close one.

PREPARED FOR MATCH.

The men's hockey club held good practices Saturday and yesterday mornings. The players are in good shape for the match with the Vancouver team on Saturday next. The selection of the local team will likely be made from among the following: R. Jaegers, L. York, K. Gillespie, B. Schwengers, A. Gillespie, J. Hart, H. R. N. Cobbett, H. Gillespie, K. Scholefield, B. Tye, C. McLean, A. McLean, R. Machin and W. Winsby.

THE WHEEL.

SIX DAYS' RACE OVER.

New York, Dec. 10.—Madison Square Garden was crowded with bicycle enthusiasts to-night to see the finish of the six-day bicycle race. When the winners of the $2,500 purse flashed across the line after a heartbreaking sprint between the leaders they were given an ovation.

Root and Dorlon won. The final scores were: Root and Dorlin, 2,386 miles 6 laps; Vanderstufyt and Stol, 2,386 miles 6 laps; Samueison and Williams, 2,386 miles 6 laps; Keegan and Logan, 2,386 miles 4 laps; Krebs and Fogler, 2,386 miles 3 laps; Breton and Gougolz, 2,386 miles 3 laps.

The record for the time was 2,733 miles 4 laps.

CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY PUT TO PRACTICAL TEST

Lord Rosebery Refers to Canadian Premier's Offer to Negotiate Commercial Treaty.

London, Dec. 10.—Lord Rosebery, speaking at Glasgow, said that he and others had been hunting up the famous offer by the colonies, and said that all he could make of it was a telegram here and a telegram there such as the contradictory reports of a mass meeting at Melbourne. He was inclined to think that the whole of Chamberlain's policy had not reached the people of Canada and Australia. If he had any influence he would transmit the following authoritative sentence from Chamberlain's lips: "Our colonial fellow subjects are growing every day in strength and power. We have hitherto borne alone the burden of our great Empire. Let them share that burden with us as they have the privileges." If that sentence has not reached Canada and Australia it was equivalent to the jam without the pill, yet nobody outside of a lunatic asylum would ask the people of Great Britain, besides bearing the cost of the Empire alone, to have a tax on their food for the benefit of their kinsmen across the sea; therefore he was anxious that the colonial kinsmen, when weighing the advantages of Chamberlain's policy, should know what it means. He looked upon the free co-operation and offers of men and money at times of difficulty as surer securities to the Empire than any artificial contribution which might be exacted or withheld.

Referring to the proposed colonial conference, Lord Rosebery said that it was quite obvious that it is not a conference for the union of the Empire, but a union of the Conservative party. Putting aside the question of a tariff taxation on food, Lord Rosebery said that the objection of the plan was that the Empire, if subjected to the strain of interests pulling in opposite directions, the fabric will not long resist. If cupidities are set afoot in every direction trying to get more out of the tariffs for the different colonies and interests, the Empire will at last be found drawn and quartered by these contending interests. Nature forbids an imperial customs union between countries separated by thousands of miles. On the other hand, the local liberties throughout the Empire forbid any attempt to connect the Empire by ties of commercial treaties. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had stated that he was willing to consider negotiations for a commercial treaty with Great Britain. This wished-for opportunity was subjecting Chamberlain's policy to a practical test, and would have been perfectly easy if the delegates of the Tariff Reform League would meet the Canadian delegates to ascertain whether it was possible to frame a treaty to meet the just demands of the people of both countries. Great Britain, under a system of protection, would become irredeemable slaves to interests which they could never shake off, and which would also tend to corruption.

Lord Rosebery also said that Mr. Borden, who embraced loudly and joyously Chamberlain's preferential ideas, was unable to retain his seat. If that happened on the other side, with how loud a blast of trumpets would it have been proclaimed by the people of Great Britain.

FERNIE NEWS.

Coal Company Leases C. P. R. Branch—Output of Mines.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company will take over the C. P. R. branch to Coal Creek on or about December 15th. Arrangements have been made to have the transfer effected as soon as the connection with the M. F. & M. is made and this the contractors say will be done by that date. The lease as was announced some time ago is for ten years with the option of renewing for a similar term at its expiration. The work on the Great Northern is progressing rapidly. The bridge over the Elk is practically completed as is the trestle work connecting it with the grade on this side of the river. The work of track-laying in the yards will not require much time.

The coal output at the three collieries of Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company for the month of November was as follows: Coal Creek, 44,867 tons; Michel, 22,253 tons; Carbonado, 7,449 tons; total, 74,569 tons. The October output was 70,153 tons. The November total was only once exceeded, in January, 1904, when 76,100 tons were mined. The last month establishes a notable record for the Coal Creek colliery, the output being several thousand tons over the previous monthly record. During November 390 ovens at Fernie made 11,950 tons of coke, while at Michel, 345 ovens made 9,157 tons. Owing to shortage of C. P. R. cars, the above ovens were not charged to their full capacity.

The new provincial jail building was completed last week. Chief McMullin has taken up his quarters in the large new office at the front of the building. Another small office room off the larger one will be used for office purposes. The offices in the old provincial building are now occupied by city authorities. Chief Warren has the room vacated by Mr. McMullin and the city clerk's office is in the large central room. The room thus vacated in the fire hall will be occupied by the firemen.

NOTABLE VISITORS

Will Reach Here This Evening—Guests at the Dallas.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Arrangements have been made at the Hotel Dallas for the accommodation of a party of distinguished visitors who will arrive from the Mainland this evening. They are the Prince and Princess Colloredo Mannsfeld and the Countess d'Etchegoyen. They will be accompanied by Chas. Stimson and Mrs. Stimson, of Vancouver, who are cousins of the Countess.

The Prince, Princess and Countess have been travelling leisurely across the continent, and stopped off at various places. Prince Mannsfeld is out West for the purpose of securing some big game shooting, as he is an ardent sportsman. He is also, like all Austrian and German noblemen, greatly interested in forestry.

The Prince is slightly below the medium stature, but well built and possessing a keen pair of dark eyes.

Interviewed at Vancouver, His Highness said:

"I had intended reaching the West before the winter set in so that I might go up North and get some of the big game—caribou, moose, grizzly and polar bear, and other big animals that I hear are plentiful. But, really, we have been so delighted with the many interesting things we saw during our trip across the continent, and in those beautiful mountain resorts, that we are over a month later in reaching here than we expected. However, if it is too late to go up North now, I expect to be able to secure some good shooting elsewhere in the province."

Princess Colloredo Mannsfeld also had a few pleasant words for the interviewer:

"Yes, the Countess and I shall spend some time in your city," said Her Highness. "While His Highness is away on his hunting trip we shall probably visit Victoria and some of the other Coast cities for a few days after spending some time here. If the Prince has good luck he may spend a month or more, he tells me, in hunting, and in that case we may go as far south as California."

The Countess d'Etchegoyen is a Canadian by birth, but has resided in France for many years.

PERSONAL.

J. J. Doran, vice-president of H. E. Bond & Co., Ltd., of Toronto, is in the city on a business visit and is registered at the Driard. The firm in which Mr. Doran is interested are well known throughout the country as the manufacturers of the Piccadilly brand clothing, employing, all told, about one hundred hands, and represented "on the road" by fourteen travellers. They were among the victims of the big fire in Toronto some time ago, but this merely stimulated them to renewed and greater activity, as is usually the case when large conflagrations occur in the metropolitan centres, and it is their intention to extend their establishment by the erection of an eight-story factory. Mr. Doran sees bright trade possibilities throughout this province, while in Manitoba and the Northwest the growth is wonderful. Winnipeg, he says, is going ahead at an incredible rate, and promises to become one of the great commercial entrepots, if it is not one already.

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Geo. Weyerheuser, the multi-millionaire lumberman, of Milwaukee, Wis., and his brother, who have been to Chemainus on a business and pleasure trip, returned home last Saturday evening per steamer Whatcom and the Northern Pacific railway.

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J. S. Gibbs, manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, left on Saturday evening on the steamer Whatcom and Northern Pacific for Buffalo and other Eastern points.

BORN.

DOVER—At Nelson, on Dec. 7th, the wife of Jacob Dover, of a daughter.

M'NEILLY—At Nelson, on Dec. 4th, the wife of B. McNeilly, of a son.

MARRIED.

HOTSON-LAWSON—At Vancouver, on Dec. 10th, by Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, Alexander Dennis Hotson and Miss Hope Lawson.

BROWN-BURTON—At Vancouver, on Dec. 10th, by Rev. M. L. Rugg, George Henry Brown and Mrs. Annie Maud Burton.

GRAHAM-SPENCE—At Shuswap, on Dec. 6th, by Rev. T. O. Miller, James A. Graham and Miss Madge Bell Spence.

M'MILLAN-EWEN—At New Westminster, on Dec. 8th, by Rev. J. S. Henderson, John McMillan and Miss Isabelle Ewen.

DIED.

HUNTER—At Vancouver, on Dec. 8th, James Hunter, aged 49 years.

POWERS—At Vancouver, on Dec. 9th, Mrs. R. T. Powers, aged 31 years.

CHARTERS—At Quilchena, on Dec. 4th, Robert Charters, aged 67 years.

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NEW JAPAN WALNUTS, 2 lbs. for ... 25c.
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