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OUR CABLE LETTER.

Result of Recent Developments of the Fair Trade Controversy—Practically Three Sections.

Report of the Home Rule Union Declares that the Irish are not Separatists.

Serious Complications Feared Through the Imprisonment of Lord Mayor Sullivan.

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—One result of the recent developments of the Fair Trade controversy is that the truce which was patched up last season among the "fiscal reformers" is in danger of coming to an end. There are practically three sections of the party, the out and out protectionists, and they are sometimes irreverently known as the "Sheffield gang", who advocate an effective duty all round as the only possible method of [illegible] Trade theories of establishing a state of things which would last for twelve months; the next is the party which advocates "small duty on corn" and which used to look to Mr. Chaplin as its leader, and lastly, the very weak-kneed section which favors a tentative duty on manufactures, but shirks from "taxing the food of the people" in any way. The last named section have never commanded either the confidence or respect of the other two and while they might assent to vague resolutions on the subject of Fair Trade they were always suspected of being ready in obedience to any kind of a party pressure to fall back into the ranks of the free traders. What is of

MORE IMPORTANCE,

however, is the obvious split which has now taken place among the "small duty on corn" people who, till recently, were very much the most numerous and influential of the three sections. A considerable number of these people have grown doubtful as to the efficiency of their own remedies, and shrink from consenting at present to anything more drastic, while others have gone over to the "out and out" protectionists. The effect of all this, in view of the leading protectionist idea, is that the active Fair Trade party in the House of Commons will be less numerous next session than they were in the last, but much more united. It is important to note that this split among the protectionists marks the line of cleavage in the ministerial party generally. The "out and out" men are, as a body, luke-warm supporters of the Unionist alliance and of Mr. Goschen, the Unionist Chancellor of the Exchequer. They include several aspirants to office and a number of men who are in favor of setting the Irish question on a "democratic basis." They will certainly not be deterred from prosecuting their "fad" next session by any of the considerations suggested by Lord Hartington at a recent Unionist conference regarding Ireland; in fact a collision between them and the [illegible]

denial, and indefinite postponement of the Irish claims in regard to local self-government, must be brought to the attention of Parliament at the earliest possible opportunity.

The movements of the Russian troops on the Russian frontier, in spite of all pacific assurances from St. Petersburg, still continue to cause a good deal of

UNEASINESS ON THE CONTINENT.

Several correspondents who profess to have accurate information declare that the concentration is too small for war and too large for peace, but Russian military movements are always mysterious. There is no army list in Russia and no certain means of ascertaining either the strength of corps or expenses incurred by the government for military matters. A government bureau is an advantage when it wishes to conceal its military schemes from foreign powers and in the case of Russia it is never possible for outsiders to know whether the movements of troop are inspired by political motives or whether they are the beginnings of concentration intended ultimately for war, as is well known that Russia is compelled, owing to her wide extent to, commence her military preparations and concentration of troops on the frontier sometime before an actual declaration of war. Before the last Russian-Turkish war the order for mobilizing the six army corps was given in Nov. 1876, and all winter was occupied with the mobilizations, so that war might be declared in the following spring. What Austrian and German states are now asking themselves is whether the present movement may not also be a portend of a declaration of

WAR IN THE COMING SPRING.

The concentration which is taking place threatens Austria's weakest point. Competent military authorities have declared their opinion that in the event of war between Austria and Russia, Austria has no means at her disposal to prevent Galacia from being immediately overrun by Russian troops. It is computed that Russia can bring three times as strong a force to bear upon Eastern Galacia as Austria-Hungary can muster to oppose it. The Austrian troops have no railway connection with the west and south, whereas the Russians have several lines capable of reinforcing their troops from South Russia. It it hardly surprising that the Vienna papers are clamoring for counter precautions on the Austrian side of the frontier, but that demands come rather late as the season is too far advanced to permit the building of railroad lines in time for a spring campaign, even if rigorous weather did not interfere with such work. The precautions at present being taken by Austria indicate that her military chiefs are hopeless of holding their frontier posts, and will rely on concentrating their whole available force at a point where the lines of communication with the Austrian capital may be kept open without the employment of a very large force and there wait an attack from the Russians.

EUROPEAN ALARMS

have been raised so often during the past year that they have ceased to be seriously regarded, but the sudden military activity of Russia, following upon the known estrangement between Russia and the [illegible]

Galicia, as no sane government would select the winter season to begin military operation in a country where the past inclemency of the weather has proved more fatal to troops than the cannons and bayonets of the enemy. The fears of the English people have not been quieted by the premier's statement and they would like to know a little more clearly how far Lord Salisbury has committed them to the alliance of the Central powers.

LIBEL CASE.

James Kennedy Mulcted in $1 and Costs for Libelling Woods, Turner & Gamble.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

The case of Woods, Turner & Gamble vs. James Kennedy, for libel contained in a letter printed by the defendant in the *Columbian* newspaper, was heard before a special jury to-day, James Leamy being foreman. The jury returned a verdict of $1 damages with costs.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET.

A Most Substantial Display of Christmas Meats.

Van Volkenburgh Bros. do not pride themselves upon an artistic effort, but rather endeavor to make as substantial a showing as possible. During the past year their business has greatly increased, and although called upon to feed the hungry as far north as Sitka, yet they manage to accomplish the task and still have choice cuts over for the beef-consumers of Victoria. Some magnificent beef had been got in readiness for yesterday's display, but the Ancon came along and it was shipped to Alaska. However, as there was never a better meat supply than that of this year, other animals were killed, and the spacious British Columbia Market made the substantial exhibit that its genial manager so much likes to look upon. There were sides and quarters of prime beef by the dozen, gaily dressed mutton by the hundred, with large and diminutive porkers grinning from their places. Turkeys there were without number, and the humbler but equally prized goose and chicken were also conspicuous. The display was such an one as makes the heart of the hungry man glad and his temperament cheerful, and it is a truism that this satisfactory state of things is never readier secured than by means of a good dinner. And while there was such an abundance of good things, it is also a pleasure to know that in our population there are few who are without the means of providing themselves with enough and to spare. The display at the B. C. Market had hosts of admirers last night of the thousands who were on the streets, and it was evident from the satisfaction depicted on the faces of Mr. Ben. Van Volkenburgh and his numerous customers that they were equally gratified with the exhibit.

PERSONAL.

U. Nelson, T. Harper, W. G. Walker and W. L. Cussack, have returned from the mainland.

Louis Redon and wife will leave for southern California to-day week where they will stay until March.

D. Wilson, inspector of schools, went over to New Westminster this morning, where he will eat his Christmas dinner.

D. Chisholm, M. P., accompanied Dr. Montague and his friends to this city. He received the congratulations of many friends on his hale and hearty appearance.

Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Railways and Canals, tumbled down stairs a few days ago at Ottawa and has been laid up ever since. His physician consider his condition serious.

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Passenger Train Thrown from the Track---One Person Killed and Several Injured.

Dunn & Co.'s Weekly Report---An Ex-Saloon Man Charged With the Murder of a Woman.

The Situation in Western Kansas Improved---Twenty Cars of Coal Sent to the Relief.

Dunn & Co.'s Weekly Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—R. G. Dunn & Co.'s weekly circular reports business throughout the country as active for the season and generally fairly satisfactory. An uncertainty, however, affects important branches of production and the industrial outlook does not improve. Currency is generally in good supply. Speculation has been less active and a general level of prices, though higher than a week ago, in most speculative markets has on the whole declined a mere. The iron trade is unsettled. Sales of 40,000 tons of steel rails have been made during the week, generally at from $31 to $32. Bar iron is weaker; wool is not active and prices 10 to 15 per cent. below those of May last. Cotton is firm at the recent advances and a good demand for this season. The boot and shoe business is doing well, while the leather trade improves slightly. The Lehigh coal strikes continue, causing a severe financial strain in some quarters. Several large manufacturing establishments have closed for repairs and, as usual at this season, are likely to continue longer than usual. The distribution of groceries in all the districts is unusually large and the trade in holiday goods is both larger and earlier than usual. The general volume of trade shown in bank clearings outside of the city is fully as large as at this date last year. Stocks have averaged a fraction higher than last week, but are very dull. Wheat has risen 1½ cents; oil, 3¼ cents; coffee, ¼; hops, ½; pork, 25c. a bbl; tin, 1c. Copper and sugar are unchanged. The number of failures in the United States and Canada for the week were 290 as compared with 263 last year.

The Ways and Means Committee.

The evening *Telegram's* Washington special says: "Speaker Carlisle has decided who shall be upon the membership of the ways and means committee. The Democratic members will be Messrs. Millar of Texas, chairman, Cox of New York, McMillan of Tennessee, A. Beckenridge of Kentucky, Breckenridge of Arkansas, Turner of Georgia, Bynum of Indiana; Republican, Kelly of Pennsylvania, Brown of Indiana, Reed of Maine, McKinley of Ohio, Fuller of Iowa. Fuller was one of the Republicans who voted in the last Congress for a consideration of the Morrison bill. As the committee will stand there is not a protectionist among the majority, while only one free-trader will be assigned to the minority."

Lost at Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Positive confirmation of the loss of the American clipper ship Alfred Watts, which sailed from this port on Oct. 8th for Hiogo, Japan, was received yesterday by the maritime exchanges. The vessel capsized when ten days out and all on board were lost except two of the crew, Henry Magnus and Oscar Lind who were picked up by the British bark Lizzie Perry on Oct. 20th. These men say the vessel capsized during a terrific hurricane after being dismasted and water logged. The vessel carried a crew of twenty-eight and one passenger, A. B. Oakford, son of W. H. Oakford, a hatter of this city. The vessel was laden with petroleum and valued at $75,000.

Transfer of Valuable Property.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The transfer of the William F. Storey estate, comprising the Chicago *Times* plant and building and private mansion; also the West Snowden Syndicate, will take place to-morrow. The legal papers were signed this afternoon by West & Snowden, and other parties concerned, and Judge Tuley is expected to enter an order to-morrow morning for the receiver of the estate to transfer it to the new proprietors.

Three Men Horribly Burned.

NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—The molten iron broke through the bosch of Neshannock furnace in this city, about 2:30 this afternoon, and coming in contact with water surrounding it, created a terrible explosion. James Killeen, Jas. Lawler and John Cunningham were caught by the molten metal and horribly burned. Killeen will probably die. All the woodwork in the vicinity was burned and about thirty tons of metal form a solid mass.

Secretary Manning's Condition.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Hon. Daniel Manning's condition at 12:30 a. m. was apparently unchanged. He suffers sinking spells that seem to take him very near to death and he becomes semi-unconscious, but up to this time he has gradually revived after each of these, owing, doubtless, to his remarkable constitution. While he can hardly recover, it is thought he will pass the night safely. Continued sinking attacks of this character will speedily result in death.

A Fight With Indians.

NOGALES, Arizona, Dec. 23.—Information comes from Sonora that a detachment of troops on Sunday last had a fight with a party of Yaqui Indians, who were preparing to raid a place called Laguinta Del Paria. One Indian was killed and one wounded. In a skirmish with the same tribe a few days before four Indians were killed.

Extradition Refused.

SACO, Maine, Dec. 23.—The Halifax authorities have telegraphed that they cannot hold McNally, the Saco bank defaulter, unless authorized from here. The bank officials held a meeting this [illegible]

CABLE NEWS.

Alleged Home Rule Proposal Denied---Lord Churchill in St. Petersburg--Steamer on Fire.

Prayer for the Crown Prince's Recovery--Consultation with the Czar---A Generous Donation.

John L. Sullivan's Letter to the London "Sportsman" in Answer to Richard K. Fox.

John L.'s Reply to Richard K. Fox.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The *Sportsman* today published the following letter from John L. Sullivan, toned down by the use of stars to escape a possible suit for libel: "Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—I noticed in several papers in this section an alleged cable offer from Richard K. Fox, in which he agrees to match Jake Kilrain to fight me in orthodox style, and to wager $10,000 to $7,000 on the result. I now wish to ascertain if this offer is a genuine one, or if it was cooked up by him who is in London representing Jake Kilrain and his * * trophies. I have no desire to pose before the public as an advertising sandwich. Consequently that 'Foxy' gentleman cannot induce me to lend myself to his * * by allowing them to hold our money and turn legitimate prize-fighting into a ticket-peddling snap. My desire is to fight Kilrain. I whipped him once and can do it again, and well they know it. You now hold £500 of Henry Phillips' money which goes on the following proposition, 'that we fight next April on the conditions that Mr. Fox takes $10,000 to $7,000, either dollars or pounds, or if the * * wishes the match six months off and demands that the dog collar be thrown in as a chrome for the winner then the stakes must be doubled to $20,000 to $14,000 as a fair remuneration for the use of my name, because by that time the belt must become the absolute property of the winner. As I feel quite sure of getting it I have instructed Harry Phillips to consider the offer of it as a prize for a boot-blacking contest to occur in New York one month after the fight with Mitchell is over. All that is necessary to insure the match is for Mr. Fox to authorize his representative * * * in London to cover the £500.

Yours truly,
JOHN L. SULLIVAN.

M. Wilson's Investigation.

M. Daniel Wilson again appeared before the investigation committee today and was examined with reference to the newly discovered decoration scandal at length. His testimony was not made public, but as a result of his examination three men named Dubreuil, Herbert, and Renbandron were arrested on a charge of having attempted to obtain the decoration of the Legion of Honor through M. Wilson's influence. It is quite evident through this circumstance that the idea of probing M. Wilson's connection with the scandals to the bottom has not been altogether [illegible]

after-hold. The entire fire service was called out and after six hours' work succeeded in confining the flames to the compartment in which the fire started. The vessel is now nearly flooded with water and the fire is under control.

Prayers for the Crown Prince's Recovery.

COLOGNE, Dec. 23.—Five thousand persons marched in a procession to the shrine of the Virgin at Aix La Chappelle to-day and offered prayers for the recovery of the Crown Prince of Prussia.

Consultation with the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—The commanders of the military districts of Warsaw, Odessa, Vilna, Kiff and Charkoff, have been summoned to Gatschina to hold a consultation with the Czar.

A Generous German Singer.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Herr Scott, the German tenor, has devoted the money he has earned during his engagements in America to the erection of a Lutheran church at Abenberg.

JUMPED THE TRACK.

An Excursion Train Rolls Down An Embankment.

Excursionists Bound for Eastern Points from the Northwest in an Accident—Thirty-Four Injured—A Lady of Toronto Are Seriously Injured.

(Special to THE C[illegible])

FERGUS, Ill., Dec. [illegible] persons were injured [illegible] Minnesota and Nort[illegible] yesterday forenoon near [illegible] wreck was a bad one [illegible] full how so many per[illegible] outright. The train [illegible] hundred and twenty [illegible] the Northwest and [illegible] and other Canadian [illegible] of two sleepers, [illegible] day coach, smoker [illegible] after crossing Ogl[illegible] miles from this c[illegible] jumped the tra[illegible] spread. The e[illegible] the fires for on[illegible] and then plun[illegible] embankment o[illegible] turned over an[illegible] fifty feet from [illegible] upside down a[illegible] the passengers [illegible] bottoms. One [illegible] the other wa[illegible] embankment. [illegible] cannot be de[illegible] crushed and th[illegible] the sides or ba[illegible] that death seem[illegible] train men began [illegible] the injured at o[illegible] sent to Freeport [illegible] plies. Twelve c[illegible] in a special c[illegible] tions at once. T[illegible] ed were cared fo[illegible] The following lis[illegible] was at all serious[illegible] jured. Mrs. Jul[illegible] Manitoba, hip di[illegible] uries; Johnnie Ca[illegible] y, of Minot, Dak. [illegible] the skull; A. Scri[illegible] al chest dislocated; [illegible] ale, Dak., arm [illegible] Jas. Morwood, Forest [illegible] severely cut and is unco[illegible] Tuttle, broken arm and [illegible] F. Mason, Minneapolis, [illegible] head cut open and left leg b[illegible] F. Mason, shoulder b[illegible] contusion of the head; [illegible] ley, Minot, Dakota, knee [illegible] James A. Ward, Minneapolis, [illegible] bruised about the body; E. A. Lilly, Minneapolis, head cut; A. Hellenstein, Chicago, right foot lacerated; Mrs. Frank Haine, Dubuque, arm bruised and hip injured; Danl. Vollick, Lesuire, Minn., bruised back and head; F. W. Young, Chicago, leg broken; Alex. Forbes, Nova Scotia, head cut; A. F. Froad, Freeport, head cut and left leg sprained; G. F. Andrews, St. Paul, right hand mashed; Mrs. M. Conway, Winnipeg, wife of a well-known auctioneer, and but recently married, head bruised and left arm broken; J. A. Cunningham, Lordsburg, Dak., bruised in the chest and body and head cut; Mrs. L. A. McIntyre, Winnipeg, hip and shoulder bruised; Thos. Atkinson, Williams City, Dak., bruised shoulder and neck; Eugene Fisher, Mouse River, Dak., body cut with broken glass and hip dislocated; Sam Flood, Chicago, rib broken and internal injuries. The loss to the railroad company will aggregate $150,000, as the rolling stock is all new. In the afternoon the passengers, including those injured who could be moved, were sent to Chicago on a special train.

NANAIMO NOTES.

(Free Press.)

On Thursday a Chinaman in the employ of the Vancouver Coal company was engaged in cleaning the hoisting engine at the No. 1 Esplanade shaft and had his hand and arm severely smashed. It appears that he got his hand between the bed plate and connecting rod, and it was smashed to a pulp.

The three youths, Lawless, Freak and Burns, were tried on Tuesday by the Cowichan magistrate for taking a handcar from one of the section houses of the E. & N. railway, running it along the line for some distance and then tumbling it over an embankment. The magistrate sentenced Freak and Burns to three months' imprisonment and Lawless was discharged. They will serve out their sentence in the Nanaimo jail.

Mr. Nightingale and his staff of assistants are now engaged in placing the scow in position so as to enable the boring of Nicol rock to be proceeded with. It is expected that the drills will be placed in operation about the beginning of the New Year.

The marriage of Mr. W. Hunter, B.A., teacher of the Nanaimo public schools, and Miss Laura Gordon, eldest daughter of D. W. Gordon, Esq., M. P. for Vancouver District, is announced to take place to-day at the residence of the bride's parents.

John Hale, a miner working in the No. 5 shaft of the Wellington mine, accidently broke his arm by a fall in that mine on Thursday.

MARINE.

Capt. Worth, formerly of the Umatilla, has taken command of the American tug Mastick.

Steamer Umatilla is on the way from San Francisco for this port. She should arrive Monday morning.

Steamer Mexico arrived from the Sound at 9 o'clock last night and will leave for San Francisco to-day at 1 o'clock p. m.

British ship Lindisfarne was reported from San Francisco on Tuesday as having been chartered to load coal at Nanaimo.

Ship Hagarstown, 1,808 tons, built at Richmond, Me., in 1874, has been sold at New York to be cut down as a coal barge, for $26,000.

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Ghastly Discovery in a Deserted House—Three Bodies Found in the Basement.

Heavy Bullion Shipment from Australia Exceeds Half a Million—A Miner Killed.

Shot by His Wife---A State Penitentiary Burned---Ryan Knocked Out.

A Ghastly Discovery.

WICHITA, Kas., Dec. 24.—A ghastly discovery recalling the deeds of the notorious Bender family has been made on a ranch nine miles from Oak City in "No Man's Land Ranch," which had been occupied by a family named Kelly. Nothing was known against them, and when they suddenly left a while ago the fact caused comment. A few days ago a man [illegible] pened to enter [illegible] pied and [illegible]

Daniel L. Lamont, Private Secretary." This was followed by an order from Secretary Fairchild, which reads: "Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., December 24th, 1887.—The Hon. Daniel Manning, late Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, died to-day at Albany, New York. Mr. Manning was a true patriot and a firm friend, and he has rendered his country great service by a wise management of this department. He was honored by all of our people and especially endeared to all who were associated with either in his public or private life. As a mark of respect to his memory it is ordered that the treasury department buildings, at the capitol be draped in mourning for ten days and that it be closed on the day of the funeral and that on that day the national flag be displayed at half-mast on all the public buildings under the Treasury department throughout the United States." Signed, "Charles A. Fairchild, Secretary of the Treasury."

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The news of the death of ex-Secretary Manning was re[illegible] here with expressions of deep re[illegible] [illegible] business [illegible]

fluence [illegible] this the King then replied, [illegible] pledges required of us are each and severally acceded to." The reform legislators do not propose to submit to Kalakaua's interference, and they held a meeting at which it was resolved to request the King to abstain from interfering in legislation. The outcome of the difficulty is awaited here with much interest.

Shot Her Husband.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Wm. McCaulley was shot by his wife this afternoon and died in a few minutes. He left his house at Arthington place to reside with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jas. Martin, and his wife, being enraged at this action on his part, hunted him and committed the fatal deed. McCaulley was a bookkeeper and is about 40 years old.

DANIEL MANNING DEAD.

Message of Condolence from President Cleveland.

Expressions of Deep Regret by Citizens—Flags on all Public Buildings Displayed at Half-Mast.

(Special to THE COLONIST.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Daniel Manning, ex-Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, died at 1:40 p. m. to-day, at the residence of his son, James H. Manning, where, for a week, he has been lying in a condition it was well known could end only in death. Mr. Manning was born in Albany, N. Y., August 16th, 1831.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The first intelligence of the death of ex-Secretary Manning was received here this afternoon by the United Press, and was at once telephoned to the President's mansion and the treasury department. The news, although expected hourly, was received with sorrow by the President and his cabinet and every body in the administration circles. The sad news throws a shadow over the Christmas festivities both at the President's house and in the cabinet households. A few minute before 2 o'clock p. m. the following message was received: "Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—To Col. Lamont: Mr. Manning died at 1:34 o'clock p. m. (Signed) W. H. Johnson." A few minutes later the President sent the following message of condolence: "Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C., Dec. 24, 1887.—To Mrs. Daniel Manning, Albany, N. Y.: Though in this hour of unutterable grief your sorrow is too sacred to be shared and too deep to be reached by earthly comfort, I express to you my sincere and tender sympathy, saddened by my own affection at the loss of a true and trusted friend and a loyal associate, who but lately stood at my side in the discharge with patriotic zeal of a solemn public duty." Signed, "Grover Cleveland."

Later in the afternoon the President issued the following: "Executive Mansion, Washington, Dec. 24.—To all departments; The president directs that the flags on the public buildings in the city of Washington, be placed at half-mast as a mark of respect to the memory of Daniel Manning, late secretary of the treasury, by direction of the President. Signed,

Christmas was [illegible] mas with all its joys and sorrows. For although generally considered a bright and merry day yet it has its dark side. It is essentially the children's day. It is they who thoroughly enjoy it. Who does not remember the time when they believed in that wonderful old man Santa Claus? Was the Christmas then not merrier than it is now? We think it was. Christmas is a day of reunion, when relatives and friends, perhaps separated for months, meet once again. This is a bright view; now for a dark one. What day is there when memories crowd so upon us as Christmas,—memories of departed friends; memories of dear ones once here, now gone forever; memories of a last Christmas spent with them, a Christmas that will never come again, and reproachful thoughts come to us, thoughts of how much kinder we might have been to those we have lost, how much happier we might have made their lives, and although these thoughts come too late to be of use to them, still they are not altogether useless, for they make us have a better feeling for all, and enable us to exclaim: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men!" Now is the time when the long-treasured coins are taken from the money box; and even the mean man opens his heart, and also something more to the purpose—his purse. And the New Year, too, will soon be here. What a number of good resolutions will be made! and what a number of new leaves will be turned over! But alas! the good resolutions will soon be broken, and the new leaves blotted and soiled, and even the strange feeling of seeing 1888 printed on everything instead of 1887 will, in time wear away, and we will go on in the same old way, and commence to think of and plan for another Christmas and another New Year. We fear that the final examinations of the High School this term have not been all that the Superintendent could desire; but Mr. Pope will, no doubt, take into consideration the shortness of the term and also the many breaks and interruptions that have occurred. Great interest is, of course, taken in the result of these final examinations, and all are anxious to know who have passed from the Junior to the Senior Division, and also who is the head pupil. We congratulate all who are leaving the Junior Division, and to those who remain we would say, "Don't cry now, and work hard next term!" Some pupils of the Senior Division will very likely not return to school after the holidays. To these we extend our best wishes for their future, and hope that in parting from our school companions we give to the world youths who will make good men and women. May the good old school days ever remain bright and fresh in their memories. May they always remember the teachers and old friends, and also the many and various things learned within these walls.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our school-mates and teachers, and to all the ladies and gentlemen present to-day.

The engineers who have been making a preliminary survey for an inter-oceanic railway from Vera Cruz to Acapulco, report that practicable routes of not very heavy grades have been found.

Prospecting Association, and determined to test the ground. Several of the number went up with boring rods to obtain fair samples of the wash dirt. Several samples were obtained, and the results were most curious. Very poor returns were obtained from all the places except at Stuff, which was very rich in gold. But the stuff from this one place was liable to suspicion that it had been "salted." When the gold particles were examined through the microscope it was found that they were filings of an English sovereign. The filings were unquestionably of the same alloy as no gold could possibly be in nature of the same shape. That they were from an English sovereign was clear, because they had precisely the same alloy of copper as an English sovereign. The Australian sovereigns are alloyed with silver. How the swindle has been perpetrated is as yet a mystery, but it is to be hoped that it will be discovered and the perpetrator severely punished.

LATE CANADIAN NEWS.

QUEBEC.

It is now pretty well decided that there will be no winter carnival at Montreal this year.

The petition to unseat Dr. Fiset, member of the Commons for Rimouski, has been dismissed.

P. Valtier's furniture factory, Quebec, with contents, was destroyed; loss between $5,000 and $100,000; no insurance.

The C. P. Ry., will build immense stables at Montreal to accomodate four hundred horses, owing to the large export of frenche horses shortly expected.

Geo. Olds was examined by the railway commission at Montreal and denied that the Canadian Pacific had given differential rates to the Ogilvies or any others.

Dr. Devlin, son of the late Bernard Devlin, M.P., has been appointed successor of the late Dr. Howard as Government inspector of Longue Pointe asylum.

In the court of appeal Hon. Mr. Garneau, member of the Mercier Ministry, was mulcted in $350 for having slandered Lieutenant-Governor Robitaille in the local elections.

Melvin Smith, a well-known man about town, Montreal, was arrested on a *capias* issued at the instance of his wife claiming $20,000 capital sum and $5,000 alimony founded by the courts in their famous divorce case some years ago. He has not paid a cent and as she heard he was selling his property preparatory to going to the States she had him arrested.

An elopement case of a rather singular character has just been settled. H. G. Bain, aged 20, whose father keeps a hotel at Ottawa, passed through Montreal to take up his residence in New York, but his friends were very much surprised when he suddenly turned up at a Montreal hotel at the beginning of the week. It now turns out that the young man had won the affections of a Mrs. Barker, of New York, and she eloped with him, putting about $1,000 in his hands. But after obtaining possession of the money he left her. She immediately put the matter in the hands of a detective agency, with the result that he was found and a meeting arranged with the lady, when a settlement was arrived at. The youth then went home and the lady west.

MANITOBA.

W. R. Plummer was killed at Meadow Lea, by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Winnett's furniture store on Main street, Winnipeg, was destroyed by fire to the extent of $1,500.

Van Scadt, a forger, of Butte City, Montana, was arrested at Gretna. He will be extradited.

Rushbrook, a Moose Mountain settler, has not been heard from for some time and it is believed he has been lost on the prairie.

NOVA SCOTIA.

In Shelburne, Laurie (Tory) and Robertson (Liberal) and in Yarmouth, Crosbett (Tory) and Levitt (Liberal) have been nominated.

Clinton Crawford and Thomas Gutro were ordered at Halifax to come out of a slope where they were working, but refused, and a few minutes later were crushed to death by a great piece of frozen clay.

Miss Armstrong, of Inverness, went to a well a few days ago to lower some milk when she fell into the water and though she managed to drag herself out she was found dead shortly afterwards from exhaustion.

Application for an extension of time for commencing the trial of the election petition against Hon. A. G. Jones, Liberal M. P., was dismissed on the ground that the petitioner had allowed three months to elapse without making any effort to proceed with the trial.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The petition against Temple, member for York, has been dismissed.

ASTONISHING REVELATIONS.

The Montreal Police in League with Rob and Murder.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Constable Plant was arrested yesterday as an accomplice in the detective cases. Two additional charges were laid against Detective Nagle. Evidence has been obtained pointing to the prisoners having perpetrated the robbery of $2,500 from a Grand Trunk paymaster eight years ago and suspicion rests against them for the mysterious disappearance of L. C. Ross, the wholesale clothier, who has not been since the 17th of last month, when he was in a house frequented by one of the prisoners. At the time Ross had nearly $1,000 in his possession. Detective Flynn of the Grand Trunk says that most astonishing revelations are yet to be brought out and that it will be proven that Montreal has been in the hands of a coterie of criminals who were in league with members of the police and even higher officials in the robbery of $15,000 worth of diamonds from Melvin Smith's house, the abduction of his child and even cases of murder are laid at the door of the arrested detectives.

ANNEXATION.

A Member of Parliament Advocates Annexation to the United States.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 15.—John V. Ellis, M. P., (Grit) has published an editorial in his paper, the *Globe*, strongly advocating annexation. He says: "There is one simple way by which the whole trouble over the fisheries between Great Britain and the United States can be settled. We invite Mr. Chamberlain's attention to it, as being simpler than reciprocity, restricted and unrestricted, than commercial union, than anything else that can be proposed and it is the political union of Canada and the United States. The people will then have one common interest, and Great Britain will be strengthened where she is now weak. She would be strengthened on the continent by the fact that 5,000,000 loyal Canadians would become citizens of the United States, and these on all questions would give preference to the mother country but their own, as Canadians do to-day. Events are crowding each other so rapidly in Canada that it is only a question of time when the people of Canada will be asked to settle the question of annexation at the polls."

That Edmund Yates telegraphs to the New York *Tribune* that the Pope is showing his affection for Ireland and the Irish people by ordering the jubilee pontificial robes to be made of white poplin of Dublin manufacture.

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is in very good health, but his voice is not at all in a condition to enable him to speak in public, hence he has been persuaded by some of his friends, who think that the result will be beneficial, to take a few week's rest in a milder climate before the meeting of parliament, and he will leave Hawarden next week for Venice, to be absent fully one month. On the opening of the session his presence will be urgently needed and he himself is most anxious to be able to be there in his place. It is known that the government proposes to occupy a considerable portion of the working time of the session with rules of procedure. No plans are yet definitely made by the Liberals, but it is understood that Mr. Gladstone concurs in the opinion that a contemptuous

$500 up at the *Clipper* office for Sullivan [illegible] which he (Fox) would increase to $5,000 if necessary. The match must be for $10,000 a side, and the fight must take place in America within six months after signing articles.

Foul Play Suspected.

In a car which arrived at Jersey City over the Erie Railway from St. Louis last night dress skirts were found covered with blood stains and with a substance resembling human brains, a slingshot also blood-stained was found beside the skirts. The articles were found at the bottom of a load of bales of cotton. The St. Louis police have been notified.

Dempsey vs. McCaffery.

Dempsey says, in regard to McCaffery's reported desire to arrange a fight, he is willing to meet McCaffery if there is any money in it. He don't see what a 190-pound fighter wants to fight a middleweight for, but he is willing if guaranteed something.

A Novel Christmas Box.

Lt. Percy P. May received a parcel by a messenger this afternoon, and on opening the supposed Christmas present found the contents to be a string attached to a match with some powder, gun cotton, muriatic acid and 555 loose pins. There was a sliding cover on the box, the pulling of which would have ignited the match. The police are in posession of the box.

Thrown From the Track.

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 23.—As the train that leaves Ashland on the Wisconsin Central railway at 7:30 for Milwaukee approached Coolidge, a broken rail was encountered which threw the sleeping car and the first and second class coaches from the track. The baggage car and engine remained on the rails. The cars were filled with passengers, and but few escaped without injuries of more or less importance. An old man by the name of Manter was killed. Conductor Greenfield received internal injuries that will probably prove fatal, and Mr. Barker, of Bancroft, also sustained dangerous bruises; Mr. Mucklen Quox, residence unknown, was seriously hurt; a passenger named Baker had to have three fingers amputated. Thoseless seriously injured are Mr. and Mrs. Clement and three children, were shaken and bruised; Mr. Ouan of Ashland, slightly cut; Mrs. Sullivan, cut about the head; Mahoney, an employé at Ashland Ore. docks, slight bruise; Mr. Moody, Euclaire, and Mr. McConnell, Chippewa Falls, slightly injured. The coaches that were thrown from the track are not damaged greatly and the line has been cleared to-day. Those seriously wounded are reported as resting easily, while those with lesser injuries have been sent to their destination.

Charged with Murder.

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 23.—James Golden, an ex-saloon keeper of this place, was arrested this morning on a charge of murdering Mary Burke, a woman who had lived for some months with him as his wife. It is said he assaulted the woman with a broken bottle on Nov. 26th and inflicted injuries from which she died on the 13th inst.

Relief for the Sufferers.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 23.—The situation in western Kansas has greaty improved during the last twenty-four hours. The weather has moderated and the supply of coal is being increased. Twenty car loads were shipped yesteaday from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé company's mines in Colorado which will be distributed at once at the towns most in need of fuel. This, it is believed, will supply the destitute communities for one week. The railroad company thinks by that time it will be able to supply future demands. Every effort is being made to aid the company to get coal from the mines.

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brother of F. E. Bennett, to-day scored 941 points in one hundred shots with a forty-four calibre revolver at fifty yards range, thus beating Mr. Paine's score of 904 points made last Wednesday. Bennet made 92 bull'seyes, thus equalling Paine's record in that respect.

Railroad Shops Burned.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Western Pennsylvania & New York railroad shops were burned at 3.30 o'clock this morning; seven locomotives were partly destroyed. Loss, $100,000.

HOLIDAY DISPLAYS.

Mr. John Parker's and Mr. Robert Porter's Butcher Shops Make a Good Showing.

The holiday season this year seems to have been an inducement to all shopkeepers to brighten up their stock in order to show what they are capable of selling. The leading butchers of this city have vied with one another in this respect and a finer display of meats was never seen before.

Mr. John Parker, the long-established caterer to almost innumerable customers, is the owner of not less than three shops, one on Fort, one on Yates and the other on Johnson streets. All made amost creditable showing, for on the side hooks hang huge sides of beef of the best quality, bunch grass and stall fed. Mutton graces the top hooks, turkeys of all sizes can be seen hanging about, and a large black bear graces the door, the observed of all hungry mortals. The decorations are simply gorgeous and the artistic work on the saddles of mutton speaks volumes for the designers. Mr. Parker has a large business to attend to, and his success in making such an excellent showing is highly commendable.

Robert Porter, of the Island market, is also a prominent dealer and has this season, excelled any past efforts. His object is to always please his customers and he has done so, far beyond his most sanguine expectations. The decorations in his market are certainly second to none in the city and the beef he has on exhibition speaks well for his judgment in the matter of selection. Mr. Porter, who is assisted by his sons, never fails to make his presence felt in the community in a way which will have a lasting effect and his genial countenance welcomes people to the shop which is a model of perfection. The cuts of meat he has, show that he is an adept in his business and his artistic merits are also well defined in the arrangement of the smaller meats. Many people visited the shop last night and on the evening previous and many complimentary remarks were made.

ABOUT SOME WORDS.

Throne meant simply a stool. Cowper should be pronounced Coo-per, and not Cowper. Hypocrite means simply an actor, one who clothes himself with other people's personality. Tile and detective are from the same Aryan root, one through the Teutonic languages, the other through the Latin. Temple and anatomy have a common origin; so have timber and domestic; and symposium and poison. Ought we to say coo-cumber, cow-cumber, or kew-cumber? We suppose there is little doubt but that it should be pronounced Q-cumber. Do we shut the door to or too? If we mean the adverbial sense of close we might use too, as Dickens did, but it really means, "shut the door to something," and is a preposition. It is better, however, to use neither, and this rule holds in nearly all doubtful cases.—*Boston Journal of Education.*

R. Hall returned from Vancouver last night.

[illegible] may be made more clear that they were not so anxious to obtain decorations as the president's son-in-law was to influence their insurance for a consideration.

Important Dynamite Revelations.

Extremely important and absolutely fresh "dynamite revelations" are promised by the police next week. In the search for evidence against Millen and Melville the police have discovered, or they claim to have done so at least, that these presumed dynamiters have been known in London under several *alias* other than those mentioned in the warrants for their arrest. The discovery has led to the springing of a number of clues, which the police claim will result in the apprehension of persons hitherto unsuspected. Officers are scouring the vicinity of King's bridge, as well as Glasgow and other countries, in the hopes of bagging Millen, Melville and their acc