THE CINQ-MARS CASE.

It is not apparent that Liberals have any reason to be concerned about or that Conservatives are justified in expressing satisfaction with the Cinq-Mars incident. The dragging of the Ottawa correspondent of La Presse before the bar of the House at the instance of Mr. Foster was one of the dramatic features of the present session of Parliament. The one weakness in the presentation of the drama was that the members generally refused to take it seriously. It degenerated into a comedy and would have ended in a farce had not the leader of the House interposed his forceful personality and rung the curtain down and preserved the dignity of the House. There is no question now that the incident is a matter of history that Mr. Foster realizes the mistake he made nor that the party with which the ex-Finance Minister is identified to its hurt would give a good deal if it were possible to wipe the record of the proceedings from the slate. The leaders of the Conservative party have committed many tactical blunders during the present session, of which the Cinq-Mars foolishness is not the least.

The aspect in which the matter presents itself to the independent observer of Parliamentary events is ably and entertainingly set forth in an editorial in the Toronto Star, which thus comments upon the comedy:

That pretty sentimental comedy entitled The Censuring of Cinq-Mars was given its final performance in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. The audience showed itself willing to be amused at every turn. The strong passages were applauded and the lighter sallies never failed to provoke laughter. The deft touch of pathos at the end where the hero gets the cutest little slap on the wrist was vastly admired by the critics, who said it was just the dash of bitters that lent the draft a relish.

It was a genuine triumph for the author, Mr. George Eulas Foster, whose previous essays in the entertainment of the public are too well known to need mention here. During the course of the play Mr. Foster was called several times before the curtain and was obliged to listen to hearty expressions of opinion both from the audience and from the actors in the drama. So great was the appreciation of his work that some of the liveliest sentences, put in the mouth of the hero Cinq-Mars, were spoken half a dozen times over. Gems of thought from his past writings were also cleverly introduced by the leading characters, and for once in his life an author got all that was coming to him. It was a tremendous success for Mr. Foster. His name will be on every lip this morning. He will wake and find himself famous, particularly in Quebec.

The leading part, Cinq-Mars, taken by a young French-Canadian, created a profound sensation. The story is simply but moving. Cinq-Mars, a struggling journalist, with a gift of versatility, pens a criticism of a member of Parliament in the vein the member is himself accustomed to use in the House. Unhappily he forgets that newspaper men are not privileged to throw vitriol in the shape of epigrams and then to claim the immunities of Parliament. Thus comes about the censuring of Cinq-Mars, who is brought before the bar of the House by the man he has satirized and is allotted the constitutional penances. Cinq-Mars, being a Frenchman, rises to the opportunities of the scene. He appears at the bar en grande tenue, fresh, fair and frock-coated, and wins the sympathy of the beholders by his handsome presence and manly address. From this on the play recalls the trial scene in the "Merchant of Venice." The aggrieved member insists on his pound of flesh. He is taunted in the styl of Gratiano by one Duncan Ross. One Aylesworth delivers the law as it might have come from old Belario, demanding that all the evidence be weighed. Another character, the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, will stand for Portia both in the conduct of the case and in the general results. He agrees that the complainant has justice and the bond on his side, and that justice he shall have, but—

At all events, the sympathy of the audience, spite of these impartial remarks, tends inevitably to Cinq-Mars, who, though punished where it will not hurt, seems to leave the court as scatheless as Antonio.

On the character of Cinq-Mars the author has lavished his best strokes. It is as if Mr. Foster had put his very heart into it, so teems it with human kindness and universal benevolence. Shakespeare had to kill Mercutio at the end of the first act, not being able to keep him up longer to the high mark he had set, and Mr. Foster may well despair of building up another hero so winning as Cinq-Mars—so winning, indeed, that he might even capture a constituency in Quebec. It is no surprise, therefore, to learn that Mr. Foster has decided to withdraw the piece from the stage. It is also rumored that the young man who took the part of Cinq-Mars with such distinction will shift his talents as an actor to the larger theater of politics. Mr. Foster's lever de rideau is thus an example of doing good by stealth and blushing to hear it called by its right name.

WAVES AND WAITERS.

The Conservative wave that has long been expected to rise in the East and sweep the Dominion right through to the West is rising. The party in Nova Scotia has increased its strength by at least a hundred per cent. In the House lately dissolved there were only two Conservatives—one leader and one follower. Now there are four in a Legislature of thirty-eight members. This is "going some," as the boys say. The Liberals have been in power in Nova Scotia for eighteen years. During all that time they have given the province a clean administration of affairs; they have not increased taxation, and they have kept the province fully up-to-date in all departments of administration. If the Conservative wave does not recede, as it has been known to do, the party may expect to have eight seats in the House about the year 1910, 16 in 1914, and then the deluge in 1918. The outlook is indeed hopeful. The great Dominion deluge, following the retirement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, is looked for at about the same date. The outlook, unfortunately, is not such as to inspire confidence and hope for the future. It is still more dispiriting when Conservatives look back and consider the mistakes they are constantly making and the enemies they are creating by their tactical blunders in Parliament. Politicians, no matter how tactful their courses may be, are bound to arouse individual antagonism. But what are we to think of leaders who provoke the resentment of entire provinces? Mr. Borden is doubtless a most estimable gentleman, capable and courteous, but he cannot control his followers. If he had taken the hint repeatedly given him by electors of different constituencies and insisted that G. E. Foster should be left in the retirement which becomes him so well, the Conservative party to-day might not be sitting upon its haunches like a hungry wolf waiting and hoping for the retirement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S DISHONOR.

The McBride government is to be congratulated and felicitated. It has drawn to Victoria and enlisted under its black banner a "strong" company of brazen adventurers whose antecedents would be an interesting subject of investigation but for the danger of pestilence that would surely follow the removal of the lid. The band must live. British Columbia physically, and politically at the present time, is the uttermost extremity of the Dominion. It is the only section of Canada in which the off-scourings of the United States and of other countries would be permitted to carry on their operations as parasites upon the body politic. After the manner of all insecta, these creatures flourish exceedingly and wax fat under favorable conditions and in congenial environment. They have found in British Columbia a splendid field literally flowing with all their senses lust after under the peculiar political dispensation of the day. Also in order to clinch their hold and make their position secure they have added to their possessions, with money drawn from the usual source, an organ to give expression to their chaste views on the political questions of the time. We suspect there are members of the government who would be pleased if a method of eradication could be devised. But the insecta have secured a firm grip, and, knowing that such an opportunity will never occur again, they are going to hold on until some authority, acting in the interests of popular rights and public decency, applies measures of relief. There are indications that the popular conscience has been aroused and that as soon as an opportunity is given this scandal and reproach to public life in British Columbia will be wiped out.

THE GARRULOUS NUISANCE.

Don't tell us a provincial general election is not impending. The Premier and his honorable right bower are storming the political fastnesses of Cariboo now. The Ashcroft Journal has challenged one of the members for the district, that ever popular Welshman, Mr. Harry Jones, to make an oration of twenty minutes' duration. Mr. Jones is noted for the brevity of his speeches. He seldom wearies his audiences with long-winded addresses, and he is beloved by his constituents and friends on that account. He is such a contrast to too many public men, whose loquacity bears a direct relationship to the puerility of their utterances. Mr. Jones, it appears, has undertaken, for a good cause having no direct relationship to politics, to hold the floor for twenty minutes, and if he succeeds the Journal will contribute the handsome sum of twenty dollars to the Barkerville hospital. We wish the member success in his mission; but we hope a good man may not be permanently spoiled as a consequence. Verbosity is more or less a matter of habit when the disposition to treat subjects in columns which could be exhaustively disposed of in sentences is not inherited. We hate to think of even one good public man being spoiled by the contraction of evil habits. The talking craze is one of the plagues of modern times. If it were not for the weakness of numerous members who have nothing of consequence to say the sessions of the Dominion Parliament would not be prolonged beyond all reason. The members of the Conservative party have been subjected to quite a few bumps within recent years, but the spark of hope still burns brightly in their breasts. They still cherish in secret the belief that the days of their wanderings in the wilderness of opposition will come to an end. Holding this conviction, each one believes that when the borders of the promised land are crossed he will be called upon to take a seat in the great council of state if he can but contrive to keep himself in the white light that beats upon the principal actors on the stage. The public thoroughly understands, therefore, why it is that so many reckless charges are being flung across the floor of the House by the fourth-raters and why the time of men whose services are really of value is being wasted in discussions of no importance whatever. Needlessly prolonged sessions of parliament were unknown until the Conservative party was thrown out of power and the hopes of garrulous nonentities were fanned into a fierce flame. The aspiring creatures have now exhausted themselves. They think they have made their selection sure, and the public will soon see how quickly the business of the country can be disposed of and Parliament prorogued.

THE DAY OF OPPORTUNITIES.

Land values in the East and West are rapidly rising because population is pouring into the country at such an unprecedented rate. This natural tendency is being held up as a cause of reproach against the government because speculators take advantage of the opportunities thrown in their way. The construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway has created something in the nature of a boom in property in the town of Moncton, N. B., which will be the eastren terminus of the government section of the line. This increase in prices is a perfectly natural result of the enterprise of the Laurier administration. If Victoria were to become the terminus of a transcontinental railway, it is to be presumed there would be some movement in real estate, and that whoever could would take advantage of whatever fortune placed in his way. That is what an individual in Moncton did, and the fact that he disposed of his property to the government at a valuation not exceeding the current market price should not be considered as having any bearing upon the amount the property originally cost the vendor. Similar increases in the price of property are being noted all over the country. Wherever there is a prospect of the rise of a great centre of population, there the values are rapidly mounting upward. The Regina Leader calls attention to one of these. It says four years ago a corner property one block distant from Regina City Hall was unsalable at $1,000. The next year it was transferred for $1,500. Four months ago the corner was sold for $20,000. This instance illustrates what is taking place between the Great Lakes and the Rockies practically everywhere. Fancy a party whose own management of the west was a notorious and lamentable failure trying, in face of such correspondingly notable results of a brilliantly successful period of management, to condemn the policy and administration. Can anything more fatuous be conceived?

The abnormal infantile mortality in England led to the summoning of a national conference, which met in London under the presidency of John Burns, President of the Local Government Board. "In the days when there were no canned meats and children were fed naturally," said Mr. Burns, "there was no such sacrifice of child life." He added he believed he would be well within the mark in saying that 100,000 lives were sacrificed yearly through neglect, carelessness nad ignorance. Drinking among women, Mr. Burns further declared, was one of the most serious tragedies which confronted Great Britain. This was daily increasing the mortality of infants under five years of age, and constituted a national reproach demanding immediate attention.

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The band of adventurers is adding to its numbers. Wolves wax bold in proportion to the strength of the bands in which they travel. Attempts at blackmailing the merchants of Victoria have been joined to the probably profitable occupation of "putting the screws on" the provincial government. Premier McBride's administration is to be congratulated on the very select company it keeps.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

R. W. Martin Convicted of Fighting in Public Streets—Soldier in Trouble.

A case of more than usual interest came before Magistrate Hall in the police court this morning. R. W. Martin was the accused, and the charge laid against him was that of fighting on the public streets. He pleaded guilty, and was fined $15, which was paid forthwith.

The trouble, which ended in Mr. Martin being given a ride in the patrol wagon to the station is not clear even in the minds of those who witnessed the fracas from the outset. No evidence was taken in court, the acknowledgement of guilt on the part of the prisoner making such a thing unnecessary. From what can be learned, however, several prominent young Victorians were connected with the disturbance. If current reports may be relied upon what was at first a pleasant congenial gathering became an angry excited throng owing to a dispute over Saturday's cricket match, in which Victoria met defeat at the hands of Vancouver. Hot words led to blows, and blood was flowing freely when the belligerent parties were finally separated. Mr. Martin, apparently the most aggressive, was seized upon by the police, and to-day paid the penalty of his indiscretion.

A charge of being disorderly on Chatham street was laid against a private of the Royal Canadian Engineers. According to the evidence he was arrested while creating a disturbance in an house of ill-fame in that locality. Testimony was given by his senior non-commissioned officer as to his good character as a soldier. In summing up the magistrate took this into consideration and imposed the comparatively light fine of $6.

Three drunks were dealt with in the usual way.

A Bangkok resident, according to the Bangkok Times, keeps a goose which acts as a watchdog. He has trained the bird to give a creditable imitation of a motor-car hooter whenever a stranger approaches.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
CURES RHEUMATISM
BRIGHT'S DISEASE BACKACHE
DIABETES
The public may rely that we have discontinued the use of our name on imitations. Sold only in boxes.

FORMER VICTORIAN REVISITS HOME

BOOM OF THIS CITY'S REALTY IN NORTHWEST

Alfred Wood, of the Slater Company, Gives His Impression of Advertising—His B. C. Experiences.

"All the way along the line, particularly Winnipeg, I heard that there was a boom on in Victoria. I heard more about Victoria real estate in Winnipeg, Moose Jaw and Vancouver than I did in Victoria. I think Victorians must take their boom like the Englishman does his pleasures, sadly."

The speaker was Alfred J. Wood, until recently proprietor of the Ottawa Free Press, and at one time a resident of Victoria, where he was business manager of the News during its existence here. He is one of the successful journalists of Canada, having been for a quarter of a century identified with the affairs of the Fourth estate. Mr. Wood, discussing his former residence here, said:

"I came to Victoria to help launch the late Theodore Davie's short-lived Daily News.

"On the demise of the News I started a publishing business, but sold it quickly at a small profit. My reason for selling then was tersely expalined to one questioner, a competitor of mine. To him I said, 'You are only forty-five years old, and you look sixty-five. I do not want to look sixty-five when I am only forty-five—that is my chief reason for selling.' The job printer is the worst paid business man I know of. The man who knows least about good job printing is the worst kicker."

From Victoria Mr. Wood went to Nelson, where, after prospecting for gold for several months, he returned to the effete East. "I figured it out," he said, "that every man out here was looking for the man and the money from the East. I thought I would go back East where the money came from and rub shoulders with it."

Mr. Wood is credited with making a small fortune in a few years in buying, reorganizing and selling newspapers.

"On my return to Toronto," he said, "I took the first position offering at $400 a year. In a very short time the same employer was paying me $4,000 a year, and I had to manage to catch the spirit of the West and carry it home with me."

Mr. Wood's caustic comment on the business men who waste money in advertising schemes, to the neglect of real advertising in newspapers and by catalogues is certainly an impartial assertion, for Mr. Wood is now a director of the Semi-Ready Tailoring, and is also advertising director of the Slater Shoe Company. These two business houses are perhaps the best known manufacturers in Canada, and their advertising expenditure is confined almost exclusively to the newspapers.

"We find that advertising saves us a lot of money," said Mr. Wood. "Our advertising lessens our wholesale selling expenses. In fact, our selling expenditures and our advertising appropriation combined is a less percentage than the selling cost alone of the manufacturers who cling to old systems of business and old methods of manufacture."

WATER QUESTION.

Mayor Will Present Report to Council This Evening Regarding Elk Lake.

Mayor Morley paid a visit on Saturday to the waterworks at Elk lake, accompanied by the city engineers and others. Everything was found satisfactory, and investigation made into the best method of securing an additional supply of water from the present source. The results of the inspection are being tabulated, and at the council meeting this evening the aldermen will receive further enlightment on the water question.

Assistant Engineer Devereux was also dispatched to Sooke on Saturday. He will poscsibly be able to render a decision regarding the suspected valley through which it is proposed to run a water main should Sooke lake be determined upon as the location of Victoria's new water supply. After the two or three week's cessation from Thursday evening meetings it is probable that they will be resumed either this or next week. Is so, the aldermen will wrestle with water until something definite is decided on.

PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY.

Proposal to Be Discussed by Many Speakers at Public Meeting Wednesday.

The most interesting feature of the Provincial Teachers' convention, from the public point of view, will be the meeting in the Victoria theatre on Wednesday evening. Hon. James Dunsmuir will occupy the chair, and among other invited to deliver addresses are Hon. Richard McBride, Archbishop Orth, Bishop Perrin, Chief Justice Hunter, James L. Hughes, of Toronto; Alex. Robinson, superintendent of education; Elliott S. Rowe, D. D., Rev. W. Leslie Clay and A. C. Flumerfelt.

The principal matter to be discussed is higher education. This will introduce the subject of a provincial university, on which all the gentlemen mentioned hold decided views, and an interesting discussion is expected. A large attendance is assured for the meeting at which, in addition to the speeches, there will be a number of musical selections.

There is Not a Shadow of Doubt But That "Foot Elm" is One of the Greatest Remedies Known for All Foot Troubles.

David Spencer Ltd.
WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE

Second Mention is Made Here of the Important Sale of Jackets To-morrow.

Tweed Jackets
2 ONLY. REGULAR, $4.50.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $5.00.
2 ONLY. REGULAR, $6.00.
Tuesday $3.75

4 ONLY. REGULAR, $6.50.
8 ONLY. REGULAR, $7.50.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $8.50.
2 ONLY. REGULAR, $8.75.
Tuesday $4.75

18 ONLY. REGULAR, $10.00.
2 ONLY. REGULAR, $11.50.
12 ONLY. REGULAR, $12.50.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $13.50.
Tuesday $7.50

5 ONLY. REGULAR, $15.00.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $18.75.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $20.00.
3 ONLY. REGULAR, $25.00.
Tuesday $13.75

Navy Jackets
2 ONLY. REGULAR, $12.50.
3 ONLY. REGULAR, $15.00.
Tuesday $9.75

1 ONLY. REGULAR, $17.50.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $20.00.
Tuesday $13.75

Cream Jackets
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $6.50.
3 ONLY. REGULAR, $7.50.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $8.75.
Tuesday $5.75

1 ONLY. REGULAR, $9.50.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $10.00.
2 ONLY. REGULAR, $13.50.
Tuesday $8.75

1 ONLY. REGULAR, $15.00.
Tuesday $9.75

2 ONLY. REGULAR, $20.00.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $25.00.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $27.50.
Tuesday $13.75

Black Jackets
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $4.75.
Tuesday $3.75

2 ONLY. REGULAR, $20.00.
2 ONLY. REGULAR, $25.00.
Tuesday $13.75

4 ONLY. REGULAR, $15.00.
4 ONLY. REGULAR, $17.50.
1 ONLY. REGULAR, $16.50.
Tuesday $9.75

Covert Jackets
3 ONLY. REGULAR, $8.50.
Tuesday $6.75

1 ONLY. REGULAR, $11.50.
4 ONLY. REGULAR, $12.00.
3 ONLY. REGULAR, $13.50.
Tuesday $8.50

2 ONLY. REGULAR, $18.50.
2 ONLY. REGULAR, $20.00.
7 ONLY. REGULAR, $25.00.
Tuesday $13.75

SALMON CANNING STARTED IN CITY

SOCKEYES COMMENCE TO RUN EXTREMELY EARLY

Good Lifts Made From Local Fish Traps on Saturday--High Wages Asked.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Though the run of sockeye salmon has commenced some three weeks earlier than usual, it is not anticipated this year's pack will be a heavy one. For some cause at present unknown, the big run comes quadrenlally, which will make the next one due in 1909. This gradation has been preserved as far back as records go, and has never been known to fail. The cause of the early run this year has been the subject of much discussion both here and on the Sound. Last season the canners on the other side thought it meant a still larger run later on, but that failed to materialize. According to the Puget Sound American "cannerymen are more than ever convinced that the more they study the habits of the sockeyes the less they know of them," and this is probably a true statement of the case.

Saturday was a red letter day in the history of the fishing industry in Victoria. It marked the canning of the first salmon within the city limits. Seventy-five cases were put up at the Capital City Co.'s cannery at the outer wharf, the fish used being sockeyes taken on Friday from the Short traps at Clover Point. Another lift was made at the same traps on Saturday, resulting in the capture of 600 sockeyes, in addition to a number of spring salmon. Findlay, Durham & Brodie were also successful with their traps at Otter Point and Pedder Bay. On Saturday they obtained eight tons of spring salmon and 800 sockeyes.

As many of the fish caught here will be packed at Fraser river canneries, it is interesting to note there will probably be no trouble regarding fishermen's prices this season. The Fraser River Canners' Association are contracting daily with fishermen, and Steveston has become a hive of industry.

There is one feature, however, to the labor market that is extremely suggestive. Skilled Oriental labor is demanding very much higher pay than ever before. Chinamen who, a few years ago, were willing to work for $1.25 a day, and last year received from $40 to $48 per month, have demanded as high as $65. Lo June, of this city, has been scouring the province for men, and stated last week he would be unable to fill his contracts unless prices were raised. Lee Coy, the biggest labor contractor in New Westminster, tells the same story, and there will very probably be some trouble felt when the packing season starts in earnest.

How many Parisian people born in Paris are there living in Paris at the present time? According to the last census about 36 per cent. of the total population. Paris has the smallest indigenous population of any European capital. St. Petersburg has 40 per cent., Berlin 41 per cent., Vienna 45 per cent., London 65 per cent.

EXAMINERS AT WORK.

Large Body of Inspectors and Educators Busily Marking High School Entrance Papers.

The thousand candidates for entrance to the High schools of the province are now on what is termed the anxious seat. At the Victoria High school a large body of examiners commenced this morning to wade through the 10,000 papers on different subjects written by the pupils. The board consists of three provincial inspectors and masters from different High schools on the Coast. Among them are Inspectors A. C. Stewart, David Wilson, B.A., and J. S. Gordon, B.A.; City Superintendent W. P. Argue, of Vancouver; G. E. Robinson, B.A., and J. K. Henry, B. A., Vancouver High school; and Aaron Perry, M.A., E. H. Russell, B.A., S. J. Willis, B.A., and Frank Andrews, B.A., of the Victoria High school.

These educators have a large amount of work before them, and it is not likely that any announcement of results can be made before July 15th.

Though the pupils of the common schools have all gone through their examinations those of the higher branches of education are still in prospect. Next Tuesday, July 3rd, will see the opening of the teachers' examinations and the various grades of the High schools will be tested for proficiency. Local students rather welcome the extra week's holiday granted owing to the convention. They will spend it studying up for the coming examinations, and their work will not be limited to the usual school hours.

DOWIE AS ELIJAH.

He Tells of His First Revelation That He Was the Prophet.

A Chicago dispatch says: When John Alexander Dowie was on the witness stand before Judge Landis in the United States District court in the Zion City controversy, he was asked during cross-examination:

"Are you Elijah the Restorer?"

"I have always been."

"When did you first become conscious of the fact?"

"It gradually grew. I resented the revelation, as it were, and for years was grieved and angry if anyone suggested that I was Elijah. I am not a visionary man. The first time it came to my attention was in Melbourne or Sydney, Australia, while at the head of a Bible society.

"One night I was asked to preach a sermon. I went to supper and ordered two meals, which I forgot to eat. I had been thinking over my subject, and could not get beyond Elijah. I was thinking of his remarkable career, and my supper got cold.

"One of my deacons told me I had a message from God. I laughed and said, 'You go away and let me alone.' He said, 'I want to tell you, you are Elijah.' He said that three times and walked away. I was much distressed, for he could not have known I had been thinking of Elijah for an hour. I spoke, and my last idea was that I was Elijah. But as God is my judge, the thought that I was the second embodiment never entered my head.

"After the sermon one member said to me, 'I feel like saying you are Elijah.' I said, 'I am not; don't get that bee in my bonnet.' For years I would not think of it, but in after years I had to come to it. They were all right. The first open revelation was that night."

During the cross-examination Dowie asserted point blank his title to ownership of all Zion City property. He declared that for years he has had an income amounting to $10,000 a year. He never knew whence it came, he said. He denied that he had ever used any of the money for his own benefit, explaining that he spent it for the use of God and humanity.

A number of alienists were in attendance at court while Dowie was on the stand.

REFRIGERATING PLANT AT LOCAL MEAT MARKET

Extensive Alterations Just Completed by B. C. Market Company Prove Great Improvement.

The alterations and improvements going on for some time on the premises of the B. C. Market Co., corner of Government and Yates streets, have now been completed, and the store presents a most pleasing appearance. White is the leading feature both in walls and metal furnishing, the idea being to locate any trace of dirt or dust at once, so that it can be removed immediately. An underlayer of wood pulp plaster has been placed on the walls over which is a coating of plaster of paris. This has been decorated in chequer pattern with a bas relief fresco immediately above the series of mirrors that rise flush from the counters. All these are marble topped, and add much to the general cleanly appearance of the store.

A new feature in this city is the show case refrigerator that was installed to-day near the entrance. It has glass top and sides, and is connected by pipes with the freezing apparatus to the rear. In this will be displayed joints ready for the table that can be inspected without promiscuous handling by customers. The meat racks and hooks are all nickel plated, and will be easily kept clean, thus assuring perfect hygenic conditions.

At the rear of the store is the refrigerator chamber, 18 by 20 feet, which is already in operation. It will take some days to have this running in perfect shape, owing to the wood requiring reduction in temperature to the desired degree. This morning the thermometer registered 34, which is about the temperature that will be maintained. It is the intention of the company to kill all its meat in Vancouver, and ship here in refrigerator cars. A large abbatoir is in course of construction at the Terminal City for use by the company, and it will supply the requirements of the business in both cities.

Accommodation for the office force has been provided to the right of the corner entrance. Though space had to be economised, everything necessary has been provided for the expeditious tronsaction of business. W. Sinnock superintendent the arrangements for cold storage, the machinery being installed by Clayton & Costin, of Johnson street. The Melrose Company are responsible for the interior decoration, which has been carried out in an extremely proficient manner.

Adolph Weber must hang for the murder of his mother in the spring of 1904, says a San Francisco dispatch. The Supreme court of the state on Thursday rendered a decision confirming the judgment of the Supreme court which in January, 1905, found the young man guilty and sentenced him to pay the penalty. Weber killed his mother, father, sister and brother.

A dog show which opened at the Crystal Palace, London, recently, contained 3,5[illegible] entries, valued at $1,250,000.

THE MID-SUMME[illegible] HOLIDAYS

PUPILS DISMISSED AT SCHOOL

Vacation Will Continue U[illegible] 27th—Closing Exercis[illegible] This Morning.

(From Friday's Da[illegible])

To-day is one of the imp[illegible] of the year in the scho[illegible] Owing to the convention o[illegible] ers to be held in this city [illegible] the children will enjoy an [illegible] weeks holiday, and in con[illegible] are being given their free[illegible] mid-summer vacation to-d[illegible] exercises were held in t[illegible] schools, and as is custom[illegible] tendance of parents was [illegible] One of the most interest[illegible] was that at the Boys' Ce[illegible] where Principal J. D. Gil[illegible] been appointed inspector o[illegible] the province, took leave [illegible] ren after a long and honor[illegible] tion. The event was ma[illegible] presentation of a gold w[illegible] and locket. There was a [illegible] sentation of the Swinerto[illegible] in recognition of this scho[illegible] championship in athletics.

The term just closed has [illegible] ed by general progress. T[illegible] the pupils has been good, [illegible] has occurred during t[illegible] months to mar the excelle[illegible] tained at all the schools. [illegible] be until August 27th that [illegible] again assemble—a peri[illegible] weeks, which as stated ab[illegible] ly longer than the regu[illegible] cause of the meeting of [illegible] next week.

BOYS' CENTR[illegible]

Pemberton gymnasium [illegible] to the doors this morning [illegible] being the closing exercis[illegible] tion with the Boys' Centr[illegible] pupils were all out in the [illegible] parel and presented a fi[illegible] as they filed into the bu[illegible] panied by a large numb[illegible] and friends. Trustees [illegible] and Jay were in attendan[illegible] others noticed were R[illegible] Adams, pastor of the [illegible] Methodist church; Rev. [illegible] len, Rev. G. W. Dean [illegible] Campbell, pastor of the [illegible] terian church.

Immediately upon the [illegible] the school Trustee Jay [illegible] the chair. He opened th[illegible] appropriately, after whic[illegible] ing programme was rend[illegible]

Opening Song—Maple Lea[illegible]
Recitation—Quest [illegible]
Recitation—Which? [illegible]
Song—The Boy That Laug[illegible]
Recitation—Why Cats W[illegible] Eating [illegible]
Recitation—George's Pocke[illegible]
Violin Solo [illegible] Re[illegible]
Recitation—The Winds [illegible]
..4 Boys from Miss B[illegible]
Recitation—The Flowers [illegible]
.... 10 Boys from Miss [illegible]
Song—Hope Will Banish [illegible]
Speeches [illegible]
Presentation to Mr. Gilli[illegible] National Anth[illegible]

The presentation of a [illegible] watch, chain and locke[illegible] Gillis by the chairman [illegible] teachers and pupils o[illegible] school was marked by [illegible] siasm. In a few remar[illegible] voiced the sentiments o[illegible] have been associated [illegible] during the many year[illegible] identified with the insti[illegible] that Mr. Gillis' ability [illegible] and an executive office[illegible] acknowledged and that [illegible] has always been self-[illegible] everyone regretted the [illegible] severance of his conn[illegible] school, he was to be co[illegible] on his appointment to [illegible] of provincial inspector [illegible] wished him every pros[illegible] cess in his new spher[illegible] asked that he accept a[illegible] the respect and estee[illegible] was held by those asso[illegible] in the past.

Replying, Mr. Gillis [illegible] pleasure he had derive[illegible] utmost for the promoti[illegible] ests of the Central scho[illegible] in feeling terms, thos[illegible] honored him.

Addresses were deliv[illegible] ber of the prominent [illegible] whom wished the tea[illegible] dren a pleasant holida[illegible] to duty at the expirati[illegible] mer vacation with ren[illegible] their studies.

Following is a list [illegible] those promoted in the [illegible] the Boys' Central scho[illegible]

Division III.—List of [illegible] received Senior B [illegible] liam G. Baugh Allen, [illegible] Browne, Eldridge [illegible] Dicks, Kenneth Dea[illegible] Dowler, Bertram A. [illegible] Preston Hanna, Edwa[illegible] ter Liddiard, Evan [illegible] Herbert McKenzie, [illegible] Robert Alex. Milne, [illegible] George Edward Norr[illegible] Raymur, William A[illegible] James Wood, Ernest [illegible] Roy M. Wellwood.

List of pupils who [illegible] 1st division but who [illegible] certificates: Freem[illegible] Neil Moore Christie, [illegible] Hocking, Harry W. [illegible] Wescott.

From the 2nd to t[illegible] Kenneth Earsman, K[illegible] ham, Reginald Colbe[illegible] Henry Sivertz, Thoma[illegible] Brown, Vincent H[illegible] Walker, Gilbert Mill[illegible] nard, Charles Russel[illegible] Reginald Christie, R[illegible] ard Greer, Allan [illegible] Vegelius, —— Depew, [illegible] Edwin McNaughton, [illegible] Curtis Watson, Allan [illegible] Spencer, Cedric Twoh[illegible]