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but none of them of sufficient magnitude
to call for special mention. The year
has seen a great advance in the com-
merce of the Pacific Ocean. In illustra-
tion of this may be mentioned that the
Nippon Yusen Kaisha has doubled the
number of its ships engaged in trans-Pa-
cific trade and is making arrangements
for further enlarging its fleet in this
service. The Canadian Pacific Railway
Co. has given orders for a new vessel
of the Empress line, and additional ac-
commodation is being provided for the
Australian service. The Great Northern
freighters are nearing completion and
everything indicates that the coming
year will witness commercial develop-
ment upon this coast upon a very large
scale.

The preliminary steps for the con-
struction of the cable to Australia have
been taken. The Britannia and the
Egeria have completed the surveys of
the route and a beginning has been made
on the construction of the terminal sta-
tion on Vancouver Island. Thus we
see that in an unexpected degree the
year is notable in connection with pro-
jects bearing upon the expansion of the
commerce of the Pacific Northwest and
of the greatest of the oceans, a move-
ment, the importance of which, in its
bearing upon the future of Canada and
British Columbia, cannot be overesti-
mated.

Pacific conditions have been restored
to normal, but those best qualified to
judge say that the existing quiet is only
temporary. At any time a new Boxer
outbreak may be looked for. China is
in a very serious state. The country
seems ready to break up in confusion
on the slightest pressure being put upon
it, and the events of the year have
shown the imperative necessity of some
of the great Powers, and preferably
Great Britain, the United States and
Japan, uniting to preserve the empire
from the calamity threatening it, which,
if it cannot be averted, will be a source
of disaster, and not to China only. Per-
haps it may be said with perfect truth
that the crystallization of the Chinese
problem will be found in the years to
come one of the most important features
of the year 1901.

The condition of the British Empire
during the year has on the whole been
satisfactory, notwithstanding the con-
tinuation of hostilities in South Africa.
It is interesting to note that the last
New Year's issue of the Colonist men-
tioned that some of the Victoria volun-
teers had returned from service in
South Africa. It seems a long time
since then, and events crowd upon us so
thick and fast that we look for the time
being of things which, when they
happen, stir our souls to their depths,
but the memory of what the boys of
British Columbia, with the other sons
of Canada, did for their Queen and flag
will not only remain a glorious memory,
but has contributed its share toward
the working out of one of the greatest prob-
lems of the day, namely, the future of
the British Empire. Looking over the
telegrams published at the beginning of
the year, one is able to form some idea
of the progress that has been made since
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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morrow.

Once the fad was to attribute fires to
mice nibbling matches. No crossed
wires do duty on most occasions.

One of the candidates for the Ottawa
mayorality is Mr. Frank Cook, a grocer
and proprietor of the Colonist at the Federal
Capital. Mr. Cook has already had an
experience at the aldermanic board.
Needless to say that we wish him every
success.

It was a curious and certainly very
amusing coincidence that caused two
vessels to foul the two cables which
the Melburn and the same night. The
fact that the cables were a hundred
miles apart did not make any difference.

The dastardly attempt to shoot Mr.
Faulds, manager of the coal mine at
South Wellington, was a crime of a
character that is happily very rare in
this country. If it were possible to dis-
cover the perpetrators, no punishment
known to the law would be too severe
to be given them.

Now that wireless telegraphy is at-
tracting so much attention, it may be of
interest to Victorians to know that in
1890 some gentleman in this city car-
ried out the idea of what the wireless
negotiations with the Marconi com-
pany with the view of establishing the
system between Vancouver Island and
Skagway. The company were ready to
install the plant, but the price they asked
was prohibitive. Unless they have
greatly reduced their ideas of what the
invention is worth, it will be a long time
before it can be brought into general
use for commercial purposes except in
thickly settled communities.

While there is really no foundation,
as far as any one knows, for the state-
ment that the fire in Spencer's was
caused by the electric wires, and while
we can understand that the Electric
Company is anxious to get the wires re-
moved, it is interesting to note that it
should be laid to that cause, it is interest-
ing to note, in view of the greatly in-
creased use of electricity for domestic
purposes, that no care can be too great
to prevent fires. We are satisfied that
the wiring in Victoria is done as well
as in any city in the world, and is prop-
erly insulated, and we do not forget
that applied electricity is a very com-
paratively new art, and there are many
things to be learned about it.

A visit from Mr. Frederick Warde is
always a great pleasure to those who
are interested in the works of the great-
est of the dramatists. Mr. Warde is a
Shakespearean student, and his reading
of the various characters is marked by
much originality. The talk he gave in
the parlors of Dr. and Mrs. Powell yes-
terday on the Shakespearean club and a
number of other guests, on the works
of Shakespeare was very delightful. He
has read with discrimination, and with-
out anything like being didactic, he im-
parts an idea of how others may do the
same thing. Shakespeare richly repays
study. There is nothing else in the Eng-
lish language at any rate that so repays
it. His plays are a mine of thought,
and there is not a walk in life for which
he has not many lessons of value.

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION.

To the Editor.
Sir:—The day, during the past few
months, has been filled with editorial
space in an hysterical rant about Res-
ponsible Government. Nationalism, and
advocating the cause of the tenants. The
editorial space has been filled with a
constitution on the Liberal convention to
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