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Absolutely Pure.
BANKERS
REPAIRING

Twice-a-Week.
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For Infants and Children.
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Victoria Times.

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SENTENCE COMMUTED.
Mrs. Carew Will Spend the Rest of Her Life in Prison.

CHESSE EXPERTS.
Dates for the Match Between Britain and America.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA.
Powers Conferred on the Members of the Booth Movement.

HOODS.
Disease is to establish health. Pure, rich blood means good health.

TRAIN WRECK IN CUBA.
Crew of the Train Killed and Many Passengers Wounded.

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS.
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS.

ANOTHER RAILWAY COMPANY SEEKING AN OUTLET ON THE COAST.

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HEALTH OF THE POPE

Reports to the contrary, the Pope suffers from fainting spells.

In regard to legislation in British House of Commons.

On Feb. 7.—The Daily News has had the following from a correspondent at Rome: Despite the statement of Dr. Lapompa to the contrary, it is distinctly understood that the Pope was on Feb. 7, and was only restored to consciousness by inhaling ether.

Government's education bill is hotly opposed by the Liberals as a step towards secularism and the closing of the board schools. The defeat of the Conservative candidate, Mr. Dewar, in the election in the Walthamstow division, is largely due to the education proposals.

Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of the colonies, said further on his reputation in the House of Commons in reply to Sir William Harcourt, the Liberal leader, who had warmly complimented the minister upon his speech.

The debate the ladies' galleries were packed and the support of the measure were punctuated by waving of white handkerchiefs, the speeches of the opponents of the bill were greeted with expressions of dislike.

The Government's proposal to increase the number of battalions of the Grenadier Guards is a station a part of this force at Gibraltar for properly equipped guardsmen; moreover, it is limited to the smallest officers will resign if they are compelled to do so.

The Globe expresses surprise that the Canadian government should have decided to send a contingent of the line to the Congo, and assumed that they had already been sent to the Congo.

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OPENING OF HOUSE

Provincial Legislature Opened by the Lieutenant Governor This Afternoon.

Mr. Helmcken Has a Number of Important Motions and Questions on the Board.

The provincial legislature was opened this afternoon with the usual pomp and ceremony. A guard of honor, accompanied by the Fifth Regiment band, was drawn up outside the legislative hall.

Mr. Helmcken said that he had a number of motions that might be taken to-morrow, but the house nevertheless adjourned until Wednesday. The motions and questions which Mr. Helmcken wished to take up to-morrow, and of which notice has been given, are rather important.

It gives me great satisfaction to learn that the widespread discovery of phenacene mineral wealth throughout the province has attracted capital from the great financial centres, and that great activity is manifested in the development of our mining industry.

Our products from agriculture have suffered from the long and unusual drought of the summer, except wheat, which has been in operation, thus proving the security afforded by that useful adjunct to farming.

The salmon and other fishing industries have shown a catch above the average of previous years, and an interesting experiment has been made by the successful introduction of lobsters into the waters on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

The provincial board of health has been actively engaged in attending to the sanitary condition of the province, and in view of the lamentable outbreak of plague in India, further steps will be taken for further sanitation.

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THE JURY'S VIEW

Case of Macdonald v. the Trustees of the Metropolitan Methodist Church.

A Number of Questions Submitted by the Court and Answered by the Jury.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

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A Well Attended Reception Held at the Residence on Cormorant Street.

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FIRE AT NEWCASTLE N. B.

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VICTIMS OF SUFFOCATION.

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A LEPROUS ON BOARD

Northern Pacific Steamer Pelican Arrives With a Leprous Chinese Fireman.

A Fleet of Sixteen Sailing Vessels Outside Doris in a Bay.

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TWO TONY TRAMPS.

French Journalists on a Queer Globe-Trotting Tour.

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GOSSIP OF EUROPE

Interest in the Election for the Commons in Glasgow Next Week.

Continuous Rains in the Thames Valley and Other Parts of Europe.

London, Feb. 5.—From the moment of his arrival in England Col. Cecil Rhodes has been deluged with invitations, telegrams, love letters, bouquets and requests for his photograph, locks of his hair and autographs.

There is widespread interest in the coming election in Bridgeton division of Glasgow for a successor in parliament to Sir George Otto Trevelyan, whose resignation has been announced.

The Radicals have selected Sir Charles Cameron, whose platform is home rule, disestablishment, taxation, land values and the cancelling of the prohibition on the importation of cattle from Canada and the United States, which he declares is specially injurious to Glasgow.

Continuous rains are forecasted and there are renewed floods in the Thames valley, especially at Datchet, Kingston, Oxford, Marlow and Cavesham, which are already suffering and which seriously threaten Eton.

Calcutta, Feb. 5.—The India council has just passed a bill looking to the better prevention of dangerous epidemics. The main provisions of this bill call for the detention of vessels until they are free from disease, the systematic examination of railway passengers and the creation of camps and hospitals for the isolation of diseased persons.

During the course of discussion, Sir John Woodburn, the revenue member, said that Surgeon-General Cleghorn would inform the Venice conference that the bubonic plague was entirely due to local conditions, and that it was not directly infectious or contagious.

Newspapers here continue to comment upon the approaching Bradley-Martin fancy dress ball and in so doing generally discuss American society.

Washington Hall, in County Durham, has just been sold for £400. This is the estate which both Washington Irving and Robert Sturges, the local historian, say belonged to the ancestors of George Washington. The historic mansion is now let in tenements and the land attached to it was bought by the local authorities who desire to make a cemetery.

Part of the land is not required for this purpose and together with the hall was bought under the hammer.

British Conservatives Lose an Old Constituency.

London, Feb. 4.—At the election just held in the Southwest Essex or Wait-hamton division, for a member of parliament to succeed Mr. E. W. Byrne, Conservative resignee, Mr. Woods, Radical and Labor candidate, was elected over Mr. Dewar, the Conservative candidate, by a majority of 270.

The polling was as follows: Mr. Woods, Labor, 6,518; Mr. Dewar, Conservative, 6,239. This division has been regarded as a Conservative stronghold for the past decade.

Of the McKinley Tariff Adopted by the Tariff Committee.

Buffalo, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Commercial from Washington this afternoon says the Republican members of the ways and means committee at a secret session held this morning practically readopted the McKinley tariff.

The McKinley tariff, which includes salt, vegetables, meats, meat extracts, fruits, eggs, poultry, potatoes and hops at a rate of 20 cents a bushel on barley was also re-adopted as a protection against imports from Canada in spite of the protests of the Oswego malsters, who prefer the Canadian barley for its superior qualities in the manufacture of malted liquors.

Beginning to be Felt by the "Better" Classes in India.

London, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bombay says that the "better" classes among the people of India are beginning to feel the pinch of famine. Many are selling furniture and ornaments at ruinous prices and the prevailing distress is terribly keen.

WANT TURNER'S SEAT. Republicans Will Try and Unseat the Washington Senator.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 4.—It is stated on the best authority that the National Republican committee sent money into the State of Washington to be used to defeat George Turner in his fight for re-appointment, and it seems now to be a fact that a plot is on to shape the inquiry into the bribery scandal as to make it pay on the conscience of the Republicans in the United States.

Harry Wilson, brother and political manager of John L. Wilson, United States senator for Washington, has arrived in Olympia, and it is understood he intends to lead a desperate move, planned by the committee of which Mark Hanna is the head, having for its end the giving to McKinley's administration the comfort and aid to be derived from the absence of Mr. Turner as a senator.

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Now comes the second chapter. When the option taken on the War Eagle in London parties failed to be taken up, the price of the War Eagle shares fell to 80 cents.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

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From Friday's Daily. The Doering & Marstrand Brewing Company of Vancouver, has been incorporated; capital, \$100,000.

William Alfred Gallier, of Rossland, has made application to be called to the bar of British Columbia.

The long pending charges laid against Capt. A. B. McCallum by J. A. Lawrence were withdrawn this morning.

Oliver George Dennis, of the City of Kailo, has been appointed registrar for the purpose of the Marriage Act within and for the said city.

Frank Livingston Christie, of Vancouver, and Reginald Murray Macdonald, of Nelson, barristers-at-law, have been appointed notaries public.

Master John L. Lombard, son of Mr. C. A. Lombard, has won the Governor-General's medal presented to St. Louis College for competition in arithmetic among the pupils.

From Mr. Huff who arrived from Alberta to-day gives notice in this paper that he is leaving Alberta a messenger from Claroquo reported trouble with the Indians at that port. Indian Agent Guillot left for Claroquo to inquire into the matter. The cause of the disturbance was not ascertained.

Chester Glass, of Trail, solicitor for applicants, gives notice in this week's Gazette that application will be made at the next sitting of the legislature for an act to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing and operating two bridges over the Columbia river, one at Robson and the other at Trail, the bridges to be suitable for railway traffic.

Harry H. Collier, editor of the Pacific Poultryman, a poultry journal recently established at Tacoma, is in the city on his way from the Nanaimo fair. He speaks very highly of the latter, especially of the pigeon department, the display of which was remarkable for size and variety. Mr. Collier is well satisfied with the prospects of his paper, which, indeed, is good enough to deserve success.

Frank Oresta was brought before Police Magistrate Macrae this morning charged with keeping a biting dog which bit William T. Smith yesterday evening, and of assaulting the said William T. Smith. He was convicted on both charges and was ordered to pay \$12.75 costs and to have the dog shot; failing this he would be fined \$20. William Bond, accused of vagrancy, was dismissed.

The first annual meeting of the Alameda Mining Company, incorporated with a capital of \$1,000,000 three months ago to work the Alameda and Sunset No. 3 claims at Rossland, was held at the office of Capt. J. D. Warren yesterday afternoon. The following officers were elected: president, L. Goodacre; vice-president, J. E. Church; secretary, G. T. Warren; treasurer, J. D. Warren. The remaining directors are Messrs. D. Morrison and William Turpel.

A telegram from the president of the Gibson Mining & Milling Co to the B. C. Goldfields Co. this morning states that they have made a new strike of nine inches of solid high grade ore in the shaft now being sunk from the tunnel on No. 3 lead. As all the Gibson ore is of the same high grade, this ore is reckoned as another very important shipper during the coming summer from the Slocan district.

Johnson Graham, of 62 Kingston street, returned to-day from the Nanaimo poultry show. Mr. Graham was the only Victoria exhibitor, showing ten Plymouth Rocks, every one taking a prize. He captured first for cock, first and second for hen, first and second for pullet, first for cocker, and first for breeding pen, making almost a clean sweep in the class and every bird scoring over 90. The competition in all classes was keen, over eight hundred birds being entered. Mr. Butterfield, of Windsor, Ont., was judge.

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church congregation was held last evening, and was very largely attended. The most pleasant and enjoyable meeting of the kind held for many years. The reports of the session, managers, Ladies' Aid, Sabbath School, Christian Endeavor, choir, and relief committees were very satisfactory and the best submitted during the present pastorate, which must be very encouraging to a hard-working pastor. After all liabilities were met, there are on hand over \$1000, which will be used in paying the building debt of the church. At the close of the meeting the ladies served tea, coffee and cake, an innovation praised even by the most orthodox of the old school.

From Saturday's Daily. The funeral of the victim of the accident in the Chinese quarter, Albert Wadhams Auld, will take place to-morrow afternoon.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Land Surveyors will be held at the city hall, Monday 15th inst. Several surveys are expected here from the Mainland to take part in the proceedings. On Monday evening the surveyors will hold their annual banquet at the Poodle Dog restaurant.

Miss Clara Daniels died yesterday evening after a week's illness from pneumonia at the residence of her mother, 88 Quadra street. She was 44 years of age and was a native of England. Besides her mother she leaves a brother living at Garnham to mourn her loss. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon from the residence of her mother.

Mr. M. K. Morrison, who had a rather exciting experience while attempting to cross from Queen Charlotte Islands to Port Simpson a few weeks ago, reports that the claim which has been located on Moresby Island, and not on Graham Island, as was stated. The claim has been called the Isabel, and is located on a small inlet near Gold Harbor. The claim includes five distinct ledges, and samples of the ore assayed by Mr. Cow-

ell average \$85 in gold to the ton. Mr. Morrison has sold a three-eighths interest to Wilson brothers, Captain Morrison and Mr. Hickey.

Circulars have been sent to the various canners in deference to the opinion expressed by the grand jury at the last assizes held at Vancouver in the matter of tickets given them in lieu of money to the canners. The circular sent to the canners pointed out that that this was contrary to the Bank Act, which act under a penalty of \$400 prohibits any substitute for money.

The B. & N. railway company are constructing another new trestle above their line of railway, and it is understood that they have abandoned the idea of replacing the wooden trestles with steel ones for some time to come. The second new wooden trestle is being erected over Waugh Creek, about one mile on the other side of Goldstream station. Its erection will not interfere in any way with the regular traffic.

Mayor Redfern entertained the aldermen and the heads of the various city departments at dinner yesterday evening at his residence. The guests were as follows: Ald. McCandless, McGregor, Kinsman, Vigelius, Partridge, Stewart, Hall, Wilson, and Harrison; Messrs. W. J. Dowler, city clerk; C. Kent, city treasurer; E. A. Wilmot, city engineer; W. W. Northcott, city assessor; J. A. Raymer, water commissioner; and H. Goward, city librarian.

Alphonso O. Roy appeared in the police court this morning charged with assaulting Joseph Labonnat, and was remanded until Tuesday morning. Roy was engaged by Labonnat to remove the house, which stood on the government buildings lands and which was bought by him. Yesterday employer and employee had a quarrel and from words came blows. The matter will be threshed out before the police magistrate on Tuesday morning.

The funeral of the late James Abrahams, the victim of the accident at the new postoffice buildings on Wednesday evening, took place this afternoon from the residence of his wife, Mrs. M. Abrahams, at the home which had been stopped and the workmen attended in a body and marched to the cemetery. Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. H. Williams, J. Simpson and J. Hatley.

Helen and Margie Addis, sisters of Lady Sholto Douglas, who obtained so much notoriety in California some time ago, have cancelled their engagement to appear at the Trilby music hall. They were to have appeared on Monday evening in a song and dance turn for which they were booked some two months ago when appearing at Los Angeles, California. They are now, however, at their home in California. The engagement of the late Lady Sholto's two sisters was cancelled in this city.

Assistance was asked this morning from the Premier for a small boy named Henry Varty, son of Miss McGregor of the Royal Templars of Temperance. A few nights ago Varty in company with two other small boys went to Chinatown to see the Chinese festival. They visited among other places a cabin on Herald street occupied by a Chinaman named Sing, who gave them a quantity of Chinese whiskey. Varty became hopelessly drunk, and had to be carried to his room at the Brunswick hotel. As soon as the mayor was told this he held a conference with Chief Sheppard, and Officer Carson was dispatched to the Chinese quarter in company with Miss McGregor and the boy to see if they could find the Chinaman who supplied the liquor. Officer Carson found Sing in his cabin, and he admitted having given the whiskey. He could not be summoned, however, as there is nothing in the statutes prohibiting the sale or gift of liquor to minors, and no provision in the city laws under which he can be prosecuted. The act deals only with those licensed to sell liquor.

From Monday's Daily. The Bank of B.N.A. opened a branch at Trail, B.C., this morning, making six branches in the province.

On Saturday afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Thomas Lawrie took place from the family residence on the Esplanade. The burial service was read both at the residence and at the grave site.

Dr. Montzambert, superintendent of the Dominion quarantine stations, arrived from the East last evening. He went out with Dr. Watt to William Head inspecting the station and consulting with Dr. Watt regarding improvements if any are required.

The funeral of the late Miss Clara Daniels took place this afternoon from her late residence on Quadra street. Rev. Solomon Cleaver officiated both at the residence and the graveside. The pallbearers were: Messrs. L. Goodacre, J. Riley, H. Siddall, Raynor, J. L. Crimp and Henry Jewell.

The following companies have been registered under the Imperial Act at Victoria during the past week: Dominion Mines, Ltd., of Vancouver, capital \$200,000; Mimosha Gold Mining and Milling Company of British Columbia, Ltd., of Rossland, capital, \$1,000,000; Rossland Columbia Gold Mining Company, of Rossland, capital, \$1,000,000.

The funeral of Albert Wadhams Auld, the victim of the accident in Chinatown, took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his parents in King's Road. The funeral services were held in the Centennial Methodist Church, which was filled with the many friends of the bereaved family. Rev. Mr. Betts, the pastor, gave the eulogy. A large number of schoolmates of the deceased attended and marched to the cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. Sheppard, W. Betts, M. Thomas, H. Pike, H. McConnell and F. Bone.

A petition is to be circulated in a few days for signatures asking the government to have the Provincial Museum open on Sunday. This has been a course often suggested, but never before has a decided step been taken to bring it

about. The petitioners do not expect to meet with any opposition. They point out that it would not necessitate any actual labor, while it would give many, who cannot afford time during the week, an opportunity to visit the museum. It is said to say that there are hundreds of men and women in Victoria who have not visited the museum, simply because it is never open except when they are at work. This petition has no doubt receive a great many signatures.

THE ATHABASCA.

Some Particulars About the New Company and Their Claims.

The Athabasca, a comparatively new company, has been incidentally mentioned so frequently during the last few weeks, but without giving the public any really definite information, that the western manager of the B. C. Gold Fields Company has supplied the following information: The Athabasca, which is by the company are the Alberta, Algoma, Manitoba and Athabasca, claims situated about two miles from Nelson on Morning Mountain. These claims have been acquired by the company and of which they have got a clear deed. They were reported on by Albert J. Hill, M. A., M. E., M. Can. Soc. C. E., who was much impressed with the phenomenal richness of the ledge. His report in full is included in the prospectus which is now being prepared and simply gives a detailed description of what he found on the property. He says, however, that the main tunnel, which is of free milling quartz, in each of which he detected free gold. He found twenty tons of ore on the dump that would average over \$200 per ton, while the whole ledge is estimated to contain \$100. In consequence of this report and upon examination into the mine and its title, and the general affairs of the company, the B. C. Gold Fields Company have decided to purchase the stock, \$200,000 for a small portion of the stock, stipulating, however, that they should be at liberty to have the property examined by their own expert whenever they like, and that sufficient treasury should be sold to the extent of the development of the properties beyond a doubt; they shall also be represented on the directorate, and that they shall be consulted in the expenditure of all money that may be placed the company in a very sound position. The western manager of the B. C. Gold Fields Company, on his next trip to Nelson, will receive estimates of the machinery to be used in the mine, and also for the Athabasca, when both will be ordered, the latter of course, subject to the approval of the Athabasca directors. The main tunnel from the mine states that they have in the face two feet of the best, cleanest and highest grade of ore found in the province in any body. The main tunnel will be placed on the property at once and all the ore blocked out that can be to advantage at this season of the year, and if the plans of the company can be carried out, and as at present, within six months from now the company should be taking out and treating 20 tons a day, which, if it went only \$50 to the ton, would mean a net profit of \$1,000,000 a month. No wonder those interested believe it is as good if not a better thing than Golden Cache. Only a small number of shares are on the market, at the price asked.

COMING TO VICTORIA.

California Press Association to Visit This City in June.

The members of the California Press Association, one of the strongest organizations, numerically, in the Golden State, and one of the rolls of which are the names of many of San Francisco's prominent citizens, are coming to Victoria in June next on their annual excursion. Mr. Varty, who has undertaken the task of re-forming the cabinet, will select a purely progressive ministry. Parliament has been dissolved.

can be obtained here. The German war ship Kaiserin Augusta has been ordered to prepare to sail as soon as possible for the island of Crete.

Berlin, Feb. 8.—The Frankfort Zeltung, correspondent at Constantinople telegraphs that Germany has declined the Sultan's request to send officers and a financier to reorganize the country, as being inopportune. France and Belgium, the dispatch adds, have also declined.

RUSSIA'S POLICY.

The Czar Not Willing to Coerce the Sultan.

New York, Feb. 7.—A dispatch to the Herald from St. Petersburg says: "Highly interesting is the signal which marks the return of Count Muraviev, showing, as they do, the wisdom of the imperial command which sent him in all haste direct to France at a time when all sorts of intrigues were being used to break the good relations between Russia and France and force Russia's hand in her peaceful policy at Constantinople. A diplomat who is in the position to know said in conversation: 'Nothing will now come of the deliberations at Constantinople beyond giving Turkey what assistance may be needed to resist her.' The Sultan, who has special sources of inspiration, says: 'The European concert is without force. The Sultan has nothing to fear. The powers are not now demanding anything from the Sultan, but are calling for the Turks to remain and giving them money for the necessary reforms.' The Sultan has not only the destinies of his own country in his hands, but also those of the peace of Europe."

The Novoe Vremya, touching on the results of Count Muraviev's return, in a strong article, says: "Russia and France will never accept Lord Salisbury's policy of the partition of Turkey. Germany has no interest in playing England's game and it is inconvenient for Austria to act contrary to Germany."

Count Muraviev, in conversation last evening, expressed himself as most favorably impressed with the Meline cabinet. The interview with M. Hoskier, published in the Paris Press, and his audience with the emperor, made people doubt whether the Austrian journal understood well what was said by the French banker, or whether the latter did not over estimate his influence and whether his remembrance of the imperial audience granted to him was exact. At any rate, the account has not made a favorable impression in St. Petersburg. The latest news that M. Hoskier had intimated that unless Russia assisted France in obtaining her financial claims in Turkey, Russia would have little chance of obtaining future loans in France. This is not considered here to be the case at all.

PORTUGUESE MINISTRY.

Explanation of Why the Ministry Was Dissolved.

London, Feb. 7.—A dispatch to the Times from Lisbon gives the following explanation of the downfall of the Portuguese ministry: "It appears that Premier Ernesto R. Horta did not ask the King to appoint a number of life senators for the purpose of enabling him to carry on the government. This the king refused to do and the cabinet at once resigned. The king has since undertaken the task of re-forming the cabinet, will select a purely progressive ministry. Parliament has been dissolved."

WANTS A FOREIGN MISSION.

A Lady Who Would Like to be U. S. Minister to Colombia.

Boston, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Manilla M. Ricker, the well known woman lawyer and equal righter of Washington and Dover, N. H., has filed with President-elect McKinley a petition for appointment as minister to the United States of Colombia, which position is now filled by the Hon. Luther McKimmon, of Manchester, N. H. For some time Mrs. Ricker has been collecting recommendations from influential men. She is the first woman who has ever applied for such a position. Her high position of an ambassador of the United States. To a reporter she declared her determination to leave no stone unturned in her quest for ambassadorial honors. Mrs. Ricker is a native of the supreme court of the District of Columbia in 1882, standing at the head of her class, in which there were eighteen men. She was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington City in 1891. She opened the New Hampshire bar to women in June, 1890.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S VOTE.

Investigation of Election Law and State Constitution Proposed.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—A Washington special says: "Complications have arisen which may furnish a dramatic interruption to the counting of the electoral votes next Wednesday. Representative George Washington Murray, the only colored member of the house, who represents the Charleston, S. C. district, has just returned from South Carolina, where he was in consultation with the leading Republicans. He is armed with petitions signed by thousands of Republicans protesting against counting the electoral vote and asking for an investigation of the election laws and the state constitution. The claim is made that the election laws and the state constitution upon which they are based are not in accord with the Federal constitution. The dispute over the vote of South Carolina cannot be settled until the point is settled. What ever immediate result this attempt to strike South Carolina's vote may have, there is no doubt that the program will be thus dramatically inaugurated in the part of several Southern States to overthrow the segregation and election laws of various Southern states where negroes predominate and their vote is not a factor, the purpose being to secure a Republican victory in these Southern states and reduce Democratic representation in congress."

THE TROUBLE IN CRETE.

Rumor That Warships Have Commenced to Bombard Crete.

Athens, Feb. 8.—The Crete squadron arriving at Crete did not salute the Turkish flag. Official advices say the Mulsims are preparing a massacre at Retimo. Representatives of the powers have expressed to the Greek government their surprise at the fact that Greece has sent warships to the island of Crete. Three thousand people took part yesterday in the manifestation in front of the ministry of marine. There were continued cries of "Long live Crete." "Long live the union." It is thought that the manifestation and election laws of various Southern states where negroes predominate and their vote is not a factor, the purpose being to secure a Republican victory in these Southern states and reduce Democratic representation in congress."

Berlin, Feb. 8.—A special dispatch received from Athens says it is rumored that the Crete squadron has commenced to bombard Crete, island of Crete. No confirmation of the report

A GRUESOME SIGHT

Cuban Patriots Executed Without Any Notice to Their Families.

Graphic Description of a Military Killing at Fort Cabanas.

New York, Feb. 8.—A special to the World from Havana, via Key West, says:

The sharp ring of rifle shots from the gray walls of Cabanas fortress is heard daily at 7 a.m. with unvarying regularity. It is the hour of execution. The morning's programme was varied Monday by a double execution, with an added chapter of cruelty and horror. The condemned were Enrique Helder Osma, a lad of 19, and Antonio Perdomo Guzman. They were charged with rebellion and incendiarism. Osma, a handsome youth, carried the true patriot's heart. In an engagement the loss of his chief, Perez, was shot. Osma, quick as thought, but barely in time, gave his horse to Perez and the chief escaped. The lad, by desperate charges, also escaped. A few weeks ago he had been captured. An execution is a semi-public show, and people who cross the bar to witness it are permitted to gather on the outer walls of the fortress. On Monday they saw again the usual careless and jaunty preliminaries of death. Bands playing a lively march, all marched cheerily into the enclosure. Several hundred troops followed, and within the inner walls formed a hollow square. Eight soldiers separated from the ranks and took a stand on the mound, forming a slight elevation in the square. They had drawn the short staves the night before, and were to be the executioners.

Six priests then appeared in double line. Between them were Osma and his fellow prisoner with hands tied behind their backs. They stumbled and would have fallen, but for assistance. They knelt on the ground with their faces to the wall and their backs to their executioners. The band stopped playing. A priest stepped forward and, stroking the boy's cheek, gently whispered a few words of hope, and retired to the lines. The executioners moved ten feet forward. The rifles were raised and the command was given. Six shots rang out and two bodies fell forward to the ground. But the boy was not dead. His life arm twitched and vibrated. Even the soldiers, inured to the scenes of execution, turned their heads and a groan of horror went up from the spectators huddled along the edge of the great wall above.

It was a gruesome, blood chilling sight, but it was only for a moment. Another command was given and two more of the firing party who were held to give "mercy shots," stepped forward. One placed his rifle almost at the boy's back and fired. The boy was over at last. The spectators returned to the city barely in time to see a crowd about a crying, hysterical young woman. Mingled with the strains of music were words of despair from Guzman's wife. The shots were still ringing in her ears when she read the name of her husband in the awful daily bulletin which means so much. It is published in the evening papers, and is a list of those who are to be executed the next morning. This grief-stricken woman had not seen the list until the sound of the shots told her that another order of death had been carried out. Two little children, ignorant of the cause of grief, were at their mother's side when the crowd moved about and asked the meaning of the wild incoherent cries. A few minutes later a priest was delivering a lecture to an aged, white-haired woman. It was dated the night before and began: "Dearest Mother: To-morrow I die, a patriot for the freedom of Cuba. The old woman, the lad's mother, fainted without reading further, for it was the first information that her son was to be put to death."

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Olney Invited to Fill the Chair of International Law at Harvard.

According to Colonel Brewer, of the Salvation Army, Chicago is to be made the centre of a vast system of seral settlements similar to that in operation in England, made famous by Gen. William Booth, of the Salvation Army. Arrangements have been made whereby Gen. Booth is to go to Chicago and personally inaugurate the movement. G. W. Hinckley, husband of Florence Blythe Hinckley, the successful litigator for the late Thomas Blythe's millions at San Francisco, died at Portland, Ore., on Saturday of appendicitis. Thirty thousand people of Shaweepoort, La., are in a condition bordering on starvation. A quarantine station is to be established at Astoria. Senator Wallace B. Spear, of Oregon, is dying from blood poisoning at El Monte. The lieutenant-governor of Manitoba has forwarded \$5,000 so far raised in Winnipeg for the famine fund. A petition for the reduction of the liquor licences in Hamilton from 75 to 50 has been refused by the civic committee. Secretary Olney has received from Harvard university an invitation to fill the chair of international law at that institution.

HAS STRUCK NIAGARA.

Mining Companies Organized to Work Manitou Mines.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 8.—A dispatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says: The Canadian gold mining fever has at last struck Niagara Falls. Some of its very best citizens have taken an interest in very valuable claims in Manitou district, in the celebrated Seine river district, where ex-Governor Flower and his Wall street and London associates of the past have been busy for years assaying as high as \$200 to the ton. The interested parties are Dr. R. W. Campbell, John Irwin, electrical engineer, and J. E. Devereaux, manager of the International and Cataract Hotels,

British Columbia.

PORT SIMPSON. Port Simpson, Jan. 29.—The annual meeting of the hospital board was held on the afternoon of the 7th inst. The wants and other parts of the hospital were inspected by the visitors and every thing was found to be in perfect order. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. T. Crosby, and after a short address by Mr. G. W. D. Clifford, board chairman, Dr. A. E. Bolton read the annual report, which was most satisfactory. The number of patients during the year was seventy; on which and sixty Indians; the time was the deaths among the latter. The receipts for the year were \$2210.50 and the expenditure \$1980. The collecting and sending committee were re-elected. The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. T. Crosby, and after singing the National Anthem, refreshments were served by Mrs. Bolton and the nurses and a very pleasant and social hour was spent, after which the board meeting was dissolved, such matters of business were discussed, such as financial prospects, improvements, etc. Messrs. Alexander, Bolton, Clifford and Crosby were then re-installed, and the following elected as Mr. Lindsay, president; Rev. T. Crosby, 2nd vice-president; Rev. A. E. Bolton, secretary and treasurer; W. H. Simpson, 1st vice-president; J. W. Jennings, C. W. D. Clifford, directors.

The improvements which are intended to be made as soon as possible are suitable operating room and a comfortable reception room for convalescent patients.

A farewell dinner was given in honor of Mr. C. W. D. Clifford (who retired from the H. L. H. store) by the board of the 14th at the Northern Hotel by the proprietor, D. A. Robertson. After dinner was over a farewell address from his fellow members and friends was presented by the chairman to Mr. Clifford and the rest of the time was spent with toasts, speeches and songs.

Another farewell children's party was given this evening at Mr. J. M. Lindsay-Alexander's residence, to celebrate the going away of his son, William, on the steamer Bosowitz for Victoria.

The cold weather along with the bicycle crash has struck Port Simpson.

VERNON. The meeting of the Liberal Association on Thursday evening was well attended, and much business was transacted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. McKeechie; vice-president, Ralph Smith; recording secretary, John McNeil; corresponding secretary, Mr. McDonald; treasurer, Mr. Barker. A list of names was given for the support of government railways, led by affirmative, Dr. McKeechie and Thos. Keefe; negative, Ralph Smith and C. B. Baker. The debate will be held on the 18th inst., in the room of the society.

VERNON NEWS. Wednesday morning, the 27th, was the coldest yet in the winter. The thermometer registered 2 degrees below zero.

Messrs. O'Keefe and Fuller have recently been doing some development work on a claim called the Clara and Corinne near Round lake. They are much pleased with the results, as they have uncovered a wide ledge of promising looking quartz.

Timars have been brought up from the coast for the construction of a large scow on Okanagan lake to be used in connection with the C. P. R. steamer Aberdeen. The rapidly increasing trade and all seem willing to do their part to help the country has made this addition to the service necessary.

Armstrong is humming. Electric light, waterworks, sidewalks and large improvements are being made. The value of the improvements which will be put into shape in the near future. Streets are already being taken to secure electric light. A canvass of the town has been made and all seem willing to electric light instead of coal oil.

MIDWAY ADVANCE. Seven men are at work in Centerville camp of the Jack Spades and Maurice properties, held under lease a partly owned by the French syndicate represented here by M. Gire.

It is stated that a syndicate operated in New York, and which is represented by Messrs. Dier and Davidson, intend almost immediately bringing in some two hundred tons of machinery for use at the various claims being developed by them.

A magnificent specimen of rock is on exhibition at Rock Creek, which came out of the shaft being sunk by Messrs. Copeland and Youkin at the forks of Rock Creek. The specimen is in being with the size of the claim, as it is no pocket specimen, but rather a block of ore which is taken from a vein situated on the surface. The value of the claim may be judged when it is stated the owners received an offer of \$300,000 on bond for the property, which they carried down as yet to any extent.

ROSSLAND. A special to the miner states that Hector MacRae, of Ottawa, has organized a company to operate mines in the province. The board of directors includes Sir Adolphe Caron, George Gould, Dr. Seward Webb, David Selkirk and other well known capitalists of New York.

A special to the Miner from Spokane says the Reco mine at Sandon in the Slocan country, has declared a dividend of \$100,000.

The Rosalander. An attempt is being made to organize a militia corps in Rossland. The list of names is as follows: The officers are Weeks & Kennedy.

A private telegram received this morning, states that the War Expenditure Committee has been organized in the Crown Point shareholders on the basis of 55 cents a share. Mutual benefits are offering that price and anxious to get it. There is compar-

On the other side of the river, Fraser, barrister, J. A. Dowell, member of parliament; James Bay, doctor; Alex. Logan, Ontario politician; James Bampfield, commissioner of Queen Victoria Niagara Falls...

British Columbia.

PORT SIMPSON

Port Simpson, Jan. 29.—The annual meeting of the hospital board was held on the afternoon of the 28th inst. The meeting was attended by the visitors and every one present was in perfect order.

RIFLEMEN MEET.

Range at Oak Bay Proposed.—Other Matters.

Victoria Garrison Artillery Rifle team held its annual meeting at the hall on Saturday evening. Col. Prior presided. The following amendments were made to the by-laws of the association:

The annual meeting to be held here on March 1st each year and that annual representation on the executive committee be given to the president. The financial report showed that for the year the sum of \$845.55 had been handed by the association in the year.

The executive committee's report was read and accepted. Officers were elected as follows: Hon. Lieut.-Col. Prior; president, Col. Gregory; vice-president, Mr. Williams; secretary-treasurer, H. G. Ross, and the following were elected as patrons: Lieut. Dewdney, Mayor Reid, Col. and Senator McInnes.

The winners were: No. 1, Co. Serjeant G. Gaudin; No. 2, Major J. G. Ross; No. 3, Serjeant G. G. Ross; No. 4, Serjeant G. G. Ross; No. 5, Serjeant G. G. Ross; No. 6, Serjeant G. G. Ross; No. 7, Serjeant G. G. Ross; No. 8, Serjeant G. G. Ross; No. 9, Serjeant G. G. Ross; No. 10, Serjeant G. G. Ross.

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Wednesday morning, the 27th, was the coldest so far this year at Armstrong. The thermometer registered 25 degrees below zero. Messrs. O'Keefe and Fuller have recently been doing some development work on a claim called the Clara and in the north end of Round lake. There are much pleased with the results, as they have uncovered a wide ledge of promising looking quartz.

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represented on the Cowboy claim, owned by Richard Williams, who has gone on to the public, as the first issue was only a few thousand shares, and the company has been from the first a close corporation. Those who purchased the first issue about nine months ago, at 10 cents, will be sorry now they invested.

The dispute over dues in timber cutting on mining claims within the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway grant, has revealed facts connected with the terms of the grant which have led mine owners, especially those of the south belt, to insist upon their rights that they shall not be deprived of the timber on their claim, which may at some future time not far distant, be required for mining purposes.

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The Lucky George Mining Co., Ltd. of London, has purchased the Lucky George, Innisfall and Beaver, and intend to begin active development work immediately. The second payment due on the Mountain Goal mineral claim, at the head of Jackson's basin, to W. E. Potter was promptly made. The tunnel which is being run on this property from the Lucky Boy is said to be yielding some very promising results.

LANDED IN JAIL. A Sealer Who Played a Sharp Game and Lost. About the beginning of January Fred Caesar shipped as a sealer on the schooner Agnes Macdonald and drew an advance of \$20, getting an order on R. F. Kithet & Co., the agents, for the same. That he got cashed at the Dominion Hotel, where he was staying, presenting it to Stephen Jones, the proprietor, in payment of his bill. Soon after he got the order cashed he hurried down to the steamer Rosalie's wharf, intending to take the steamer for the other side. He was a little late, the steamer having just left, but he was a man equal to occasions of that description and he at once got a boatman to row him alongside and from the boat he clambered up on to the steamer and was soon snugly ensconced in the domains of Uncle Sam. The boatman for the service rendered by him was paid from Caesar's order on Mr. Jones for three dollars, and it was not until this was presented that Mr. Jones discovered that he had been done. Later Caesar again drew to injury by writing to Mr. Jones' head waiter telling him of the way in which he had succeeded in duping Mr. Jones, who, being a wise man, said nothing but kept his own counsel. On Tuesday, however, he was informed that Caesar was in town on his way to San Francisco, and he at once went and wrote out a warrant for his arrest on the charge of obtaining money by false pretences. Caesar was just stepping on to the gangway of the steamer when Constable Anderson stepped up to him and, producing the warrant, told him he was arrested. He was brought before Mr. Dalby, J. P., in the police court this morning and remanded until Wednesday morning.

Mr. A. Irwin is sinking a shaft on his ledge. It is down some 12 or 14 feet. The rock shows copper and galena. A new ledge was struck a short time ago by H. E. Richardson, the croppings of which assayed \$4 in gold and \$150 in silver. Work being done on this property and the rock resembles the Slocan ore. It is expected that a company will develop this ledge this season.

This is a section that has been passed over by many old miners and pronounced barren of any mine, but my opinion is that Nicola will be in the swim yet. Large beds of gypsum have been found, and float rock that assays as high as \$37 in gold. No ledge of the latter has been struck, but just as soon as the hills are clear of snow, they will be alive with tenderfoot looking for this particular ledge, so you need not be surprised to hear of some rich finds in Nicola yet.

C. M. Edwards brought Leitch, the maul robber, in from Fort Steele on Saturday night. The prisoner was transferred to the Dominion gaol on Sunday. The Dominion government surveyors are at work surveying the lands in the upper Columbia valley. This is something which the ranchers in this valley have long been clamoring for. It is evident that Mr. Bostock has been using his influence in the matter.

A strike is reported of two feet of fine ore in the long tunnel on the Bondholder. There is \$20,000 worth of ore in sight at the Gordonia, on the north fork of the Columbia. The B. C. claim on the north fork of Lemon creek has been sold to A. R. Johnston, a Spokane party. James C. Ryan has been given an option on the Soho, Northern Pacific and Red Cross, the purchase price being \$10,000.

A miners' union was organized at Silverton last week and it is expected to have 75 or 100 members before the end of February. The Argo and Belt, Sandon properties, last week partially changed hands and in the near future become the property of a smaller company. J. Sanderson is making ore from the Evening Star, on Dayton creek, in order to make a trial shipment. Assays show over 600 ounces in silver and \$50 in gold.

The Lucky George Mining Co., Ltd. of London, has purchased the Lucky George, Innisfall and Beaver, and intend to begin active development work immediately. The second payment due on the Mountain Goal mineral claim, at the head of Jackson's basin, to W. E. Potter was promptly made. The tunnel which is being run on this property from the Lucky Boy is said to be yielding some very promising results.

Last week a party of eight Chinamen started to cross the trail to Quesnelle Forks. One of the men, a natural Canadian, Flat one of their number, who had been sick when they started, died. It was reported that he had been frozen, but upon investigating the matter it was found that he had died of natural causes. Some of his companions had their hands badly frozen and returned to town for treatment, bringing the corpse with them.

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RIGHTING IN CREDIT. Turkish Troops Take a Hand in the Killing of Christians. Canoe, Crete, Feb. 5.—There was firing in the street for several hours yesterday. Several Turkish soldiers were wounded. Endeavors were made to establish military cordons around the Christian and Mussulman quarters. The trouble originated in the unfounded report that the Mussulmans had killed 27 Christian sentinels at Akrostri. When this report was received the Vall ordered the troops to proceed to the defence of the Christian villages. The troops were attacked and it is reported that twenty persons were killed. Several villages were destroyed by fire. Canes itself is in a state of complete revolt. The Mussulmans, it is claimed, instituted the attacks upon the Christians and commenced the discharge of fire arms.

A considerable number of persons perished in the conflict. Finally it was ordered that the soldiers themselves fire from the ramparts at the leading Christians. The Mussulmans set fire to the quarters occupied by the Christians and the flames were visible from the water side of the piers anchored in the harbor. The flames appeared to be spreading in the direction of the palace of the archbishop and the Greek schools.

The commanders of three Italian and French gunboats attempted to stop the fighting and landed small detachments of soldiers. The Christians at Halapa sought refuge at the offices of the foreign consuls and on board the gunboats. London, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Athens says the situation at Canes has reached a crisis of blood and fire. The Turkish troops have joined hands with the native Mussulman cut-throats. The consuls sent telegrams to the effect that the situation is hopeless.

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP. Result of the Matches Held at Montreal on Saturday. Montreal, Feb. 6.—Eight thousand people witnessed the championship skating races to-day. J. K. McCulloch, of Winnipeg, was the strong favorite, and his two wins made the people go wild over him. He is now the amateur champion speed skater of the world, beating the first Canadian to win such honor, Nilsson, of Minneapolis, won the professional championship, so the Europeans get only one race, the 500 metres, won by Ness yesterday. To-day's events: Fifteen hundred metres—McCulloch, Winnipeg; Ness, Norway, second, time, 2:40-4-5.

In the preliminary heats both made the same time, McCulloch winning in the run over. Ten thousand metres, amateur—McCulloch, Winnipeg, time, 20:02-1-5. Professional half-mile—Nilsson first in 1:17-5 (a new record); Joe Donohue second in 1:20-3-5. Professional five miles—Nilsson first in 1:43-7 (another new record); Donohue second.

Owing to a mistake in scoring McCulloch's record at the five thousand metres made on Friday does not go down, but the race stands. A party of miners from the United States arrived at Edmonton last October and made a thorough prospect of the bars for several miles up the river, selecting two bushel sacks of the sands at different points, and taking samples of the tailings which had been worked over by miners "grizzly" method of washing this fine gold. The party returned to Chicago and have since made the wonderful discovery by assay that the sands all through will average something over \$200 to the ton, and the tailings left by the "grizzly" process nearly as rich. So that in reality, although gold mining has been going on for so many years on the Saskatchewan, it has been almost worthless to the prospector, who had not the proper means for saving this particularly fine gold.

Now the discovery of its vast richness has been found. A syndicate, headed by a Dr. Kelly of Chicago, has been formed, and they have sent instructions to have stows made ready by the beginning of March, when experts will be sent here with all the necessary machinery to commence operations as soon as the ice moves. The following test made will give some idea of the fineness of this host gold. A quantity of sand was mixed up in a dish with water, and when settled the water was poured over a sheet of blotting paper and a powerful magnifying glass being applied the paper was found to be literally covered with gold.

The discovery is most important for the Edmonton district, and will, no doubt, create a sensation among mining circles of thousands of acres of these sand bars in a distance of 300 or 400 miles of this river, as well as its affluents, and no doubt other rich discoveries will be made. The best quality of coal is abundant everywhere along the river, as well as excellent indications of petroleum, and still more important, the whole district comprises the richest farming lands in the Northwest, and free homesteads of 160 acres to all who wish to take them from any part of the world.

The first record of gold having been found in the North Saskatchewan is credited to Dr. Hunter, who made Edmonton his headquarters between 1858 and the summer of 1859. From that date straggling adventurers forced their way up the river and with rude tin plates, bored with small holes which answered for a "grizzly," made amounts varying from \$7 to \$10 a day washing gold from the bars of the river. Since then the number of miners has annually increased until last year about one hundred or more men spent the spring and fall months, when the water was lowest, washing the golden sand. Yet, as is shown by the recent assay, they could only save a very small proportion of the gold, making from \$2 to \$5 a day, but many newcomers or tenderfoot have had to content themselves with 65 cents to \$1 a day. But the same sand now has been proved to assay as rich as \$200 to the ton. Truly "truth is stranger than fiction," as is amply illustrated by this recent important discovery. As soon as operations are commenced by the syndicate with improved machinery, for saving this fine gold we may expect to hear of results which will leave the famous hydraulic works on the Fraser river far behind.

VICTORIA MARKETS. Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected. Victoria, Feb. 7.—The scarcity of mutton and beef on the other side of the line is being still felt in the city markets and many of the butchers are discussing the advisability of getting their meat from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. Although wheat is still rising in price at Chicago, and is very firm in the local markets no change has been made in the price of flour. The price list corrected up to date is as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian flour.....\$6.50 Lake of the Woods.....\$6.50 Rainier.....\$6.25 Snowflake.....\$5.75 XXX.....\$5.50 Lion.....\$5.50 Corn (Enderby).....\$5.50 Strong Star (Enderby).....\$5.50 Strong Baker's (O.K.).....\$5.50 Selsam.....\$5.75 Wheat, per ton.....\$37.50 to \$40.00 Corn, American, per lb.....2 1/2c to 3c Middlings, per ton.....\$22.00 to \$25.00 Bran, per ton.....\$18.00 to \$20.00 Ground feed, per ton.....\$20.00 to \$22.00 Corn, whole.....\$30.00 to \$32.00 Potatoes, per bushel.....\$2.00 to \$2.50 Cauliflower, per head.....10c to 12 1/2c Hay, baled, per ton.....\$12.00 to \$15.00 Straw, per bale.....75c to 1.00 Onions, per lb.....40c to 50c Bananas.....25c to 30c Lemons (California).....25c to 30c Apples, Eastern, per lb.....15c to 20c Oranges (navel) per doz.....35c to 40c Oranges (California seedling) 25 to 30c Oranges (Japanese), per box, 40 to 60c Fish—salmon, per lb.....10c to 12c Halibut.....10c to 12c Fish—small.....8c to 10c Smoked herring, per lb.....10c to 12c Smoked Kippers, per lb.....12 1/2c Eggs, Island, fresh per doz.....30c to 35c Eggs, Manitoba.....25c to 30c Butter, creamery, per lb.....35c Butter, Delta creamery, per lb.....35c Butter, fresh.....30c to 40c Cheese, Chilliwick.....15c to 20c Hams, American, per lb.....16c to 18c Hams, Canadian, per lb.....15c to 18c Bacon, American, per lb.....12c to 16c Bacon, long clear, per lb.....10c to 12 1/2c Bacon, Canadian, per lb.....14c to 16c Shoulders.....12 1/2c to 15c Lard.....12 1/2c to 15c Meats—beef per lb.....7 1/2c to 15c Veal.....10c to 12c Pork, fresh, per lb.....10c to 12 1/2c Pork, sides, per lb.....8c to 10c Chickens, per pair.....\$1.00 to \$1.50

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THE COMING SESSION

Members Arriving for the Annual Meeting of Provincial Legislature.

Opposition Members are Expecting A Long and Interesting Session.

Mr. Kellie Believes That Kootenay Should Have Two Additional Members.

As far as can be ascertained from those who are supposed to be in the confidence of the powers that be across the bay, the government are anxious that the session, which opens on Monday, should not be a long one, and for this reason they delayed the opening of the house until such time as would make it inconvenient for the majority of the opposition members to remain in Victoria for any great length of time.

Mr. Semlin when seen this morning thought it better not to furnish the enemy with any powder, but he added that he was sure they were going to have a very long and tedious session.

Mr. Semlin is personally concerned, he would be pleased to see the early construction of a railway from the Coast to Kootenay, and would be willing to grant a company a charter to undertake the work, but he will oppose the giving of a grant larger than the province can afford.

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Among the members to arrive from the Mainland last evening was Donald Graham, M.P. for Yale. Heretofore the people of Spallumcheen when they visited the coast took of their rich farming and grazing lands, but this time Mr. Graham, although a thorough agriculturist, is armed with a sack of rich looking quartz and he speaks enthusiastically of the mineral deposits which have been uncovered in the vicinity of Enderby.

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One of the greatest treats of the evening was Mr. Braxton Smith's singing of "The Anchor's Weigh," a selection eminently suited to his fine voice.

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More than a passing notice is due to Signor Seppilli, whose playing and accompaniments left little to be desired.

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