





DEPUTY MINISTERS.

The remarks regarding deputy ministers offered by the Halifax Herald are singularly inaccurate. Auditor-General McDougall is set down as a deputy minister who was appointed by the Mackenzie government and kept in office by the succeeding Macdonald government.

couraging. The other boards of trade of the province will be asked to cooperate, and no doubt the basis of a practical scheme will be the outcome of a conference of representatives of these bodies.

The obstacles in the way are no doubt enormous, but they can be overcome. To remove them will be the duty of the government.

U. S. PENSIONERS.

From the last report of the United States commissioner of pensions it appears that the number of Uncle Sam's pensioners and his expenditure upon them have reached the "high water mark."

DR. DUNCAN'S "FRIEND."

Under the defence of the Colonist Dr. Geo. Duncann is undoubtedly suffering all the tortures of a "suspect" who is waiting impatiently for the incubation period to pass.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Globe, writing of Dr. Duncann's dismissal states that he was accused "of having permitted a suspect with his guardian to leave the hospital, where the suspect had been recovering from the smallpox."

THE RAILWAY MEETING.

The meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade yesterday afternoon was a railway meeting and the result was a unanimous and enthusiastic declaration in favor of the immediate construction of a direct line of railway from the coast to Kootenay.

tion with profit to the country and to the locality. The Union Weekly News has come to the conclusion that "how not to do it is the ingenious policy of the Lands and Works Department."

The anxiety of the Colonist is now for the safety of the official heads of deputy ministers. There is some prospect that in a certain well known case a Conservative deputy may be convicted of intercepting important communications between the public and his chief.

C. E. Redfern is freely spoken of as a candidate for the mayor's chair. Mr. Redfern was mayor in 1883 and filled the position acceptably.

WILL AID SOUND PORTS.

The Port Townsend Call of recent date has this to say about the Scotch plan for improving Victoria's harbor: "The city of Victoria stands at the head of any Canadian port as regards her shipping, Montreal, Quebec, and Halifax are all thrown in the shade by her, as Victoria's harbor last year was greater than that of Montreal by 122,213 tons."

MAIL FOR YUKON.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The longest star route mail service to be performed in the United States, has just been established by the postoffice department.

HANDSOME DONATIONS.

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—The University of California is to be made richer by \$4,000,000, by donations of various persons.

BRIDES OF A CANADIAN INSTALLATION.

It is over a quarter of a century since the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal was established and it certainly grows better with age.

RHYMES OF CARIBOO

Sung by The Miners Sang in the "Good Old Days" on Williams' Creek.

Philosophy Flavored With Spice of the Bar-room and Mining Camp.

Barkerville, Oct. 7.—In a previous letter concerning the Cariboo district I remarked on what in the vernacular would be termed the "high old times" which the miners used to have here in the days of the Cariboo boom in the sixties.

One Thomas Cunningham must be a man of high moral courage. He was a Conservative, and in a Conservative paper he has written: "We were well whipped and we deserved it."

Seventy-four men lost their lives on the Newfoundland cod banks last season from the Gloucester fleet alone.

DEAR DUNCAN TO THE COLONIST.

Dr. Duncann to the Colonist: "Oh, give me a rest!"

YOUNG TED BROWN.

Sung by Mr. John Hudson at the Theatre Royal, Barkerville, on New Year's Eve, 1887.

Now when he got up to the mouth And saw the pile of gold Staked on cards and won at ease.

COME BACK FARO.

I'll sing you now a mournful song About a fine old man Who lived some years in Cariboo.

ENCORE VERSES.

Now ladies and gentlemen, at your request, I have come back again.

BARROOM SONG.

Alf—For a That and a That. Hurray for rum and whiskey hot That fires the brain and a that.

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THE DANCING GIRLS OF CARIBOO

1886. We are all dancing girls of Cariboo. In gum boots and a blanket coat.

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RETAIL QUOTATIONS FOR FARMERS' PRODUCTS

Quoted Carefully Corrected.

Ogilvie's Hungarian flour, \$5.75 to \$6.00

Zake of the Woods, \$5.75 to \$6.00

Rainier, \$5.50 to \$5.75

Snow Flake, \$5.25 to \$5.40

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### ROAD TO KOOTENAY

The Board of Trade Urges Both Governments to Financially Assist

A Railway to Kootenay—Provincial Government Asked to Construct Road

Quarterly meetings of the B. C. Board of Trade seldom are better attended than that of yesterday afternoon. No doubt the importance of Mr. Gus Leiser's railway resolution and the direct bearing which a coast railway to Kootenay will have upon the commerce of the city influenced many merchants and other business men to be present. After a prolonged and very general discussion the board decided that both governments should be asked to give a railway financial assistance, and also placed on record their opinion that the provincial government should build and run the road.

After several new members had been introduced by President Ker, that gentleman gave a brief resume of the work done by the council since the last general meeting.

Thos. G. Spiby forwarded a number of copies of his pamphlet dealing with harbor improvements, and asked that the board take the matter under consideration. The communication was referred to the council of the board.

R. E. Gosnell presented a prospectus of a provincial year book which he intends to issue shortly. It will contain a lot of information concerning mining and other industries of the province.

Mr. Gus Leiser had found in conversation with members of the board and other business men that his resolution as already published did not meet with universal approval, he therefore asked permission to change it so as to read as follows:

"Whereas it is the intention of the Dominion government to assist in the early construction of a railway from some eastern point through the Crow's Nest Pass into Kootenay; and whereas it is of the greatest importance that a short and direct line should be built from Kootenay to our seaboard, so as to enable the merchants of this coast to secure part of the extensive trade of Kootenay; and whereas such line of railway would extend through other very promising mining districts and at the same time connect with important agricultural districts of the province; and whereas the Vancouver board of trade has already passed a resolution to this effect: Therefore be it resolved, that this board in conjunction with the other boards of trade of this province, strongly urge upon the Dominion and Provincial governments the necessity of giving sufficient aid to the building of an independent line from Kootenay to our seaboard; that the building of the line should be simultaneous with that of the line from the east to Kootenay; that equitable regulations regarding freight and passenger rates be made a condition precedent to any line so assisted; and that the further condition be imposed of making a schedule of rates common to the four coast cities of British Columbia.

Mr. Leiser pointed out that unless something was done for nothing would be obtained. If Victoria was going to maintain her commercial rank it was absolutely necessary to secure close connection with transcontinental lines.

Ald. Williams seconded the motion. He believed that the line would be a paying one from the start, and said that he would do everything in his power as an alderman interested in the interests of the line. It was the duty of all good citizens to take an active interest in securing its completion. He asked that Dr. Milne be heard on the question.

Dr. Milne went into the history of the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley road that was to run along the line proposed. He pointed out that Mr. Wilkinson had already made arrangements to build the New Westminster bridge, the greatest undertaking of the province, and had already applied for a charter to extend that road into Kootenay. This scheme is in a better financial condition than it ever had before. While at Ottawa he had to fight a company which wanted a blind charter to run a line from Vancouver to the Atlantic. He thought all should work in unison.

Mr. Leiser wished to explain. For the first time they learned that the Fraser Valley line intended to build in Kootenay. If the company intended to build the line to Kootenay, he would withdraw his resolution and give the company every support possible.

Mr. Stimson Leiser said that the McLean had plenty of capital to build their road. Mr. Paterson himself and others had issued a circular regarding this railway. It was their intention that the people of British Columbia should own the road. (Hear, hear.) All could become subscribers. They hoped to secure assistance from both governments. He was pleased to see Dr. Milne take the matter up. If he could successfully finance the scheme they would offer no objection. The circulars were issued simply to get the public interest-

ed in any scheme that would give railway connection with Kootenay.

Mr. E. M. Johnson said that Victoria's trade was intercepted by the Mainland cities. The city of Victoria before it consents to aid a railway having termini in Vancouver and New Westminster should get some security that these cities would offer no objections to its having a terminus in Victoria and running across by Bute Inlet. Why not encourage the British Pacific scheme?

Mr. Hall—Will that bring us to Kootenay?

Mr. A. J. McMillan remarked that what was after was this Kootenay trade. Everybody should encourage anything that would bring about this result. He pointed out that the road would bring ore down to the smelters at Vancouver or Everett, so that the mines would have the advantage of competitive prices.

Mr. I. Crease wanted to know more from Dr. Milne about the proposed route his line would take and where the connection would be made with the seaboard.

Dr. Milne further explained that the company controlled two charters from New Westminster to suitable points on the seaboard. The most advantageous one would be adopted. From Hope the line would be run to Penikese and there connect with Heinze's road.

Col. Prior—You would then be connected with the C.P.R.

Dr. Milne—Heinze is working with the C.P.R.

Dr. Milne—I do not think so, but we thought since he has a very good charter it would be more advantageous to work with him than build a parallel road from Penikese to Rossland. If we can't, however, we have the same chance as any other company to get the charter extended to Rossland.

Mr. Earle believed that no government would grant a charter for a road to run parallel with another. He was quite in accord with what had been said about the necessity for a road to Kootenay and would advocate and support any feasible scheme. The great danger was that such a line would fall into the hands of private parties, who would regulate freight rates in their own interests and not those of the public. It was a greater undertaking than most people imagined to get the necessary capital to construct the railway. Although Heinze has a very liberal charter, he could do nothing.

Mr. W. H. Ellis pointed out that Mr. Heinze had his engineers in the field, and was doing something.

Mr. A. G. McCandless, after visiting Kootenay, was so impressed with the great possibilities of the district that he urged that all personal advantages be subordinated to the requirement of the city. He firmly believed that in a short time 100,000 people in Kootenay would be purchasing everything from the outside. It produced nothing itself excepting minerals. The coast cities' share of this could be secured and maintained only by direct railway communication that would give coast merchants such rates as would enable them to compete with those of eastern cities. He was in favor of any line that would connect with the desired result.

Mr. Bone remarked that Dr. Milne had told them what Westminster was willing to do for his company, but he would like to know what the company expected from the other cities.

The doctor replied that the company considered that the time was now for asking the cities for aid, but they would be asked.

Mr. Beaumont Boggs wanted to see Victoria's interests safeguarded. Any scheme he had endorsed should place Victoria on the same footing as the other cities.

Major Dupont believed that the fate of the coast cities had reached a crisis. The Crow's Nest railway will surely be built, and the merchants of Ontario and Quebec were anxious to see the Crow's Nest line. They were using every lever to secure the Kootenay trade. If the coast cities did not wish to be left out they should use every effort to see that the building of the coast line was a condition in granting monetary aid to the Crow's Nest railway. No visionary ideas of an people's railway to be built by the contributions of the people would do any good, nor will resolutions of Boards of Trade build a railway. A large amount of money would be required, and it was difficult to finance any railway scheme at the present time.

Mr. E. V. Bowtell had spent two months in Kootenay and had no doubts regarding its future. It is the universal impression that a railway to Kootenay will be built. It would be a national calamity if it fell into the hands of the C.P.R., as its policy in the past was not an calculated to develop the great resources of the district. It should be kept as an independent line, as should also the line from the coast. If the coast line is not built the inevitable result will be that the Kootenay trade will go east. Kootenay is a portion of the province and the people should see that its trade is not lost. The line to the coast should be built at the earliest possible date. We want the road and want it now. (Hear, hear.) It is the duty of the provincial government to take the matter up. They should build a provincial government road. (Applause.) It would be rather risky to allow a company to secure control, for if one of the large railway corporations would soon buy control. The pocket of an individual is of greater moment to him than the interests of the public.

A. H. Scaffe was heartily in accord with Mr. Bowtell. He was in favor of the road being built by the provincial government.

President Ker had discussed the matter with people at different points of the Mainland, and all wanted to know how the road was going to be built. It would be a difficult matter to secure a charter without inserting such restriction as the non-employment of Chinese that would seriously interfere with the securing of the necessary capital. Personally he was in favor of the government building the road. A special session should be called, if need be, to finally settle the matter. As is often the case with Victoria, they were likely to wait until it was too late.

Col. Prior believed that the only feasible way was for the provincial government to build it. Strenuous opposition to Dominion government aid was likely to be encountered in the east.

Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt moved an amendment to Mr. Leiser's motion to the effect that the provincial government be urged to build the road. After considerable discussion, it was decided that since Mr. Leiser's resolution was a general one it should be passed. The amendment was withdrawn and the motion carried without opposition.

Mr. E. M. Johnson then moved the following resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Flumerfelt and carried:

Resolved, That in view of the imperative necessity for a railway from the coast to the Kootenay country it is desirable that the provincial government build, equip and control the said railway, pledging the credit of the province to that end, and that the coast cities be made common points, and that this board of trade ask the other provincial boards of trade to send two delegates to meet and confer with the provincial government on this subject without delay.

W. H. Bone's amendment to the by-laws was then carried. Its object is to appoint the auditors at the general meeting. Messrs. Wm. Challenger, W. A. Ward and C. A. Holland were elected members and the board adjourned.

#### ARAGO WAS OVERLOADED.

##### She Became Unmanned When She Got in Rough Water.

Marshfield, Ore., Oct. 23.—The survivors of the wrecked steamer Arago, with the exception of Captain Reed, who remained behind under orders from his commanding officer, Mr. Challenger, for San Francisco on the steamer Homer.

The life saving service patrol, which has been maintained since the wreck has failed to discover any of the lost bodies.

The action of Captain James Magee of the tug Columbia, has been much criticized since the wreck. The Columbia was at Coos Head and her commander saw the Arago go ashore, and instead of towing the life-saving crew to the nearest available place for them to reach the wreck, the tug steamed up the bay to go to North Bend for orders.

The life saving crew had to stem a strong head tide with their boat for three miles to reach the wreck, it taking some three hours, while if the Columbia had given them a tow it is claimed they would only have been one-quarter of the time. Capt. Magee, of the Columbia, when asked why he went to North Bend, said that it was his instructions to go to North Bend for orders in case of wrecks.

One of the causes of the wreck, being discussed, is that the Arago was overloaded, which, when struck rough water, rendered her unmanageable and she was thrown against the breaker. Her manifest calls for 750 tons, but responsible parties claim that she was carrying nearly one thousand tons.

#### ROYAL WEDDING.

##### Crown Prince of Italy and Princess Helene Married.

Rome, Oct. 24.—The civil marriage of the Crown Prince of Italy to Princess Helene of Monaco took place this morning in the hall room of the Quirinal Palace. The young couple went in a procession to the church of Santa Maria de Gli Angeli, where the religious ceremony was celebrated. The religious ceremony was completed at 10 o'clock, when the cortege returned to the palace. The marriage was celebrated in the presence of the King and Queen of Italy, members of the family of Montenegro, presidents of senate and chamber of deputies, members of parliament, and a number of court and other dignitaries. The civil function was performed by the Marquis Durini, prime minister and minister of foreign affairs. In his capacity of crown notary, the wedding procession from the Quirinal to the church was preceded by an escort of cuirassiers and military bands were stationed along the route and played appropriate music as the cortege passed. The streets were decorated with flags, banners and bunting in confusion, and lined with people who gave vent to their enthusiasm by almost incessant cheering as the procession passed.

#### SULTAN AGITATED.

##### Because Powers Want to Stop the Mosaics.

Paris, Oct. 24.—Figaro, referring to the rumors in circulation regarding the intention of the United States to intervene in Cuba says: "The civilized nations ought to protest against the interdicted policy of the United States in Cuba and not permit interference."  
London, Oct. 24.—The Daily News' Berlin correspondent reports that according to Constantinople dispatches received there, the Sultan is very much irritated at Mr. Neldoff, the German ambassador, for insisting upon reform, and said to the powers' demand would endanger his throne.  
Constantinople, Oct. 24.—The ambassadors held a meeting to-day and discussed the projected arming of Musulmans, which, it is stated, is the object of the new postal tax and which is regarded as the most important event since the beginning of the crisis.

#### CORBETT RAN.

##### He Had a Row With His Wife and She Leaves for New York.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—James J. Corbett is here playing with his company. He and his wife had a row at the Windsor Hotel which will likely result in their separation. An anonymous letter was received by Mrs. Corbett and when Corbett got to the hotel last night his wife charged him with unfaithfulness and immediately there was a row. The dinner was served in their parlors and the plates were minor weapons. Corbett left in disgust, so he said, and a Windsor constable says he saw the champion run. At 6:30 Corbett returned, only to find his wife had left for New York.

### GOLD AND SILVER

Reports From American Com-sults Inspecting the Two Standards.

Findings Summarized by Frederic Emery Chief of Bureau of Statistics

Washington, Oct. 23.—The bureau of statistics of the state department has just published a volume entitled "Money and Prices in Foreign Countries," being a series of reports upon the currency system of various nations in their relation to the prices of commodities and wages of labor. This work has been in preparation for months past. On July 22 last, Secretary Olney sent an identical letter of instruction to all U. S. diplomatic and consular officers, calling for explicit information on the subjects embraced under the general heading above stated. They were instructed to tell of the standard of value in their respective countries, "Whether a gold unit or silver unit, or what is generally known as the double or limping standard; the amount of money in circulation per capita; the proportion of gold, silver and paper; and the amount of reserves; the practical effect of recent changes in financial systems; the practical effect of existing systems on manufacturing industries and rates of labor; whether the standard of value has been raised or not, the value of agricultural exports and the mintage practices. The reviews were to cover the ten year period between 1886 and 1896, and the figures were to be official wherever possible. The result is a volume of 254 pages in which each country is read in detail. Annexed is a summary of the findings prepared by Frederic Emery, chief of the bureau. He says: Two important facts seem to be established.

1. There has been a general decline in prices of commodities, especially in certain raw products, throughout the entire world. It is claimed on the one hand that this decline is due to the scarcity of money, and on the other hand that it is to be attributed to progress in invention and increased production, both of raw and manufactured materials, causing keener competition, with the inevitable accompaniment of lower prices.

2. There has been a general advance in wages, especially marked in the leading single gold standard countries with a gold reserve.

These statements are supported by a short table, which is annexed, showing the following facts:

Germany—single gold standard—shows a general decline in prices of nine per cent, and an advance in wages, except farm wages, which are lower.

Belgium—double standard—shows a decline in prices, but no change in wages.

France—double standard—a decline in prices, except in beef sugar; and a slow but regular advance in wages.

Austria—single gold—a decline in prices, except in certain raw products; an increase in the prices of manufactured goods, with a general advance in wages.

Mexico—nominally double, actual silver—no change as to food products not exported; unskilled labor unchanged, and a decline in skilled labor.

Cincinnati, Oct. 23.—The statement carried from Washington in special dispatches to the effect that Li Hung Chang while here had told Secretary Carlisle that China was to be placed on a gold basis, was repeated to the secretary of the treasury to-day by a representative of the Associated Press. Mr. Carlisle at once said the statement was wrong. While he could not be expected to make public the matters confided to him by the Chinese premier during his visit to Washington, there was no impropriety in saying that Li's conversation about the affairs of China was all based on the assumption that the present financial system should not be changed. Of course under the circumstances he said, it could not have been possible that Li told the secretary he would change the financial system of China from silver to gold.

#### MRS. CASTLE'S PECULIARITIES

##### Evidence Being Sent from San Francisco to London.

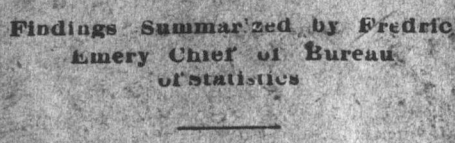
San Francisco, Oct. 23.—Mrs. Kate Dwyer, prominently identified with the retail fur trade in this city, has left for London. Her mission here, but one object, and that is the opportunity which will be afforded her on November 2 to testify to the unmistakable peculiarities of the unfortunate Mrs. Castle, accused of shoplifting. Preceding Mrs. Dwyer there was sent forward in the early part of this week some 75 depositions, each one of which contained the sworn statements of people in various walks of life who have testified to the singular character of Mrs. Castle's peculiarities. Among these depositions are street car conductors, dry goods merchants of every class, vegetable dealers in the section of the city where Mrs. Castle resides, butchers, confectioners, cigar store proprietors, in fact, statements from people covering nearly the entire field in which merchandise and other goods are bought and sold.

Edward's and expense have not been spared in hunting up people who could testify that the extent to which Mrs. Castle carried on her unfortunate practices showed that either she defied detection or else was mentally deranged to such an extent that she failed to realize the publicity of her illegal acts.

For cases of nervousness, sleeplessness, blood, and catarrhs rheumatic, Cataplasms, Cataplasms, Cataplasms, Cataplasms. The only nerve medicine for the price in the market.

### DELICIOUS SOUPS AND GRAVIES...

Many housewives do not know how conveniently these can be made, just think— One Tablespoonful of Johnston's Fluid Beef with vegetables will make a Quart of Strong Soup. One Dessertspoonful will make enough Rich Gravy for the dinner of an ordinary family.



Johnston's Fluid Beef 16 oz. Bottle, \$1.00.

### SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

#### RAILWAY THIEVES SHOT.

##### Fight Between Railway Detectives and Railway Thieves.

Cleveland, O., Oct. 23.—A pitched battle took place yesterday between a squad of railway detectives and a band of highway thieves at Collingwood. A fusillade of shots was exchanged and Michael Ryan, one of the thieves, was fatally shot. It is believed that several others were wounded.

#### SERIOUS RIOT.

##### Locked Out Railway Men Loot a Depot and Are Fired On.

Madras, Oct. 24.—A serious riot occurred at Megapattin, 16 miles south of Ceylon, and 48 miles by rail from Tanjore. Several thousand railway workmen locked out, made an attempt to loot a freight depot and the police fired on them, killing two and wounding many others.

#### COLLISION IN HAVANA.

##### Four Soldiers Killed and a Number Wounded.

Havana, Oct. 23.—A rear end collision between two military trains has occurred at the depot of Guines, Havana as a result of which the last car of the forward train was smashed and four soldiers killed, nineteen wounded and one major and eight officers wounded. The engineer and firemen of the latter train have been arrested on the ground that they did not obey the signal to stop.

#### PHENOMENAL METEOR.

##### Separated into Three Parts and Sailed Over California.

Wheatland, Cal., Oct. 23.—A most remarkable meteor was seen a few minutes after six o'clock last evening. It appeared in the west as a star of the magnitude of the evening star and in a few moments burst into three distinct close proximity to Jupiter. It increased in size until within twenty degrees east it gradually separated, first into one comet-shaped meteor, then into two, and finally into three distinct comet-shaped meteors. Tandem they sped towards the east, parallel to the horizon about 40 west, and suddenly disappeared. Parties who witnessed this rare sight are at a loss to explain what it really was. In brilliancy it resembled ordinary meteors, but in its subdivision into three parts, very steadily and slowly when compared with a meteor's flight and was not attracted to the earth but travelled parallel to it. It is believed to have been in space beyond the atmosphere of the earth. Its subdivision into three parts, which resembled as a whole three comets joined to one another is unprecedented and beyond explanation.

#### TORONTO SENSATION.

##### Published in the World, which is Threatened With a Label Suit.

Toronto, Oct. 23.—The World this morning published an item to the effect that society circles are excited over an alleged scandal at a leading hotel, a foreign lady guest being one of the parties and the other a young gentleman who had introduced her to the party. The lady is believed to be the daughter of a well known gentleman in the city. No names were mentioned, but the description indicates the parties pretty clearly. The young man is believed to be a bank clerk. Under the item the World printed a letter from the young man, threatening to bring a law suit against the World for publishing the item. The letter was signed by a young man, who is believed to be the same person who is mentioned in the item. The World's manager, Mr. Galt, has been advised by the young man, who is believed to be the same person who is mentioned in the item, that he would be willing to retract the item if the World would publish a statement that it was a mistake and that the World would be glad to retract it. The World's manager, Mr. Galt, has been advised by the young man, who is believed to be the same person who is mentioned in the item, that he would be willing to retract the item if the World would publish a statement that it was a mistake and that the World would be glad to retract it.

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DAY'S SHIPPING NEWS

Tug Fearless Arrives at Seattle With San Francisco Dredge in Tow.

Salmon Ship Natuna Manifest—British ship Kilbrannan to be Repaired.

The salmon bark Natuna, Capt. Fretwell, was towed to sea by the Lorne yesterday afternoon. The Lorne made a fast trip out to the cape, returning within 24 hours from the time of departure.

Capt. John Barneson, Port Townsend, who recently purchased the British ship Kilbrannan, came over on Saturday and immediately set men to work pumping the water out of the vessel. She will be towed to Port Blakely this evening.

After a hard tow of seven days from San Francisco, the San Francisco Bridge Company's dredger arrived at Seattle on Saturday in tow of the tug Fearless.

On Wednesday the Dominion government steamer Quadra will leave for the Gulf to fix some new buoys and replace an old one.

On Saturday the British ship Glenorchy, Capt. Barron, arrived in Royal Roads from Melbourne.

Since Saturday the schooners Selena, with 185 skins, Oscar and Heiler, 588 skins, Ada, 725 skins, and the Fawn arrived from Behring sea.

The British ship Wythor began discharging her cargo at the outer wharf today.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Glennings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

From Friday's Daily. —Thomas Cummings and bride (Miss Annie Neary) who were married on Thursday last by Rev. Father Nicolay, returned by yesterday's steamer from a honeymoon trip to the Sound cities.

The Cleeve Canning and Cold Storage Company, Limited Liability, give notice of incorporation. It will take over the business of the Texas Lake, Ice and Cold Storage Company, of Vancouver and Westminster.

Many complaints are being daily received of people carelessly using firearms in the outskirts of the city. Mr. James Gould on Wednesday last had a very close call; as he was sitting down he slipped past his leg, tearing a hole in his trousers.

Mr. Maynard, of Cadboro Bay, left at the Times office this morning three potatoes that are eloquent witnesses of the wonderful productiveness of the soil in that vicinity.

At the residence of Rev. J. F. Betts, on Saturday evening, Robert John Roff, freight clerk on the Yosemite, was married to Miss Bessie Pike. The newly married couple will reside on Fourth street.

At an enthusiastic meeting in Vancouver on Friday evening the first steps were taken towards the organization of a Young Men's Liberal Club for that city.

In response to an application made to the provincial government by the minister of marine and fisheries, Ottawa, for accommodation for the sittings of the Behring Sea commission, which meets in this city from Nov. 10th to 15th, the provincial government will most likely prepare the new reading room and library in the new parliament buildings.

Notice is given in the official gazette of eight new limited liability companies who will engage in mining in this province: The Agnes Hydraulic Mining & Milling Co., of North Bend, capital \$200,000; Boundary Creek Mining & Milling Co., Greenwood City, B.C., capital \$1,500,000; Boundary Falls Mining Co., of Vancouver, capital \$500,000; English Canadian Gold Mining Co., (foreign) of Spokane, capital \$1,000,000; International Gold & Copper Mining Co., of Rossland, capital \$1,000,000; London letter, British Columbia Goldfields (foreign) of England, capital \$200,000; Orphan Boy Gold Mining Co., of Revelstoke, capital \$700,000; Slocan, Queen Mining & Milling Co., (foreign) of Spokane, capital \$1,000,000.

From Saturday's Daily. —Sergeant Walker yesterday evening lost for New Westminster with the unfortunate man Price, who has been de-

clared insane by the medical experts and ordered to be committed to the asylum.

—Albert has been made a port of entry, Albert Waterhouse being the officer in charge. All vessels entering the harbor must be entered and cleared in the regular way.

—All the salmon ships are receiving quick dispatch this season. The Natuna, Capt. Fretwell, the fourth of the fleet, has been loaded, and will probably be towed to sea to-morrow morning.

—The charge against Constable Wallis of the provincial police was dismissed by the police magistrate this morning. Before the case was called on by the prosecution, asked leave to withdraw from the case, as he could not find his client.

—Charles Marshall was charged in the police court this morning before Magistrate Macrae with interfering with Provincial Land Surveyor Parr, while in pursuit of his duties.

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Some remarkably good finds have been made recently in the country to the south of Toad mountain and near Hall's siding on the F. N. & P. railway.

MIDWAY.

At the annual meeting of the Vernon Agricultural Society, the president's statement showed that the liabilities were about \$1000 with about \$900 cash in hand.

WEDNESDAY.

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A petition is in circulation requesting the provincial government to open a trail from the Nanaimo Lakes road to the headwaters of the Nitina via Nanaimo Lakes.

A meeting of the Liberal Association was held on Tuesday evening at the Armstrong-Yong Hotel.

The Montreal syndicate has passed into the hands of the New York people, and he was introduced to our camps only a few days ago by Mr. Shal-lenger.

Last summer a fire was raging on the west fork of Rock creek, and everyone deplored the destruction of timber.

A report was current in the early part of last week that work was to be discontinued on the Weir properties, but rich strikes having been made on the Mother Lode and No. 7, it is probable that work will be pushed more vigorously than ever.

The Colonsa Gold Mining Company have sold the controlling interest in this property at the rate of 10c per share to a Montreal syndicate.

Columbia mountain has shown another evidence that she is a veritable mountain of gold.

Deer Park mountain is showing up well, the latter report being made to the Record last night by E. W. Liljegan, who is superintending the work on the Hattie Brown.

The deal for the Hattie was closed Saturday. The property has been purchased by Montgomery Smith of Toronto, consideration not made known.

John Moynahan commenced sinking this morning on the north branch of the West Le Roi and Josie vein, and that property is now looking well.

A man at work on a well on the Red Mountain mine fell back into the hole and after lighting his fuse yesterday he could get out the shot went off.

The Review had a fine sample of Deer Park ore assayed out of curiosity. It gave a return of \$87.40 gold and 61.5 ounces in silver to the ton.

A magnificent exhibit of ore from the Nest Egg was on view in Rossland this week. This ore, which is reported to be of shipping grade, and certainly looks like it, is taken from the breast of a drift on the 50-foot level where there is a face of four feet of solid ore.

The Josie has a magnificent face of ore in its lowest drift. The ore samples \$75 to the ton and the whole face of the drift is in ore.

The north vein of the Le Roi has been discovered on the surface of the West Le Roi and Josie, about 90 feet west of the old workings.

The control of the Colonsa has passed into the hands of the Montreal syndicate, which has purchased the townsite; that is to say, they have acquired an option on 800,000 shares of the stock and have paid down a substantial consideration.

Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock Coroner McGuigan was notified that the body of a young lady was floating in the water near the city wharf.

The Kootenay claim is filling up with hoboes, tramps, pimps, tinhorns, thieves and other species of low grade humanity.

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DR. MILNE RETURNS

While at Ottawa he interviewed the Government Regarding Local Grievances

And Found Mistakes Alleviate the Requirements of the City and Province.

Dr. G. L. Milne returned last evening from Ottawa and other eastern cities. The doctor is greatly pleased with his trip and thoroughly satisfied with the consideration given by the members of the government to those matters which have been brought to their notice.

The first matter interviewed the ministers about, said Dr. Milne to a Times representative this morning, was the Behring Sea commission.

In the Point Ellice bridge question I found that Hon. Mr. Tarte, minister of public works, was led into error concerning the nature of the waters across which the bridge crossed.

Another long standing grievance, regarding which I was backed up by representations from the city council, was also speedily removed by the department.

Unhappily such prompt action could not be taken towards securing the removal of the San Pedro—because Hon. Mr. Davies, minister of marine and fisheries, was not willing to do anything but because there is necessary legislation empowering him to do so.

At once, as you are aware I have a letter from Mr. Davies in which he says that \$12,000 will be placed in the estimates for the erection of a lighthouse and fog alarm at the entrance to Victoria harbor.

At the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern. The Burrard Inlet & Fraser Valley Co. have already a charter from the provincial government, they have spent over \$100,000 in clearing the right of way and other expenses.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. DR. MILNE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

All this I considered it manifestly unfair for another company to secure a blanket charter for a road from Vancouver to any point on the Atlantic.

WELLINGTON MINE FIRE. Spontaneous Combustion in the Slack Causes the Trouble.

Nanaimo Free Press: The news was received in this city this morning that the No. 4 (Bluff) shaft of the Wellington collieries was on fire, but from frequent enquiries at Wellington the Free Press learned that the fire was at the foot of No. 4 slope in the old No. 3 shaft workings.

It is highly probable that both the No. 3 and 4 shafts will have to be flooded before the fire can be subdued.

LAW INTELLIGENCE. In the full court this morning Mr. Cassidy concluded his argument in the small debts case and judgment was reserved.

After luncheon Nicholson v. Guttman was taken up. At the trial of the actor, the chief justice awarded plaintiff damages for defendant's breach of his contract to send the schooner Kilmory to Behring sea a couple of years ago.

HAVE YOU CATARRH? But One Sure Remedy—Obtain It for 25 Cents, Blower Included, and be Cured.

Catarrh is a disagreeable and offensive disease. It usually results from a cold and often ends in consumption and death.

Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is for sale by any dealer, or by Edmanon, Bates & Co., Toronto. Price 25 cents including blower.

Coughs, colds and bronchial troubles readily cured by the latest discovery, Chase's Linseed and Turpentine, pleasant and easy to take. 25 cents.

INQUIRY CONCLUDED

All the Evidence Heard in the North Ward School Investigation.

Chairman Hayward Gives Further Evidence—Architect Wilson's Statement.

The committee of investigation into the defects in the North Ward school building held their last meeting yesterday afternoon in the city hall.

Mr. Hayward continuing his evidence said that he had no recollection of Mr. Day having spoken to him about the stairway, but if Mr. Day said he had reported the matter to him, he had no doubt that that he had.

W. RIDGEWAY WILSON. W. W. Northcott was then called. He said he had never anticipated any danger from a large gathering of people on the floor of the assembly room.

A VICTIM OF SCIATICA. UNABLE TO WORK THROUGH STRONG AND WILLING.

The sufferings of a well known Guelph Citizen—Could Not Move About Without the Aid of a Stick—Again is Strong and Healthy as Ever.

From the Guelph Mercury. There is perhaps no business or occupation that any man could follow that is more trying to the health—particularly in that case an order for service sent to a workman leaves the shop with his clothing wringing wet from perspiration.

Witness said he could not answer the question, as he was not an architect. In reference to the plans, he said that when Mr. Wilson asked for the plans, a verbal message was sent to Mr. Soule asking for the plans.

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the same as I arrived at when I studied the matter as little as these gentlemen in their two hours' inspection from below, but after spending a couple of days on a close examination of the design and actual construction of the trusses above the ceiling, which was the only place that the effects of the different strains could be seen, and where these gentlemen have never been, I found that the tie beam, instead of being simply a tension, as its name implies, and merely held in position by the queen posts, had them pressing right down upon it.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills create new blood, build up the nerves, and thus drive disease from the system. In hundreds of cases they have cured after all other medicines had failed, thus establishing the claim that they are a marvel among the triumphs of modern medical science.

THE LAW COURTS. Adjudgment of the Argument on Objection to Election Protest.

Judgment Delivered by Mr. Justice Drake in Case vs. Tallyard.

In the Victoria election case Mr. Archer Martin this morning made an application to enlarge the hearing of the argument on the preliminary objections set for to-day on the ground that necessary documents from Ottawa had not yet arrived.

PORTUGUESE HAVE A FIGHT. Natives of Their African Colony Become Rebellious.

Mozambique, Oct. 21.—Major Albuquerque's governor-general, with three hundred Portuguese and a hundred natives lately went to Manicalava. While bivouac at Magenga they were attacked by 2,000 Massarallos.

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SUNLIGHT SOAP. PICTURES WRAPPERS. A pretty colored picture for every 12 "Sunlight" or every 6 "Lifebuoy" soap wrappers.

LEVER BROS., Ltd. 23 Scott St., Toronto. Lard, 10c. per lb. Hams, 15c. per lb. Bacon, 15c. per lb. Coffee, 25c. per lb. Pure Coffee, 40c. per lb. M. Tea, \$1.35 5 lb. box. Victoria Flour, \$4.50 per bbl. Ogilvie's Flour, \$5.25 per bbl. Choice Black Tea, \$1.00 per cwt. Granulated Sugar, \$5.00 per cwt. Dry Salt Bacon, 9c. per lb. \$8 per cwt.

MASQUERADE BALL. Under the Auspices of the Sons and Daughters of St. George.

R. H. JAMESON, 33 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

Mail Contracts. Separate sealed tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, 27th November next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on proposed contracts for four years in each case, between—

VOL. 14. A WEEK... The American... Their Presid... Pres... Governors and O... are to be some... How Elections... on the O... the... Washington, D.C... for president and... term of four years... 1897, takes place... dates are as follo... president, William... president, Garret... erie, for president... vice-president, Arth... president, William... president, Thos. Watson... president, General... tickets the prohibi... each have a ticket... tickets are offered... terests in the fo... Ballots will be ca... the forty-five state... divided by name... electors, each state... as representative... Thus New York, ... state, has thirty... while Delaware, the... years ago, the suc... next month in this... votes directly for th... president, whom th... forty-five states is... necessary majority... election ballots will... the states for repr... these also being in... to population. The... members of their... which upon assem... select United State... The main issues i... been finance and... Democrats be spec... the next amendme... with the tariff but... other nation. If... upon the question... metalism, but will... store the tariff on... the free list and r... on several others.