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GERMAN DOCK STRIKES.

A Christmas Gift to Bayard—Fire in Blenheim Palace—Denmark Strictly Neutral.

New Zealand Elections—Disaster in the Pyrenees—England Will Pay Nile Expedition.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—In the Danish Folketing today the premier, Baron von Reetz Thott, replying to Herr Hage, leader of the opposition, said there was no truth in the story published by the Pall Mall Gazette on October 30 that an entente had been concluded between Russia and Denmark, placing at the disposal of Russia in the event of her going to war with Germany, or in a war which would involve France and Russia against the Dreikund, all the available forces of Denmark, with permission to Russia to occupy Copenhagen and other Danish ports. The premier then moved that the government utilize every occasion to convince the foreign powers that Denmark in case of colonial disputes with other states will direct all her endeavors to maintain her own neutrality.

A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Milan, announces that the Luraghiorra Company, bankers of Como, have gone into bankruptcy and it is stated by some of the dispatches that the bank of Como closed their doors at the same time.

Lord Cromer, the British agent at Cairo, has informed the Egyptian government that he is authorized to state that in the event of that government deciding to pay to the cause of the Egyptian debt of \$25,000,000 advanced to meet the expenses of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition to Dongola, Great Britain is prepared to advance such sum of money as the Egyptian treasury is unable to provide for that purpose.

The general elections take place in New Zealand to-morrow. The premier, Hon. R. J. Seddon, to-day issued an address to the electors. He declared it to be the idea of colonial statesmen to strengthen the hands of Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in regard to commercial reciprocity with the mother land, adding that the policy affected the well-being of the empire and its dependencies.

The Bremen strikers, at a meeting held here to-day, adopted an agreement concluded with the warehouse company and a committee of strikers for the settlement of the dispute. The strike is therefore over.

Various meetings of strikers were held at Hamburg this morning to consider the situation in view of the refusal of the employers to submit the dispute to a court of arbitration, and it was resolved to call upon the strikers' committee to declare a general strike.

The police of Paris have seized at Gare du Nord large packages of manifestos by Prince Victor Napoleon, bearing the historical date of December 2, and informing the adherents that the time is approaching when France will have to decide between monarchy pure and simple, and that democratic appeal to the people which gave eighteen years of national prosperity.

The London Daily News contains an eulogistic article on the nomination of Sir Samuel Strong, chief justice of the Dominion of Canada, as a privy councillor, which will enable him to sit on the judicial committee. The Daily News comments on the fact that the law does not provide a salary for these colonial judges, and it advocates radical reforms in the legislation amalgamating the Privy Council and the judicial committee into a single great appellate tribunal for all the Queen's dominions.

A Rome dispatch to the Chronicle says: "The Corriere di Napoli reports that Lord Salisbury has offered to buy Erythraea from Italy even at a large price."

There was the usual imposing ceremony at the public consistory at Rome to-day, and the red hats were bestowed upon Cardinal Satolli and other cardinals nominated at the two last consistories. The Pope, at a secret consistory to-day appointed several bishops, including Rev. Edward Odea of Portland, Ore., to be Bishop of Nesquehally, which embraces the state of Washington.

Official dispatches received here from St. John, Antigua, capital of the Leeward islands, says that serious floods occurred in the island of Montserrat. Roads and bridges have been destroyed and 75 persons were drowned.

The Times devotes a couple of columns this morning to a summary of the agricultural report for 1894 of Mr. Morton, U.S. secretary of agriculture. The Times says of it: "This fourth report, as the preceding three reports did, take a broad and statesmanlike view of the duties attaching to the office which Mr. Morton has filled with so much distinction. He appears throughout to have acted on the principle that America and England are so bound by agriculture and commerce that the cement cannot easily, if ever, be broken."

The valuable works of art and furniture in the salon of Blenheim Palace were all removed in time to escape being damaged by fire yesterday, but it is feared the ceiling centre-piece, painted by La Guerre, and depicting the military career of the great duke, has been much damaged. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough were absent at the time of the fire. The money loss is covered by insurance.

A terrible disaster has occurred in the Pyrenees. A score of Spaniards crossing on foot had reached Cavarrine, in France, when it is related that with apparent remorse they had left a woman, unable to proceed, with her husband and brother on the snow two hours distant. The guides hurried back to the rescue, and heard calls of help, when a sudden avalanche blocked the mountain pass, so the guides were obliged to return to

IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Hon. Mr. Sifton Proposes to Carry Out Most Vigorous Operations.

Extensive Fire on Ottawa's Leading Thoroughfare—About Four Hundred Thousand Loss.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—Hon. Messrs. Blair and Davies, who went to the Coast via the Great Northern, visiting Rossland enroute, will return via the C.P.R. It is said that Mr. Sifton contemplates a reorganization of the interior department. It is understood to be the Minister's intention to embark on a vigorous immigration policy, and to appoint Hon. Mr. Smart, of Brandon, as Commissioner of Immigration, giving him full charge of all immigration work, equivalent to the position of a deputy minister.

Fire this morning did \$325,000 to \$400,000 damage in the central part of the city. It broke out shortly after midnight in the basement of Mrs. Turner's confectionery store on Sparks street. The firemen were unable to cope with the blaze, and the fire spread to Macdonald Bros' gent's outfitters, next door. Hilbrook's tailoring store and Ross & Co.'s dry goods store, one of the largest in the city. The Ross building was gutted from roof to basement, portions of the walls only being left standing. The total insurance on the buildings and stock is \$175,000. Traffic on the main thoroughfares was blocked till the middle of the forenoon. The Masonic hall and Scottish Rite rooms were included in the eleven buildings destroyed. The valuable Masonic library was entirely lost. All the insurance companies having local agents are affected by the fire.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—The ladies of the Aberdeen Association to-day sent out several large packages of reading matter for settlers in the Northwest. The Irish Catholic societies of the city are talking about erecting a hall of substantial proportions wherein the different societies can meet.

Prof. Robertson has returned from his trip to Chicago. He was greatly impressed with the equipment of the American railways for the transmission of perishable goods in cold storage.

Mr. Hogan, M.P., will remain in the city until Sir Richard Cartwright returns to Ottawa, as he is desirous of laying his views on the fast Atlantic steamship question before the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Inquiries at the different banks to-day elicited the information that settlements were promptly met.

The report is current that Speaker Edgar will be the next lieutenant governor of Ontario.

CAUGHT IN A BLIZZARD.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 3.—Hon. Mr. Sifton has been busy with callers and correspondence since coming to Winnipeg. Among those who waited on him this afternoon was a deputation from the Western Immigration society. The deputation urged claims of the association for a substantial grant in order to pursue its work with vigor. The association believes that a French agent who produced better results than money spent in any other way.

On Monday, December 7, Mr. Sifton will be banqueted by the Liberals of Moosemin. A banquet to the minister in this city will take place at the Manitoba club on Saturday evening.

The trial of the Marquette election, fixed for December 16, has been changed to January 15, 1897.

J. R. McPhail, of Prince Albert, has announced himself as a candidate for Saskatchewan, in opposition to Mr. Davies, the Liberal nominee. Mr. McPhail is also a Liberal.

A Fort William dispatch says that Henry Richardson, a champion long distance walker, passed through there today en route to Toronto. Richardson claims to have walked from New York to San Francisco and is now returning via the C.P.R. track. He was in Winnipeg about two weeks ago.

When Raymond, French Dominion City farmer, was caught in the blizzard of Thursday last with his brother. They took shelter near a stack but were three days without food and both are badly frozen.

GERMAN STATE LIBELS.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—The trial of Herr Leckert, Baron von Lutetow, Herr Plotz, Herr Berger and Herr Foellmer, the journalists, charged with libelling Count Zollberg, Baron Marschal von Bieberstein and ex-Prince Alex von Hohenlohe, was continued to-day. Baron von Bieberstein deposed that he knew neither Herr Leckert nor Baron von Lutetow, and later the minister for foreign affairs said that in the supposition that the stenographer attending the banquet was unable to take notes, a French agent wrote the words of the Czar's toast and immediately had it verified by a Russian official. Baron von Bieberstein added that the wrong version of the toast published was solely due to a mistake of the reporter, as two versions of it never existed.

An interview with the chief of police has developed the fact that von Tausch, commissioner of the department of police, traced the incriminating article to the foreign office, and it was subsequently developed that Baron von Lutetow was the author of the assertion that the false version came from the foreign office, and it was there shown that von Lutetow was an agent of the police.

KINGSTON, Dec. 4.—John McKewen, of St. Catharines, county attorney of Lincoln, died in hospital here this morning.

"MOST UNJUSTIFIABLE."

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Crowded Condition of Vancouver Harbor—Visiting Ministers to Be Banquetted.

Chase of a Burglar—Warden of the Penitentiary—From the Interior.

(Special to the Colonist.)
VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 4.—Mr. Percy W. Evans, of the firm of Evans, Coleman & Evans, was married yesterday morning to Miss Mabel Willon, of Scotland. Rev. L. Norman Tucker officiated. The event was a quiet one, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present.

At a meeting of the canners yesterday it was decided to co-operate with the board of trade in banquetting the visiting ministers, and a committee was appointed to draft an address. It is proposed to have the banquet under the joint auspices of the board of trade, the canners and the citizens generally.

General regret is expressed that Mr. Norman Caple is reported to be very ill with a threatened attack of typhoid. Coming at this season of the year when business in his line is particularly bright and after the long siege of family sickness with which Mr. Caple has been visited this is particularly unfortunate. He is reported to be in a very serious condition.

The Vancouver Operatic and Dramatic society are energetically proceeding with the rehearsal of "The Chimes of Normandy" which will be the next production of this popular company.

At the usual meeting of the board of works held yesterday a considerable amount of street improvement in the direction of new sidewalks in the outlying districts was decided upon.

H. M. S. Icarus is in port engaged in a survey of a portion of the harbor.

At times like this with the Empress and Warrimoo tied up at the wharf, considerable inconvenience is experienced in the matter of accommodation. To-day the gulf ferry had difficulty in finding a berth and the San Francisco boat anchored out in the harbor waiting for a landing.

The recently formed Young Liberal's Association are making arrangements for holding a public meeting to be addressed by Hon. Messrs. Davies and Blair during their stay in the city. Hon. Mr. Peters is also expected to be present.

WESTMINSTER

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 4.—As reported in the Colonist's columns this morning the police had an exciting chase after the man supposed, with good grounds, to be the much wanted burglar. That he is well acquainted with the locality is evident by the celerity with which he made good his escape. Two hold-ups, the victims in both cases being ladies, are reported and it would appear that the burglar and the footpad are one and the same person. There is some talk of a citizen's committee being formed to assist the police in capturing the man, and as during his presence in this city there has been no case either of burglary or highway robbery in the Terminal City, it is evident that the same man will be much wanted in Vancouver. The coolness of the burglar is evidenced by the manner in which he made use of the facilities afforded in the Reid & Currie Iron works to make or repair some of his tools.

The board of trade had a meeting yesterday and adopted the address to be presented to the visiting ministers. The delegates appointed to confer with the promoters of the proposed Kootenay railway were also received, and it was decided to insert the notices of application for charter in the newspapers.

The river is still frozen over at Mission, but the Edgar will try and reach Chilliwack on Tuesday. She is trying to make a trip to Ladner to-day. The delay to traffic will interfere with the market to-day it is feared.

Mr. J. C. Whyte has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Moresby as warden of the British Columbia penitentiary. Mr. Whyte has been identified with the Liberal organization for some time, acting as secretary during the late election.

In spite of adverse climatic conditions a large number of citizens turned out to pay the last tribute of respect to the late Mr. J. S. Clute, sr., whose remains were interred at the Masonic cemetery yesterday. Revs. Dr. Scoullar and Reid officiated, and Messrs. C. G. Major, J. C. Brown, Peter Grant, A. G. Macfarlane, J. A. McMartin and E. A. Wyld acted as pallbearers.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 4.—Robert Muir, a miner working in Protection Island shaft, was injured while working in the shaft yesterday afternoon. His injuries, however, are thought to be not serious.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Castoria

BOUNDARY CREEK.

At the School of Practical Science and Mineralogy in Toronto an assay was recently made of some rock from the Minnehaha claim (Camp McKinney). The samples were estimated by the students in the laboratory to go from \$8 to \$12, and much surprise was manifested when it was shown that the value was at the rate of \$107 in gold and \$2.51 in silver.

The half interest in the Jewel, owned by F. Dittmer, was bonded on Tuesday by Mr. Leslie Hill, acting for the Prospecting Syndicate of British Columbia. The price on the bond was \$15,000, ten per cent. of which was paid. The Jewel was located by Messrs. Boshart and Dittmer last year, and the claim is one of the most promising in Long Lake camp.

The Ophir in Wellington camp, owned by Joe Taylor, has a twenty-inch ledge carrying native silver and free gold. The shaft is now down twenty-five feet. Another nearby property, the Battie, has a most promising appearance with two and a half feet of clear ore at the foot of the twenty-foot shaft.

Sinking was started on the Ironsides on Monday afternoon, the shaft having previously been emptied of water. The company have built a large and substantial shaft house, and a "Commonsense" whim is in operation.

Judging from some specimens brought down this week, the Big Four, in Kimberly camp, is improving immensely. The specimens were taken from a depth of eight feet and showed a large proportion of copper pyrites.

The ore in the tunnel of the Mother Lode is gradually but certainly improving in character and is becoming more silicious. Already the ledge has been prospected for sixty feet, and the probabilities are that it will be twice as wide.

A quarter interest in the Jack Pot, an extension of the Buttercup in Wellington camp, has been sold. No work has yet been done on the claim, but the surface showing is remarkable.

John Shear has been working for the past months on the Homestake and Idaho Trunk in Summit camp. The Homestake claims look well. The Homestake has an 8-inch lead, the ore assaying \$42 for all values.

George Edwards, of Edwards' Ferry, is said to have made a rich strike to the west of Christian Lake last week.

A tunnel is being driven to strike the ledge on the Clifton, the property of the Coolgardie Mining Company in Copper camp.

THE LUMBER TRUST.

TACOMA, Dec. 3.—The Central Lumber Company, of San Francisco, which is another name for the big lumber trust that was formed by the large Pacific coast mills a year ago to control prices, has gone by the board. Its usefulness has terminated, and January 1, 1897, will see an end to its existence. This is the consensus of opinion among lumbermen throughout the state.

As far as coastwise shipments are concerned, the trust has already gone to pieces, for within the last thirty days prices on merchantable lumber have been reduced from \$11 to \$6 per thousand. The Central Lumber Company's price was \$11 till a month ago, when the disaffection and consequent cutting of prices on the part of the retail men of California forced the trust to lower its price.

The big manufacturers in the combination cling to the hope that they will be able to hold the combination together for another year, at least, for the foreign cargo trade. The efforts of the managers of the combine are now directed to this end, and it is believed that the corporate existence of the Central Lumber Co. will be continued for another year, but it will have practically no influence on the coastwise trade.

It is generally conceded that both the mills and the dealers profited by the arrangement, but later on the smaller mills and the retailers with limited capital began "kicking." They alleged that the big mills and their California yards were making all the profits in the combination, and they were getting the worst of the deal. A meeting was held a month ago at San Francisco, which was attended by all the prominent lumbermen of Puget Sound. It lasted a week or ten days, and every effort possible was made to hold the combination together. Since then the retailers of California, who had formed an inside combination all their own, have become divided by dissensions and the inevitable cut in prices quickly followed.

The Puget Sound millmen view the situation with alarm, believing that the disintegration of the California Retail Dealers' Association will have a bad effect on their efforts to organize the Central Company for another year. The movement that resulted in the organization of the Central Lumber Company was started by the mills that are interested as stockholders in the Pacific Pine Lumber Co. The latter company controls a large portion of the output of the Puget Sound mills. One large mill on Puget Sound is not a member of the "P. P. L. Company," as it is known among millmen. This is the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, of this city. What course it will pursue in the future time alone will tell.

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OLNEY'S ULTIMATUM.

The Cuban Rebellion Must Be Crushed in Three Months by Spain

Or the United States Will Put a Stop to Hostilities on the Island.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Reports were in quite general circulation here to-day that Secretary Olney some time in November had given the Spanish government, courteously but firmly, to understand that the Cuban rebellion must be crushed within three months or the United States would be compelled to intervene to stop hostilities. It was said that prominent Republican senators had been informed of this ultimatum. The reports in their general features were similar to rumors prevalent about a month ago and emphatically denied at the time by officials of this government and also at Madrid. No confirmation of the latest reports could be obtained in official circles here to-day, and it was denied that Spain had been given any such ultimatum.

Senators who have been acquainted with Cuban affairs and who have conversed with the state department officials on the Cuban situation, expressed the opinion that the administration had not made any radical change in its attitude, but a number of them gave as their own personal opinion that congress would adopt vigorous measures to end the present state of affairs. It is said that the President intends early to send to congress the report which Consul-General Lee has submitted to the Secretary of State on the result of his observations in Cuba.

A prominent member of the senate committee on foreign relations said to-day it would not be possible for the President to send a pro-Spanish message to congress in view of the report which Consul-General Lee had made to Secretary Olney. Speaking generally of the views of General Lee, the senator said that they were well enough known to make it clear that his report would not be favorable to the Spanish contention. It is known that the report which Gen. Lee will make presents a very grave, not to say horrifying condition of affairs in Cuba. One of the conditions he describes is that of the situation of the non-combatant peaceable citizens, who have no interest in the war except to see it ended.

These people, whether within the Spanish lines or the Cuban lines, are suffering. If within the Cuban lines they plant their crops to make a living, only to have their territory occupied by the Spanish forces, who immediately destroy the crops, burn the houses and other property of the planters, and upon the slightest pretext, it is alleged, put to death or imprisonment them on the ground that they have been aiding the rebellion. In fact, it is regarded as aiding the Cubans if the crops are raised which they might obtain. The non-combatants within Spanish territory that is occupied by Cubans are also points out how they are often hurried to prison and condemned without trials, and Americans are accustomed to see justice given to persons charged with offences. It is known General Lee's report shows that cruelty is practiced on both sides, but it is said, it states, that more cases have come to his knowledge of wrongs on the part of the Spanish.

A very conservative member of the committee on foreign relations said to-day the conditions in Cuba were such that intervention by the United States in the cause of humanity was demanded, and he had no doubt that congress would early take a stand in the matter. Treasury officials who have been advised that the suspected filibuster Danterless, which left Brunswick, Ga., yesterday, has arrived at Jacksonville, Fla. Last Monday the commander of the revenue cutter Boutwell, who has been keeping watch on the Danterless, reported that he had been ordered to go to Jacksonville for stores, and within an hour after the Boutwell's departure the Danterless got up steam and without clearance papers started for Jacksonville, but for what purpose it is not known. The commander of the Boutwell to-day was instructed to keep the Danterless under strict surveillance. It is understood that under no circumstances will the Danterless be permitted for the present, at least, to leave Jacksonville harbor.

HAVANA, Dec. 4.—The Daily Comercio has the following editorial on the outlook of Cuban affairs and the attitude of foreign powers towards the question: "La Force Prime Le Droit" (force overpowers right) said Bismarck to Europe, which was heard with astonishment. Spain during two years has treated the rebels and their accomplices like gentlemen. We made sincere protests, full of dignity to the United States, against their jingoism calumniating Spain and calling us bloody tigers in spite of the noble conduct of the army toward Cubans. These proceedings and language of the press are reflections upon the Yankees." The Comercio protests against the insulting, anti-Spanish attitude of the American press and its favorable attitude towards the insurgents and says: "Spain had gained no consideration through diplomacy and must in the future depend upon material force to command the respect that is its right. Time has shown this. It teaches us to sharpen our nails for the fray."

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—It is rumored in shipping circles to-day that it is the intention of the Spanish government to seize and confiscate the famous filibustering ship Laurada, recently chartered to carry fruit to Spanish ports, upon her arrival in Spanish waters. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 4.—News has been received here that the troops of the Spanish garrison at San Jose de Las Lajas, twenty miles southeast of Havana, have abandoned their posts and joined the insurgents. Many citizens accompanied the troops and carried ammunition with them. The news has caused great excitement and fresh troops

were immediately sent to the post. Before the troops arrived anarchy reigned and when the troops reached the city many residents were shot down on the streets.

LEPERS IN THE U.S.

That the United States has become a dumping ground of the lepers of the world is a statement made by Dr. George L. Fitch, of San Francisco, who says there are few states in which there are no cases and points to Washington, Oregon, Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas and New Mexico as special sufferers. Dr. Fitch thinks the lepers are distributed over such a large territory that it is impossible for the community or state to care for all of them, and that it is time for the government to take the matter in hand. He would have a reservation established, large enough to give these unfortunate lepers plenty of room and a home where they would be free from the humiliation of being observed. The San Francisco Call says: Dr. Fitch's idea is that they should not be imprisoned in a pesthouse, but should be located on a large tract of land in some isolated section, where they could have plenty of free air and room and be free from the humiliation of being watched, and also from the danger of communicating the disease to others. He suggests that location be selected somewhere in the foothills, the Pajaro valley, for instance, where 2,500 acres of land could be purchased for about \$10 per acre, or \$25,000.

The cost of the necessary buildings and implements he computes at \$60,000, and the expense of maintenance, outside of what the unfortunates could do for themselves, at \$65,000, making a total of \$125,000, which he says would be a small sum for the government to expend for so great an object. He computes the number of lepers in California state at 25 and the number in the United States at 300.

DOUBLE MURDER IN ALASKA.

SEATTLE, Dec. 4.—News of a double murder and fatal accident on and near Douglas Island was brought here to-day by the steamer Topeka from Alaska. Two Indian women were killed on Douglas Island, Nov. 21, by Skaga, a native. They had a liquor still, and had become intoxicated on the whiskey they were trying to make. The man's actions were so suspicious when he afterwards went to Douglas city, that the story of his deed was finally forced from his own wife. One of the murdered women was his wife and the other his wife's cousin. A coroner's inquest held in Juneau on Sunday found him guilty.

The victim of the other fatality was John Krusener, a brewer at Douglas City, who fell overboard from a ferry on Monday evening, November 23. He was sitting in the pilot house, when feeling warm, he said he would go outside. Soon afterwards a splash was heard and a man's head was seen above the water in the vessel's wake. The vessel was turned about and life preservers were ready to be thrown overboard, but the man was seen no more. John Krusener was a native of Alaska, about thirty-three years of age. He has a brother in San Francisco. When he stepped on board the ferry he had \$300 in silver in his coat.

ARRESTED FOR MISAPPROPRIATION.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 4.—(Special.—) Citizens were shocked to-day by the announcement that P. N. Smith, late manager of the Consolidated Light & Tram Co. here, had been arrested for the misappropriation of funds. It appears that on Tuesday evening the company gave instructions to have Mr. Smith kept under police surveillance as he contemplated sailing for England. The chief of police, however, arrested Mr. Smith on a warrant, which was immediately obtained, and so quiet was the matter kept that Mr. Smith's most intimate friends knew nothing about his difficulty. The matter, however, was brought into the police court by the charges are that on several occasions an overcharge was made for supplies for the company and the difference between the actual amount paid for the supplies for the company and the amount of the order made upon the company was appropriated by Mr. Smith. The case was in progress all afternoon in the police court, an adjournment being granted to the defence until Saturday morning.

NEAT DIAMOND SWINDLE.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 4.—George E. Gail, a jeweler, official time inspector of the Illinois Central railway, was swindled out of \$10,000 worth of diamonds by three Italian strangers. One formed the acquaintance of Mr. Gail eight days ago, and said he wished to buy \$10,000 worth of diamonds to present to the Pope to secure from him permission to release his sister from a convent. It was thoroughly convinced of the sincerity of the Italian, and secured the diamonds from New York. The Italian brought a friend along with him to make the deal. They had a box to put the jewels in. The jewels and the \$10,000 were placed in a box before Mr. Gail's eyes and he was asked to keep the box until they returned. An hour later Mr. Gail took the box in which he had just seen the money and diamonds placed. It had been securely locked in his presence. Three hours later Gail, becoming suspicious, broke open the box and found a two dollar bill and a silk handkerchief.

Newfoundland Railways Purchased. ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Dec. 3.—The government of the colony has purchased all the rights and property of the Newfoundland Railway Company for \$1,775,000, payment will be made in government debentures bearing interest at 3 per cent. The road is to come under government control at New Years. The colony has abandoned all suits against the company. The arrangement is of the nature of a compromise, and is regarded as satisfactory.

Have you seen the Christmas Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

MAY VISIT IRELAND.

The Queen Likely to Cross the Channel in 1897—Bank Statement.

Kaiser Wilhelm's Pilgrimage to Jerusalem—Contemplated Demonstration Near Moscow.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—A dispatch from Bombay announces that rain has ceased throughout the country. A dispatch from Moscow to the Standard says the authorities there have frustrated the attempt of students at a demonstration in memory of the terrible Khodinskoe plain disaster last year, when hundreds of peasants were killed in a stampede at the time of the distribution of souvenir mugs of the Czar's coronation. The demonstration was prevented by arresting a hundred ringleaders.

According to the Dublin correspondent of the Daily News there is talk of Queen Victoria visiting Ireland in 1897 in connection with the celebration over here of having reached the longest period of an English sovereign. A Constantinople dispatch says the Emperor and Empress of Germany will visit Jerusalem on Easter Sunday, 1897, to attend the consecration of the Evangelical church built on the site given the Emperor Frederick by Sultan Abdulhamid. The dispatch adds, the Emperor and Empress will then proceed to Cairo at the Khedive's invitation.

A Vienna dispatch to the Standard reports that an English woman named Annie Hett, who was sentenced to a year's imprisonment with labor for forging checks in November, 1895, on a letter of credit and check book, which were stolen from Mrs. Parson's, on a meeting of the Central Strike committee at Hamburg this morning, it was decided to declare a general strike and a pamphlet was issued calling all quarry laborers, engineers, bargemen, lumpers and carmen to quit work in support of the strike. The strike is a complete standstill. The majority of the quarry laborers obeyed the order.

The Hanover Anzeiger says that Emperor William yesterday visited the military schools. Speaking to the officers present at the maneuvers, he said that the officers always to bear in mind that the uniform should not be a badge of distinction between officers and citizens, and that a distinction should not be by the demeanor of the officers.

NEW TRANS-PACIFIC LINE. CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—There is no longer any doubt as to the identity of one of the moving spirits in the proposed trans-Pacific steamship line. O. W. Potter, president of the Commercial National bank practically admitted, although he declined to make any specific statement to that effect, that his son, E. C. Potter, was engineering the big project. A. H. Butler is also a prominent backer. Mr. Potter, junior, together with Mr. Butler, is now in San Diego in the interests of the enterprise. It is also known that negotiations are under way with the A. & S. F. R. Co. to charter a steamer to utilize the latter as the collecting point between the Pacific and Atlantic ports.

Mr. E. C. Potter is a stockholder in the Santa Fe road. Mr. Potter, Sr., declined to state what capitalists are interested in the enterprise and he declared emphatically that he has not a dollar's worth of interest in it. "I am really not specifically advised as to the exact nature of my son's business in California," said the banker. "Perhaps he is so far as concerned with his return before connecting his name authoritatively with the trans-Pacific enterprise. I will say this, however, that my son has been interested in such a move for two years. The necessity of an American line of steamers between this country and the Orient was made apparent to him when he visited Japan. It is a gigantic undertaking, and one that will involve an expenditure of many millions of dollars, and probably years of time, before what can be regarded as a first beginning can be made. "In the first place much tedious legislation has to be put through before the project would be upon any sort of a basis. The Federal government will have to legislate upon the question of subsidizing vessels for the transportation of the mails. It will also have to be apparent that good railroad connections can be made between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts for the forwarding of freight across the country."

"Between what ports will the steamers be asked." "Probably the United States port will be San Diego, and naturally Yokohama will be the Japanese port. But as I said before, I can not say definitely regarding the subject."

"Over what railroad is it proposed to transport freight once it reaches Chicago?" "There has been talk of negotiations being under way with the Santa Fe road. This has a terminus at San Diego and has direct connections across the entire country. But the agreement with the railroad is another matter that will require much time to perfect. It will require between seven millions and eight millions to build the steamships alone, to say nothing of the other expenses. This is a good deal of money to raise in these times."

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THE CITY

The Comparative Synoptical Chart Co. are increasing their capital stock from \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Hon. T. MAYNE DALY, now a resident of Rossland, is the latest addition to the ranks of British Columbia's notaries public.

R. D. MCGIBSON, Q.C., of Montreal has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits for the courts of British Columbia.

The funeral of the late Victor Jensen takes place this afternoon at 2 from the Boomerang hotel, Court alley, and half an hour later from Christ church cathedral.

Fifty hundred and twenty householders have qualified as voters for the approaching municipal elections, in comparison with 459 last year.

At the residence of Mr. Edward Chance, First street, Rev. W. Leslie Clay last evening united in marriage Mr. John Cowan, of Alexander, and Mrs. Maggie Smith, of Nanaimo.

The British Columbia Coal, Petroleum and Mineral Co., Ltd., hold a special meeting of shareholders at their offices here on the 4th of January, to consider a proposition for the sale of all the company's assets.

JOHN CAMP, of Saanich, was arraigned before Indian Agent Lomas and Mr. O. Wellburn, J. P. at Duncan, on Monday last, for supplying liquor to Indians. Mr. Lindley Grease appeared for the defence, and after a long hearing an acquittal was recorded.

The following promotions have been announced in No. 2 Company of the 5th Regiment C. A. To be Company Sergeant-Major, Sergeant J. R. Northcott, vice Whiteside, resigned; to be sergeants, Corporal W. P. Winsby, vice Northcott, promoted; and Corporal T. P. Patton, vice Jennings, resigned. The date of battalion parade called for the 10th, has been changed to Tuesday next, the 8th inst., at 8:15 p.m.

The ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church are nothing if not sociable, and this trait of theirs was pleasantly exemplified at one of their periodical conversaciones last evening, the scene of which was Gypseywyck, the home of Mrs. A. A. Green. The event was well patronized, and with merry company, plenty of song and stir the affair passed into history as one of the most successful and happy gatherings on record.

Those who frequently share the hospitality of the Daughters of England were a unit in their appreciation of last evening's entertainment, the concluding one of the year under the auspices of the society. There were a goodly number present, testifying in a satisfactory manner to the growth of the society's popularity since the inaugural social of 1890. Songs were given by Mr. Frank Sehl, little May Wolff, Mr. Pilling, Miss Penketh, Miss Clarke and Miss Gracie King, these, with a club swinging exhibition by Mr. Hill, completing the enjoyable programme. Refreshments followed, and then dancing to the music of the Wolff orchestra.

The Kootenay country promises to be well supplied with water and light very shortly for already there are no fewer than fourteen companies in the field seeking incorporation by private bill to cater to the Kootenayans in this particular. Among the latest are A. M. Johnson and others, who propose to establish an electric power, heating and lighting company in West Kootenay; a company represented by Mr. Phillips, Woodton & Barnard, who aim to supply power and light to certain towns in Yale and in West Kootenay, and C. W. McAnn and his associates, who intend furnishing power and light to Kaslo City. As in all other respects, the lighting outlook is bright for Kootenay.

The mortal remains of the late Mrs. Isabella Jones were yesterday afternoon consigned by loving hands to their last resting place in Ross Bay cemetery, the services at the funeral being held on Johnson street and at the graveside being conducted by the pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, Rev. Solomon Cleaver. The pallbearers were the six sons of the deceased, the Messrs. J. McN., J. W., C. E., A. M., T. M., and Robert Jones—and another uncommon feature of the funeral obsequies was that there was no removal of hats at the graveside. The bereaved family while showing all affection and respect for the dead, did not see that it was necessary or right to imperil the health of the living, hence the departure from established custom at the cemetery.

AFTER a long and vexatious delay to the citizens of the western suburb, the tramcars will be running through without transfers on the Esquimalt line, crossing the Arm by means of the bridge at Point Ellice for the first time since the tragedy of last May. Yesterday afternoon an official test was made of the stability and carrying capacity of the temporary pile bridge—for all purposes but more especially tramway traffic—with the result that the structure was proved more than capable of supporting a load far in excess of anything that will ever be put upon it in the ordinary course of business. The experiments were conducted with an ordinary tramcar heavily freighted with iron and lead ballast, not the slightest variation or deflection of the bridge being noted by the instruments. There were present at the test Mayor Beaven and City Engineer Wilnot, the tramway officials and their engineers—Messrs. Keeler and Garden; so that it appears the point as to who should pronounce the bridge to be safe for car traffic was very well disposed of by a simultaneous agreement on the point.

STRINGING DOCKERS.

HAMBURG, Dec. 2.—The Employers' Association has written a long letter to Senator Hachman, justifying their refusal to arbitrate on the ground that the strikers are failing to receive foreign aid and are becoming weaker in their position, while work at the port is being performed by a force of dockers who are continually arriving and who are glad to work for the wages offered. A patched up compromise, he says, would only lead to further disputes, for he adds: "It is not a fight about wages, but it is for supremacy." Finally, they object to arbitration by a court comprising one representative of the employers and four representatives of the strikers.

THE "AURORA" IS FREE. BEHRING SEA CLAIMS. LIFE IN WONDERLAND.

Charge Against Her of Using Firearms in Behring Sea Dismissed.

Mr. Justice Drake Reserves the Question of the Schooner's Claim for Damages.

The charge brought against the sealing schooner Aurora in the Admiralty court, of using firearms in Behring sea, was dismissed yesterday by Mr. Justice Drake. The vessel, which is owned by Captain Thos. H. Brown, was seized in lat. 55° 44' 30" N., long. 172° 11' W., on August 10 last by Captain Roberts, of the U. S. revenue cutter Rush, on the alleged ground that of the 116 fur seal skins aboard, four had shot-holes in them. The schooner was sent forthwith to Ounalska and handed over to the British naval authorities. The present case was brought by the Crown, asking for the condemnation of the Aurora on the ground that at the time she was seized she was equipped with arms for the purpose of killing seal and had contrary to the Behring sea regulations killed four seal with firearms.

The defence on the other hand claimed that the holes in the four skins referred to were made by the gaff, and a counter-claim was put in against Her Majesty for damage for illegal seizure and loss by reason of such seizure. Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q.C., appeared for the crown, and Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q.C., for the defence. Commander Garforth, of H. M. S. Pheasant, stated in evidence that he had examined the four skins and had supposed to be an opinion as to how the seals had been seized. Lieut. J. G. Ballinger, of the Rush, swore that he examined the four skins on the day of the seizure, and that he believed the holes in them to be shot-holes. Lieut. Daniels, navigating officer of the Rush, who boarded the Aurora at the time she was seized, said that he found the dismembered 1,000 sealers short, the discrepancy being one reason for the seizure. The primers were, however, subsequently found in the bunk of one of the hunters. Captain Brown, of the Aurora, showed him the four skins complained of, they having been kept separate from the other skins. Captain Brown had informed him the holes were made with a gaff.

Capt. C. Hooper, commander of the U. S. revenue patrol in Behring Sea was of opinion that the skins had been shot, but Joseph Boscowitz, another witness, while forming the opinion that one of the skins had been shot said he had heard of cases where seal had been captured by spearing, and old shot-holes had been found in the skins. The last witness for the crown was C. B. Alexander, an employe of the United States Fish Commission, who while thinking the holes were produced by shot, admitted that his experience had been confined mostly to live seal or those freshly killed and that it was hard to give a definite opinion on such skins. He had like Mr. Boscowitz, known of seal being speared with old shot-holes in them.

Capt. Brown, of the Aurora, said that he had put the four skins aside because Lieut. Berry the grant, had advised him at Atn on July 22 to keep separate any skins with gaff holes in them. No firearms had been used by anyone on board his vessel in Behring Sea. This testimony of the captain was borne out by George Brunley, John Brunley and E. Murray, hunters on the Aurora. Robert S. Horton, who has been a furrier for thirty-six years, was convinced that the skins had been speared, and that the other holes were made by a gaff. This closed the evidence, and Mr. Justice Drake, without considering it necessary to hear the counsel for the defence, promptly dismissed the charge against the schooner and declared the vessel discharged.

Hon. Mr. Pooley, for the Crown, maintained that, there having been a reasonable cause for the seizure, no costs or damages should be allowed to the schooner. The court remarked that the matter would be considered and a decision delivered on the point later.

NEW MINING COMPANIES.

A total capitalization of \$14,425,075 is shown by the seventeen home and foreign companies registered during the past week to do business in British Columbia. Rossland, as usual of late, claims the majority of the incorporations, while the amounts of the capital stock in the respective concerns run all the way from \$75—at which the Tribby Mining Corporation, Foreign, is registered—to \$2,000,000. Appended is the list as contained in the official Gazette:

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| Abe Lincoln Gold Mining Co., Rossland | \$1,000,000 |
| Blackwater Gold Mining Co., Vancouver | 500,000 |
| Bon Diable Gold Mining Co., Vancouver | 75,000 |
| Cumberland Gold Mining Co., Rossland | 2,000,000 |
| Golden Drip Mining and Milling Co., Rossland | 500,000 |
| Hamilton and Rossland Gold Mining Co., Rossland | 1,000,000 |
| L. X. L. Gold Mining and Milling Co., Spokane, Wn. | 1,000,000 |
| Keough Gold and Copper Mining Co., Salt Lake City | 200,000 |
| New Egg and Firey Gold Mining Co., Victoria | 1,000,000 |
| Ottawa Gold Mining Co., Rossland | 250,000 |
| Ora-Plata Mining Co., Rossland | 1,500,000 |
| Roulette Mining and Milling Co., New Denver | 1,000,000 |
| Sophia Mountain Gold Mining Co., Rossland | 1,000,000 |
| Silver Star Gold Mining Co., Vancouver | 400,000 |
| Tribby Mining Corporation, Buffalo, N. Y. | 75 |
| White Bear Gold Mining & M. Co., Spokane, Wn. | 2,000,000 |
| Zilior Gold Mining Co., Rossland | 1,000,000 |

Mr. HENRY FRY, O. E., one of the best known residents of Duncan, is at present enjoying in Victoria the pleasures of a honeymoon. His bride was Miss Nellie Edgson, youngest daughter of Mr. Milton Edgson, of Rocklands, Maple Bay, to whom he was united at St. Peter's church, Quamichan, yesterday morning, Rev. J. A. Leakey performing the interesting ceremony.

Owner of the Carolina in the Witness Box Nearly All the Sitting.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson Goes Minutely Into Details in the Cross-Examination.

The examination of William Munnie, owner of the schooner Carolina, was what occupied most of the sitting of the Behring sea claims commission yesterday. Hon. Mr. Dickinson in a stiff cross-examination of the witness went minutely into the various items of supplies claimed to have been on the schooner when she left Victoria, his intention apparently being to find out, if possible, if the amount of supplies was excessive for the crew of eleven men. The value of the vessel and her supplies footed up \$10,000, as shown by the vouchers of 1888.

Hon. Mr. Peters asking the witness as to the number of seals captured by other schooners during the season of 1887, Hon. Mr. Dickinson, for the United States, objected to this class of evidence being put in. He was prepared to argue, he said, that this class of damages would not be allowed either by international courts of arbitration or courts of justice. Hon. Mr. Dickinson suggested that it might be better to leave the argument on the point until after all the testimony was in.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson was quite agreeable to this; he had only wanted to show that the United States objected to the future or estimated catch being accepted as a basis upon which to demand damages. Hon. Mr. Peters remarked that the British counsel were prepared to meet the very large question raised in Hon. Mr. Dickinson's objection, but that for the better understanding of the subject it would be advisable first to get in all the evidence bearing on the question before arguing it.

Going through the items on the inventory made by the United States marshal at Sitka, one was called for the schooner's British ensign, which was described as "one blue ensign." "It may have been old," said the witness, smiling, "but it's a very good flag." "I did not quite catch what that was," said Hon. Mr. Dickinson, looking up from a document he had been perusing. "Upon the item being again read he laughingly remarked: 'We concede the flag may be old, but it certainly has never been poor. Where was it?' Hon. Mr. Dickinson, in his cross-examination, having asked if A. J. Bechtel, who had a mortgage of \$1,000 on the schooner, was an United States citizen, that the question of citizenship was not one to be decided by the commission, and that at any rate this was not the way to prove if Mr. Bechtel was an American citizen or not.

OMINECA CONSOLIDATED.

There was a meeting last evening of the shareholders of the Omineca Consolidated Hydraulic Company, Limited, which is Mr. William Munnie, the president of the company, and the other directors of the company are Dr. G. L. Milne, Messrs. Thomas B. Moore and Capt. C. E. Hooper. When Mr. T. B. Hall took the chair last night there were about forty shareholders present, and Captain C. N. Black was called upon to read his report. He touched upon his report in general, and in particular emphasized these portions of it: "Each location has been prospected by drifts and good pay found in them all; the output from 25 cents per cubic yard to \$1.00 to the cubic yard. I intend to turn the water on next spring, and prospect by hand-slucing this season, and it paid over \$3.50 per day to the man. With one monitor and one thousand inches of water, as the ground is easy to work, I expect to be able to make at least 800 cubic yards of gravel per day of ten hours. At the very lowest estimate of 25 cents per cubic yard, this would yield a net of \$50 per day. If a small electric plant was adopted, so as to be able to run for the twenty-four hours, the income would be greatly increased. Should you decide on taking water from the Gormat creek, where there is an unlimited supply, and start a number of monitors to work, you can imagine what the income might be, and as I think you can safely estimate the gravel at an average of 50 cents to the yard, you can see what may be realized from the property. In organizing this company, I favored capitalizing for the amount it would probably require to develop the mines, and not capitalizing for a large amount to speculate on."

Captain Black, in reply to a question, explained the proposed plan of operation for next season to the entire satisfaction of those present. Questions were also asked about water rights and privileges, and it was explained that in this respect the company's position was absolute and undoubted. The question of finance came up, and Mr. M. McGregor took occasion to congratulate the directors on their prudent and successful management. He said he was a believer in paying cash and taking bring. A long but extremely friendly discussion followed, after which it was resolved that Captain Black's report be adopted, and that the management of the company be heartily endorsed. The satisfaction that was given voice to during the evening found expression in some very large purchases of Omineca Consolidated shares by gentlemen who are already heavily interested.

A Tacoma Lady Writes Conservatively On What Living Means in Circle City.

Cook's Inleters Finds Cook's Outlet—Founding of the First Alaskan Baptist Church.

Remote Alaskan ports having been visited on the trip, accounted for the steamship City of Topeka being several days behind schedule time when she arrived from the Northern wonderland at six last evening. Her decks were crowded with people, and although a number disembarked, only a few residents of this city, remained longer than the brief stay of the vessel in port. The Topeka brought but little freight for Victoria and only one sack of mail. The miners who went to Cook Inlet have nearly all found "Cook outlet" and have passed below. It was interesting to note, says the Alaskan, the number who went "because I needed a vacation." Out of the estimated three thousand who were there, those who pretend to know say that about twenty-five or thirty made wages. Concerning life on the upper Yukon during the past year, the following extracts from a letter written by a Tacoma lady at Circle City, and dated July 27, will be of interest: "Large stories told of the great amount of gold to be washed out here have proved unfounded. Alaska contains much gold, but as yet little of it is undeveloped. Much prospecting has been done and many rich diggings discovered, but not enough to give employment to the many men coming here. Two-thirds or more go away disappointed. The trip to Circle City costs \$150 first-class, and \$105 steerage to leave the Yukon via boat down the river. Rain has fallen nearly all summer like the winter rains of Puget Sound. Circle City is quite a little town. There are only two or three frame houses, all built of hewn logs with moss between them. They are very comfortable. The winter weather is cold, but no winds blow. Last winter the thermometer registered over 70 degrees below zero, when outside work was impossible. Many miners and business men are doing well, but men who know say everything is overdone, even the labor supply.

"Wood sells at \$10 to \$12 a cord. Lumber commands \$145 a thousand feet and the market is short. One might think that it would pay to raft logs and wood down the river, but none but experienced loggers can do it. Wages are from \$5 to \$8 a day, but work is scarce. Meals are 75 cents each and board \$50 a month. Fresh meat is served only when a moose is brought in. Salmon are not plentiful this season, and none are here yet. They usually appear July 1. Nearly everything in the grocery line for sale here is canned. Ordinary canned goods bring from 50 to 75 cents a can. Imported flat-tops are 40 cents a pound and Irish potatoes, when they can be had, \$15 a bushel. Eggs are \$1.50 a dozen when in the market. Sugar is 25 cents a pound, flour \$4 a sack, butter \$1 per tin, wash tubs \$4 each, tin water buckets \$2, clothespins 25 cents a dozen. "Circle City has three restaurants, four stores besides the Alaska Commercial Co. store, and several bakeries. Bread is 25 cents a loaf, or five for \$1. Pies are 50 cents each; doughnuts 50 cents a dozen; oil \$1 a gallon. Professional men include no ministers and no doctors. The city boasts of several laundries. The Yukon is 12 miles from the north end of the flats. The river is very wide and contains numerous inlets. It is expected a mill will be built on one of the islands, all J. W. Moore and Capt. C. E. Hooper. The Wood Island Baptist church, the first Baptist church in Alaska, has been organized with a membership of six. The natives of Wood Island were not so successful this year in their catch of sea otter. The total number caught was not much more than half of last year's catch. Now the greater portion of the Wood Island families have gone to the mainland for winter hunting.

ON NAVAL DUTY.

The Oriental liner Monmouthshire, of the O. R. & N. service, left Yokohama on Monday inward bound, with a very noticeable cargo, of which silk in transit East is an important factor. The ship's first port of call will be Portland, after visiting the Columbia she will come to Victoria, as a very large freight awaits her. She will not, however, be the next O. R. & N. vessel in port, as the Altmore was scheduled to leave Portland yesterday, bound in this direction. She goes to Comox for coal, and in the way out again calls at Victoria to land cargo. Having no freight space to spare she will not take on any cargo here.

MARINE NOTES.

The wreck of the steam collier San Benito was sold in San Francisco yesterday as it lies Captain T. P. H. White-law being the only bidder. He gives \$120 for all that he can save of a vessel worth \$300,000; and pays \$10 in addition for the 5,000 tons of coal forming the cargo on the Benito's last fatal voyage. The tug Lorne left for Departure Bay yesterday to tow out the coal laden ship Glory of the Seas, bound for San Francisco. The tug will be back in port today for the British ship City of Delhi, which goes to the Hasters mill to load lumber for the West Coast (South America).

Emile Arton has withdrawn his appeal against his sentence to eight year's imprisonment.

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Annual Dinner of the Brave Old Veterans Who Founded This Province.

A Capital Spread and a Most Enjoyable Interchange of Sentiment.

Death with his inexorable scythe every now and then gathers into his harvest one of the gray-haired old men who first ventured into the British Columbia wilds and started that impetus of progress that gathering force as it rolled has at last brought this province to a front rank among the provinces of the Dominion. Undismayed, however, the jolly old pioneers close up the gaps in the ranks and cheerfully face the future with the same sturdy manner that served them in the old days to overcome the difficulties that beset them. In memory of the old days the pioneers gather together once a year to recall old times, renew old friendships and have a jollification just as hearty and happy as a lot of boys left loose from school.

Last night the B. C. Pioneer Society held their twenty-sixth annual dinner, and no more appropriate place could have been chosen than the Occidental Hotel. The dinner was a most interesting one, in itself a pioneer, the first brick building that erected in Victoria, the bricks having to be imported from San Francisco. Moreover, it was in one little corner of the present hotel office that Mr. J. Braverman, himself a member of the society, began business with the decidedly tiny capital of seventy-five cents, the same year that the building was erected—1858.

A few of the old familiar faces were missing from the hospitable table round which the guests gathered last night, but the dinner was the same jolly, kindly affair, old friends shaking hands, joking each other about the old days of bacon and beans compared with the excellent fare spread before them, and everyone settled down for a jolly evening. The tables were very prettily set out, and the menu was up to the high standard that has given the Occidental so enviable a name.

Mr. Noah Shakespeare, in the absence of Mr. T. J. Partridge, who through illness in his family was unable to attend, occupied the chair. Hon. J. H. Turner, Premier of the province, sat on his right, United States Vice-Counsel Eure on his left, and Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., Mr. Thomas Bay, M.P., and Mayor Beaven close by. Mr. Robert Reidley, "Old Bob," the patriarch even of the pioneers, was there, too, as bright and jolly as anyone and, perhaps, a little more active than some men his juniors. The pioneers were out for a good time, and with the music of the violin and piano in their ears while they ate their dinner, drank their wine and swapped stories of the days of Cariboo or Hills.

After dinner, the toast list was taken up and the speeches were enjoyed just as much as the dinner itself.

The toast list, of course, opened with "The Queen, Prince of Wales and Royal Family," and followed that of "The President of the United States," in reply to which Vice-Counsel Eure made a characteristically eloquent speech, cordially returning thanks for the friendliness that included in the toast list at these annual reunions the name of the President of the United States. In referring to the peaceful relations between the United States and Canada, he spoke of the wonderful progress that both countries had made and paid a tribute to the hardy pioneers who had been the advance guard of civilization in opening up the natural resources of the continent.

Mr. E. J. Thain in proposing "The Governor-General," referred happily to him as a British farmer, a fact that should endear him more to the people of the province.

Mr. Charles Holtz, out of compliment to Mr. Eure sang an American version of the good old British song, "The Red White and Blue," the company joining heartily in the chorus.

"The Lieut.-Governor," himself a pioneer, with a genial smile and handshake for his old pioneer friends, was proposed by Mr. C. E. Redfern in happy terms and toasted by the company heartily to the accompanying tune of "A Good Old English Gentleman." "The days of old—the days of gold," were recalled by Mr. J. Clearhue in his toast of "British Columbia." He and many of those around the table had passed through the early days of hardship and camped together in the wilds. "Home Sweet Home," and three rousing cheers greeted the toast, a song from Mr. Fisher following.

The response to the toast was made by Mr. H. H. Haddock, Q. C., M. P., who spoke briefly but enthusiastically on the prosperity and development of the province, in which he had the honor to be born.

"The Dominion Senate, Commons and Local Parliament" was proposed by Mr. A. Graham, who coupled with it the names of the Premier and the members of the local and Dominion house present. Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., in a short witty reply, laughingly said that he wanted to get a few years older so that he could qualify as a member of "The Pioneer Society." Amid applause he said that the members sent to parliament tried to do their duty to their country, to the province and to Victoria.

Thanks for the hearty manner in which the toast had been drunk were returned also by Mr. Earle, M.P., in a pithy and feeling manner. Without going into politics at all, the Dominion house would, he said, bear comparison with any of the legislatures of the world, and no other colonial legislature was more loyal or devoted to the Empire. Hon. J. H. Turner, the premier, in paying a neat compliment to the foregoing speakers, said he was particularly impressed with the eloquent speech of Mr. Eure, especially in view of the two countries seeming in the present days to be coming more and more closely together. The closer they did come the better—though he would say so long as they kept separate countries. Referring to the pioneer days, he remarked that the spot on which they stood was almost classic ground. The province now stood

on the threshold of that flood that led on to fortune and they could all note the wonderful change that was coming about by the mining development which must not only increase the mining population but bring a large agricultural population as well. With respect to the legislature in that house, no matter how they differed in opinion, to do their best for their country. For himself he was intensely interested in the country, desiring to see it progress. He could not help regretting that the Chief Justice was not able to be present—a pioneer who had done a great deal of good for the province. The speaker closed by some friendly reference to the old pioneers present and said that though he in these days did not go out much to dinners he could not let the Pioneer dinner pass without attending it.

Capt. John Irving, M.P., spoke to the same toast, declaring that his position in politics, irrespective of party, was dictated by what he considered the best interests of British Columbia. While speaking he made some interesting references to Cassiar, which he declared was just as rich in minerals as the Kootenay, and only needed development to show as great results. Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, M.P., replied also for the local legislature, saying that the members of the House of Commons always endeavor to make as good laws as they could for the benefit of the country.

The guests were taken in fancy and in verse up to Cariboo, "King on the Old Black Mule," by Mr. Redfern. Mr. J. J. Austin proposed "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," the responders being Lieut.-Col. Prior and Mr. L. B. Wile, Lieut.-Col. Prior, in referring to the Navy, spoke highly of the service and pointed out that Victoria hardly seemed to realize what a benefit it was having the fleet stationed here. Referring to his having retired from the command of the Fifth Regiment, he said that he was proud to be a member of the Fifth Regiment, he spoke from experience when he told them, without fear of contradiction, that there was not in the whole Dominion of Canada their superior. He would also remind them that they had now through the efforts of Mr. Finn a first class band.

"The Mayor and Council," proposed by Mr. J. B. Lovell brought a most interesting reply from Mayor Beaven, who recalled the foresight of Sir James Douglas, a pioneer of pioneers, in making Victoria the pioneer city of this province. Ald. Humphrey followed for the council and then came "The Midshipmite," sung in good style by Lieut.-Col. Prior.

"Auld Lang Syne," was the song that greeted the toast of "Sister Societies," proposed by Mr. T. Flewin, which drew responses from Mr. J. Robertson and Mr. H. Helmcken. Upon proposing "The Bench and the Bar," Ald. Humphrey was somewhat at a loss to know why he had been asked to do so—he had had very little to do with lawyers, "Thank God," Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, Q. C., made the reply gracefully and with good effect. The other toasts were by Mr. E. Pearson, and the "Ladies" by Mr. J. J. Thain. A feature of the evening was the capital singing of M. Porter of the Occidental, who proved himself a good a vocalist as he was a first class caterer.

THE CITY.

The hon. treasurer of the British Columbia Protestant Orphan Home, who has just returned from a tour of inspection in the Delmonica music hall, in aid of the above institution.

Mr. Justice Walker gave judgment yesterday for plaintiff in the case of Johnson v. Lawry, for the sum of \$225. Notice of appeal has been filed. Mr. J. A. Aikman for plaintiff; Mr. George E. Powell for defendant.

Impressive services in connection with the burial of the late John Moar, of Cameron street, were conducted at the First Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon by Rev. A. B. Winchester, while the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. James Flett, John Robertson, Messrs. Woods, J. D. Miller, W. McCormick and James Russell.

The funeral of the late Victor Jensen took place yesterday from Christ Church cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. Canon Beauland, who officiated at Rose Bay cemetery. Many prominent members of the Masonic fraternity attended, the deceased having been for many years connected with the craft, while a large number of beautiful wreaths and floral expressions of sympathy were sent by loving friends. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. L. Salmon, Edward Bragg, B. W. Murray, A. Walkley, J. Blackwood and P. Gordon.

There was a short session yesterday of the arbitrators appointed to fix the value of Mr. G. H. Wilson Brown's property at Beaver lake expropriated by the city for waterworks purposes. The court is composed of Mr. William Wilson, for the city; Mr. H. M. Yates, for Mr. Brown, and Mr. John Earsman, referee; while Mr. C. Dubois Mason, city solicitor, and Mr. A. Stewart Potts appear as the legal representatives respectively of the corporation and the claimant. Two witnesses were examined yesterday, Mr. William Ralph, P.L.S., who testified as to the survey made by him, and produced the plan of the land whose value is in dispute, and the Alexander Jack, the valuator on behalf of the city. Then an adjournment was taken until Tuesday next.

Mr. Justice Drake yesterday in Admiralty heard the case of Frederick Klein v. the British schooner Minnie, Captain Jacobsen, owner. The action was for \$297 wages, plaintiff claiming he had signed articles for the season from January to October. The vessel returned here in May and remained 40 days, and the defence set up was that no wages should be paid for the time in port. The defence also claimed that \$91 had been paid on account, and that under the terms of the charter party no jurisdiction on claims under \$200. Mr. S. Perry Mills, who appeared for plaintiff, argued that the court had jurisdiction in the case, and while admitting that the \$91 had been received, stated that the amount had been applied to a previous account. Judgment was given for plaintiff for \$121.25 and \$30 costs; allowing wages in port, but giving defendant credit for \$91 paid. Mr. A. L. Belyea for defendant.

"CAROLINA'S" VALUE-CRAFT WITH A HISTORY

Witnesses Examined Before the Pioneer Steamer to Be Converted Into a Barge—An Important Contract.

Expert Testimony as to the Cost of Schooners Here and in Nova Scotia.

Yesterday was occupied by the hearing Sea Claims Commission in the taking of expert testimony, from ship-builders and ship-carpenters, with the object of finding out if possible the value of the schooner Carolina at the time of her seizure. It also gave the first opportunity of hearing Mr. Lansing, of the United States counsel, and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Mr. E. V. Bodwell, of the British side, take their part in the examination of witnesses.

A. J. Bechtel corroborated William Munsie in regard to statements about the mortgage held on the vessel, and in cross-examination admitted that he was an American citizen until 1893, in which year he took out naturalization papers and became a British subject. Then came John J. Robinson, who had been ship-carpenter lengthened the Carolina in 1884. He expressed his opinion that the schooner was in 1884 or 1885 worth well on to \$5,000. This witness upon being asked by Mr. Robert Lansing, for the United States, putting the witness through an able cross-examination.

H. F. Seward, master mariner, who has been engaged in sealing on the Pacific coast since 1887, thought for comparison with the cost of vessels he had bought, that the Carolina in 1887 should have been worth \$4,000. She was built of Douglas fir, which was generally as good as the hardwood, of which the Nova Scotia schooners he had bought were built.

William Turpel, examined by Mr. Bodwell, declared Douglas fir the best wood he ever used for ship building. He had done work on many of the hard-wood schooners brought here from Nova Scotia, and was sure that a vessel built of Douglas fir would outlast three or four beech-topped vessels. He gave evidence as to the cost of schooners he had built here, as for example the May Belle of '87 at this built in 1890 at a contract price of \$6,000, and the Sadie Turpel, 56 tons, built the following year at a cost of \$10,500. As to the Carolina, if she was as good as she was worth \$4,000 or \$4,500, the witness upon being asked by Mr. Lansing in cross-examination if he had in 1892 made a bid for building a 35 ton schooner for \$5,000 could not recollect the occurrence; and on Mr. Lansing saying that he understood witness had submitted a bid for a vessel, he said he saw it in my own writing, "I'll say I did make the tender; if I don't I'll say I did not."

Another expert witness was W. G. Walker, who was appointed measuring surveyor in 1884. He said that a vessel built from Scotland in 1871 and was one of those employed in building the first side-wheeler and the first propeller that plied on the Red River. He came to Victoria in 1876 and worked on the shipbuilding trade, the Carolina being one of the vessels he had repaired in 1884. She was very nicely fitted up and was worth in witness's opinion \$4,000. Being asked by Mr. Lansing if there was any difference between the Carolina and the Douglas fir of British Columbia was more durable than Oregon pine, and consequently better for shipbuilding.

Alexander Watson, a shipbuilder, judged that the Carolina was in 1882 worth \$4,000. The last witness of the day, S. M. Smith, master builder and superintendent of the Esquimalt marine railway, was asked by Hon. Mr. Peters of the British side if he knew the Carolina. Witness replied he did not, and Mr. Peters asked if on testimony he had heard as to the vessel he could form an idea of her value.

Hon. Mr. Dickinson objected to the question. What the witness might say on the subject could not, he argued, be taken into consideration, as he knew nothing whatever about the vessel herself.

Hon. Mr. Peters, however, maintained that as the witness had a general idea of the value of vessels he could form some estimate from the evidence. As a basis for the witness to form his judgment, the figures of the official measurement of the vessel were produced and witness stated the vessel might be worth \$3,600 or \$3,800. The commission adjourned before the evidence of this witness was completed. This morning's sitting is at 10:30.

SALMON EGGS FOR THE EAST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Under the direction of Commissioner Brice a large number of Pacific coast salmon are to be planted in Eastern waters. A fish car containing 5,000,000 eggs is now on the way East, and the eggs will be planted in the Kennebec, Merrimac, Hudson and other rivers. Already 5,000 yearlings have been taken loose in the Penobscot, and the commission is gratified with its work on the Pacific coast this year. This year 30,000,000 eggs have been hatched, three times as many as were hatched in any previous year. Of these 25,000,000 were hatched at the new station at Battle creek, a tributary of the Sacramento river in California. The commission secured a site which belonged to the California commission, and has built an additional hatchery there. It is now regarded as one of the best stations in the United States.

Not the least important action of the fish commission is the transfer of the steamer "Cascadia" to the Atlantic coast, where a large number have been planted. CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The Lind block on Market street, the Fenian headquarters when the Canadian raid was planned in 1896, and one of the few buildings within the range of the great fire of 1871 to escape destruction, was damaged by fire this morning to the extent of \$25,000.

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Last Dollar Mineral Claim, Situated in the Alberni Mining District on Mineral Hill, and adjoining on the south of the Chicago claim. Take notice that I, E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate 69,078, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 7th day of October, 1896. E. J. SAUNDERS.

Acc of Spades Mineral Claim, Situated in the Alberni Mining District on Mineral Hill, and west of the Consolidated Group. Take notice that I, E. J. Saunders, Free Miner's Certificate 69,078, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Gold Commissioner for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim. And further take notice that adverse claims must be sent to the Gold Commissioner and action commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated this 7th day of October, 1896. E. J. SAUNDERS.

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February 1st, 1896.



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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Vancouver's Embezzlement Case—Presentation to Champions on the Lacrosse Field.

Nanaimo Poultry Association—More Policemen for Westminster—Mining at Fort Steele.

(Special to the Colonist.) VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 5.—The trial of P. N. Smith for alleged embezzlement was continued in the police court this morning. The first charge, appropriating \$180 for personal use supposed to have been expended in wood for the company, was dismissed. The second charge was then taken up. It would appear by the books of the company that \$300 was paid twice for stumpage on certain property. Mr. Smith explained this by saying that this was paid to the owner of the property twice over by mistake and he was perfectly willing to make restitution. The owner of the property states that the \$300 was paid but once. On this charge Police Magistrate Russel said that if the lawyer for the prosecution moved to have Mr. Smith bound over to appear for trial at the next assizes he could grant the request. These are the only charges brought by the tram company against Mr. Smith, and there is every prospect of the matter being arranged out of court.

The Stewco's Union have secured the market hall the members of the lacrosse team were presented with gold watches and chains won by them in the carnival series of lacrosse matches. The watches were presented by the citizens, and the chains by Mr. David Bissett, of the Empress line. An immense crowd was present and the boys were heartily cheered. The splendid turn-out speaks louder than words of the popularity of the boys who defend the fame and honor of Vancouver on the lacrosse field. After the presentation an unusually good concert was held, ladies and gentlemen of local talent lending their services for the good cause. A dance was subsequently held and much enjoyed by a large number of the audience.

WESTMINSTER

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 5.—Owing to the burglary scare in Westminster three more police officers have been appointed, W. Medley, W. Sutherland and W. B. Little. The citizens are arming themselves with revolvers, all the local firms being about sold out during the week.

A farewell address was presented to Rev. H. H. Gowan by the Art and Scientific Society last night.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 5.—The Poultry Association has decided that their show shall be held as nearly as possible on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of February, shortly after the Tacoma show will be held. Mr. S. M. Robins has kindly consented to allow the use of the old court house, Chappel street, for the show, and preparations are being commenced to make the exhibition in every respect a good one.

The announcement is out of a very interesting event to be given under the auspices of the Nanaimo Athletic Association on Christmas Eve. The association's event will probably be the first masquerade ball of the season, and it is known that a great deal of interest is being taken in it. The affair is to be held in the International hall, and Foster's orchestra will provide music. The association has decided to present two prizes for the best character costumes, and one for the best costume.

The total registration of municipal householders this year is about 330, as compared with 248 last year. There were three claims located from Texada yesterday, being the Snow Flake, Dew Drop and Daisy recorded by M. Galbraith and C. B. Robson.

A well known resident of this district prophesies that there will be no more snow this winter.

Two magnificent specimens of the marble seal were shot by some fishermen near Nanaimo last Sunday.

WELLINGTON.

(From the Wellington Enterprise.) Last month the total foreign shipments of coal from Wellington—28,068 tons—equalled the entire output of Nanaimo and Union combined, and nearly 9,000 tons in addition. Such a record as this ought to be more than satisfactory to the owners of this colliery and the miners. This is probably the first time in the history of Wellington that she has occupied the unique position of out-shiping the combined foreign shipments of both Union and Nanaimo.

Messrs. G. W. Kennedy and Jack Belyea, of Nanaimo Bay, went deer shooting on Monday, and had the good luck to bring out the largest bag of deer that has so far been captured this season. Mr. Kennedy's share amounted to ten fine looking bucks, some of them of very large size. The locality shot over is not more than ten miles from here.

FORT STEELE.

(From the Fort Steele Prospector.) The Invicta Gold Mining Co. and the Nip and Tuck Co., which have been extensively engaged in placer mining on Wild Horse Creek, have partially cleaned up, with very satisfactory results to the companies. The exact amounts of the clean-ups are away up in the thousands.

There has been a great deal of development work done in the Fort Steele district, and sufficient to satisfy claim-owners that with facilities for marketing over this section will become a large producer.

The Ram's Horn mineral claim, eight miles north of Fort Steele, has been bonded to Montana parties. It was located last summer by Messrs. Grundy and Sprague, and is a silver-lead proposition. Mr. Sprague reports that the bond is for \$50,000.

A large amount of supplies have been sent to the Dibble mine during the week. Mr. Sprague says the mine will be worked during the winter. There are at

present some 500 sacks of ore ready for shipment.

Messrs. T. Grassick, Dempsey and Langley are completing arrangements for the sale of several mining claims in the vicinity of Mark creek. The property referred to lies between the Sullivan and North Star, near Mark creek.

The North Star Company will take out from 6,000 to 8,000 tons of carbonates during the winter. The company will ship nothing but carbonates next season, as they run from 90 to 100 ounces in silver, with a small percentage of lead.

Victoria parties are said to be seeking all the available property in the vicinity of the North Star. Spokane parties are also in search of mines on the mountain, as close as possible to the big mine.

The Wass group of mines, about twelve miles from Fort Steele, has been sold, and the first instalment of \$5,000 has been paid.

W. W. Walsh, C.E., representing an East Indian syndicate, has made a number of locations on Perry creek.

Work on the Thunder Hill property will be resumed at an early date.

A. McBean has sold his copper property, on Sand creek, to Monte parties, the consideration being \$60,000.

A syndicate from Eastern Canada has applied for the purchase of large tracts of timber on the north fork of the St. Mary river.

THE PALO ALTO

Establishes Its Reputation as a Rich Mine—Splendid Showing of Ore.

Assays Up to \$41 in Gold at a Depth of Seventy-five Feet.

(The Rosslander, December 1.)

The Palo Alto is now acknowledged to be one of the most promising mines in the camp. Its history is brief up to date, but what will be said of it in the future will be welcome to those who are fortunate enough to be interested in the property. The best mines in the district, now of world-wide fame, were not at first much thought of and it was only by patience and perseverance that their real wealth has been demonstrated. In none of them have these qualities been more conspicuous than in the mine in question, and that the reward will be proportionate there can be little doubt. The Palo Alto was located on October 12, 1894, by Mr. N. Bonche, and lies about a mile and a half southeast of Rossland and north of Trail Creek. The fortunate locator of the property was convinced from the very first that he had in a good thing, and devoted all his energies to demonstrate the fact, laboring hard on development work during the first winter and spring, and being rewarded the following summer with very complimentary assays. The property was then put on the stock market, and those to whom it was offered, fortunately those to whom was entrusted the duty of handling it were not a unanimous crowd and their disagreements got into print, the result being that the very outset the property got a black eye on the stock market. With the details of this character laundry work—in which a great deal of dirty linen was washed—the public are conversant. However, those who honestly and faithfully stuck to the property have now their reward—the Palo Alto has survived all onslaughts, and is now one of those properties that judicious men would like to invest in. In demonstration of this fact it may be stated that all the assays made in the Rossland market were on Wednesday last bought in at ten cents per share on behalf of the promoters of the company. Recent developments at the shaft raised the property above the speculative stage, and those on the inside track naturally took advantage of the fact. It has been demonstrated that while the ore is oxidized from the surface down to 30 or 35 feet, as greater depth is obtained the arsenic and pyrites seem to give place to chalcopyrites, the distinguishing feature of the famous Le Roi and the other well known mines on Red Mountain.

There are two shafts sunk on the property, about 100 feet apart, and as development work proceeds they show up richer. The ore assays from \$24 to \$41 in gold, while the gangue, or vein matter, runs from \$4 to \$13. These assays are taken from a sample at a depth of from 68 to 75. The hanging wall is slightly irregular, but the ore adheres to it, while the foot wall is well defined, and the gangue, which is entirely free, does not adhere. The importance of this fact will be readily understood, and Mr. Bonche—a thoroughly practical man—does not fail to point it out to the many visitors to the Palo Alto. There is no difficulty whatever in getting a permit to inspect the mine—it is to be done by the asking, and the more critical and experienced the visitor the more pleasure it affords the superintendent to show him round.

It is always a pleasure to The Rosslander to note a really good property, when we can vouch for its prospects—the more especially if that property be one that has been handicapped by apparently interested parties. The unfortunate little wrangle among the directors of Palo Alto has given the mine an undeniable notoriety, and it is this we wish to set right. The Palo Alto is now an established property, and can be investigated by any person who may take an interest in so doing. It is one of those ore and above-board mines which go to establish the reputation of a camp.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.)—The clerk of the house of representatives has issued the usual unofficial list of members of the house of the Fifty-fifth congress. The list shows that the house will be composed of 204 Republicans, 124 Democrats, 13 Fusionists, 12 Populists and 2 Silverites, and that there is one vacancy from the First Missouri district. Of the total membership 205 were in the house and ten others had served in previous congresses.

RAINFALL IN INDIA.

The viceroys of India, Lord Elgin, cables that the week's rainfall has been good everywhere in South Madras. Two inches fell at Hyderabad and in the extreme north of the Punjab. There were light showers in part of northwest Bombay, Deccan and the central provinces of Rajputana and the Punjab. Prices have generally fallen in Madras and largely in the Deccan parts of Bombay. They are easier in the Central provinces, and a bumper crop is expected in South Madras. There is no fear of famine in Bera, Hyderabad or Madras. The present crop prospects have greatly improved in the South and Central provinces, considerably so in the plateau dis-

SIR VERNON HARCOURT

Recognized Leader of the Liberals—National Storage for Wheat—Customs Union.

Crops in India—More Bismarck Revelations Expected—China as a Military Nation.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—It is a pretty well established fact that the question of the leadership of the Liberal party has been settled, Sir William Vernon Harcourt is now the recognized chief. The English papers, mostly Conservative, which predicted the reappearance of Lord Rosebery as leader, are thoroughly alert. Lord Carrington, who seems to speak with authority about Lord Rosebery's resignation has not only been contradicted by Lord Rosebery's intimates, but is known to have no sanction, whatever, from His Lordship. The current stories in the English papers of a shortly to be published correspondence between Sir Vernon Harcourt, Lord Rosebery and others are so much kumbug. Through-out Lord Rosebery has taken the course of honorable reticence in the interest of the Liberal party.

BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

A special dispatch from Cairo announces that, acting on the advice of the Khedive, the Egyptian ministers have accepted the offer of Lord Cromer, the British agent there, in behalf of Great Britain, to advance the money necessary to discharge the Egyptian debt of £500,000 paid out to meet the expense of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition to Dongola, which the court of appeals at Alexandria on Dec. 2 decided should not have been used for even the staunch Conservative newspapers rebuke his conduct. The Egyptian debt of £500,000 paid out to meet the expense of the expedition to Dongola strengthens the hold of that country upon Egypt, turns the affair into a purely British undertaking and postpones indefinitely any idea of the evacuation of that country by British troops.

CURZON'S BREAK.

In political circles there has been considerable laughter over the speech which the parliament secretary for the Foreign Office, Mr. George N. Curzon, made on Wednesday, in which, completely ignoring the Marquis of Salisbury, he depicted himself as alone bearing the burden of the foreign office. As a result of the speech the Conservative newspapers rebuke his conduct. The Pall Mall Gazette thinks that the only conclusion to draw from this speech, is that the government is blessed beyond measure in its foreign undertakings. Mr. Curzon also read the editors a severe lecture on the way they conduct their newspapers. He said their news is always unreliable, and that their correspondents hang around the various foreign offices with a "Spare me a copper" sort of air.

THE IMPERIAL ZOLLVEREIN

had another inning at the Congress of the Agricultural Union, in Manchester. A big party of Conservative members of parliament was present and a resolution was adopted urging the establishment of a customs union with Germany expressed the opinion that Rt. Hon. Jos. Chamberlain had failed because, in his proposal, the colonies took free trade as its basis. His Lordship suggested to the colonies to give place to the duty of handling it were not a unanimous crowd and their disagreements got into print, the result being that the very outset the property got a black eye on the stock market.

MR. ROBERT AYRBURGH.

Mr. Robert Ayrburgh, member of parliament for Chester, has come forward with a scheme to carry out one of the proposals of the Liberal party, a national storage for wheat, the main object of which is to provide a reserve of food stuff in the event of war. He proposed that government should build 40 granaries, each divided into 150 silos for the storage of grain and it is estimated that the capital outlay will be £21,500,000 and that the annual cost of storage will be £282,000. If the scheme is adopted, Great Britain will thus have a reserve of 10,000,000 quarters of wheat.

EXILE IN SIBERIA.

The Imperial council of Russia will shortly consider the proposal of the Minister of Justice to abolish the present system of exile in Siberia by an administrative order. Professor Benjamin Howard of New York arrived here on Monday from Russia, after a prolonged further study of the forwarding systems of Siberian exiles, and he starts for New York early to-day to fill a promise made by Judge Daly to lecture before the New York Geographical society. Professor Howard emphatically refutes Mr. George Kennard's stories of Russian cruelty and supports Mr. Harry d'Wend's writings on the subject.

The English court is reported to be still in a state of apprehension concerning the Bismarck Revelations. It appears that the Queen and her late consort, Prince Albert, corresponded confidentially for many years on political and family affairs with the old Emperor William when the latter was simply King of Prussia, and it is understood that most of these letter, originals or copies, are in the possession of Prince Bismarck, and further revelations may therefore be more pungent in their personal touches.

A MESSAGE TO MEN.

Proving that True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist. If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from excess of overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect health and manhood, after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how a great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy assured. Send 5c. to cover postage and address, Mr. Geo. G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

tricts, and somewhat in the Nard Ada valley. Over 250,000 men are employed on the relief work.

PILMOSS ATTACKS THE TRUSTS.

Mr. Samuel Pilmoos, the sailors' friend, whose work in behalf of sailors, passengers at sea, and shipping generally, has been for him well-known fame, is launching another crusade. This time he is attacking the trusts. In a long letter to the newspapers, he points out America as a sad example of the perniciousness of such organizations. He says: "The epidemic of trusts which has reached Europe, where, as in America, it may be expected to spread with sudden and unexpected rapidity." Mr. Pilmoos winds up with a proposal that parliament should select a committee to inquire into the whole subject.

OCCUPATION OF TURKEY.

As was to be expected, denial has followed close upon the statement published yesterday by the Daily News to the effect that the six great powers would shortly consider a project the object of which is the occupation of Turkey. In official circles here it is stated that the alleged project is an absurd fantasy. The truth is there is still a complete pause in the discussion of questions affecting the Dardanelles. When the master responsibility is placed that the allied project is an absurd fantasy. The truth is there is still a complete pause in the discussion of questions affecting the Dardanelles. When the master responsibility is placed that the allied project is an absurd fantasy.

The commander-in-chief, Lord Wolseley, speaking at a meeting of the British officers at Edinburgh, said he believed that the Chinese were designed above all races to be the great military and naval conquering people, and he added, that if he was given a free hand and allowed to select the most capable and energetic Chinese English officers as instructors, he would undertake to raise in a couple of years, a Chinese army, which would be invincible in the East and hard to beat in Europe.

Mr. Borden has yet been arranged for the banquet to the U. S. Ambassador, Mr. Thos. F. Bayard, and the Marquis of Salisbury, to whom the matter has been mentioned, received the suggestion with the most kindness and cordiality.

The year 1896 has proved a rare harvest for the company promoter. It is estimated that \$141,750 of shares in different concerns have been offered to the public during the past eleven months and the highest amount in several years past.

Much interest has been created by a letter in the London Times, signed "Old Fashioned Patriot," explaining the patriotic instruction given to American youths and telling how not only the boys but the girls in the United States are drilled in giving a military salute in the schools to the Stars and Stripes, and suggests that the same system be introduced into the British schools. The letter has been widely reprinted, and the Globe warmly supports the idea, adding "The Union Jack stands for more than the star spangled banner, bearing a long and glorious past."

The solicitor Edward J. Ivory, the alleged Irish-American dynamite and conspirator, has obtained a postponement of his trial for one month, to enable them to complete their chain of evidence in behalf of the prisoner by the arrest of the witnesses, depositions, etc., from New York.

Sun Yatzen, the Chinese doctor, who was kidnapped by officials of the Chinese legation here, and who was subsequently released, has been published in an article, in which he says that the value of Li Hung Chang's head will be determined by the value of the information he has taken to China agent the doings and power of the Government of the Marquis of Salisbury has been published in an extraordinary incident at Oxford which has been the talk of the week, was the ducking of the author of an article in the university newspaper Isis, attacked by the Dean of Christ church. The writer was seized by the church men and was taken to the town quad, where he was ducked and copies of the paper burned. The editor of Isis only escaped a ducking because of his delicate health. It is announced that the writer of the article was an American. The dons have interfered and will send him down.

Early in July a splendid collection of diamonds and other precious stones, which formerly belonged to the French crown, will be sold at Amsterdam. The collection also includes two mantle knots which belonged to the Empress Eugenie, with 841 stones weighing more than 2000 carats, hatpins, necklets and brooches, one of which contains 768 diamonds, rubies, sapphires and turquoise.

It was learned to-night that Ambassador Bayard is now not likely to accept the proposal of the French Government of prominent names from the list and the fact that only 458 was subscribed outside the office of the Telegraph, together with adverse comments called upon America, is responsible for his decision.

The storm put out the lights at the lighthouse on the French coast. The immense waves prevented approach to the lighthouse for the purpose of making repairs. Immediately parliament resumes the select committee on the petroleum trade will take the American evidence. The American oil trust witnesses should be heard by the last week in January. The American law has been set forth in an article, the main argument of which is, that accidents arise less through the explosive quality of the oils than defects in the lamps.

Peek-a-Boo...



I see you hiding there. No you don't! You come from off the chair and give it to you straight. A 1 and no football play. Do you know our raisins are those beauties Jock Horner took out of his Xmas pie? 3 lbs. for 25 cents. Cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. 25 cents. Mince Meat, 10 cents. Plum Pudding, 40 cents. Saratoga Chips, 35 cents. Rolled Oats booming, 7 lbs. 25 cents. The old favorite, Bennett's Butter, 50 cents. Our Hams and Bacon's have a "come again" flavor. Morgan's Eastern Oysters.

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MILITIA CLOTHING.

Investigation Proceeding Into the System of Contracts—Cornwall Elections.

Canadian Apples Beating Those of Michigan—Parry Sound Railway.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—Hon. Mr. Laurier is to-day making a trip over the Parry Sound railway in company with President Booth and others.

Hon. Mr. Borden has ordered a searching investigation into the militia clothing contracts.

The Liberals are making a strenuous fight in Cornwall, but the Conservative prospects are very bright.

Mr. Craig, horticulturist of the experimental farm, has returned from the Michigan fruit growers' meeting. He says that Canadian apples are beating those of local growth in the Michigan markets and the Michigan growers are asking more protection.

GREATER THAN EXPECTED.

Canada's Grand Nationality and Its Development Since Confederation.

(From the Mail-Empire.)

Some complain that the Northwest has not paid for itself. But we cannot in national affairs look at every question from the dollars and cents point of view; nor can we reasonably indulge in sectional retrospects. While the territory has not turned cash into the treasury has really done what is far better for us. It has afforded a new field for the sons of Canada to distinguish themselves in; it has given us new hopes, and wider and better aspirations. The foundation of a greater nationality than that for which we looked at Confederation, it bids us to take a higher place as a part and parcel of the British Empire.

It is sometimes said that initial mistakes have delayed its progress, and have robbed us of the advantages which the machinery of development otherwise would have assured. There were initial mistakes; but the critics are the men who made them. The paralysis which prevented railway construction for a decade, the policy of tying up all the fertile lands that settlers might not be able to settle, sealed the Territories, and diverted the tide of immigration in which we might have shared to Dakota and Minnesota. But we overcame these disadvantages when enterprise took the helm. Circumstances frustrated many of our later projects for settlement, and disappointed the hopes of those who framed them. A tremendous drop in wheat prices, for example, told against us, and the unfortunate revolt frightened settlers away. But we have recovered from these adverse influences, and during the past few years rapid strides have been made.

Settlement has proceeded with a fair degree of rapidity, and accompanying the growth of the farming population towns have sprung up and industries have multiplied. With the diversification of production and the revival in the appreciation of the mineral wealth of the West, we have a still brighter outlook—an outlook which is emphasized by the people themselves in their demand for a system of self-government more complete than that they now enjoy.

Trade, universally, is experiencing improvement. Locally, in Canada, the prospect is good. As with trade generally, so with the future of the Northwest, it is bright, and promises well. All the natural conditions are in its favor. It is to our interest as a people that of these conditions the fullest and completest advantage should be taken. If we had moved towards a commercial understanding with Great

Official Investigations.

COBURN, Dec. 4.—The investigation into the charge that George Guillet, M.P., and Daniel M. Collister induced C. E. Ewing, collector of customs, to resign by promising him an award, has been postponed indefinitely, Ewing being too ill. The investigation into the transfer of the postmaster's office from William Sykes to Mr. Guillet at the last general election, has been concluded. The commissioner will report at an early date.

NOTICE.

STOCK CERTIFICATES STOCK LEDGERS, STOCK JOURNALS, MINERS' PAY SHEETS, MINERS' CASH ABSTRACTS, MINING REPORTS, MINING MAPS AND PLANS SEALS.

WRITE FOR SAMPLES AND PRICES TO

The Colonist, VICTORIA.

Britain we should have secured favorable terms in the British market for such products as Britain needs and as Canada can supply. Then we might fairly have looked for a vast immigration of British farmers, and with the consequent additions to the settled area, for a growth in Eastern Canada similar to that which the Eastern States have experienced. This would have meant the securing for Canada of what, as a part of the Empire is surely her due. But this project has been ruthlessly, and it is believed foolishly, set aside by the Government of the day. Still, the times are promising, and there is the raw material for advancement under the circumstances as they are. It may be said to the Ministers that they are expected to seize the opportunities of the day, and to create a decided advance in North-West affairs. If they fail to do this, they fail to do their duty.

CANADIAN COMPANY PURCHASE.

(From the Spokane Spokesman—Review.)

Herbert Cuthbert returned last evening from a trip to Boundary Creek and Slocan. While in Boundary Creek district he bought, for the company, the Leonora claim in the Deadwood camp, and the Llewellyn in Greenwood camp. On the former he let a contract to sink 35 feet to ascertain the dip of the vein, after which it is the intention to run a cross-cut tunnel to tap the ledge at a depth of 125 feet. A contract was also let to sink 50 feet on the Llewellyn. "The morning I left Greenwood," said Mr. Cuthbert, "I was fearfully cold, the thermometer registering 31 degrees below zero, and the ride to Marcus was one long to be remembered. From Marcus I went to Slocan and while there purchased a property on Ten Mile creek, about four miles from the railway. This claim was one of the earliest locations made in the district and was already developed by a tunnel 30 feet. I let a contract to run 25 feet further to strike the lead. I regard the purchase as a good one. Some of the surface ore will run 80 ounces of silver and 60 per cent. lead." Mr. Cuthbert will leave to-day or tomorrow for the East.

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WESTRALIAN MINES.

"The world is not so big after all" is getting to be a common saying. We were reminded of the nearness of parts of the world that are generally considered to be very distant from each other and to have little in common, when a gentleman from Coolgardie called upon us yesterday morning to have a talk about the article, "A Mining Boom," that had been before the public a few hours. The gentleman was Mr. W. Thompson, a mining engineer, mine owner and newspaper proprietor in Western Australia. That gentleman knows all about Coolgardie and its mines. He gave us to understand that Mr. Van Oss, who contributed the article on Westralia in the Nineteenth Century, wrote with a jaundiced mind; that he, without saying much that was probably false, had created a false impression of the state of things in the gold fields of Western Australia. It is not so difficult to do this as some ingenious people imagine. It is what croakers and grumblers are doing in every part of the world. If there had been a first class croaker and growler in Paradise he would no doubt have convinced our first parents that their lot was a hard one and that Eden was nothing like so fine a place as it was cracked up to be. By saying a great deal about the drawbacks and the disadvantages of a place and very little about its capabilities and its advantages and mildly belittling them, a country let it be ever so good, can be made to lose its attractiveness. This, it seems, is what Mr. Van Oss has done with respect to Westralia and the impression that he leaves on the mind of the reader of his article is not by any means favorable to the gold fields he describes.

We find that Mr. Thompson is not alone in taking exception to the statements made by Mr. Van Oss. The Australian Mail, of November 12 (which like the Canadian Gazette, is published in London), contains the following statement: "During the week several provincial correspondents wrote us concerning unfavorable comments, which are appearing in their local papers as to the future of Western Australia. We can hardly be surprised at these ebullitions of our provincial contemporaries, when we remember that some of the London dailies and reviews have started the running in this matter. The articles that have been brought under our notice might be described as of the Van Oss genus, and whatever goes down we certainly look for a rise in the leak trade soon, on account of the increased consumption of that article of commerce."

The results so far obtained on the Westralian fields have been achieved in spite of a considerable amount of more or less active opposition both in Australian and English mining circles. With a view to disparaging the fields it has been customary for those more particularly interested in South African mines to institute comparisons between present developments on and returns from the Rand, and those of its young and sturdy rival. This comparison is obviously unfair, seeing that the Rand is an old established field, having in its area several mines individually equipped with more machinery than is to-day running in the whole of Westralia, while the respective amount that have been spent on the two fields naturally show an enormous excess of capital expenditure on the older, and consequently a much more advanced stage of development is naturally to be expected. A frequent form of reproach against Westralian mines is the comparatively shallow depth of the present workings. The deep shafts in South Africa, Victoria and Queensland range

I know from 1,500 feet to 3,000 feet, but how many years has it taken to accomplish this? If our critics will only give us time we promise them to worthily emulate our older rivals in this direction. Gold is practically the one thing in the world for which the market is unlimited, and the ordinary competitors of trade or commerce should not therefore obtain the terms engaged in its production. We in Westralia do not begrudge our South African brethren their success, and we look for a like generous recognition of our fields from them. Up to now we do not think this has been accorded, but whatever their attitude in the future may be, they cannot hope to close the eye of the investing public to the fact that in spite of great natural difficulties, and in the face of strong financial opposition, the Westralian fields are being rapidly and satisfactorily developed, and are attracting a world-wide interest. It requires no optimistic flight of the imagination to conceive that in their present state the Westralian gold fields contain the nucleus of a great and prosperous industry that is destined to rival, if not eclipse, the most famous mining centres of either hemisphere.

As we have published what Mr. Van Oss says about the Westralian mining boom, we think it but fair to let our readers know what those who are interested in the Westralian gold mines think of his criticisms. We trust, as the Australian Mail intimates, that Mr. Van Oss may have cause before very long "to eat the leek" on account of the statements he has made with respect to Coolgardie and other Westralian gold fields.

VISITING MINISTERS.

As might be expected, the Times gives the Ministers who were expected to arrive here yesterday evening a very cordial welcome, and as they come to carry out the policy of the Conservative party, we do not see why we should not do so too. The Liberal Government have shown their good sense, so far, in adopting the policy of their opponents, which their organs condemned with all the ability they possessed when it was initiated. The National Policy which the Grits, great and small, were never tired of denouncing is, as all the world sees, continued, and we venture to say will be continued with very little change. Even to subsidizing butter and cheese factories and providing cold storage for the products of the farmer's industry, the Liberals have followed the course pursued by their Tory predecessors. This fostering of weak and infant industries was by the Liberals derided as the outcome of "paternalism," but since Mr. Laurier has come into power it has risen in their esteem and become part of the legitimate duty of an enlightened administration. The ministers will no doubt see the necessity of continuing and, we trust, improving on, the good work begun by their predecessors in this province. They may not be quite so lavish of promises as Mr. Tarte was but then it is to be hoped that what promises they do see their way to make, will stand a better chance of being performed.

We will perhaps be told that the Government of the Hon. L. H. Davies and the Hon. A. G. Blair are prominent members may claim credit for having settled the Manitoba school question, a task which the Conservatives did not perform. We rather think that Messrs. Davies and Blair will say very little indeed about what some Liberals are pleased to call the settlement of the Manitoba school question. But they could, if they were so minded, show their fellow Liberals how the majorities in the Eastern Maritime Provinces settled a similar but really a more difficult school question without the aid of a Heavenly Premier and without having recourse to "the sunny ways of patriotism," of which the people of Canada have of late years heard so much and seen so little. We hope that British Columbia will be able to get from the Dominion Government what she needs and what fairness demands, by appealing to the Ministers' sense of justice and their knowledge of the requirements of the Province. They are both men of active minds and much more than ordinary ability and discernment, and will soon see what the Province needs and what it ought to get. But it is folly to expect from them too much. There are limitations to the power of even cabinet ministers, and there are men who have influence in the councils of the Liberal party who know very little about British Columbia, and who will be most unwilling to be enlightened if they know that the object in opening their eyes is to induce them to give British Columbia a great deal more than she has hitherto received.

EARNEST ADVOCATES.

It is somewhat amusing to see how earnest and how persistent the newspapers of the East are in advocating the immediate construction of the railroad through the Crow's Nest Pass. Never before did they appear so urgent with respect to a British Columbia work. Of course their zeal is not for the sake of British Columbia. They see that the road through that Pass will give the cities of the East direct and rapid communication with the Kootenay country. They hope by its means that the lion's share of the Kootenay trade will fall to Eastern Canada. There is nothing wrong about this. It is natural that they should have an eye to the main chance. And if the Kootenay country grows as it just now promises to grow, its trade will be well worth looking after. But it is just

as well that the people of the East should know that their motive in advocating so strenuously as they do what to outsiders has all the appearance of being a British Columbia enterprise, is well understood by British Columbians.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

People in the United States are wondering what Congress is going to do about the tariff. It is believed by many that immediate action is necessary. The Government is in need of money. The public expenditure has been for some time greater than the revenue. Last year the deficit amounted to \$25,000,000, and for the first five months of the current year it is \$40,000,000. This is not a pleasant state of things. If matters go on as they have done this year the prospect is that the deficit for the year 1896-97 will be nearly, if not quite, \$100,000,000. It is calculated, now that the Presidential campaign is over and business has become in a great measure settled, that there will be a considerable improvement in trade. Imports will increase and the revenue will be sufficient, or almost sufficient, to meet the expenditure. There is, however, no certainty that this will be the case. Retrenchment, if Congress is in the mood to retrench, can have no effect upon this year's expenditure. The appropriations are all made and money must be found to meet them. In the near future money will be required to finish the scheme of coast defence that has been already commenced. This navy must be increased. This will take money, and more money still will be needed so to increase the army that there will be sufficient men to man the new defences. Even if the appropriations for river and harbor improvements and public buildings are cut down the expenditure cannot be diminished much, if any, below the present rate.

It is hardly to be expected that a great deal will be done in the way of retrenchment and economy. The people want appropriations for public works, and they do not want to see civil servants put on starvation allowance. More money must be raised, and the easiest and the simplest way to raise more money will be to increase the taxes. It is not expected that much, if anything, will be done in the coming session in the way of tariff revision, but when the new Congress meets in March it is reasonable to expect that there will be tariff legislation and that it will be in the direction of protection. The Republicans are, on principle, strong protectionists and there are among the Democrats a very considerable number who will not be at all averse to see the tariff revised, with the avowed intention of increasing protection to native industry. The Republicans expect by adopting this policy to shoot two birds with one stone. They hope to increase the revenue so as to make it large enough to meet the expenditure and to satisfy the producers by giving them greater protection than they now enjoy.

A COLLAPSE.

The collapse of the South African mining boom has made men in Great Britain with money to invest shy of gold mining enterprises. This is not to be wondered at. Those who have not been bitten in South Africa will not be in a hurry to expose themselves to a similar misfortune anywhere else. But the circumstances in the Transvaal are peculiar. In other countries the mining communities are not at the mercy of a grasping, narrow-minded tyrant, having at his beck and call a legislature chiefly composed of men more greedy and very greatly more bigoted and ignorant than their leader. It is fair to presume that if the Uitlanders had been treated with anything like fairness, the mining industry in the Transvaal would have continued to flourish. At any rate, under a liberal and enlightened government the mine-owners and miners would have been afforded every opportunity to develop the gold-fields and to obtain from them all they are capable of producing. A kind friend has obligingly sent us a cutting from what appears to be an English paper, which shows to what depths the Barnato stocks have fallen. Barnato consols, which in October of last year could not be had for less than £5 15s., were selling in November of this year for £1 12s. 6d. Shares in the Buffeloedorn mine, which a year ago commanded £9 2s. 6d., can be had now for £1 17s. 6d. The Spee Bona fell in the twelve months from £3 to 17s. 6d. This is a fearful slump. What makes matters worse, the companies are registered under the Transvaal laws, "so that European stockholders are deprived of any control over their affairs, and the directors of the companies are in no way amenable to the provisions of the Joint Stock Companies Act. Moral: Beware of Boer Republics."

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 3.—The police commissioners are taking prompt and vigorous steps to put an end to the threatened epidemic of burglaries and three special constables having been appointed for patrol duty at night. This giving satisfaction to the public, owing to the obstruction of five navigators from the sick mariner's relief fund. At the meeting of the board of health yesterday letters were received from the department at Ottawa stating that Cruger had been cleared on the fund, as at the time of his injury he was not engaged in his duties as a seaman. The matter was referred to the city solicitor. The Quilliam arrived in port yesterday with another large cargo of halibut. The New England Fish Co., who have the boat under charter, are shipping the cargo to the Eastern markets. The city are advertising for two policemen to fill the vacancies occasioned by the promotion of two patrolmen to the positions of detectives. Messrs. W. Templeton and W. 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