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CHARLES EDWARD THOMAS, Victoria, B. C., 13th Oct., 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that two months after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in the Cassiar district, viz: Commencing at a post marked "A" on the west shore of Sullivan's pre-emption claim at south end of Bennett Lake; thence south 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to the shore of Bennett Lake; thence following the lake shore in a southerly direction to a point of commencement, comprising about three hundred (300) acres, more or less.

H. A. MUNN, Bennett Lake, B. C., Nov. 4th, 1897.

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JOHN ALEXANDER HINTON, Victoria, B. C., Oct. 16th, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 120 acres of unoccupied Crown lands, situated on an Arm of Sidney Inlet on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, commencing at the northeast corner, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 40 chains to the beach to place of commencement.

Dated this 21st day of October, 1897. (Signed) WALTER T. DAWLEY, JOHN IRVING.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to make application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase one hundred and sixty acres (more or less) of land situated on the northeastern shore of Allice Arm, Coast district, and described as follows: Commencing at a post marked "C. C." being the southwest corner, thence east 40 chains; thence north 40 chains; thence west 40 chains to post marked "N. W."; thence south following shore line to point of commencement.

Dated this 10th day of October, 1897. ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, Allice Arm, B. C.

AGENTS—Book business is better than for years past; also have better prospect of clearing from \$10 to \$40 weekly. A few leaders are: "The Bible Stories," "Progressive Woman," "Gleanings of the Wilderness," "A Fast, Diner and Supper," "Canada's Encyclopaedia of the World," "The Bradley-Garretson Co., Limited, Toronto.

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Fifty Years Ago. Portrait of John G. A. Macdonald, Premier of the Dominion.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills were designed to supply a model purgative to people who had so long injured themselves with gripping medicines. Being carefully prepared and their ingredients adjusted to the exact necessities of the bowels and liver, their popularity was instantaneous. That this popularity has been maintained is well marked in the medals awarded these pills at the World's Fair 1893.

10 Years of Cures.

FIGHTERS OF OLDEN TIMES. Prehistoric Skeletons of Men Believed to Have Died in Battle Centuries Ago.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 5.—The greatest prehistoric battle and burying ground yet discovered in the United States has just been found on the little town of Redlands, Indian territory. It lies on the northern border of the Choctaw Indian reservation and the Arkansas river. An archeologist, who discovered the ground, states that from extensive excavations he made he believes that nearly 100,000 warriors met death at that point, and that the battle occurred 2,000 years ago. He states that the battle was fought between the red and white men, and that the latter having come from Yucatan and striven to wrest the Mississippi valley from the mount-brothers.

TO PROHIBIT SEALING. Bill Introduced in the United States Senate With This Object.

Washington, Dec. 8.—At the opening of the senate to-day Mr. Davis reported from the committee on foreign relations a bill prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the North Pacific Ocean. He asked for its immediate consideration, but Mr. Hale (Maine) objected on the ground of the importance of the measure and asked that the bill be printed.

ACHING JOINTS. Announce the presence of rheumatism which causes untold suffering. Rheumatism is due to lactic acid in the blood. It cannot be cured by liniments or other outward applications. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood, removes the cause of rheumatism and permanently cures this disease.

THE DEBATE BEGUN. Berlin, Dec. 6.—The reichstag began to-day the debate on the first reading of the government naval bill. Chancellor Hohenlohe stated that an efficient navy was absolutely required to maintain Germany's position.

A VICIOUS BLAST

Archbishop Cleary Denounces in Unmeasured Terms the "No-Popery Press."

A Remarkable Speech Which Has Created a Great Sensation in the East.

Kingston, Nov. 27.—The address presented to Archbishop Cleary on Thursday by the priests of the Archdiocese of Kingston and His Grace's reply were supplied the local press yesterday. The remarks contained therein are causing much comment in the city. The priests' address, which takes up two columns of space, concludes as follows: We have been all along admiring Your Grace's sublime serenity during this small tempest that the anti-Christian scribes have been hungering to provoke, and we hereby take example from our chief pastor to uphold ourselves in our sacred office and to disregard everything that...

Poor Little Political Poets would ask us to profess belief in the "theory" of a certain Toronto politician...

Meanwhile, we know that the Archbishop of Kingston, the most forgiving man in the world, but all the while he is a man to deal rightly with this journalistic pigmy.

Archbishop Cleary in reply spoke for the nearly half an hour, and his words were carried to the ends of the earth.

Spite and the will one had not German and stormy anger of any trifling cause, but by some great and grand success of the Church in battling his sable majesty's policy of ruin to religion and damnation to the souls of men.

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Opening the business of the day, he asked: "Does any man in this grand assembly know of any enormous crime I have committed recently against my church or my country?" (Cries of "No, no," on all sides.) "Well," said O'Connell, "I am glad my countrymen think so. I have been searching my conscience, and I agree with you. But the fact stands against me and the Times has begun to praise me, and I feel like a man guilty of some awful crime against religion and country."

Best Abused Archbishop in Ontario. I rejoice in it; I glory in it. I am, dear reverend fathers, exactly in the same position towards the militant forces of the gates of hell. O'Connell used to say in those days, and it was his greatest boast: "I am the best abused man in the whole British Empire." I stand before you as the...

WILLIE'S MEASURE FROM THE CAPITAL

A Very Interesting Debate on the Reichstrath on the Naval Bill.

Government Supporters Strongly Urge the Necessity for More Warships.

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Admiral von Tirpitz, the secretary of the navy, then addressed the house, and spoke in detail regarding the necessity of introducing the bill to strengthen the German navy.

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HEAVY STORMS PREVAIL. Portland, Ore., Dec. 6.—A heavy wind and rain storm has prevailed over Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the past twenty-four hours. Along the coast the wind was especially strong. Fort Canby reported an eighty mile per hour gale.

If such headwinds in misery, what are Carter's Little Liver Pills if they positively ease it? People who have used them speak of it as a relief. They are small and easy to take.

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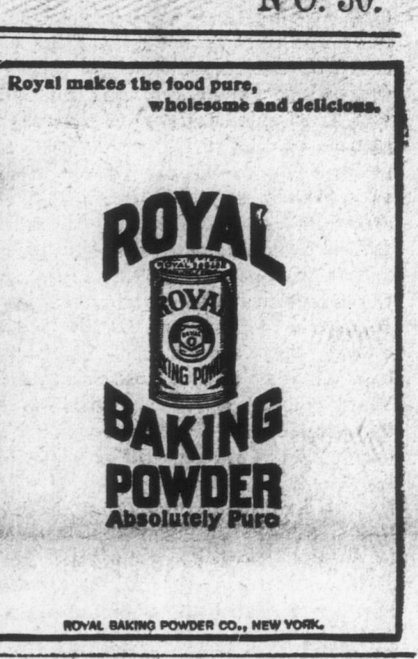
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Twice-a-Week.



believe myself he is prejudiced against the province, but as it is always as well to see two sides to a picture, I send you on this one.

Byrne, the Ontario government agent at Liverpool, sends me another excellent publication—giving a lot of interesting information about Ontario and its mines. Why doesn't your government imitate this lead and let us have a bulky pamphlet showing the Le Roi, War Eagle, Hall Mines and Golden Caches, etc., so that people may see for themselves the class of mines that British Columbia can produce. By the way, the latest news from the Golden Cache has caused some consternation here, and I hope that it will be presently proved that the trial crushing was merely a parcel of quite unrepresentative ore. Golden Cache on the top of Galena would be bad news indeed in the gossiping circles of those who already resent the intrusion of British Columbia in domains sacred to the dusky Kafir and the frisky Westralian.

British Columbians in London. The list of British Columbians here at present includes Colonel Peyton, United States Senator Turner, Linmyer, Jackson, A. J. McMillan, T. C. Cotterell, E. L. Sawyer, Wm. Farrel of Vancouver, and Palmer of Spokane. Colonel Peyton and Senator Turner expect to leave about the first of December, and Linmyer and Jackson will probably start for home about the middle of the month.

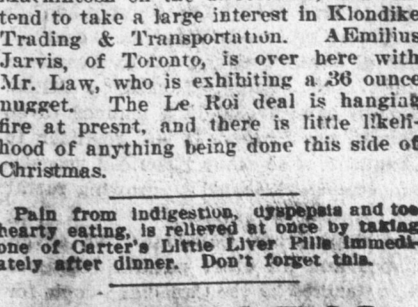
The K. and C. Goldfields. I have just been at a meeting of the Klondike and Columbian Goldfields. This company handles the mines of our premier and Hon. Mr. Pooley on its advisory board in British Columbia, in addition to Mr. Roseworthy in the parent company from which the Golden Twins and the Dawson City Trading & Transport company have been floated. At the meeting to-day the chairman intended to keep the property absolutely to 25, a share on the 10th, paid shares. He further informed us that his company has 600 shareholders, and that the profit was made out of the sale of the Golden Twins. A very formidable report of this property was read by General Webb, but the original document was not shown to the press. The Klondike & Columbian company intend to establish a centre of supplies at Fort Wrangle, which will favor the Stickeen route. They also own half of a property in Cariboo, of which they have received such satisfactory reports that they intend to keep the property themselves and not form a subsidiary company to work it. They are now awaiting the arrival of Mr. Roseworthy in London, to which they attach much importance, but I am unaware that this gentleman, who is well known in the far trade, has any knowledge of mining matters. I also learned that they had an important company in the stocks to acquire a town, under the name of which was not given us, which they hope to make a popular summer resort as well as a mining centre. Much adverse criticism of the group who own this property has appeared in the financial papers and in spite of the 20 per cent dividend I am convinced that they are well deserved. It is a puzzle to those interested in British Columbia affairs in London how they can have induced Mr. Pooley and Mr. Turner to lend their names to such undertakings.

B. C. Development Association. The British Columbian Development Association has a company coming out shortly, presumably in connection with the White Pass. The shares of the parent company fluctuate daily, and little attention is paid to them in the city. Mr. Whitaker Wright's company will come out in the beginning of next month. From information which I received from headquarters, I learn that the Le Roi was offered to them and that they did not see their way to expending a million on this mine.

They seem to attach a good deal of importance to having Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh on the directorate, and intend to take a large interest in Klondike Trading & Transportation. A.E. Millus Jarvis of Toronto, is over here with Mr. Law, who is exhibiting a 26 ounce nugget. The Le Roi deal is handled by present, and there is little likelihood of anything being done this side of Christmas.

Pain from indigestion, upsetstomach and heavy limbs is relieved by one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

This is of course a pessimistic view of the situation, vouchsafed by a Jobber who doesn't at present believe much in the prospects of either British Columbia or the Klondike, but it is the opinion of a sound business man, who knows the mining market thoroughly, mixes freely with the very best mining men, and does a large business with Paris, and it is therefore worth recording. I



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OVERLAND TO KLONDIKE. While we do not yield for an instant our belief in the supremacy which the Stickeen-Teslin route holds over all other roads as the miners' route to Dawson...

AMERICANS IN CANADA. A newspaper of considerable influence is the Cleveland, O., Leader. Few newspapers outside the largest cities of the United States are often quoted than the Leader...

THESE UNIQUE "EXPLANATIONS." To the Editor:—May I be permitted to make a few remarks upon the two unique explanations which were thrust upon an unfeeling public by the Colonist on the 5th instant...

PUT ITS FOOT IN IT. We wonder how Messrs. Turner and Pooley felt this morning when they read this paragraph in their delightfully naive organ...

THE GOLDEN ERA thus touchingly alludes to the anguish of the Vancouver Worker: "The World has been making a great noise and abusing the government because Mr. Templeman has been made senator instead of Mr. McLagan..."

THEY ALL COME BACK TO HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA. "There are fads in medicine as well as in other things," said a busy druggist, "but the most remarkable thing about Hood's Sarsaparilla is that customers who try other remedies all come back to Hood's..."

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FROM WHITE H. John Hepburn, the Well Mining Man Returns the Rosalie. At Least Five Lives and Millions Lost in the Tremendous Waters.

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On Lake Bennett Mr. Hepburn came out over way trail, and says he was a very good time. The Rosalie (she reached N. yesterday) had 35 passengers north. They report work is done on the Skagway wagon...

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It pays to wear a better man. A better man respects you. Ready-to-wear and you can yourself from stock, without a cent.

find a little Guarantee Card as "Satisfaction Guaranteed"

panies and regulated the reckless, and in some cases absolutely... which they contained. Mr. Turner's remark therefore comes to this: That he sees nothing wrong in permitting promoters the use of his name and high official designation, although he has no official designation.

Mr. Turner's plea that he became a promoter of these companies with the aim of getting capital for the province calls for little notice. Without questioning his good intentions in that respect, the object he had in view did not justify him, as promoter, in placing both himself and the government in such a position as he has done.

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The tramway that Mr. Hepburn is building is nearly completed, but on account of snow and frost work had to be suspended last spring. It will then be about the time that he will be in running order. With this tramway running, the dangers of the White Horse Rapids will be overcome. Boats will be placed on cars at the head of the rapids, and hauled to the foot of them by horses. There will be no unloading of boats, as the cars and their cargoes and passengers too, if they desire, can be placed on the cars and taken around the boiling waters.

Mr. Hepburn left White Horse on November 23. Up to that time a very large number of men had passed on their way to Dawson. They had on the average, he says, supplies for six months, some being very well equipped and others very poor. Between the rapids and Skagway he met another thousand men, who were moving along slowly with their sleds, being frequently interrupted by heavy frosts. The White Horse rapids were frozen when Mr. Hepburn left, and from there to Dawson the river must also be frozen, but in the canyon and for twenty miles above it the water was open when he came up, in some places there being even an edge ice. Lake Laberge is open, and then there came another six miles of open water between that lake and Lake Tagish, the latter body of water being frozen. There was about fifteen miles of open water on Lake Bennett.

The thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero at White Horse, but had fallen to 40 below at Lake Tagish. Major Walsh and party reached White Horse about November 16, but had to go into camp until the partially open spaces froze over, giving them a clear run to Dawson. Inspector Strickland was at Lake Bennett, one of his men having been very badly frozen. The rear guard of the police party were busy transporting provisions and supplies, and would be ready to start down as soon as all the waters were frozen over and the few bare spots on the trails were covered with snow.

On Lake Bennett Mr. Hepburn met a woman drawing a sleigh loaded with a 600 pound outfit, and she seemed to be making as good progress as the men. Ben Haig, formerly of the Times, was also met at Lake Bennett, he being in camp there.

Mr. Hepburn came out over the Skagway trail, and says he was able to make good time. The Rosalie (she reached Nanaimo yesterday) had 35 passengers from the north. They report work is being pushed on the Skagway wagon road and is completed for a distance of about five miles. They also say that for a winter trail Skagway is much the best route to the lakes. The Mounted Police are moving their stuff over this road. Four aerial tramways are in course of construction over the Dyea trail, and the promoters expect to have them ready for business by the end of January, and they will be able to handle any quantity of business that may come to them. Snow has been falling at the coast since the first of December, but the lowest register of the thermometer was four degrees below zero. Building operations at Dyea and Skagway are brisk, but lumber is scarce.

Nearly every day parties are going over the passes with freight. Contracts are now being made to take freight from Dyea to the lakes for 20 cents a pound. Freight from Dyea to the summit, or 8 cents from Sheep Camp to the summit.

Saturday was election day in Skagway. There were a large number of candidates for aldermen. When organized the council of the town of Skagway, Moore's claim to the townsite.

Canton, O., Dec. 9.—Mrs. McKinley, the aged mother of President McKinley, died regarding the safety of the British trouph Aroca, which was reported to have foundered. These reports were not credited in London.

MAINLAND MATTERS.

Captain Owens Drawn—New Westminster's Civic Election.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 9.—A petition for the winding up of the affairs of the Orphan Boy Mining Company will be presented to the Supreme Court on December 17.

Kilmuir T. Owens, captain of the Cleve Gannan company's steamer Hurricane, was drowned in Pitt lake. His body has not yet been recovered. He was a native of Owen Sound, Ontario.

James Anderson, on the advice of his doctor, has withdrawn from the aldermanic contest in New Westminster. This leaves only ten candidates, which number is all that is required to make the board. Therefore there will practically be no election for aldermen.

As Mr. Anderson was formally nominated, however, the ratepayers will have to go through the form of voting for a council, which has virtually been elected by acclamation.

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INSURGENTS ACTIVE

Cuban Patriots Invade the Port of Carmonca and Commit Depredation.

Police Inspectors and Thirty Guardsmen Killed and Two Thousand Dollars Stolen.

Havana, Dec. 9.—It was openly announced to-day from Spanish headquarters that a group of rebels has entered the port of Carmonca, near Guanantamo, favored by reason by one of the officers. The insurgent force, the official report adds, consisted for forty guerrillas and natives of Cuba.

The rebels are alleged to have plundered the stores and taken off some \$30,000. It is also said the insurgents killed the police, inspectors and two guardsmen on duty, and seriously wounded a Spanish paymaster named Jose Vigil. More Spanish guerrillas have joined the insurgents.

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TO PUSH THE BILL

Americans—Extremely Anxious to Hasten Legislation Prohibiting All Sealing.

Though Final Passage May Be Secured Before Holidays—The Bill's Provisions.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The committee on foreign relations in the house held their first meeting to-day and outlined work on several important foreign questions now pending. The committee determined to report at once the bill prohibiting American citizens from conducting legitimate sealing in Behring Sea, and an understanding was reached that the bill would be pushed to the final stage before the holidays.

These sections of the bill is as follows: That no citizen of the United States, nor any person owing duty or obedience to the laws or treaties of the United States, nor any person belonging to or on board of a vessel of the United States, shall seal at any time or in any manner whatever any fur seal in the waters of the Pacific Ocean north of the 36th degree of north latitude, and including Behring Sea and the Sea of Okhotsk.

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It is stated by the Rome correspondent of the London Times that the Pope never gave the decision attributed to him in the Manitoba school matter. This is all right; but we do not see what right any foreign prince or pope has to interfere in our domestic affairs.

The Victoria Colonist, a journal mainly of the Dunsmuir and the defence of the Turner government and themselves, does not like the demand which the imposition of a tax upon the output of the Dunsmuir colliers.

SAGASTA VIEWS THE MESSAGE. Madrid, Dec. 8.—Premier Sagasta, in an interview referring to McKinley's message to congress, is quoted as saying he thinks the message satisfactory because the threat to intervene in Cuba was made only to give satisfaction to a portion of American opinion.

THE AWFUL STING. The Unbearable Itching Irritations. Caused by troublesome Salt Diseases—Becomes, Scald Head, Salt Rheum, Deter, are alleviated by one application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmers' Produce Carefully Corrected.

Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl. \$6.75. Lake of the Woods, per bbl. \$6.75. Letich's, per bbl. \$6.75. O. K., per bbl. \$5.50 to \$6.00. Snow Flake, per bbl. \$6.75. Premier, per bbl. \$6.75. XXX, Enderby, per bbl. \$6.75. XXX, Victoria, per bbl. \$6.00. Wheat, per ton, \$35 to \$37.50. Barley, per ton, \$28 to \$30. Middlings, per ton, \$22 to \$25. Bran, per ton, \$20 to \$25. Ground feed, per ton, \$28 to \$30. Corn, whole, \$27 to \$30. Rolled oats (O. & N.W.), \$30 to \$32. Rolled oats (E. & K.), 7th grade, \$25. New Potatoes, per lb. \$1.50 to \$2.00. Cabage, per box of 45 lbs., \$2.50. Hay, baled, per ton, \$10 to \$12. Straw, per bale, \$5 to \$7.50. Bananas, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Lemons (California), \$2.50 to \$3.50. Apples, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.50. Peas (Island), \$2.50 to \$3.50. Pluquilles, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Oranges (California), \$4.00 to \$5.00. Grapes, \$1.50 to \$2.00. Fish, small, \$1.00 to \$1.50. Eggs, Island, per dozen, \$4.00 to \$5.00. Eggs, Manitoba, \$2.50 to \$3.50. Butter, creamery, per lb., \$2.50. Butter, Delta creamery, per lb., \$2.50. Butter, fresh, per lb., \$2.50. Cheese, Canadian, \$1.50 to \$2.00. Cheese, California, \$2.00 to \$2.50. Hams, American, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Bacon, American, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Bacon, rolled, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Bacon, long clear, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Bacon, Canadian, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Shoulders, \$1.50 to \$2.00. Sides, beef, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Meats—beef, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Mutton, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Mutton, whole, \$1.50 to \$2.00. Pork, sides, fresh, per lb., \$1.50 to \$2.00. Chickens, per pair, \$1.50 to \$2.00.

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Its Use Means Vigorous Manhood and Womanhood With Clear and Active Brain.

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The illustrious German philosopher Kant says: "There is nothing so great as a divine idea, the type after which he was created, the germs of a perfect person."

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Opening of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-Fifth United States Congress.

The Cuban Question Grows Into Exhaustively—A Policy of Non-Interference.

Washington, Dec. 6.—At noon today the first regular session of the fifty-fifth congress was launched upon the unknown seas of legislation. Simultaneously at both ends of the Capitol—Speaker Reed in the house and Vice-President Hobart in the Senate—dropped their gavel and called to order the session which they preside.

IN THE SENATE.

The senate chamber at the opening of the session today was a veritable conservatory. The floral display was beautiful. Precisely at 12 o'clock the gavel of Vice-President Hobart fell and the senate was called to order.

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IN THE HOUSE.

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The revolution which began in 1895 lasted for ten years, despite the strenuous efforts of the successive peninsular governments to suppress it.

Some Important Historical Facts. The present insurrection broke out in February, 1895. It is not my purpose at this time to recall its remarkable increase or to characterize its tenacious resistance against the enormous forces amassed against it by Spain.

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"A resolution of the independence of Cuba being, in my opinion, impracticable and indefensible, the question which presents itself is that of the recognition of belligerent rights in the parties to the contest.

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International Arbitration. International arbitration cannot be omitted from the list of subjects claiming our consideration.

A Busy Factory. At no time during a human life is the whole body at rest.

We are so made, however, as to get rest enough to go on with; but we take it by piecemeal and variation.

Wheels of our gear to let them cool off and get oiled up, while another set is put in motion.

By a special message, dated the 16th day of June last, I laid before the senate of the United States a treaty signed that day by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of the republic of Hawaii.

Such recognition entails upon the country according to the rights which flow from its difficult and complicated duties and requires the execution from the contending parties of the strict observance of their rights and obligations.

Turning to the practical aspects of a recognition of belligerent rights, and reviewing its inconveniences and positive dangers, still further pertinent considerations appear.

To Protect the Seal. The efforts which have been made during the two previous years by my predecessors to secure better protection to the fur seals in the North Pacific ocean and Behring sea were renewed at an early date by this administration.

The right of visit and search on the sea and seizure of vessels and cargoes and contraband of war under admiralty law must not international law be admitted as a legitimate consequence of a recognition of belligerency.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Mr. Allen, Nebraska, introduced in the senate a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the senate that congress should with all due convenient speed acknowledge by an appropriate act the political independence of Cuba.

Food's Sarasparilla is prepared by experienced pharmacists who know precisely the nature and quality of all ingredients used.

WANT TO ARBITRATE

Fifty-Three of the Bridge Disaster Claimants Offer to refer the Case to a Single Judge.

Mayor and Council Leave the Offer to Their Successors to Deal With.

During the hearing of a chamber motion before Chief Justice Davie yesterday afternoon in re Pittman vs. Victoria, it transpired that Mr. J. G. Macdonell, solicitor for 53 of the claimants for damages resulting from the Point Ellice bridge disaster, had made an offer to the city to submit all the cases to any one of the judges of the Supreme Court as sole arbiter.

The Chief Justice thereupon made an order to stay the proceedings on payment to plaintiffs of the taxed costs upon his giving an undertaking to refund the amount of this amount the city had already paid for their own costs.

The motion for a stay was granted, the City Council, however, will not give an undertaking to refund the costs in cash to the plaintiffs' solicitor.

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In each case whatever sum if anything, the judge may award, upon condition that the city shall agree within sixty days of a total amount being arrived at by the judge, to submit a by-law to the ratepayers for raising the amount of the award and agreeing to pay the amount awarded to the claimants.

On the other hand, although it is a one-sided proposition, bidding the plaintiffs whilst not showing the city any more concern in the matter, I think Mr. Macdonell has shown excellent judgment and consideration for his clients in making the offer.

As to the other ten cases in the hands of other solicitors, probably their clients will not include further costs for their work in this case.

"I will adjourn the further hearing of the motion until Tuesday, the 7th December, to enable the parties to come to terms. In the meantime let all proceedings be stayed."

NANAIMO'S SENSATION

Arrest of City Clerk Thompson on a Grave Charge.

Thanksgiving day resulted in a number of the city books being mutilated, and now comes the startling sensation that Adam Thompson, the city clerk, city treasurer, clerk of the police court, cemetery secretary, etc., is a defaulter of the city funds to the extent of \$500 or \$600 so far as the investigation goes.

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TRUSTEES DECISION

Corporal Punishment Shall Not Be Administered During School Hours.

Subject Brought Up by a Protest Against Mr Currie by Sheriff McMillan.

The board of school trustees had a long discussion last evening on the question of corporal punishment. It was brought about by Sheriff and Mrs. McMillan and their daughter asking and being granted an interview to protest against the manner in which Mr. Currie's son had been punished by Mr. Currie, a member of the teaching staff of the Central School.

The boy refused to hold out his hands, and the teacher, losing his temper, had beaten him, so the sheriff said, "until he was black and blue from his shoulders to his heels."

"Hereafter, when corporal punishment is deemed necessary, the same shall not be administered until the school shall have been dismissed."

The secretary reported that the average daily attendance at the schools during November had been 1,342.66; the average actual attendance 1,334.44; the number of pupils actually in attendance 2,088, and the average percentage 84.45.

At the next meeting the following motion will be moved: "That the qualifications for promotion from grade teacher to principal be determined by the class standing as shown in the monthly reports to parents, and not wholly upon the results of a final examination as hitherto."

BRIEF LOCALS

From Tuesday's Daily.

The police were informed to-day that the Morrison girl, recently shot to death at Shepherd's home at New Westminster, had run away and was being detained at the Westminister jail.

A Chinaman, who it seems was attempting to return to China by the M.S. Empress of China leaving many creditors, was arrested on a writ of capias by order of the sheriff just before the Empress sailed.

The Chief Justice this morning heard the appeal in Jackson v. Atherton. The plaintiff, Miss Jackson, sued in the small debts court for \$37.50 for wages earned as typewriter. The magistrate gave judgment for \$30, and from that judgment the defendant appealed.

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She Passes Away This Morning After a Long Illness.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Prior, wife of Lieut-Colonel of the Hon. E. G. Prior, M. P. Mrs. Prior has been very ill for upwards of a year, several operations being found necessary during that time to prolong her life.

The deceased lady was born in Victoria 42 years ago, being the youngest child of the late John Wood, one of the earliest settlers in the province. In January, 1878, she was married to Mr. Prior who with large disbursements, as a son-in-law, they have the sympathy of the whole community in their bereavement.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2.30 from the family residence, Pemberton road, and at 3 from Christ Church cathedral.

ANOTHER INDUSTRY.

A Company to Be Formed to Develop Iron Deposits of B. C.

Another large industry that will give employment to a large number of the residents of this province is shortly to be established in the province. At the next sitting of the provincial legislature, Mr. John Cobbedick, the well known mine owner and capitalist, will apply for an act to incorporate a company to develop and turn to commercial use the rich iron deposits on the coast lines of British Columbia.

The steamer Tacoma, which arrived here yesterday evening, brings no news of her sister liner, the Pelicou, which is long over due on her voyage from the Sound to Victoria in northern China. The Pelicou sailed from Port Townsend laden with a heavy cargo of lumber for use in the construction of the North Pacific railway, on October 12th, and had all gone well with her she should have arrived at her destination at the beginning of November.

SEAL SKINS ADVANCE.

The London Sales Bring Twenty Per Cent. More Than Last Year.

Robert Ward & Co. received word this morning from Messrs. Culverwell, Brooks & Co., of London, England, telling of the sales of seal skins which has just been concluded in London. The demand for skins, owing no doubt, to the scarcity, was strong, and what is generally conceded to be fair prices were realized. The prices were as high as 20 per cent. in advance of those of last year.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Presentation to Thomas O'Connell - Thompson Gets Bail.

Mr. J. Wilkinson, one of the pioneers and successful Klondike miners, and Mr. Thomas O'Connell, ex-chief of police of this city, and now "mine host" of the Commercial Hotel, have been for sixteen years close friends.

LOST IN A GALE.

The Schooner C. E. Ward Founders and Her Crew of Two Drowned.

News comes from New Westminster of the loss of the schooner C. E. Ward, her master and owner, Jacob Leoney, and her crew of two. The heavy gales which prevailed at the beginning of the week off the Sandheads at the entrance to the Fraser river were the cause of the catastrophe. The schooner, which was bound to New Westminster, was about 30 feet long and 9 feet on the beam.

ANGLICAN SYNOD

Annual Business Meeting of the Synod - Day in the Cathedral School Room.

The Election of Officers - Discussion of Missionary Work.

From Wednesday's Daily. The Anglican synod of British Columbia held its annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock in the cathedral school room.

There were present fifteen Anglican clergy delegates from the various dioceses of the province. The election was the following of officers: Clerical secretary, R. Haslam; lay secretary, B. Frazer; and B. Frazer and Canon Beaudry and Sir Hew were re-elected to the executive council.

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From Thursday's Daily. The following is the bishop's address to the synod of the Anglican diocese of British Columbia...

Thirty years ago, in 1867, the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Longley), at the instigation of the bishops of Eastern Canada...

It is to be clearly understood that these resolutions have no binding authority, as resolutions are the decrees of a council, upon any province or individual diocese throughout the Anglican communion.

Let me now turn your thoughts more directly to our own diocese, with its needs and prospects. Eccelesiastically we are still in the same position; and inasmuch as there is no provincial organization in British Columbia...

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can only wait patiently until further steps may be taken by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of Rupert's Land as Primate of all Canada...

With regard to the church at Alberni, we have received the promise of a grant of \$750 from the Maritime trustees of the S. P. G., but there is still some doubt as to the place where it ought to be built...

No one can forget the effect of the excitement which we are sure to experience in the spring. There is a great probability of our losing many of our best men from Victoria, Nanaimo and Wellington, and we may have to receive in their stead those who will require at our hands very special care.

Before I touch upon the question of finance, I have to report the resignation of Mr. W. C. Ward, who held the office of treasurer of the diocese since 1892, and who was a most active member of the synod from the time of its commencement in 1867.

There are now two new schemes in which I hope to secure your full sympathy, although I do not ask for any financial aid from the synod itself. First, with regard to missionary work amongst the Chinese living in our midst.

Let us now proceed to our business, looking to the guidance of God the Holy Ghost even in that which may seem small matters, but let us also remember that God is able to make any gift abundantly.

Are You Going to Dye?

Successful Dyeing Can Only Be Done With Diamond Dyes

Thousands dye this month. The vast majority make the work profitable and pleasant, while others are confronted with disappointment, despair and ruin.

EN ROUTE FOR KAO CHOU. Frederichsburg, Dec. 8.—Prince Henry of Prussia, commander of the second squadron of German ships, bound for Kaul Chau Bay, visited Prince Bismarck to-day and remained for two hours in consultation with the great statesman.

Provincial News

YANCOUVER. Last evening the wind was more violent while it lasted than at any time this year.

DUNCAN. Duncan, Dec. 6.—A panther kills a record has been made during the last four weeks, eleven having fallen victims to dead falls, poison and fire, and one being its end by a 32-calibre bullet passing through its jugular vein.

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SLOAN CITY. Sloan City, Dec. 6.—The Sloan branch of the C.P.R. was opened to-day by a grand celebration in this city.

On Tuesday evening in the Central Methodist church Miss LaDell, interpreter of literature, and Miss Francis World, the Canadian nightingale, will entertain the public with their respective talents.

FORT STEELE. Fort Steele, Nov. 26.—The freshets of last week washed out many road bridges on Elk river and along the Moxie south of Palmer's bar.

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GREENWOOD

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clearing they worked in the adjoining drifts. After a while Cottanach, went into the first drift to notice the effect of the explosion. He realized that there was danger from gas, but reached the face without any inconvenience.

CRANBROOK. Cranbrook, B. C. Nov. 26.—The weather during the past two weeks has been changeable with alternate snow and rain fall.

GRAND FORKS. Grand Forks, Dec. 1.—The city election will take place in one month, and among the candidates for mayor are Robert Hewitt, Jeff Davis, Peter McCullum, L. A. Manly and James Harvey.

ATHLETIC SOCIETY. An English syndicate have bonded the Athletic property in Wellington camp, British Columbia, for the purpose of building a road from the camp to the coast.

ASHcroft. It is rumored that Mr. Dennis Murphy, barrister, at Ashcroft, is announced as the most probable candidate to contest the Cariboo district at the next provincial elections in favor of the Opposition.

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