

Local News.

The death occurred on Friday of Mrs. Geo. Brooks, at the family residence, 701 Main street. The remains were removed to W. J. Hanna's parlors, from where the funeral will take place on Monday afternoon.

Large crowds were visiting Oak Bay since the news of the stranding of the steamer Tees reached the city. A splendid view of the stranded vessel as she lies piled up on the rocks at Trial Island can be had from the terminus of the Oak Bay car line.

The dramatized version of Hall Gaine's story "The Eternal City" will be presented at the Victoria on Friday evening next, the star being Edward J. Morgan, famous for his fine work in "The Christian." It is owing to the length of the production the performance will start at 8 p. m. sharp.

J. Bullock Webster, acting superintendent of provincial prisons, returned on Saturday from Dunsmuir, where the preliminary hearing of the Chemist murder case took place before J. Mallandou, stipendiary magistrate. Johnny Peters was committed for trial on a charge of murdering Lucy Wilson. He was defended by F. McB. Young, of Nanaimo. Peters was taken to Nanaimo jail, where he will await trial at the assizes.

At a meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals held in the city hall Friday evening, C. J. South, the general secretary, gave a most interesting series of magic lantern pictures explaining the views as they were thrown on the canvas. The series was intended to be instructive, and included many views from natural history. There was a good attendance, and all were delighted with the work.

Court Northern Light, A. O. F., at their last meeting initiated a candidate into the order. The social feature of the evening was a lecture, with demonstrations on human nature, given by P. C. H. Bro. Bolden, which was enjoyed by all present, who hope at some near court meeting to have the lecture repeated. At the next court meeting the social event will be a trial in the form of an action for breach of promise. Eminent counsel have been retained, and a crowded court is expected to hear the case.

L. W. Paisley, secretary-treasurer of the Dairymen's and Live Stock Association, calls the attention of breeders to the fact that he has been selected to arrange a shipment of breeding stock from the Eastern Provinces and is now prepared to quote prices and give other information that will insure getting good serviceable stock at reasonable prices. Any person wanting stock out with this shipment, who have already purchased, can do so by applying for space, on or before April 1st.

The Provincial Mining Association is preparing for its annual convention which takes place on February 22nd, John Kee, the secretary, is expected to arrive in the city a few days. J. B. Hobson, the first vice-president, arrived two nights ago, and is working in conjunction with the officers belonging to Victoria in making preliminary arrangements for the big convention. The officers expect a large attendance this year, in fact many of them think it will be the largest ever held with respect to numbers.

On Tuesday evening a concert will be given in St. James's hall, commencing at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the James Bay Presbyterian Sunday school. The following excellent programme has been arranged: Miss L. McKendrick, Highland Flute; Messrs. P. Washington, W. Kinnaird, W. Allen and P. Gordon; Miss McKendrick and Master J. McKendrick, Scottish airs on the harp; Master J. Thomson, Highland Flute; Messrs. J. Thomson and W. Allen, Lawson, J. H. Brownlee and Mrs. H. Currie.

The quarterly official board of the Centennial Methodist church held a meeting on Wednesday evening, when the finances were reported to be in a very satisfactory condition, and the collection to be increasing. The report was received and strong commendations were extended the pastor, Rev. J. P. Westman, for his efficient work during the past year. The board gave Rev. Mr. Westman a hearty invitation to remain with the Centennial church. Any possibility of Mr. Westman not returning was vigorously opposed, and the necessity for his continued pastorate was strongly urged.

The forthcoming Paardeberg Day entertainment promises to be an unequalled success. One of the general committee having charge of the preparations says that keen rivalry exists between the competitors for honors in the field gun competition, and No. 2 Company's team under Sergt. J. C. Harris is determined to wrest the honors from No. 1 Company's team under Sergt. R. Hayward, last year's winners. These teams will for the first time present to the public an exhibition in "disheveled" attire. Nos. 3 and No. 6 Companies are also putting in practice for their tug-of-war, and No. 5 will have to give a long and a strong pull to maintain the honors gained at the agricultural exhibition when they defeated all comers, including the R. G. A. and the navy. As already announced the general admission will be 25c and 25c more for the galleries.

The board of officials of the Saanich Methodist church held a meeting on Monday evening. Rev. F. H. Wright presided, and the report presented by Lehman, Geo. Jones, W. H. Allison, Mrs. John Turner, Mrs. Edgeridge, Alex. McDonald, Mrs. W. N. Copeland, Mrs. McEwan, S. Stowell and W. Finlay. Reports were submitted showing the mission to be in a flourishing condition, financially.

anically. Mrs. Etheridge, of Strawberry Vale, and W. J. Finlay, of South Saanich, chairman in support of the success of Sunday school work during the past term. Frank Hewitt was appointed superintendent of the North Saanich Sunday school.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Jenne were passengers on Saturday's Chamer from the Mainland. Mr. Jenne has been transferred to the Ashcroft, office of the C. P. R. to the local office of the company.

—The death occurred on Sunday of Mrs. E. H. Hallitt, at her residence, No. 12 Market street. She was a native of Yorkshire, England, and 50 years of age. Deceased leaves a daughter to mourn her loss. The funeral takes place to-morrow afternoon.

—It is reported from Vancouver that the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company applied the other day to the Supreme court to pay in full \$5,500 in satisfaction of the claim of A. E. Henry, whose suit against the company is pending. This was consented to on behalf of Mr. Henry.

—The Royal Engineers and the Royal Garrison Artillery stationed at Work Point barracks will parade on Sunday to the Church of England, Victoria West, for divine service. The troops will leave the barracks at 10.30. The band recently organized in connection with the Royal Engineers will accompany them.

—And still Victoria lacks a board of police commissioners. The government has long forgotten all about it, although they have had enough reminders. Some say that Mr. Croft will be the representative of the public, and others equally believe that W. H. Price is the man. The Conservative ranks promise to be torn asunder afresh in consequence of the rivalry.

—The secretary-treasurer of the sergeants' mess, Fifth Regiment, is in receipt of an invitation from the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club at Work Point to a social to be held in the Fires Court, Work Point barracks, on Monday evening, February 15th, at 7 o'clock, and hopes that as many as possible will take advantage of their friends' hospitality.

—While crossing James Bay bridge Thursday night between 8 and 9 o'clock, Miss Harris, daughter of D. R. Harris, had her purse snatched by a man, who by Chairman, who quickly bolted. He was pursued, but managed to escape by dashing along Humboldt street. The matter was reported to the police, but so far the culprit has not been captured. The purse contained some small change.

—Jay & Co., 13 Broad street, have an exhibition of their winter number of prizes which are to be competed for at the horticultural show in August and the British Columbia agricultural show in the fall. The premiums offered are equally attractive. The exhibition is held in the Fires Court, Work Point barracks, on Monday evening, February 15th, at 7 o'clock, and hopes that as many as possible will take advantage of their friends' hospitality.

—At a meeting held after last Saturday's game the following committee was chosen to represent the Victoria Hockey Club in their match against Vancouver at Oak Bay on February 20th for the York Cup: C. Maclean, goal; A. Maclean and K. Gillespie, full backs; W. Thorpe, T. B. Dye and R. Jaegers, half backs; A. Gillespie, W. Winslow, K. Scholesfeld (captain), B. Schwengers and J. Hart, forwards.

—Monday was Chinese New Year's and the residents are celebrating it in appropriate style. They are all decked out in their very best apparel and for the occasion the festive and joyous atmosphere is everywhere in an all-enveloping wave of friendliness. The usual fusillade of crackers will be the order during the night. Chinatown has much fascination for the white small boys at this particular season. All Chinese pupils in the city schools are off on holiday, in consequence of which their teachers have nothing to do.

—The police have not yet received the photographs of the Chinamen who were apprehended by Immigration Inspector Estell, as they were attempting to enter British Columbia territory. The chief Langley wired across to have the prisoners photographed, and extracted the portraits yesterday. Stripped although, however, the authorities have sent the pair pictures to Washington. Permission had been sought to have one of the witnesses taken across the line for the purpose of identification, and if this is permitted and the identity of the prisoners established they will be brought back.

—The death of Miss H. Barnes, who was well known here for her kind and laboring on behalf of the Indians, is thus referred to in the Ashbourne (England) News of January 2nd: "We regret to record the death of Miss Harriet Barnes, second daughter of the late Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Jane Wyatt Barnes, and sister of Mr. W. Barnes, of this town. She passed away on Tuesday after a lingering illness. Though frail and delicate, she lived a noble, strenuous, self-sacrificing life, devoting her whole energies to Christian work and the amelioration of the trouble and distress that she found among the Indians. She was found around her. During her stay on Vancouver Island, Canada, her name was associated with every Christian work, and she was untiring in her efforts to improve the condition of the Indians. The letters received from her testify to their great affection for her. Her memory will long live in many hearts."

—F. J. Bittencourt, auctioneer, has completed the sale of the Gwynne estate, Salt Spring Island, to H. Wood, of that place. Mr. Wood is an enterprising young Englishman who came to this province a few years ago. He intends to make Salt Spring Island his future home. Salt Spring is becoming one of the most popular farming residential localities in this province. The old settlers are selling their places to people from the Old Country. J. Norton, a

pioneer, and one of the first settlers, having resided there thirty-three years, has recently disposed of his farm to Messrs. Smith and Halley, the price being \$10,000. The Salt Spring Island creamery is kept very busy just now as all the cream of Victoria district is shipped there owing to the burning of the Victoria establishment.

—On Thursday evening, February 12th, a musical concert was given at the club of Wesley church, which contributed the programme. Vancouver News-Advertiser.

—When John Houston, M. P. F., left Victoria to close his business, he intended going directly to Edmonton to look into the chances at that growing city. His intention, it is said, is to remain a member of the legislature, and he will continue to reside in Victoria, though he may engage in business outside of the province.

—The postmen are making great preparations for a concert to be given at the Victoria theatre on the 20th. The Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society will present the three-act drama, "Borderland," in which they have a large cast. Among the artists who will contribute to the programme are Miss Maude Underhill, Mrs. Gleason, Miss Kneeshaw, Jesse Longfield, Fred Richardson, Corporal Simpson, Pte. Souter and Sapper Lockwood.

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NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

A London dispatch says: "Engineer Commander Walter J. Featherstone, recently in charge of H. M. S. Victoria's, first-class battleship at Portsmouth, has been appointed to H. M. S. Grafton, Commander Featherstone has served in the engineering department since July, 1901, attaining his present rank in May, 1901. He was assistant engineer on H. M. S. Achilles during the Egyptian war, 1882, for which he holds the medal with clasp and the Khedive's bronze star. Another local appointment is that of Capt. H. S. Wright, Army Service Corps, transferred to Esquimaux, B. C., from Halifax, N. S. Capt. Wright was formerly a subaltern of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, which he joined in 1885. He got his present grade in the A. S. C. three years ago."

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The steamer Cottage City met with an accident that will necessitate her laying up for repairs while on her last trip down from Alaska. She scraped her keel on the coast of Queen Charlotte Islands near Port Moresby, and the damage is not serious. Repairs will have to be made. The Raimona, of the Vancouver-Puget Sound line, will take her place and will arrive here this afternoon. The cadet corps, which was organized by the Victoria Y. M. C. A., will have a meeting at the Victoria Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening. The Raimona, of the Vancouver-Puget Sound line, will take her place and will arrive here this afternoon. The cadet corps, which was organized by the Victoria Y. M. C. A., will have a meeting at the Victoria Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening.

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MARINE NOTES

Steamer Gown completed a very stormy trip from San Francisco last night. The next steamer of the same line, the Umatilla, will sail for the Golden Gate this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Among local passengers, ticketed to leave on her are J. G. Bissell, J. H. Foster, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Peck, and Mr. Douglas and wife. Steamer Bosworth, after a three months' absence, is scheduled to sail for British Columbia ports on the 18th inst.

MARINE NOTES

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Spokane has been repaired at the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, and is to be ready for business within a few days. Some weeks ago she struck on Humboldt bar, puncturing her false bottom, and in dry dock several plates had to be replaced. Steamer Cheltrim, of Port Simpson, is at Spry's wharf undergoing repairs.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Governors Appointed and Many Companies Have Been Incorporated. This week's Provincial Gazette contains notice of the following appointments: James Thompson McKenzie, of Rossland, M. D., to be a deputy coroner, to act during the absence of Dr. W. L. Colquhoun from the post, and Charles Morgan Kingston, of Grand Forks, M. D., to be a coroner in and for the province of British Columbia, vice Dr. J. Westwood. Tenders are invited for timber limits in the Clayoquot district, Vancouver Island. A number of companies have been incorporated. Among these are the following:

The Camp Creek Hydraulic Placer Mines, Ltd., with a capital of \$125,000, to be a group of mines in Camp Creek, in Revelstoke division; the Cascade Power Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares, for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities created, granted and conferred in and by Part IV. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1887"; the Valley Works Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$10,000, for the purpose of operating the Fort Steele Brewing & Malting Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$150,000, for the purpose of operating the rights, powers, privileges and priorities created, granted and conferred in and by Part IV. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1887"; the Valley Works Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$10,000, for the purpose of operating the Fort Steele Brewing & Malting Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$150,000, for the purpose of operating the rights, powers, privileges and priorities created, granted and conferred in and by Part IV. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1887"; 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CANADIAN NOTES.

Presbyterian Commissioner Favors Retention of Queen's University—Two Explosions.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—A telegram from Georgia, says Ernest Paul, former proprietor of Le Soleil, is very ill and not expected to recover.

Engine House Demolished. Parkhill, Ont., Feb. 11.—The boiler at the Harrison estate roller mill exploded last night, the crash shaking every building in town and putting the electric lights out. No one was killed or injured, but most of the glass on Main and King streets was broken. The west end of the mill was blown out. The engine house was completely demolished and the wooden mills, adjoining, were badly wrecked. Pieces of wreckage were scattered all over town.

Gunpowder Explodes. North Bay, Ont., Feb. 11.—Thirty tons of dynamite and ten tons of gunpowder exploded at noon Sunday last at a large construction camp on New Fernis, Baring and North Bay, Ontario, railway, seventy-five miles north of here. It being Sunday, all men were dining in a shack a hundred and fifty yards from the magazine. The roof of this building was blown off and some fifteen men injured, fortunately only one at all seriously, Neil Donovan, son of one of the contractors, who was sent to Montreal in a precarious condition, which was one of terrific force, is unknown. A large number of horses were so badly injured that they had to be killed.

M. P. H. Toronto, Feb. 11.—W. R. Brock, M. P., head of the wholesale grocery firm of W. R. Brock Company, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Home Missionary Society. Toronto, Feb. 11.—The first annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church in Canada was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church yesterday. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Mrs. Mortimer Clark; president, Mrs. B. S. Smellie; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. C. Cochran, Mrs. M. F. McCurdy, Mrs. H. M. Parsons, Mrs. J. H. Thom, Mrs. Lindsay; recording secretary, Miss Inglis; corresponding secretaries, Mrs. W. E. Long and Mrs. B. S. Scott.

Will Intervene Legislature. Toronto District Labor Council tonight passed a resolution that the legislative committee of this council interview the Ontario government and call upon them to exercise such authority as will guarantee justice and fair play to members of trade unions who have the misfortune to be arraigned before Police Magistrate Denison, of Toronto.

Committed For Trial. Michael J. O'Neill, foreman of the coroner's jury, was committed for trial to-day for soliciting a bribe from Mr. McCurdy, C. P. R. counsel. The jury met to-night and protested against the implication that they were open to bribery.

Queen's University. Kingston, Feb. 11.—The commission of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada regarding the retention of Queen's University by the church, concluded its labors this afternoon by adopting a report recommending the general assembly to provide adequate endowment for Queen's University so as to retain the college for the church. St. Andrew's Fleming has given the university one-tenth interest in a coal mine near the Rocky mountains. He has handed the trustees a cheque for \$800 and the first instalment of \$200,000. The trustees will consider the appeal of the medical faculty for stronger support.

Winnipeg Clearings. Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—The following are the Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending February 11th, with comparisons: Week ending February 11th, 1904, \$4,282,468; corresponding week in 1903, \$3,620,285; corresponding week, 1902, \$2,535,750.

LIBERAL UNOPPOSED. E. Lapointe Returned by Acclamation For Kamouraska—Blind Lady Kuroki.

Quebec, Feb. 12.—The election in Kamouraska, Quebec to-day to fill the vacancy in the Commons caused by the appointment of Hon. H. G. Carroil, resulted in the election of Ernest Lapointe, Liberal, by acclamation.

The scrutiny of the ballots and canvass of electors in connection with the municipal franchise in Toronto have been stopped for want of funds. The Bertie Pastime Club, Fort Erie, was granted a charter last Saturday and the charter was revoked by order of the council of the Ontario government to-day. The promoters claimed that their object was legitimate sport, but they ordered a special writ put in made arrangements to run a regular poolroom. Miss Stewart, a blind lady living with Steven Austee at St. Catharines, rushed into the breakfast room this morning enveloped in flames. It is supposed her clothing caught fire from an oil stove in her room. She died this afternoon.

EMIGRANT ARRESTED. Taken Into Custody at Liverpool With Eighteen Pounds of Dynamite in His Possession.

Liverpool, Feb. 12.—The customs officials found eighteen pounds of dynamite and 3,360 detonators in the possession of an American emigrant on board the steamer Majestic, which arrived here yesterday from New York.

Worked in Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 12.—Ivan Lymanovic, who was arrested in Liverpool upon the arrival of the steamer Majestic for having dynamite concealed in his trunk, was a former mill worker in this city. In company with Ivan Brozovic he bought a ticket from Pittsburgh to Karlsruhe, Croatia, on January 30th, each paying \$50 for his ticket. The men had been in the country two and a half years and neither could speak much English. Previous to working in the Pennsylvania mills they worked at some coal mines in Pittsburgh district. The police authorities know nothing of the men.

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM produced by exposure if neglected develops into the chronic form with almost incredible rapidity. South American Rheumatic Cure is a quick-acting, safe, simple and lasting cure, acts directly on the system, not a stimulant to temporarily deaden pain. An internal treatment that will absolutely cure most acute forms in from three to three days. Sold by Jackson & Co., and Hall & Co.—114.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Building of Several Cruisers Is Recommended—Would Cost Over Twenty-Nine Million Dollars.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The report of the naval appropriation bill was made to the House to-day by Chairman Forster of the naval affairs committee. It says: "The committee recommends the construction of more than the usual number of cruisers, in view of the fact that last year we provided for five larger battle-ships. This will give a better proportion to our navy. If we judge public sentiment right, it is in favor of the construction of this policy of building up our navy. If stopped now we would be left behind the leading countries of the world."

Foremost and above all must stand considerations of the national defence, maintaining of our foreign policies and the protection of American citizens everywhere. The American people are not willing to lessen their influence on this hemisphere, nor forsake their interests on the other."

To complete all the ships authorized upon the present time will cost \$22,718,659. Of this \$31,820,800 is appropriated in this bill, which leaves a balance of \$9,002,199 to be appropriated hereafter.

The ships authorized are one first class battleship of 16,000 tons, cost \$7,775,000; two first class armored cruisers, of 14,500 tons, cost (each) \$6,505,000; three second class armored cruisers, of 10,000 tons, cost (each) \$2,200,000; two colliers, cost (each) \$1,250,000. The total cost of the above programme will be \$28,838,000.

It is left within the discretion of the secretary of the navy to build any or all of these ships in government yards in case the shipbuilding concerns have entered into any combination or understanding. An increase of 3,000 men is provided for, and a training station on the Great Lakes is recommended.

WATER RECEDING. But Danger of Floods in Wilkesbarre District of Pennsylvania Is Not Yet Over.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 11.—The flood is gradually receding here owing to the continued cold weather, but the danger is not yet over. The lowlands are covered with ice and water. The dams at Bloomsburg and Nanticoke are solid, and show no signs of breaking. The principal danger is now caused by the water backing up from these dams, and towns below the dams are apprehensive. If they break great destruction will follow. The Pennsylvania railroad has managed to get trains through from Sunbury, The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company is making every effort to open its Bloomsburg branch.

E. M. SCHWAB'S TRIP. Acting on Physician's Advice He Has Gone to Europe.

New York, Feb. 11.—Charles M. Schwab sailed to-day for France on the steamer Loraine. Upon inquiry at Mr. Schwab's office, it was stated that it had been Mr. Schwab's intention for many weeks to go to Europe for his health under the advice of his physician.

DICTATORSHIP. Action of President of Honduras to Frustrate a Plot.

New York, Feb. 11.—President Bonilla is reported to have issued a dictatorship in Honduras, and dissolved the court to frustrate a plot, says a Herald dispatch. The deputies have been arrested. Honduras is quiet and the people approve of the government's conduct.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA. Trouble May Occur During the War Between Japan and Russia.

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—In diplomatic circles here the fear is that Turkey and Bulgaria will take advantage of Russia's preoccupation in the Far East to settle their differences.

SENATOR HANNA. His Condition To-Day Is Critical—Fails to Respond to Stimulants.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna's condition is alarming. His temperature has risen rapidly, and he fails to respond to stimulants. Messengers have been hurriedly sent for oxygen.

COLLIER RANMED. Was Run Into by the United States Gunboat Concord.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—The mail steamer San Jose, which has just arrived from South America ports, brought the information that the United States navy collier Nero had been rammed by the gunboat Concord in the harbor of Panama.

Mobilization of the army has been affected without a hitch. The transportation of soldiers and supplies by trains of the railroads is quiet and the coast guard is proceeding with great precision.

CLUBMEN HELD UP. Placed Against Wall and Relieved of Money and Valuables—Robbers Secured Nearly \$10,000.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Five men entered the Colonial club, frequented by leading sporting men, in this city last night. While one remained on guard the others broke into the clubroom and rounded up the inmates, who were lined up against the wall. They were then relieved of money and valuables to the extent of \$3,000. The keys of the bank were then secured, and the robbers got \$5,500 in gold coin. The victims were then bound hand and foot, and laid face downward upon the floor. The robbers being left in charge of them until the rest of the band had sufficient time to get away in safety. They then extinguished the lights and made good their escape. No trace of the thieves has been so far obtained.



A TRIUMPH IN MARINE ENGINEERING.

In magnitude of the character of the work and also in the method pursued to carry out the repairs, the contract recently completed by the B. C. Marine Railway Company furnishes abundant proof, if such were needed, of the skill of Victoria shipbuilders and the facilities here provided for important marine undertakings of almost any kind. Reference has previously been made to the work done, and to-day the Times is enabled to present a picture of the big ship with coferram adjusted. This structure was fitted snugly to the hull and then wedged up tightly to the vessel and pumped out. A line passed under it and over the stern of the steamer, and this, with the pressure of the water, kept the structure firmly in place, permitting workmen to proceed with the repairs as though the whole vessel was on a floating dock. Under the circumstance, preventing the steamer remaining in the dry dock, it had been generally thought that the Canadian-Australian liner would have to proceed to the Sound for accommodation, as vessels have frequently had to come under similar conditions, but the plan adopted worked admirably, and the contract was carried out in good time. The stern post of the steamer had been broken and the rudder post had been badly twisted. A big five-ton steel forging had to be provided and fitted into place. The rudder had to be stripped and straightened, and the gudgeons re-bored and brushed. The steering gear had to be all gone over. A filler was forged and shrunk onto the rudder post and other repairs effected, the importance and difficulty of which, to a vessel of Monnet's tonnage, can only be fully realized by nautical men.

THE AUDIENCE DEMANDING AN ENCORE. The "Staccato Etude" (Rubenstein), has been rendered many times in this city, but certainly never in a more masterly manner than last evening by Mr. Watkins.

The last club number, "To the Genius of Music" (Mozart), with soprano solo by Mrs. Green, was the most ambitious of the evening's selections, and proved a fine finale to a very high class concert. The introduction of the soprano solo was a most pleasing variation from strictly club music.

E. H. Russell conductor, has certainly good reasons with feeling which gratified the audience in the high program. A motion was introduced by Mrs. W. E. Green, soprano; Herbert Taylor, baritone; and Frank Watkins, pianist. The last named added not a little to a splendid programme by his faultless accompaniments.

On Friday afternoon the Victoria Teachers' Institute held the most successful meeting in their history, having an attendance of over 60 members. Progress was reported in the preliminary work of forming an Island Institute. Inspector Netherby pointed out the local nature of the difficulties which the local union was endeavoring, most laudably, to overcome, in uniting all the Island teachers in one body.

Thursday afternoon's session of the Returning Officer Northcott made announcement this afternoon at City Hall.

Running barefooted in the grass several miles in the morning before breakfast is the simple prescription. People who are suffering from indigestion, flatulence, headache, nervousness, and all the ailments that attend a weak stomach, should try this simple prescription. It is a simple prescription, and it is a simple prescription. It is a simple prescription, and it is a simple prescription.

WILL TAKE PLACE OF WAGONS. Chicago, Feb. 13.—Automobiles will soon be taking the place of wagons on many farms in the United States and Canada, declared Isaac Peate, president of the American Motor League, at the Victoria town last night. He said that some thousands of the vehicles will be speeding to town with the farmers' produce.

FRONTIER GUARD ON THE SHINSAISA RIVER. Here the Manchurian Railway enters the Leoyaing Peninsula on the way to Dalny.



RESUMING BUSINESS.

Baltimore Banks Reopen in Temporary Premises—Clearing Debris From Streets.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—The business situation appeared brighter to-day than at any time since the catastrophe. The regular transaction of business in the Chamber of Commerce included displays of southern grain, hay, straw and mill feed, and the usual calls and the posting of out-of-town markets, together with the receipt of grain by elevators and the payment of all cheques by banks were events that sent a thrill of genuine confidence through the business community.

At a conference held to-day between Mayor McLane and the citizens' committee, it was decided that no call would be made for outside assistance to relieve the distressed situation caused by the fire.

The task of clearing the pile of brick, pushed forward to-day with remarkable energy. The work of emptying the safe deposit vaults in the ruined buildings had progressed rapidly. This is being done with extraordinary precautions. An escort of United States cavalry accompanies the wagons on which the treasures are hauled. Sharpshooters in plain clothes ride on the wagons and detectives follow closely on the sidewalks.

Baltimore and South street, which at sunrise were confused masses of rubbish, are practically clean to-night. Hanover and Pratt streets are also passable. Many dangerous walls were pulled down. All through the financial district preparations are being made to open safes and vaults. In those of the Marine Bank, the German bank and the German Fire Insurance Company, opened to-day, the cash and books were taken out unharmed.

Among the messages of sympathy received to-day was one from the Pope. The savings banks issued a statement to-day saying they are in as good a position as ever, and will reopen February 15th.

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CANADIANS GOING TO ORANGE RIVER COLONY

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Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The Governor of Orange River Colony has asked the minister of agriculture for two Ontario agricultural college graduates, Mr. Kitch, now assistant to the Dominion live stock commissioner, will be appointed to take charge of an experimental farm in the colony, and John Buchanan, at Guelph College, will be his assistant. Another Line Proposed.

The Johnson Steamship Company, of Sweden, is now in communication with the Dominion government for the purpose of establishing a direct line of steamers between Stockholm, Sweden, and Canada. There is now a big trade between Sweden and Canada. The Johnson boats now call at Sydney, Cape Breton, for coal.

FIRE IN MILL. Loss By Blaze at Peterboro Estimated at \$100,000—Over Four Hundred Employees Idle.

Peterboro, Feb. 12.—Fire this morning did damage to the extent of \$100,000 to the large mills of the American Cereal Company here. The fire will necessitate the closing down of the entire plant for six months, until repairs are carried out and 450 employees will be thrown out of employment.

MANY COMING. Three Thousand Families From Utah Expected to Settle in Southern Alberta.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—The Raymond, Alberta, Chronicle estimates that fully 3,000 families will move from Utah into Southern Alberta in the next few days. The figures are based upon estimates made by those engaged in promoting the immigration.

RUSSIANS ADVANCE. Large Force Reported to Have Moved on to Harbin—Movement of Ships.

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