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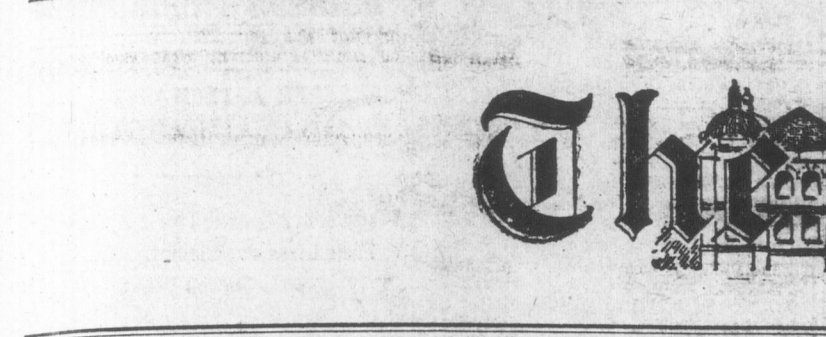
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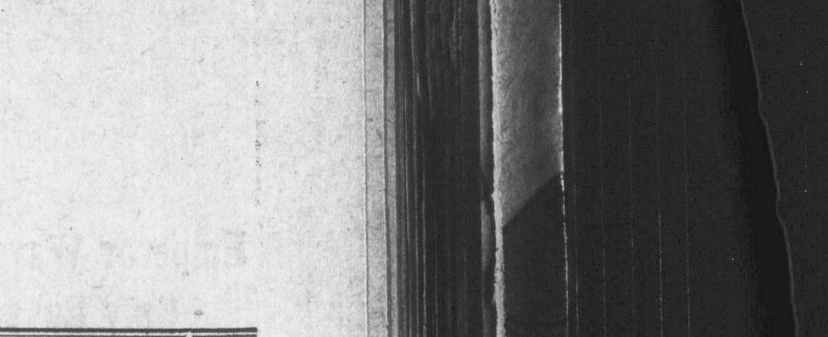
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### THE STRIKE ON RUSSIAN RAILWAYS

#### MANY LARGE CITIES ARE NOW ISOLATED

Factory Employees in Many Parts Have  
Quit Work—Great Distress Among  
the Poor.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 26.—Confronted  
by a situation more crucial than at any  
time since the beginning of the political  
and social upheaval of Russia, and  
which at the time this dispatch is filed  
shows no sign of amelioration, the Em-  
peror's ministers under the leadership of  
Count Witte, spent almost all of yester-  
day in conference in the hope of finding  
some way out of the crisis into which  
the revolutionists and the socialists have  
cast the country.

The general strike on the railroads is  
complete, except in a few border prov-  
inces, and St. Petersburg, Moscow and  
other large cities are almost as closely  
besieged as if they were invested by  
besieging armies. At the same time the  
industrial strike has assumed large di-  
mensions and the turbulent elements in  
several localities are offering resistance  
to the troops.

The ministers who had been in ses-  
sion during the day, continued their de-  
liberations until long after midnight. The  
result of these deliberations is not yet  
known.

The ministers were summoned to meet,  
not the committee of ministers of which  
M. Witte is president, but as the  
council of ministers of which Count  
Sokolov is the chairman; and the selec-  
tion of Count Witte to preside was done  
by direction of the Emperor, showing  
that the ministerial cabinet is actually,  
though not formally, an accomplished  
fact. It is understood that an edict  
formally establishing a ministerial cabi-  
net which will bear the old name "soy-  
uz", or council, will be published in the  
official Messenger Saturday next to-  
gether with an imperial rescript ad-  
dressed personally to Count Witte, en-  
dorsing him with the simultaneously  
created position of premier.

The inland railroad to Helsingfors and  
the steamers constitute St. Petersburg's  
only means of communication with the  
outer world this morning. The police  
authorities are now refusing to accept  
the ordinary mail and commercial corre-  
spondence is at a standstill.

### FIGHTING SMOOT.

#### Women in States Want Him Removed From Congress.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 27.—More than  
two million women, representing the lead-  
ing women's organizations of the United  
States, have adopted a memorial calling  
for the ousting of United States Sen-  
ator Smoot. This was announced  
by the executive committee of the Na-  
tional Congress of Mothers, who met  
here yesterday. This memorial will be  
presented when congress convenes.

United action was decided upon at a  
meeting of the executive committee of the  
National League of Women's organiza-  
tion, which was held in New York on  
Thursday. The women declared that  
Senator Smoot, who is an apostle and in  
direct line for the Mormon presidency,  
has pledged first allegiance to the Mor-  
mon patriarch, which broke faith with  
the government. Smoot, the women de-  
clared, controls the vote of eight other  
senators, and fearing that this power will  
increase, they ask that action be taken  
at the convening of congress.

It was decided to hold the National  
Congress of Mothers at Los Angeles,  
Cal., on May 7th, 1906.

### SANGUINARY FIGHT.

#### Two Hundred Natives Killed in En- counter With Troops in Portu- guese West Africa.

Lisbon, Oct. 27.—An official dispatch  
from the governor of Portuguese West  
Africa, tells of a sanguinary encounter  
between troops and native on October  
25th. The latter, number 3,000, ambushed  
a column of Portuguese troops, who  
fortified themselves in two kraals. The  
natives surrounded the kraals with ear-  
thworks, but after eight hours fighting  
the Portuguese captured the earthworks,  
killing 200 natives. The Portuguese lost  
15 men.

### CANADA WILL ASSUME CONTROL

#### OF HALIFAX GARRISON ON NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—The department of  
militia has been advised by the war  
office that the control of Halifax garrison  
will be handed over to the Canadian  
authorities on November 15th.

There have been annoying delays in  
bringing this about, but it is understood  
the matter has been finally settled and  
Canada will be in control on the date  
mentioned.

Some of the Canadian infantry has  
been waiting since the 1st of July.

### COMING TO COAST.

Professor Prince, chairman of the British  
Columbia fisheries commission, leaves  
next week for the coast, and will hold a  
few private conferences with his brother  
commissioners before proceeding to the  
international commission at Seattle on  
November 9th.

Will Appoint Agents.  
Japan is going to appoint commercial  
trade agents next year. A report has  
been received at the trade and commerce  
department stating that Japan next year  
will appoint permanent commercial  
agents in all the principal countries of  
the world with a view of looking for  
trade.

### ROOSEVELT IN COLLISION.

#### Steamer on Which the President Travelled Was Damaged.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 27.—A long  
distance steamer from Naxos, La., sixty  
miles down the river, announces that the  
lightship tender Magnolia, with Presi-  
dent Roosevelt on board, was in collision  
shortly after midnight. The news came  
through a message from Capt. W. M.  
Rose of the Espart. Capt. Rose reported  
both vessels aground at the river  
bank. No one was seriously hurt. The  
President is safe and uninjured.

Capt. Rose said the Espart would prob-  
ably have to carry the President's party  
to the West Virginia. Two tug boats  
New Orleans this morning for the scene  
of the accident. It is probable that one  
of these will carry the President to the  
West Virginia.

### THREE MEN BURIED IN GRAVEL PIT

#### BODIES RECOVERED TWO HOURS AFTER ACCIDENT

Contiok, Que., Oct. 27.—Jean Rich-  
ard, Joseph Ricketney and Frank St.  
Cyrus were killed in a gravel pit  
belonging to the corporation yesterday  
afternoon. The accident happened at a  
point where the men had been repeatedly  
told to keep away from all the bodies  
were recovered two hours later. All the  
victims leave families.

To Visit Winnipeg.  
Winnipeg, Oct. 27.—Winnipeg is to  
have the distinguished honor of entertain-  
ing the British association in 1906.  
This year, it will be remembered, the  
association met in Capetown under the  
presidency of Professor Darwin. Pro-  
fessors MacAlhain and Coleman, of To-  
ronto, who attended the meetings in  
Capetown, urged the claims  
of Winnipeg for 1907, but were informed  
that definite promises had been made  
to Montreal, but that 1906 would see  
the association in Winnipeg. Prof.  
Boyce, who, as chairman of the Royal  
Society committee, has interested him-  
self in this matter, received a communi-  
cation from Prof. MacAlhain dated from  
Mozambique, East Africa, on September  
12th to the foregoing effect: "It will be  
remembered, that the Dominion govern-  
ment made a promise of \$25,000 for  
1907, and it is hoped that this will be  
available for 1906. The city will cer-  
tainly be in first-class shape for the re-  
ception of such an illustrious association  
should it assemble here in 1906. Prof.  
MacAlhain says concerning the postpone-  
ment of the visit: "Perhaps it is just  
as well, for my eyes will be tired of  
Canada in a couple of years, and com-  
pared as it may be with any other  
British colonial possession, a God's country,  
and a portion of the crew mutilated at  
this time, and eleven of the men were put  
in irons after refusing duty. Putting into  
Singapore these men were left there and  
sailors sailed in their place. Rough  
weather was also encountered in the  
China Sea and the Pacific."

### INSURRECTION IN SOUTHERN KOREA

#### JAPANESE TROOPS DISPATCHED TO SCENE

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of the Times at Tokio says the rice crop  
of Japan is much below the original  
estimate, and that three prefectures are  
threatened with famine.

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patched a body of troops from Seoul to  
quell an insurrection in three Korean  
provinces southward of Seoul.

### THE PANAMA CANAL.

#### Sea Level and Lock System Are Feasible— Engineers Will Report Next Month.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—The Post-  
today makes the following statement:  
"The board of consulting engineers, ad-  
visory to the Isthmian canal commission,  
at The Hague, called by the Emperor of  
Russia, has reported that the sea level and  
lock canal are feasible. Some of the  
members of the board will favor the  
lock level system, but the majority will recom-  
mend the introduction of the ditch on the  
lock plan, because of the shorter time  
within which it can be completed. The  
report of the board probably will be  
ready for transmission to the commission  
the last week in November."

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.  
A detailed dispatch from M. St. René  
Taillandier, the French minister at Fez,  
says that the Sultan of Morocco accepts  
the Franco-German programme for the  
Moroccan conference, and also Algeria,  
Spain, as the meeting place of the con-  
ference.

### TROOPS ON DUTY IN STREETS OF CAPITAL

#### WILL FIRE ON PEOPLE IN CASE OF DISORDER

St. Petersburg, Oct. 27.—12.23 p.m.—  
Warning to the people that in case of dis-  
order the soldiers will fire ball cartridges,  
are posted on every street corner to-day.  
The city is outwardly calmer under the  
rigorous measures adopted. Gen. Tro-  
poff, in order to restore confidence, di-  
rected all shopkeepers to take down the  
boards from shop windows during the  
night, and this morning the city awoke  
to find the shops reopened.

Large squads of soldiers are scattered  
along the streets and in the markets  
to preserve order. Even detachments of  
the crack guard regiments are doing pa-  
trol duty.

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Memorial Services.  
Tokio, Oct. 28.—Impressive religious  
memorial services for those killed in the  
naval battles during the war between  
Japan and Russia are being held daily  
by surviving friends of the deceased.  
Vice-Admiral Togo will be present at a  
grand shinto service to be held to-mor-  
row at the Aoyama cemetery.

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REVOLT HAS SPREAD TO RUSSIAN COURT

Emperor Wavering Between Counsel of Ministers and Reactionaries - Only Cossacks Remain Faithful to Existing Regime - At Lodz Troops Refused to Fire on People - Navy is Unreliable - Many Persons Killed and Wounded at Odessa.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—The day passed without the promulgation of Russia's new government organ—a responsible ministerial cabinet to bring order out of the present administrative chaos.

Life in St. Petersburg is that of a city under siege, with an uprising threatened from within, almost completely isolated, and its scanty stores of provisions being rapidly exhausted.

Upon his return to St. Petersburg tonight Count Witte announced that the cabinet project, which has been lying signed for three days on the Emperor's table, would not be promulgated tomorrow.

It is thought that the delay cannot be long protracted, and that it is only a question of hours before the Emperor confides the formation of a cabinet to Count Witte's hands.

Are Growing Bolder and more insistent in their demands and in their speeches. It is true there has been no disorder in St. Petersburg, and General Treppoff, Russia's other strong man, has taken every measure to put down an uprising in its inception.

The situation in Moscow parallels that in St. Petersburg. The same paralysis has seized Russia's second city. The strike is general; the people are defying all prohibitions and are availing themselves of every opportunity to meet.

There is no relaxation of the railroad strike, which has spread even to Central Asia, where the trans-Caucasian, Orenburg and Tashkent lines are tied up. The strike on the trans-Siberian railroad is interfering with the return of troops from the Far East.

Two hundred and twenty men are held in the city to-night, and the strikers are growing more violent and reports of disorders are arriving in increasing numbers.

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London, Oct. 30.—The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at St. Petersburg sends the following: "The court is in revolt against the Emperor, who is vacillating between the counsels of his ministers to grant a constitution with Count Witte as premier, and the advice of the reactionaries to proclaim a dictatorship under General Count Alex. Ignatieff, a member of the council of ministers."

Paris, Oct. 30.—Communication between St. Petersburg and Paris remains interrupted. The streets of the Russian capital are filled with soldiers, and the people maintain an ominous silence.

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When Accidents Occur

people at sight, are left to deal with the crowds. At one barricaded corner yesterday a student, on the appearance of Cossacks, mounted the barricade and appealed to them to join the people instead of killing their brethren, who were struggling for the freedom of the common country.

Similar scenes are occurring everywhere, the crowds fleeing before the charging Cossacks into private houses, which give legislative powers to private apartments have been converted into temporary hospitals for the succor of wounded refugees.

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SEEKING RELEASE FOR TWO CHINESE

NOW IN PENITENTIARY AT NEW WESTMINSTER. Were Sentenced at Ashcroft—Secretary of Australian Defence Committee Visits the Capital.

Ottawa, Oct. 30.—Mr. George, barrister, Montreal, was here on Saturday seeking the Premier in connection with two Chinamen confined in New Westminster penitentiary for the murder of a Chinaman at Ashcroft two years ago.

Reward Offered. The government has offered a reward of \$200 to anyone revealing the hiding place of David Hobbs, who defrauded the Montreal customs.

Sunday Shooting. The Lord's Day Alliance local officers in British Columbia are complaining to the department of militia that range shooting is going on near Revelstoke on Sunday.

Sudden Death of Well-Known Lumberman—Destructive Fire at Halifax. Toronto, Oct. 28.—Last night, while discussing passing business by the executive of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association in regard to the evidence to be laid before the tariff commission, Joseph Turner, president of the lumbermen of Midland, Ont., expired in his room at the King Edward hotel.

Halifax Fire. Halifax, Oct. 28.—Fire broke out in the oil department of the main store building of Port Charlotte, on George's Island, last night, and for two hours the flames licked up the buildings, devoured a great deal of valuable property and threatened the submarine mines building, in which was a vast quantity of submarine mine supplies, officially estimated as worth a quarter of a million dollars.

The Emperor Surrenders. St. Petersburg, Oct. 30.—6:05 p.m.—To-night the authority of the Romanoffs has been broken and the throne has passed to the hands of the revolutionaries.

Former Minister Dead. Charlottetown, Oct. 28.—John F. Robertson, one of Charlottetown's best known citizens and former member of Sir Louis Davies' cabinet, is dead.

Report of Attack on Ocar. Berlin, Oct. 30, 1.45 p.m.—The telegraph has been working all the morning with St. Petersburg and the principal cities of Russia except Moscow, which for some hours was entirely cut off from telegraphic communication.

Warsaw, Oct. 30, 2.30 p.m.—A telegram received from Moscow says the strikers have destroyed the belt railway and two houses on Twerka street, one of them belonging to the governor. Thousands of wealthy inhabitants of Moscow are leaving the city by every means available.

Explosions at Vesuvius. New York, Oct. 30.—A Herald dispatch from Naples says that information has come from the director of the Mount Vesuvius observatory that there have been constant explosions from the crater of the volcano since Saturday night. The explosions, increasing constantly in violence, are now occurring at half minute intervals, and they have again shattered the cone of the volcano, and caused a lateral fissure through which is pouring a constant stream of incandescent lava.

John O'Dea Killed By Mexican Guide While on Way to Mines in Sonora. San Francisco, Oct. 30.—Passengers arriving on the steamer City of Topeka, from the Mexican coast, bring news of the death of John O'Dea, an American mining engineer, who was murdered recently by his Mexican guide while on his way from Hermosillo, the capital of Sonora, to the mines in the interior of that state. O'Dea was formerly identified with mining in the States.

WELCOMED BY CHILDREN. Thousands of Boys and Girls United in Reception to Admiral Togo. Tokio, Oct. 30.—The reception of Admiral Togo to-day by the citizens of the ward in which he lives while in Tokio was a great success. Thousands of school boys and school girls marched in front of the admiral's quarters, especially composed to celebrate his distinguished service. The admiral and his wife were deeply moved. The navy department has arranged for a grand festival to be held in the city of Tokio.

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POSITION OF GERMANY. Is Strong Enough to Stand Alone—Cologne Gazette Publishes Inspired Article.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—The German government is acutely giving other governments to understand that Germany is strong enough to maintain and extend her position independent of their power, and therefore cordial understandings against her or alliances for her are not the primary concerns of German policy.

Despondency Caused Two People to End Their Lives at Winnipeg—Traveler's Sudden Death. Sinitaulta, Sask., Oct. 29.—Stanley Ross, a twelve-year-old boy, was murdered here last night by a Chinese man. The murderer afterwards attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat, but will recover.

Winnipeg, Oct. 29.—Despondency caused two suicides here on Saturday afternoon. The first was Charles Ferguson, who wound up a drunk by drinking carbolic acid. Later in the evening when Mrs. Cassmore read the details in the evening paper she ended her career in the same manner.

Found Dead. Winnipeg, Oct. 29.—Thos. Miller, a traveller for J. W. Peck & Co. of Montreal, one of the best known commercial men of the West, was found dead in bed here this morning.

Used Stars and Stripes. Winnipeg, Oct. 29.—A sensation caused here to-day by the decoration of a Methodist church for the harvest home festival service. The work was done by an American family in the congregation, and when the church assembled this morning a blaze of stars and stripes, with the picture of Roosevelt in the centre greeted the worshippers.

Moose Jaw, Oct. 29.—Norman Ellis has been convicted here on a charge of scalping tickets and fined \$30 and costs. He sold the return check of his farm laborer's ticket.

TWO MEN MURDERED. Shot by a Farmer Who Afterwards Sought Safety in Vault of Bank. Chenoa, Ill., Oct. 28.—William Leduc, a farmer, enraged over domestic affairs, to-day shot and killed Major Charles Nickel, his brother-in-law, in the Bank of Chenoa, and Hugh Jones, a bricklayer, slightly wounded two pedestrians and defied arrest for many hours against the electric light and with warning shot changed scores of shots. Up to a late hour Leduc had not been captured.

Leduc is well armed. He came in from his farm and with warning shot fired at the police, giving them a revolver, two chambers of which had been discharged, and also a copy of his pamphlet which he said would explain things.

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THANKSGIVING DAY AMONG VICTORIANS

HOW HOLIDAY WAS KEPT IN THIS CITY

Church Services, Sports and Entertainments Attracted Crowds Thursday—Ideal Weather.

Yesterday, Thanksgiving Day, was quietly observed by most Victorians. Beautiful weather favored the occasion making the different sports arranged an unqualified success. The special services held at churches of all denominations were well-attended, and the feature in most instances was the singing of almost all choirs having prepared an appropriate programme. In the evening a number of entertainments took place, all of which attracted crowds.

At the Victoria Rifle Association, the members were gathered on the Clover Point range equipped in the annual Thanksgiving Day shoot under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment Rifle Association. This event continued throughout the day the majority of the competitors taking their lunch at the scene. In the afternoon the Association football match between the Victoria and Garrison teams was largely attended, and proved just as exciting as anticipated. Besides the football match a hockey game took place at Oak Bay, while at the golf links members of the Victoria club took advantage of the holiday, the splendid condition of the links being the delight of sundry indulged in their favorite pastime.

Then, as is always the case upon Thanksgiving, there were quite a number of family parties at various homes. Oak Bay and Shawinigan had apparently been among the most popular places for such gatherings. Hunters, and many of them from the E. & N. train which left on Wednesday afternoon and yesterday morning for points along the line in order to enjoy the day in quest of game. From what can be learned these sportsmen did well, quite a few good bags being obtained.

There is nothing of special importance to say in connection with the church services. They were of a character appropriate to the occasion, and all were well attended. That at Christ church cathedral in the evening was conducted by Rev. H. E. Gowen, of Seattle, who delivered a masterly address on the principle of Thanksgiving. During the afternoon the Ladies' Aid of the Metropolitan Methodist church held a reception, while entertainments took place at a number of churches in the evening.

Among the latter was an oyster supper given by the ladies of Knox Presbyterian church, Stanley avenue. It attracted quite a large crowd, and the oysters were served up in delicious shape and very liberally dispensed. Judging from the manner in which they were received by the young people, the efforts of those in charge to make the supper tasty were appreciated. Afterwards a concert, for which a programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental selections had been prepared, was rendered. The gathering concluded with pleasant social intercourse.

The three show houses also attracted particularly large crowds last night. At the Watson theatre "My Friend From India," an exceptionally pleasing comedy drama, held the boards. There wasn't a vacant seat, and everyone seemed to enjoy the performance. The minstrel show at the Victoria theatre wasn't well attended, but the vaudeville entertainment at the Grand Johnson street, taxed the seating accommodation of the building to its utmost capacity.

Everything considered, Thanksgiving Day was observed in the proper spirit. There were church services, sports and theatrical entertainments—a variety calculated to suit the requirements of all—and all attracted large crowds. The weather was a suitable programme of events made a most enjoyable and pleasant holiday.

NARROW ESCAPE WHILE HUNTING

SHOOTING ACCIDENT NEAR SHOAL BAY

Three Boys of This City Fired on By Accident By George Nell.

(From Friday's Daily.) By the best of luck Britton Coulson, a young man of 17 years of age, living at the corner of Bond Bay road and Oak Bay street, was yesterday wounded while hunting near Shoal Bay. Coulson is in the Royal Jubilee hospital. He is not seriously hurt, but narrowly escaped the destruction of his right eye in one of his eyes. The shot was No. 8, which likely accounted for less serious results than those which attended the shooting.

Two other boys, who were with young Coulson, were also wounded, though not as severely as the first named. The shooting was done by Geo. Nell, an employee of the Telephone Company. It was purely accidental, but there was incidentally considerable carelessness manifested by Mr. Nell, who was likewise hunting.

The accident occurred in the neighborhood of Shoal Bay. According to Mr. Nell, he had raised a hen pheasant and was watching for the cock to rise. He saw something move in the direction in which he expected to see the pheasant, about fifty or sixty yards away. He fired and immediately afterwards heard a shout. Going to the place he found Coulson bleeding from the head, his assistant also to a barn near by, and after washing the wounds brought him to the city

SHOOT THURSDAY AT CLOVER POINT

MANY RIFLEMEN TOOK PART IN CONTESTS Results of Thanksgiving Day Competition Held Under Auspices of Fifth Regiment Association.

(From Friday's Daily.) Ideal weather conditions favored the Thanksgiving Day shoot held yesterday at Clover Point range under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment Rifle Association.

The light was splendid, and only a faint wind blew across the butts during the progress of the competitions. Range Officers Major Currie and G. Bland had mistered the riflemen entered in the first, second and third class contests from 200 yards, many being some eighty-three in all, by about 1:30 o'clock, at which time the shooting commenced. It continued throughout the forenoon and most of the afternoon, but it was late in the evening before the aggregates had been made out and the distribution of prizes finally arranged.

As an instance of this attention might be drawn to the leading scores in the 200 yard contest. Sergt. Brayshaw took premier place with 128. Corp. Simpson followed with 127 and Sergt. Major McDougal was third with 125 points, a difference of two between the first and third men. The same was apparent in the aggregate, showing that these riflemen had closed together at the three ranges—200, 300 and 400 yards. Sergt. Major McDougal was the victor in this case with 217. Gr. Butler, came second with 216, while Corp. Simpson's name was third on the list with 215 points. More than usual interest was taken in the outcome of this owing to the fact that the leading marksman would capture the handsome silver cup offered by Raymond & Sons. The struggle for first place was almost as close in the second and third class contests.

Of the special prizes offered the silver medal put up for the highest score from the 600 yard range was won by Gr. Walter Winsby, the McConnan cup was captured by Sergt. W. A. McNaughton, and the Major Hayward's prize was won by Capt. O. M. Roberts. The scores in the Bankers and Gregory cup competition have not yet been announced. Appended is a list of the "cash" prizes.

Col. A. W. Jones, \$5; Bank of Commerce, \$5; Bank of Montreal, \$5; Bank of B. N. A., \$5; Imperial Bank of Canada, \$5; Royal Bank of Canada, \$5; C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., \$5; A. C. Reddie, deputy provincial secretary, \$3.25; G. B. Blair, \$3; Capt. Leitch, \$2.50; Bisset & Potts, \$2.50; F. B. Pemberton, \$2.50; D. Stewart, \$1.50; Levy's restaurant, \$1; R. Bray, \$1; Clarence hotel, \$1; Dan York Lang, \$1; Friend, \$1; Kalo Cheng Bros., 50 cents; F. K. Hui, 50 cents; 50 cents; Min Foo, 50 cents. Following is a complete list of the winners, with the prize, donors and scores:

FIRST CLASS. 200 Yards. Sergt. Brayshaw, sarrel flour, R. P. Ribet & Co., 128. Corp. Simpson, R. E., amok's set, Barker Bros., 127. Sergt. Major McDougal, buggy hire, Victoria Transfer Co., 125. Gr. R. Y. Butler, half cord wood, A. E. Painter, 125. Hos. Sergt. Richardson, tin coffee, A. J. Market Co., 122. O. R. Sergt. Lettice, 1 pair slippers, Patterson Shoe Co., 118. Gr. H. Collens, R. A., 1 sack rice, Lin Nan, 118. Gr. S. B. Haven, 1 sack flour, Johns Bros., 116. Br. Sharpe, 1 box cigars, Munroe & West, 115. Capt. R. Angus, 1 knife, E. G. Prior & Co., 115. Quartermaster-Sergt. Winsby, 1 collar box, Yokahama Bazaar, 114. Quartermaster-Sergt. Clark, R. E., hardware, J. W. Kinloch, 113. Gr. Walter Winsby, 5 pounds tea, Goug Sing, 112. 500 Yards. Mr. A. R. Langley, lumber, J. A. Hayward, 34. Co. S. M. Clarke, R. E., 1 pair mitts, hospital brushes, T. J. Leitch, 31. Hospital-Sergt. Richardson, 1 box cigars, C. Hamburg, 33. Gr. W. Winsby, meat \$2.50, B. C. Market Co., 32. Corp. Simpson, R. E., 1 dozen china cups and saucers, Geo. Carter Co., 32. Sergt. A. Brayshaw, 1 dozen large boxes, C. Fainall, 31. Gr. R. J. Butler, 31 5 pounds tea, Quong On Lung Co., 31. Sergt. G. S. Carr, cake, Caledonia Bakery, 31. Mr. A. S. Winsby, knife, Hickman, T. Co., 30. 600 Yards. Gr. W. Winsby, case Paller daret, Pither & Leitch, 66. Sergt. Major McDougal, half dozen cabinet photos, Fleming Bros., 63. Sergt. Carr, lat. W. & Wilson, 62. Co. S. M. Cayen, 2 dozen cigars, Victoria Phoenix, 61. Gr. Butler, 2 bottle Special, Grotto, 60. Sergt. Godfrey, R. E., razor, Watson & McGregor, 60. Sergt. Anderson, lacrosse shoes, J. L. Beckwith, 59. Mr. A. R. Langley, pair pictures, Smith & Champion, 56. Corp. Simpson, box apples, D. Chunn, 55. Sergt. Brayshaw, tea, Ah Hoy, 54. Capt. Angus, box candy, H. A. Lilley, 53. Hospital-Sergt. Richards, 2 jars ginger, Wah Lung, 54. Aggregate. Sergt. Major E. McDougal, daily Times for one year, Times P. & P. Co., 54.

Gr. R. Butler, pair pants, Charley Dunn, 216. Corp. Simpson, R. E., vest length, A. Peck, 215. Sergt. A. Brayshaw, 100 amberite shells, R. Ward & Co., 213. Gr. Walter Winsby, brush and comb, Henderson Bros., 210. Hospital-Sergt. Richardson, cigars, Wilson Bros., 209. Sergt. S. Carr, hair brush, C. H. Bowser, 205. Br. W. Sharpe, 1 pair pants, Hop Kee, 205. Co. Sergt. Major Cayen, 2 bottles Scotch, Wm. Harrison, 203. Q. M. S. Winsby, 5 pounds tea, G. E. Fainall, 201. Q. M. S. Winsby, \$2.50 shells, Dominion Cartridge Co., 57. Mr. A. R. Langley, picture frame, J. L. Forrester, 201. Capt. R. Angus, umbrella, Sea & Gowen, 199. Sergt. Anderson, cake, Schilling's bakery, 195. Q. M. S. Clarke, 5 pounds tea, Wing Chung Co., 192. Q. S. M. Orchard, knife, W. Bownass, 189. Q. R. Sergt. Lettice, soles and heels, Jackson & Smith, 188. S. Sergt. Wright, 5 pounds tea, Sing Lee, 184.

SECOND CLASS. 200 Yards. Capt. Roberts, 1 ton coal, Hall & Walker, 111. Gr. G. Pitherbridge, paper for 1 room, Melrose Co., 106. Sergt. F. Hatcher, 1 sack sugar, A. Angus, 106. Corp. R. Strachan, 1 box cigars, Mel-drum Bros., 102. Corp. A. Richardson, 5 lbs. coffee, Dixie H. Ross & Co., 99. Gr. W. J. Buckett, fancy vest, Wm. Thomson & Grant, 96. Gr. P. Parker, 1 box cigars, Tim Kee, 99. Handsman S. Peete, pipe, Army & Navy Signs Store, 98. Gr. A. C. Boyce, 1 box cakes, M. R. Smith & Co., 98. Sergt. W. H. Keatinge, knife, E. G. Prior & Co., 95. Gr. W. H. Spurrer, 1 ink well, Mikado Bazaar, 95. 500 Yards. Sergt. W. H. Keatinge, lumber \$3, Taylor Mill Co., 29. Corp. R. T. Strachan, 1 box cigars, A. Schroeder, 28. Gr. G. W. Neill, fountain pen, T. N. Hohen & Co., 27. Gr. E. Logan, umbrella, D. Spencer, 27. Gr. W. J. Buckett, 1 box cigars, On Hing Bros., 25. Corp. M. Doyle, lantern, E. B. Maria & Co., 25. Gr. G. F. Fraser, goods, B. H. Anderson, 25. Handsman Peete, bottle Scotch, Wind-sor Grocery, 25. Gr. A. E. Boyce, 1 Chinese carving, Pook Lung Co., 25. 600 Yards. Bandsman S. Peete, Bertha stove, Albion Iron Works, 60. Gr. G. W. Neill, pant length, Linklater, 54. Capt. Roberts, 1 box cigars, W. R. D. Gibson, 53. Sergt. W. Keatinge, umbrella, J. Piercy, 52. Gr. W. J. Buckett, merchandise, J. B. Basile & Co., 51. Gr. T. N. Hibben, visiting cards, Victoria Printing Co., 50. Corp. A. Aitken, 4 lbs. tea, F. J. Schroeder, 50. Gr. C. Petherbridge, 1 gal. paint, J. Sears, 49. Corp. R. T. Strachan, photo frame, G. W. Neill, 49. Gr. A. C. Boyce, 5 lbs. tea, Quong Sing, 46. Corp. M. Doyle, tea, T. Redding, 45. Aggregate. Capt. C. M. Roberts, 1 B X graphophone, M. W. Waitt & Co., 187. Bandsman S. Peete, 1 case casket, R. H. G. Brown, 183. Gr. Petherbridge, 1 doz. cabinet photos, Skeene Lowe, 178. Corp. R. T. Strachan, 160 shells, Peden Bros., 176. Gr. G. W. Neill, fancy vest length, E. Shaper, 175. Gr. W. Buckett, gloves, Finch & Finch, 175. Gr. S. E. Boyce, Cadbury's chocolates, West End Grocery, 169. Gr. R. Parker, 10 lb. box tea, Tye Yuen, 168. Sergt. W. H. Keatinge, lap rug, A. Shot-bolt, 166. Corp. A. Aitken, big horn shirt, Turner, Beeton & Co., 158. Corp. M. Doyle, razor, Terry & Marten, 157. Sergt. F. Hatcher, lamp, Weller Bros., 155. Gr. E. Logan, pair Chinese shoes, Quong On Lung Co., 153. Corp. W. J. Buckett, nest three boxes, Haug Wo Lung Kee Co., 153. Corp. A. Richardson, tea, C. R. King & Co., 152. THIRD CLASS. 200 Yards. Gr. J. H. Newbury, 1 pair pants, Charley Bo, 97. Sergt. D. A. McNaughton, vest, Ah Wing & Co., 96. Sergt. F. Harrap, umbrella, Fit-Reform, 94. Gr. A. L. Lancaster, prize or cash \$3, W. R. Harlaker, 92. Gr. E. Parsons, 2 bottles Scotch, Brown Jug, 92. Gr. S. Court, gold scarf pin, C. E. Red-der, 91. Gr. F. Williams, 2 lbs. tea, Man Hing, 73. Gr. J. Pauline, 250 shells, Dominion Cartridge Co., 60. Corp. W. J. Carmichael, shoe repairing, Geo. Shado, 89. Sergt. H. Nesbitt, knife, E. G. Prior & Co., 88. Gr. E. E. Brethour, tea, Yuen Lung, 86. Gr. C. D. Lucas, goods, Direct Importing Co., 85. Gr. H. Wille, 5 lbs. tea, Yung Chung Lung, 82. Sergt. H. Earle, 3 jar pickles, Wing On, 79. Corp. T. Ross, 2 lbs. tea, Pook Wo, 73. Gr. F. Williams, 2 lbs. tea, Man Hing, 73. Sergt. C. E. Lawson, collar box, Wo Yee, 72. Sergt. L. O'Keefe, 2 bars soap, Ham Yick, 69. Gr. H. Wille, 2 handkerchiefs, Wong Hung Chung, 67. Gr. J. O'Keefe, 2 bars soap, Wing On, 67. Br. W. Mulcahey, 2 bars soap, Lung Chung, 64. Corp. C. Phipps, 1 lb. coffee, W. A. Jame-

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A PERFECT FENCE IS THE Ellwood Wire Fence THE INDIAN WIRE HARDWARE CO., LTD. 32 and 34 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C. P. O. DRAWER 613. TELEPHONE 58.

CONDITIONS RESTRICTED TO BRITISH COLUMBIA ALONE, AND EVEN IN THAT LIMITED MARKET IS SUBJECTED TO COMPETITION FROM EASTERN PORTS. Merchants and members of the board of trade of Victoria are heartily in accord with the action taken in Vancouver. A copy of the memorial had been sent to the Capital City, and William Skene, secretary of the board here, received the following telegram: Victoria, Oct. 27th, 11:08 a. m.—A large representative meeting of Victoria manufacturers and shippers endorses the petition presented to the Board of Trade, and the C. P. R. relative to equalizing freights with Winnipeg. Victoria petition follows by mail. (Signed) F. Elworthy, secretary of meeting.

ZINC DEPOSITS. Dominion Government is Making Full Investigation Into This Branch of Mining. Dr. A. E. Barlow was in the city Saturday, after making a preliminary inspection of the zinc deposits on Texada Island. He is Saturday evening for the Boundary country to look into the conditions there before returning to the East. Dr. Barlow will not make any investigations into the Vancouver Island zinc deposits this season, but will leave that until next year, when the work begun this season will be continued. Dr. Barlow is one of those who have been making an examination of the zinc resources of the province under the direction of Dr. Haanel, Dominion superintendent of mines. He came to the Coast with Joseph Keele. Some properties near Vancouver were examined and then Mr. Keele went East. In the Siccan country another party is carrying on its investigations. It is made up of Messrs. Ingalls, Argal and Gardner, in addition to the field work which has been done it is the intention to make some shipments of British Columbia ore to the smelter at Denver, where experiments may be made as to the best method of smelting to be employed in the treatment of the provincial ores. The Dominion department of mines will also make a study of the ore for the same purpose, in order to see in every way what is looked upon as a most important branch of mining in the province.

WALSH-JAMES. Partial List of Presents Received by Newly Married Couple. As mentioned in Saturday's issue the marriage of Miss Mary Louise, eldest daughter of Mrs. M. J. James, of 28 Elizabeth street, and Mr. James S. Walsh, second son of Mr. Isaac Walsh, Pomaroke street, took place at the residence of the bride's mother on Wednesday, Rev. G. K. B. Adams officiating. The newly married couple were the recipients of many handsome presents, of which a partial list follows: The bride's mother, sable fur and dinner knives; Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Richards, dinner sets; Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, glass berry set; Misses Hilda and Elsie Richards, lemonade set; Mr. and Mrs. Collis and Mr. A. Collis, pair of blankets; Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, drawn work table cloth and dinner napkins; Misses G. and J. Collis, Battenburg table cover; Miss B. Collis, lemon dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Walsh, dinner set; Mr. Bestell, silver fork; Mr. and Mrs. Scovell, case rocker; Mr. and Mrs. Grice, oak rocker and handsomely worked tablecloth; Mr. and Mrs. Roskelly, tapestry table cover; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, two bed spreads; Mr. R. Roskelly, oak clock; Miss M. Saunders and Mr. E. Sellick, china tea set; Mr. L. James, dinner knives; Miss B. Bestell, silver fork; Miss Walsh, silver marmalade jar; Miss G. Walsh, silver cream and sugar set; Mr. J. Bates, berry dish; Mr. W. E. Graham, whatnot; Miss M. Dunn, cheese dish; Mr. E. Walsh, silver breakfast caddy; Mrs. Atkins, caudry and cage; Miss M. James, upholstered rocker and cushion; Miss H. Dunn, cushion and lace doyley; Mrs. Mills, pair of vases and fruit dish; Mrs. Dunn (England), embroidered handkerchief; Mr. W. S. D. Smith, set of figures; Miss J. Taylor, pair of vases; Mr. T. Richards, cake stand; Mr. R. S. Roskelly, dinner napkins; Mrs. Webster, vase; Mr. T. Roskelly, pair of vases; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walsh (Vancouver), silver knives, forks and spoons; Miss Nellie Walsh (Vancouver), silver toothpick and match holders; Mrs. J. T. McDonald, china berry set; Master Harvey McDonald, cream pitcher; Masters C. and E. Barnes, egg cups and stands; Mr. F. Bishop, canary and cage; Mr. J. Brown (Vancouver), silver butter dish; L. Ede, silver plated tea and coffee pots; Mrs. Anderson, pair of vases; Mr. C. Dunn, carving set; Don Atkins, glass dish.

NEW RAILWAY LINE. It is reported that the Canadian Pacific Railway has also started construction from Midway westward. Work is said to have begun on Wednesday of last week, the company intending to rush work with all speed. The intention is to connect with the Nicola branch, which is being constructed from Spence's Bridge eastward. The line will be E. and the Midway & Vernon are likewise building out of Midway, so that in consequence the town is an extremely busy one at present.

PRUDENT MOTHERS. The prudent mother will never give her child a sleeping draught, soothing medicine or opiate of any kind except by order of a competent doctor who has seen the child. All soothing medicines and sleeping draughts contain deadly poison, an overdose will kill a child, and even a dose too good, as they stupefy and do not cure. Sleeplessness in little one usually comes from teething troubles or derangements of the stomach or bowels, that can be speedily cured by Baby's Own Tablets. And the mother should remember that this is the only medicine for children that gives a solemn guarantee that there is not a particle of opiate or harmful drug in its composition. Mrs. A. Scott, Bradwardine, Man., says: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for diarrhoea, teething troubles and constipation, and find them just the thing to make little ones well and keep them well." Sold by all druggists or by mail at 25 cents by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

IN QUEST OF THE TRUTH.

The heart of Sir William Mulock, we are told, was filled with despair, so he resigned his seat in the Laurier government. Why should he have resigned? He had gone from success to greater success in the administration of his department. All his predecessors had scored abject failures in the position Sir William filled with such brilliancy. They had announced repeatedly that, although they had pared the wages of the employees down to the limit, but slightly above, if not actually below, the starvation point, they had no hope of making the Post Office Department pay the expenses of operation. These deficits ranged on the average from a half to three-quarters of a million dollars annually. They laughed in scorn when the reduction of postage rates was suggested. But Sir William pursued the tenor of his reforming way. He wiped out all deficits; he increased the remuneration of a very deserving and industrious class of workers; he reduced the rates on Imperial and domestic mail matter; for the last year of his administration he produced a surplus of nearly half a million dollars. The newly-created labor department, which was the product of Sir William Mulock's broad sympathy with the working classes and his intense desire to work for the industrial peace of the Dominion, had achieved as distinct a success as his administration of the Post Office Department. The old, pernicious system of "sweating" on government contracts—a system which was for years in high favor with Tory contractors and by means of which they waxed exceedingly fat—was also abolished under the fair-wage system. In fact Sir William Mulock had the greatest opportunity of any of his colleagues to work reforms. He took the fullest advantage of them. He had the supreme satisfaction of beholding all his labors crowned with abundant success. Furthermore, the government of which Sir William was a minister had just gained a remarkable success at the polls. It is in high favor with the people of Canada. It is established in power for the term of the present Parliament. There is no indication of a change in the tone of public opinion. The whole light of opposition criticism has been playing upon the acts of the Laurier government now for several years. The scrutiny has revealed nothing that will destroy the faith of the public in the administration under which the country has enjoyed such remarkable prosperity—the only really expansive period in the history of the country. There is no indication whatever that in the immediate future that confidence will be withdrawn. Again we ask, why should his heart be filled with bitterness? Why should he at the particular time when his hard work had achieved so remarkable a victory over all obstacles, when he had succeeded so unmistakably where his political opponents had so confidently predicted disastrous failure, retire in despair from the government?

Sir William Mulock says himself that he was obliged to give up the work in which he was so greatly interested, in which his heart was bound up, and in which he had succeeded beyond anticipation, because his health would not permit of his devoting that attention to it in the future which he had given it in the past. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir William's close friend, sympathetic colleague, and old-time political leader, corroborates his statement. The Premier says the ex-Postmaster-General desired to retire four years ago, and it was only at his personal solicitation that he remained in office up to a couple of weeks ago. But Mr. Tarte knows better. He knows from experience that dissension in the cabinet always precedes the retirement of a member of the cabinet. The opposition in whose breast hope deferred has made the heart sick, rejects the statements of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir William Mulock and receives that of Mr. Tarte. That is perhaps natural. The hope of political success is dependent upon divisions in the Liberal party. But even if it were true that Sir William Mulock retired because of disagreement with his colleagues, how is that going to improve the prospects of the Conservative party when a strong man like Mr. Aylesworth steps into the shoes of the retiring minister, and the ex-minister takes up duties which close the door of politics to him forever? Therefore what is to be gained by branding Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir William Mulock as "suppressors of the truth" and holding up the once untrustworthy Mr. Tarte as the one man in which truth has her pure abode? What political point is to be made by that?

FOUNDATIONS OF PROSPERITY.

"Leaving all other points of divergence aside, there is one essential difference" between the policies of the Liberal and Conservative parties of Canada. "The Conservative party laid the foundation of the prosperity of Canada." That is the opinion of the Toronto Mail and Empire. What a pity it is that the Conservative party took such a long time to lay the foundations of prosperity. It was working like a Canadian beaver for eighteen years, all the time telling the people of the bountiful things that were in store for the country once work could be commenced upon the super-structure that was to adorn the wonderful foundations. A catastrophe came before the task of laying the promising foundations was completed. The whole of the works were torn up by the

successors of the foundation-builders. The dismay of the new opposition as they watched the vandals in operation was a wonderful and pathetic thing to see. The leader of the party vowed in the course of the session during which the revolutionaries announced their intentions that already he heard "the wail, the miserable wail of ruined industries" in all parts of the country. However, the situation did not develop according to anticipations. The miserable wail must have died in the throats of the ruined industries, because the face of the country assumed a new aspect once the essential difference between Liberal and Conservative policies became apparent. Under the former regime Canada was always going to be, but never was, blessed by the benign operations of the great Conservative party—the party which governed by instinct and not by reason. Under the present regime the blessings began to descend within a year of the inauguration of the government. So it is not reasonable to contend, as it seems a good many Conservatives have been doing in justification of their intelligent support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that there is no essential difference between the policies of the Liberal and Conservative parties of Canada. There is just as much difference as there is between following the blind promptings of instinct and steering a course by the light of intelligent reason. The people know and appreciate the difference, and therefore they are not disposed to deny the alleged foundation-builders whatever consolation they can extract from the claim that they are responsible for the present prosperity of Canada. As the Colonist truly says: "Prosperity is general. Industries of all kinds are flourishing, crops have been unusually bountiful, prices are above the average of previous years, wages are high and the demand for labor good, population is pouring into the West, capital is flowing freely in our direction, new industries are being inaugurated." There is not a "wail" of any kind to be heard in the land save the doleful note of a disheartened opposition seeking a reason to impress upon the people why there should be a change of government—and finding none that an intelligent man will bestow a moment's attention upon.

TAXES ON COMMERCIAL MEN.

The manufacturing and commercial centres of the East, for reasons that may have been principally material and selfish, have not been backward about expressing their opinions upon the subject of the taxes imposed upon commercial travellers by the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Quebec and British Columbia. Certain newspapers of the West, for reasons that are obviously political, have quite as bluntly asserted that but for the fact that Quebec had joined in the movement for the restraint of trade between the provinces of the Dominion, all the acts of the provincial legislatures imposing taxes upon travellers would have been unhesitatingly disallowed. Brushing all selfish and partisan opinions to one side, one fact remains clear and prominent: That such measures do not tend to the unity of the Dominion or the solidarity of a people with national aspirations.

We do not think it will be claimed, we do not believe it has been proved by experience, that the provincial tax on commercial travellers has come up to the expectations of its authors as a revenue-producing measure. It has not accomplished the object for which it was designed, nor would there have been much vehement objection if it had been disallowed on the ground of its being inimical to the true interests of the Canadian confederation.

But the point we wish to emphasize is one made by the Toronto Star. Our contemporary argues that the tax imposed by the province of Quebec upon commercial travellers is different from that imposed by Prince Edward Island and British Columbia, and from the Canadian standpoint it is the least objectionable of the three. Prince Edward Island puts a tax on all salesmen not permanently resident in the province. British Columbia taxes salesmen, not resident in the province taking orders for goods to be brought into the province. The Quebec Act draws the line differently. It taxes non-resident salesmen taking orders for persons, firms, or corporations that do not do their producing in Canada.

The provincial treasurer of Quebec defends the tax as a necessary producer of revenue, yet it seems to be less clearly bent on this object than the tax imposed by the two other provinces. The traveller representing an Ontario manufacturer is not taxed in Quebec, but is taxed in Prince Edward Island and British Columbia. A Toronto traveller representing an English firm is taxed in all three provinces, but in all three provinces the resident representative of an English firm is not taxed. In a word, the Quebec tax differs from those of the two other provinces in this respect, that it exempts those salesmen who are selling goods made in Canada. From the Canadian view-point the Quebec law is the least objectionable of the three, although from the volume of business done it causes a greater annoyance to trade than the acts of the two other provinces.

But the whole business is regrettable. It makes our provincial boundary lines stand up and show spikes, where formerly these lines were purely imaginary in so far as trade was concerned. If such restraints on trade are not beyond the power of the various provinces, and if such methods are necessary for securing revenue for the provinces, any rearrangement of the provincial subsidies should be accompanied by stipulations guarding against the placing of tax-men on the

provincial boundaries for all time to come.

ULTIMATE GOAL OF RECIPROCIITY.

"In an interview at which Senator Lodge was present, President Roosevelt assured me that he was in favor of continental free trade. He declared that he would do all he could in favor of it. Senator Lodge, as I say, was present, and I challenge him to deny that he heard the president make substantially this statement." These are the words of Henry M. Whitney, Democratic nominee for Lieut.-Governor of the state of Massachusetts, speaking on the subject of reciprocity with Canada, which is always the principal issue in the state. Mr. Whitney said further: "I tell you Republicans of Pittsfield and Massachusetts that the Democratic platform touching reciprocity with Canada is the platform of President Roosevelt. I have from President Roosevelt's own lips. All of which indicates that our neighbors in certain of the states are deeply interested in the subject of trade relations with this country. But the matter has become one of merely academic interest in Canada. We realize fully that whatever may be the opinion of presidents or minor politicians in the United States, the great body of the people of the United States cannot be aroused to an intelligent interest in reciprocity. Even if it could be demonstrated that the United States was eager to enter upon negotiations for the consummation of a treaty that would be fair to both parties concerned, it is doubtful whether Canadians would evince a great deal of interest. They have long since abandoned the subject as a hopeless one. Their thoughts have been turned in other directions. Men who have given a great deal of attention to the relations of the republic with sister states of rapidly expanding commercial importance realize that the time has gone by for taking occasion by untidies and keeping a wide-open eye upon future possibilities. One remarks that "Republican statesmen who prefer retaliation to reciprocity are learning that, while it takes two to make a tariff bargain a single nation may pursue such a stiff-necked course as alone to produce a customs quarrel." The New York Times says, "He who will not when he may, when he will shall have a 'may' is a 'couplet' especially applicable to our northern relations. Nothing could have been more friendly than Canada's almost suppliant attitude through long and unending extortion on this side the border, until finally Canada adopted preference for British commerce, and is now on the verge of adopting a more stringent tariff. For seventeen years Newfoundland gave our fishermen exceptional privileges in hopes of securing commercial advantages to both countries, and now, too, Newfoundland is estranged and repining in consequence of bitterness of spirit." Our contemporary lets the cat out of the bag in its subsequent remarks. It regards the question of present profit as a matter of considerable moment. But the vital point is the one of ultimate destiny. There is still a lurking hope that in process of time all the northern portion of the American continent may become one in spirit even as it is now one in physique. The Republican policy is mischievous and short-sighted chiefly because it tends to the development of Canada as a nation, the utilization of that fond hope. "It is not a question of codfish except upon the surface. It is not intrinsically ever a question of the entire commercial relations between ourselves and our northern neighbors. Under the surface there are political questions of larger importance. Closer commercial relations across our border could but ripen the Canadian plum. For this we have substituted the development of Canadian resources with American capital and by American emigrants whom we might have retained. And, instead of teaching Newfoundland from the Dominion, we have thrown it into the confederation." We are sorry to be forced to tell our contemporary that the union of Canada and Newfoundland has not been consummated yet, but we have lively hopes for the future—more lively than are the anticipations of the New York Times for the ultimate ripening of the Canadian plum.

PRICE OF RAILS AND G. T. P. CONSTRUCTION.

Reference is made in an article on the production of steel rails in Canada, printed in this issue, and copied from the Toronto News, to the improbability of the western end of the G. T. P. being ironed with Canadian rails, for the reason that the low freight rate from Liverpool to the Pacific Coast (\$4 to \$5 per ton) as against the long haul from the Canadian mills would more than offset the duty to be paid on English made rails—\$5.23 per ton. The fact seems to be overlooked that vessels could load at Sidney, N. S., as easily as at Liverpool, the ocean route being open to Canadian rail-makers on the Atlantic as well as to the English makers. Still the admission by the Canadian rail-makers that they have little hope of capturing the trade for the western end of the transcontinental line is interesting in view of the contention that the railway can be built more economically from the east, and that therefore construction should finish and not commence at the Pacific Coast. At half a cent per ton per mile, it would cost \$15 per ton to land rails at Vancouver from Montreal, while from Liverpool or Sidney by water the charge would be \$5 per ton. Supposing the cost to the railway was only a quarter of a cent per ton per mile, it would still be higher by \$2.50 per ton than the water freight. But of course if the C. P. R. could haul for a quarter of a cent per ton per mile, its present tariff could not be maintained. It would seem, therefore, that the cost of the transportation of rails and other supplies should by itself alone settle the question as to the point at which the last rail on the G. T. P. will be laid. That point will not be on the Pacific Coast.

RUSSIA'S EXTREMITY.

The crown sits heavily upon the brow of His Majesty Emperor Nicholas, Czar of all the Russias. With the people practically unanimous in demanding constitutional government and accompanying reforms, with what is left of the navy in a condition of revolt, with the army (which hitherto could always be depended upon to stand by the ruling classes and to shoot down those who demanded liberty according to modern standards) in open sympathy with the cause of the people, the Russian ruler is confronted by a situation which would test the mettle of a stronger character. Whether the Cossacks, who alone are reported faithful to traditions and to training, will be sufficient unto the evil day which seems to be approaching remains to be seen. Whether M. de Witte will succeed in convincing his master against the counsel of those whose craft is involved that the day of reform in Russia has dawned is a matter that must soon be disposed of. The notoriously procrastinating disposition of Nicholas is again manifesting itself in a situation which should be handled with promptitude and energy. While the Emperor halts between two opinions, swayed by the counsel of the reactionaries on the one hand and by the sage counsels of men of modern views on the other, the crisis grows more acute. The determin-

is not qualified to dogmatize upon the subject of scenic attractions for tourists.

As for opportunities for the enjoyment of sport being nearer the portals of Nelson than of Victoria, has the Tribune not read the newspapers? At the risk of bringing about our heads the jibes and jeers of the humorists who delight to harp upon the quiet restfulness and peace which encircle this city as with a garment, we may point out that already this year a goodly number of pheasants—the king of game birds—of these birds of grey plumage and fifty grounds of one resident as many as fifty miles from the city, have been counted in one covey. The unmusical call of the valley quail may be heard in the evening and in the morning by the ears of all whose ears are attuned to the reception of such sounds. A sportsman with a keen eye may go forth in the morning and come back in the evening, making use only of the means of locomotion which he has been equipped with by nature. All of which indicates that with a choice collection of pheasant, grouse, quail, duck and snipe, proclaiming in unmistakable terms the infinite variety of the sport that is to be had in the vicinity of Victoria. If the said sportsman chooses to go further afield and to scale the everlasting hills, he may add elk, and black-tail deer and mountain quail to his miscellaneous collection. All this he may do without encountering the chilly blasts, the biting frosts and the chilly snows which in less favored regions are the inevitable concomitants of field sports. If our Nelson contemporary were well-informed upon the subject matter of its discourse it would not make such a reckless statement as that "sport of every kind is nearer to our doors and of greater extent" than it is in the neighborhood of Victoria, and draw the conclusion that the inland city should be a place of greater attractions for tourists than the capital of British Columbia. There is no place in the wide world where the opportunities for enjoyment in the field are so manifold as they are here. The one matter which gives concern is the problem of the effective preservation of wild game. That problem has not been solved, and it seems to be an exceedingly difficult matter to impress the legislature of the province with the importance of the subject.

NATURAL ATTRACTIONS.

Speaking of attractions for tourists and comparing the situation of Nelson with Victoria, the Tribune says: "Our natural scenery surpasses that of Victoria, sport of every kind is nearer to our doors and of greater extent." We have often been impressed with the boundless extent and the infinite variety of our contemporary's knowledge of the world and its affairs, but with respect to the statements as printed above we fear the Tribune speaks in ignorance. The natural scenery amidst which the inland city is situated may be beautiful to the point of sublimity, the enchantments of lake and river may appeal with impassioned eloquence to the imagination of the poetic editor, but has he ever in the sunset viewed the Olympic mountains with the majestic waters of the great, restless ocean having their rugged loins? Has he ever made the trip amidst the countless islands of the Gulf? Has he ever sojourned in Victoria at all, taking in at his leisure from some of the mountain tops in the neighborhood of the city the bewitching loveliness of landscape and lake and ribbon-like streams stretching forth in every direction? If he has not had the opportunity to feast his eyes upon any of these great natural sources of poetic inspiration, he

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Canada as well as in other countries. It was recognition of this fact that impelled Sir William Mulock, whose sympathy with the afflicted has been exemplified in many ways, to consider whether something could not be done to provide government employment for young men who could not hear and whose powers of conversation with their fellows being circumscribed, their opportunities for work are none too numerous. The representatives of this constituency in Parliament have been informed that there is one position in the Victoria Post Office open to young men of this class. Government positions, for reasons that are not apparent to persons of talent, industry and application, do not usually remain vacant long by reason of death of applicants.

The Toronto Globe, refers to Mr. D. W. Higgins' "Passing of the Race" in terms of the highest commendation. It prints one of the vivid illustrations by Jeffers, and says that Mr. Higgins is "to be congratulated on the entertaining character of his second venture." He writes interestingly, whether in the presentation of pure fiction or in the detailing of actual occurrences. One might venture the suggestion that with such a wealth of material as he apparently has at hand he should be able to write a strikingly dramatic novel.

One case of marriage in which the divorce courts are not likely to be appealed to for some time is noted by an American contemporary. Alexandria Chuski consented to marry Wardis Boroghowski in the Second District Police Court, Jersey City, after he had signed a contract not to kiss her more than ten times a day. Both are employed by a family in the Guttenburg section. "Often" the girl told the court, in broken English, "he would keep me to kiss me until my dinner would burn and it was late on the table." She had him arrested when 20 other measures availed to stop his way-laying her. Boroghowski interposed his declarations of his love for the girl, and begged the court to let him marry. The girl's lawyer drew up a parole, which the defendant signed, in these words: I, Wardis Boroghowski, do hereby promise and swear that during the period of my first year of married life and annually thereafter I will kiss my wife no more than ten times per day, to be distributed as follows: Five before noon; five in the afternoon before supper. And I further promise that should I exceed the ten kisses per diem, as above set forth, my wife, Alexandria Boroghowski, may Chuski, may complain to Justice Manning of the Second Criminal Court of Jersey City, and I will consider my parole broken and take the consequences. The judge married them then and there.

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OVER THE TABLE



Mr. and Mrs. Hulston-Harrup, who have been living in Victoria for the last year have left for England. They had been living since spring in the Admiralty House at Esquimaux. They will be greatly missed, and especially in Bridge circles.

Miss Violet Powell is in Vancouver staying with Dr. and Mrs. Powell, who have returned from Harrison Hot Springs. I am sorry to hear that Dr. Powell's recent severe attack of sciatica still troubles him very much.

Miss McGann, of San Francisco, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Rockland avenue.

Mr. Balfour, a lieutenant in a Scottish regiment, is spending a holiday in British Columbia, and is now a guest of Mr. Hayden, Head street.

Mrs. Fred B. Pemberton is visiting in Vancouver.

Mr. R. E. N. Jones left on Sunday for Nanaimo to assume the duties of accountant in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

Capt. T. A. Whyte, R. A., is in Victoria for a few days on his way from England to Hongkong to join his regiment. Until a couple of years ago he was a member of the Victoria Militia. He is present here in staying with Mr. and Mrs. Geuge.

Mrs. G. W. Rhodes has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in California.

Mrs. Fosham was down from Vancouver for a few days visiting Mr. Deakene, and left for home again on Sunday. Mr. Langworthy left a few days ago for the West Coast, where in company with a friend from Astoria he will hunt big game. On Thursday night of last week he and Mrs. Langworthy gave a very enjoyable dinner party, at which the guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Balfour, Mrs. Fosham, Mrs. Fortham, Mr. and Mrs. Geuge, Mrs. Parry, Miss Olive Bryden, Capt. Whyte, Mr. Basil Prior, Mr. Balfour and Lieut. Scott, B. N. A. S. A.

Mr. Warburton Pike is back from Cassiar, where he has been during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McKicking have returned from a holiday trip to the Interior, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Leitch on at St. Mary's. Mr. McKicking is a brother of Mrs. McKicking, and he and his wife visited Victoria and the other coast cities last January.

Now is the season of amateur theatricals, and I have heard of rehearsals being commenced for the production of a farce entitled "Obliged Pension." The cast includes that old favorite, B. H. Drake, and also Miss Marion Pitts, Miss Elsie Bullen, Mr. Douglas Bullen, Mr. B. Prior and others.

Mr. Brock Robertson has left for Little Rock, Arkansas, where her sister, Miss Roberts, is now living, and where she has a brother also. She will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Robertson, the Women's Auxiliary, and St. John's church, and before she left she was the recipient of an address and a handsome present from the ladies of the difference organizations, at which she bologated. The presentation took place at the Alexandra club and was made by Mrs. Beaven.

light caps, dainty things of Valenciennes tied with blue and pink ribbons and edged with frills of lace." They were said to be most fascinating and becoming. This inspired a wag to write an article in which he said he thought a man should be as well turned out in the night as he is in the daytime and advocated the use of nightcaps amongst men, and said that so far as he was concerned he was determined to use them. The material to be of silk and the same color as his pajamas, but as to whether they should be tied with strings under the chin or be buttoned he had not quite decided.

The marriage of Mr. Hedden Gillespie and Miss May Todd will take place next Saturday.

The most interesting bit of society gossip during the week was the announcement of the engagement of Mr. W. H. Langley to Miss Gladys Bais. Miss Bais is very active in society and takes a great interest in hockey and rowing; her older sister is married to Mr. J. D. Pemberton. Mr. Langley is a native son, a lawyer by profession, and is captain of a company in the Fifth Regiment. The friends of both are very much pleased, and of course they are too. I understand that the marriage will not be long delayed.

Miss Connie Jones will leave in a few days for San Francisco, where she will take up nursing. She has recently graduated from the Jubilee hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Butchart have returned "Ballynahinch" from Justice Martin, and they expect to take possession about the 1st of November. Judge and Mrs. Martin will travel abroad for some time.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Macdonald gave a delightful tea to a large number of her friends at "Armadale." Amongst the guests there were Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Hugo Beaven, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Beauland, Mrs. Laundy, Mrs. Eberis, Mrs. Mackay, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Pooley, Mrs. Charles, Mrs. Harry Pooley, Miss Brady, Miss Mackay, Miss P. Eberis, Miss Nellie Dupont, Miss Bryden, Miss Devereaux, Miss Pooley, Miss Dunsinuir and Miss Susie Pemberton.

Mrs. W. F. Bullen gave a ladies' luncheon on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. C. Rogers and her daughter, Mrs. Harold Robertson, left last night for Peterboro, where the former will look after her baby with her, and the latter her baby with her, will not stay so long.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsinuir are back from a trip north in the Thistle.

The next dance of the Invitation Dancing Club will take place in Assembly hall next Friday night.

Miss Clute, of New Westminster, is visiting friends in Victoria.

The engagement is also announced of Mr. H. C. Carry, C. E., a prominent mining man in Cariboo and well known in this city, as well in Vancouver, to Miss Reid, widow of the late Senator James Reid, of Quebec.

Mrs. W. J. Pendray on Wednesday evening entertained a large number of friends at a reception from 3 till 11. The reception was in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ernest Pendray, who was married some time ago, but on account of her illness it was impossible to hold the entertainment sooner. Over 200 guests were present. They were received at the door by Miss A. McQuade and Mr. Boynes, while Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Thomas waited after their welfare subsequently. Amongst those who contributed to the evening's musical programme were Miss Anna McQuade, Mrs. Morell and Miss Gladys Rogers. The large home with its spacious and well appointed rooms and with its electric fountain playing in radiant colors in front was greatly admired by the many guests. Mrs. Ernest Pendray had charged the decorations and displayed much artistic skill in the arrangement of this part of the event. Pink roses prevailed in the parlour and the whole being arranged with a quietness and a background. Refreshments were served by Col. Gregory, H. Norris, P. Austin, P. McQuade, H. J. Pendray and Roy Pendray.

LADY GAY.

FRUIT MARKS ACT. Fine imposed in Police Court For False Marking of Packages. In the provincial police court this morning a case of violation of the Dominion Fruit Marks Act came up before Police Magistrate Hall. Maxwell Smith, the Dominion inspector under the act, British Columbia and Alberta, prosecuted.

MOTOR TRAIN FOR HOWTH. Enterprise of Great Northern. A motor train service between Dublin and Howth is the latest innovation which we are to have through the enterprise of the Great Northern Railway, Ireland, says the Dublin Nation.

A BANQUET GIVEN BY THE WORKMEN

IN CELEBRATION OF THIRTY-SEVENTH YEAR

Event Was Held in St. Francis Hotel Friday Night - Large Number Present.

It was an A. O. U. W. evening at the St. Francis hotel Friday, when over 100 members and officers of the order gathered to celebrate the 37th anniversary of the Workmen. A. O. U. W. members always have a good time together, and last evening was no exception. There were speeches, music, recitations, and last, but not least plenty of good things to cheer the inner man. A fine banquet had been prepared under the direction of Messrs. Carroth & Evans, proprietors of the hotel. The banquet was served in the large dining room, the tables being arranged in long rows and artistically decorated with smilax and cut flowers.

William Jackson acted as chairman, and after the Workmen had marched from the hall of Vancouver lodge in a body to the hotel and seated themselves around the tables, he called them to order and said: "I desire to express the pleasure of the Victoria brothers in extending to all of you a hearty welcome. We are glad to have so many of you present to-night to celebrate the 37th anniversary of our order. We are here to mark the end of another year in the history of the order. The order has grown wonderfully during its existence and has bright prospects for the future. We hope that you will enjoy yourselves here and that the evening will be one of profit and pleasure."

After the banquet had been finished, and the tables cleared away, short speeches were made by a number of officers and members of the order, who were introduced in their turn by Chairman Jackson. Music by some of the members and short stories and jokes by A. Foster were introduced between the speeches.

H. T. Devine, G. M. W., the first speaker, said: "I must express my great pleasure at being present. You all know of the great strain the order is under, especially connected with the raising of the rates to an adequate plan. It was an unmistakable fact that before the rates were raised we were practically getting something for nothing, and an order could not live on such a basis. Just think, for instance, of being a member for 21 years and paying in about \$600, and then dying and your beneficiary drawing out \$2,000. That is pretty near something for nothing."

"There is one important thing which many of the members forget to do, and that is to go to lodge meetings. The order is of benefit to all, yet the members at large very often leave all the work to a certain number of officers and members who are faithful and attend to their duties. Many times there is only the necessary quorum present. That is not right. Every member ought to go to lodge meetings at least once a month. A little more faithfulness in attending to the treatment of those whose fortune it has been to serve under you. We, therefore, beg your acceptance of this little token of friendship, in the hope that you will remember the many happy voyages that in the past, and with best wishes for your future success, we subscribe ourselves your old shipmates."

The address was signed by every man on the ship. Capt. McCoskie was greatly pleased with the token of appreciation and the electric light wire, and we do strongly recommend that the city council should at once take steps to have an efficient inspection made of all electric work, especially in regard to outside wiring. Such was the verdict of the jury empanelled Wednesday by the coroner, Dr. W. J. McGuigan, to inquire into the cause of the death of Thomas Lawson.

Asked by his jury if motor-omnibuses ought not to have life-guards, a London coroner said that such a requirement in case of accident, give every a protection to which they were not entitled.

BOUNDARY MINES. Phoenix, Oct. 28.—For the third consecutive week Granby mines have made a new record in ore shipments. The Workmen to happy realization, as follows: Granby mines, to Granby smelter, 17,905 tons; Mother Lode, to B. C. Copper smelter, 4,622 tons; Oro Blanco, to Granby smelter, 1,757 tons; total output for the week 21,787 tons; total for the year to date, 731,277 tons.

Following is the treatment of Boundary smelters for the week: Granby smelter, 16,144 tons; B. C. Copper smelter, 4,047 tons; total for the week, 20,991 tons; total for the year to date, 750,903 tons.

EFFICIENCY OF FIFTH REGIMENT

COMPLETE RETURNS HAVE BEEN SECURED

Victoria Militia Will Compete With All Similar Canadian Corps - The Coveted Shield.

The general efficiency of the different Fifth Regiment companies for the past year have been issued and show a marked advance along military lines. They are most gratifying to the C. O. and members of his staff, and should be equally so to all identified with the militia. For the first time since its inception the local corps will come into direct competition with similar organizations throughout the Dominion of Canada. This has been brought about through the successful consummation of an amalgamation with the Dominion Artillery Association.

It was sometime last June that the Fifth Regiment made a member, and that exceedingly desirable affiliation was not concluded without considerable difficulty. Under the old method of judging the various local companies on their efficiency in military matters, of which they are supposed to have a thorough knowledge, it would have been impossible for the Victoria militia to compete with Eastern corps for the many valuable prizes offered by the Artillery Association. Therefore a new system had to be adopted here, and this was introduced for the first time last season. This, however, was not all. It was necessary for the organization mentioned to modify some of its rules in order to allow the Fifth the privilege of membership. It was done with very little hesitation, and today the local corps, the most westerly military organization in Canada, enjoys all the advantages of the smartest Eastern corps.

In the returns to hand the Fifth Regiment as a whole has done very creditably. In a total of 1,800 points exactly 1,415 are credited to the Victoria militia. These marks, as all those intimately acquainted with military matters will understand, are not only general discipline and the appearance of the arms and accoutrements of the corps while on parade, but are awarded upon actual marksmanship with the six-inch and thirteen pound field guns. In addition the officers and non-commissioned officers are put through a most severe oral examination upon their knowledge of the intricacies of the arms. He is the range finders, and maxims, and the many other military details upon which the successful defence of Esquimaux might depend in case of an emergency. This it can easily be seen that a corps making the excellent percentage that lies to the credit of the Fifth Regiment is worthy of the highest praise.

In order that the appended returns may be thoroughly understood it should be explained that the inspection of the corps for the purpose of estimating the various companies, which each company was entitled to do on the new establishment basis. Nos. 1 and 2 companies were pitted against Nos. 3 and 4, and 5 and 6 the same rule applying to each case. For this reason the earnings of the different sections, now forming the three companies which comprise the corps, are combined. A glance at the table will show that Nos. 3 and 4 companies (No. 2 company new establishment) led by a number of points, and apparently, winning the general efficiency of the corps.

It is a question, however, whether Nos. 3 and 4 are entitled to the trophy. Lieut. Col. Hall explains the matter in this way: "He says that for the purpose of giving each company the advantage of a full staff of commissioned officers, in order that the deficiency of Nos. 3 and 4 companies in that respect would not tell in competition with eastern corps, a mutually satisfactory understanding was reached in regard to the questioning of the various companies. Therefore, he was represented by only two or three officers more questions would be asked them and their answers taken in place of the replies of the absent one. While this he explained, was absolutely fair for the corps as a whole in its contests, it would not be just to have the same apply in the competition between the various companies. Therefore, he expected that when the figures were redistributed Nos. 1 and 2 companies (No. 1 company new establishment), with its full strength of officers, would be found occupying the premier place and the proud possessor of the efficiency shield.

Appended are the complete efficiency returns: Clothing and Accoutrements (possible 30) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 24; Nos. 3 and 4, 24; Nos. 5 and 6, 24. Manual and Firing, Company Drill (possible 60) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 55; Nos. 3 and 4, 53; Nos. 5 and 6, 50. Gun Drill (possible 100) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 75; Nos. 3 and 4, 74; Nos. 5 and 6, 79. Discipline and Interior Economy (possible 50) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 39; Nos. 3 and 4, 39; Nos. 5 and 6, 37. Officers' Questions (possible 60) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 57; Nos. 3 and 4, 58; Nos. 5 and 6, 56. Non-Commissioned Officers' Questions (possible 60) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 40; Nos. 3 and 4, 50; Nos. 5 and 6, 49. Gun Practice (possible 100) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 70; Nos. 3 and 4, 67; Nos. 5 and 6, 67. Gun Laying (possible 80) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 44; Nos. 3 and 4, 50; Nos. 5 and 6, 52. Officers' Observation of Fire (possible 60) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 47; Nos. 3 and 4, 45; Nos. 5 and 6, 48. Total (possible 600) - Nos. 1 and 2 companies, 471; Nos. 3 and 4, 477; Nos. 5 and 6, 467.

A well known naval architect is of opinion that Russia will require sixteen battleships, and at least eight armored cruisers, and twenty destroyers. For a fleet of this size something like \$33,250,000 would have to be spent, and four years would be taken in accomplishing the task.

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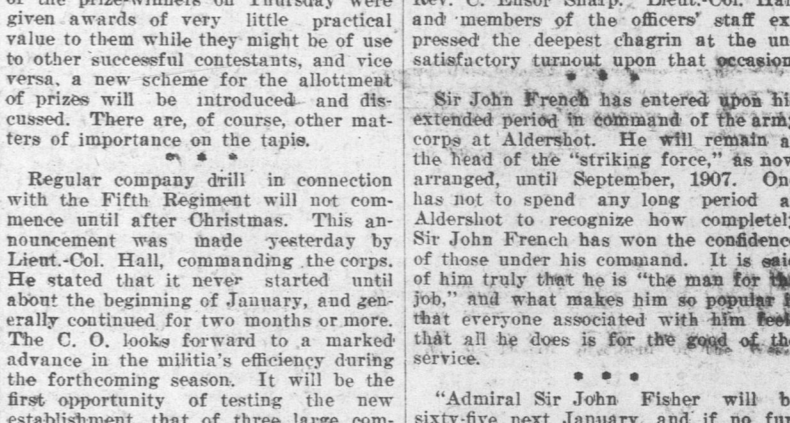
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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.
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Table with columns for location, inches, and other weather-related data.

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usually accompanied by sharp frosts...

At Victoria, there were registered 146
hours and 12 minutes of bright sunshine...

Local News.

Word has been received by Hon.
C. F. Taylor from H. M. Palmer to the
effect that a number of British Columbia
fruit left Sicamous last evening for Eng-
land...

Wellington Colliery Companies and Mrs.
Leitch was celebrated at the residence
of Mrs. Curtis, 18 Cadboro Bay road...

Schooner Dora Steward arrived at
Clayoquot yesterday with 713 skins as a
result of her sealing cruise in Behring
Sea...

Members of the Outfit Corps gathered
at the drill hall as usual this morning.
After drill instruction by Master Gunner
Mulehly, Trustee Boggs delivered a
short address...

News comes from the north that a
stage line is already running between
White Horse and Dawson, wagons and
Canadian patent leather prospecting
used...

On Thanksgiving night Mr. Freder-
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restaurant, entertained his boarders at a
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The British Columbia Pioneer's So-
ciety will hold its regular monthly meet-
ing next Wednesday evening. This meet-
ing will be important, as arrangements
will be made for the annual banquet of
the society...

The proceeds of the lecture which
His Honor the Lieut.-Governor will give
in Christ Church cathedral schoolroom
on Thursday, August next, November
2nd, are to be donated to the maintenance
of a small garden at the Old Women's
Home...

Mr. J. Pierson, secretary of the Victoria
Esquimalt branch of the Navy League,
has received a communication from
Grand Admiral Jellicoe describing the celebra-
tion of the centenary of Trafalgar in that
town...

A most successful inaugural ball
was held by members of the Assembly
club at the hall, Port street, last evening.
There were about fifty couples present...

Mr. S. G. Henderson will Not Return
to Victoria for a Little Time.
The program supplied by the Fawcett-North
orchestra was most creditable. Supper
was served about midnight, after which
the dance continued until the early
hours...

THE ROYAL FAMILY AND THEIR
ANIMAL PETS.
A picture that at present is the talk
of all England is entitled "Queen Alex-
andra, Her Grandchildren and Dogs."
We have seen a sample of this famous
picture reproduced, and it certainly is
a charming and interesting subject...

Thanksgiving Day was appropriately
celebrated at Saanich in both the Holy
Trinity and the Methodist churches. At
the Holy Trinity church the harvest
festival was held. The church was decorated
with fruit, flowers and greens, and in
the evening the lights made up a very
pretty effect...

Mr. H. Hayward is going in for
fruit, says the Cowichan Leader.
He has already planted six hundred trees
and intends to plant six hundred more
this year.

Mr. J. W. Jones, photographer, formerly
of Victoria and Esquimalt, was in town
last week, and will shortly open a studio
in the Williams block on Commercial
street, says the Nanaimo Free Press.

A beautiful tombstone was placed
over the grave of the late Lewis Lewis
at the cemetery on Friday afternoon.
The remains of the respected old-
timer were laid at rest on July 4th, and
the spot is now marked by a head-
stone of Scotch granite.

Mr. Manuel Schnorer, of Vancouver,
youngest son of Mr. A. Schoter, of Victo-
ria, and Miss Winifred May Andrews,
youngest daughter of the late Mr. W. T.
Andrews of Toronto, were united in
marriage on Tuesday, October 24th, at

St. Saviour's church, Victoria West.
Rev. C. E. Cooper officiating. The wed-
ding march was played by the organist,
Mr. Hodgson. The bride wore a dress
of white silk organza with white taf-
feta, and carried a bouquet of bride's
roses...

Dr. Oronhyatekha Will Leave This
Evening on the Empress.
(From Monday's Daily.)
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Order of Foresters, is in Vancouver. He
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gether in the exploitation of the patent,
have been experimenting for some time
with the invention, and are perfect-
ly satisfied with it. They are at present
negotiating with Eastern firms for its
adoption on an extended scale.

THE WINTER TIME TABLE OF THE C. P.
R. went into effect Sunday, and the
times of arrival and departure of all
trains on the road have been changed.
Train No. 97 arrives from Seattle every
Monday at 11:50 a.m., under the new
schedule, instead of 10:45 a.m. No.
96 leaves Vancouver daily at 3:30 in-
stead of 5:15 p.m. Train No. 4 leaves
for Seattle at 8:20 a.m. instead of 8:45
a.m., and the train from Seattle arrives
at Vancouver at 6:55 p.m. instead of 8:45
p.m. As previously reported, the C. P.
R. will maintain the same train ser-
vice between Montreal and Calgary till
the end of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Magill are guests
at the Dried, registered in Ireland.
The store announcement will be of
interest to Victoria society people,
especially when they know that Mrs.
Magill was Miss L. M. Drummond, a
former Victoria and accomplished
and well known member of the younger
social set, previous to her departure
a few years ago for an extended trip
abroad.

ROMANCE, so dear to feminine hearts
in affairs of love, has been a frequent
visitor, during the courtship, marriage
and honeymoon of Mrs. Magill. Love
and war in far off Egypt, a beautiful
young lady and a young army officer
make up the interesting story.

MISS DRUMMOND formerly lived in Victo-
ria. Her parents were well known
and prosperous. She was prominent
in the social life of the city. She was
a lady and a leader in her social set.
About three years ago Miss Drum-
mond decided to leave Victoria on an
extended trip abroad. She was accom-
panied by her mother, Mr. Strates, and
later crossed the water to visit other for-
eign countries. She stopped in London
during her travels, and here it may be
said the romance of Mrs. Magill might
have met Mr. Magill, or to be
more exact, Lieut. Magill, of the Imp-
erial Regiment. Rumor does not say
how long the romance lasted, but it is
said that they spent many happy hours
together, and the innumerable social
functions attendant upon his position as
an officer, materially assisted in making
her stay in London a most enjoyable
one.

IT is said the course of true love never
runs smooth. Some few months after
Miss Drummond's arrival in London, and
the social season was on, she was called
to the aid of her mother, who was ill.
The war department that Lieut. Magill
and his regiment should immediately pro-
ceed to Egypt with headquarters at
Cairo. Lieut. Magill left London, and
was soon in Cairo. Some time later Miss
Drummond followed, and the two were
once more together. Army life was
pleasant for Lieut. Magill with such a
welcome companion in such a far off
foreign land. The wedding was decided
upon, and the day was set, just eight
months ago to-morrow. The two were
married amid Eastern splendor and with
all the pomp of a military function. A
short time later Lieut. Magill sent in his
resignation, which in due time was ac-
cepted, and he left the British army for
good. It may be stated that he served
with distinction for over two years in the
South African war. He was in the
British army six years. Leaving London,
Mr. Daniel has been connected with the
Royal Bank in this city for some time,
but will leave shortly for his new pos-
ition at New Westminster.

George Sheppard, of Telatworth, Oxford-
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have been experimenting for some time
with the invention, and are perfect-
ly satisfied with it. They are at present
negotiating with Eastern firms for its
adoption on an extended scale.

THE WINTER TIME TABLE OF THE C. P.
R. went into effect Sunday, and the
times of arrival and departure of all
trains on the road have been changed.
Train No. 97 arrives from Seattle every
Monday at 11:50 a.m., under the new
schedule, instead of 10:45 a.m. No.
96 leaves Vancouver daily at 3:30 in-
stead of 5:15 p.m. Train No. 4 leaves
for Seattle at 8:20 a.m. instead of 8:45
a.m., and the train from Seattle arrives
at Vancouver at 6:55 p.m. instead of 8:45
p.m. As previously reported, the C. P.
R. will maintain the same train ser-
vice between Montreal and Calgary till
the end of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Magill are guests
at the Dried, registered in Ireland.
The store announcement will be of
interest to Victoria society people,
especially when they know that Mrs.
Magill was Miss L. M. Drummond, a
former Victoria and accomplished
and well known member of the younger
social set, previous to her departure
a few years ago for an extended trip
abroad.

ROMANCE, so dear to feminine hearts
in affairs of love, has been a frequent
visitor, during the courtship, marriage
and honeymoon of Mrs. Magill. Love
and war in far off Egypt, a beautiful
young lady and a young army officer
make up the interesting story.

MISS DRUMMOND formerly lived in Victo-
ria. Her parents were well known
and prosperous. She was prominent
in the social life of the city. She was
a lady and a leader in her social set.
About three years ago Miss Drum-
mond decided to leave Victoria on an
extended trip abroad. She was accom-
panied by her mother, Mr. Strates, and
later crossed the water to visit other for-
eign countries. She stopped in London
during her travels, and here it may be
said the romance of Mrs. Magill might
have met Mr. Magill, or to be
more exact, Lieut. Magill, of the Imp-
erial Regiment. Rumor does not say
how long the romance lasted, but it is
said that they spent many happy hours
together, and the innumerable social
functions attendant upon his position as
an officer, materially assisted in making
her stay in London a most enjoyable
one.

IT is said the course of true love never
runs smooth. Some few months after
Miss Drummond's arrival in London, and
the social season was on, she was called
to the aid of her mother, who was ill.
The war department that Lieut. Magill
and his regiment should immediately pro-
ceed to Egypt with headquarters at
Cairo. Lieut. Magill left London, and
was soon in Cairo. Some time later Miss
Drummond followed, and the two were
once more together. Army life was
pleasant for Lieut. Magill with such a
welcome companion in such a far off
foreign land. The wedding was decided
upon, and the day was set, just eight
months ago to-morrow. The two were
married amid Eastern splendor and with
all the pomp of a military function. A
short time later Lieut. Magill sent in his
resignation, which in due time was ac-
cepted, and he left the British army for
good. It may be stated that he served
with distinction for over two years in the
South African war. He was in the
British army six years. Leaving London,
Mr. Daniel has been connected with the
Royal Bank in this city for some time,
but will leave shortly for his new pos-
ition at New Westminster.

George Sheppard, of Telatworth, Oxford-
shire, while playing cricket, was hit on
the head by a ball. He died three hours
afterwards of hemorrhage of the brain.

AN INEXPLICABLE
MURDER REPORTED

Mysterious Death
OF TWO PROSPECTORS
Skeleton of Miner Identified by Clothing
—Letter Addressed to Joseph
H. Lewis of Victoria.
(From Monday's Daily.)
A special dispatch to the Vancouver
Province from Skagway, dated October
27th, says:

"Women received here says it is believed
James Murray, otherwise known as
Moreira, murdered his partner, James
Fisk, last March at Halibut Bay, near
Skagway, Alaska."

The skeleton of Fisk was found re-
cently by natives with a rifle ball in the
back. It was identified by clothing and
letters found on the body, and was found
to be a blood-stained razor and a knife,
and there were bloodstains on the fur-
niture. Murray is supposed to have com-
mitted the crime, as he has never been seen
since last February.

"The men were together on the inlet
every day. In the cabin seven letters
written by Murray were found. They
were stamped and addressed to friends at
different points. Several were addressed
to people in Victoria, B. C., one having
the address of Joseph H. Lewis, of Victo-
ria, in which the writer says: 'I have
but a few hours to live.' Then follow in-
coherent religious and socialistic utter-
ances. Another, to an unnamed brother,
reads: 'I have saved the life of the man
who killed me to-day at 5 o'clock, and he is
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