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ty on its vessels only saloon and second passengers from January 1 next, will materially reduce the number of sailings during 1893 and raise saloon and second class fares in order to make up the loss that would be incurred by abandoning the average traffic. All special excursion rates drawn by the association, and there is no doubt this action will result in a large increase in the number of foreign visitors. Secretary Peters called to the American immigrants to the United States. M. Pottier, the French delegate to the international monetary conference, has submitted a proposal to the conference in which the plan which prevails in Glasgow, where warrants are issued on deposits of iron, the warrants not to have recognition as international currency, but to be treated as statements that they are good for the amount specified. It is understood that all countries in the Latin union will support the proposition, which will secure the support of every section of the conference.

The Dundee jute market is idle on account of the failure of Lipton & Co., the largest failure in the jute trade with a loss of £1,000,000. The firm has large South American connections. M. Rouvier, minister of finance, presented his resignation to President Carnot yesterday and great excitement.

G. W. Hobbs, a solicitor, has been arrested and remanded for hearing on the charge of forging a bill for \$10,000. Other charges of a similar nature have been made against him, and the total of his frauds amounts to a large sum. The forger is connected with the recent failure of the National Permanent Building and Investment Society, Ltd. and is connected with J. G. H. Wright, a solicitor, and has been arrested on the charge of forging a bill for \$10,000. Other charges of a similar nature have been made against him, and the total of his frauds amounts to a large sum. The forger is connected with the recent failure of the National Permanent Building and Investment Society, Ltd. and is connected with J. G. H. Wright, a solicitor, and has been arrested on the charge of forging a bill for \$10,000.

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CABLE NEWS.

Moorish Pirates in the Mediterranean—The Monetary Conference—Cholera in Hamburg.

Spanish Royalties—The British Conservative Conference—What King Behanzin Proposes to Do.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Conservative conference at Sheffield has adjourned. A resolution was adopted in favor of measures to remedy the depression in the agricultural and industrial districts of Great Britain, provided the measures should involve no increase in general taxation. The conference exhibited great enthusiasm, especially in denouncing the international reform to which the Government will support any firm and energetic foreign minister, no matter what his politics. The condition of the international reform in Europe was so great that it would be folly to anticipate confidently an indefinite future of European peace. Unless the imperial forces should be kept at the highest possible efficiency the time would come when the Emperor would be powerless to forcibly support the national honor.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 15.—The committee appointed by the International Monetary conference to consider the various projects submitted to the conference, have adopted a report in which they state that in considering the various proposals submitted to them, they confined themselves to the study of general principles, and did not discuss details necessary to give the several proposals effect, and after reviewing reasons for and against the different plans, the committee do not feel justified in taking a vote upon the projects referred to, but in attempting to formulate a compromise between the varying opinions the monetary delegates advanced.

MADRID, Dec. 15.—The Moorish pirates who recently captured the Spanish schooner *La Florida* and carried her crew into the mountains near Cape Jubu, refused to surrender the prisoners until ransom money to the amount of \$15,000 shall have been paid. They threaten that if any attempt be made to release the prisoners by force they will kill them. It is highly probable that the Government will grant the money requested in order to secure their freedom.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—L'Esperance, a French vessel, has been wrecked on the Island of Guernsey. All of her crew were drowned.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Standard's correspondent at Hamburg writes that cholera patients have been discovered in that city since the 12th instant.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The Naples Courier says: The Jesuits are trying to arrange a matrimonial alliance between Don Jaime, a son of Don Carlos, and the Infanta Mercedes, daughter of the late King Alfonso. The Jesuits are trying to arrange a matrimonial alliance between Don Jaime, a son of Don Carlos, and the Infanta Mercedes, daughter of the late King Alfonso.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—King Behanzin writes that the negotiations which took place at Paris, resulted in the conclusion of an agreement providing for cessation of war in return for cessation of the town of Kotonou to the French. Gen. Dodds, commander of the French forces, broke the agreement, however, and commenced the march to Abomey, the capital. Behanzin adds that he thereupon set fire to Abomey and retired to Acreduto with 20,000 soldiers, and is prepared to carry on a sanguinary guerrilla warfare, and to capture the latter by rowing over to the Whydah to the British.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Jean Gorges Hachette, the well known French publisher, is dead. The firm of Hachette Freres bore a worldwide reputation for the number, variety and excellence of their issues.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—A severe cyclone passed over the town of Orlo-to-day. Not much damage was done in the town proper, but several of the suburbs were devastated, houses being blown down and trees uprooted. The damage was particularly severe at Danow, the capital. Behanzin adds that he thereupon set fire to Abomey and retired to Acreduto with 20,000 soldiers, and is prepared to carry on a sanguinary guerrilla warfare, and to capture the latter by rowing over to the Whydah to the British.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The committee of the cabinet appointed to draft the Home Rule bill had a session that lasted three hours and ran a half-to-day. Mr. Gladstone presided and J. H. J. was the speaker.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 16.—A military revolt broke out at Niterroch-to-day. The object was to raise to the presidency ex-Governor Potella, the leader of the Automotist party. Federal troops were at once dispatched to the scene and the revolt was soon suppressed. Two persons were killed and many were arrested. It is rumored that several influential persons are implicated in the plot and that they will be arrested.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—Four leaders of the cholera riots in Mariopol were sentenced by court-martial to death. The other rioters arrested will be imprisoned.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The arrested Panama canal directors when arraigned before Magistrate Francelle, protested their innocence. They were committed to the Mazas prison.

The Standard's Paris correspondent says that the reason Ferdinand de Lesseps was not arrested was that he took no active part in the bribery operations.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—At the meeting of the American Federation of Labor yesterday morning the committee on resolutions offered a plan to create national or international unions where seven unions of any particular craft have been formed. President Gompers thought it would not always be practical, owing to the weakness of new unions. Debate on this question was suspended to listen to an address by ex-Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, on his proposed improvements of the common school system. A special committee was appointed for the

consideration of methods for limiting to their proper functions the military and judicial power, which, it was resolved, had been used in the contravention of the law and government during the recent labor encounters. Another resolution on the same topic was reported favorably providing that, as the boycott had failed as the weapon of organized labor, a campaign of education should be inaugurated by the federation, and the irresistible power of the ballot be arrayed in a struggle for supremacy. This was referred to the same special committee, together with others aiming against the military. A large number of other resolutions were introduced, among them the following: For the prohibition of Japanese immigration; for a congressional investigation of the late Cour d'Alene mining troubles; favoring the opening of schools for public meetings, and for the exposition of the labor problem in the public schools. A breeze over the tariff was provoked by a negative report on a resolution asking an extra session of Congress for the passage of free trade legislation.

AMERICA TO BLAME. She called the Monetary Conference and its ignominious failure is hers. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Times, referring to the international monetary conference, says the American delegates must be held largely responsible for the ignominious failure of the conference. America called the meeting, as if prepared with a practical scheme, and then offered only vague platitudes. The exuberant rhetoric of Senator Jones would have been more to the purpose if the American themselves had not grown tired of protecting silver.

TORONTO TOPICS. Tenth Anniversary of the Salvation Army in Canada—Self-Defiant Week. CRAZY TRICK OF A TWO MONTHS' BRIDEGROOM—Suicide of a Farmer.

(Special to the Colonist.) TORONTO, Dec. 16.—The tenth anniversary of its advent into Canada is being celebrated by the Salvation Army. There is a great attendance of soldiers. Commander Booth was presented with a "Self-Defiant" cheque for \$12,920, which was raised in Canada during self-defiant week.

Rev. Geo. Simpson, for many years editor of the Canada Presbyterian, has been appointed assistant editor of the Chicago Interior, the chief Presbyterian journal in the United States.

Chesley Henry Neilly, farmer, of Eldersville, committed suicide yesterday by hanging. He had been wrong in his mind for some weeks past.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

Policy of the Coming Quebec Government—The Canadian Cattle Disease Scare.

Reasons Assigned by Tarte For Mercier's Downfall—An Invasion of Grippe Expected.

(Special to the Colonist.) MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—A policy of extreme economy will, it is understood, be adopted by the new Quebec Government. A proposal to abolish the Legislative Council will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature, and there will be a reduction in all the departments of the Government. There is some talk of selling Spencewood, the historical residence of the Lieutenant-Governor.

It is understood that the Dominion Government, at the request of the leading Canadian cattle exporters, will invite the Imperial Government to send veterinary experts to Canada to see how foundationless is the report that pleuro pneumonia exists among Canadian herds. The Dominion will, if the offer is accepted, bear all expenses, and hopes it will result in the removal of the embargo upon Canadian cattle in England.

Tarte has written a pamphlet upon Mercier's political career, in which he declares that the settlement of the Jesuit estates question was the cause of his downfall, as it united against him the combined power of the English forces and the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Duncan McCormick leaves this evening for New York to interview the American customs authorities about immigrants in Montreal who wish to go to the United States, but are prevented doing so on the alleged grounds that they are mere laborers, and as such cannot be admitted under the existing law.

Mr. Bain's medical office in Soulanges has been reduced to 36. The health of the office says that he fully expects an invasion of a grippe this winter, more especially should the weather continue its present course. Some physicians say that there is already a mild type of influenza prevalent in Montreal.

W. C. Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific, states that the question of a fast Atlantic line has been discussed with the Canadian Government. The Canadian Pacific wished some of the regular lines to undertake the service and the company would only do so as a last resort and provided it could control the connection with a water port.

A cable message was received by the Bank of Montreal authorities this evening, stating that four million dollars of the Montreal loan had been fully subscribed for in London.

(Special to the Colonist.) TORONTO, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A Detroit dispatch says the extradition case of W. C. McAuley (alias Gillet), who is wanted at Winnipeg to serve out an unfinished sentence, was completed to-day, and papers recommending that extradition papers be issued were forwarded to the Secretary of State at Washington.

Edmund Sheppard, of Saturday Night, has decided to contest the Mayoralty against Mayor Fleming.

The six-year-old son of James J. Russell, proprietor of the Dominion brewery, was run over by a wagon and killed.

FROM SEATTLE. Funeral of Seattle's Pioneer Citizen—The Nye Bigamy Case—Captain O'Brien Gets Back His Certificate.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mr. Yealer, the founder of this city and its most prominent citizen, will be on Sunday, at 1 p.m., from his residence. It will be public, and probably the largest ever seen here. Rev. John P. Damon officiates. All the flags in the city will be at half-mast and the town in profound grief.

News has been heard of Nye, the missing man of many wives. Mrs. Nye No. 2 appeared to-day to answer the charge of unlawful co-habitation, preferred by Mrs. Nye No. 1, against the couple. She proved her innocence by a marriage certificate and was discharged.

The University of the State play the Seattle Athletics at football to-morrow; the game is creating much excitement in amateur sporting circles.

L. D. Ross, a real estate man, says the Canadian Pacific is going to Blaine. The report is laughed at by those who are posted. Capt. O'Brien, of the wrecked wheelabout, whose license was revoked, received it back to-day.

The schooner Alger sails on Sunday for the Japanese coast.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The condition of Henry L. Yealer is much worse. He is likely to die at any time.

Jas. Halder, who married a fourteen year old girl last night, and R. Sherman, a friend of his, were arrested to-day for perjury for swearing that the girl was over 18.

Captain Jensen, whose house was burglarized on Monday, thought he had discovered the burglar in the street to-day. He made a mistake, however, and the man, an honest mechanic, wiped the earth with him. Both were arrested.

The Hotel Northern closed its doors to-day on account of an attachment, and the fact that the waiters were on strike.

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—Final official statistics of the cholera epidemic in Russia have just been issued. According to these figures there have been 130,417 deaths from cholera and 135,433 deaths from Asiatic cholera since the outbreak of the disease in the Empire, making a total of 265,850 deaths.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Parliament to Meet the Last Thursday in January—General Herbert's Severe Strictures.

Five Militia Corps Gazetted Out—B.C. Customs Appointments—"Bob" McCreery's Time.

(From our own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—To-day's meeting of the cabinet decided to summon parliament for business Thursday, January 26.

General Herbert, in this week's Militia General Orders, scorching commandments of permanent corps for general neglect in not making a more effective kit inspection. He says, moreover, that the contractors are all allowed to impose on the men.

Judge Strong's appointment to the Chief Justice of the Supreme court will be gazetted to-morrow. Mr. Robert McCreery's term of imprisonment has been reduced by three months. He will therefore be released by January 22, having served nine months. The judge who tried him said of the offence that it merited six months' imprisonment, but he doubled the sentence because McCreery had jumped his bail.

J. H. Baiden, Mr. Haggart's private secretary, has been appointed secretary to the Railway Department.

Mr. Schreiber has returned from an inspection of the Soo Canal. He says the men who ignorantly engaged excavating the approaches, and everything will be ready for the masonry work in the spring.

Five militia corps will be gazetted out this week for non-effectiveness. H. N. Chantrel has been appointed sub-collector of customs for Township 1, Surrey district, British Columbia.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Representatives of the Montreal, Toronto and London Boards of Trade interviewed Sir John Thompson and Hon. Messrs. Foster and Angers, urging the Government to introduce an insolvency bill next session. The deputation claimed that as insolvency comes entirely within the jurisdiction of the Dominion, the constitutionality of the present provincial enactments is questionable. As each province has its own law at present there is a lack of uniformity, and the Boards of Trade of Ontario and Quebec have discussed the question and proposed a uniform law of 1875 and the Abbott bill of 1880, also containing important points of late years embodied in the English law. No definite promise was given the delegation, but Hon. Mr. Foster said the measure would be carefully considered.

The Cabinet to-day definitely decided that the Customs and Inland revenue departments should be administered by Hon. Mr. Bowell.

Prof. Robertson, now in England, has been asked to vindicate the high class quality of Quebec cheese, recently attacked by the Hon. Mr. Foster. The Controller White, of the Mounted Police, who has just returned from the Northwest Territories, says everything is quiet among the Indians, and cattle on the ranges are wintering well.

It is about decided that the British Columbia quarantine station will be at William Head, good water being obtainable there.

MEAPOR, Dec. 16.—Harvey Carley, collector of this place, has been drowned at Lannon while skating.

HAMILTON, Dec. 16.—Edward Passmore, aged 75, was knocked down and seriously injured by a trolley car yesterday.

HAMILTON, Dec. 16.—Charles Stuart Joyce, charged with bigamy, in having married Mamie Henrietta Dart, of Stamford, Conn., in 1891, and Christina May Lawrence of Hamilton, in 1892, pleaded guilty, and was remanded for sentence.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—Thirty-nine clerks in the Railway department here received notice of production of the American bill-metal, silver and the value of currency and were the very men who directed attention to the appreciation of gold. In its nature money was a function rather than a material; that function, created by law, was clearly the most important than the material upon which the money function was conferred. The fact that during the period when science was busied with a matter of this nature, gold and wages and prices advanced disproved the contention that a fall in prices was due to scientific development reducing the cost of production. The construction of the St. Lawrence Canal brought into existence the effective demands of hundreds of millions of Asiatics, whose tendency to raise prices more than offset the tendency of lower prices to reduce the value of gold and silver. The fact that the nations of the world did not claim that making the two metals a legal tender would secure stability in price, but they asserted that free coinage over a wide area would result in fluctuations in the value of gold and silver being inconsiderable. They fully admitted that the demands of the myriads of people in the East might, in case of a harvest of abundance, so increase the demand for silver bills as to bring silver to a slight premium over gold; but the fact that the competition for whichever metal became even fractionally cheaper would reduce the value of the metals had not been questioned at the conference. The mono-metallists of Lombard street, when confronted with this argument, spoke of the quantity of silver that was told were to be discovered, which would satisfy the market with silver bills sufficient not only to overwhelm the demand of Europe, but also to inflate the silver currencies.

QUEBEC NEWS PREMIER. Hon. Mr. Tullon Assumes the Leadership With the Majority of the Old Government.

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Hon. L. O. Tullon, M.P.P., arrived in this city this afternoon and called upon the Lieut-Governor. The honorable gentleman has accepted the office of Prime Minister with the portfolio of President of the Executive Council. It is probable that all the members of the DeBoucherville Cabinet, with the exception of the late Premier, will retain their portfolios in the Tullon administration. The Premier will be the only member of the new Cabinet to seek re-election, and it is generally believed that he will be returned by acclamation.

Assuming the Liability. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—General Agent Stearns of the Wall, Fargo Express, claims that his company has assumed the liability for the loss of the two packages of money shipped from this city a few weeks ago, and that as soon as the necessary papers are made out the express will reimburse the banks to which the money was consigned. The packages, one containing \$10,000 and the other \$25,000, were taken their port in the Tullon company's house, and saw a man running away. Before anyone got to the house the Cammill woman shouted, "I did not expect Archie would get shot," and a man on going to the house heard her say, "Jimmy, I didn't expect you would do this." Mrs. Cammill was found sitting in the doorway with her husband's head in her lap. The man never spoke, but it is clear that when Mrs. Cammill came down stairs he was supporting himself in the doorway. Rows cleared out to the bush, and Mrs. Cammill testified at the inquest that she did not see him around when she got down stairs nor did she speak to him. Her boy contacted her on both sides, and other witnesses heard her speak to him. The inquest is not concluded. The inquest points to the guils of James Rowe, brother-in-law of the deceased. Rowe has surrendered himself and is in custody in default of bonds for his appearance at the trial.

ST. MARY'S, O., Dec. 15.—Arthur Grubb, living at Rushville, received a "greens" circular from New York and decided to invest. He went to Lancaster and borrowed \$900 from a bank and started for New York. He had a bargain to receive \$3,000 for his trunk in his own house. On Tuesday he had the trunk opened, but the trunk was locked and he was unable to get it open. He was forced open and the money was gone. The supposition is that the swindlers followed him from New York to recover the money.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 3.—John Townsend, the veteran trapper, well known in the United States and Canada, is dying here of cancer of the liver.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 16.—G. R. Parkin lectured on National Unity here last night before the Imperial Federation League. Dr. Wilson, president of the St. John League, in the chair. Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley, and a large number of leading citizens, were present.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—It is understood that all the rumors of the appointment of a successor to Mr. Foster as Minister of Finance, are speculation, the subject not yet having been considered by the Government.

CANADA'S REJOINER.

Finance Minister Foster's Recent Reply to the United States Secretary of State.

The Latter's Gross Misrepresentations of Fact—His Highly Misleading Deductions.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—Hon. George E. Foster, Dominion minister of finance, has made a rejoinder to Hon. John W. Foster, secretary of state of the United States, who replied to the former's criticisms of President Harrison's message. He said to a reporter to-day: "After reading Mr. Foster's observations I can state that I have nothing to add to my previous assertions in regard to the reciprocity negotiations on the subject of a uniform tariff between the two countries. When the proposition for reciprocity was first made, it was declined, and before a wider arrangement was discussed, the Canadian delegates inquired about the question of discrimination. We asked who would have power to make the tariff simply non-discriminatory. To far as my knowledge goes, the Canadians never made free navigation a *sine qua non* for the settlement of the canal dispute. At the Washington conference, in June last, an informal proposition was discussed and promised, and it was formally conveyed to the United States Government through the British charge d'affaires at Washington. This proposal was submitted to the Senate by President Harrison in July last, and is as follows:

"That as far as regards the navigation of the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals, the imposition of tolls, and the same treatment must be accorded to citizens of the United States as is given to subjects of Her Majesty with regard to ports of transhipment or export, and that the United States will continue to deal in like manner with subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, the use of the existing St. Lawrence Canal, and the provisions of Article 30 of the Treaty of Washington granting carrying powers to vessels belonging to subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, as described in that Article, be restored."

It will therefore be seen, added Mr. Foster, that the Hudson river is not mentioned in this proposition for settling the whole difficulty. "I cannot recall any occasion when Canada made a demand for free navigation of the Hudson as a settlement of the controversy. Let Secretary Foster prove his case if he has the documents. By Article 30 of the Treaty of Washington, above referred to, it was stipulated that British subjects might carry in British vessels, without payment of duty, goods, wares or merchandise from one port or place within the territory of the United States through Canada by land carriage and in bond, and a privilege exactly corresponding, *mutatis mutandis*, was, by the same article, granted to the citizens of the United States with respect of goods, wares and merchandise carried from one point in Canada across the territory of the United States to other points in Canada. By the same article it was agreed that the United States might suspend the right of carrying so granted to British subjects, in case the Dominion of Canada should at any time determine to restrict the navigation of the canals of the Dominion on terms of equality with Canadians."

The Government Demands of the United States to Wipe Out the Brigands on the American Side.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—A special from Monterey, Mex., says the Mexican Government will demand of President Harrison that he take decisive steps toward breaking up and wiping out the bands of revolutionists that have their rendezvous on the soil of the lower Rio Grande border country. Governor Reyes, of the State of Nueva Leon, has forwarded to President Harrison documentary evidence that a plot exists among a large force of Mexicans to make an armed expedition against Mexico. Governor Reyes is greatly incensed over the inactivity of the military authorities of the United States in not putting down the proposed revolution in its incipency. He said to-day: "The killing and roasting of those seven Mexican soldiers and citizens opposite San Ignacio by the band of outlaws who crossed over from Texas, is the greatest outrage committed by persons of any friendly nation on the subjects of another that has occurred in the 19th century. It is believed that serious international trouble will grow out of the San Ignacio outrage if the United States government does not show its disapproval of the act of the revolutionists by putting a large body of troops in the field."

McCreery's Case to be Settled. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A Rome cable printed this evening says it can be stated upon the highest authority that Pope Leo XIII. has given special power to Mgr. Satolli to settle the McCreery case.

Called to Account. Slavin, the Cornwall Murderer, Forcibly Summoned to the Supreme Bar.

Hanged by the Neck—The Last Scenes—Story of the Crime.

CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 16.—The execution of Slavin, the Cornwall murderer, took place at 7:50 this morning, and passed off without the slightest deviation from the arrangements made. It was attended only by the representatives of the press, the medical profession and a few private citizens, about fifty persons in all. Slavin walked freely during the march to the gallows and

M. QUAD'S HUMOR.

The Kicker Paperweight—His Honor Has a Row with the Coroner.

Love According to the Latest Diagrams—The Homely Man's Face Saves Him.

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THE ARIZONA KICKER.

NO MORE INNOVATIONS.—When his honor the mayor (who is ourself) first occupied his official desk in the city hall he used a revolver as a paperweight, and things were running along in a smooth and gentle way when the mayor of Buffalo happened out this way. The paperweight attracted his attention, and he read us a moral lecture. He thought there was a certain abandon about the matter incompatible with the dignity of the office. We took the advice of a tenderfoot for the first time in five years and replaced the revolver with a piece of quartz silver. The other day, as we were preparing a veto, a stranger walked in and covered us with his gun. He was a slow-going chap, and had our old paperweight been in place we could have got the drop on him. As it was, he covered us and proceeded to make us eat dirt. No one happened to come in, and for ten minutes he ordered us to call ourselves a thief, liar, swindler, deadbeat and a heap of other unpleasant things. What grieved us more than all else was to be forced to declare that THE KICKER had only one-fourth the circulation of its wretched contemporary, and that we were in a bad way for the postmaster of this town. When the fellow had fooled with us to his heart's content he backed out, ran down stairs and galloped out of town. We hunted for him of course, but he was not to be found, and it brings tears to our eyes to think we may never see him again. Our revolver has been restored to its place as a paperweight. We shall steer clear of any further innovations. If the mayor of Cleveland or Cincinnati or St. Louis happens along here and doesn't like the looks of things it will make no difference to us if we don't possess to the 95 per cent. of our dignity with a dull thud just because those eastern mayors fail to understand us as a people.

THE FOLLOWING DIAGRAM SHOWS THE FRONT AND BACK PARLORS IN THE MANSION IN QUESTION.

THE LOVERS WERE IN PARLOR A, WHILE THE OLD MAN OCCUPIED B. HE LOOKED AND ACTED LIKE A MAN WHO WAS THERE FOR A PURPOSE.

HE COVERED US.

ONE OF JOSEPH'S JOKES.—Last week we received through the mail a copy of THE KICKER which had been sent to Joe Taylor, of Duck Lake, as a sample copy of the literary fruits grown in this neighborhood. Joseph used the margin and a lead pencil to tell us to go to a climate much hotter than this. We, of course, mounted our male and rode over to solicit an interview. Joseph saw us when we were yet a mile away, and mounting his mule he bolted for Grass valley. We overhauled him at Turkey creek, however, and gave him 60 seconds in which to explain matters. He is a very rapid wiper, and in less than half a minute had not only squared himself but handed over four dollars in cash for two subscriptions, one of which goes to his aged father in Connecticut. Joseph had simply been joking us in returning the sample copy. He has a great deal of humor in his jokes, and we don't say that we expect everybody to regard THE KICKER as the greatest family newspaper on earth, but it might as well be understood right here and now that under certain circumstances we shall promptly buckle on two six-shooters, mount our running mule and demand an interview.

HIS MISTAKE.—His honor the mayor (who is ourself) deeply regrets the little incident which occurred at the city hall Monday afternoon, and is pleased to learn that the verdict of the public is with him. For many moons past the coroner of this town has considered himself a bigger man than the mayor. He was a great mistake on his part, but we let it go until the critic came to the conclusion that he was running most of the territory. Monday afternoon we found at our official desk, with his heels on our official blanks, and one of our official cigars between his teeth. He don't say that the stairs once on his way down, and it was 30 minutes before he opened his eyes and recognized Moss Williams, who was feeding him whiskey. We were elected to run this town. When we show signs of weakness it will be time for some one else to step in. The coroner is a good man, and he has a very graceful way of presiding at an inquest, but the swelling of his head must be kept down. He says he will run for us as soon as able to get out, but that was to be expected. When we accepted the office we accepted all the chances as well.

THE DIAGRAM MAN.

IT WAS THUS THEY MET AGAIN AFTER A LONG, HINGERING, NEVER ENDING SEPARATION OF SIX HOURS AND A QUARTER.

THE KICKER'S SKETCHES.

A GIRL'S ESCAPE FROM THE MORMONS—A KING AT HOME.

ing diagram hardly does her justice, but may soothe her surviving friends.

She only had five dogs. Her stern father now wishes he had allowed her fifteen.

Horatio was a blooming young man just budding into a terror to boarding-house keepers. He was poor, but ambitious, and he had a manly form on which no porous plaster had ever yet cast its fatal influence. It was presumption on his part to love the beautiful Maude, whose mother had never put the Monday washing to soak on Sunday night, and whose father was an aristocrat of the first water and sent home potatoes by the barrel. Horatio couldn't help it, however, and was willing to take chances with the old man on his shape.

"You will ask papa, to-night?" tenderly inquired Maude after the first greeting.

"I—I—guess so."

"Well, you know you see—that if he returns an ice cold refusal and gives me the boot? I shiver! I shiver! I collapse at the thought of that cast-iron iceberg who holds our fate in his grasp! Let us wait and see if he won't die of heart failure."

"Horatio Skimmerhorn, you don't love her!" she almost shrieked as she drew away from him.

"Better than my own life!"

"Then be a man instead of a kangaroo! If papa is approached right he will not refuse."

"Coach me, darling! Put me onto the following diagram shows the front and back parlors in the mansion in question."

"I'll tell you. I had six eggs in my coat tail pockets. Game chicken eggs. Paid 50 cents apiece for 'em. When I sat down—"

"I understand, sir."

"Under those circumstances no gentleman could get up."

"No."

"He must ride to the end of the route and then take a hack home."

"Exactly."

"Well?" queries the blushing maiden.

"H-he o-consults the gasp Horatio."

"Oh, joy, joy! I told you so."

"But he wants them \$2,000, and all I got on earth is seventy cents. Let us die in chorus!"

"The died. He went to his boarding house and died without the slightest injury to the furniture and without calling for ice water or fresh towels. She naturally wanted a little more romance about it, so she waited until the next day and then let a \$500 bond constructor take four turns around her queerly formed and constrict her to death. Both are angels now, and while they twang their harps and sing the old man sits with bowed head and tearful eyes and cries aloud in the anguish of his soul. He would bring them back and bless them, but he cannot."

THE FATE OF A HOMELY MAN.

There were about eighty minutes of us at Clanshob Crossing when Judge Taylor appeared. We saw him coming up the trail when he was a mile away, and Dan Taylor called an old spyglass on him and focused on him.

"Now may I never see old Scheneckle again if that fellow hasn't the homeliest durned critter I ever set eyes on!"

When he came up everybody agreed with Dan. Everybody had to. The stranger hadn't met with any accident to his face, but he was simply homely. He had cook eyes, a hare lip, a nose with a ball on the end of it, and his teeth all hung out to the weather. Nature wasn't satisfied with that, but he was bowlegged and drawn up, and the color of his hair and whiskers was that of a faded out strawberry. We forgot the rules of hospitality in staring at him, and he very properly resented our conduct by saying,

"One would think you fellows hadn't seen a stranger for six months before! What's the matter with you, to stand with your mouths open that way?"

"Stranger," replied Dan, who was both blunt and truthful, "you must excuse us, but I'm telling you that you are the homeliest man I ever saw in all my born days. You are welcome, however. Just shake out your claim and put up your shanty and become one of us."

"Homely, homely!" repeated the old man. "You don't go fur to call me homely, do you?"

"I do. I never saw as homely a critter in all my life."

"Waal, that's news to me, and I don't believe it! I've been married twice, and married on my good looks both times. I'm naturally had folks call me handsome!"

He staked out a claim, got up a shanty and proved to be a good fellow, though he appeared to grow more homely every day. What Dan had said seemed to work on him, and he was frequently seen consulting his pocket looking-glass. He had been with us a month when he went up on the mountain side one Sunday alone. About 3 o'clock we saw him from camp as he walked slowly along an old trail leading to an abandoned mine. We were gaining on him when a big cinnamon bear came out of a rift, turned up the trail and in about a minute the judge and he were face-to-face and only ten feet of trail between them. They were a mile away, but we could see them as plain as day. They stood in their tracks staring at each other for a couple of minutes, and then the bear wheeled to the left and rolled

off the trail and descended 500 feet before he brought up among some bowlers. The judge stood and looked into vacancy for awhile and then turned about and headed for camp. He came in with his head down and his mind preoccupied, but on reaching the little public square which was our general lounging place, he looked around, fixed his eyes on Dan Taylor and asked:

"Did this crowd see me up that way?"

"Yes."

"See me meet the bar?"

"Yes."

"See the durned critter get up an' humph himself as if scared to death?"

"Yes."

"What made him do it? What's the opinion of the crowd?"

"Your looks," replied Dan, "nothing but your looks. He's never seen a real homely man before, and it took the sand out of him in a jiffy. You wouldn't believe me when I told you so, but this ought to be evidence."

"It order be—it order be," mused the judge as he looked up the mountain.

"You're bin right all along. Mighty queer to me, though—mighty queer."

He went off to his shanty, and we saw no more of him till next morning. Then his body was hanging to the limb of a tree above camp—a case of suicide. In his shanty he had left a scroll reading, "I don't blame nobody. I'm a-going to do it simply because a human critter homely enough to scare a bar hadn't order be livin' after he's got the evidence!"

SHE UNDERSTOOD.

He was the only man having a seat in the street car, and there was a woman standing up directly in front of him. It was evident to all that he was nervous and uneasy over his situation, but he so didn't get up. He seemed about to do so several different times, but always remained seated. At length, however, he beckoned to the woman and confidentially said:

"I'm a gentleman, I am, and I know you've been expecting me to get up."

"Yes," she replied.

"You've wondered why I didn't?"

"I'll tell you. I had six eggs in my coat tail pockets. Game chicken eggs. Paid 50 cents apiece for 'em. When I sat down—"

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"More smiling and snuffing, and then he lay down to watch me. For a long minute he sized me up and then began purring like a cat. Pretty soon he rubbed his shoulder against a rock, and it felt so good that he turned over on his back and began hitching and yawning. I had half a bullock for an eye, but I didn't care. He was hungry for more meat. I did not look him in the eye. To have done that would have been to provoke him. I looked aside, but could yet detect his every movement.

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A quarter of a mile in rear of us the pass narrowed suddenly to twenty feet, and we fell back without delay and dismounted. The other party had halted at sight of us, instead of charging, and before they advanced we were pretty well fixed to hold the pass. There were a score of stunted trees growing on the rocky sides, and these were uprooted and thrown down, and every rock which could be moved was tumbled into the pass. In ten minutes we had a solid wall of rock came up from our rear just as one of the Mormons advanced with a flag of truce. She gave us her story in a few brief words and then crouched down behind the breastwork to help us defend it. The messenger claimed her as his lawful wife. He was very gentle in his speech at first, but after finding that we would not give the woman up he declared that his force numbered twelve Indians and six white men, and that none of us need hope to escape death. What he said about white men was true, as the pursuing white party had come across a band of Indian hunters and enlisted their services. We knew what to make ready for when the flag of truce departed. The entire force charged us on foot. Every man of us had a pair of Colt's six shooters besides his rifle. We placed our rifles in the hands of the girl and used only our revolvers. She fired the first shot from her own weapon, and her bullet killed a white man so stone dead that he never moved a foot after falling. An Indian was also killed by one of us, and those were the only deaths, but several of our men had been wounded in the fusillade. They stopped and broke before reaching the breastwork.

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RESCUED TO DEATH.

...a Longshoreman, Falls into the Water from the Turner-Beeton Wharf.

...in the Effort to Save Him From a Watery Grave.

...night, as the usual crowd which had gathered to witness the landing of the steamer was still lingering on the wharf, a loud cry for help came from the vicinity of the Turner-Beeton wharf.

...number hastened in that direction and on the advance discovered the form of a struggling man in the water, the surface of which at that stage of the tide about feet below the string piece of the wharf.

...gentlemen, Mr. Jones and Mr. Mc... hastily procured a rope, upon which was a noose, and threw it to him, telling him to slip the noose under the light which was rather poor and rope grew taut, those who were on the wharf proceeded to haul

...struggling man was raised nearly to the level of the wharf when it was discovered that the rope was around his neck instead of his arms. He was lowered and cut him. Still able to talk he said "I was there with a well-filled t... a musical programme, and refreshments in abundance.

...the horror of the crowd it was discovered that the rope was still around his neck, resting under his chin, and he was unfortunately man was less than an hour after the second time. Dr. Jones of the Warpsite, arrived on the wharf for some time every means was resorted to the lifeless body. Provincial police took charge of the which was reported to Lockhart's ambulance establishment. A search revealed a few days ago, a purse containing three and a few days ago, a receipt from one month's rent of cabin No. 22, at 10 St. Donohue.

...the man was recognized as having been in longshoreman and dock work in town. A number recognized him, but none of them knew his name, it is probably that on the receipt. The quest will be held to-day.

BERY AND SHOOTING.

...Known Vancoverite Shot and Robbed on the Public Streets.

...Retient as to His Assaults—All the Asseraint Facts.

...[Special to the Colonist]... OVER, Dec. 16.—About 3 o'clock news was brought to the paper by a gurney cab driver, that a man named Barnes had been murdered and the matter was investigated and a bullet hole was found in the neck of an item was crowded in, more than an announcement of Barnes being waylaid by highway robbers. Later in the morning, F. W. Hart said to your reporter, I was at 1:55 o'clock by three or four rings at the door in rapid succession. I ran through the house in my clothes and opening the door saw Barnes staggering on the steps. He fell in my arms and I took him to a seat near the fire and examined the muscles of the neck directly to the cerebellum, slightly to the left, "there is a hole there, but it looks like a bullet hole." He replied, "I don't know, I think it's a bullet hole."

...Dr. Wilson and a gurney and I took him to the hospital, for three days, Bell-irving and the two Doctors probed for the bullet without success, though they are of the opinion the bullet has been made by a small pistol.

...Barnes, who was for a time very fainting strength, and every hope is being in his recovery. He refuses to say that might lead to the discovery of the would-be murderers until he can deposition to the police magistrate. "About 5 o'clock on Thursday a certain man paid me a sum of money over a thousand dollars. He paid me, I told no one, and I don't anybody could know. I went home with my tea, and said to the people in the house, 'I'm going out to see Steves.' I took 20, and on my way back I heard two men walking rapidly by. I saw them and I followed them. They were talking in a low voice, and I heard one say, 'I'll get you if I can.' My limbs were cold when I came to, three hours and minutes afterwards. I felt for my clothes when I awoke, and my clothes were unbuttoned; my money and money stolen; my shirt and streaming with blood. The situation, I got on my feet, and I went to the little cottage that was the bridge, but finding that I was there I first thought I managed to get into the house. Barnes is perhaps better known than any man in Vancouver. He was here for a number of years, and is personally acquainted with many of the business men of the city. When the announcement was made that he had been shot and robbed the community was startled. The shot was fired from behind. Mr. Barnes did not resist, nor is it known that there was any witness to the crime. Barnes' own story is all that is known at present. The case is a mystery. As yet there is no clue whatever.

...The doctor found a .32 calibre bullet in the afternoon flattened against the police... having played a quiet game of cards with his friends. He has known his strong suspicions as a personality of his assailants.

PREPARE FOR CHOLERA.

...PREPARE, care and courage are the... of civilization, and it is not... a body scrupulously clean. Eat hot... blood, and ensure pure blood... be safeguarded against cholera or epidemic.

THE CITY.

...The Transfer Refused. At Wednesday's session of the Licensing Commission, the transfer of the Janion hotel license from Walker & Reinhardt to R. J. Ferguson was refused.

...The Formal Notice. The notice of application for a private bill by the company proposing to connect the four cities of the province by telephone appeared in the B.C. Gazette yesterday.

...For the World's Fair. One of the largest and most interesting items brought from the North in recent years reached Victoria yesterday. It is a display in Chicago, where it will find a place at the great fair.

...Joined in Marriage. At 297 Johnson street, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Fred S. Plover and Miss Mary Roberts were joined in marriage by Rev. Dr. Campbell, of the First Presbyterian church. The ceremony was witnessed by a select party of invited friends.

...Seek Incorporation. During the approaching session of the Legislature the Church of England Synod of Westminster, the Vancouver Y.M.C.A., Miss Fenwick, of the "Victoria," will all seek incorporation. The formal notice appeared in the Gazette for the first time yesterday.

...For the Little Ones. A Christmas treat for the Sunday school children of the Reformed Episcopal church will be provided on the evening of January 2, when there will be a well-filled treat, a musical programme, and refreshments in abundance.

...Belgian Consul. Realizing the constantly growing importance of Victoria as a commercial center, the Belgian government has decided upon the appointment of a resident consul in this city. Yesterday Mr. Thomas E. Smith received official notification of his appointment to the honorable position.

...Still Missing. Cheung Sun, the Celestial who was in trouble with the Highlanders a short time ago and has since then disappeared, continues missing. His friends this time can get no tidings of him, and it is not known whether he will be seen in the city at the festival now in progress—the feast of the dead.

...In Aid of the School Funds. In Victoria West hall, last evening, a first class concert was given in aid of the school funds. The principal contributors to the programme were the Messrs. Nicholson, Miss Fenwick, Mr. Gough, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Pover, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Hamilton. Gunners Davies, McNeill, Miller and Smythe, of the "C" Battery, made up the cast for the closing number, a farce entitled "Our New Man."

...Social at St. John's. In St. John's school, on Herald street, the Ladies' Guild last evening treated their friends to a very pleasant social, the second of the winter series. A number of pretty stereopticon views were shown, refreshments were served, and a musical bill of fare of just the right length and considerable merit followed. Mrs. Mesher's whistling solo proved as pleasing as unique, and in their duet (voiced Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Creighton, of Cedar Hill, well merited applause. They were followed by a quartet to the musical talent of the city.

...Berge-Brewster. Rev. P. H. McManuel, Baptist minister, was called upon on Wednesday evening to perform the ceremony which made Miss Kate J. Brewster, daughter of Mr. Charles Brewster of 106 North Cambrian street, the bride of Thomas Berge. The wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, her sister, Miss Mary Brewster, supporting her, while Mr. W. J. Berge acted as best man. Mr. W. J. Berge will reside in the city of Victoria, taking possession in a few weeks of their new residence which is now building on Frances avenue.

...W. C. T. U. Work. The regular weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the Refuge home, Commodore street, yesterday, when a committee composed of the following ladies was appointed to visit the Rev. Bishop, the Y. M. C. A. in holding the New Year's reception: Mrs. Spafford, Mrs. Shakespear, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. W. Grant. The question of supporting a city missionary was discussed to some length, it being decided to leave the matter as it stands until the next meeting, which will not be held until after Christmas. In the meantime an effort will be made to secure a suitable woman for the position.

...Dr. Hills in London. "The Right Rev. Bishop Hills, who has lately resigned the See of British Columbia, arrived in England last week. He was appointed to the vacant Diocese of British Columbia in 1889, which has since been subdivided into the three bishoprics of Columbia, New Westminster and Caledonia. He is the senior in consecration of all the colonial bishops. The appointment of his successor has been delegated by the synod of the diocese to the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is reported that the Right Rev. Bishop Hills be addressed to 3 Portchester place, Oxford-Square, W."—The Times, London.

...Coal in San Francisco. J. W. Harrison writes as follows in reference to the San Francisco coal market: "Although the receipts of Australian coal during the past thirty days have been less than 8,000 tons, and the total quantity to arrive within the next sixty days does not exceed 16,000 tons, still the market has met with no improvement as far as prices are concerned. It is true that there is no scarcity of Australian grades here in stock, but it is an assured fact that three months from now the quantity in the yards will be small and certainly less than our requirements will call for. The scarcity of coal and the full rates demanded, should strengthen values. An advance in the prices of our coast products seems to be generally expected. Quotations for steam coal will probably remain as they are at present."

...Their First Bazaar. The first annual bazaar in connection with the new Episcopal church of St. Mark's was held yesterday, followed by a concert in the evening which was enjoyed by a large audience, including many friends from the city. The many articles of taste and beauty which the ladies have had prepared for many months found ready purchasers from the time the sale was declared open by Ven. Archbishop Scriver in the afternoon until the close of the entertainment. It is expected that the results were not obtainable last night, but they will be held to-day.

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...The second provides for the construction, operation and maintenance of a line of railway commencing at a point at or near Nelson, "thence following the West Arm of Kootenay lake to Balfour; thence along the west shore of Kootenay lake to Alton worth; thence to a point at or near Kaolo; thence running up the main fork of Kaolo creek to Bear lake; thence to a point at or near the forks of Carpenter creek; with power to build branch lines to any mine or mines adjacent to the line of railway, and with power to build wharves and docks, and erect and maintain telegraph and telephone lines and all necessary works."

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THE KOOTENAY COUNTRY.

...What a Practical Proprietor Has to Say About It.

...Mr. J. Hepburn is again in town. For the past three years he has been managing the Victoria Hydraulic Mining company, and is now in the city to examine the proposed plan for the extension of the mine.

...The result was that the white man left, and then came the Chinaman, who for years made the claim pay. They in turn abandoned it, and the Indians took it up, and having done so, they have now made the claim unprofitable. The mine is a placer one, and the Victoria company have now started in. They have taken in water from the Spokan lake, and laid some eight miles of flume, the pipe being from 3 feet in diameter to 17 1/2 in. at the outlet.

...Work has been suspended in consequence of frost and snow, but Mr. Hepburn is sanguine that the winter will be a good one, and he returns to the scene of operations he expects to find everything in good working order.

...We have had from 35 to 40 men employed during the open season," said Mr. Hepburn last night, "but when we have all our machinery running we can do with a much less number. Our men have been working in the best of good luck, and for white men there, but those who have had a month and then clear out. There is plenty of room for a couple of hundred good men there."

...The Ta Chen Ended. The great Chinese feast of Ta Chen, or the third year of the pig, was celebrated in the city last night. The end in "ama" hours this morning, the end in a fitting climax to the previous days and nights of Celestial hilarity. A small wooden temple was erected on Commodore street, some thirty yards above the alley leading to the head house, and from this temple to the entrance of the alley were placed three rows of boards. Oil cans were placed at short intervals along the boards, and between these were small piles of provisions and sweetmeats. The oil cans contained material of an inflammable nature, and at the proper time this was lighted and burned, and the smoke and fire were blown from the temple by the incantation of the priest, the burning of the papers and the dulcet tones of the Chinese band, in all of which the spectators in the by-standers. The idea of the ceremony was that anything placed in the boards in the name of the dead person was received by them in some way. The din was kept up for some time, then the fire died down and the job was removed, after which the offerings on the boards were distributed to the poor, and silence, so long frightened from the vicinity, returned again.

...The Will of Reed left Philadelphia early in September, 1891, for Kobo, Japan. I found it impossible to get a crew I desired, and so had to take what I could get. I was rescued Kobo without any further talk to a deck. He encouraged the men in their misdoings. Alfred Parsi I considered to be the ringleader, and I ordered him placed in irons. Some of the men who were still faithful carried out my order. But the men refused to work unless Parsi was released, which I was compelled to do. When in the Straits of Sunday a number of Malay Indians came on board with whiskey. The crew got drunk and refused to work. In a fight which followed a number of the sailors were wounded by being shot. My vessel, the "Kobo," was then placed in jail.

...Captain Yates is well known on the Sound, having been there several times in the Reed and other vessels.

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Preparing for a Concert.

The choir of the First Presbyterian church are now practicing for the Burns concert, to be given in the church at the end of next month, when they promise to give a number of very fine choruses.

Who Steps Taken.

The Wellington delegation or delegation which was down to see what could be done about having a new trial for the condemned murderer Tarnelli, has not been successful so far, and it is quite unlikely that any steps will be taken to interfere with the carrying out in due course of the law, so that the Italian and the other prisoner, a Chinaman, will be hanged on the same day.

Wallace Christian Buried.

The funeral of Wallace Christian, who met his death under such strange circumstances on Thursday evening, took place from the residence of his parents, Mr. C. B. Lockhart, and later from the R. C. Cathedral, Rev. Father Nicolay officiating. The attendance was large, over 100 persons being present. Deceased was a native of Nova Scotia.

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The Challenge Shield.

The challenge shield given by Col. Prior and the officers of the B.C.B.G.A. has been sent on its way from London. The shield is a beautiful emblem silver on an oak backing, is finished in the highest class of the silversmith's art, and is the work of Mappin Bros., 220 Regent street, London. This challenge shield will be held each year by the battery making the highest general average in proficiency. It was won this year by Battery No. 4, and will grace their room upon its arrival.

A Divorce Granted.

In January, 1877, William G. Irvine led his wife Kate, to the altar at Orillia, Canada. For a time they lived happily, but a man's inconstancy and dishonesty, and for five years past he has been guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment. He created a scene on May 25, 1891, by knocking the plaintiff down on the pavement of Vancouver. She feared her husband and wished to be separated from him. A decree of divorce was granted her yesterday, and she the custody of their children.—Seattle Telegraph.

A Marvellous Address.

Proprietor Patton, of the Hotel Victoria, is the possessor of an envelope addressed as follows:

P. T. PATTON, Esq., Hotel Victoria, Victoria, B. C., U. S. A., Ontario, Canada.

It is in England who sent this out had only thought about Alaska and Mexico he might have put on a few more names. But "Ber" Patton says the Hotel Victoria is so well known that letters addressed there are sure to reach their destination, no matter what other address is given.

A Companion's Generous Deed.

When the man who was known as Donohue was drowned in the inner wharf on Thursday night it was thought he had no friends in the city. But subsequently it was ascertained that the man's real name was Wallace Christian. He came to British Columbia some two or three years ago from Prince Edward Island, and was well known here amongst seamen, sailors and seafarers. When the body was identified the former friends of the deceased decided to give him a proper funeral, and a collection was taken up amongst themselves and some of the shipowners, the sum of \$300 being raised, which was used to defray the expenses. The collection was taken up by Mr. W. J. Christian, who though of the same name is no relation of the deceased. He was assisted in the generous work with pleasing results, however, did not wish his name mentioned. The feeling shown by the dead man's friends is highly commendable, and it is pleasing to know that their efforts were so well backed up.

A Bold Bad Burglar.

A member of the police force succeeded in covering himself with glory and honor on Saturday morning. It seems that one of the partners in a well-known jewelry firm of Victoria is in the habit of sleeping in the store, but on Friday evening he desired to spend the night away, and so asked one of his employees to remain in his place. To this the young man readily agreed, but on going to bed, found himself unable to sleep on account of the light. Midnight, and darkness is brooding like the spirit of a black cat over the store, when the faithful guardian of the public safety approaches, notices the unusual absence of the lights, and with visions of masked robbers floating in panoramic views before his eyes, flies for a sergeant.

The sergeant is found, a force hastily gathered, the non-resistant partner found, and to slow ghost music the crowd gathered around the store. Like the rush of a spring snow slide they descended and gathered in the luckless young man's room. The light and the cold night wind took up the sad refrain once more.

Mr. Yates tells a good story in the World. It is of a Yankee minister, who said to his congregation:—"My friends, after the close of the sermon we will take up a collection. The rich will give of their abundance, and we shall not despise the widow's mite. I may say we reckon the widow's mite at two dollars and a half."

"Who is that woman over there? She looks as if she were painted." "Sir, that woman is my wife!" "Pardon me, I had not finished my sentence. She looks as if she were painted by Raphael, and had just stepped out of the frame."

WAS NOT QUARANTINED.

Interesting Evidence Before the Royal Commission Yesterday as to the Smallpox Outbreak.

The Next Session to Be on Wednesday, When Business Will Be Wound Up.

It was alleged during the recent smallpox epidemic that cases were known to the civil health authorities where patients had been removed and no steps taken to quarantine the houses or gather in the suspects. The charge was denied, but straight proof of it was produced yesterday before the Royal Commission, when Mrs. Hodgitta, proprietor of the Pullman house, Trounce alley, was called. She stated that on July 13 there was a lodger in her house named E. Witter, who was taken sick. He was a bartender, and had been drinking somewhat heavily. When asked by Mrs. Hodgitta what was the matter, he declared it was nothing more than the results of too much liquor. Witness said that this did not satisfy her, and she was so much alarmed that she went to the police station, where he was taken into the Jubilee Hospital quarantine, where he died ten days after the outbreak of smallpox.

Witter had left the house about 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning, and that night about 6 o'clock a short, stout man came round and said he had been sent by Dr. Milne to fumigate the room. He spread the blankets out and put in some sulphur which was burned for 24 hours. He did not destroy anything or attempt to quarantine any of the other five or six lodgers, most of whom had by this time moved out. Mrs. Hodgitta said she went to Dr. Frank Hall and was vaccinated successfully. She burned all the bed clothes and some other things which had been in the close where the sheets and pillow cases from the sick man's bed were put. This, however, she did of her own accord and in order to be safe. She and her husband afterwards went to fumigate the room. He spread the blankets out and put in some sulphur which was burned for 24 hours. He did not destroy anything or attempt to quarantine any of the other five or six lodgers, most of whom had by this time moved out. 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CAPITAL NOTES.

Manitoba Entitled to Increased Senate Representation—Dominion and Provincial Accounts.

Central Farm Exhibits for the World's Fair—Important Behring Sea Information.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—Under the Manitoba Act, the province is entitled to additional representatives in the Senate when its population exceeds 50,000.

The Government to-day ratified the appointment of Judge Casault, one of the arbitrators in the matter of the disputed province of the Dominion, Ontario and Quebec.

The Central Farm officials have made a splendid selection of grain in the straw for the World's Fair. It makes 22 cases and weighs 1,200 lbs.

Major Sherwood, Commissioner of Dominion Police, has returned from San Francisco. While there he obtained several valuable statutory declarations in support of the Canadian case in the Behring Sea arbitration.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The "hardpan" cases in the Exchequer Court fell through to-day, as Judge Burbidge ruled that Orders in Council referring claims to him did not give him jurisdiction to decide the issues which the claimants desired to raise.

Judge Crease has reported to the Department of Justice in regard to two murder trials at Nanaimo. It is not expected that any interference will take place.

The Imperial Board of Agriculture has allowed the cattle ex-Dominion line steamer Ontario to enter England under the old regulations.

On Saturday an accident occurred near Crystal City, which resulted in the death of Robert Fair, late of Ayr, Ont.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

Killed in a Horse Fight. THURLEY CENTRE, Dec. 20.—Frank, son of Richard Karlis, has been killed by falling into the machinery of a horse power.

Box Works Burned. HAMILTON, Dec. 20.—The Ontario Box Company's works were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$75,000; insured.

What Major Sherwood Did. OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Major Sherwood, Commissioner of Dominion Police, secured the testimony of over twenty sailing captains when at San Francisco, among them being that of Capt. Miner, W. Master, of the Bowhead saloon, George Bodie, master of a small schooner sailing in the Arctic, and the well known sailing captain, Upson.

School of Mining and Agriculture. KINGSTON, Dec. 20.—A committee has been named to secure an act of incorporation for the new school of mining and agriculture. The subscriptions have been swelled to \$18,000. It is proposed to have legislation passed allowing municipalities to make grants to the institution.

Canada's New Cruisers. OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Minister of Marine, Hon. C. H. Tupper, says the vessels built by Canada on the great lakes are simply revenue and fishery protective cruisers. He denies that Canada has violated any treaty rights.

The Pleuro-Pneumonia. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20.—Dr. McEachern, Dominion Veterinary Inspector, says that every week for the past three or four weeks he has received reports of United States cattle arriving in England affected with pleuro-pneumonia.

Man Over and Killed. ALVINGTON, Ont., Dec. 20.—A young man named Adams fell from a handcar and was run over and instantly killed.

Strikes in Nova Scotia. SPRINGVILLE, N. S., Dec. 20.—The workmen at the Springhill coal mines struck yesterday morning and all work was suspended. The cause of the trouble is a re-

CABLE CORRESPONDENCE.

Restriction of Emigration by European Governments—Oppression of Russian Jews.

Gigantic Fraud of Building Society Officers—Railway Building in Palestine.

(From our own Correspondent.)

St. David's, Ont., Dec. 19.—Edward Farrell, who was coming from Milwaukee to visit his relatives here, where he formerly lived, was out to pieces by a train while finishing his journey.

Conservative Demonstration. MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—A big political meeting was held here to-night in honor of Hon. J. A. Ouimet, the minister of public works, who succeeds Mr. Chapleau as leader in the Montreal district.

Officials Dismissed. ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 19.—The Royal Gazette of Saturday contains the announcement of the dismissal of the following officials: F. St. John Bliss, clerk of the peace and clerk of the county court, Sunbury; Charles Beck with, referee of inquiry, Sunbury county; Geo. W. White, parish court commissioner, Carleton county; Miller, free grants commissioner, Restigouche county; James Murray, road supervisor, Restigouche county; Deverell Neale, judge of Queen's court. The dismissals, it is said, are all for political reasons growing out of the late elections.

Hoar Mr. Ives Unopposed. SHELBURNE, Que., Dec. 19.—The Liberalists of Sherbrooke met on Saturday for the purpose of choosing a candidate to oppose Mr. Ives in the coming contest in this constituency, and no one could be induced to accept the nomination.

Highway Robbery. ELKHORN, Man., Dec. 19.—On Friday evening, as Robert S. Mowat, who pays the wages for the Ogilvie, was returning from the store, he was confronted by two disguised men with a rifle or single barreled gun, who compelled him to hand over all the money he had, about \$700. They then walked him down the street and ran away. There is not the slightest trace or clue to the highwaymen.

A Veteran Gone. LONDON, Dec. 19.—John Gourlay, an old resident of West Minorca and a British army veteran, is dead, aged 77.

A Spontaneous Fire. WATERLOO, Ont., Dec. 19.—A fire from spontaneous combustion damaged the Waterloo Woolen Manufacturing company's storehouse to the extent of \$3,000. The loss was covered by insurance.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS. Scarlet Fever Fatalities—Fatal Handcar Accident—North West Legislature.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—(Special.)—A. F. Martin, M.P.P., lost two daughters, aged 12 and 16, by scarlet fever to-day, and the deaths of three others of his children are expected. The disease is a small epidemic at St. Boniface.

The Full Manitoba Court gave judgment to-day in the Cypress election petition, dismissing the case on the ground that the deposit of the petition was not in the legal money of Canada.

Geo. Ambler, of the M. & N. W. railway, was shot last night at the residence of Fortage la Prairie. He is in a critical condition.

James Harrower, Liberal ex-M.P.P. for St. John's, in the Manitoba Legislature, dropped dead to-day at the residence of his brother, in this city. The deceased was a highly respected farmer of Shoal Lake district, and came to Manitoba from Lanark county, Ont.

In the Northwest Legislature a long and lively discussion arose on the bill for the assessment of railways. Messrs. Whyte and Baker, of the C.P.R., and M. & N. W. railway were present, taking an active interest in the proceedings.

E. J. Wood, Conservative ex-M.P., has been appointed emigration agent by the Dominion Government, and under instructions to proceed to England in that capacity at once.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—In the Northwest assembly a resolution asserting that the freight rates on wheat and coal were excessive and a hindrance to the progress of the country, was carried unanimously.

A VALUABLE SHIPMENT. STAMBOUL and the Hobart Stud Arrive Safely in New York.

EXCITING SCENES.

The Panama Scandal Brought up in Both Chambers of the French Parliament.

Ministers and Members on Their Defence—M. Rouvier's Explanation Begun.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

PARIS, Dec. 20.—M. Floquet, president of the Chamber of Deputies, announced to the House to-day that he had declined an application for authority to prosecute M. Rouvier, ex-Minister of Finance; M. J. Roche, ex-minister of Commerce; Emmanuel Arne, member for Corsica; Anton Proust, member for Deux Sevres; Baron Jean de Soubeyran, member for London, and Joseph Dugué de la Fauconnerie, member for Orne.

The application of Floquet was stated by the Procureur-General. It stated that the application was made on the ground that the examining magistrate of the Panama canal case had received many check stubs on which appeared the initials of deputies and that promising evidence against the individuals in question had been laid before the Parliamentary investigation committee as peddled as to the past; they took in the lottery issue. The application could not be granted without the consent of the House and the deputies under the law were exempted from certain legal proceedings.

The Senate, M. Leroyer, the president, stated that he had received a demand for the prosecution of Senators Renault, Albert Gey, Beral, Thevenot and Genevieve for the part they have taken in the affairs of the Canal Company. The matter was referred in the lower chamber to the standing committee in the Senate and the lower chamber special committees were elected to consider the applications of the Procureur General, and both were understood to favor the prosecution of ex-Minister Rouvier.

M. Rouvier appeared before the standing committee, of which he is a member, in his own defence. He said there was nothing in the documents submitted to him which would ever reach a check from anybody in the interest of the Panama Canal Company. He had served the state in high office for several years and had always deemed it his duty to preserve intact as regards his facts. The accusations made against his honor and integrity had relieved him of such obligation and he would speak only to the chamber without reserve.

Before the chamber resumed business his statement had gone abroad and created intense excitement in the lobby. Not a dozen seats in the whole of the chamber were occupied. The first words of his defence were delivered, amid an oppressive stillness. After reminding the Chamber of his long public services, his high responsibilities, his unblemished reputation, and his unblemished honor, he said that he had previously closed his mouth, he made an emphatic general denial that he had accepted checks from the Panama Canal Company, or that he had any connection with the company's enterprise.

The present circumstances had relieved his tongue of the gag imposed by the Chamber of Deputies and he was ready to tell the whole truth. When he came into power he found that the secret service fund was entirely inadequate for the demands of the republic, and in order to govern well, the secret service must have money, which the secret service fund lacked. He had recourse to his personal friends for sufficient money to tide over the temporary difficulty.

The publishers of the Weekly Spectator commenced an action in the Superior Court, to-day, against Lowman & Hanford for libel damages. The present owners bought the paper on November 22 from the original owners. They had neglected to file the claim, which the stock liquidators' purchasers refused to pay, the result being that Lowman & Hanford blacklisted them in the eyes of the public.

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TORONTO TOPICS.

French Conservatives Discuss How They May Obtain Increased Patronage—Acquitted.

Death of an Old Resident and Official—Three Young Ladies Drowned.

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TORONTO, Dec. 19.—The Mail's Montreal correspondent says: A private meeting of a number of French Conservative members of Parliament was held here to consider what steps should be taken to secure increased patronage for the Montreal district. It is understood the matter will be brought before Hon. J. A. Ouimet, who is now the chief representative of the district in Parliament.

A dispatch from North Bay says that while three young girls, daughters of John and William Clark, were walking on the ice on Restoule lake, yesterday, they broke through and were drowned.

Joseph Eddell, an old resident is dead, aged 87. He had been in the civic service for 30 years, having had charge of the St. Lawrence hall for that length of time.

George Large, a citizen with committing an abortion on Lena Greely has been honorably acquitted.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—A number of weeks ago the Evening News had a disagreement with the Typographical Union regarding the scale of wages to be paid to operators of type-setting machines in its office, the result of which was that all the type-setters in the office walked out and the manager of the paper had to secure non-union men to run the machines. To-day it announced that the differences have been amicably settled and that the News is again a Union office.

At last night's meeting of the Toronto Young Men's Liberal Club it was announced that Hon. Mr. Laurier would attend the club's annual banquet on January 12.

Hugh Phillips, driver of a horse car, fell in front of an electric car on Front street this morning and was run over and almost instantly killed.

Samuel Bennett, a carpenter out of work, took a dose of laudanum with fatal effect. He was married and aged 52 years.

Smallpox Mortality and Vaccination. (From the London Standard.) An important contribution to the literature of Vaccination in its relation to smallpox, has been issued by the Imperial Health Office in Berlin.

Concerted Efforts Looking to the Settlement of the Unoccupied Parts of Canada.

Canadian Banks and Their Successes in New York—Frightened to Death.

(Special to the COLONIST.) MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Canadian banks have been making money lately by lending their surplus funds in New York, where high rates of interest have prevailed for the last two or three months.

GERMANY'S ARMY BILL. Independent Conservatives Demand That the Measure Be Withdrawn as Certain of Rejection.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The Post, organ of the Independent Conservative party, is represented by one deputy on the Army bill commission, urges the Government not to think of dissolving the Reichstag in case the bill should be rejected by it.

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GERMAN CRISIS. Opinion that Troubles are Increasing and the Army Bill Will be Dropped... Privy Fighting for Time in Order to Gain Over the Centre Party... BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The Reichstag yesterday adopted a motion declaring that Rector Althard is entitled to immunity from imprisonment...

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SIGNS OF A CHANGE.

The business of the next session of the Dominion Parliament is likely to be more than usually important. The indications are that changes will be made in the tariff in the direction of lightening the burdens which the people have to bear.

It is characteristic of the Conservative party in Canada that it has never hesitated to embrace and enforce reforms which are for its acceptance, and under the present leadership the party is not likely to manifest either disinclination or hesitancy in adopting all wise suggestions for the improvement of the tariff.

The work of this committee will be preparatory and advisory. It is not likely that its recommendations will be acted upon at once. It will be admitted that the trade policy of the United States must have an effect upon the trade policy of the Dominion, and must, to some degree, influence its tariff legislation.

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The Gazette assures its readers that the Government has no idea of abandoning the principle of protection to native industry. Whatever changes are made that principle will be maintained.

A NANAIMO HOWLER.

The Nanaimo Free Press of the 17th inst. contains an article headed "Canada Western Snuff-Out," in which there are almost as many misrepresentations as there are sentences.

It is rather singular that no one except the wisecrack at Nanaimo has discovered that there is concealed in the notice an intention to abandon the Island section of the road. There is no such intention.

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given to construct such additional line the line to which it is an addition must be built. But it is useless to waste words upon a paper whose only object is to make mischief by trying to cast suspicion on the integrity of men about whom it knows absolutely nothing.

STILL VIGOROUS.

We sometimes hear silly talk about the "decadence of Great Britain." People who pretend to know a great deal shake their heads and declare that England has seen her best days, that the time of her greatness is past, and that she may be expected from this time forward to dwindle down until she becomes a third or fourth rate power.

If Great Britain is on the downward road, and if her colonies have ceased to advance, the change has taken place very lately. For the last forty years the progress of both the mother country and the colonies has been unprecedented in the history of the world.

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Here we have the trade of the United Kingdom doubling itself in thirty-five years, which is something extraordinary in an old country which was supposed to have reached the zenith of its commercial greatness at the beginning of the period. In those thirty-five years the trade of the Colonies had increased more than sevenfold. This does not look like "decadence." And the increase of trade both of the Mother Country and the Colonies has been going on since then.

Between the same periods, 1851 and 1886, the growth in shipping annually entered and cleared at British ports was equally remarkable. At the former date the movement of shipping in the Colonies was only four million and three-quarters tons, while in 1886 it had risen to twenty-six million and a half.

These figures do not show that either the Old Country or her Dependencies have lost any of their vigor. The Empire whose trade and shipping have increased at so amazing a rate would be the memory of no man living could be said, with any approach to truth, to be "effete." On the contrary it sheds all the energy, the enterprise and the capacity for development which men associate with youth and early manhood.

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The Board of School Trustees is an excellent one. We doubt if a better one could be chosen. The committee did well not to overlook Mr. Charles Hayward. His experience as a trustee, his intelligence and his zeal in the cause of education, shown not by words only, but by constant disinterested service, place him at the head of the practical educationists of the city.

IGNORANT OR MALIGNANT.

The way in which some American newspapers speak of Canada shows that they are either very malignant or exceedingly ignorant. It may be that they are both malignant and ignorant—and untruthful as well.

Canada is constantly doing things which no first-class power in the world would think of doing to a neighboring country. If France should inflict upon Germany or Germany upon France a tithe of the insults and outrages which Canada inflicts upon us year in and year out, and to which we submit, all Europe would be abuzz with it in an incredibly short time.

It is not only that the United States should have any cause of complaint against her. It is positively said, "Canada is like the man who has hired the fighter to go around with him and then gave the pugilist so much employment that he had to resign the situation." If Canada felt inclined to retaliate it might say that the United States has for a long time been trying to treat Canada as a full bullying school boy does every little fellow whom he knows he can thrash.

In every instance except one which the Chronicle has given of Canada's presumption and her reliance on the Mother Country to back her up, right or wrong, the United States has tried to take an unfair advantage of the colony, and to treat it as it would not dare to treat a strong country which was able to take its own part.

As everyone knows, the smuggling of the Chinese across the border is a business in which the Canadian Government has failed. No country that we know of maintains a preventive service for the sake of protecting a neighbor's revenue or carrying out its tariff law. The smuggling is not all done on one side of the border. We venture to say that the value of the goods smuggled into Canada from the United States greatly exceeds that of the goods smuggled into the United States from Canada.

There are no subjects of Queen Victoria engaged in this business of smuggling both Chinamen and opium across the line. The real stealing is an old story. The United States has never proved that it has any property in the seals that swim in the high seas more than it has in the whales or the halibut or the codfish, that are found beyond the territorial limits.

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Closing Scenes at Rock Bay and Victoria West Public Schools Yesterday.

Progressing During the Year Now Closing—Promotion and Prize Lists.

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In Peace, The remains of the Richards, sr., were born Ross Bay cemetery on The funeral was held at sent flowers and their sympathy. Rev. officiated at the residence and the pallbearers were Partridge, Thomas Hood, Fred Carne, jr., B. H. and J. S. Blackett.

Sons of St. Milton Lodge held last evening with the Richards, in the membership of Ottawa talgh, of Pioneer Lodge were among the visiting officers were D. D. G. P., W. G. East, Messrs. J. E. Hall, D. Cross; Chap., H. D. Penketh; Chas. Bradb.

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SUPREME COURT. (Before Begbie, C.J., Walkem, J., and Drake, J.) Harper v. Cameron—The court sat both as a Full court and as a Divisional court to hear motions in this case, which included a motion for a new trial and also a motion to set aside the judgment and enter judgment for the defendant or for a non-suit.

How it will be Practised as well as Preached at Christmas Time. Annual Dinner at the Jubilee Hospital—Protestant Orphans' Home Xmas Tree.

Every year, when Christmas time comes round, there are a large number of people who look forward with feelings of pleasure to the abundant opportunities that are thereby afforded of doing themselves good and bringing joy to their own hearts by aiding in giving comfort and happiness to others.

The annual Christmas dinner at the Jubilee hospital is another event which the patients of that institution, and in fact all connected therewith, will look forward with feelings of pleasure. The directors at their last meeting let the making of arrangements in the hands of the committee of the month, and a number of donations are already promised, which, with others expected, will go to make up an abundant dinner for all the patients.

The B. C. Benevolent society is one of the organizations which will assist very materially at Christmas. It proposes to see that no applicant for relief is left without good Christmas cheer, and that the society are making preparations to carry their plans into effect.

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Mr. Wilson: The whole question is open to the court to grant a new trial on any ground to the same extent as if we had made no motion for a new trial at all—Connecticut Mutual et al. v. Moore, 6 App. Case. At all events the court has power to admit the affidavits as fresh evidence on appeal.

Mr. Wilson: Yes. Walkem, J.: The order of the Chief Justice went partly on the ground that 18 months had elapsed before making the motion, and also on the ground that the question of the man's lunacy would not be considered on that application.

to be made upon hearing read certain evidence, and that the court should admit the evidence so referred to. Walkem, J.: The limits of your rule exclude you. Mr. Wilson: Then the action cannot be maintained, and the court should determine all matters in question between the parties to avoid multiplicity of actions.

Drake, J.: The first action as against Harper is as to a same man. The second action is by his next friend, alleging his insanity. They are not between the same parties or in the same right. Begbie, C. J.: You should have moved to set aside the writ in this action if the action did not lie, but you came down to trial and took your chances of a verdict.

Mr. Wilson: The question is, can an action be maintained to set aside the judgment of this court in another action. Walkem, J.: Is there any authority that in an action to set aside a judgment, the questions involved are res judicata by the judgment in an action between the lunatic in his own right and the other party? Mr. Wilson: I have found no authority on that.

Begbie, C. J.: It was open to Harper to set up his own insanity in an action to which he was a party? Mr. Wilson: To the same extent which would have been open to him to ask for a guardian, and to get in and defend the suit on that ground.

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SELECTING A TICKET.

The Committee on Candidates Report at the Meeting of the Citizens' Association Last Night. Considerable Discussion on the Formation of a Platform—The Chinese Question.

The Citizens' Association held a meeting in the Sir William Wallace hall last evening, the body of the hall being comfortably filled with a gathering of representative business men.

Shortly after eight o'clock the meeting was called to order by Chairman B. Gordon, and Secretary Boggs read the minutes of the meeting held December 12. On motion these minutes were adopted as read.

The committee appointed for the various matters handed in a consolidated report as follows: "We the committees appointed by the Citizens' Association at their meeting on Monday evening, the 12th inst., for the purpose of selecting a platform, and your opinion as representatives on the Aldermanic Board, and also as school trustees for the coming year, beg to report that after careful consideration the following names have been selected, and your committees now have pleasure in submitting the same, and trust that they will meet with your approval."

Mr. Robert Ward moved the adoption of the platform. "We all know that in unity there is strength," said he, "and if these men will support me, I will support them."

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