



WEEK'S CAPTURES BY THE BRITISH

OVER TWO HUNDRED PRISONERS TAKEN

Dewet Lost One Hundred Killed and Wounded in the Attack on Christmas Eve.

London, Dec. 31.—Lord Kitchener, under date of Johannesburg, December 30th, sends a weekly budget showing that since December 28th, 35 Boers have been killed, five wounded, 237 taken prisoners, and 51 have surrendered. These, says the commander-in-chief, do not include Dewet's losses on his attacks on Hartwell and Pimani when it is reliably estimated that 50 were killed and 50 wounded.

Dewet is still in the vicinity of Lantsberg. Col. Speiser and Maj. Piusen were in contact, December 28th, with Brit's commando, and took 27 prisoners. General Bruce Hamilton came in touch with Grobela's commando near Maryland on December 28th. He killed four Boers and captured 27.

Boers Were Too Strong. New York, Dec. 30.—In a dispatch dated London, 1 a. m., Mr. L. N. Ford, special correspondent of the New York Tribune, says:

"At the battle of Zofostein, which, it may seem, was fought early on Christmas morning, the British suffered a severe defeat. This much is made quite clear by the information obtained in Lord Kitchener's long dispatch from Johannesburg, published today. The first official list of casualties shows 6 officers and 50 men killed, 8 officers wounded, 4 officers missing and the number of wounded and captive non-commissioned officers and men not yet known, but it is feared that the complete casualty list will be a very long one. Lord Kitchener states that about half the men of Finnan's column are prisoners, as it is evident that Dewet secured a bigger success than the officials of the war department at first imagined.

"The Boer victory was due to Dewet's daring plan of attack. The British column occupied an exceptionally strong position on the slope of a solitary kopje on the southern side was almost precipitous and Major Williams, who was in charge of the column in his attempt at Finnan, apparently never dreamt of the possibility of the Boers climbing the kopje on that side. But this is by what they succeeded in doing, pocket on the outer edge of the kopje, and the men in camp could get clear through the Boers' ambush, though they were down as they came out. It is evident that the Boers offered, but the attacking which was estimated to number and men, proved too strong, and all the column at its mercy.

Lord Kitchener in his dispatch mentioned that the column had two s. In his detailed account he only talks of a 15-pounder, which fired two rounds and then jammed. It is noticeable that the British commander-in-chief specially refers to the good behavior of the victorious Boers to the British wounded."

MURDERS BY FILIPINOS. Native Policemen Thrown Into Well After Being Brutally Assaulted—A Woman Killed. Washington, Dec. 29.—Many Filipinos who accept service under American rule are visited with awful vengeance by their fellow countrymen. The records of a case have been received at the department in which three native policemen, who had been sent from Luzon to San Nicholas, Ilocos Norte, for duty at the latter port, were seized and bound by an armed band of Filipino outlaws taken before a priest to be oppressed, and then flung alive into a well, after being backed with holes. Their assailants then filled up the well with loose earth. One of the band, Venetiano O. Rates, who was brought to trial, was sentenced to be hanged.

Another native policeman met his death at the hands of an outlaw band in the barrio of San Antonio, Laguna province. The outlaws were lying in ambush awaiting the passage of a patrol of three policemen, and upon their approach, the waiting Filipinos sprang out and captured one of the three.

A few days later his body was found in a neighboring river, weighted with heavy rocks and showing wounds through his heart and in his neck. Two of the members of the outlaw band, who were captured, were sentenced by a military commission to be hanged.

Two Filipinos who took part in the murder of an unknown native, accused of being an American spy, beheld the body and, burying it in the city of Manila, were sentenced to be hanged. Another outlaw band seized a native man and woman, for no apparent motive, and killed them by striking them with clubs on the back of their necks. Mariano Zales, a native member of the band, when brought to trial gave the following explanation: "They were relatives, uncle and aunt, of mine, and I had to do it to save my life."

The military commission which tried him found him guilty of murder, but the sentence was confinement at hard labor for twenty years.

ONE HUNDRED KILLED. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30.—According to a dispatch from the Orient a party of 105 coolies engaged in transporting lumber was attacked by Formosan insurgents late in November and 20 of them were killed. Nineteen were decapitated. Japanese troops and police were sent against the rebels. A pitched battle took place in which more than 100 were killed, the heaviest losses being on the side of the rebels.

FLOODS IN THE STATES.

Great Destruction of Property—Landslide Caused Railway Wreck—Several Lives Lost.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 29.—A heavy rainfall has been continuous in this section since last evening. All the streams in the county are swollen greatly beyond their normal stage. The Conestoga has overflowed its banks to an extent unknown in recent years. The bridge crossing this stream at Engleisle is threatened with destruction and traffic on the Lancaster-Strasburg railway, of which the bridge is a link, has been suspended. The bridge has begun to move and it is believed will be washed away.

It was erected 75 years ago. High water at the plant of the Lancaster Electric Light Company at Rock Hill, on the Conestoga, affected the system and sections of the city are in darkness to-night.

The Susquehanna river is rising rapidly. At Safe Harbor where the Conestoga empties, the rise in the river is at the rate of six inches an hour. The tracks of the Port Deposit & Columbia railroad at this point are submerged and much apprehension is felt for property on low-lying ground. At Bald Frar, further down the river, a landslide has occurred, covering the tracks at Columbia and Mareetta. The river has not yet risen sufficiently to cause alarm.

Rivers Still Rising. Pitsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—Heavy rains since 20 hours here and at all headwaters of both rivers has produced a condition which will result in what may be called a flood stage in the Ohio river by to-morrow, when at least 20 feet is predicted. Timely warning by the weather bureau will be the means of saving much property and many temporary inconvenience is expected by interests along the river fronts.

At midnight the marks at Davis Island dam showed 14 feet and rising at the rate of four-tenths of a foot an hour. Both the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers are still rising.

Traffic Interrupted. Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Incassant rain has fallen for the last 48 hours throughout East Tennessee and threatens to do more damage to property than the disastrous flood of last May, when eight lives were lost and fully \$2,000,000 damage done to railroad and farming property.

The Southern railway has annulled all trains between this city and Nashville on account of washed tracks between Newport and Benkin. All through traffic and mail will be handled over the Norfolk & Western. It will be impossible for the Southern to handle trains east, via Asheville, until tomorrow at least, and probably longer, for rain is bearing the 30-foot mark at this point, with indications that it will reach 40 feet and do heavy damage.

Railway Train Wrecked. Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 29.—A landslide on the Chesapeake and Ohio road, near Reuens station, five miles south of Lynchburg, James river branch, today caused a wreck in which the engineer, conductor and baggage man of a passenger train were killed and several other persons injured, but none of them seriously. The slide was caused by washouts, due to the heavy rains.

Barry reports that 12 passengers had been killed, but it is now stated that the passengers got out of the way just in time to escape the landslide when it crashed down over the tracks. The accident occurred between 7 and 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

The name of the conductor who was killed was Capt. Whitaker, and that of the engineer Fisher. Express Messenger Shauman is missing, and it is believed that he was drowned, the water being very high about the scene of the wreck. The fireman, it is said, was not killed, his injuries are not likely to prove fatal.

A message from Reuens says the dead will not number more than four or five. Several passengers from the scene of the wreck say that probably one or two passengers were buried under the debris caused by the slide, but no names can be ascertained of any passengers known to be missing.

The train which the mishap occurred was known as No. 7. It left Lynchburg behind schedule time and consisted of an engine, tender, baggage car and one passenger car, which was pretty well filled with travelers. It is stated that the train had run into a rock slide, without damage, and the trainmen and some of the passengers had succeeded in pushing the passenger car back from under the slide when a second heavy slide came down. The car was overturned, and Thompson, Fisher and Shauman were crushed. Conductor Whitaker was knocked into the river and drowned. His body has not been recovered. A shout of warning as the second slide came enabled most of those who were in danger to escape without injury. Fears are expressed that one or more passengers may have been caught, but so far as can be learned none is known to be missing. All the killed were residents of Richmond.

SHOT FIVE PERSONS. Turners Falls, Mass., Dec. 31.—Beginning with the woman clerk in his jewelry store, Louis Bitzer, of this place, to-day shot five persons, two of whom were clerks. His other victims were the wife of Charles and his two daughters, Annie, about 16 years of age, and Carrie, 12 years old. It is thought they will not die. There is evidence that it was Bitzer's purpose also to take his own life, but his prompt arrest apparently prevented him from carrying out this purpose. His move is not clear to the authorities, although it is believed that his mind had been unsettled by lustress cars. He is about 33 years old.

OTTAWA'S MAYOR. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Mr. Fred Cook, the well-known newspaper correspondent here, was unanimously elected mayor of Ottawa to-day, his last opponent having resigned this morning.

Port William, Dec. 31.—Joshua Dyke has been elected mayor of Port William by acclamation, the other candidates having resigned.

THE RAILWAY FIGHT IN UNITED STATES

INJUNCTION AGAINST THE N. P. DISSOLVED

Governors of Seven States Decide to Oppose the Proposed Consolidation of Roads.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—The injunction against the Northern Pacific, granted by Judge Elliott, restrains it from issuing and selling any debentures, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness, or creating any indebtedness or liability of any description for the purpose of raising money, with which to pay or retire the preferred stock of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, or from using or appropriating any money, or proceeds other than the ordinary or surplus net earnings of the company for the retirement of the preferred stock of said company; also from creating any liability other than the ordinary liability for the operating expense of its railroad system and the indebtedness now existing, which would take precedence of the common stock of said company; also from placing its property in the possession or under the control of the Northern Securities Company; or from entering into any arrangement with the Great Northern Railway Company, the Chicago and North Western Railway Company, the Burlington and Quincy Railway Company, or either of them, for the purpose of causing the Northern Pacific Railway system to be operated in connection with or by the same authority as the other roads; or from entering into any agreement with said companies or either of them for the purpose of avoiding competition and fixing rates.

The petition recites briefly the history of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and the division of its stock into common and preferred stock, and that the preferred stock was entitled to the 4 per cent dividend, prior to anything being paid on the common stock.

The bill alleges that the Northern Pacific Railway and Great Northern Railway have parallel lines to the Pacific coast, and that the Chicago and North Western and Burlington and Quincy have a parallel line from Billings, Montana, to Chicago, and that all such lines are competing for the business of the Northwest. It is alleged that the officers of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, during the last summer, went into a combination with the Great Northern and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, the purpose of which was to consolidate the Northern Pacific under one management, for the purpose of doing indirectly what it could not do directly, namely, cause to be organized the Northern Securities Company, which was authorized to hold the securities of other corporations, the intention being to control a majority of the stock of all three of the railway companies.

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HAVOO WROUGHT BY FLOODS.

Great Destruction of Property—Four Lives Lost in Georgia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—From all parts of Eastern Pennsylvania, to-day, reports show that the rivers and creeks which became greatly swollen as a result of Saturday night and Sunday's continuous rain, are steadily falling. There is one exception, however—the lower part of the Susquehanna river being reported to be still rising, and close to the danger mark. Although considerable damage was done, the losses will not be great, most of the flooded areas being lowlands along the upper Schuylkill, Lehigh and Susquehanna rivers. In the anthracite coal districts a few of the mines were flooded, causing a suspension of work for the day. Along the lower Susquehanna there is apprehension that damage will result from ice gorges. The water is said to be rising six inches an hour in that vicinity.

The Schuylkill river in this city rose 18 feet above normal, which rise has been passed only once in 32 years. Many, one of the mill districts, suffered most from the flood. Every mill along the river was forced to suspend operations, throwing out of work for the day about 8,000 persons.

It was feared that the Baltimore and Ohio station on the east side of the river, at Chestnut street, would be flooded, but just as the water got within a few feet of doing harm it began to recede and all danger was over.

Lives Lost. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—The torrential rains of the past two days in Georgia, Alabama and east Tennessee and portions of North Carolina, caused the death of four persons, as far as known, and inflicted serious damage to all kinds of property. The rains have been followed by clear and much cooler weather, accompanied by high winds. True weather bureau announced to-day that the Chattahoochee river would continue to rise during the next 36 hours, and it is feared that much damage will result. Three persons were drowned at West Point, Ga., while attempting to cross the Chattahoochee river on a log raft, and Thomas Russell, an engineer on the Atlanta & West Point railroad, was killed in a freight wreck caused by a washout near Natusula, Ala. Thousands of dollars' worth of property has been destroyed at West Point, and there is much suffering.

To-day the water in the streets of West Point was from one to five feet deep. Many people spent the night in Fort Tyler. No trains have been sent through from Atlanta & West Point since Saturday, and the Southern railway's New York and New Orleans limited last night was sent around by Birmingham and Meridian.

A washout is reported on the Southern between Asheville and Knoxville. At Columbus, Ga., the Chattahoochee registered 38 feet. The property damage is already heavy. Nearly five inches of rain has fallen in the city of Rome, Ga. Two washouts are reported on the main line of the Louisville & Nashville road, near 30-Santa Lucia, and near 30-Santa Lucia, south of Montgomery.

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WILL REMOVE THE WRECK FROM ROCKS

EFFORT TO BE MADE TO SAVE SANTA CLARA

New Steamer Contemplated for the Island Route—Queen City's Rough West Coast Trip.

The yards and as much of the rigging as it was convenient to obtain has been removed from the barque Santa Clara, this being the preliminary step taken in the work of raising the vessel. Capt. Lindberg and crew are still standing by the ship. Mrs. Lindberg has also changed her mind about going south and is still in the city. One of the Alaska Packers' Association, the owners of the vessel, is now on his way North, and is expected to arrive this evening. After he arrives it will be decided what method will be adopted for the removal of the barque. Capt. Lindberg stated that her position on Trial Island has not changed in any way, and he is most anxious of getting her clear of the rocks. He believes that as soon as the vessel is pumped out and her ballast removed that she will float without further trouble.

PRASER SALMON FLEET. The Fraser river salmon fleet for 1901 is not only the record in individual cargo, but the number of ships engaged to convey the salmon harvest to the European market was larger than in any previous year, says the New Westminster Columbian.

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The Queen City Confirms Apprehension Felt Regarding Unreported Vessels in the Recent Storm.

The apprehension felt regarding the effect of the great storm of Christmas night on the shipping outside of Flatery Light was fully confirmed by the arrival on Tuesday evening of the steamer Queen City from Carmanah having been down ever since the storm it has been impossible hitherto to communicate with the West Coast, but the news which the Queen City brings fully establishes the record of that shore line as the "marine graveyard of the Pacific." The gale which blew on Christmas night was a sou'wester, and consequently bore directly toward the reefs which line the southwest coast of the Island.

From the location of the wreckage found, as reported by the C. P. N. steamer, it would seem that the principal stress of the storm was in evidence at the southern end of the Island, and that at the northern end there was little to indicate the ravages of the storm king. The bulk of shipping caught in the gale, of course, would be off the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and this would account for the greater amount of floatam found along the beach above Carmanah.

The lighthouse keeper at Carmanah, W. P. Daykin, with his usual zeal in seeking evidences of the storm's work, sent his son out to search the shore line, and the young man had returned on the evening of the 27th, shortly before the Queen City called on her way down from Cape Scott. The story he told was sufficiently terrible to excite the gravest apprehensions regarding shipping bound for this port, as well as coasting shipping unreported.

Robby Daykin went as far up the coast as Clo-oose and he found the beach for the whole distance littered with wreckage, but in the entire collection there was nothing to identify the vessel or the vessels from which it came. The wreckage found is described as follows:

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The lower part of a rudder. This is evidently from a coasting vessel as it is not coppered but painted with copper paint.

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In the surf a couple of yards were floating. These were about twelve inches in diameter and were painted black with white bands about thirty feet long.

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Further down the coast in the vicinity of Cape Scott a piece of deck house is reported by a passenger by the Queen City, but no clue as to what it belonged. Possibly this wreckage came from the Highland Light, which was abandoned off Hesquot during a fresh off-shore wind, and which, with a change of weather, might have drifted in a north-westerly direction finally coming up at the point mentioned. But there is no likelihood, however, of the wreckage drifting in opposite directions, so that the jettison found near Carmanah must therefore belong to some other craft that met her fate off the Cape. Should this be the case the question arises whether the wreckage found along the beach at Neah Bay is that of the vessel which was from the one and same vessel. There has been nothing to distinguish any of it as belonging to the lost Matteawan, although that vessel undoubtedly went down somewhere off the Cape.

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HAS LEFT SHORTAGE.

Meat Company Manager Leaves Vancouver—Perry Barge System Will Be Ready Next Month.

Vancouver, Jan. 2.—John Hendry has returned from St. Paul. Work will commence immediately on the construction of the Vancouver-Westminster Railway. Capt. MacKenzie says the new ferry barge system will be ready by February first.

Moodlyville Mill has been sold to English capitalists, who will erect a large addition. Kitchley, manager of the Burrard Inlet Co., has left town with a shortage of fifteen thousand dollars in his accounts and bank.

THE ROYAL STABLES.

Appointment of Lord Marcus Beresford as Manager is Popular.

New York, Jan. 2.—According to the London correspondent of the Tribune, the appointment of Lord Marcus Beresford to care for the King's thoroughbreds is extremely popular. The Royal racing stables after a period of enforced rest, will, it is expected, resume their old activity.

BILLIARD EXPERT DEAD.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Engineer Carter, the Billiard expert, died here to-day with lung trouble.

THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COAL TRADE

Total Output for Year Amounted to 1,331,350 Tons and Foreign Shipments 821,945 Tons.

Following, says the Nanaimo Free Press, are the total returns of the output and shipments of coal for the year 1901, showing a total output for the year of 1,331,350 tons, and the total foreign shipments, reaching 821,945 tons, the largest in the record of coal mining of Vancouver Island.

New Vancouver Coal Co.'s Gross Coal Output, 1901.

Table with 2 columns: Month, Tons. Rows: January (54,869), February (48,349), March (55,000), April (56,060), May (54,848), June (48,307), July (49,175), August (41,632), September (41,175), October (49,423), November (47,512), December (42,683).

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OPPOSITION WILL MEET THIS MONTH

MEMBERS WILL CONFER AT NEW WESTMINSTER

A Policy Will Be Drafted and a Leader Probably Selected for the Approaching Session.

The caucus of quondam supporters of the Dunsmuir government held in this city recently is likely to have a most beneficial effect upon the status of the forces now arrayed in opposition to the present administration. The weakness of the opposition hitherto has been its lack of cohesion, but measures were taken in an informal gathering of members of the legislature held at the time of their visit to Victoria to overcome this and give the opposing forces a cohesive power which they have not hitherto exercised.

The sentiment of the gathering was one of unanimous opposition to the present government, and whatever difference of opinion may have existed on other points, the members were agreed that under no circumstances could they accord their support to the Dunsmuir administration.

It was thought advisable to have a formal convention of those members who are considered as being opposed to the present cabinet, and to there formulate a definite line of action.

This convention, it is understood, will be held about the 15th of the present month. The choice of a date was doubtless influenced to some degree by the call for a Liberal convention at Vancouver on the 31st, when it is expected that some action will be taken with regard to the introduction of party lines. If before that date the opposition takes more definite form than at present, it is likely that the committee of the Liberals to Federal party lines might be deferred, as it is felt that the absence of organization in the opposition forces, and the advantage which this gives to a government notoriously representing a minority, constitutes the chief reason advanced for cleavage in the politics of this country on more clearly recognized lines.

The gathering will be held in the city of New Westminster, so that the members from the lower Fraser, whose sympathies are almost entirely with the opposition, may have an opportunity of attending without inconvenience. The promoters of the convention contend that they will have an attendance at that gathering which will clearly demonstrate to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, and to the government, and to the people of the province that those at present administering affairs do not represent a majority of the representatives of the people.

The only question upon which there is likely to be a difference of opinion is in regard to the selection of a leader. The advent of E. V. Bodwell in the political arena has given an entirely new complexion to the situation. All of those in Victoria, at the caucus, preceded his election, and admitted that his presence in the next House must be taken into account in any plans made. The fact that the government cannot find a candidate to contest a by-election caused by the resignation of a minister whose return in this city has been a foregone conclusion for years, is in itself an admission by the government of the prestige of Mr. Bodwell which the members readily recognized.

Mr. MacBride's friends, of course, would like to see that gentleman elected for the post, but that will be a question entirely for the convention to decide. Whatever is done in this matter, the members state, will be done in the interests of the party, and will be held as paramount to the desires of any of its members. The greatest harmony existed at the caucus between the Mr. Bodwell and the Mr. MacBride, and each manifested the greatest readiness to work in harmony with, and to meet the wishes of the other.

MURDERED ON TRAIN.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., says:

"Four men killed J. M. Rhea, a railroad engineer of Vicksburg, who was a passenger on the northbound Xaroso & Mississippi Valley train just south of Leland, Miss., this morning, and then took possession of the train, compelling the engineer to uncouple the engine and carry them on up the road, where they tried to escape. All were captured."

CABLE RESTORED.

Telegraphic Communication Again Had With the Mainland—Over a Week's Lapse in Service.

At 9:30 this morning the C. P. R.'s cable between Nanaimo and English Bay, which has not been in operation since it was broken by the Aorang's anchor on the morning after Christmas, was restored. Its restoration was hailed with delight by the newspapers of the Island which have been deprived of the telegraphic service for exactly a week. Shortly before noon the first Associated Press dispatch was received by the Times, but it was necessary to limit owing to the fact that the wire is not yet continuous.

While the cable has been secured, it is only the seaward end which has been obtained and until the other is secured messages are being rowed ashore, a distance of about two miles, in a rowboat. The messages are taken off the cable on board the steamer and they are then being rowed ashore and transferred to the end of the city line at English Bay, whence they are transmitted to the city. This involves a delay of about thirty minutes, but it is expected that this handicap will be removed shortly.

The Western Union cable is still down, but it too may be restored at any moment.

INCREASING THE NAVY.

Tenders Invited for Several New Ships—Work on Those Building Will Be Hurred Forward.

Glasgow, Jan. 2.—The British admiralty has invited Clyde shipyards to tender bids for the construction of two battlehips, each of 18,500 tons, five armored first-class cruisers and two protected cruisers. The officials ask for promptitude.

Work on twenty warships now in course of construction may be expedited. The new battlehips will have greater gun power than any vessels now in the navy.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

Returns for Last Month Show an Increase of \$258,004 Compared With December 1900.

Ottawa, Dec. 31. (Delayed in transmission.)—The customs revenue still grows. The month of December, which closes today, shows a revenue to be \$2,569,015, as against \$2,310,410 for the same month last year, an increase of \$258,604. For the six months ending to date the revenue was \$15,804,692, compared with \$14,619,051 for same time last year, or an increase of \$1,251,640.

SOME CHANGES IN AUSTRALIAN TARIFF

Reduction in Two Lines, but the Dominion Agent Does Not Take Hopeful View.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Dominion Government Agent J. S. Larkie, at Sydney, Australia, sends a report to the government in which he deals with the new tariff which was then before the commonwealth party. Mr. Larkie says that one or two changes have been made on items in which Canada is interested.

The most important is perhaps on flour, oatmeal, rolled oats, wheat meal, pearl barley, Scotch barley and corn flour, which was originally one penny per pound, and which is now reduced to one half penny per pound. Although the reduction is large, the duty will make prohibitive.

A concession has been made upon under proof spirits imported prior to the introduction of the tariff remaining in bond.

A reduction has also been made on the tariff on bittern, fluid medicinal essences, fluid extract of Canada, sends some of these, and also whiskey. Canada sends some cotton goods and upon this as well as linen piece goods, there is a reduction in duty from 10 to 10 per cent. to 10 per cent. Fresh fish and lumber for boxes are now on the free list. Fresh fish was originally one penny per pound.

Mr. Larkie has succeeded in getting the Australian government to accept the idea of charging duty on the value of the freight inland, that is to say, on goods sent from Toronto to Vancouver the freight was added for duty purposes, while goods sent to New York or San Francisco the freight to the Suspension Bridge or Windsor was only charged.

This change is of particular interest to Canada, although the government doing business with Australia under the new tariff are not very bright.

THE HUNT.

CAPITAL RUN YESTERDAY.

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TO THE LIBERALS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Sir,—The Vancouver Liberal Association has issued a circular to the Liberals of the province protesting against the action of the Executive of the Provincial Liberal Association in including as ex-officio delegates to the Convention to be held at Vancouver on January 30: (1) The Officers and Executive of the British Columbia Liberal Association; (2) Liberal editors of newspapers supporting the Dominion Government; and (3) in arranging that a Credentials Committee should be chosen by the Executive as soon as the delegates had assembled in Vancouver. This "protest," which is accompanied by a letter signed by the Secretary of the Vancouver Liberal Association explaining at greater length the reasons of the Vancouver Association for coming to this decision, calls for a statement from me in explanation of the reasons actuating the Executive in coming to the decision that it did.

(1) The contention that the Executive of the British Columbia Liberal Association—who are the officers appointed at the New Westminster Convention of 1897—are not properly ex-officio members of the Convention, is, according to my view, untenable. In all associations, political or otherwise, where permanent organization is maintained, the most appointed to manage the business of the association remain in office until their successors are appointed. Necessarily, the officers must be present at conventions or meetings of the body of which they are officers, otherwise there would be no continuity of the organization. The absence of the Secretary, for instance, would deprive the convention of the record of proceedings of past meetings, while the failure of the other officers to attend would be equally confusing. Surely, if a Convention of a political party appoints officers to manage its affairs until they are replaced by new men, the following Convention is not justified in saying to these officers: "You have no standing here; come as delegates specially appointed, or do not come at all." That attitude, I must say, cannot be justified by precedent nor yet on the ground of expediency. In my view the Liberals of British Columbia will approve of the action of the Executive in this matter, and will sustain the decision that the officials for the time being are ex-officio members of the Convention called for January 30th, just as their successors in office will be ex-officio members of the following Convention, whenever it may be held.

(2) The admission of editors of newspapers supporting the Liberal Government at Ottawa was suggested to the Executive by myself. I noticed that at the Manitoba Liberal Convention editors of Liberal papers were made eligible for membership, and I thought the idea could be adopted in British Columbia greatly to the advantage of the Liberal party. It was in my opinion, good policy to thus recognize the men who help to direct public opinion and whose services to the Liberal cause in the past have been too seldom recognized or rewarded. The Executive also stipulated that the Liberal members of the British Columbia Legislature should be members of the Convention, but as to this the Vancouver "protest" is altogether silent. Why? If it is wrong, or inexpedient, to admit the editors, it is equally wrong to admit the members. The latter, who were elected to the Legislature on the no-party platform, have no stronger claim for recognition than the former. But in my opinion both have claims to be thus recognized. The action of the Executive in this regard was manifestly in the interest of the party as a whole. The sole object was to strengthen the party by enlisting the co-operation of a class of men who take an active and intelligent interest in public affairs and whose influential support at a general election we are all anxious to secure.

(3) The proposal of the Executive to appoint a Credentials Committee as soon as the delegates arrived in Vancouver was due to a desire to expedite business and to save time. It was felt that if this were done the Convention would get down to business more quickly. Speaking for myself, I may say that no great importance is attached to this arrangement, and there should be no difficulty in adjusting it to the satisfaction of all.

It is the earnest wish of the Executive that the Convention should be fully representative in order that the views of the Liberals of the Province as a whole should not only be presented but be acted upon, and that at least one result of the meeting will be the unification of the party, so that its influence in the cause of good government, both Federal and Provincial, will be more potent than it has ever before.

I will call the Executive together before the meeting of the Convention, and submit to it the "protest" of the Vancouver Association and some other questions affecting the Convention.

Yours sincerely,  
WM. TEMPLEMAN,  
President British Columbia Liberal Association.

Victoria, December 31st, 1901.

GRATIFYING STATE OF CITY'S FINANCES

Surplus Approximating Twelve Hundred Dollars on Hand—Officials Busy Preparing Annual Report.

When the present Mayor and council vacate their places to the new board of municipal legislators they will not only leave behind them a clean balance sheet, but can contemplate with pardonable pride a surplus approximating \$1,200 over the ordinary expenditure of the year. This is extremely gratifying, and shows careful management on the part of the committee in charge of the very important department of finance.

Some time ago it was feared that the council would just have sufficient funds to provide for maintenance, and the Finance Committee had to keep vigilant tab on the civic improvements contemplated. Their care and watchfulness has had the most satisfactory results, and although a great many more improvements, such as sidewalks and drains, were desired, those absolutely necessary have been carried out right up to the end of the year. The chairman of the finance committee, Ald. Campbell, some time ago explained to a Times representative the advisability of a reserve appropriation being made for the final months of the year, so that civic improvements might be continued up to the last. As at present, it often happens that there is a tightness in finances several months before the expiration of the year, making it impossible to institute a certain amount of urgent work which crops up during the latter part of the year. It is altogether probable that such a course will be adopted when the next council brings down its budget, so that the latter months of the year may not be barren of improvements, and that the ordinary work may be carried on in undiminished volume till the end.

Not only has the city paid its way so signally, but the council were enabled to pay the entire annual grant to the Jubilee hospital according to the estimate. It was at one time feared that the institution might have to receive less this year, but since the financial ship was steered in such a manner as to avoid parting in this direction, the financial statement will be ready in the course of a few days.

The staffs of all the city hall departments are industriously engaged in preparing their book forms and represent the annual report of the corporation.

NORTH SALT SPRING.

Christmas Celebration by the Children at North Vesuvius.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment was held at the North Vesuvius public school house on the evening of December 20th. The school was prettily decorated for the occasion.

W. R. Bryan acted as chairman, performing his duties in a most satisfactory manner. The programme comprised all the previous ones, and was performed with a promptness and decision seldom found in children so young, which adds the greater credit to their teacher, Miss Margaret M. Brethour. The programme was as follows:

Song—Come, Come, Come ..... School Recitation—When Papa's Sick ..... Willie McFadden Dialogue—Cardinal Polign ..... Four Boys Recitation—Baby's Kitten ..... Jane Wilms Dialogue—Trials of a Teacher ..... Carrie Cotford, Willie McFadden Song—Four Grapes ..... Three Children Recitation—Mamma's Help ..... Martha Wilms Recitation—Baby's Kitten ..... Jane Wilms Recitation—Something for Baby ..... Billie Wilms Recitation—Little Boy's Lecture ..... Edgar Cotford Song—Canada, Land of the Maple Tree ..... School Recitation—Songs My Mother Sang ..... School Reading ..... Flower Girls and Boys Song ..... Mr. Rosman Song ..... Mrs. Cotford Recitation ..... Mr. Booth Song ..... Mr. Bryan Violin Solo ..... Mr. Silverton Dialogue ..... Four Maids

At this stage of the evening Santa Claus put in his appearance, much to the delight of the young folks, and presented them with their Christmas presents. Proceedings were then brought to a close by singing the National Anthem. This was one of the most enjoyable entertainments ever held in the district.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Portage la Prairie Scene of Big Blaze—To-Day—Damage Is Over \$50,000.

Portage la Prairie, Jan. 2, 3.20 a.m.—The most terrible fire that Portage la Prairie has seen for many years is raging. The blaze originated in the cellar of Grand Central hotel on Saskatchewan avenue. The fire, after travelling with the wind to the east, doubled back, and at the time of writing is burning in both directions, east and west.

4 a.m.—The fire is now partially under control. The total loss will be between \$50,000 and \$60,000. The amount of insurance is unknown. The worst is now over, but it will be burning for some time yet.

Guests Fled From Hotel.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Morton house and Keuh's theatre, at Union Square and Fourteenth street, were threatened with destruction by fire early this morning. One hundred frightened patrons of the hotel were forced by smoke to make hasty exits from their rooms.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

Two Naturalized Americans Arrested at Tripoli Are Set at Liberty.

Constantinople, Jan. 2.—The arrest of two naturalized Americans at Tripoli, Syria, for refusing to pay the tax providing for exemption from military service, recently led to sharp representations on the part of the United States minister to Turkey, J. G. Lothrop, to the Porte. The latter promptly ordered the release of the men arrested, and instructed the authorities not to molest American citizens.

THE NEW STAMPS.

Brisk Demand for Those Bearing the King's Head.

New York, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from London to the Herald gives the following account of the manner in which London received the new King Edward stamp: "There was an enthusiastic demand and a ready supply, but King Edward coins were missing. Many people got up early, and went considerably out of their way to make purchases of the pretty new penny and half penny stamps."

TWO ARE DEAD.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Five of the general prisoners at military prison at Alcatraz Island drank a beverage of which wood alcohol formed the principal part. Three have since died, and the other three are in the hospital.

A RUNAWAY.

Lord Melgund Thrown From Sleigh But Escaped Uninjured.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Lord Melgund was driving along Sparks street to-day with his Sable Island pony hitched to a sleigh. The pony ran away and the Governor-General's son was violently thrown against the track, but quickly picked himself up and assisted in capturing the runaway.

Of the 38 Swabians who have ruled the Ottoman empire since the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks, 34 have died violent deaths.

COLOMBIA INVAAED.

Revolutionary Leader Has Crossed Into Republic From Venezuela.

New York, Jan. 1.—According to telegrams just received by Dr. Restrepo, the leader of the Colombian revolutionary junta here, General Uribe-Triche, the revolutionary leader, with 3,000 men, has invaded Colombia from Venezuela.

The invasion was made in the Colombian province of Santander. The dispatch came from General Vargas Santos, a Liberal chief, living in Curacao.

Uribe-Triche is confronted by General Gonzalez in Valencia, according to the dispatch. In the rear of the government force is said to be a Liberal army, which recently took possession of the town of Bucaramanga. Four battalions of government troops in that town, it is said, joined the Liberal forces in a body.

RACE ENTRIES.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The entries for the spring stakes for the new California Jockey Club have been announced. All the stakes filled beyond the expectations of racing officials.

LOCAL OPINION IS STRONG IN FAVOR OF PRINCE-BLANK.

It comes with a certainty. Pleasant to take and sure to cure. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

FOUL BREATH, CATARRH, HEADACHE

Are Banished by Dr. Agnew's Cat

THE FUTURE.

Of all countries in the world, none will enter upon the new year with brighter prospects than the Dominion of Canada. Of all the seven provinces of the Dominion, none has a more substantial foundation upon which to build its hopes of the future than the province of British Columbia.

Next in importance to our own provincial welfare is that of our Eastern neighbors. If we commence at the eastern boundary of British Columbia and work our way to the waters of the Atlantic, we will probably find the same optimistic feeling as possesses us here.

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It is very much to be regretted indeed that the severer extension by-law was again defeated. It is not an edifying sight to see a city divided against itself.

An ill-timed fit of economy, together with some distrust of the proposed system, may be blamed for the result. However, the ratepayers have spoken and there can be no further appeal against their decision.

The letter of Mr. Christie as an expert in the telegraphic business is interesting. There is no doubt that he is substantially correct in his conclusions. To the outsider, it seems doubtful if the wireless system can ever be as precise and accurate in its operation as that of the cables.

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The vessels of which I speak are those small sailing craft, which still drag out a precarious existence in competition with steam. They may be seen at all our smaller ports, lying disconsolately on our banks.

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CUTTING OF WOOD ON THE STREETS.

BY-LAW AFFECTING IT BEFORE CITY COUNCIL.

Referred to Committee For Reconsidering—Correspondence Read Respecting Point Ellice Bridge.

The by-law for the regulating of the sawing of wood on the streets within the city limits has passed its second reading before the city council, and has been referred to the board as a committee for re-framing.

The alderman said in introducing the by-law he desired to have something on the statute book that was workable. The present law regarding the sawing of wood on the streets was not.

The city engineer reported as follows: Communication from Michael Lawless re drainage on Chambers street, between Alfred and Richmond streets, estimated cost \$37,000. Estimated cost of the work of the 50 employed.

The report was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee. Accounts totalling \$2,491.07 were passed. The finance committee also recommending the payment of \$750.40 out of the new high school loan appropriation.

Defendant Seeks a Large Sum From Messrs. Turner and Pooley. A writ has been issued in the Supreme Court of British Columbia at the instance of Walter C. Nichol.

The claim of the plaintiff is that this amount is due from Messrs. Pooley and Nichol, a distance of 90 feet estimated cost \$78; Cedar Hill road, east side, between Lansdowne road and Edmonton road, a distance of 2,336 feet, estimated cost \$75.

NICHOL LABEL CASE.

The section of the code under which the present action is taken reads thus: "Infringement of the rights of the author in cases of Libel." In the case of Nichol, the defendant is charged with infringement of the plaintiff's rights.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

To the Editor—I read with interest your editorial in last evening's issue on wireless telegraphy, inspired by the interruption to telegraphic communication between the Island and Mainland at present prevailing.

TRUTH ABOUT THE FRIARS.

Gen. Smith, Justice of the Philippine Supreme Court, Gives Inconvenient Facts. Gen. James F. Smith, Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands, has written for the Catholic Truth Society of San Francisco a valuable pamphlet, entitled "Catholic Missionary Work in the Philippines."

WM. CHRISTIE.

Victoria, B. C., December 31st, 1901.

THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor—Now that the hustle and bustle incident to the Christmas holidays is over, it is an opportune time for us to give just a little consideration to the advantages to be derived from a Tourist Association, whose objects shall be carried out in a practical and enthusiastic manner.

HANDS AND FEET SWOLLEN.

The Serious Condition of a Well-Known Woman Whom Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets Cured.

"Mrs. Joseph Young, Division street, Welland, Ont., says: 'I have suffered from backache and kidney trouble for four or five years. At times I could hardly stir my hands' they were so swollen and my feet the same. Going upstairs hurt my back so I thought I would die, and my breath grew awful short. I tried almost everything with no relief. Black specks floated all around and my eyes were very bad. The pain ran from the small of my back to the base of the brain. I could not sleep lying on my back. I went and got a box of Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets and they have been a great boon to me. They are just splendid. I can see to thread a needle and the pain in my head has disappeared. I have no more of that cracking and creaking in the base of the head is gone, and the back comfortable. The old spells that came on me have not returned. I feel like a new creature living again. I can work now with comfort and go upstairs fast with no trouble. I am only too glad to recommend them to everyone. I used to be tired and nervous, and could not sleep, and now I am not afraid at all and can sleep well.'"

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Advertisement for Castoria, a medicine for infants and children, highlighting its safety and effectiveness.

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Catholic Demands For Reparation Cause Trouble in Southern Part of the Province of Honan.

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A LITTLE PROPHET BY HENRY NORMAN, M.P.

Says Russia Will Give Evidence—She Harbors No Designs Against the British Empire.

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Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND VICINITY DONE IN A CONDENSED FORM.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The Sookie stage got into the city this morning for the first time since the storm. Later in the day the Rocky Point stage also arrived.

Rev. Father Althoff conducted the religious services at the funeral of the late Mrs. J. Goodman, of Victoria West, which took place at 10 o'clock this morning from the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and later at Ross Bay cemetery.

The death occurred this morning at the Jubilee hospital of Algernon Judson Palmer, of Kamloops. Deceased was 48 years of age, and a native of Wentworth county, Ont. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss. The remains will be sent by to-night's Charmer to Kamloops for interment.

On Saturday night the children of the Cadboro Bay school held an enjoyable Christmas entertainment. A capital programme was rendered, the stringing of Wanka from the trees, and assisting materially in the entertainment. The ladies served refreshments during the evening.

John Grant, ex-mayor of Victoria, who has been in Dawson for a year or two, has been appointed inspector of Mines for the Yukon by Governor Ross. Mr. Grant's duty will be to see that the regulations governing mining are conformed to. Mr. Grant's friends here will be pleased to learn of his appointment.

Trooper Grestock, of this city, was among the supplementary draft of men enrolled at Vancouver a day or two ago for the Canadian Mounted Rifles. Trooper Grestock went to Africa before with Strathcona's Horse, and was bitterly disappointed when he failed to secure a place here for the Rifles, although he was not disarmed. Going over to Vancouver when the supplementary draft was sworn in, he was taken on the strength, and thus will see another term of service at the front.

Rev. R. B. Blyth, B. A., last night united in marriage Frank Stratford, of Victoria West, and Miss Helen Mann, housekeeper for Capt. Christensen, at whose residence the ceremony was performed. The bride was attended by Misses D. Robinson and H. Peat, while Arthur Stratford supported the groom. The bride was given away by Capt. Christensen. The newly wedded couple will take up their residence in Victoria on their return from the honeymoon trip.

Arrivals from Dunsmuir on the noon train to-day brought further particulars of the fire which destroyed the Quamichan hotel at that place yesterday. They are substantially the same as reported yesterday, but the story of the origin of the conflagration is somewhat different. It seems that a stove in the upper story of the building had been filled full of fuel, and that on Tuesday evening it set fire to the furnishings, and a chambermaid on entering shortly afterwards discovered the room full of smoke. She gave the alarm, but it had gained too much headway to handle with any hope of success.

A party of gentlemen identified with the Osborne Bay smelter have been in the city since Saturday in connection with that project. The party includes Messrs. Breen, Bellinger and Williams, and they are understood to be making the final arrangements in connection with the work at Osborne Bay. It is gratifying to note that one result of the contemplated work at Osborne Bay is already seen in the addition of a desirable citizen to Victoria's population. B. S. O'beringham has taken J. Taylor's house and has removed his family to this city. He will make his headquarters here.

(From Thursday's Daily.) There was a large attendance from the city at the ball given in the agricultural hall at Sannichin on New Year's eve.

Last evening, at the manse, Rev. Dr. Campbell solemnized the marriage of Charles J. Adams and Margaret A. Bode, of Seattle.

The death occurred in the hospital at New Westminster on Tuesday evening of William Kelly, a former resident of Victoria. He was at one time a member of the provincial police, and also belonged to the Victoria cricket club for many years. Deceased was a native of Newburg, Berks, England, and leaves a widow and two children.

A report has been current to-day that S. Perry Mills, K. C., intended contesting Victoria at the by-election as a government candidate. Mr. Mills when questioned on the subject would neither confirm nor deny the report, although he admitted that a number of people had designated him as "the man for Galway."

Rev. R. B. Blyth last evening officiated at the marriage of Mr. W. H. Hemmons, of the Victoria Co-operative, and Miss Isabelle Luscombe. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Garbally road, and in the presence of only the relatives of the contracting parties. Miss A. Luscombe attended the bride, and Mr. Thos. Luscombe supported the bridegroom.

In Christ Church Cathedral yesterday morning, Canon Beaman officiated at the wedding of Mr. John Taylor, formerly of this city, but now of Dawson, and Miss Sarah Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, of Courtenay. Comox. The bride was attended by Miss Marie Davys, while the bridegroom was supported by Mr. W. Purney. The bride wore a Venetian grey cloth suit, black velvet pictures and a Venetian grey plumes, and a grey ostrich feather bonnet. The bridesmaid was dressed in pale blue cloth, with Honiton lace collar over cream satin. The ceremony was per-

formed in the presence of only the relatives and friends of the bride and groom. A reception was subsequently held at the residence of Miss Marie Davys, 22 Mason street. Mr. Taylor, the bridegroom, was formerly connected with the B. C. Furnishing Company, of this city, but is now with the N. A. T. Co., at Dawson.

The business of the local post office has increased very largely during the past year, but as the returns are now made to Ottawa instead of being prepared locally it is impossible to give the exact figures. The revenue for the postage stamp department has increased by a considerable amount. The greatest increase, however, is in the foreign money order department, which has advanced one hundred per cent. This is due to the very large trade growing up here with Japan, China and Australia.

The committee of the whole council to whom was referred the Point Ellice bridge question, met on Tuesday afternoon. The city engineer was instructed to obtain from bridge experts their fees for preparing plans and specifications for the superstructure, the council intending to have the substructure done by day labor. The city engineer estimates the cost of the bridge at \$35,000, which will leave \$50,000 for the superstructure. Mr. Topp will also procure information from local architects regarding stone bridges.

E. H. Jones, matron of the Chemist's hospital, acknowledges the following donations for December: Dahlin bulbs, Mrs. Fry; pair of roses, Miss Nana Higgins; old linen, Mrs. Raymond; half dozen fancy baskets, donor unknown; fancy matter, Mrs. Blythe; Mrs. Raymond, the Victoria Daily Times and Colonist, the Nanaimo Daily Herald and Free Press and Ladysmith semi-weekly Leader. The Women's Auxiliary provided Christmas trees for the patients on Christmas Eve, which they all enjoyed. They were all able to partake of the usual Christmas fare.

The police had a very busy month in December, one hundred and thirty-three charges being registered in the record book. They are as follows: Assault, 5; aggravated assault, 1; assault on police, 1; creating disturbance, 3; cruelty to animals, 1; infraction of city by-laws, 16; drunks, 37; fighting, 3; gambling, 39; insulting language, 2; possession of intoxicants, 2; refusing to provide for family, 1; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 2; stealing, 7; threatening language, 2; vagrancy, 10. Besides these eighteen people were detained in the police station for safe-keeping during the month. This makes the grand total 151.

VICTORIA BOY HEADS THE ENTRANCE LIST

Has Largest Aggregate in Whole Province—Remainder of Returns for High School Examinations.

The results of the high school entrance examination for New Westminster, Nanaimo and a number of rural schools, which had not been furnished at the time of the Times going to press on Tuesday, are now given, thus completing the list of successful pupils throughout the province.

The Treat and Mount Lehman schools which follow wrote at Vancouver and the Cedar Hill one at Victoria. It is noteworthy in connection with the high school results that the pupil taking the highest number of marks is a Victoria boy, James Henry Gordon, of the South Park school. His aggregate was 801 out of a possible 1,100. It was a pupil from this school, Mabel Agnes Cameron, who at midsummer achieved a similar honor for her school.

The residue of the returns are as follows: NEW WESTMINSTER. Total marks, 1,100. Boys' School. Goldie E. Anderson ..... 704 Albert Beattie ..... 675 Charles H. Tupper ..... 675 Stanley Robinson ..... 637 Leonard Mercer ..... 634 Girls' School. Ceila S. Hoffman ..... 673 Christina M. Mowbray ..... 670 Elizabeth I. Brennan ..... 615 Jennie G. V. Latham ..... 509 Sapperton. Eliza C. Scott ..... 601 Mary J. Johnson ..... 590 Brownsville School. Mattie M. Hartle ..... 656 Cedar Hill School. Mary McCallan ..... 638 NANAIMO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Hannah Berwick ..... 720 Isabel B. Russell ..... 697 Mary L. Jones ..... 695 Elizabeth I. Martell ..... 688 Olive Dawson ..... 673 Edith H. Hodgson ..... 649 Elsie A. Morrison ..... 649 Jessie Mercer ..... 641 Herbert Chadwick ..... 631 Arthur A. Hodgson ..... 618 Panny E. Bullman ..... 618 Margaret M. McKinnell ..... 591 Beatrice E. Waddington ..... 590 TRESNANT SCHOOL. Duncan McKenafe ..... 658 MT. LEHMAN SCHOOL. Lillie McCallan ..... 596 CEDAR HILL SCHOOL. W. Gordon Stephen ..... 730 Walter R. Palmer ..... 580

He (just accepted) "You say you were never engaged before?" "How is that? I thought all women shags had three or four engagements." "Shags?" "Yes, you see, this is the first chance I have had."

The first steel was made at 8 o'clock on Monday night in the open hearth furnace of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Sydney, C. B. The first cast of 50 tons was a decided success. Experts who saw the steel pronounce it to be of excellent quality.

BY-LAW DEFEATED.

Septic Tank System Failed to Receive Sufficient Votes Yesterday.

The septic tank by-law providing for the borrowing of the sum of \$100,000 for introducing into the city of that system was defeated yesterday. The vote was 644 for, and 547 against. This does not allow the required three-fifths vote, so that the ratepayers have not given their sanction to the proposition. The following was the voting by wards:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, For, Against. North Ward 141 129, South Ward 206 149, Central Ward 206 149. Total 547 447.

From this it will be seen that the by-law was defeated by a majority of about 71 votes.

From early in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon polling went on briskly, and the lack of interest which was so manifest at the time the last vote was taken was noticeably absent. On the last occasion the total vote polled was about 931, and the by-law was carried by the narrow margin of only three votes. Advocates of the by-law labored hard all day, and when the polling places were closed sharp at 4 o'clock, quite a crowd gathered around waiting for news of a result of the count.

About 4.30 o'clock the result of North Ward poll was known, and caused considerable surprise among those waiting. This feeling was, however, deepened when the results were all the polling had been announced, and it was learned that the ratepayers had given a verdict against the by-law.

DECEMBER TOP LINER.

For Fire Losses in the City—Two Lives Were Also Lost.

The fire at Spencer's Arcade on Saturday night gives the total of losses for December a formidable appearance. It certainly makes the last month of the old year top liner by a very large margin, which, however, would have been much greater but for the excellent work of the fire department. But for the fire returns for December was an unusual month not only because of the exceptional total of financial loss, but also because two lives were lost in a fire, which itself was comparatively insignificant.

This was the blaze at the corner of Douglas and Pembroke streets; cause, defective furnace; damage, \$75. December 6th, box 42, fire drill at burning of condemned shack on North Chatham street, December 18th, fire at corner of Douglas and Pembroke streets; cause, defective furnace; damage, \$75. December 6th, box 42, fire drill at burning of condemned shack on North Chatham street, December 18th, fire at corner of Douglas and Pembroke streets; cause, defective furnace; damage, \$75.

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Quite a number of absentees during December—Spring Ridge the Top Liner.

About \$475 was lost to the city during the past month owing to the non-attendance and irregular attendance at the schools. The total number of children belonging to the schools is 2,750, but the daily average was only 2,500, or slightly over, showing that the absentees numbered 450. As the government per capita grant is \$13 for average attendance in the year, the city therefore lost about \$475 less than it was possible to get.

The total number present during December was 2,582, the daily average was 2,306.64 and the percentage 93.3. This is quite an increase over the figures for the same month last year, which were as follows: Total attendance, 2,385; average, 2,100; percentage, 84.

Spring Ridge school was the banner school in the matter of attendance, the percentage being 94.08 for the month. All the divisions of this school were over 90 per cent, while its second division, Miss Blackburn, teacher, reached an attendance percentage of 97.88. The summary follows:

Table with 3 columns: School, No. Att., Average, P. C. School 157 136.38 86.10, High 305 362.70 91.82, Boys' 410 367.47 89.63, North 415 358.91 86.48, South 405 369.70 91.07, West 280 257.70 92.20, Spring Ridge 167 157.12 94.08, Hillside 145 129.92 89.51, Kingsford Street 116 101.96 87.92, Rock Bay 88 75.59 90.07.

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The officers of the German army are to have a new cloak, the novelty of which lies in the fact that by an ingenious device the cloak may be made thick or thin. It is adapted for winter or summer use.

Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

The height of the tide during the storm on Thursday last was 18 feet, as measured by the Dominion government gauge, kept by Captain McPhaden. This is the highest tide ever known in the inlet, at least since records were kept.

A terribly bad shooting accident occurred about 8.30 o'clock on Monday night, the victim being Edgar Hull, a young man aged 27. Mr. Hull has been employed by the C. P. R. as mason's helper, and for some months past has been working on bridge construction in the mountains. He came to Vancouver about ten days ago to spend the holiday season, and roomed with some friends in the Turner block, on Cordova street. Being an enthusiastic sportsman he was possessed of a fine gun, which he took with him on his trip. He had been out for a few days, and was in the habit of showing it to his friends. He also had a revolver of 45 calibre, which he also occasionally carried.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Retail Prices in All Lines Increasing With the Advance of Winter.

There are a number of changes in the market quotations this week. The different classes of grain are all advancing in price, wheat and oats having made a particularly pronounced fluctuation from \$28 to \$30 a ton in wheat, and from \$25 to \$27 in oats. The wheat market merchants are confident that wheat will remain high, as the price of corn will have a tendency to keep that of wheat at its present standard if not advancing it still further.

The vegetable market shows the appearance of cucumbers and the gradual increase in the price of potatoes. It will be remembered that early in the season the Times predicted a rise in this line. This prophecy is being substantiated by the steady though slow increase in prices. Smoked salmon has risen from 15c to 20c per pound, while the fresh fish has gone up from 35c to a pound to 12 1/2c. Halibut per pound has also advanced from 8c to 12 1/2c.

The most important change in the market this week, however, is the disappearance of game. The shooting season closes to-day, and epicureans will have an opportunity of buying what grouse and venison there is on the market, but no more can be taken in for sale. The stores are allowed five days to get rid of what game they have on hand after the closing of the season, and if they have any on hand after this time of grace they are liable to a fine. The following are the current quotations:

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The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week: Potatoes (Island), per ton 18.00, Onions, per lb. 1 1/2, Carrots, per 100 lbs. 25, Turnips, per 100 lbs. 15, Parsnips, per 100 lbs. 1.50, Cabbage, per 100 lbs. 1.25, Butter (creamery), per lb. 12c, Butter (dairy), per lb. 12c, Eggs (branch), per doz. 75c, Chickens, per doz. 5.00, Ducks, per doz. 8.00, Geese, per doz. 8.00, Turkeys, per live weight 1.00, Apples, per box 1.00, HAY, per ton 10.00, Oats, per ton 22.00, Barley, per ton 22.00, Beef, per lb. 8c, Mutton, per lb. 9c, Veal, per lb. 10c.

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THE GAY SEASON IN PARIS.

ERMINE STOLE, WITH MUFF TO MATCH, THE LATEST FASHIONABLE CREATION.

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LIFE OF THE BILLIARD BALL.

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The London Evening News on Monday published the following dispatch from Belfast: "A well known Scottish artist, John Dalrymple, died of starvation here on Christmas night."

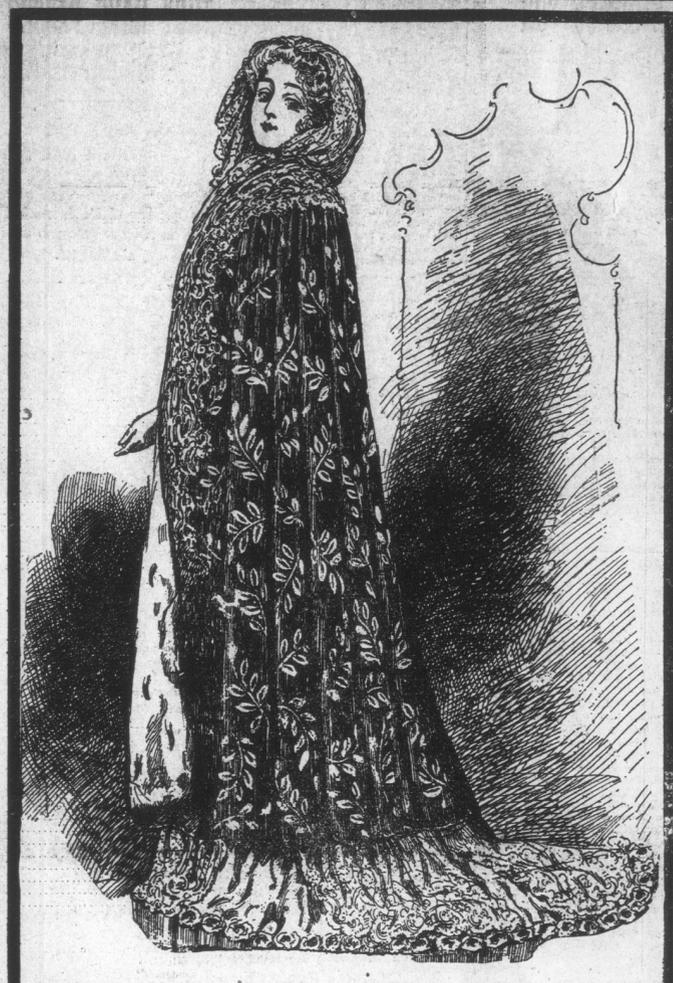
LITTLE BUT SEARCHING.

Dr. Von Sauer's Pile-Expeller Tablets are not big mass doses that contain injurious drugs or narcotics.

THE ROUGHLY TURNED BALL IS KEPT IN THIS position about a year. Then comes the polishing, whitening, etc.



THREE-QUARTER VELVET MANTLE TRIMMED WITH CHAMOIS AND PASTEL CHAMOIS AND PASTEL MENTHERIE.



MANTLE WORN IN 'LA POMPADOUR' BY MME. REJANE BY REDFERN.



MANTLE IN OPAL BLUE MUSLIN VELVET, TRIMMED WITH HAND-MADE COLORED LACE AND POKAN FUR.

COFFEE DRINKING IN AMERICA.

"That reminds me," said a grocer, while he tied up a pound of coffee for a customer, "that I have just been reading some interesting figures which impress me with the fact that coffee is our national beverage."

THE CARE OF CUT GLASS.

Cut glass should have the greatest possible care in handling. A wooden tub should be used for washing, and the water in which it is cleaned should never be too warm for the hands.

MISS MAUD CARTWRIGHT, Niece of Sir Richard Cartwright, was married at Kingston on Monday to J. J. Telford, of Louisville, Ky.

BABY HUMORS.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment soothes, quiets, and effects quick and effective cures in all skin eruptions common to baby during teething time.



MODELS OF STYLISH HATS FOR THE WINTER SEASON.

### NEW STEAMER FOR THE SOUND ROUTE

#### LARGER VESSEL THAN ROSALIE TO BE BUILT

The Empress of India and Tosa Maru Sail Outward and the Kaga Maru Arrives.

Towards the end of the ensuing year the Puget Sound Navigation Company will have a new steamer on the Victoria run, in addition to the Rosalie...

Referring to the company's proposed plans the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says: "Five modern steamers are to be constructed by the Puget Sound Navigation Company, an expansion made necessary by a far-reaching United States mail contract just awarded the concern...

As regards general transportation, it means that the company is to complete the rapidly growing business of the section named, and which, in view of the railroad extension from the Grays Harbor country to Neah bay and the proposed projections from Port Angeles...

The Puget Sound Navigation Company will begin the construction of its new vessels during the first days in January, probably not later than the 15th. All five are to be built in Seattle. They will cost in the aggregate not less than \$300,000. The plans, which are already drawn, provide for vessels of the same general type of the steamer Rosalie, which is now owned and operated by the Puget Sound Navigation Company between Seattle and Victoria...

For the Neah Bay run almost a duplicate of the Rosalie has been planned. She will be of the same length, 150 feet, twenty-eight feet beam, but equipped with still better machinery than the Rosalie. Her guaranteed speed is thirteen land miles per hour. The three vessels are to be each 115 feet in length, twenty-two feet beam and nine feet eight inches depth of hold. Their guaranteed speed is also thirteen miles an hour. Money will not be spared in order to obtain the rapid construction of the vessels. It is hoped to have all five in commission before the close of next summer.

The contract awarded the Puget Sound Navigation Company involves four distinct mail runs. They are known as the Neah Bay, Port Angeles, Port Townsend and Seattle. The Neah Bay takes in as principal mail points Port Townsend, Port Williams, Dungeness, Victoria, Clallam, Port Crescent and Neah Bay. On the Port Angeles run are the principal towns of Victoria, Port Angeles, Port Williams, Dungeness and Port Townsend. Port Madison, Port Gamble, Port Ludlow, Kingston and Port Townsend are the principal mail ports of call on the Port Townsend run. The island run takes in all of the principal ports on the San Juan islands.

All of the vessels of the Puget Sound Navigation Company's fleet will be operated from pier No. 2, the wharf being constructed on the old Yester dock site by the Northern Pacific railroad. Such lease arrangements have been made, and for a term of years, as will not permit of the landing at this dock of any vessel in any way competing with those of the Puget Sound Navigation Company, Cook & Co. and Dodwell & Co.

#### ORIENTAL SHIPS CALL

Victoria appears to be enjoying a monopoly on Oriental ships these days, for several days they have been arriving at the rate of two and three a day. The Glenagary is still loading for Barcelona at the outer wharf, and this morning there arrived the Empress of India and Tosa Maru, outward bound, and the Kaga Maru inward bound. The India was expected to arrive here owing to the foggy weather did not report until about 10 o'clock. She was deeply loaded and carried a good complement of passengers. The Tosa Maru was also deeply loaded. She arrived from the Sound just as the big liner of the C. P. R. line was pulling out. The Kaga Maru had an uneventful trip. She brought a cargo of sugar, rice, and other goods. E. M. Hard and two children, E. P. Pines, Commander K. J. Tomasi, Prof. S. Kinnear, Mr. and Mrs. Kusakabe, Dr. N. E. Griffin and L. Sharpe and Consul

and Mrs. T. Noose. Mr. Noose is the Japanese consul for Montreal. He has been over to the Orient on a trip, and has also been in Korea. Mr. Kusakabe is the secretary of the Japanese legation at St. Petersburg. As Asiatic, the steamer brought for this city 2 Chinese and for Seattle 62 Japanese.

#### CASE OF PINMORE

"The case of the British bark Pinmore is still undecided and will undoubtedly have to be taken into the courts for ultimate settlement," says the Tacoma Ledger. "Representatives of the vessel, which lies at Quartersmaster Harbor, are endeavoring to arrange a settlement with the Puget Sound Tugboat Company, but thus far their efforts have not met with complete success. It was understood that \$20,000 is offered for the vessel and that \$80,000 is demanded by the tugboat company whose tug Tye rescued her.

"The Pinmore will go on the drydock following the steamer Senator for repairs and a new charter is being arranged for her to load wheat here for the flour mills. She is still in possession of the tugboat company, and under their control it is stated. If negotiations for an amicable settlement fail the case will go to the courts.

"In the event that the Pinmore case gets into court it is claimed that the representatives of the Pinmore will proceed upon the grounds that the tugboat company stole the ship. The case involves several fine points of maritime law which shipping men would like to see passed on by the courts. The Pinmore differed from a derelict in that she was at anchor when found by the Tye and the claim is made that the Tye had no right to touch her, even though she would have ultimately become a total wreck if left there. On the other hand, it is claimed that neither Capt. Jamieson nor his crew ever expected to see the ship again and had wholly and entirely abandoned her to her fate and made no attempt to secure assistance for her."

#### PUMPING OUT THE SARGENT

All day yesterday, says the San Francisco Chronicle of Tuesday last, the red-stacked tug Sea King was engaged in pumping out the S. C. F. Sargent, which had been filled with fifteen feet of water by the tugs Slocum, Governor Markham, and Sea King Sunday afternoon, after fire was discovered in the ship's cargo hold. The flooding of the hold was sufficient to quench the smouldering fire and the towing of the ship to the Mission mud flats placed her out of danger from going down under the weight of water, added to the heavy cargo. It is expected that the Sargent will be in condition to discharge her cargo this week.

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHED

The fire in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamship Shimano, has been extinguished. The ship is not injured in the least, though the damage to her cargo and loss of business through the delay in the voyage will run into many thousands. Some think it may reach \$100,000. The steamer, it is expected, will be ready for sea again on Thursday.

#### AT QUARANTINE

Rosalie Crew and Passengers Will Light a Monster Bonfire on New Year's Eve.

Tug Earl came up from quarantine yesterday afternoon and took down on her return trip a large quantity of supplies for the Alaska S. S. Company to the crew and passengers of the steamer Rosalie, now quarantined at William Head. Among the articles carried down yesterday was a football to help the male portion of the company to pass away the time.

Another portion of the cargo consisted of several cases of gasoline. It is the intention of the crew to light a bonfire to celebrate the advent of the point by a colossal bonfire there. Decoy ducks were taken down a few days since for the use of those who had tired of golf and wanted to try a little shooting.

The company are all in excellent health, and the little girl, whose indisposition was the cause of their detention, is doing splendidly. She has never been down ill, and is present in outdoor air most every day. "None of the others have developed any symptoms of the disease.

The oldest inhabited house in England stands close to the River Ver, and about 250 yards from St. Albans Abbey. It was built in the time of King Offa of Mercia, about the year 795, and is thus over 100 years old. It is of octagonal shape, the upper portion being of oak and the lower has walls of great thickness.

### MAKE THE FARM PAY

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### THEY HAVE PASSED THE EXAMINATIONS

#### LIST OF THOSE WHO ENTER HIGH SCHOOL

The Standing of the Successful Pupils in Victoria, Vancouver and the Interior.

The following are the successful candidates at the recent High school entrance examination: VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, South Park.

Table listing names and marks for Victoria Public Schools, Nelson Public School, and Rossland Public School.

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The examiners for the above are Superintendent Robinson, Inspectors Wilson, Sedberry and Stewart, and Messrs. Geo. Robinson and J. K. Henry, of the Vancouver High school. Their labors have extended over the last eight days.

The record of the respective schools was as follows: Victoria, 18; Vancouver, 54; Nanaimo, 13; Rossland, 10; Nelson, 4, and Trail, 1.

The Nanaimo school results and those of a number of rural schools were not made up at the time of going to press. SERVICES APPRECIATED. D. Spencer Sends \$50 to the Fire Brigade. Chief Watson has received the following self-explanatory letter from D. Spencer: Victoria, Dec. 30th, 1901.

#### FIRST KLONDIKE ARRIVALS

Interesting Report of the Weather in the North During Mid-December.

Steamer City of Seattle, which reached Seattle from Skagway on Saturday, brought several arrivals from the Klondike. She also brought advices from that district to December 5th. Those from Dawson report very little travel on the Yukon trail; that the number coming and going is not as large as it was this time last year. Business in Dawson is said to be dull. More or less winter mining is in progress on the creeks, though perhaps not as much work in this line as last winter.

Rev. Mr. McCrea died of asphyxiation at Dawson on December 6th. His death was due to the escape of gas from a small gasoline engine.

T. L. Rutherford, a Dawson passenger, says the Canadian Development Company's stages are now in regular operation on the Yukon, making good connections with the White Pass railroad, thus enabling passengers to make a continuous trip either way between Seattle and Dawson.

The jury in the Bird mule case retired for deliberation the day the Senator left James on December 24th. The trial was begun about two weeks ago in Juneau.

Capt. Connell, master of the Seattle reports that the severe storm which swept Puget Sound Christmas night with such great damage to shipping, did not reach into Alaskan waters. The only evidence of the storm in the North was that the seas ran somewhat higher than usual.

Under date of December 10th the White Horse Star gives the following weather report: Chilliwack, calm, 54 above. Caribou—Cloudy, calm, 30 above. Tazewell—Cloudy, calm, 20 above. White Horse, Cloudy, calm, 34 above. Sheesley—Snowing, south wind. Telegraph Creek—Cloudy, calm. Nakhin—Cloudy, calm, 28 above. Nakhin—Cloudy, calm, very mild. Lower LaBarge—Cloudy, calm, 15 above. Hootalinqua—Snowing, calm, 18 above. Big Salmon—Cloudy, calm, 10 above. Selwyn—Cloudy, snowing, 10 above. Stewart River—Light snow, cloudy, 10 above.

Big Salmon—Cloudy, calm, 10 above. Dawson—Cloudy, calm, 3 below. Forty Mile—Cloudy, calm, 3 below. A party starting for Big Salmon from White Horse found the trails so bad that they had to return. The Yukon council, having ignored their petition last fall for an appropriation to build a trail from White Horse over the route laid out by Sullivan last winter, the miners of Big Salmon have taken the matter into their own hands and have already opened up the trail for a considerable part of the way. When Messrs. Sprague and Reardon started out to the Big Salmon the other day they were accompanied by Messrs. Caranah, Jorgenson and Deagle, who cut a trail about six feet wide to about 10 miles south of the Hootalinqua, where they are applying for a license to improve it, and will make further improvements on their way back. The trail which they made crosses the Hootalinqua about 14 miles above Manson's Landing, and goes over a country which there are very trifling difficulties to overcome and no high elevations to surmount. In going over the trail from Manson's Landing to the Big Salmon two high divides have to be crossed. The first is a low ridge, and is easily passed, and the second through an almost level country. To the south of the Hootalinqua the trail rises very gradually for about ten miles, when a chain of lakes is struck extending about one-third of the distance to Lake LaBarge. After leaving the lakes the route passes through a sparsely timbered country until the valley of the Fifty-Mile river is struck, where it will take considerable work to slash out the dense forest, as this is the only way for a very short distance the amount of money necessary to put it in good shape for winter travel would be very small. The estimated distance over the new trail is as follows: Livingston to the Hootalinqua, 12 miles; Hootalinqua to head of Lake LaBarge, 30 miles; LaBarge to White Horse, 27 miles.

#### WHY WE FEEL HUNGRY

A German physician has a theory as to why and when we feel hungry. He tells us that we feel hungry when the blood vessels of the stomach are completely empty. Many anemic patients have no appetite, even when the stomach is empty; but the blood vessels of the stomach are not empty in such cases, but, rather congested. In healthy people, lack of blood in the stomach acts upon a special nerve, and all the nerves of the same nerve trunk. Hence, a stimulus applied to the tongue, by a spice, for example, creates or increases appetite. On the other hand, when the nerves of the tongue are affected by a diseased condition of the mucous membrane of the mouth, the patient has no appetite, and he may be in actual need of food.

#### YOUR FOOTSTEPS

By the depth of his footsteps in the earth the Indians tell the weight of a man. Do you tread shallow or deep? Perhaps you would like to weigh more? If you are below weight and find that ordinary food does not build you up try Scott's Emulsion. It is not a drug but a food that time has shown to have a real value in such cases as yours.

#### THE MISLETOE

The Seed Sticks to the Birds' Bills, and They Wipe Them Off on the Tree Branches. The story of how the mistletoe gets on the trees is a most interesting one. Covering the mistletoe twigs are the winter snows, when food is comparatively scarce, and hence some of our birds eat them freely. Now when a robin eats a cherry he swallows simply the meat and tips the stone away. The seed of the mistletoe, which cannot slip, it is sticky and holds to his bill. His only resource is to wipe it off, and he does so, leaving it sticking to the branches of the cherry tree as it sits down at the time. This seed sprouts after a time, and not finding earth— which indeed it never does— it makes it cease wanting—it sinks its roots into the bark of the tree, and runs in the sap. Now the sap is the very richest in the tree, far richer than any other part. The mistletoe gets from its host the choicest of food. With a sure death to all kinds of game every shot, every gun guaranteed. Territory rights for sale. Agents wanted everywhere. Write to: Professor R. C. Schuchman, in the Ladies Home Journal.

#### THE REFINERY AT TRAIL

W. H. Aldridge Says Work Will Commence at Once—Reduction in Rates.

Trail, Dec. 28.—Mr. W. H. Aldridge has just returned from an extended eastern trip, and states that the Canadian Smelting works will proceed at once with the construction of a refinery at Trail of sufficient capacity to handle the present output of the country. The plant will be to a certain extent experimental, but as soon as it is shown that sufficient bullion can be obtained to insure it becoming a commercial success, it will be enlarged and extended, or possibly another plant will be built at Nelson or on the Coast.

Mr. Aldridge says that all of the metal markets have been most unsatisfactory to miners, smelters and refiners. The fall in lead and silver has affected the receipts of some of the Kootenay lead-silver mines to the extent of \$600,000 annually, comparing the quotations for these metals in January with those at the present time. The smelters have also lost heavily, in buying and selling on a falling market, it requiring on an average of from four to five months for the smelters to realize upon metals purchased from the time the ore has been brought from the mines.

The decline in metal prices since the beginning of the year has been approximately as follows: Silver, 10 per cent. Copper, from 17 1/2 cents to 12 1/2 cents per pound. London lead, from £18 to £10, and silver from 62 cents to 54 cents per ounce.

The railroads and smelters are thoroughly alive to the situation, and while London lead is at present prices will join in making a reduction for the coming year in freight and treatment charges, on clean lead ores, of 24 per cent. The smelters are willing to reduce their charges, providing they can be relieved from the danger of incurring further losses due to decline in metals, and as it is generally conceded that the present prices of metals have nearly reached bottom, it would seem entirely fair to the mines to make the change at this time. To accomplish this, it is proposed that preliminary settlements, involving the payment of 90 per cent. of the proceeds, will be made as soon as results are obtained at the smelter, the final settlement to be made on quotations for metals 90 days after the preliminary settlement. It is proposed to raise the zinc limit from 10 per cent. to 8 per cent., which would mean that on clean lead ores carrying 40 per cent. lead and over, the total reduction in freight and treatment charges would be 24 per cent. While on ores containing over 8 per cent. zinc the net reduction will be \$30 per ton.

The above reductions in rates will not compensate the mines for their losses in the decline of metals from the first of the year to the present time, but as the quotations for lead during the latter part of 1900 and the beginning of 1901 were abnormally high, it is hoped that the mines will find it in their interest to continue operations at these figures. The average price of London lead for a number of years has been between £12 and £13 sterling, and as a reduction of 24 per cent. on ore is equivalent to \$11 per ton lead, assuming the ore to contain 40 per cent. lead, and that the smelter pays for 90 per cent. of this reduction of \$4 would correspond to an increased price for lead in ore of \$12 9/10.

Mr. Aldridge says his company is spending large amounts of money in enlargements and improvements, and will continue to do so in spite of the present temporary depression in the metal markets, believing that there will shortly be an improvement in these prices, and that the production of the silver-lead properties of the country will get back to former figures.

#### POLITICIANS FOREGATHER

Company of Anti-Government Men Spent Sunday in the Capital. There was quite a gathering of politicians in the city who came down on the Charmer on Saturday night, including Messrs. Gardiner, Taylor, Fulton, Murphy and McBride. The majority of them went back on Monday morning, but both Messrs. Fulton and Murphy remained over until this morning. The little gathering was an informal one, but there is no doubt that it was arranged for the purpose of talking over matters in provincial politics. Every one of the company was in pronounced hostility to the present government. Genial Denis Murphy, from West Yale, came from over the Bay yesterday afternoon, grip in hand, but he emphatically denied that it had a portfolio in its folds. "I don't want to see an election," he said, "but I know one thing; I will stand for an election in my constituency rather than support this government."

Any doubt which may have arisen regarding the stand of F. J. Fulton, in consequence of the government's claim of his support, was also dispelled by the visit. He also is in opposition. "The government seem to feel confident of meeting the house with a majority behind them," observed the veteran ex-Speaker D. W. Higgins, as he conversed with a group of them. "The government believes no such thing," replied one of the legislators. "The government is beaten and it knows it, but it hopes by keeping up its whistle to deceive those who want to be in the dominant party. Let them call the house together and they will see."

"Yes, let them call the house together," came in a chorus from the others.

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