





Happenings AT Nanaimo City

Fall of Trusted Night Watchman Who Gets Three Years For Theft.

Pioneer of Cariboo Gold Excitement Passes Away—Labor Party Meeting.

Donaldson Governor

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QUBEC MANUFACTURERS.

Quebec, Dec. 14.—Ritchie & Co., J. S. Langley & Co., and Laroche & Co. show manufacturers, opened their premises...

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Ald. W. H. Laird was elected mayor of Regina...

REPORT DENIED.

Rome, Dec. 14.—The report telegraphed from Bologna, during a recent journey to Norway, by a young man...

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 14.—A sensational arrest was made here yesterday. Night watchman James Gilligan...

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Chinese Hurrying Into the Country

Coming via San Francisco Because Liners Cannot Accommodate All.

Six Steamers Are Due Here Before the End of the Present Year.

Only six more liners are to arrive before the end of the year, and if each of the vessels bring their full complement of Chinese...

Arranged For City Elections

Local Council Yesterday Evening Selected the Various Deputy Returning Officers.

An Appropriation Made For Cost of Certain Necessary Street Work.

The major portion of yesterday evening's session of the city council was devoted to arranging details of the approaching municipal elections...

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PANAMA'S BURDEN.

Powers Insist That New Republic Assume Colombian Debt.

UNPLEASANT OUTLOOK.

New York, Dec. 14.—The statement was made today by a leading official of the United States steel corporation...

Suspected Sorcerer Was Near Death

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This company, after testing Liquorizone for two years in the most difficult germ diseases, paid \$100,000 for the American rights...

Kills Inside Germs.

Liquorizone alone kills germs in the body without killing the tissues, too. It is so certain that we publish on every bottle...

A Comprehensive Resume of Work

Miss Edith C. Perrin, President of Local Council of Women, Tells of Year's Affairs.

Annual Meeting of the National Council at Winnipeg Next Year.

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Bravery Of H.M.S. Floras Engineer

Ran Unclad to the Engine Room and Quickly Shut the Water-tight Doors.

Awakened By Shock and Inrush of Water He Coolly Did His Duty.

With the arrival of H. M. S. cruiser Floras in Esquimaux where she was to be placed in dry dock yesterday morning...

Without stopping to don clothes, he ran off to the engine room, where he found the water-tight doors open...

MEANWHILE the stokers in the fire rooms had felt the shock which shattered the ship...

There are two hoses some thirty feet long which are attached to the boiler...

The cruiser left Union Bay on Saturday afternoon under her own steam...

As I said at the beginning, I am only half a president, so I trust that I will be relieved for all that have left...

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Word reached town last Sunday of an important strike called a few days before at the Rambler...

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RUSSIAN TROOPS ARE SUFFERING

Quartered in Tents in Extreme Cold and Hospital Facilities Inadequate.

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SENSATIONAL MISREPRESENTATION.

The sensational article on the Assessment Act in the Times of the 15th inst. is presumably the result of the combined efforts of the Victoria Board of Trade and that journal. Such united effort has, in this particular instance, been used to display considerable ignorance of the subject they attempt to criticize.

We are sorry, in particular that the Victoria Board of Trade has assumed the paternity of the schedule prepared by one of its members without first verifying its assertions. This schedule was, however, circulated with all its errors among the members of His Majesty's loyal Opposition during the progress of the bill in order to defeat, if possible, its passage.

We do not wish to say that the author of the schedule intentionally tried to mislead the public, but he has not correctly studied either the old acts or the new. He has not attempted to verify his figures, relating to the taxes payable under the former act just repealed. His illustrations from the acts are accordingly absolutely erroneous and, therefore, his comparisons are not merely misleading, but worthless. If he had taken the slightest trouble to acquaint himself with the laws under which business men have been paying taxes for years, the author of the document would have been the last man to promulgate such a farrago of misstatement.

For the purpose of enlightening the general public, we will state the law as to the taxation of personal property and income in this Province as it existed up to the time when the new act came into force, on the 11th inst.

All personal property and income were liable to taxation, subject to certain exemptions. The exemptions were: (1) Income of every person up to \$1,000; (2) the income of a farmer derived from his farm and the income of merchants, mechanics or other persons derived from capital but not from the sale of real estate.

The 1297 act included in personal property goods, chattels, accounts and debts at their actual value. Section 6 of chapter 56, section 7 of the statutes of 1901, explains the method of arriving at the taxable property or income, where the income is derived from personal property, the Province taking whichever tax should be the greater.

Before showing the errors made in the famous schedule, it is also necessary to know just what the former Assessment Act described as personal property. Section 2 of chapter 24 of the Amending Act of 1903, which was in force in May last, defines personal property as including all goods, chattels, wares, merchandise, effects, stocks, bonds, debentures, securities, investments (except mortgages and municipal and Provincial debentures, etc.), accounts, notes, certificates of deposit, judgments, choses in action, franchises, moneys, debts, etc.

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carry on business with a stock of \$250,000 and book debts of \$150,000—and if the capital (which is also personal property) existed in addition to the stock in trade and book debts, he would be obliged to have paid taxes on \$375,000, or \$1,875 instead of the \$375, of the Times' allusion.

The other illustrations of our contemporary, being based upon wrong foundations, it is unnecessary to expose their errors and the fallacious reasoning which runs through the schedule and the Times' article.

If any person will, however, take the trouble to make up a statement of the assets and liabilities of the merchant referred to in the illustrations given in the schedule, he will find that the taxable property in each case is quite different from what the schedule tries to bring out. Upon the assumption, however, that the lowest tax payable by the merchant on personal property was \$1,125, a person who owned real estate to the same value (\$225,000) would have paid, under the old acts, \$1,350, and under the new act this inequality is one way with, as both merchant and real estate owner pay an equal tax on equal investments. Thus, on \$225,000 personal property the tax is (less discount) \$2,025, and on \$225,000 of realty the tax is \$2,025.

The real cause for this calamity howling is that some taxpayers, under the old acts, paid too little, some not even what they should have done legally, and now that no discrimination is made between owners of real estate and owners of personal property, some few, but active, persons among the latter are resorting to tactics which are not patriotic, but inimical to the best interests of the Province.

The increase in taxation now imposed should not be unduly burdensome to any person or class of persons in the Province, and although the increase is higher on personal than on real property, they were unequal before, but are now made equal.

No taxation act ever devised in any part of the civilized world has been faultless, perfect equality in taxation is, humanly speaking, impossible, and it is not claimed that the present act is perfect. Under the incidence of taxation is nearer equality than under any former act of this Province.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE GAINS GROUND.

The fact that the Unionist candidates, Dr. Rutherford Harris, of South African fame, and Major Coates, a financier well known to Canadian public men, won on Mr. Chamberlain's policy by defeating the pro-British Government, went beyond their policy declaration, and boldly declared for Mr. Chamberlain's far-reaching proposal.

This thus doubt afflicted many Unionists of the old school, who remain loyal to the traditional free trade, or rather, limited free import policy of Great Britain, and thus lost some votes.

The successful candidates also had raised against them with all vigor, the cry of "small food and small loaf" of the Little Englanders, and they had a further tie to the well-known fact that in the United Kingdom, where Government patronage and influence are usually very small in any other than a dockyard arsenal or similar constituency, by elections contrary to the course in this country, tend to go against the Government of the time.

VICTORIA'S HOME DEFENSIVE FORCE.

It is regrettable that Lord Dunsford has, as general officer in command of the Canadian militia, been compelled to note that our local regiment is still about eighty men short of its full strength, more especially as that total is not large, whilst Esquimaux is one of the most important defensive points of the Empire.

The patriotism of our younger men ought surely to be able to remedy this deficit and maintain without difficulty a local regiment of two hundred and eighty officers and men, whilst apart from the higher motive of patriotic endeavor there should be for many men much attraction in the physical training which now accompanies enlistment. For this is no longer a matter of mere drilling, marching and work with the gun, but is accompanied by many exercises of a recreative type.

large a cadet battalion, as one of 1,000 youths could be enlisted, but it certainly should be possible to raise one five hundred strong, which would be invaluable service in training and disciplining our boys, and as we have said, should solve the problem of keeping the local regiment at its full strength.

The case of more than one of the smaller incorporated towns of South Kootenay suggests what need there is for simplification of the administrative machinery of pieces that are only fair-sized, not done in any real sense. There is urgently needed, under a revised municipal code, a division of town municipalities into two classes, the one of higher grade by reason of larger population, ratable resources and facilities of revenue, and the other the rights now accorded to cities, whilst urban communities of the other class—small towns—ought to be provided with less elaborate and costly administrative machinery and smaller councils.

The Senator, who has introduced other small towns of South Kootenay, it is now said to be very doubtful if a sufficient number of duly qualified candidates can be obtained to constitute a full council. Few residents can qualify, and fewer still, seemingly, desire so to do.

L'Appetit vient en mangeant says a well-known French proverb, and certainly the desire for territorial expansion has for great nations that are world powers, seems to grow with each successful experiment. So now Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, is, after the United States have practically annexed Panama, about to introduce into the Senate a joint resolution calling upon the President to annex the grossly misgoverned negro-republics of Hayti and San Domingo, in each of which American commercial interests are of importance.

The annual report of the local Women's Council shows that it is quietly and busily at work on the subject of school teachers are of the gentle sex, and there are also, we believe, rather a few of the more energetic of one sex, and matters suggested in connection with the amount of their salaries, the aspect of which inquiry by and counsel from a sympathetic, well-informed woman, has failed to be a satisfactory one. The Women's Council takes a right view in this respect.

The great mortality amongst some of the choicest classes of the recently departed, has certainly been a sad one, and suggests some investigation of local conditions in which the birds of the air, the Society does well therefore, though the inquiry came a little tardily, as the birds have been dying off for some time. It is interesting to learn how the birds sent to Vancouver have fared in the range and alpine varieties at Stanley Park. If they do, they are similarly situated, the fact will argue strongly that some of the birds, possibly due to the time of year at which they are introduced into our Province, may be a main cause of the deaths of the robins and goldfinches. The English robin is a smaller bird than the very different bird which we so name. It is, however, very hardy and survives in our Province very severe changes of weather, including long wintry frosts, far more trying than those which the English robin is likely to encounter. Yet the English robin brought hither have all succumbed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A PLEA FOR MEN IN NEED.

Sir,—Christmas with all the old associations of good will and kindness to our fellow-men is close at hand, and I would like to draw the attention of the numerous public of Victoria to those for whom no gifts are provided, nor who have no one near to wish a "Happy Christmas." The inmates of the Marine Hospital are few in number, but very small and very old, and give them something either to amuse or to add to their comfort. A few chairs in which they may sit without being obliged to sit perfectly upright, or a couple of small tables, or a matter how plain, which could be moved to the bedside of the store; a few games to occupy the long winter evenings, and the long evenings of monotony. A warm garment or two would materially add to the remark-able comfort with which the inmates of the institution have furnished this institution. Indeed, it seems as though the "pope" who has been in charge of the sick sailors should turn milliners and want to lengthen ladies' stays. If so, they have succeeded admirably in carrying out their intentions, for they have completely starved the inmates, as I feel sure the maximum of space, books, pictures, etc., should, I am sure, be gladly received by the steward for his patients. Last Christmas some of our leading wholesale merchants, in a very generous contribution of tables for the hospital, which was highly appreciated, so I do not ask for assistance for the inmates, as I feel sure the generous gifts will be repeated this year. My other shadows never grow less, I had the honor of a card and a note, and we all enjoy our festivities the more for a reminder of the fact that we are all here who are sick, helpless and far from their homes.

Thanking you in anticipation for insertion. Victoria, Dec. 14th, 1903. McW.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Cures COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, SORE THROAT, HOARSENESS, THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES. Miss Florence E. Hallman, New Germany, N.S., writes: "I had a cold which was very bad, and I was afraid I was going to consume it. I was advised to try Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. I had had little faith in it, but before I had taken one bottle I began to feel better, and after the second I felt as well as ever. My cough has completely disappeared." Price 25 CENTS.

RETAIL MARKETS.

Christmas trade is in full swing. Goods of superior quality are on the market from England and the States, so that this year's Christmas trading, etc., should be exceptionally toothsome. The new dried fruits from California are in fine condition, prunes, peaches, apricots and so on, especially the prunes, which are beautiful. Several of the leading grocers have got in consignments of raisins from Malaga, Spain, and their match for excellence of quality has never been seen in this city. They will find quick sale at 40c. per lb. There are now on the market some very nice, local apples, well packed and very attractive, which should be sellers on sight. Fresh Island eggs are dropping in price, and are now down to 80c. a dozen. Following are this week's quotations:

Table of market prices for various goods including Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, etc.

REGRETTABLE NEGLECT.

We are sorry to learn that so few of our citizens among the many who are anxious to secure at this season, have answered the appeal of the Tourist Association for small bouquets of flowers to be sent in and widely distributed over the Eastern points by the agency and at the cost of the association.

Provided that an capable representative can be secured as a candidate there is everything to be said in favor of obtaining a lady member of the School Board. The school teachers are of the gentle sex, and there are also, we believe, rather a few of the more energetic of one sex, and matters suggested in connection with the amount of their salaries, the aspect of which inquiry by and counsel from a sympathetic, well-informed woman, has failed to be a satisfactory one. The Women's Council takes a right view in this respect.

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FRASER—At Vancouver, on Dec. 11th, William H. M. Fraser, aged 73 years. BATE—At Nanaimo, B. C., on the 13th inst., suddenly, of heart disease, Wm. Bate, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bate, aged 38 years.

MARRIED.—At Christ Church Cathedral, by the Rev. Wm. B. B. Robertson, of Moreby Island, to Annie, eldest daughter of Capt. McCosker, of 2nd Dalas Road. DAVIDGE—At St. George's church, Toronto, on 2nd inst., Mr. Frank C. Davidge, to Miss M. E. Powell, both of Victoria, B. C.

CHILBLAIN LINIMENT. Cures Chilblains and saves you pain and annoyance. 25c. SOLD ONLY AT OUR STORE. PHONE 425. CYRUS H. BOWES, Chemist. 98 Government Street. Near Yates Street. Open All Night.

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Your visit to our store. Good Christmas Bargains await your coming, and you will find them here whenever you come. But some of the best may be gone before you get here if you linger too long.

Bon Bon's.....15c to 40c Per Box Xmas Tree Ornaments..... 5c to 15c each Xmas Stockings..... 5c to 50c each Batgen's Xmas Novelties full of Candies 5c each. You should see these. See Our Window.

Mowat & Wallace, LEADING GROCERS

Stuffed Dates.....15c package Salted Almonds.....15c package Crystallized Fruit..... 25 and 75c a box Huntley & Palmer's Mixed Biscuits, 15c lb New Hollow Dates.....2 lbs for 25c Gold Lion Cocktails.....\$1.25 a bottle

DIXIE H. ROSS & Co., CASH GROCERS

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Carvers and Carving Sets in Great Variety; also Gem & Rollman Sincé Meat Choppers. FOR SALE BY The Hickman Tye Hardware Co., LIMITED. 82 and 84 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

Christmas Slippers

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BRITISH COLONIST

Ask, and it shall be done; know, and you shall see; do, and you shall have. Matthew 11, 7-8. On the 22nd nearly 45 years ago, on the 13th of the 19th century, connecting Amor De Cosmos with the British Colonist, was confined to Royal Hotel, and the story of his life and work in the 11th Decem. Cosmos established a line of service, and his honorable position as Editor of the Colonist, was a position of honor and respect. The Colonist, under his able and energetic management, has become a household name, and his work is a source of pride and honor to all who are connected with it.

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Annual Meeting of the Women's Council

Ninth Yearly Gathering was Held Yesterday in the City Hall.

Twenty-Nine Societies Represented - Endorsed Mrs. Jenkins for Trustee.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The ninth annual meeting of the local Council of Women took place in the city hall yesterday, Miss Perrin, the president, in the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read.

Four new societies affiliated with the council, namely the Queen Alexandra, the Baxter Hives of Mothers, the Mothers' Club and the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union were welcomed by the president.

Mrs. Spofford gave a very comprehensive report of the work done by the council during the year, fully entering into all the work planned for and completed during the year.

The treasurer gave her report which was adopted. Mrs. McGee gave a very interesting report of the Friendly Help Society, showing the many women who have been assisted by the association, and the thoroughness of the investigation of each individual application for help.

Mrs. William Grant gave a full report of the work accomplished by the committee on domestic science. The school has been thoroughly equipped by the society and instruction on domestic science is now being given.

The afternoon session of the Women's Council opened promptly at 2 p. m. in the city hall.

After reading the minutes of the annual session Miss Perrin delivered the annual address to the council, which was listened to by the members and delegates with the closest attention.

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After the deputation had been introduced the council proceeded to the transfer of the equipment to the school board, and Mrs. William Grant, secretary of the council, handed to the school board, and Mrs. Perrin tied with ribbon of the council colors the trustees' aprons.

After lunch the cross-examination of the witnesses was continued. Mrs. McGee, neither her nor her chief clerk, Mr. Lovell, went to San Leandro from day to day. Mrs. McGee did not intend to go to San Leandro until after Sunday, but it was to look after Mrs. McGee's affairs.

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In fixing the annuity on the estate of Mrs. Dunsmuir, the appraiser had only one fact to go on by California law, and that was the value of the property as fixed from insurance tables of expectation of life of person aged 35, in the current year.

The subject was referred to the jury. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the following officers to be elected for the next year: President, Miss Perrin; first vice president, Mrs. McGee; second vice president, Mrs. Justin Gilbert; third vice president, Mrs. Burns; fourth vice president, Mrs. McGee; first secretary, Mrs. Cressie; recording secretary, Mrs. Gordon Grant; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Spofford; treasurer, Mrs. William Grant.

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Worst Blizzard in Years

Severe Storm Visits Many Eastern Sections Yesterday.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 12.—The worst blizzard in many years is raging over the central part of the United States. The Chicago and Alton lines were closed, and the roads were badly hampered.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 12.—Zero weather or even colder, is in store for southern Nebraska today. The temperature tonight was 3 above and snowing steadily. A drop in twenty-four hours of 29 degrees.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12.—The first genuine blizzard of the season prevails in portions of northern, central and southern Kansas. The temperature is about 10 below zero.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—In a blinding snowstorm this afternoon two trains collided on the South Side elevated railroad. One man is reported killed and several injured.

Cross-Examination of M. S. Wilson

Court Adjourns to Residence of Party-Plaintiff in Hopper vs Dunsmuir Case.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The cross-examination of the witness, M. S. Wilson, attorney-at-law, sitting in the Supreme court yesterday. The court adjourned at about 3 o'clock.

The reports of the affiliated societies were then heard. It was then moved and seconded that Mrs. Jenkins be appointed trustee on behalf of the local Council of Women.

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The Bright Store Windows

As Christmas Draws Nearer the Stores Grow More Brilliant.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Drery afternoon sees larger crowds of sightseers prowling and inspecting the fine displays in the store windows. And the windows are daily assuming the true Christmas aspect.

Continuing the notices begun in yesterday's issue, the work of the window decorators is daily assuming the true Christmas aspect.

Few establishments in Victoria have a better chance to make an effective window display than the grocers.

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AMERICAN VIEW

King Alfonso's Life Said to Have Been in Danger.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

London, Dec. 12.—A special despatch from Madrid published here today, announced the arrest of two of the royal gamekeepers in connection with the assassination of King Alfonso.

WEST END GROCERY. Dates Fixed for Next Season's Racing Events.

London, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of the stewards of the Henley Regatta Association, held today, the dates for holding next year's races were fixed.

There are three waters in the state of Indiana which actually impart magnetic powers to needles, knife blades and the like.

CHINESE ON TRIAL FOR GAMBLING

Two Men Before the Magistrate Accused of Running Gambling House.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The two men who were charged with running a gambling house at 40 Comorons street, were brought before the Police Magistrate Hall.

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Nanaimo And Its Waterworks

Whole Question Schedule of New Rates Shelled For Another Week.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 15.—Ever since Mr. Ald. Khumstodt introduced the Water Works Regulation by-law, the whole question of new rates has been shelved for another week.

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THE NEW FREEMAN

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September 29, 1903. ALBERT FREEMAN.

Notice is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate on the north-west corner of Kaitum Island, in the district of Kaitum, in the province of British Columbia, containing an area of 640 acres or less.

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THE CREEK AND HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES.

By H. M. L.

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The conception, it is thought, may be the means of solving the problem of mining at depth, while also a great saving should be effected in transportation costs, should a smelter be built in the immediate vicinity of the tunnel entrance, the twenty-five mile haulage to Grand Forks being thereby avoided. Before, however, the company finally decide to engage in so large and expensive an undertaking, it is considered, it is natural to suppose that the continuity of the ore-bodies to a depth of two thousand feet will be ascertained as accurately as possible by diamond drilling. At present the drilling has only been carried to a depth of approximately 800 feet.

A recent official note to the cable returns from the Royal mine for October, attributed to the poor showing for that month to special and unexpected losses. Mr. E. V. Wilson, manager of the Northwest smelter, reported in an interview as denying absolutely the accuracy of this statement. He remarks, however, that the diamond drilling in October was in consequence of new development work. Since May last the blast furnaces at Phoenix have been remodelled by the addition of side feeds, the buildings have been re-roofed, in addition to other general improvements. The cost of these repairs and changes have been operating expenses, but this, Wilson claims, has been able to reduce the cost of smelting sixty cents per ton as compared with that of last year's costs.

It is hoped that the Hendry process may be successfully applied to the treatment of Republic camerals, which owing to their highly siliceous character, can only advantageously be treated at present time, a comparatively small proportion of the quantity the mines are producing. The Hendry process is shortly to be applied to ores from the Mountain Lion mine, and these ores, which are of a high grade, will be the first to be treated by the process. It is to be noted, meanwhile, that the Republic company, after many vicissitudes, has at length gone into liquidation.

Although silver-lead production this year has been wretchedly small, and no immediate relief have apparently followed the granting of the government bounty, the industry is not without hope. There is no doubt that preparations are being made for the more important mines of the Slocan for a commencement of production activities in the near future. The Slocan announcement has been made that the St. Eugene, at Moyie, is to be reopened in the spring—probably by the first of March. As the Slocan district is expected to mine a tonnage of ore equal to the aggregate average output of the whole Slocan district, it is highly likely that the silver-lead yield in 1904 will at least not fall short of the record making of 1903.

A lengthy circular has been issued by the Slocan Creek Company in which the company's estimate of the result of the result of careful daily measurements the total flow of water now amounts to about 780 million gallons per minute, and the present capacity of the mine is 1,000 gallons a minute, so that unless the flow of water is reduced, the mine will be unable to produce more than 100 million gallons of concentrate per month. It is reported that it is impossible to reduce the flow of water, and he anticipates that the mine will be unable to produce more than 100 million gallons of concentrate per month. It is reported that it is impossible to reduce the flow of water, and he anticipates that the mine will be unable to produce more than 100 million gallons of concentrate per month.

Matters at Rosland are moving rapidly, and hardly a week now passes without the receipt of intelligence from the mine regarding the progress taking place. The fact that the copper-lead ore deposits in British Columbia may be reached, only just beginning to be reached. Half the failures and disappointments of the past have been attributed to ignorance, culpable or otherwise, of this circumstance. Conditions were not so steady as they are now. The fact that the copper-lead ore deposits in British Columbia may be reached, only just beginning to be reached. Half the failures and disappointments of the past have been attributed to ignorance, culpable or otherwise, of this circumstance.

There is a chance for our readers. To any person who can suggest a premium that can be adopted and will prove more popular and greater value than the two "puzzles," "Heart Broken" and "Hard to Choose," and the quick reference colored map of the Dominion with the names of the provinces, which are this year given with the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, will be sent to the publisher of this paper one thousand dollars. This year's premiums are certainly of immense value, and will be sent to the publisher of this paper one thousand dollars. This year's premiums are certainly of immense value, and will be sent to the publisher of this paper one thousand dollars.

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On Monday the Wellington Colliery Company struck anthracite coal in No. 7 mine, Cumberland, where the driving of a tunnel has been in progress for many months. The seam is seven feet and the coal burns clear and bright. The work is now quiet and the company has three shafts daily. The output was 14,204 tons.

Big Bend—A promising discovery of free-will gold quartz has been made on the west side of McCallum's Creek between Goldstream and Ground Hog Basin. The discovery is of a very limited extent, and her neighbor, Oregon, had an abundance of rich placers, ready for the taking, and the amount of gold is estimated to be worth \$1,000,000.

Ymir—The October returns from the Ymir mine show that 5,500 tons of ore were crushed producing 97 ounces of gold. The total value of the ore is estimated at \$7,700. The mine is producing 2,500 tons of tailings per month, and the estimated gross value of \$1,800. The net value is placed at \$3,863, with \$4,250 profit.

Rosland—Mr. Maclean, a director of the Velvet mine, recommends as a result of a recent visit of inspection to the property, the installation of a small pyritic smelting plant with a capacity up to 100 tons a day. He states that had the plant been installed in 1903, the company would have saved \$40,000. The plant is to be installed in the spring and the carrying out of a new scheme of development work on the property.

At the Velvet the percentage of iron was too heavy for successful concentration, the percentage of copper was large for the adoption of the Hendry process, the haul by wagon too long to admit of the ordinary method of concentrating, and the pyritic smelting is therefore considered to be the only process practicable under the circumstances. Pyritic smelting will produce a matte concentrating 20 tons of iron per acre, and the value of that matte will probably be about \$40 to the ton, if the grade this year be kept. A lower grade, opening up more bodies, will, of course, be practicable under these circumstances.

Boundary—The annual report of the Slocan district, which is referred to the satisfactory results attending the development of the Snowshoe mine at Phoenix, in which the syndicate is the largest shareholder, the development of this mine this year has shown up large ore-bodies, and the shipments have been considerably increased. On the syndicate's other properties a considerable amount of work has been done. The issued capital amounts to \$24,000, and the assets figure in the balance sheet at \$181,824, including mineral claims, real estate, and the shares in mining companies at cost.

The C. P. R. is building a branch line from the Slocan to the Brookings. The Senator mine, in the Summit district, has been announced to ship ore. The assistant superintendent of the Montreal & Boston Copper Company sends me the following report of the ore reserves at the Montreal & Boston Copper Company's smelter at Boundary Falls, B. C. for the current year, with the average grade of the ore. Tonnage of ore treated and metal contents for 1903: Wet (tons) 1,322,258 7,800,000 32,278.74 3,041,104 Dry (tons) 317 150,906 20,474.57 1,000,000 United States ore treated: Wet (tons) 1,322,258 7,800,000 32,278.74 3,041,104 Dry (tons) 317 150,906 20,474.57 1,000,000

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PROVINCIAL PRESS. The rating of the Bealey block on Columbia avenue has recently been passed by the council in excellent repair standing on the rear of the lot formerly occupied by the premises now owned by the late Mr. C. A. Semla. The block is an interesting story, insanubly built, situated on the corner of the Slocan and Victoria streets. In 1891, Ross Thompson, who owned the block, was a prominent figure in the community. He was a member of the Victoria Club and the Victoria Club. He was a member of the Victoria Club and the Victoria Club.

COMPARISON OF NAVAL STRENGTH. "Sea Power" takes exception to figures contained in a recent comparison of naval strength by the secretary of the Navy League. As we have often pointed out, such comparisons cannot justly be made by the judicious process of lumping all classes of battleships together and comparing the round totals thus obtained. To begin with, the correspondent, forgetting that the Navy League's figures are based on a total of 11,000 tons, launched in 1880, is wrong as much as the King Edward, recently launched, and of far greater tonnage and power. The correct method of comparison between rival navies should be to compare the tonnage of the ships actually in commission, and even then the task presents difficulties, and the secretary of the Navy League should be well aware. "Sea Power" discounts ships launched prior to 1880, and the secretary of the Navy League, in his comparison, has included British, first class battleships, 42, tonnage, 281,688; France, 41 battleships, tonnage, 281,688; Germany, 35 ships, tonnage, 206,400. These include ships actually in commission, and even then the task presents difficulties, and the secretary of the Navy League should be well aware.

THE PACKING OF FRUIT. The Department of Agriculture at Ottawa has issued the following bulletin: A PLEA FOR QUALITY IN FRUIT. In an address at the recent annual meeting of the American Pomological Society, held at Boston, Mass., in 1902, Mr. W. A. MacKinnon, chief of the Dominion Fruit Division, gave a plea for the quality of fruit. He pointed out that the fruit of the Dominion is of a high quality, and that it is the duty of the Dominion to maintain this quality. He pointed out that the fruit of the Dominion is of a high quality, and that it is the duty of the Dominion to maintain this quality.

Famous Will Case In Supreme Court

Cross Examination of the New York Lunacy Expert Concluded Yesterday.

Further Evidence for Defendants' Case Taken at Afternoon Session.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The cross-examination of Dr. Carlos Macdonald was taken up by E. P. Davis, Esq., yesterday at 10.30, and lasted well on into the afternoon session of the Supreme court in the case of Hopner vs. Macdonald.

Many Boodlers May Escape

Missouri Court Holds That St. Louis Indictments Are Irregular.

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St. Louis, Dec. 14.—Notification of a decision of the Missouri Supreme court, which brings up the question of the validity of hundreds of indictments and convictions made on information in St. Louis, and which, according to Circuit Attorney Folk, opens the door of the penitentiary through which hundreds of convicted franchise bribers may now secure freedom.

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The Diggings Near White Horse

The New Finds In Opinion of Experts Promise Great Possibilities.

Claims on Many Creeks Should Prove Excellent Poor Man's Propositions.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A large party of Northerners came down on the Amur to escape the rigors of an Arctic winter. Among the number were the geologists, James D. Lee and J. P. Ruffner, of Atlin. They are registered at the Driad.

Court Martial Will Sit Today

Officers of the H. M. S. Flora Will Answer to Court For Stranding.

Inadequacy of the Spar Buoy Which Marks Position of the Reef.

Fruit Growers' Meeting.

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