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CANADA'S PUBLIC DEBT.

The Hon. Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railway and Canals, a few days ago at Wiarney, Ont., gave a remarkably full and clear account of the way in which the public debt of the Dominion was contracted.

Liberal editors and Liberal orators do what they can to create the impression that the different Conservative Governments were responsible for the whole debt. They mention its amount in dolorous tones, and then they go on to expatiate upon the "reckless extravagance" of the "Tories." They would have the people of Canada believe that the Tories borrowed money when it was not needed, and spent it without any regard to economy or to the needs of the country.

The net Public Debt of the Dominion was at the close of the fiscal year of 1893, \$241,681,039. It is well known that the Dominion assumed the debts of the different provinces as they entered the Union. The amount of these debts was, in round numbers, \$109,000,000. Here is a very big slice taken off the debt for which the "Tories" could not be responsible.

Between the years 1874 and 1878 the Liberals added \$33,000,000 to the debt of the Dominion—that is they went in debt at the rate of eight millions a year, and this was a clear addition to the debt, for we see that in 1874 the net debt of the country was \$108,000,000, and in 1878 it was \$140,000,000.

As Mr. Haggart pointed out, the Liberals did not oppose the assumption of the debts of the provinces, and they surely must be held responsible for the debt which they themselves contracted.

The construction of the Intercolonial railway was one of the conditions of Confederation. Any party who happened to be in power would have had to build that road. It took \$44,000,000 to construct the Intercolonial. The sum of \$38,000,000 was spent in constructing the canal.

It so happened that the Liberals were in power while a great part of this money was being expended, so that if the canal cost the country more than was necessary the Liberals were to blame.

The Liberals, however, must be held guilty of spending a single dollar on the Canadian Pacific Railway. They opposed that great undertaking from its inception. They denounced it as an utterly impracticable scheme, one that could be projected only by men who had lost their senses.

The Liberals condemned the agreement with British Columbia in the strongest terms to be found in the English language, and when they were, in order to keep faith with the province, compelled to spend money on the undertaking they wasted thousands of dollars in a vain attempt to utilize the "water stretches." Conservatives are responsible for the \$22,000,000 debt incurred to build that road.

If the Liberals had had their way there would not have been a mill of it in existence to-day, and British Columbia would have depended upon American enterprise for communication with the East. This great road, which is to-day the pride not only of Canada but of the British Empire, is the work of the Conservative party. To its great Leader is due the glory of beginning it and of carrying it out to a successful issue.

state of things in the Great Republic, and who look to the future with dread and despondency. They see Canada growing up prosperous and powerful beside them, and they may believe that an infusion of pure Canadian blood would invigorate the commonwealth.

Canadians on their part see nothing attractive on the other side of the national boundary line. They, like reflecting men in the United States, see that the liberal condition of the big Republic is very far from being sound, and they also see that its prosperity, which was once so attractive, is much more spurious than solid. Canadians see nothing to envy in the condition of the average citizen of the United States, and they have discovered that he is exposed to temptations and threatened with evils which it is the part of prudence to avoid.

They are besides well contented with their lot, both political and social. They feel that they enjoy a freedom unknown to the citizens of any existing republic. They are deeply attached to their Mother country, and prefer connection with her to union with any other nation under the sun.

A DISTRESSED COLONY.

The condition of Newfoundland is truly deplorable. It was for a long time agitated by bitter political dissension. Men who the people had rejected at the polls continued to raise themselves to power and to administer the affairs of the colony in ways that in these days are unknown to constitutional governments.

Just when the people began to see their way through their political difficulties they were overtaken by a financial storm that appalled them. The two banks on which the whole community depended went down with a crash, and with them business houses that were considered as firm and strong as the banks themselves.

Rumor, as is always the case in such crises, represented matters as being much worse than they really were. "Business," says the Monetary Times of Toronto, "is necessarily at a standstill. An effort is being made to secure outside aid. One of the members of the Government left on Monday night for Canada to arrange, if possible, for one of the Canadian banks to establish a branch at St. John's."

The Government also telegraphed to the British Ministry requesting a loan of \$1,000,000, or that they will guarantee the loan of \$1,500,000 attempted to be floated in London. The Colonial Secretary proposed to leave for London with this object in view.

It appears that the Imperial Government is willing to assist the Newfoundlanders if the Legislature of the colony will pass a resolution asking the Home Government to send a commission to Newfoundland to thoroughly investigate the financial position of the colony.

It is said that the new Government intends to decline this offer. As the notes of the broken Newfoundland banks are not considered good, the people were for a time without money. This difficulty seems to have been at least partially surmounted, as the Bank of Montreal and some of the Halifax banks have sent specie into the colony.

But there is no business doing, and it is hard to see how the people, many of whom are very poor indeed, manage to get the necessities of life. It is said that arrangements are being made by influential citizens with the view of providing for the poorer classes, who are described to be on the verge of starvation. The accounts that reach us from Newfoundland lead us to conclude that Christmas will be the reverse of "merry" with the great majority of the inhabitants of the ancient colony.

the travesty itself, which is reproduced in yesterday evening's Times. Surely our contemporary does not need to be told that no one who had the slightest reverence for the sacred Scriptures would either write or report such a composition for any purpose whatsoever.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

Those who have watched the rise of the Salvation Army cannot but wonder how it is that this extraordinary organization has attained its present dimensions in so short a time. The Army is both religious and philanthropic. It holds out an inducement to its soldiers that are commonly considered attractive. There is no glory in the ordinary sense of the term, to be gained in its service. It requires of the soldiers of all ranks, partly of life and constant self-sacrifice. The sacrifices which a Salvation soldier is required to make are not merely mental or spiritual. They are very substantial. He must work hard, not for his own good but for the good of others.

He must associate with the lowest and most repulsive members of society in such a way as to gain their confidence. He cannot acquire property, he must work for very low wages indeed, and he has no guarantee that these wages, poor as they are, will be continued. The recruiting sergeant tells him no lies. The conditions of the service are known to him before he enlists. This is what Professor Charles A. Briggs, D.D., in the December number of the North American Review says about the conditions of the service:

The Salvation Army has also its vows. The soldiers are sworn in and are required to wear the uniform, to obey their officers, to abstain from drink, tobacco and worldly amusements, to live in simplicity and economy, earning their livelihood and saving from their earnings for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. The officers assume more or less of the character of the district officers, abstain from jewelry and fine dress in accordance with the direction of headquarters. They cannot make an engagement of marriage with anyone or marry without the consent of the district officer and headquarters, and their conduct in marriage must also be offensive to co-operate with them in the work of the Army. They are not allowed to work for themselves, but only to do so in order to give the necessary support. The maximum sum for the support of officers in the United States is: For single men, lieutenants \$6 weekly and captains \$7; for single men, lieutenants \$3 weekly and captains \$4; for married men, \$10 per week and \$11 per week for each child under 14 years of age. The allowance in other countries depends on the cost of living. Even this sum is not guaranteed. Every officer is expected as far as possible to collect his own salary in his field, and to freely understand that no salary or allowance is granted to him, and that he will have no claim against the Salvation Army or against any one connected therewith on account of salary not received by him. The officers are pledged to promptly carry out all orders of superior officers and to be ready to march at short notice to any place where they are ordered to go, any part of their own land or of the world.

Such being some of the conditions of the service it might naturally be supposed that the enlistments would not be very numerous, but that the enthusiasm of the officers would soon cool and that a very large portion would desert after a trial's while, leaving and seek some easier and better paid service. But we do not hear that this is the case. The Army has been from its formation constantly increasing and we know that its progress was ever impeded by the want of co-operation and willing to do the work. When the Army was first formed the Association to which Mr. Booth's longed had 29 mission stations and 31 officers; the year after the stations were 34 and the officers 88; the next year the stations were 41 and the officers 110; the year following they were 49 and the officers 135; the year following they were 57 and the officers 160; the year following they were 65 and the officers 185; the year following they were 73 and the officers 210; the year following they were 81 and the officers 235; the year following they were 89 and the officers 260; the year following they were 97 and the officers 285; the year following they were 105 and the officers 310; the year following they were 113 and the officers 335; the year following they were 121 and the officers 360; the year following they were 129 and the officers 385; the year following they were 137 and the officers 410; the year following they were 145 and the officers 435; the year following they were 153 and the officers 460; the year following they were 161 and the officers 485; 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TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

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Mr. Sward's motion for a return showing

balance due on lands was agreed to after

Hon. Mr. Turner had explained that the

order of the motion was not quite in ac-

cordance with the statement in the budget,

and Mr. Sward agreed to accept a return in

accordance with that statement.

In answer to Mr. Semlin, Hon. Col.

Baker said the amount paid for government

bookbinding since July 1st has been

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Mr. WILLIAMS, as a matter of privilege,

called attention to an error in the COLONIST

report of his speech of yesterday, by which

he was made to say that the expenditure

for civil government was 11 cents per head

in British Columbia and \$2.32 in Ontario—

the figures having been transposed as evi-

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THE BUDGET.

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the motion for a return of supply. He

took up the challenge implied in the remark

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much to say in their defence, and he de-

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and bridges, notwithstanding the stringen-

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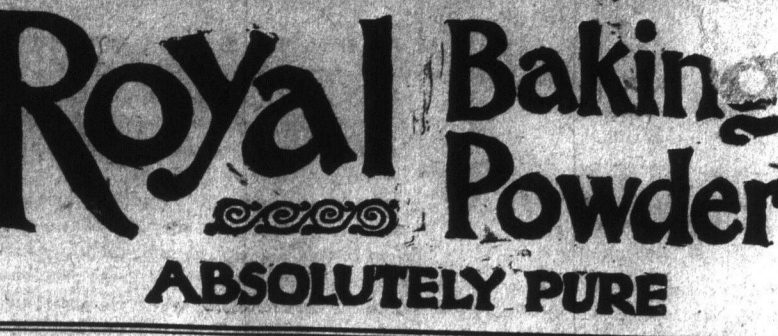
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Patience took the kick out from the 25, which was returned by Coles, and play again settled in Victoria's 25, and as before.

No special open play afterwards occurred. Campbell gained ground by punting and collaring Elson, who was slow in gathering the ball, before he had time to return.

A free kick was awarded Victoria by one of the three-quarter backs, the Victoria backs deliberately obstructing him, and play was taken to Vancouver's 25.

McCreight and Walkum, J.J. yesterday. This was an appeal from an order setting aside a notice of trial until after Mr. Justice Gresham had delivered his decision on a motion argued before him in April last.

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There are parts of British Columbia which possess peculiar facilities for the establishment of dairies.

Mr. G. H. Seelig has in a mild and moderate manner directed attention to a matter about which a great deal has been said in the city by old and young during the last few days.

We have no hesitation in saying that there are very many bright boys and girls of more than nine years of age who could not possibly work out that problem.

The object of the examination is, as we take it, to find out the progress which the pupils have made in their studies during the term.

The work done during the term should be known to the examiner and due allowance should be made for the age of the pupils of the

division and for the stage of mental development at which they had arrived.

After all, these complicated arithmetical puzzles are of very little practical use to the pupil.

This matter of examination papers is likely to be pretty fully discussed, and we hope that the result of the discussion will be to have the papers set in the future rather with the view of testing the progress of the pupils than of displaying the ability and the attainments of the examiner.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S RIGHT.

British Columbians who have waited and watched for the results of the cabinet making in Ottawa, naturally wonder why it is that in the reorganization of the Government, British Columbia has been overlooked.

This Province being at a great distance from the capital is apt to be neglected if there is no one there to remind the Government of its existence.

It is to be hoped that the representatives of British Columbia in Parliament, and its people and Press outside parliament, will not cease to press its claims to a seat in the Cabinet.

NOTES FROM NELSON.

John B. Wilson, who purchases Kaelo creek gold, has been from the first lode to San Francisco.

The ore hauls on the Kaelo are full of ore. One hundred and fifty tons will be shipped this month.

W. A. Crane, at one time president of the Nelson Milling & Smelting Company, but now operating at Three Forks, in Slokan district, is in Nelson on business connected with his operations.

CITY SCHOOL BOARD.

The Overcrowding of the North Ward School Again a Subject of Serious Consideration.

The overcrowding of the North Ward school and how best to relieve the congestion received attention at a special meeting of the school board held yesterday afternoon.

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This report was ordered placed on file and the board proceeded to the consideration of the retention or dismissal of Mr. St. Clair.

Trustee Lewis, who had given notice of a motion in this regard, said that in his opinion the Pemberton gymnasium was the greatest nuisance ever foisted upon the city of Victoria.

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CANADIAN NEWS. (Special to the Colonist.) TORONTO, Dec. 20.—An evening paper is responsible for the statement that Toronto University political science students have inaugurated a campaign of boycott against Prof. Mayser.

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The funeral procession for Sir John Thompson departed from the Victoria station on Dec. 22.

When the White Star touched at Queenstown on Dec. 22, a beautiful basket of flowers was presented to the passengers.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Dec. 22.—The sad news was received this morning that Mr. James Beane, four miles west of here, last night at twelve o'clock, youngest child was burned to death.

HOMeward Bound.

The Body of Sir John Thompson Conveyed from the Metropolis to Portsmouth

Embarkation on Board H. M. "Blenheim" - The Highest Honors Paid Deceased.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Shortly before 9 o'clock this morning the weather which during the night had been especially inclement cleared up, and under a bright sky the body of Sir John Thompson, the late Premier of Canada, left London for Portsmouth and the profound silence of a large crowd of people who stood lined up in front of the Victoria station until the train was out of sight.

To receive the coffin, a magnificent castrato of black with silver borders was erected in the centre of the mortuary chapel. On either side were three gilded canopies, in which were lighted tapers. At the front of the castrato a silver casket which occupied nearly the whole breadth of the end of the mortuary chapel and in front was a gold crucifix three feet high. The engine was draped with black. One of the brake vans was filled with wreaths, conspicuous among them being the magnificent wreath sent by the Queen and another sent by the Marquis of Ripon. The platform from the doorway of the station to the door of the funeral car was draped with black, and all the railroad officials on duty were dressed in mourning garments.

One of the first persons who arrived at the station was the Marquis of Lorne, formerly Governor General of Canada, who in conversation with a correspondent asked him to call to the fact that he attended the funeral out of deep respect for the deceased and on account of his unwavering love for Canada. The two brake vans were killed to their utmost capacity with wreaths and crosses.

The funeral procession reached Victoria station at 8:45 a.m. The coffin was in an open four-wheeled hearse followed by four mourning coaches. Over the coffin was the Canadian flag and upon it rested the laurel wreath which the Queen had personally placed upon the temporary coffin previous to the removal of the remains from Windsor Castle. In the first carriage following the hearse were Sir John Sandford, Mr. J. G. Colmer, C. M. G., secretary to the office of High Commissioner for Canada, and Father Longstaffe, of St. Stephen's church, Windsor. As the coffin was being borne from the hearse to the funeral car, in which the tapers were lighted, the Marquis of Lorne entered into conversation with Mr. Colmer and was presented to Mr. Sandford, to whom he offered his condolences. There were also on the platform Mr. James Johnson, of Ottawa; Sir Frederick Young, president of the Royal Colonial Institute, and Mr. John Howard, general in London, for Charles Robertson, of Toronto, and many others. All along the route to the railway station crowds of people gathered in spite of the early hour to pay their tribute of respect to the deceased Canadian statesman.

Let Victoria station for Portsmouth and the remains of Sir John Thompson entered upon the first stage of their journey home. Portsmouth, Dec. 23.—Shortly after the funeral train crossed the bridge over the harbor, the train stopped at a private funeral service which lasted while the train traveled along on its journey from Victoria station to this port. Among the notables on the train in addition to those mentioned were: Mr. John Howard, general in London, for Nova Scotia; Mr. Hartman W. Just, of the Colonial office, representing the Marquis of Ripon, and the Lord Chamberlain, the Right Hon. Lord Carrington, K.C.M.G., as well as the train guard, signalled outside of Portsmouth at 11:20 all the ships in the harbor half-masted their ensigns and the first of twenty minute guns boomed a salute across the water. As this sound all the flags on shore were dipped.

Shortly after the arrival of the train there was a heavy downpour of rain, but it soon passed off. Then the officers of H.M.S. Blenheim gave orders and eight blue jackets removed the coffin from the train and a procession was formed, headed by the Bishop of Exeter, in full robes, followed by a number of clergy members. Behind them came the coffin borne by the sailors. On each side of it walked the pall bearers, Messrs. Sandford, Colmer, and just on one side, and Sir Frederick Young, Mr. John Howard and Mr. Reynolds, Sir Charles Tupper's secretary, on the other. Behind the coffin walked Lord Pelham Clinton, master of the Queen's household, who represented the Queen; Mr. General Sir John McNeill, the Queen's equerry, also attended in an official capacity. As the procession moved the silence was broken by the discharge of guns from the Victoria, while the ships in the harbor dipped their ensigns. The Blenheim half-masted, the Canadian ensign at the mast, and half-masted the Union Jack at the mast. The massed bands played the Dead March, the matines and sailors reversing arms. The naval and military officers gathered about the gangway of the Blenheim and saluted the coffin as it was slowly conveyed on board. During this movement there was another crash of artillery accompanied by music from the bands. The Blenheim was painted black fore and aft, her gangway being draped with black cloth. The coffin was carried on board the Blenheim by the officers of the vessel between two files of marines with reversed arms, while the sailors and marines drew up on the upper deck. The procession halted on the main deck and the coffin was lowered by the bluejackets into the mortuary chamber, the captain's cabin.

From 11:30 until noon today a funeral burl was held from Westminster Abbey. The Queen personally bore all the expenses incident to conveying the remains of the late Canadian Premier from Windsor to London. When the White Star liner Majestic sailed at Queenstown on Thursday night had a beautiful basket of flowers was handed to Miss Thompson, daughter of the late Premier, from the Countess of Aberdeen and the Council of Industrial Association.

BURNED TO DEATH.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(Special)—The sad news was received in town this morning that Mr. James Brydon's residence, four miles west of here, was burned last night at twelve o'clock. The second youngest child was burned to death. Three of the oldest children were at a party and the parents were keeping up a warm fire for their arrival, when the upstairs was discovered to be on fire. Both rushed up and sought to save their three children in bed.

They saved two, but a little boy, five years old, ran back into the burning smoke and was lost. Mr. Brydon is a well known and prosperous farmer, and is an elder in Knox church here. Few people stand so high in the public estimation and there is deep sympathy manifested for him.

NICARAGUA CANAL.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Mr. John B. Bartlett, chairman of the stockholders reorganization committee of the Nicaragua canal, in an interview today said that the whole of the Nicaragua shares at his disposal had been taken in England. He could have sold many times the amount of shares he possessed, had they been available. He will sell for New York next week to organize a new construction company, and complete arrangements to place the securities of the company in the United States and Europe. Active work upon the canal will begin soon. There will necessarily be a short delay in awaiting the reports from the London committee, among whose members are some of the ablest of the leading English politicians, scientists, engineers and ship owners. The results of his visit, Mr. Bartlett said, had been so satisfactory that there is nothing left to be done, and the building of the canal, with or without the assistance of the United States congress, has become a certainty.

CAPITAL NOTES.

First Meeting of New Cabinet Discusses Sir John Thompson's Funeral Arrangements. Death of General Macdougall, K.C.M.G.—The Election in Cumberland, N.S.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The first meeting of the new cabinet was held today, when arrangements for the funeral of Sir John Thompson at Halifax were discussed. All the ministers will attend except Hon. Mr. Angers, whose health is not good. Hon. Mr. Bowell therefore asked him to remain at Ottawa to administer affairs.

Hon. Mr. Dickey has gone to Cumberland. The date of the election has not yet been announced, but will not be delayed. Hon. Mr. Bowell will spend Christmas at Bellefleur.

The Canada Gazette today contains the official announcement of the new minister, Sir John Charles Macdougall, K.C.M.G., as his own resignation.

Messrs. McPhillips, Woolton & Barnard give notice of application for permission for the incorporation of a company to build a railway from the Taki river to Reslin lake, in the Yukon country.

An order-in-council has been passed setting aside certain lands as Golden for common purposes.

Word has been received here of the death of General Sir Patrick Macdougall, K.C.M.G., which occurred on the 28th ult. He was aged 75 years. The general will be re-interred from his grave in the cemetery near the Victoria station to the cemetery at Bellefleur.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—It is probable that a special train will leave Ottawa on Wednesday morning next week direct for Halifax, making a through run over the Intercolonial railway in about twenty-four hours and landing the representatives from the several provinces in Halifax on Thursday morning.

Sir Charles H. Tupper took charge of his new department today and received many letters and telegrams of congratulation, among them the following: "The members of the Quebec legislative assembly belonging to the profession of the law congratulate you upon your appointment as Minister of Justice." It is signed by the Attorney-General and seven members, irrespective of politics.

Messrs. Frizer, Earle, Haslam, Corbould, Mara, Burnard, M. P.; Premier David, Speaker Higgins, the acting Chief Justice of the Supreme court, the Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops of British Columbia, the President of the British Columbia Methodist conference are officially invited to attend the state funeral of Sir John Thompson, to be held at Halifax next week. As it is impossible to reach the gentlemen personally, they are asked to accept this public invitation and to notify the Minister of Railways if they will be present. The invitation will be furnished them from Ottawa to Halifax and return to Ottawa.

UNPLEASANT EPISODE.

Hon. Mr. Laurier Disturbs the Harmony of the Commercial Travellers' Banquet.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The annual banquet of the Commercial Travellers' Association on Saturday evening at the Windsor hotel was largely attended, but owing to the course of the leader of the opposition, Hon. Mr. Laurier, has caused considerable talk about town. As announced the principal speakers were to be the Governor-General, Hon. Mr. Foster, Hon. Mr. Laurier and Hon. Mr. Curran. It was about eleven o'clock when Finance Minister Foster was called on to reply to the important toast, "The Commercial Interests of Canada," following which came The Railway and Forwarding Interests, which The President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, acknowledged. It was, therefore, just before midnight when Mr. Laurier's turn came. He had, in the meantime, spread out a large pile of notes and documents as if to indicate that he had prepared a big speech for the occasion. Instead, however, of proceeding with it or making any further explanations he merely turned on Mr. Foster with the remark: "The Finance Minister is a monopolist and has monopolized the time. My notes will keep till another occasion and will not be stale; there will be another occasion for me to speak." Hon. Mr. Laurier's course on this occasion has had the effect of displacing the majority of those present and among them some of his own followers.

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MULDEREE ASHFORD.

He Preserves a Studied Silence—Creditable Record as a Soldier.

Very of the Shooting Detailed by the Young Boy—Little Milder.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24.—(Special)—Fred Ashford, who murdered his wife and child on Saturday morning, preserves a studied silence. He was let out of his cell to-day, but his manner became so eccentric that it was feared he would make an attempt at suicide, and he was again locked up. Ashford was married to a soldier's daughter in India in 1873, and four out of their six children were born there. Papers found among his effects show that he was highly thought of by his officers, and before retiring, was recommended for promotion from the ranks. The oldest boy is very intelligent and with remarkable ability adapted to the police officers the story of the tragedy an hour after it had taken place. It appears that Ashford on the night of the murder brought home a small present for each of the children, and making a small square box, and on the box he wrote in this after a while, when I get some sleep. In this box was the weapon which he took the life of his wife and child. The funeral of the murdered woman and child takes place on Christmas day, Monday, the little girl shot in the head, in doing well at the hospital. She does not know that her mother is dead, and asked why her mamma did not call to see how she was. The query whether Santa Claus visits the hospital, not made by the little sufferer, will no doubt reach the notice of Santa Claus himself through the public press. Something should be said in praise of the conduct of officer Crawford, who did a man could do with dispatch and intelligence.

CABLE ITEMS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Duke of Cumberland's son will succeed to the Brunsvick throne in 1896, when he will come of age. The Duke, as the Duke's friend and relative, is said to have worked for this reconciliation with Emperor William.

The long-pending boundary question between Paraguay and Bolivia has been settled by a treaty agreement between the two countries. Bolivia acquires territory which gives her an outlet along the right bank of the Paraguay for a distance of about twenty leagues.

In the Spanish chamber the government motion to remove the impost duty on wool was defeated by a vote of 52 to 38. Among the other ministers are considering the situation.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—The Mersey dock board, prompted by the increasing rivalry of Southampton, has submitted to the London & North-Western railway a plan for running steamers directly to the Liverpool pier head to meet the ocean steamers from America. The plan is designed to shorten the time and decrease the inconvenience of the trip from New York to London via Liverpool.

The Committee of Lloyd's in their protest against the regulations regarding the rules of road and sea said that the regulations, introduced by the Board, would complicate the system of cable signals, and would not relieve British shipowners from infringements of international regulations by screening side lights. The board replied that the Washington conference had adopted a uniform system of side lights, which coincided with the international ones, and therefore the shipowners did not run any risk from foreign tribunals.

M. Tourneville, chief engineer of the Panama Canal Company, states that although the system of cable signals is not likely to be decided on for eighteen months, it may be found advisable to dispose of the waters of the Chocoma river by building the mountain railways, and thus to form lakes which he will be able to supply power for executing the works and eventually operating the locks.

The Commercial Cable Company's duplex suit has been decided by the court of appeal in favor of the Cable Company. This relieves the Cable Company of the payment of \$36,600 per annum.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Premier Stoloff has reconstructed the Bulgarian cabinet. Col. Money, of the Ninth lancers, British army, has been shot dead by a member of his own regiment in India. The Belgian government will announce a considerable reduction in the war-tax on powder and also reduce the drawback on corded sugar.

Three newspapers have been confiscated in Rome for publishing the proceedings of a meeting of the League of Liberty, an anarchistic society. A number of taxpayers have decided to refuse to pay the new taxes, and will test the validity of the law. The Lazione, Florence, says Signor Tomanga, formerly director of the Banca Romana, has affirmed before an examining magistrate that a calumnious report against Premier Crispien was found among the papers turned over to the committee of the Chamber of deputies by Premier Giolitti. Senator Tanoglio is reported to have said that he signed this report at the ministry of the Interior to which place he was transferred secretly in the night.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Ammanah reports that the Malagasy government has published in full the correspondence between Le Myrs de Villiers, the French envoy, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, already reported. The government, while granting the French demands as to diplomatic representatives, French enterprises on the island, the acquisition of the Diego Garcia, declines to forego the right to import munitions of war.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 24.—Advices from Puebla state that a large force has been organized in the state of Guerrero for service in Guatemala in case war is declared with that country by Mexico. At the port of Acapulco the government has made preparations for the quiet handling of troops, and their transportation by water to Guatemala will be easily accomplished should it be necessary for such a movement.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian high commissioner, is recovering rapidly from the influenza. This afternoon he drove to the Dominion office.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The German embassy has issued a note denying that anybody connected with it ever had direct or indirect relations with Captain Dreyfus, or ever made an effort to have Capt. Dreyfus tried in camera instead of in open court. This sweeping denial is the German government's answer to the sentencing of Dreyfus for the alleged betrayal of French military plans to the embassy in Paris and to the violent attacks made upon the embassy by the press of Paris.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—A friend of Bismarck's, who has returned to Berlin, says that the old chancellor's farewell to his wife's body in Varzin was the most sorrowful scene of the great man's life. After leaving the chapel, Bismarck took a seat under a fir tree on a near-by knoll, leaned his chin on his walking stick and gazed long and intently at the grave. When he rose to go, he moved slowly and haltingly as if reluctant to leave the spot.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The inquiry in the case of the persons killed in the railway disaster near Chelmsford on Saturday, was opened at Chelmsford this evening. The bodies had been identified by their friends and an adjournment was taken.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The newspapers have continued to lay the burden of Dreyfus' treason at Count Munster's door, despite his protest to M. Mantoux against their charges. In the last days they have reiterated with positiveness that Count Munster intended to secure a secret trial so as to prevent the disclosure of his name.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Allez Brothers, army contractors, were found guilty on Saturday of fraud in delivering to the Ministry of War defective goods. Each was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The contractor, M. Albert, was sent to prison for one year, and M. Maurice, the foreman, was condemned to a six months' term. All were also fined.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—During the prevalence of the gale in Germany the dyke at Hamburg broke and a large area of land was submerged. Many streets in Gostenund and Altona were inundated. The water is now being pumped out by the fire engines. The damage to the dyke will, it is estimated, reach at least 2,000,000 marks.

ONE FOR THE CHINESE. TOKYO, Dec. 8.—(Correspondence of the United Press per steamer City of Peking, San Francisco, Dec. 22)—The Chinese have won their first military success since the beginning of the war. A hundred miles north of the Yalu river, where the battle of Hushang was fought on October 25, the high road to Mukden climbs over a gorge, beyond which is a plateau, the mountain range called Moolen Ling, or Heaven Touching pass, and is considered to be absolutely impregnable. On November 15 a Japanese scouting party attempted to force this pass, but encountering after the loss of four men, they were obliged to retreat. The Chinese, from the front without great bloodshed, they fell back, and having obtained reinforcements, divided into two bodies, of which one remained to hold the trunk road against the onward advance of the enemy from the front, while the other, after making a wide detour, entered by the road leading after many windings through the mountains past Moolen Ling until it strikes the main road, a good mile north of this place. A party of Chinese forces, which had the enemy in great strength, had succeeded in beating him after severe skirmishing, in which the Japanese lost forty men. Meanwhile scouting detachments had been sent seaward to clear the pass of the Japanese, and on December 20, a small force of Chinese, these detachments was completely outnumbered and forced back by the Manchou soldiers, losing several men. The Chinese scored for once. The Japanese, however, a small force, forward fresh troops and drive the enemy into the mountains eastward, while General Tachimi continued his difficult march until November 30, when he found himself confronted by a Chinese force at a place considerably north of Heaven Touching pass. An engagement ensued in which the Chinese were completely routed. They retired precipitately, leaving twenty-five of their number dead upon the field, and abandoning their arms, their property, and their ammunition. There is little doubt that General Tachimi's brigade has already merged upon the main road and that the pass is turned. If so, Mukden lies virtually at the mercy of the Japanese, supporting the Chinese in the winter, and a steamer supposed to be the Manchou mountain in December must be terrible.

The total casualties of the Japanese at Port Arthur is officially put at 290; of shells 29 were killed and 231 wounded. On the Chinese side from 2,000 to 3,000 were killed out of an army of some 20,000.

DIFFICULTIES IN NEWFOUNDLAND Increasing Numerous Requests to Solve the Banking Problem.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 24.—The financial complications here received a new development to-day from the announcement in a telegram published in a government organ to the effect that a bill to guarantee the Union bank's paper currency would be introduced in the legislature either to-night or on Wednesday. Somehow for solving the financial difficulty multiply daily. The latest is the establishment of a new bank, the present one is to go into liquidation, their paper being taken over by the new bank to be called the Newfoundland bank. Opposition has already developed towards the proposition for the government to extend aid to any banking institution whatever, solvent or insolvent, and what the result of this opposition will be remains to be determined in the future. The Union bank still stands high in the estimation of the general public, and its notes are being taken into trade everywhere; but the agitation for the proposition of the directors and the manager of the suspended Commercial bank shows no signs of cessation. It is impossible now to send post office orders either to Europe or to America, as the postal department here has no means of transmitting money.

Bank President Acquitted. SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—Charles M. Atkins, president of the defunct First National bank of Whatcom, who was charged with embezzlement, was found not guilty by a jury in the United States court this afternoon. When the judge read the verdict to the defendant who has been under a severe strain during the past week, he bowed his head in his hands and gave way to tears. Many people stepped forward and congratulated him.

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS.

Terrible Damage in Great Britain and on the Coast—Many Lives Lost.

Ireland Has a Severe Visitation—Vessels Blown Ashore in Lough Foyle.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A terrible gale prevailed throughout Great Britain on Saturday. The clearing house at Euston station was unroofed and several clerks injured. Owing to the fury of the gale all traffic in Liverpool has been suspended. One tram car was blown into another on the same line; one person was killed and three were injured. Two other persons were crushed by a falling wall. Two people in Preston, one in Grimsby and two children in Beeston were killed by falling walls. At Lancaster the wind blew the roof off a house and the whole structure collapsed, burying three persons in the cellar. All were severely injured. Several other houses in course of building were demolished. At Morecambe Bay several mackerel boats were sunk. At Grimsby a workshop collapsed, burying thirty persons. One was killed and three were seriously injured. Telegraph lines, timber, stacks, trees, etc., were blown down in all directions. At Buxton the town hall was unroofed and partly wrecked.

At Southampton the life boats were kept busy rescuing the crews of two vessels. At Newry a brewery chimney was blown down, and the local railway was so badly damaged that traffic will have to be suspended for several days. A chimney of the infirmary in Blackburn was blown down, crashing in to the children's ward. Seven children were carried down with the debris, and while policemen and firemen were trying to rescue the children, the lower floor collapsed and all fell into the cellar. One policeman and six children were severely injured.

The bark Kirkintoch was driven on the beachwater at Holyhead, many sailors being drowned, and the vessel is doomed to destruction. Four of her rescued seamen have died of exhaustion. There are two men still aboard. Word came from Liverpool this evening that another vessel had foundered at sea. The crew had been drowned. A lifeboat going to the rescue was blown adrift and wrecked. In the Mersey six mackerel boats were sunk. Four sailors are dying in the hospital of broken heads. The Mersey ferry was compelled to stop running for several hours, a most unusual occurrence. It is estimated that the wind blew eighty-seven miles an hour. The sea rolled over the breakwater. The Norwegian bark Thania and Valparaiso parted their cables off Penmor, Carmarthen, and went ashore. The Carnarvon lifeboat has been sent out to save the crew. The schooner Dart parted her cable off Anglesey and grounded a few minutes later. The bark Lotos is ashore at Southport. The 5,000-ton steamship British Queen has parted her cables with stry fathoms of chain and went ashore at Long Beach. She is expected to float next tide. Reports from Ireland state that at Longford the streets are strewn with debris. At Ballinacorney several persons were killed by falling walls. The same damage has occurred at other places.

The schooner Helen Mar is reported wrecked near Ardmore, Ireland. Three of the crew were drowned. The captain was washed ashore. The schooner was broken in two. The crews of some of them have been rescued. Among the rescued are the captain, his wife and fifteen of the crew of the British bark Kook. They clung to the rigging for seven hours, exposed to a howling north-west. The vessel was dashed to pieces. The northwest of Ireland seems to have fared worse than any other part. Many casualties have been reported there. The breaking of a telegraph wire delayed reports. It is believed that parts of Scotland also suffered badly. The British bark Innerwick at Fleetwood broke her lee masts, damaged a crane and lost her foremast. A bark supposed to be the Fern, Norwegian, and a steamer supposed to be the Shilda are ashore at Fleetwood.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Dispatches from the continent say that Northern France and Germany suffered severely from the storm, although the loss of life and property cannot be estimated as yet. At Hamburg many vessels went adrift and collided or grounded. The tide was the highest seen since 1852. The lower parts of Wilhelmshaven, on the North sea, are flooded, and the dykes would have gone if the garrison had not worked energetically for hours to strengthen them. Lubick and Colberg also suffered much damage.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—Heavy floods have been caused by the floods in Holland. The rivers and Rote rose twelve feet, inundating parts of Rotterdam. Boats were used in the streets and in the market places, which were like lakes. Many of the dykes threatened to give way under the heavy pounding of the sea. In several places the water succeeded in breaking through, and the country in the vicinity of the breaks is flooded. Nine houses collapsed. At Utrecht several persons were drowned by the capsizing of a boat. Telegraph and telephone wires were everywhere broken. The bark Caroline, from Savannah for Hamburg, went ashore near Egmondse and became a total wreck. Her cargo is being washed upon the beach. Part of her crew were drowned.

In Rotterdam the water rose twelve feet above the usual high-water mark. The streets were under two or three feet of water, and the inhabitants paddled about on rafts and in boats. The dykes of the Meuse and Yssel were strained, severely along their lower courses. At one place a large bank let out a flood which covered a wide area and did enormous damage.

Throughout the Netherlands and Belgium many persons were injured and a few were killed by falling chimneys and timber. The pilot cutter Lammeus, captained by Dunkirk and three of the crew were drowned.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 24.—The storm has caused much damage throughout Belgium. Many of the Belgian fishing boats are missing. The town of Dendermonde, at the confluence of the Dender and Scheldt rivers, was inundated by the overflowing of the Dender. The inhabitants were aroused by the boats and escaped, but the property loss is great. The villages of Andegem, Denderdalle, Mespelare, Appels and Beersel were also inundated.

LAMBERG, Dec. 24.—The river Elbe has overflowed its banks and inundated the lower parts of the town. The water is so deep that trams are unable to run.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Fishing boats returning from Grimsby and Newich in a battered condition bring reports of isolated drownings. The fishing boat Daisy foundered off Portsey, Southland, yesterday and its four occupants were drowned.

ROTTENHAM, Dec. 24.—The Norwegian steamer Stanley, 1,300 tons, was wrecked off the Iceland coast yesterday and her crew of 12 were lost. The steamer was helpless on Saturday and was buffeted about for 24 hours before she went on the rocks. At Zimstoor, near Harlow, the submarine cables from England have been laid bare; usually they are under six feet of sand.

FIGHTING IN MADAGASCAR. MANDELLAY, Dec. 24.—Advices by mail from Madagascar report the arrival of Col. Sherbrooke, who, it is said, will take command of the Hovas. Other British officers are desirous of taking service under the Queen of Madagascar. The Hovas are said to be receiving a quantity of ammunition and arms. The French troops are patrolling the country around Tamatave and keeping the Hovas at a distance. The country north and west of Madagascar is in a very disturbed condition. There has been very severe fighting between the Hovas and other tribes, and several parties of Hovas have been cut to pieces.

WAB IN THE ORIENT. CHARGES AGAINST ADMIRAL TING DECLARED TO BE UNWARRANTABLE AND UNJUST. Japanese Vessels Examining the Shan Tung Coast With a View to Landing.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Tokyo dispatch says the Japanese fleet was reported to day in a speech from the throne, which was read by the Premier. The Emperor said: "Our forces have been victorious and are steadily pressing forward. The naval powers are more friendly than ever. Our long cherished aspirations for a revision of our treaties have already been fulfilled with several countries and with other negotiations are progressing favorably."

A Shanghai dispatch gives an extract from an article in the Shanghai Mercury which says: "One of the objects of peace which the Japanese want is to entice close alliance with China against European influence. Japan also wishes to undertake the reorganization of the Chinese army and navy, and seeks the control of the Chinese government upon the same lines which she attempted in Corea."

A Chetoo dispatch says the mutiny of Chinese troops at Weihaiwei is ended, the soldiers having been paid. A dispatch from Shanghai states that the third Japanese army is reported to have landed west of Chee Foo and captured Lai Chow, a seaport town in the province of Cheung Lung, on the south shore of the gulf of Peking.

The Times correspondent in Tien Tsin says: "The Chinese and foreign officers of the Chinese fleet have sent to Prince Kung a unanimous protest against the punishment of Admiral Ting for the defeat of the squadron in the battle at the mouth of the Yalu. They declare that the charges against him are unjust and that he would resign if he should be punished. Consequently an edict has been issued continuing Ting in his command. It was the Foochow edict which ousted Admiral Ting. They complied against Ting and prompted the emperor to falsely accuse him in order to avenge the execution of their comrade Captain Fong."

Japanese cruisers lately have been examining the Shan Tung coast. They seem to be selecting a landing place whence to threaten Wei Hai Wei. Shee Yea Loon is ineligible for the peace mission to Japan owing to the fact that he offered rewards for Japanese heads when he was governor of Formosa.

ANOTHER SCENE. PARIS, Dec. 23.—General Mercier, Minister of War, introduced in the chamber of deputies yesterday a bill providing the death penalty for each military treason as Captain Dreyfus. Deputy Jaures, Socialist, was delegated by his party to demand the abolition of the death penalty in the army. In the course of his attack upon the government, he said that Dreyfus' military sentence because the government feared the consequences of executing him. Premier Dupuy reproached Mr. Jaures for voicing the theories of International Socialism on a subject which should appeal to every Frenchman's loyalty. "You are the internationalists," shouted Jaures in his reply, pointing to the Ministers. You favor the internationalism of Hebrew capitalists whom you screen and protect. Yet these Hebrew capitalists, whom you regard as your wards, are a worldwide and omnipotent. The chamber was brought to a high pitch of excitement by this harangue. The socialist cheered approvingly. The ministers interrupted the speaker frequently and Jaures reached the climax of his attack on M. Berthelin, minister of public works, sprang to his feet and shouted: "You lie, and you know you lie."

Jaures' reply was drowned in a tumult which was raised after five minutes by the president's bell. There was a further outburst of the censuring of Jaures and eventually M. de Erlonan, the president, requested him to withdraw his accusations. Jaures refused to do so. He was censured by the president and expelled temporarily from the chamber. The sitting was adjourned in confusion. Jaures sent his seconds to Berthelin, in the event of whose according to the arrangements made by the seconds the duel will be fought with pistols at 25 paces. The duel was the main topic of discussion during the intermission, and the deputies were still talking the probable conditions when the sitting was resumed. The government question was demanded by the president as soon as the chamber came to order and was carried against M. Jaures' proposal. Alex. Miller, radical, argued in a speech on General Mercier's bill that existing laws would enable the government to punish Dreyfus with death. Lawyer Lavellie, republican, denied this. Eventually a majority was voted on the Mercier bill.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON'S FUNERAL. MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The Countess of Aberdeen has received permission of Cardinal Taschereau to present a pall for Sir John Thompson's funeral. It will be of white Irish poplin and cloth of gold, and is being made by the sisters of the Good Shepherd. Lady Aberdeen will herself sew the cross.

The Colonist

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1894.

HASTY CRITICISMS.

Is it not a little too soon to pass judgment on the new Dominion Government? We see that there are many before the new ministers have had the opportunity to show what they are able to do, who declare that their administration must be a failure. These critics pass the members of Mr. Bowell's Government in review before their readers, and favor the public with their estimate of the powers, administrative and moral, of each of them. The judgment is, of course, unfavorable. Their object evidently is to prejudice the people against the ministry, and to lead them to believe that nothing good can be expected of them. This disparaging estimate of untried men is dangerous and we believe it will prove to be untrue. It is exceedingly hard to predict how a man of good ability will act in a new position. The chances are that he will show that he is endowed with talents and abilities that no one, not even his most intimate friends, gave him the credit of possessing. The educative power of circumstances is wonderful. It is therefore a very risky thing indeed to say that this man or that man who has shown himself to be capable when placed in another and very different one.

It would surprise and no doubt disappoint a great many of Mr. Bowell's critics if he proved to be a most successful Prime Minister. He is without doubt a man of more than ordinary ability, and he is prudent and judicious. He possesses a strong sense of duty and he is intensely and intelligently patriotic. He is a man in whom his country and his party can implicitly confide. He will do nothing but what he conscientiously believes to be for the best. He is not a man to be swayed by selfish, much less by sinister, motives. These are the qualities which a safe guide must possess. A much more brilliant man wanting some of these would not make a reliable leader. He is, too, a man of strong convictions and one who cannot easily be persuaded to change his mind. His experience as a statesman qualifies him to be the Nestor of his party. He is not a man to make mistakes or to repent tomorrow of what he sees fit to do today.

The Hon. Mr. Foster is a man of great intellectual force, and he has proved that he can readily adapt himself to circumstances. He was taken from private life, and with very little training placed at the head of an important department, and he has administered it from the very first with remarkable ability. There will most likely be in the new administration a greater scope for his talents and it is certain that he will be quite equal to any new duties he will have to perform and any new responsibilities he will have to bear.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tipper is still a very young man for the position he has been called upon to occupy. He, too, has shown that he possesses powers of mind of more than ordinary strength. Besides being capable, he is energetic and industrious, and he is devoted heart and soul to the public service. He is a man of great promise, and those who believe that he will be a most valuable member of the new Administration will not be disappointed.

The other members of the late Government who hold office under Mr. Bowell are men of ability and experience, who have shown themselves to be capable administrators. They will, no doubt, do as much to promote the success of Mr. Bowell's administration as they did to advance that of Sir John Macdonald, Sir J. C. Abbott, and Sir John Thompson. When therefore the character and capabilities of the new Leader of the Government are considered and when we remember that he is assisted by men of experience and proved ability, we, when we read the ill-tempered predictions of the opposition critics, are forced to conclude that with most of them the wish is father to the thought.

WAIT A WHILE.

Some American editors impressed by the success which Japan has so easily gained over China, have with characteristic haste jumped to the conclusion that Japan has won a place in the first rank of military powers. The Japanese have within the last twenty years or so done wonders in the way both of political and military re-organization. They have modernized their political institutions and their army. The war with China has shown that the changes they have made in military matters have been indeed reforms. Their army is not merely modern in form but it has shown itself to be effective. Its officers have mastered the art of modern warfare and its soldiers have learned to use with skill the weapons which they have been supplied. Not only is the Japanese army well equipped in a modern sense, but the soldiers are well drilled and have learned to perform their duties in a soldierly manner. It has been said that the Japanese regiments compare favorably with regiments of any European army. The men are amenable to discipline, and they fight well. The army organization, too, it is said, is complete and effective in all its parts. There can be no doubt that both the soldiers and the soldiers of Japan have given a good account of themselves in the war with China. But it appears to us that the Japanese must show that they are able to do something much more difficult than to put to flight the mob of coolies which the Chinese call an army before they can claim to be considered, from a military point of view, the equals of the German, the

English or the French. It is one thing to beat the badly armed, badly drilled, badly disciplined, badly officered, and badly fed Chinese troops, but quite another and a different thing to be able to withstand the well disciplined, well armed and well led soldiers of a first class European power. It will be time enough to pronounce with certainty on the military prowess of the Japanese when they prove themselves to be something like a match for the trained soldiers of a European nation. Almost any man can put a flock of sheep to flight, but it takes pluck and endurance to tackle an English bull-dog. When the Japanese prove themselves to be able to hold their own against a Russian army, or a British fleet, military critics can indicate the place they deserve to occupy among the fighting nations of the world. The campaign in Korea has shown that they are able, under circumstances exceedingly favorable to them, to beat the Chinese. That is all.

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THE "WORLD" IN ERROR.

In preferring the claims of British Columbia to representation in the Cabinet of the Dominion we are so very fortunate as to win the approval of the Vancouver World. Fearing, we suppose, that its commendation would make us too conceited, the World qualifies its praise by a few words of admonition. It says: "One word to the Colonist. If it were not such a subservient follower of the powers that be as Ottawa, if it struck out independently sometimes, if it felt itself called upon occasionally to denounce mal-administration and corruption and all forms of political wickedness, its voice would be more potent in urging that the Province be given rights denied it in the past."

We ought to be greatly obliged to our contemporary for its little lecture. If we did not know that it would say for the world we would suspect that it accused us of sin and short-comings of which it knew we were not guilty. But as it is well known to be always truthful, frank and fair-minded, we will obediently assume that it has not been a careful reader of the Colonist. All who do read it attentively and intelligently know that the Colonist has stood up for British Columbia's rights, and that no more party consideration has prevented its protesting vigorously and repeatedly whenever it had reason to believe that this Province was neglected or unfairly treated. The Colonist has often fought British Columbia's battle alone against the Dominion Government. When, for instance, the cement and the fishermen were, in our opinion, treated with harshness, and when their business was interfered with, as we thought, unnecessarily and vexatiously, the Colonist was not backward in exposing the wrong and demanding redress. We were often surprised at the silence and the apathy of some of our contemporaries on this subject. Yes, in fact, only the other day we were sharply taken to task by the Westminster Colonist for exposing and commenting upon an egregious blunder of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The Colonist has, with no help that we can think of just now, complained of the way in which the coast and harbors of the Province are buoyed and lighted, or rather in the absence of buoys and lights where in the interests of the shipping of the Coast they are absolutely needed. The Colonist has time and again directed public attention to the defectiveness of the charts of the coast of the Province, and pleaded for a hydrographic survey more or less complete. Then the Colonist has taken the part of the Province in the matter of the railway belt and urged that a settlement of that important question be arrived at without further delay. We have advocated the retention of the duty on mining machinery and were not slow in remonstrating when we found that the concession voted was more in name than in reality.

The Colonist was, if we do not mistake, the first to suggest that the Dominion Government should take upon itself part of the expense of protecting the Fraser River valley against damage by floods. The Colonist was, we believe, the first, too, to direct the attention of the public to the very large amount which British Columbia is compelled to contribute to the Dominion revenue in proportion to its population when compared with the contributions per capita of other Provinces, and to demand that some compensation should be made to its inhabitants.

With respect to the claims of Victoria to consideration from the Dominion Government, the Colonist is preferring them did not wait to consider whether mere party ends would be served or frustrated by the course it took—or rather we believed that it was in the true interest of the Conservative party to recognize every just claim preferred by the citizens of Victoria. But we cannot expect our Vancouver contemporary to agree with us in this. However, the World will perchance recollect that we have not been the "subservient follower" that it represents us to be. It will of course publish a rejoinder in its next issue and apologize for the injustice which it has no doubt inadvertently done the Colonist.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Times correspondent in Berlin says: "The German press may be congratulated upon its attitude during the latest phase of the spy matter in France. Great interest naturally was known in the Dreyfus trial in which the German embassy has been mixed up; but there has been no sign of an attempt to reply to the articles in the French journals. Public opinion, however, is unable to shake off the impression that Captain Dreyfus was condemned before his trial. It is to be hoped that the German press will exercise some restraint in this delicate matter."

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The billed match tonight between the Nation of Toronto and Capron of Galt, for \$600 a side and the championship of Canada, was won by Johnston by a score of 500 to 274.

BEYOND FINDING OUT

THE CAPRICES OF FASHION AND THE WAYS OF WOMEN.

Fancy Waists a Universal Fashion—Quantities in Hairdressing—In Mourning Over a Social Cup of Tea—Heavy English Crapes—A Statue of Woe.

There has never been such a universal fashion as the fancy waists and none that has lasted for two seasons without tiring the changeable fancy of woman-kind. Waists of whatever kind made before have been looked upon more as makeshifts than real fashions. Quite old ladies now have their muslin, boned, looking waists of darker silk, it is sure, but still they have them. A stone colored sarah waist puffed and draped and loosely made was worn by a stately grandmother recently, with a skirt of black grograin. Another waist for an elderly lady had a full surplice front made of a dark bellflower taffeta shaded with emerald green. The sleeves were very large and full, and the neck-band and belt were draped in the most approved fashion. This, at the time, saw it was worn with a very dark prune wool skirt.

These waists are made for everyday home use, and also for the street in visiting, and one also comes across them



occasionally in silk or satin brocade of expensive value. In this latter case they are handsomely trimmed with real lace and fine beading, and they are intended for wearing with plain but handsome skirts. The more ornate waists now offered are of one or two of these fancy waists, with one or two of these only one skirt, and by the use of floating ribbons to match they appear to have a great variety of gowns.

Some of the waists for very young women are of the lightest and most diaphanous of fabrics, such as colored tulle, silk muslin and Italian crapes, also crepe lisse. These are draped in the most lavish way. Some are gaitered all over the contour, lining. These were a very dainty one, gathered at the neck and waist as full as it would hold; the material extending about three inches below the belt, where it flared up in a ruffle. The belt was plain and fastened on the right side under a show of the crapes. On the waist and sleeves was laid the heavy pattern of some handsome, black chintilly, from which the interesting mesh had been clipped. The collar was a regular choker, with a succession of small, jet-sets of the crapes and the largest flower in the lace set between. This worn over any plain skirt of suitable material—that is to say, all or partly silk or fabric—would be dressy enough for any occasion except a grand ball. There was another waist which was very novel and wholly artistic. The entire waist lining was covered with delicate puffings of cardinal and black tulle. The sleeves were made of black tulle. The waist was pointed and finished with a pointed sash outlined with cardinal satin ribbon ending in a fancy bow with short ends at the left side. There were small bows of the same perched on the shoulders and a draped collar of cardinal velvet. This is intended to be worn with black skirts and for quite festive occasions.

For home, for teas and general afternoon wear there was a very girlish blouse waists shown. It was of baby blue

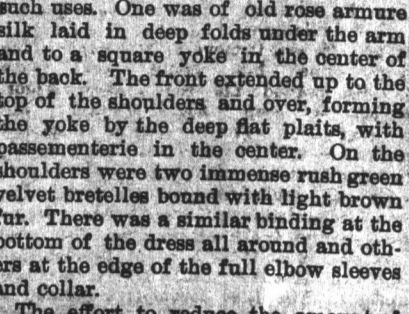


skirt, hanging down in front in full gathers in something of a blouse pattern. Across the chest there was a square yoke let in of dark blue silk laid in fine accordion pleats and bordered with folds of the pale blue silk, and across the bust was a fold ending under the fancy bows made of the blue silk. The collar was of the light blue, with puffed and chataleins fore parts. It could not be more artistic. It was worn with a skirt of lavender mixture, with rows of sailor stitching holding down three plaits on each side and one narrow one in front which reached to the bottom of

COVER FOR A GRAND PIANO.

Directions For Selecting the Material and Color—An Effective Design.

An attractive cover for a grand piano is not an everyday occurrence owing to its peculiar shape—the narrow end and curved sides. The cover intended for a grand piano, more than for either the upright or square, requires much care and thought in its design and finish. Soils and festooned draperies detract



From the grand piano's individual and intentional shape; consequently women who own these pianos are sorely puzzled to know exactly what sort of covers would prove most artistic, useful and appropriate. To help them as well as the owners of the square and the upright piano a design originally made for The Ladies' Home Journal is made in two pieces. The upper portion is made to fit the curve. The fall, which is about the depth of the body of the piano, is finished with fringe. The pieces are joined together when the embroidery is completed.

The first thing to be considered is the selection of color and material for the piano cover must be of the color predominating in the parlor, music room or drawing room where the piano has its place. Should the background be a soft gray green the design as shown would be charming worked in contrasting shades of gray green either in solid color or simply outlined or heavily conched, with the stems in gold thread. The design thus treated would not be apt to pucker under the needle. China silk could be utilized for this cover if lined before working with soft muslin. The softness of this fabric would lend additional beauty to the effect when worked.

When both the top and border are embroidered, join together with a little made as full as the taste dictates. If the finish is preferred plain, the border could be made deep enough to allow for the edge. This particular finish is best adapted to china silk or any very soft fabric, a cord being almost too stiff even when made as soft and pliable as possible. The fringe should be of the same color as the background and made of silk not very heavy and quite narrow. A knotted fringe is preferable, as it has a lighter effect. Use for the reverse side the satin finish lining which comes for such purposes.

Dress Skirts and Sleeves.
Sleeves, still bouffant, are more artistic, more fanciful than ever. Hitherto size seems to have been the motto of the sole and only aim. Now we are to have the distinct effects of trimmings, and contrasting shades, and materials enter into the scheme, and soft, artistic effects are striven for. Don't be too fastidious, a dress with an exquisite pair of sleeves, which, he says, cost him more thought and planning than all the other parts of the frock combined.

Skirts, as a rule, retain their plainness. Sometimes they open at the side and show a contrasting shade of velvet or a softly plaited fan of silk or satin. The back often hangs in two broad plaits. Plaited skirts, with dainty sash draperies, are shown in the latest Parisian models. Drapery is straight rather than bouffant in effect. Plain skirts are often very wide at the bottom and stand out gracefully in the back. Rich, heavy fabrics are made into plain, short skirts. The softer fabrics are slightly draped, sometimes showing a gay petticoat underneath. Just the least suspicion of a bustle is served in the back of some of the latest skirts.

A Story That Is Told.
A certain young woman whose funds are smaller than her taste and ingenuity has just renovated her dining room wall paper at a very small outlay of money. The paper was fortunately of light material, color and pattern, and it has grown soiled and dingy through long service. She bought a remnant of light straw matting at 20 cents a yard and tacked it around the lower part of the wall, headed by a broad, plain girap for a dado. Then she hung cheap paper Japanese scrolls at regular intervals over the ceiling to the top of the matting, and lastly tacked up small portfolio engravings wherever they happened to be needed.

Recipe For Brown Betty.
We find the following recipe for an old time favorite in The New England Homestead:
Go gather the apples that red ripe are lying
And out all the cores and the peels away,
Then slice them just as one would slice them
For frying.
And we'll bake a Brown Betty for dinner to-day.
Then get a deep pan with a close fitting cover.
Aleppo's apples and crumbs in it lay.
With sugar and cinnamon sprinkle over,
Oh, we'll bake a Brown Betty for dinner to-day.
Now go fill the pitcher with milk that is creaming
Aid carry Brown Betty along on a tray.
An odor deliciously spicy comes steaming,
Oh, we'll have a grand feast on Miss Betty today.

Rice Fritters.
Put into a small steppin a pint of new milk, with 3 ounces of rice, 3 ounces of sugar, a pool of a lemon, graded, 3 ounces of butter and a very little cinnamon. Boil all slowly until the rice has absorbed the moisture. Mix in the yolk of 3 eggs well beaten, and when cool make the rice into balls, placing in the center of each some orange marmalade. Brush them over with the yolk of an egg sprinkled with bread crumbs, put them in a wire basket, and fry them in boiling fat a light brown. Drain and serve in a napkin, with sugar sifted over them.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Splendid Football—Victoria and Vancouver—Rangers and Barrack Athletics.

International Match to Be Played on Christmas Day—Much Interest Manifested.

Before a fair attendance of spectators Vancouver met Victoria at Rugby Football on the Caledonia grounds Saturday afternoon. The ground was soft and the ball heavy. From the start it was plainly Vancouver's game, mainly owing to their superior combination play. The kick off was taken by Warden at 3:10 o'clock, Victoria lining up to defend the south goal, the ball was smartly returned, and play settled down at the half way line. After several scrums the ball was cleanly heeled out by the Vancouver forwards and by clever passing it was carried into the Victoria 25, where Campbell was stopped by Miller. Smith relieved soon after by a long free kick was returned by Senkler. A free kick was shortly after awarded to Victoria for off side play by Senkler, but nothing resulted, and the pressure in Victoria's 25 was still maintained.

The English line in the Victoria forwards long and continued scrums were the order of the day. Then followed the smartest piece of play of the game. Cleanly heeled out from the scrum by Vancouver forwards the ball came into Senkler's hands, and he passed to Sgrue who started towards Victoria's goal, then transferred to Miller, and Miller to Campbell, Campbell made about 15 yards, and was successfully drawn back by Miller and Paterson. Senkler who dashed across the line and gained a try for Vancouver. The place kick followed.

Paterson took the kick out from the 25, which was returned by Cole, the play again settled in Victoria's 25, and as before their forwards worked the ball to centre. Victoria was allowed another free kick for off side play by Vancouver, but the kick was smartly returned by Senkler and the advantage gained. The Vancouver forwards in the scrum generally gained possession of the ball and heeled out to their backs with fairly distinct advantage, a manoeuvre which the Victorians seemed unable to accomplish.

No special open play afterwards occurred. Campbell gained ground by punting and collecting Senkler, who was slow in gathering the ball, before he had time to return. Sgrue scored from a throw out from touch, followed up his kick and spoiled Senkler, who attempted to make his mark. Play was now within Victoria's 25, but again their forwards, headed by Warden, dribbled the ball almost to Vancouver's 25; but it was worked back to centre and remained there till half time.

When play was resumed the Victorians made great efforts to force the Victoria change had been made by C. Ward going half back and placing his brother, F. Ward, at three quarter back. The Victoria backs had a little more to do in this game, but their forwards were mostly of their own volition. Their forwards persistently refused to heel out and their half backs consequently could not find them. Miller and Paterson made the most of their own backs, and they led one to believe they might have done better with more encouragement.

A free kick was awarded Victoria by one of Vancouver's backs fouling Paterson by deliberately obstructing him, and play was taken to Vancouver's 25. This was nearly up when Vancouver came away with a dribble. Their forwards passed F. Ward and Senkler, neither falling on the ball as the occasion demanded, and Senkler was saved. Red and blue jerseys came together on Victoria's line with a rush, Vancouver being the first to touch down, and just before time they kicked a goal. Result: 1 goal 1 try, 8 points in favor of Vancouver. Combination play won the day for them.

It is as well to call attention here to the unpardonable habit the Victoria team has of keeping the visiting team waiting on the ground to begin. Yesterday the game was delayed by two of the Victoria players not being on the ground punctually, and both spectators and players were inconvenienced by their tardiness.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

NANAIMO WINS THE TIE MATCH.

After a rattling good game the Nanaimo Rangers defeated the Barrack Athletics in yesterday's game for the British Columbia championship. The game was played at the Canton grounds, the ball being kicked off at 2:30. With a great rush the visitors carried the ball right down on their opponent's goal, and in five minutes after the start from a scrimmage in front. The Rangers were too strong, however, for the home team, and when half time was called the score stood: Rangers, 4; Athletics, 2.

With a fresh start the Rangers pressed their advantage, their forwards getting in some splendid work and good combination play, doing great service. Three more goals were added to the score in quick succession. The Athletics, however, did not give up in a fit of pique, and though they had uphill work before them did not lose courage. Close to the call of time their efforts were rewarded by first one goal and then another, which left the score at the finish: Rangers, 7; Barrack Athletics, 4.

In the evening the visitors were entertained at the Telegraph hotel by the home side to dinner and a smoking concert, and thoroughly appreciated the hospitable manner in which they were treated.

A LONG LINGERING.

TORONTO, Dec. 26. (Special)—News was received in the city yesterday of the death in London, England, of R. S. V. Palmer, the young Englishman who fractured his spine at Niagara-on-the-Lake while diving in July. Mr. Palmer was bathing and diving in shallow water, and struck on his head, dislocating and fracturing his spine. His entire frame, with the exception of his head, became paralyzed, and his attending physician decided that an operation was the last slender hope for saving his life. The operation was successfully performed, and hopes were entertained that the patient would complete recovery. After two months of careful nursing and skillful treatment he had gained sufficient strength to permit him to undertake a voyage across the Atlantic to join his wife.

NEWS OF THE P.

Ashford the Homelike Day Jollity—Framet Wounded Dang

Accident to Loggers at Inge in the Kootenay—Assignment

(Special to the Colonist)

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—An including murderer Ashford Christmas dinner at the hotel for was the life of the party attempted to engage him in conversation, assuming that he was worn since the murder, he is profound silence.

The funeral of Ashford took place on Saturday last, by her father on of the murder, has been over Christmas presents. Some of the most guests at the Leland cash to the little sum of \$100. Empress of India sent also of the World's fund was outside this a score of good gifts of toys and useful articles on Christmas day.

The steamer Caplano, of the New England Fishing Co., at halibut banks this morning sounds of fish. This boat put out from the straits by Vancouver towards the ball came into Senkler's hands, and he passed to Sgrue who started towards Victoria's goal, then transferred to Miller, and Miller to Campbell, Campbell made about 15 yards, and was successfully drawn back by Miller and Paterson. Senkler who dashed across the line and gained a try for Vancouver. The place kick followed.

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QUEENSLAND MOUNTS.

WOOD, on the 19th inst, Mr.

was united in marriage to Mr. Smith, resident governor to Mr. of Cottonwood House, Cariboo, L. Harris, of Clinton, performs merrily. After partaking of a breakfast, the wedding party sleigh to Queensland where a ball the same evening at the Oodloo. There was a large gathering, and the lights were kept up till an early hour the next morning. Mr. F. popular, and was formerly a soldier here. Many useful and beautiful presents were given to Mr. and Mrs. F. and they were very happy. The winter in Cariboo has been so far. Sleighting is excellent a winter is predicted. There is no ice in the river, and an early spring great benefit to the miners as the son was very short by reason of winter and heavy floods. The are very bright and it is considered that this coming year will mark in the history of mining in Cariboo.

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The funeral of Ashford took place on Saturday last, by her father on of the murder, has been over Christmas presents. Some of the most guests at the Leland cash to the little sum of \$100. Empress of India sent also of the World's fund was outside this a score of good gifts of toys and useful articles on Christmas day.

The steamer Caplano, of the New England Fishing Co., at halibut banks this morning sounds of fish. This boat put out from the straits by Vancouver towards the ball came into Senkler's hands, and he passed to Sgrue who started towards Victoria's goal, then transferred to Miller, and Miller to Campbell, Campbell made about 15 yards, and was successfully drawn back by Miller and Paterson. Senkler who dashed across the line and gained a try for Vancouver. The place kick followed.

Paterson took the kick out from the 25, which was returned by Cole, the play again settled in Victoria's 25, and as before their forwards worked the ball to centre. Victoria was allowed another free kick for off side play by Vancouver, but the kick was smartly returned by Senkler and the advantage gained. The Vancouver forwards in the scrum generally gained possession of the ball and heeled out to their backs with fairly distinct advantage, a manoeuvre which the Victorians seemed unable to accomplish.

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The steamer Capitan, chartered by the New England Fishing Co., arrived from the halibut banks this morning with 95,000 pounds of fish. This beats all records in one day's fishing 60,000 pounds of halibut were caught.

F. Hunt, a trapper, narrowly escaped death by being struck by an incoming railroad train. He was walking on the tracks and stood aside, as he supposed, far enough to clear the train.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 26. - Ebenezer Leslie, the nine-year-old son of Rev. Robert Leslie, met with a very serious accident by falling off a tram car.

Ah Yau and Ah Lung were sentenced to terms of imprisonment for stealing produce for their Christmas dinner.

John Pittendrigh, of Brownsville, was two men forcing an entrance to his store. The night was dark. He was alone, and being his revolver pointed to them the men camped, leaving their tools behind them.

A. J. Thomson was visiting Lulu Island with his wife. On Friday he went to Stevenson to rent a house; on his return he found Mrs. Thomson had left, taking 900 and all her belongings.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 26. - The firm of William Patterson & Son, butchers, has assigned, owing to the pressure of hard times.

On Thursday last while two loggers were working with a hook and tackle at Robson's camp, being under the tackle gave way and William Taylor, one of them, was hurled against a tree, breaking both thighs.

Mr. J. B. Wilson, a Kaelo merchant, who sent a box of local gold to the San Francisco mint a short time ago, has just received returns. The gold weighed 367 3/4 fine, with 1524 silver.

RECOVERIES. A reward of \$300 has been offered for the recovery of the bodies of Andrew Whalen and Ed. S. Wilson, who were drowned in the Columbia river at this place on December 12 under most unfortunate circumstances.

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The committee also took the stand. It proceeded to making collections for police protection and turning them over to certain captains. He also gave the names of others engaged in the collection of protection money for the police captains.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS. WINNIPEG, Dec. 26. - (Special.) - There was a hard frost, the real cold snap of the season to-day, the mercury going down to 20 below.

The Winnipeg voters' lists for the Commons were closed to-night and there will be a busy session for the Revision Court when it sits.

A report from Oshburne says a young girl of 17 returned to her father's house there a few days ago to spend Christmas and look after her younger brothers and sisters, her mother being dead.

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CABLE NEWS.

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French Editor Arrested for Black-mail - King of Naples Dying.

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Rome, Dec. 26. - Ambassador Wayne MacVeagh's official reception, which had been deferred until the King's return to Rome, was held at 10 o'clock this evening.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

The Premier Back From Belleville in Good Health - Hon. Mr. Dickey's Election.

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TORONTO TOPICS.

Finding of Corruption Arrived at in the Case of Several Aldermen.

TORONTO, Dec. 26. - (Special.) - The long drawn out proceedings of the civic boodle investigation closed this afternoon. City Prosecutor Nesbitt's scathing denunciation of Vice-president Everett, the Toronto Street Railway Co., created a sensation.

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CANADIAN NEWS.

HELENA, Dec. 24. - James Crane, of Paslinch, was here on Saturday selling turkeys and left for home, that night very much the worse for liquor.

LONDON, Dec. 24. - George W. Inglis, agent of the Blake Engine Co. of Boston, who is accused of wronging a Toronto husband, Dr. Pickering, is here in London.

BOZON, Dec. 24. - A young lady named Beaudin, whose parents live in King township, was killed on Saturday evening in attempting to jump off a moving U.P. train here.

TORONTO, Dec. 24. - The World's Opinion special says: "Tuesday's indications point to a general election before another session. The official announcement is not to be made for some time, but till the public hear the day is fixed for calling parliament they had better prepare for an election before next session."

STRAFFORD, Dec. 24. - John Hardman, a Grand Trunk engineer, entered the bar of the Alton hotel this morning, and presented a cooked revolver to A. G. Cameron, the proprietor, said: "D—d—d, I'll kill you."

BERLIN, Dec. 26. - Fred Teit is under arrest charged with forging orders of farmers for fruit taxes. The amount is said to be up in the hundreds of dollars.

INCOITS, Dec. 26. - The body of J. Fisher was found in the lock basin yesterday. He was going home heavily laden with Christmas supplies, and in the darkness missed the narrow bridge that spans the basin and walked into the water.

CHATELAIN, Dec. 26. - Bob Allen and Jack Quigley quarrelled last night whereupon the latter clubbed Quigley over a knife and plunged it into Allen's back. Quigley was saved from a mortal wound only by the fact that he wore a thick coat and heavy undergarments.

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 26. - John Bogardus and Fred Clarke, owners of prominent resorts here, were yesterday sentenced to three months in prison at hard labor for breaking into and robbing a liquor store.

HAMILTON, Dec. 26. - Lieutenant Colonel James Skinner, formerly a resident of this city and in the Canadian army, died at his home in Woodstock yesterday.

ARMENIAN REFUGEES. LONDON, Dec. 26. - The Daily News correspondent in Odessa says that numerous Armenian refugees from Moosh and Blank are arriving at Sarakamya. They are in a wretched condition.

AN INTERNATIONAL TURN. Further Developments in Connection With the Seizure of a Schooner on Lake Erie.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26. - The dispute over the American fishing nets seized some weeks ago in Lake Erie by the Canadian Government cruiser Petrel, has taken an international turn.

PARIS, Dec. 26. - M. Mirande, editor of the Republican, has been arrested for alleged blackmail.

APPEAL TO THE POWERS.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 26. - In the church of Our Savior, a national convention of the Armenians in America was held yesterday and amid the wildest enthusiasm, it was resolved to appeal to the powers of Europe and to the United States government, to compel the Porte to grant Armenian autonomy and freedom and to make amends for the horrible butchery of human beings in that country.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S BANKS. ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 26. - The report of the legislative committee on the condition of the suspended banks is not yet ready for submission to the legislature owing principally to the difficulty experienced in eliciting any information from the officials of the Commercial bank.

INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS. The Situation and Destinies of India Compared With Those of Ireland.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 26. - The Indian National Congress opened in Madras to-day. Alfred Webb, M.P. for West Waterford, was elected president. He compared the situation and destinies of India with those of Ireland.

MINING ON TRAIL CREEK. The Wealthy War Eagle - Red Mountain Railway - Concentrator at Three Forks.

ROSSLAND. (From the Nelson Miner.) The War Eagle mining company has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington and will be registered in British Columbia in due course.

ROSSLAND. (From the Nelson Miner.) The preliminary survey of the Red Mountain railway has been completed from the mine at Mt. Barney O'Brien, on the Sheep Creek. From the mine down to the Sheep Creek divide there is a fall of 150 feet, equal to 3 per cent. grade, while from the divide to O'Brien's is 1,150 feet, equal 5 per cent, and the line will therefore have to take a higher level and more distance.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

How the Day Will be Observed in the Various City Churches.

Special Music and Lovely Decorations Will Mark the Joyous Festival.

With solemn midnight mass Christmas day was ushered in at St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

At Christ Church cathedral holly and evergreens have been used plentifully in pretty and suitable decorations.

The decorations at St. John's church are very fine. A chancel screen of evergreens has been placed in front of the altar.

At St. Mark's church the decorations have been limited to the chancel alone, the altar being the central feature.

At St. Saviour's church there will be service at 8 a.m., and matins with Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

At St. Barnabas' church—Services with Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and sermon by the rector, Rev. J. B. Haslam.

At St. Luke's and St. Paul's churches there will be services with Holy Communion at 11 o'clock.

At St. James' church has been very prettily decorated. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m., with service and communion at 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock, the offering being for the poor.

The Central Presbyterian church has been very nicely decorated and there will be services morning and evening.

THE CITY. The law courts have been closed for the Christmas vacation until Thursday.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OF ST. ANDREW'S R.C. cathedral will have their Christmas tree on Friday afternoon.

SEATS may be reserved at Jamieson's now for General Booth's meeting in the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, January 2d.

OWING to the serious illness of Superintendent Husey, the Nanaimo Chinese robbery case has been postponed till Thursday.

PARISHES of I. O. O. F., announce a Christmas social for Friday evening of this week.

THE pulpit presented to St. Columba church by Messrs. Malcolm Blackstock and Archie MacInnes, two young men of the parish, was dedicated by the minister at the evening service last Sunday.

YESTERDAY Mrs. Ole Jenson, of Johnson street, who has been ailing for some time, succumbed to hemorrhage of the lungs, leaving a husband and a young child.

A SIX year old son of Mr. Brown, of New Westminster, died at Mr. B. B. Moore's Cedar Hill, on Sunday of diphtheria.

CHRISTMAS eve was happily and pleasantly spent by the Sunday school children of St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill.

ONE of the events of New Year's day will be the reception in Temperance hall from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a concert at night in the same place.

THE following Northwest Inter-State Fair diploma was received by the secretary of the British Columbia Chamber of Trade.

THE honorary treasurer of the Jubilee hospital, Mr. W. M. Chudley, gratefully acknowledged the receipt of \$243 contributed towards that institution by Mr. W. C. Ward.

TRANSFER EMPLOYEES. The employees of the Victoria Transfer company did not forget the popular superintendent, Mr. Anton Henderson, in their preparations for a merry Christmas.

MR. LEWIS REDON. Among the well known residents of Victoria, Mr. Louis Redon of the Driard has been especially prominent.

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PRACTICAL FEDERATION. Noticing the appointment of Gentleman Cadet Frederick Christian Heneker, to the Royal Military College, Kingston, to a position in the Prince of Wales Regiment (Royal Canadian), the Naval and Military Gazette says: "The appointment of a cadet from the Royal Military College at Kingston, Canada, to a commission in the Prince of Wales Regiment (Royal Canadian), is a very appropriate way to foster an interest in this regiment among our fellow subjects in the Dominion."

THE First Battalion (100th Foot) Royal Canadian, were to embark at Bombay on the 29th instant for conveyance to England after a long period of Indian service.

CHRISTMAS EVE. Neither calendar nor almanac has been needed for a week past to inform any citizen of Victoria that Christmas is at hand.

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PLANS FOR FILTRATION.

Competition to be Asked in Place of Appointing Mr. Hawks as Proposed.

Premium for Best Plan—A Cistern Which Will Not Hold Water.

A full meeting of the city council, with Mayor Teague presiding, transacted business as follows last evening:

A letter from John Kelly of the New Westminster fire department, asking for the position of fire alarm superintendent, was referred to the committee with the remark that the writer appears to have been misinformed as to the intention to make the appointment.

Schultz & Morphy wrote that they have been instructed by Miss Margaret Holmes to bring suit against the corporation for \$2,500 on account of injuries sustained by reason of alleged negligence in connection with the sidewalk on Fernwood road opposite Oddfellows hall.

M. Wolf, secretary Nanaimo waterworks company, asked whether the Victoria corporation was supplied with 1,200 feet of 6 inch pipe, and what would be the price. Referred to waterworks committee.

The Vancouver manager of the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co. applied for payment of the cost of the amount of their order of \$1,150 in connection with the electric light station, and also for return of their deposit of \$800, as the greater part of the plant is either on the site, or at the C. F. N. wharf awaiting the preparation of the plan for its reception. Referred to committee.

Thomas Shaw, of the Albion Iron Works, reported a satisfactory test of the four boilers at the electric light station.

John E. Taylor, city barrister, wrote with reference to the best course to be pursued in the matter of the land traversed by the Victoria & Sidney railway at Elk lake; and also respecting the application to take a map of part of the Okland estate.

Chief Deputy of the fire department, wrote reporting the defective condition of the cistern, for fire purposes, at the junction of Yates and Government streets.

Joseph Larbone and seven others reported on the condition of the sewer, resulting in cellars being full of water. Referred to sewerage committee for report.

The home committee reported recommending the adoption of the plan proposed for the home for the aged and infirm.

The water committee recommended with respect to the Albion Iron Works cistern for \$1,170, that it be returned as requested, provided the holder be given in substitution the personal bond of Mr. James Dunsamir, but mentioning that Mr. Dunsamir has declined to give such a bond.

The streets committee recommended that Cook street be improved between Somerset and Bell streets, as requested by A. W. Jones and others, and that attention be given to the matters dealt with in the communications of Wm. Somerville and others, respecting the opening up of Catherine street by Mrs. D. W. Aden, on condition of Ontario street; the secretary J. B. A. re drains nuisance and crossing; H. D. Belmore, re Vancouver street drainage nuisance; and A. W. More & Co., re sidewalk nuisance on the corner of Francis avenue. Also that tenders be called for, to be opened until January 7, for the removal of the fence opposite the property of Messrs. Turner and Pearce on Fort street, and resolved to postpone the date for the raising of the sidewalk on the south side of Catherine street below Government. Also the purchase of a quantity of broken stone on Collierton street. Report adopted.

THE FILTRATION WORKS. AID DWYER moved, seconded by Ald. Ledingham, the acceptance of the offer of A. McI. Hawks (of the 3rd inst.) to act with the City Engineer as consulting engineer in connection with the filtration works, and to make at least five visits in connection with the supervision of the work when in progress, for a remuneration of 25 per cent of the cost of the undertaking.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS.

What Has Been Done to Make the Day a Happy One For All.

Sick and Poor, Orphans and Aged, No One Has Been Forgotten To-Day.

Christmas with its kindly influences and good cheer comes to-day to gladden the hearts of many whose lives have not fallen in pleasant places.

Somehow people cannot be selfish at this joyous season. There is an influence that in spite of one's self will loosen the purse strings and render it impossible to sit down to a Christmas dinner comfortably unless with the consciousness that something has been done to help brighten the day for the less fortunate.

Christmas time some subtle influence seems to find its way to the bottom of his heart and he suddenly remembers that it is his duty to think of others as well as himself; that he must help the helpless and before he knows it down goes his hand into his pocket and his contribution goes to make some one happy.

Kind friends have remembered the little ones, and their plum pudding and turkey will just be as good and big as any in Victoria. The youngsters will spend a right jolly Christmas.

That worthy institution, the Royal Jubilee hospital, has not been forgotten. At one o'clock the patients, or so many of them as are well enough, will enjoy a Christmas dinner, for the occasion, and a nurse to do their share in the general rejoicing.

St. Joseph's hospital patients will have a sumptuous Christmas dinner at noon to-day, the good Sisters having made great preparations for the occasion, and a nurse to do their share in the general rejoicing.

Even those whose sins of commission have sent them to an involuntary retreat in the jail have not been forgotten. Turkey and plum pudding will be served to-day and a certain amount of recreation, compatible of course with discipline, will be allowed them.

Meal tickets will be distributed to those who need them to-day by Mr. T. J. Barnes of the Benevolent Society, who will be at the American hotel for that purpose between 12 and 1 o'clock.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The following was recently published in a class paper which circulates around Wall street: We have seen a letter just received from one of the largest banking houses in Holland.

MONTECAL, Dec. 24.—Calixte Lehoucq publishes an article in the French papers protesting against contributions to the Sir John Thompson memorial on the part of the French Canadians. He says that it is foolish to expect that the French Canadians, who are so poor that they cannot place M. Masse on his pedestal and much less erect a monument, will when they give their Thompson fund meeting, give their personal pledge to the Rothschilds.

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