

ANXIOUSLY AWAITED

The "Australia" from Honolulu Expected to Bring News of Serious Trouble.

Royalists and Annexationists Likely to Combine to Defeat the Provisional Party.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—An evening paper prints the following: It is confidently expected by a number of local residents who are deeply interested in the affairs of Hawaii that the steamer Australia, which is due to-morrow, will bring news of more serious trouble in Honolulu.

Hon. A. J. Ball... Monetary counter-ought to be entered...

THE PRESBYTERY SUSTAINED

CALGARY, May 4.—(Special)—The Presbyterian synod of British Columbia is expected to adjourn on the conclusion of the late session now in progress. Wednesday, the first day of the meeting, was principally devoted to a drive around the city, conveyances being provided for all the visitors by the session of Knox church.

On Thursday morning the first motion was the protest and appeal of Rev. P. MacLeod against the finding of the Presbytery of Victoria in the matter of his preaching in the old Methodist church, Victoria, on the 10th and 17th of September last.

Dr. Bryce, of the Manitoba College, presented the claims of that institution, giving facts of interest in regard to the attendance, financial standing, etc., of that institution, and receiving second and third readings of the Synod. Rev. Fraser Campbell, of India, spoke in regard to the mission work in that far off land.

CONGRESS OF WOMEN.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—The morning session of the Women's Congress to-day was devoted to "Charities and Corrections." Papers were read as follows: "Education as Housekeepers Among the Poor," Mrs. Basie K. Isaacs, Savage, Washington; "Base of the Pyramid," Mrs. A. Knapp, Oakland; "The Unemployed," Mrs. Agnes W. Flint, San Francisco; "Catholic Women in Philosophy," Miss Lily A. Toomy, San Francisco; and "Women in the Drama," Mrs. Modjeska.

The afternoon session was occupied in a discussion on "Public Institutions." Papers as follows were read: "Dangers of Institutional Life, for the Young," Rev. Eliza Tupper Wilkes, Oakland; "Free Libraries as Educational Institutions," Miss Tess Kels, Los Angeles; "Women Founders of Universities," Mrs. Olive S. England, Salem, Ore.; and "Women as Managers of Public Institutions," Mrs. Mary S. Gibson, Los Angeles.

In the evening "Modern Methods," was the theme and the following papers were read: "The Philanthropy of the Future," Mrs. Helen Campbell, Madison, Wis.; "The Personal Element in Philanthropy," Rev. Lila F. Sprague, San Francisco; "Women as Inventors," Mrs. Charles Harrow, Chicago; "Modern Methods of Philanthropy," Mrs. Sarah Sanford, Oakland; and "Rational Philanthropy," Mrs. Elmina T. Stephens, Los Angeles.

BIMETALLIC CONFERENCE.

LONDON, May 4.—At yesterday's session of the international bimetallic conference, Sir William E. Holdsworth read a paper on the effect upon agriculturists, manufacturers, wage-earners, merchants, bankers and investors of the fall of the general level of prices.

M. Thierry, a French delegate, warmly urged the establishment of an international bimetallic league. The proposal was cordially supported.

The following cable message was read to the conference: "We desire to express our cordial sympathy with the movement to promote the restoration of silver by international agreement. We believe the free coinage of both gold and silver by international agreement with a fixed ratio would secure to mankind the blessing of a sufficient volume of metallic money, and, what is hardly less important, secure to the world of trade immunity from violent exchange fluctuations."

The document is signed by the following U. S. senators, who voted for repeal of the Sherman law: John Sherman, W. B. Allison, D. W. Voorhes, George F. Hoar, Nelson W. Aldrich, David B. Hill, Edward Murphy, A. P. Gorham, O. H. Platt, Calvin Brice, Joseph M. Carey, William B. Frye, C. K. Davis, S. M. Cullem, Henry Cabot Lodge.

The message was received with prolonged cheering. Sir David Barbour, ex-secretary of the Indian Council, dwelt upon the injury which India had sustained in consequence of the fall in the price of silver. The council adopted the proposal of H. E. Greenfield that a denotation of bimetallics wait upon every candidate at the general election, in order to ascertain the opinions of such candidates on the silver question with the view of supporting or opposing them.

RIOTOUS STRIKERS.

BERLIN, May 4.—The coolies in the mining district round Falkenberg, not far from Marburg, struck several days ago because their numerous grievances concerning the administration of the mines were not remedied. Yesterday the strikers rioted in and near Falkenberg. They refused to disperse, when a force of fifty police fired on them, and eventually they threw stones and clouds of earth at the officers. The police charged several times. As the strikers fought back stubbornly the police then fired two volleys from their revolvers. Three strikers were killed and five wounded. After the riot had retired the military were summoned by telegraph, and they still occupy the districts. Further disturbances are feared. Some 300 strikers at Friesburg, in Prussia, south of Baden, attacked on Wednesday 75 "scabs," who had been brought from Brazil. A fight with revolvers and clubs followed. After several on each side had been injured the police separated the two parties and arrested fifteen strikers.

U. S. PATROL FLEET.

PORT TOWNSEND, May 5.—The U. S. S. Bear, the first of the Behring sea fleet to leave the rendezvous here, has called for Sitka. From there she goes with supplies for the whaling station at Port Clarence, her most arduous point. She will spend the summer in company with the other fleet and bring another herd of reindeer from Siberia for propagation in Northwest Alaska. Rev. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner of immigration for the territory, is aboard the Bear making his regular annual tour of inspection. The remainder of the patrol fleet is still here awaiting orders.

ANTWERP'S EXHIBITION.

Formal Opening of Belgium's Great International Display—Some of the Features.

Several Specially Interesting and Important Exhibits—Upwards of Forty Thousand Visitors.

ANTWERP, May 5.—The World's exhibition was formally opened here at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by the King and Queen of the Belgians. The weather was delightful; the display of troops and gorgeous official costumes was magnificent, and the booming of cannon filled the air. The burgomaster and members of the city council of Brussels were not present, as owing to the rivalry existing between the capital city and Antwerp those officials had not been invited. Count de Pret, president of the executive council of the exposition, delivered an address, welcoming the king and queen to the largest exhibition ever held at Antwerp. King Leopold replied briefly, complimenting the authorities of the exhibition on the completeness of their work. Minister de Bruyn also spoke on behalf of the government.

Afterwards a cantata composed by Benoit was sung by a choir of 1,500 voices. King Leopold visited only a small part of the exhibition, the greater part of the exhibits not yet being in their places, and in fact the greater part of the exhibition not being ready for visitors. The features of the exhibition are a reproduction of old Antwerp in the 16th century, and the Congo, International and Marine sections, all of which possess marvellous exhibits. The Belgian section is the largest; France, Germany, Great Britain, India, the United States and Italy coming next in the order named. An extensive space is set apart for side attractions from Eastern countries. Among the many distinguished persons present at the opening were the Royal family, the Comtesse de Flanders, Prince von Hohenzoller and members of the ministry. Upwards of 40,000 people were present at the opening.

METHODIST DEACONESSES.

CHICAGO, May 3.—Grace Methodist Episcopal church on the north side was the scene this morning of a unique gathering. It was the national convention of the Deaconesses' Aid Society of the Methodist church, a Protestant sisterhood formed to conduct charitable work among the sick and needy. Bishop Joyce, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, called the meeting to order. There were about seventy delegates and in the neighborhood of four hundred members of the order present. The secretary's report showed that the membership is increasing steadily, and that many who had lapsed for another term had expired here and returned in season through to-morrow and will be addressed by Bishops Bowman and Thoburn.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, May 5.—(Special)—The Provincial legislature prorogued to-day after the longest session in fifteen years. Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick took the speech from the throne. A large number of prominent citizens were present. The session just closed was the last of the present parliament.

The executive committee of the Imperial Federation League in Canada met yesterday and decided to hold their annual meeting at Ottawa on May 29.

John Reddy, a farmer of Scarborough, while felling trees yesterday afternoon was struck by a tree and killed.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PATROL.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—After a conference extending over the past two days, Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Minister, and Secretary Carlisle this afternoon reached an agreement on the sealing question to guide the fleets of England and the United States in making seizures of vessels in Behring Sea during spring and summer. The instructions will be telegraphed to Port Townsend, to the U. S. vessels now lying there.

COLEBY, May 4.—Constable Lindsay was shot last night by James Trushey and died shortly this morning. Provincial detectives came here to investigate the shooting and started to capture Trushey. The murderer was located about noon behind a brush heap in his own woods. He had a revolver in his possession and declined to throw up his hands when the officers ordered him to do so. The officers then fired upon him and advanced. Seeing he was about to be captured Trushey shot himself in the left breast; it is thought mortally.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Prohibition Argued Before the Supreme Court of Canada—Judgment Reserved.

Trade Relations With Australia—Tariff Matters—Death of a Well Known Contractor.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, May 4.—The prohibition argument before the Supreme court closed to-day and judgment was reserved. Messrs. Nesbitt and Saunders argued on behalf of the brewers and distillers that the Soott act as it existed was a bar to any further acts by a local legislature; that such acts when passed must be declared ultra vires. As soon as a conflict was established the act of the local legislature, as conflicting with the act of the Dominion Government, must give way. Solicitor-General Curran closed the argument.

Hon. Robert Reid, Minister of Defence for Victoria, Australia, addressed a large representative gathering in the city hall this afternoon on the question of trade relations with Australia. Senators and members from every province of Canada were present, with the exception of the Northwest Territories.

The revenue for the ten months was \$30,323,000; expenditure, \$25,500,000. Col. Stewart, commandant of the Ottawa field battery, died suddenly of heart disease. He was one of the best known public contractors in western Canada. He visited Victoria a few months ago with Mrs. Stewart, and was one of the tenderers for the new military building. He will be given a military funeral.

The Roman Catholic diocese here forwarded another petition to the government on the subject of the Northwest school ordinance. The House spent all day in committee on the bill. The iron duties were disposed of at eight o'clock. The lead duty remains at 30 per cent. Mr. Bennett made a strong plea for an increase, in the interest of the lead industry of British Columbia. Generators, dynamos and sockets were added to the item of telephones and telegraph instruments dutiable at 25 per cent.

It is reported to-night that Mr. Parent, engineer of the Leclercq canal and census officer, the overseer of the Curran bridge works, have been dismissed on account of the mess they made in connection with that enterprise.

OTTAWA, May 5.—Hon. Mr. Haggart says the statement that Messrs. Parent and Kennedy have been discharged in connection with the Curran bridge works is premature. The annual dinner of the Parliamentary press gallery held to-night was a great success.

Delton McCarthy will lead the forces against the expropriation of the French treaty. The programme of the Royal Society's meetings this month has been arranged in a most attractive manner.

THE FATHERLAND.

BERLIN, May 5.—The Social Democrats have been at some trouble to suppress the news of a May day incident which illustrated the intense hatred felt toward them by the so-called Independents and the avowed Anarchists. A crowd of Independents and Anarchists who had met in the Schadowstrasse and had been dispersed by the police, struggled into the Spitalmarkt on May day. There they met Deputy Mayor Berger. They at once surrounded him, jostled and injured him. Although Singer recognized in the crowd some of his former adherents, he made no gesture of recognition. After he had been shaken he was rescued by the police and was accompanied by them to his home. The incident showed plainly that the line has been drawn among the Socialists between their riotous and orderly members. The riotous members were escorted from the market, the police took advantage of the demonstration to block all near by streets, forming along the Leipzigerstrasse and driving everybody—rioters as well as orderly citizens—into a side street. Pastor Schall, a Conservative deputy who rails at the Socialists all the season in the Reichstag, was frightened at his own temerity when May day came, and demanded that the police protect his person and his house in Cladow on May 1 against the attacks which he imagined the Socialists had planned to make. His demand caused general hilarity, as Schall has long been regarded by the Socialists as a hawkeye and ridiculous creature. The police reluctantly sent the pastor a special guard of three men, who paced the street before his house all day, while the crowd looked on and jeered them.

After the Emperor's return to Potsdam he began military inspections, attended a parade of the Foot Guards and in a speech reminded the men that the day was the anniversary of the battle of Grosse Gerschoen. He headed the regiment in the march back to Potsdam and took luncheon with the officers. The reviews which the Emperor has planned will last seven weeks. At the end of that period he will go for his holidays in Norway and his usual voyage to the North Cape. The Emperor will visit Potsdam early in October, while on his way home from his annual holidays in Copenhagen.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, May 5.—(Special)—Lieutenant-Col. Houghton, deputy adjutant general of the Montreal district, having ordered his officers to attend the reception of the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen in full dress uniform, he has been asked by Major-General Herbert for an explanation concerning an order which has taken the same should not have been issued.

The Governor-General has taken a lease of the residence of the late Sir John Abbott on Sherbrooke street. He intends spending some months in Montreal with his family next winter. Montreal society is delighted in consequence.

William Mackay, of H. M. Customs, late a member of the teaching staff of the Roland Catholic schools here, has been missing since his home since April 21. The case is a complete mystery. Mackay is 56 years of age.

WINNIPEG, May 5.—(Special)—In the court to-day the Brandon seat in the local legislature was declared vacant, Adams, Girl, having admitted bribery by agents. Coal has been found on Buffalo Bay, the terminus of the proposed Manitoba South-eastern road.

It is probable the execution of the Grenfell murderer, fixed for Thursday next, will be postponed.

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NORTHERN PACIFIC.

Reported Skeddadle of Directors Under the Old Willard Regime—Suspicious Circumstances.

Sensational Evidence Expected—Remarkable Letter in Regard to One of Its Branches.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The Tribune yesterday expressed the opinion that a panic had been developed among the members of the old Willard combination in the Northern Pacific Railway. The present direction, it is said, charges that the old management was tainted with fraud. Henry Willard was the first of the old board to place the ocean between himself and the courts, while Charles L. Colby, who left on the Teutonic, was the last to leave. Testimony is now being taken by the master in chancery in Chicago in the Northern Pacific litigation, and to avoid this the persons referred to by the Tribune have fled to the States. The real purpose of the present management of the road is, it is said, to secure a review in court of the proceedings of Henry Willard, Charles L. Colby, Colgate Hoyt and other men in the conduct of affairs. The absence of Colby, Willard and Wegg is much regretted by the plaintiffs in this litigation, and it is said when the hearings in this city begin next Wednesday, unless there is a dearth of witnesses owing to the absence of the persons subpoenaed there is a prospect of sensational testimony. To-day the Tribune remarks that the progress of proceedings begun by the present management has been attended by significant movements among the Chicago and N. P. stockholders. The annual meeting of the company held on March 1, according to the regulations of the company, was this year adjourned to April 1. Soon afterwards Judge Jenkins, of the Wisconsin court, which has the N. P. under its jurisdiction, granted authority for taking testimony to the books, papers and documents withheld from the receivers of the Northern Pacific. The stockholders took possession of the property after the company had been placed in the hands of receivers in August, and have been struggling ever since to obtain some voice in the management, as directed by the court. If the present managers can win their suit against the former directors, they will be able to recover property worth millions of dollars. The present managers, who are seeking a restoration of funds alleged to have been improperly diverted, have offered no plan of reconstruction and will not do so until they know whether the courts will support the records of the Willard interest. The N. P. receivers have just put in evidence before the Master in Chancery, who is now taking testimony in the pending proceedings, a letter which was sent by David S. Wegg, counsel of the Northern Pacific, from New York to Henry S. Boutelle in Chicago, dated March 3, 1890, telling a story of the preparations made a month before the lease of the Chicago and Northern Pacific to the Northern Pacific. The instructions contained were to have the Chicago and Northern Pacific Railway Company organized immediately, the stock to be subscribed one share each by dummies, and the entire balance subscribed by a dummy to be held for the benefit of the company.

Mr. Boutelle was to select a board of directors, one of them directors of the C. and W. B. and S. C., or C. H. and E. although the same directors might be in the last three companies. Henry S. Hawley was to be made president of the company. Mr. Boutelle was to select himself secretary. John Tenney, of Philadelphia, was to be treasurer. The other three directors to be named by Mr. Boutelle could rely. The letter contained further instructions as to how the combination should be effected and the transfer of titles made.

ITALIAN SCANDAL. Damaging Revelations at the Trial of the Directors of the Banco Romani.

ROME, May 5.—At the trial of the directors and officers of the Banco Romani, Signor Ianigone, ex-governor of the bank, testified that when he took the direction of the bank, Minister Sella prevented his learning the condition of the funds of the institution whose capital had been exhausted prior to 1886.

Minister Magliani and de Prestis, he said, compelled him in 1881 to co-operate with the Government in raising the price of rents above 101 in order to facilitate the conversion of the debt into a 4 per cent. He was sworn to secrecy by the government, and the operations were not entered on the bank's books. The operations involved a loss of nearly \$3,000,000 between 1881 and 1889, apart from interest. When he was arrested he wrote to Premier Giolitti in regard to the matter, but received no answer. Documents confirming his statements, he said, would be found in his home.

INVERMUR, May 5.—Last night while a young man, named Harry Aldwood, was returning from escorting a young lady home, he was attacked by a mob, which pelted him with stones. Aldwood, in defence, it is believed, struck one of the young men, named McDermott, with a stone or something of the kind, which knocked him insensible. McDermott was taken as quickly as possible to his home, where he lived but a very short time. Aldwood is now under arrest.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONGRESS.

VANCOUVER, May 4.—(Special)—The first annual Christian Endeavor convention of British Columbia opened here this evening. Including the local unions, there are five hundred Endeavorers in session. They will devote their time for the next four days to revivifying and imparting information relative to their work.

A reception and social was tendered the visiting delegates this afternoon in the Zion Presbyterian church, and the session opened this evening at the First Presbyterian church, Hastings street, where addresses of welcome were delivered by Mayor Anderson and others, and were replied to by prominent Endeavorers. Nearly all the business of the convention was disposed of, leaving Saturday and Sunday for study.

J. W. Bear, of Boston, international secretary of the Christian Endeavor movement, will arrive here on Saturday by the Seattle train, and will conduct a question drazer and address the convention in the evening. The Saturday and Sunday sessions will be held in St. Andrew's church. The committee have persuaded Miss A. M. Allen, who arrived from India on Tuesday, to remain in the city and address the Christian Endeavor convention on Sunday. Miss Allen has been for some years engaged in active missionary work in the northwest provinces of India, and will address the convention on foreign mission work.

AGAINST THE PADRONES.

ROME, May 5.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Baron Blanc, minister of foreign affairs, announced the intention of the immigration authorities of the United States to assist Italian immigrants to join the colonizing centres with a view of protecting them against the tyranny of speculators and padrones. The announcement was received with applause.

CABLE NEWS.

Trade Statistics Compared—Bismarck Will Never Return to Public Life—New Keyrical.

Bestowal of Imperial Honors—Sir William V. Harcourt—The Silver Question.

LONDON, May 5.—Mr. Giffen, the eminent statistician, has published a table on the relative trade of Great Britain, France, Germany and the United States during the period from 1890 to 1892, which shows increases in the following proportions: Imports, Germany and the United States, 33 per cent. each; England, 13 per cent. and France 6 per cent. Exports, United States, 26 per cent.; France, 14 per cent.; England 10 per cent., and Germany 15 per cent. The Times says: "So far as we can see the positions of the leading countries are pretty much the same as they were in 1885, allowing for the fact that certain minor countries like Japan have developed unexpected business energy. As the exports of the United States are largely of articles we do not produce, the importance of their rapid increase is not much to us."

The Sun states that Sir William Harcourt will not return to Parliament after the next election. The son of the British finance minister says this statement is entirely unauthorized.

Prince Bismarck, according to a Hamburg dispatch, when speaking to the Holstein veterans declared that he had remained in office a decade longer than he wished, and nothing could induce him to return to public life.

Samuel Smith, Liberal, Flintshire, moved in the House of Commons last night, that it is desirable that a standard par exchange between silver and gold be established by international agreement. While Edmund Vesey Knox, anti-Parnellite, for West Cavan, was speaking in favor of the motion, the house was counted out.

A motion offered by Sir Wilfrid Lawson in the House of Commons, that hereafter the bestowal of titles and other honors by the Queen should be accompanied with statement of the services rewarded, was opposed by Sir Vernon Harcourt as inadvisable and was defeated.

The Government of Madagascar has issued a decree that silver without a gold guarantee is no longer acceptable as face value. A petition is being circulated in the metropolis and receiving thousands of signatures against the practice of having drinks served by barmaids.

SANGUINE OF SUCCESS.

NANAIMO, May 4.—(Special)—The supporters of the government in this city are working quietly and effectively to secure the return of their candidate, Mr. James McGregor, at the forthcoming elections. The utmost harmony prevails, and good work is being done by the several ward committees. The same thing may be said of the North district. In the South nothing much has been done so far, but as the Opposition party is apparently split up in three sections, strong candidates like Mayor Quennell will have no difficulty in carrying the day.

LEXINGTON, May 5.—At the solicitation of a prominent Presbyterian gentleman Colonel Rev. S. J. Gordon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this country, which was founded by his father, Robt. J. Breckenridge. He kept back nothing from the representatives of the church and asked their forgiveness of his sins. The officers will consider the matter for some time before any action will be taken. It had been reported that Col. Breckenridge had been expelled from the church, which report was not true.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—"Showman" Coxy took out his third day's license for the exhibition of his Commonwealder to-day and seems to find the present location sufficiently convenient to induce him to continue at the same spot. He is preparing to remove some of the objections which would bring down upon him the strong arm of the authorities within forty-eight hours.

WEST KOOTENAY.

Feeling in the South Riding Strongly in Favor of the Davie Government.

Meeting of Friends of the Administration at Nelson—G. O. Buchanan, Government Candidate.

NEELSON, May 1.—(Special)—All the indications show that the South riding of West Kootenay will elect a government member. The opposition faction, who have been hard at work for several months, have been completely outgeneralled, and from this time on, must fight a losing battle. Their tactics of setting race against race, and town against town, and publishing libels, falsehoods and misrepresentations, with coarse abuse of independent, patriotic men, have not helped them with a right-minded, intelligent electorate. The sense of the community is that the government represents a powerful, united, successful party in the province, and the opposition a leaderless, shrunken and obstructive faction.

In the present circumstances of the riding, there are naturally many sharply separated groups of population, which it is difficult to get together for a common purpose. The government has not interfered, and does not propose to interfere in any way, with the free action of the electors. But its local supporters, comprising able tacticians, have played, so far, a watching and waiting game, and have at last succeeded in getting the majority in important centres to agree upon a thoroughly respectable candidate in the person of Mr. G. O. Buchanan, J. P., who is a well informed man and a good speaker. He is a small owner at Kaelo. The opposition candidate is Mr. J. E. Hume, a Nelson stockbroker, personally respectable and of amiable manners, but weak, ill-informed and unable to address the public with any effect. His support is among those who personally like him and among the factionists "kickers" who propose to make use of him in the hope of overthrowing the government.

The Nelson election committee of government supporters met for the first time to-day, the idea being that about a dozen might be present to talk over questions of organization, and so a small room was taken for the purpose. Staunch government men to the number of seventy or eighty, however, appeared, and the meeting assumed necessarily a broader character. A communication signed by sixty-two leading citizens of Kaelo was read, and it was determined to proceed to important business, the main result being embodied in the following resolutions:

- 1. That the present government has been vigorous and progressive in Provincial affairs, and has done well for this riding generally in the past.
2. That for this reason, and as representing a powerful, united party, the government should receive support in the coming general election.
3. That steps should be taken to secure an acceptable candidate for this riding, who shall support the government.
4. That such candidate should be a capable resident of the riding, willing if elected to consult his constituents generally on important matters, and that his place of birth, or place of local residence in the riding, is immaterial.
5. That G. O. Buchanan, Esq., J. P., is a fit and proper candidate to be recommended to the electorate.
Such is the state of matters at present. No doubt the majorities in Nelson and Kaelo on the government side will be supplemented very generally in other places, and Mr. Buchanan will be returned. Very strong men on the government side have patriotically withdrawn their claims to be considered as candidates, in order to ensure a triumph, and the fight will now go bravely on.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

(Special to the Colonist.)

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 5.—Mr. Jennings' plans for the proposed Fraser river bridge have arrived.

A report from up the river says Coquilham Charley and another Indian made an attempt to drown a Siwash belonging to Harrison river, who was only saved by the assistance of friends. The officers are after the guilty parties.

The Yale Gold Dredging Co. have begun to build another larger and more powerful dredging machine, which will cost \$30,000. The dredger at Emory bay, four miles from Yale, is reaping rich returns.

Joe Lee, of Stevenson, one of the oldest fishermen on the river, was found dead in bed this morning at 3 o'clock. He retired at the usual hour last night, in good health and spirits. His wife awakened at the hour named and was horror-struck to find her husband dead. The deceased was only married three weeks ago. He was 50 years of age. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause of death.

The Municipal Council of Chilliwack are endeavoring to have the Chilliwack Railway Co. reduce the rate of interest which the municipality is asked to guarantee on the bonds of the company. The proposition made by the company is that the municipality guarantee interest at the rate of five per cent. for twenty-five years on bonds of the railway to the amount of \$7,000 per annum. The Council fears that unless the rate of interest asked is reduced the people will not ratify the bill-law.

SIDNEY.

SIDNEY, May 5.—The Sidney mill is sending its first shipment of lumber to Victoria. W. R. Armstrong has been appointed a justice of the peace for North Victoria Electoral District. The appointment is received with favor.

The beautiful park adjoining the railway station has been cleaned and generally improved, and a commodious platform erected thereon by the railway company. A. G. Day has his large boat-house nearly completed, and his boats will arrive in a few days. Trustees for the new Sidney school district will be elected to-day. O. H. Copwell is erecting a fine dwelling house on his acre plot, fronting on Beacon avenue. J. T. McMurray, one of the delegates to the annual grand lodge of the A. O. U. W., is going to the Mainland next week to attend the meeting.

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The Colonist

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MISREPRESENTATION EXPOSED.

An article which appeared in the New Denver Prospector some time ago has been gladly reproduced by the Opposition press. Like many articles of the kind from which conclusions unfavorable to the Government are drawn, there is not the slightest foundation for what it so confidently states. But it is intended to create a certain impression which it is the object of the Opposition to make. This is why it is so freely quoted. The Times was, of course, only too willing to do duty in this matter. It reproduced the article, and it has been variously commented upon all along the line. To make clear just what is referred to it may be as well to give the article in extenso. Here it is:

It begins to look as if the Nakusp & Slovan railway will not be completed to the forks of Carpenter creek this year. The tracklaying which was discontinued last November on account of the fall in the Columbia river, will not be resumed before the latter part of May. It is not likely that the Columbia river will be high enough for the transportation of rails until the latter part of this month, and it will be some time later before there will be enough rails at Nakusp to commence work. From Nakusp to the end of track much repairing is required to get the railroad in shape for the engines. The engines at Nakusp are not suitable for the work and a smaller one will have to be provided before satisfactory work can be done. All these details will retard the construction of the road between Nakusp and Slovan lake, and the company will do well if it completes the road to the head of the lake in July. The grade between the head of Slovan lake and New Denver will require considerable work, as the spring rains have done great amount of damage. The grade has been damaged more, however, between Slovan lake and Three Forks than any part of the road. The washouts and slides along Carpenter creek will delay construction for several weeks at least.

Of course, if the construction company were disposed to put the road in shape as far as Three Forks, at any cost, trains would be running before snow flies, but from all appearances such is not the case. The company has too much real estate at Nakusp and Wilson creek to build the road through to the forks of Carpenter creek this year. When the construction party will have disposed of the greater part of its interests at Nakusp, the end of its line will be halted with Wilson creek property. As Wilson creek property is not salable now, nor will it be after the road is completed beyond that point, the company will probably endeavor to reach Wilson creek and carry passengers and freight from that point during the present year. After the company has disposed of its Wilson creek property, which will find rather a slow market under the present condition of finances, the road will go on to Three Forks, and an effort will be made to boom that townsite.

Before the road is turned over to the C.P.R. the officials of the construction company will make all they can out of their real estate, and the present washouts and slides on the road will be offered as an excuse for its non-completion, as the lack of rails was announced as the cause last year. Had the company been so disposed, the work could have been finished last year.

It is only necessary to state that the above is simply mischievous and mendacious rubbish. The road is practically built now, and it only requires the opening of navigation to enable the rails to be brought in to complete tracklaying. The lumber, we are informed, is all ready for the superstructure work of the bridges, and waits only for transportation facilities to be placed on the ground.

According to contract, of which time is the essence, the road must be completed by the end of the year 1894, but all being well trains will be running within three months or six months before the time stipulated in the contract. The work was only begun in August of last year, and was carried on with extraordinary speed in the hope of completing it before the end of the year. If it were the intention of the company to drag out the building in the way the Prospector suggests, what sense would there be in such haste at the start?

However, we have it on the best authority that the road will be carried on to completion with the same expedition that characterized the earlier stages of its construction.

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS.

It is to be regretted that the case of the Chinaman who was detained by the city authorities for the purpose of disinfection, was not thoroughly sifted before Mr. Justice Walker. As the man was liberated before the case was argued, discussion appeared to be almost unnecessary. It is of the utmost importance that the city should have power to take all reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of contagious disease. If the city health officer has reason to believe that the examination of passengers and baggage by the quarantine officer has been insufficiently done, or done in a perfunctory way, he should have the power to take such extra precautions to preserve the health of the city as he may deem necessary. It is neither right nor reasonable that the citizens of Victoria should be made to suffer because the quarantine regulations are insufficient, or because, being sufficient, they are carelessly carried out.

The city by-law, it appears to us, gives the civic authorities a good deal of power, but if its scope is not wide enough it should be extended as quickly as possible. It is very far from being desirable that the authority of the city in this matter should clash with that of the Dominion. There is no reason why it should do so. There ought to be a good understanding as regards the sufficiency of the quarantine regulations and the mode of enforcing them between the officials of the Dominion and those of the city. In a word, the examination and disinfection of passengers, baggage and freight at the quarantine station should be so strict and so thorough that a second examination

after the passengers were landed would be manifestly unnecessary. But when this is not the case, the city should, without doubt, have power to supplement or complete the quarantine processes.

With regard to ships from China carrying coolie passengers, the presumption should always be that they are to a greater or less degree infected. The smallpox is endemic in the cities from which the coolies come, and though cases of smallpox may not develop during the voyage, it is reasonable to conclude that its germs are in their baggage. Giving the passengers a bath and fumigating their effects do not take much time, and cannot do any harm. If these precautions were taken before the passengers were allowed to land, there would be no room for complaint, and the loss of time caused by the purifying processes would not be worth mentioning. We repeat that as regards coolie immigrants, Chinese ports should always be regarded as infected, and Chinese passengers and their effects should be treated as if there is danger of their carrying the infection ashore with them.

DISAPPOINTED ENTHUSIASTS.

Coxy and his "army" are in Washington. They are in sight of the Capitol, and they inhale the same air as is breathed by the President of the United States, its Senators, and the members of its House of Representatives. But Coxy and his merry men do not seem to be in the least benefited by their proximity to the legislators of the Great Republic. The Commander-in-Chief finds that he is not nearly as great a man in Washington as he was in the country towns of Ohio, and his men are looked at askance by the ubiquitous policeman. They are not regarded as heroes, and they hardly excite as much curiosity as a Wild West show.

If Coxy has any sense the journey to the East will do him good. It will take a good deal of the conceit and the self-importance out of him, and will show him how utterly impracticable his objects are. He will find the Government of the United States are not omnipotent. He will learn that there are many things that they cannot do if they were willing, and he will also discover that they are not willing to do the things which he considers necessary and practicable.

As our readers may remember, Coxy wants the Government of the United States to create money to the nominal amount of \$500,000,000, and to spend \$50,000,000 of this money immediately in giving work to the unemployed. What appears singular to us is that there are hundreds of thousands of citizens in all parts of the United States who regard Coxy's scheme as perfectly feasible. They consider that the Government possesses unbounded riches, or unlimited power to create riches, and that it has the power to spend money on any object it considers necessary and in every part of the Union.

Very few of them, it seems to us, have any idea of what the manufacture of this immense amount of money means. There must be something back of the paper and the silver which Coxy and his associates would have the Government transform into money for which people would be ready to exchange the products of their industry. What is this something? It is the credit of the Government. Before the people will consent to take this immense amount of money they must be convinced that the Government will at some time or other be ready to give them something which all acknowledge to be of value for it. Every one of those notes, whether it be for a big amount or a small amount, must be a promise to pay. If it is not that, no one, not even the most enthusiastic of the Coxyites, would give anything he values for it. A piece of paper so many inches long and so many inches wide is, of itself, worth next to nothing. But if there is a promise to pay on it, it is like an individual's note of hand, valuable according to the known ability of the promiser. Who is to pay these five hundred millions when payment is required? Not the Government of the United States, for the simple reason that the Government is not worth a thousandth part of the sum. If the manufactured money is to be paid at all, it must be paid by the people of the United States, whom the Government represents.

Coxy's proposal is, then, that the people of the United States borrow from themselves five hundred millions of dollars, for which they pay no interest. The payment must be in gold, and on demand, for if it is not to be redeemed in that way no one would give anything for a wagon load of it. Paper that could not be redeemed in gold whenever redemption might be demanded, would very soon be utterly worthless. Now, are the people of the United States ready to enter into a transaction of this kind? Are they prepared to take upon themselves, in addition to their present liabilities, five hundred millions of dollars redeemable in gold, or could they be persuaded to ruin their credit as a nation by flooding the country with worthless paper money? The Americans ought to have pretty clear ideas of what paper money is worth when it is not immediately redeemable with gold, and when it is issued by a Government whose credit has been shaken. The Confederate money was just as nicely printed as the United States greenbacks, but a twenty dollar note of it would not get a man a square meal. The United States greenback in the dark days of the war kept going down and down until it was not worth nearly half its face. But a greenback looked then quite as well as a greenback does now when every dollar of it is worth one hundred cents.

The very worst thing that could happen to Coxy and those who believe that he can bring good times again would be to have his petition granted. The depression from which they are

suffering now, which is a great measure caused by the fact that the United States will not be able to meet its obligations with gold, would be ten times greater because what is now feared would then come upon the country. It would have to be admitted that redemption would be an utter impossibility. Wages certainly would go up nominally, to a very high figure in depreciated paper, and there would be less to do than there is now. What would be the good of getting twenty dollars a day when it would take one hundred dollars to buy a pair of boots? When those times come the Coxyites would very soon be cured and men would wonder what it was that possessed them when they believed that the manufacture of money would lead to prosperity.

POLITICAL OPINIONS.

"Occupation Is Not Everything" - The Grits Embittered by Their Political Poverty.

Reciprocity Not Even a Possibility - Amiable Laurier the Prey of Unscrupulous Men.

"Occupation is not everything." So the Toronto Telegram heads an article which proceeds: Farmers have been supplied with at least a few reasons for a belief that our laws are made by lawyers for lawyers. Leaders of organized agriculture err in assuming that by mere weight of numbers they can transfer to Occupation the power which Ability has exercised. Not what a man does but what a man is, should be the cause of his advancement. Have lawyers come to the front because they were lawyers? Ability and character helped them upward. Farmers are lacking in ability or character. It is in the interest, then, of agriculture and of Ontario that occupation should not become the main qualification for political responsibilities that ought to be open to ability and honesty in any walk of life. Besides, if no one whose occupation is not farming is to be in parliament, no government can be formed. A true meaning of the word, can be formed. A Patron cannot hold plough handles and a portfolio at the same time. When he becomes a minister he ceases to be a farmer, according to the Patron's rendering of the word. He is out of farming and into politics. A politician by occupation, the fact that he was a farmer, can be no recommendation, for many of the lawyers whom the Patrons denounce were farmers once.

RECIPROCITY NOT OBTAINABLE.

Toronto Telegram: Because Sir John Thompson was willing that the Government of Canada should stop looking for reciprocity at Washington before it was kicked down stairs he was denounced by John Charlton. A vigorous man able in many ways is Mr. Charlton whose strong speeches on the trade question are never Canadian and rarely intelligent. Mr. Charlton can know little of American politics if he assumes that reciprocity is now a name to conjure with. The Democrats have not yet made any change the tariff but will not make treaties to promote freer trade. Trade with the United States is to be stimulated by tariff changes. The government of a self-sufficient country cannot go out of its way to make treaties, but Sir John Thompson and Hon. George E. Foster have shown every desire to meet the United States half way.

MR. LAURIER'S LEADER.

St. John Sun: It is natural if not proper that Mr. Laurier, Mr. Tarte and Count Mercier should be holding a conference in Ottawa for the re-arrangement of the opposition programme. Count Mercier took the lead in Mr. Laurier's elevation to the leadership of his party, and he exercised a controlling influence over him. Count Mercier is a resourceful and resolute man. Mr. Laurier is neither. His weakness offsets his natural goodness for it makes him the prey of the most unscrupulous men of his age. Count Mercier led Mr. Laurier into the present campaign. He led him and the premier into the support of the programme of the notorious Quebec conference. The Count furnished federal campaign funds from the proceeds of the transactions which afterwards drove the Quebec Premier from public life. There was a time after the events of 1891 when the Count was content to remain in obscurity. But of late he has resumed his old activity. He is once more thrusting himself to the front as a national leader. The alliance of Mr. Laurier and Count Mercier, which was never broken, but has for a time been concealed, is apparently once more to be paraded in the light of Canadian opposition. The chief of these is Laurier and Tarte. The chief of these is Laurier. The most amiable and best intentioned, but weakest of the three is the nominal leader of the Canadian opposition, Mr. Laurier is an infinitely better man than his comrades, but the pity of it is that his programme lacks its character from the other and less worthy men.

THEIR POVERTY IS POLITICAL.

Toronto Telegram: What is troubling the Grits? Canada has not been overkind to them as a party, but individuals they have done well in this country. They are comfortable and well-to-do as individuals, but their poverty as a party embitters them until they collectively will not admit the prosperity of a country in which they have prospered. His voice is assumed to come in point. His voice is assumed to lamentation when his own circumstances call for thanksgiving. He never did a day's work in his life and never wanted for anything that other less-favored people have to work for. Same way all over Ontario. The prosperity of the Liberals individually is a sewer to their collective belief in Canada's miseries.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S CRISIS.

Halifax Chronicle: The situation in Newfoundland, to say the least, is peculiar. It looks as if Premier Goodridge and his party were in power to stay—for a time at least, even though they are in a minority. That a government, strong in numbers and talent, should be compelled to surrender power by the skilful tactics of a comparatively weak opposition, must be regarded as a large-sized surprise, unique in the history of constitutional government. Just what will come out of the contest which political affairs have taken in the ancient colony cannot be very easily determined. This much may be reckoned on—Newfoundland is booked for stirring times in the near future, and though we do not think there is anything in the suggestion that has been made in some quarters that one result of the political overturn and the political complications likely to arise out of it, will be to give Newfoundland a distinct impetus towards confederation.

OUR NEIGHBORS' NEWS

Story of Confederation as Written by the "Fathers"—Mr. Mowat's Battering Colleague.

Advice to General Herbert—Danger in the Communion Cup—Capitol Plans Booming.

An Ottawa despatch says: Mr. Joseph Foster, life of Sir John Macdonald will make its appearance in about three months' time. The work will be published in two volumes by Mr. Edward Arnold, the well-known English publisher. It is expected that it will prove of the greatest possible interest. The scope of the work, however, does not come down later than 1878. The duty will devolve upon Mr. Pope, at some distant date, of writing a third volume, covering the period from 1878 to 1891. It would be manifestly difficult for him to speak with that degree of frankness which is essential in the true historian, of events which have happened so recently, the chief actors in which are still with us. The other day Mr. Pope, in searching through some old papers of Sir John Macdonald's, made a great find. From time to time official record was kept of the discussions which took place in the confederation conferences. No one ever suspected that such a record had been made. It had been Mr. Pope's good fortune to find a complete record of the proceedings of the Quebec conference in 1864, and of a conference at London, Eng., when the B.N.A. Act was being drafted. All the original documents and amendments proposed at the Quebec conference are available in the handwriting of the different "fathers" who proposed them, as well as a verbatim report of the B.N.A. Act, and also some to light, and students of our constitution will hail with delight the announcement that this valuable mass of documents in his possession it is Mr. Pope's intention to write the history of confederation as soon as his life of Sir John Macdonald is before the public.

CHRISTY FRASER'S COLLAPSE.

There was a dramatic scene in the Ontario legislature last week, when Hon. C. F. Fraser, whose speech the previous day against the ballot for separate schools had been interrupted by ill-health, collapsed on the floor. In strong and vigorous language he was denouncing Combe's bill, when suddenly his voice grew husky. "Oh! it is useless for me to try," said the Commissioner of Public Works, who then sank silently into his chair, leaving the senate unfeeling. He buried his face in his hands and leaned over his desk, coughing slightly as if gasping for breath. For some moments there was not a movement in the chamber. The colleagues of the gentleman who had formerly held the close attention of every member of the house looked silently towards the physical collapse of the once powerful debater, and it was with an audible sigh that Sir Oliver rose and informed the opposition that they could proceed with their debate. A page rushed to Mr. Fraser's side with a glass of water, which somewhat revived him, but undoubtedly the Commissioner had finished the last great speech he will ever try to make.

THE GENERAL'S WAIL.

Toronto Star: General Herbert is probably correct in saying that one great drawback to the efficiency of the Canadian militia is the preponderance of officers, and he may be right in declaring that a large proportion of the force is incompetent, but he should not forget that the men are volunteers, that the inefficient and the incompetent are in small cities and rural districts, where they cannot afford a great deal of time for military drill. We do not observe that Gen. Herbert has spent any length of time over these country battalions, nor that he has required any members of his staff, or his dependents, to do so. The general has made flying trips to his headquarters, inspected them, grumbled a little perhaps, or looked grim or dissatisfied and gone away. We venture to suggest that one or two days spent with the officers in discussion and in giving them advice, would be more effective than several times as long as he is absent. He is in pouring forth voluminous reports from Ottawa. The general should remember that the Canadian force are volunteers and that the people in this young country have to work too hard and are too poor to have time to strive to achieve the form of regulars and veterans.

AT HAND WHEN NEEDED.

Montreal Gazette: Take General Herbert's report as a whole, there is very little praise in it. There are some faults in the militia system, but about Montreal, at any rate, even the most unsophisticated of military matters can see from day to day that the service is improving. It is to be remembered also that, had the force become as times, whenever it has been called on for active service—and it has been called on somewhat frequently in the thirty odd years of its existence—there has always been plenty of men to fill not only the battalions on duty, but those which stayed at home as well.

MICROBES IN OUBRA.

Manitoba Free Press: Dr. Forbes, professor of chemistry in the Robson university, is also a prominent member of the Central Presbyterian church of that city. The doctor has attained a more than local reputation for his bacteriological research, and when he discovered the germs of disease lurking in the communion cup his announcement caused a profound sensation among the members of the congregation. He was very positive in his assertion and offered to prove it by a practical illustration if the chance was afforded him. He asked that after the next communion Sunday the sacramental cup be handed over to him for analysis and he would demonstrate the truth of his contention. The elders hesitated, many of them bitterly opposed the proposition, but finally a majority consented and the communion cup was subjected to the doctor's examination. The result was startling even to the lay men, in presenting his report: "Gentlemen, the analysis and tests made by another gentleman and myself have confirmed my fears. We have found in the communion cup the undeveloped germs of twenty-two diseases. I now leave it in your hands to judge whether you will change your form of communion or continue it in the present way with the knowledge that in participating in this solemn rite you lay yourselves liable to nearly two dozen more or less dangerous diseases, ranging from typhoid fever down to mumps." Hygiene won the victory over orthodoxy and resulted in the church ordering individual cups for each communicant. Other churches have followed the example set them by the Central.

THE SPOILS SYSTEM.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer: An Olympian special says:—Among the 183 plans submitted for the consideration of the state

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

capitol commission was one about 12 1/2 inches in the form of a photograph. The plan in its entirety was absolutely bad, and the architect's work was rendered even worse by the photographer's reproduction. Accompanying this plan was a letter addressed to the governor, in which the architect proposed to yield a rebate of 3 1/2 per cent. of his proceeds, which the commission might cover back into the state treasury or—do as they pleased with it. This idea was conceived by a California architect residing at Fresno. The plan itself will some time prove useful to a farmer desiring to build a first-class barn on a model farm. It is hardly deserving of being adopted as a plan for a district school house.

CANADA'S MILITARY HIGHWAY.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: President W. C. Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific railroad, and party, with President Underwood of the Soo road, left Minneapolis last evening in Mr. Van Horne's private car for St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Underwood will accompany the party as far as the Soo, and will then return to Minneapolis. The rest of the party spent the greater portion of yesterday afternoon and last evening in St. Paul. It was given out that the meeting has no direct connection with local affairs, but is simply an inspection tour. From statements made by the Canadian Pacific party it was learned that the experiments recently with military trains were successful, and it is claimed by the officials of the road that the Canadian Pacific has the finest military train system in the world.

A NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Kamloops Inland Sentinel: If those receiving postage stamps for the Inland Sentinel, or in fact for anything else, would take the precaution to rub the gummed side of the stamps on their hand before enclosing them they will not stick together. This is a simple remedy, and if followed would save large amounts of money every year. If the same precaution is taken by those in the habit of carrying stamps in their pockets, they will save themselves much annoyance and oftentimes loss.

THE TARIFF DISCUSSED.

Interesting Criticism of the Latter Day Vagaries of the Opposition.

Their Who Derelict Planks—Leaders Who Would Protect Their Pets and Nothing Else.

Toronto Mail: In Canada there has developed during the past few years a curious variation of opinion on both sides on the tariff issue. Among the Ministerialists there are men who call for duties of fifty per cent. and it is possible, in running over the list of Government supporters, to find almost every shade of tariff idea until one reaches the member for Marquette, who wants coal oil, binder twine, and wire fencing free. In the opposite ranks a very complete range of opinions can also be discovered. There is it is possible, in running over the list of Government opponents, to find almost every shade of tariff idea until one reaches the member for Marquette, who wants coal oil, binder twine, and wire fencing free. In the opposite ranks a very complete range of opinions can also be discovered. There is it is possible, in running over the list of Government opponents, to find almost every shade of tariff idea until one reaches the member for Marquette, who wants coal oil, binder twine, and wire fencing free.

POLITICAL CHAMBLEONS.

Portage la Prairie Review: The great weakness of the Liberal party in Canada for the past fifteen years has been their willingness to change their policy and adopt the schemes of any faddist who happens for the moment to be popular in their country. Endless meretricious has been produced in every great gathering, where the subject has been discussed, and their champion-like conduct referred to. Taken as a subject of joking, it is undoubtedly funny, as the ludicrous and ridiculous always are. It has, however, a very grave and serious side. It is a grave matter for the country when occupying so high a place in the public life of the Dominion are shown to be utterly without stable opinion and totally void of any regard for principles or consistency. When the politics of a party forming a large percentage of the population degenerate into a miserable scramble for office at the sacrifice of every regard for national interests or dignity, then it is that a country is in real danger. It is safe to say that in the history of the world for the past quarter of a century there is no such example of political chameleonism as that exhibited by the many sided policy efforts of the Liberal party of Canada since they went out of power in 1878.

THE POLICY OF DRIFT.

Montreal Gazette: The Liberal convention at Ottawa last June declared for the elimination of every vestige of protection from the tariff. Since then the Liberal members at Ottawa have sat in their places,

and almost without protest, and altogether without calling for a vote on the issue, have allowed protective duties to be placed on grain and meat. Now Sir Oliver Mowat, the chairman of the convention, goes over to the theories of the N.P., and proposes a provincial bounty on iron ore, and a free trade tariff plank of the Liberal platform is afloat and drifting down stream to where the wreckage of the unrestricted reciprocity, all the other planks of preceding opposition platforms lie.

THE COTTON INTEREST.

Montreal Gazette: The amount of capital that has been invested in the cotton mills in Canada is in round numbers about \$13,000,000. The yearly production of goods manufactured by the mills is somewhere under \$9,000,000. The number of hands employed in the different mills is somewhat under 9,000. The yearly wages paid in connection with the manufacture of cotton to the above output in large manufacturing concerns, also fuel, freights, insurance, etc., which necessarily amounts to a very large sum. The mills number 23 in all—four in the west to Halifax in the east. In operation. Following the institution of the National policy a number of additional mills were started, very largely with a view of employing the local labor, by those seeking the development of the respective towns in which they were situated. This development in certain cases might be considered, as far as the local interests were concerned, somewhat imprudent, as it tended to create more than a reproduction of the result being that of the smaller mills, where there was also lacking the experience necessary for the conducting of such, to them, new enterprises, a serious loss to the owners was the consequence, this loss being caused by the continued competition in the prices of goods manufactured.

PROTECTION FOR HIMSELF ONLY.

Toronto Star: Mr. Campbell, of Kent (Liberal), complained of the duty of 75 cents per barrel on flour. He, as a miller, desired to see it on the free list. The Comptroller of Customs said that Mr. Campbell was trying only to make political capital, and made statements in the house and other statements out of it; and that the member from Kent had asked him to have the duty increased to \$1 a barrel. This Mr. Campbell flatly contradicted. Mr. Wallace repeated his assertion, and other members of the House interfered. Sir Richard Cartwright demanded a retraction on the part of the Comptroller, and when it was refused he moved to Chairmen Bergeron, who said he did not know who was to be called to order and he would not interfere. Then the ruffian knight appealed to the Speaker, but the Speaker has not yet given a decision.

MOWAT A PROTECTIONIST.

Montreal Gazette: Sir Oliver Mowat has become a National Policy man, and in connection with the iron industry, too. The bounty which his produced in Ontario is offer on iron ore government proposes is nothing else than fiscal encouragement to a home industry—in the rant of the Liberal orators at Ottawa, it is taxing the people for the benefit of monopolists. Sir Oliver is a late convert, but he will be a bother-some one to his party associates at Ottawa.

LOCK-OUT AT ROSLYN.

ROSLYN, May 4.—All work at the mines of the Northern Pacific Coal Company was last night suspended indefinitely by order of the general management, and the paymaster was instructed to make out the April payroll. This means absolute suspension until a settlement is effected in respect to the whistle blow again for work that day and the company men who had appeared for work were sent home, as their labor could not be performed in the absence of the drivers. Very few men have signed the new contract, and from general talk the men are more determined than ever not to accept the 50 per cent. reduction, but a willingness is expressed to accept a 10 per cent. out as submitted to the company Tuesday. The mine management state that the positions formerly held by the miners and drivers now out will be filled at the earliest possible moment, as coal orders are piling up and must be supplied. Leading miners stated that they would meet the company half way on any fair proposition. They desired to settle the difficulty without trouble, but any attempt to import labor would be strenuously resisted. The colored miners now in the camp are acting uniformly with the white miners. A circular signed by a committee of the miners announces that they had been locked out, and requesting all miners to keep away from that place until the strike is settled. The circular states that in 1893 wages only averaged about \$35 a month, and that they could not make a living if a reduction of 20 per cent. were made, but that they were willing to accept an out of 10 per cent.

THE CRESCENT CYCLES.

CARLETON, May 3.—A sharp shock of earthquake was felt throughout this district yesterday. The crockery and furniture in many houses were upset from the mines in terror. But little damage was done.

ATHENS, May 3.—Nine villages on the island of Euboea were destroyed by Friday's shocks. The distress increases. There is urgent need of bread or flour and materials for huts.

SPORTS AND P.

Athletic Events for Celebration—Challenger Wrestler Met

The following additional committees made their last meeting at the Brackman & Ker Milling Co., Victoria, B.C. on Thursday, May 10th. The following gentlemen were present: Geo. Brown, G. A. McCall, James Baker, Stomer & Earle, Frank Campbell, Erskine, Wall & Co., Mulholland & Mann, G. A. McCall, Dr. J. C. Davis, Joshua Davies, Matthews, Richards & Tyne, S. Ferry Mills, J. G. Brown, James Hutchison & Co., T. Lubbe.

A large and enthusiastic sports and games committee has been organized, and the committee room of the evening, and promptly set business by electing Mr. chairman.

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On Friday there will be a ball, bicycle races and croquet on the afternoon field and athletic ground. On Saturday morning it is held a Fremen's tournament at 9 o'clock. The first event to start at 9 o'clock is croquet, against the baseball club from Beacon Hill on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock; also an open competition of all the gun clubs and neighboring States begin at 10 a.m., and the on the bank near the Finlay tery.

On Saturday afternoon match will take place in the grounds.

A rifle match will be shot on the range on one of the three celebration days. The first event to start at 9 o'clock is croquet, against the baseball club from Beacon Hill on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock; also an open competition of all the gun clubs and neighboring States begin at 10 a.m., and the on the bank near the Finlay tery.

Among the bicycle races are two prizes; one mile, roadster to weigh less than 40 lbs., one mile, open, two prizes; five three prizes.

The committee decided to accept a proposition of \$1,500 from the committee to defray the expenses and games committee to be held at Roslyn, B.C. on May 10th. The committee to be held at Roslyn, B.C. on May 10th. The committee to be held at Roslyn, B.C. on May 10th.

LACROSSE.

The South Manitoba lacrosse held their annual meeting and elected officers as hereunder: first, Dr. R. C. Boyle, second, Mr. E. J. Crawford, secretary, Dr. F. Wood, secretary, Committee of appeal, Boissevain, and J. E. Kigour.

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HERE AND THERE.

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LEVI STRAUSS' COPPER RIVETED OVERALLS AND SPRING BOTTOM PANTS EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED. ADDRESS SAN FRANCISCO CAL.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Athletic Events for the Birthday Celebration—Challenge for Wrestler Melcoed.

The following additional subscriptions towards the celebration of the Queen's Birthday have been received since the finance committee made their last report:
Brackman & Ker Milling Co. \$20
Victoria Brewing Co. 25
John Leahy 10
G. C. Sauer 10
McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard 10
Henry Griffith 10
Tal Yuse & Co 5
H. A. Lilley 5
James M. Brown 5
Stomler & Erle 5
Frank Campbell 5
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Joshua David 5
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Matthews, Edwards & Tyne 5
S. Perry Mills 5
Peter Steele 5
James Hutcheson & Co. 5
T. Lubbe 5

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the sports and games committee was held in the committee room of the city hall last evening, and promptly settled down to business by electing Mr. John Braden chairman.

The following gentlemen were added to the committee: Geo. Borthwick, J. G. Brown, G. McCain and E. P. Gough.

Several communications were received, among which was a request for a trophy to be competed for by the Maple Leaf and Fernwood baseball teams. Mr. Gough stated that three local teams would compete between themselves shortly in order to select a champion team to play against the baseball club from the Sound cities. It was decided to hold the match at Beacon Hill on Thursday morning, to start at 9 o'clock; in the event of an international competition of all the gun clubs of the province and neighboring States, shooting to begin at 10.30 a.m., and the traps to be set on the bank near the Finlayson Point battery.

On Friday there will be Association football, bicycle races and cricket matches; in the afternoon field and athletic sports. On Saturday morning it is proposed to hold a firmen's tournament at Beacon Hill, to start at 9 o'clock, the first race to be a wet test—teams to be composed of ten men and the distance to be run 500 feet to a hydrant, then lay 200 feet of hose and get water.

A speed race is second on the list, teams of ten men, and the distance 700 feet straight-away. It is expected that teams from Nanaimo and Wellington will be down to compete.

On Saturday afternoon the lacrosse match will take place in the Caledonian grounds.

A rifle match will be shot off at Clover Point range on one of the three days of the celebration. Among the bicycle races are the following: Half-mile, novis, one prize; one mile, open, two prizes; one mile, roadsters, wheels not to weigh less than 40 lbs., one prize; three mile, open, two prizes; five mile, open, three prizes.

The committee decided to ask for an appropriation of \$1,500 from the finance committee to defray the expenses of the sports and games committee to be divided into: Baseball, \$150; gun club, \$125; football, \$125; bicycle races, \$75; athletic sports, \$25; firmen's races, \$350; incidentals, \$75.

A resolution was passed asking the finance committee to call a meeting of the general committee and consult it in the apportionment of the funds collected for the celebration among the various committees.

Alderman H. A. Munn was elected a representative to the hand committee and the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

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The chief business of the annual meeting was arranging a schedule of matches, the following dates being finally fixed on: Souris vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, May 24. Melita vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, June 7. Souris vs. Hartney, at Hartney, June 8. Melita vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, June 9. Hartney vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, June 12. Deloraine vs. Souris, at Souris, June 15. Deloraine vs. Hartney, at Hartney, June 22. Deloraine vs. Souris, at Souris, June 23. Deloraine vs. Souris, at Souris, June 29.

The following dates were also fixed on: Melita vs. Hartney, at Hartney, July 2. Melita vs. Souris, at Souris, July 3. Souris vs. Melita, at Melita, July 9. Souris vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, July 10. Souris vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, July 12. Souris vs. Melita, at Melita, July 13. Deloraine vs. Souris, at Souris, July 13. Hartney vs. Melita, at Melita, July 20. Hartney vs. Souris, at Souris, July 27. Hartney vs. Deloraine, at Deloraine, Aug. 7.

THE WHEEL.

NORTHFIELD, May 3.—(Special)—The three bicycle races included in the programme of May day sports at the Northfield athletic grounds were all well contested and decidedly interesting. William Gray, of Nanaimo, won the one mile event, with Fred Hunter second; the three mile event was won by Gray, also; the ten mile event (handicap) taking second place, the ten mile race was won by James Deeming, his brother Albert finishing a close half wheel behind.

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TO HIDE A CIRCUIT.

Messrs. Thomas Moody, E. W. Bradley and E. A. Wolf of this city are taking active steps to secure a prize of \$1,000 by giving a good account of themselves this season. They propose making a tour this summer, taking in a number of race meets, and commencing with Vancouver on Dominion day.

Charles Wilson, the Chicago wrestler, having vanquished Ewan Lewis, has now challenged Melcoed.

THE CITY.

J. B. McLAREN, R. H. Peck and F. G. Turner, of Westminster, have organized the Fraser River Fish Co., Ltd., with a capital of \$25,000.

L.O.L. No. 1810 gives an entertainment to-night in Temperance hall, Pandora street, and all Orangemen and members of the Ladies' True Blue lodges are cordially invited to attend.

One of the artistic features of the Queen's Birthday celebration will be a grand public concert by the Arion club at Institute hall, on the evening of Friday, the 25th instant. The programme, now in preparation, will be exceptionally good.

APPLICATIONS for the position of plumbing inspector for the city of Victoria will be received, with references and testimonials, at the city clerk's office up to 4 o'clock next Monday. There is a salary of \$75 a month attached to the newly created office.

Mrs. (Capt.) GOULD, Mrs. Watt, Misses Robertson, Wilson and Gill, W. F. G. Gold and W. C. Wilson, members of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Presbyterian church, left on this morning's boat to attend the first annual convention of the Christian Endeavor in Vancouver to-day.

On behalf of Wong Yee, one of the Chinamen put through the distorting process at a suspect station on Tuesday, a test case is to be made. Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken, under instructions, will to-day institute proceedings in the court for \$1,000 damages for wrongful imprisonment.

This evening what is termed a phonographic social under the auspices of the ladies of Calvary Baptist church, will be held at the residence of Mrs. Diaz, 187 Upper Pandora street, the second house above Fernwood road. The affair will doubtless be a very pleasant one, the geniality of the hosts being well appreciated.

Mr. W. G. HENLY, of Clover Point, while fishing yesterday, succeeded in landing a pretty twenty-five inch specimen of the finny tribe, known to children as the nemichthyx-scolopopus. The fish will probably be given to the High school as a prize for the students pupil first discovering the missing letters in its name.

In Chambers yesterday, before Mr. Justice Walkem, in Laumester v. Bowker, an application was granted on the part of E. T. Dunning that the share of Mary A. Laumester (\$1,885.10), now in court to the credit of the above action, may not be sold or disposed of without due notice to Mrs. Eberta for applicant; Mr. Lutton for defendant; and Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken for plaintiff.

COMPETITIVE plans and estimates of the cost of construction of a permanent roadway across James bay, on the line of Government street, between Humboldt and Belleville, will be received at the city clerk's office on or before the first day of July. The particulars of the competition are obtainable at the office of the city engineer, and the awards are \$350 and \$150—first and second prizes respectively.

The Inland Revenue collections for the month of April have been very small, owing no doubt to March being exceptionally heavy. The returns for April are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Total: \$6,371.88

Dr. G. L. MILNE, M.P.P., on Wednesday evening entertained the members of the municipal council at his parlour residence, "The Pinerics," Dallas road. The repast was served in a style that could not but please, and the genial Doctor was the beau ideal of a host. The table was decorated in old gold satin with a border of lovely pantries. Everyone of the twenty five present voted the event a most delightful affair.

The children of the Centennial Methodist Sunday school held their annual tea meeting on Tuesday evening, and after partaking of the good things provided in the way of refreshments, informal recitations and other entertainments made the evening pass pleasantly till 8 o'clock. Afterward the teachers and officers of the school held a social, when addresses were made, and the new superintendent, Mr. E. J. Gray, was introduced by Mr. Kermond, and outlined the plans he would follow in the work of the school for the ensuing year.

The board of management of the Mater-dona home thankfully acknowledge the following donations: Eggs and rhubarb, Mrs. Higgin; eggs and butter, Mrs. E. H. Hall; eggs, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton; carbolic acid and medicine dropper, J. W. Hansen, druggist; clinical thermometer, D. E. Campbell, druggist; butter, Erskine & Co.; Wall; flowers and papers, Mrs. T. R. Smith; magazines and old linen, Mrs. A. Davis; Mr. Redmond, \$20; Mr. Wilson, \$1; Mr. Joshua Davis, \$5; A. Frier, \$5; and Mr. Quinlin, 50c. Thanks are also tendered to Dr. Lang for attendance during the month.

NOTICE is officially given that the annual examination of candidates for certification of qualification to teach in the public schools of the Province will be held as follows, commencing on Wednesday, June 4, at 9 a.m.: Victoria, in South Park school building; Nanaimo, in High school building; and Esquimalt, in Public school building. Each applicant must forward a neatly written class before the examination, a meeting in class and grade of certificates for which he will be a candidate, the optional subjects selected, and at which of the above-named places he will attend. Every notice of intention to be an applicant must be accompanied with satisfactory testimonials of moral character. Candidates are notified that all of the above requirements must be fulfilled before their applications can be filed. All candidates for First Class, Grade A, certificates, including graduates, must attend in Victoria to take the subjects prescribed for July 14 and 16, and to undergo required oral examinations.

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ful ones. They are charmed at what they have seen and will take back home with them very pleasant memories. The progress of the Pacific Coast was a revelation to each of them, though a few had already made the journey to the West.

COURT was held yesterday, presided over by Mr. Justice Walkem. A number of cases were taken up, and several foreigners took out naturalization papers, the court adjourning in the afternoon till 10 o'clock this morning. Among the interesting cases was one of Deybong and five others v. Adams, a claim for work done in unloading the wrecked freighter in Esquimalt harbor, and the plaintiff's demand for wages; and the plaintiffs' claim for work done to general custom followed in shipping yard yards they should receive \$5 a day and double price after 5 o'clock. The defendants claim that \$3.50 a day is all plaintiffs are entitled to. Mr. Fell for plaintiffs; Mr. Aikman for defendants.

The total number of provincial voters appearing on the printed list dated 31st December was 4,111; the number of names dropped from the list, in terms of the Legislative Electors and Elections Act 1894 (which provides that non-residents whose names are insufficient to support the requirements of the act), 1,234. The number of those transferred to other districts is 290, so that the total number dropped from the list of voters is 1,524, leaving the list at a total of 2,587, but there have been added to the list in December last to the register, in excess of those who were applied to be enrolled up to date 2,161, besides about 200 who have been transferred to the city from other districts, making the total additions about 2,365, and the total list of voters to date 5,012. Of course, many of these are not yet entitled to be placed on the list, and the two months' grace of the act of filing their applications, which would be about 5,012 will be about the number of voters in this city. It may be that there are a few errors and omissions in the dropped list, but the collector has, with the aid of his assistants, tried to be as correct as possible, and they have been given every assistance by the different societies, labor organizations and other citizens and officials in their scrutiny. It will be noticed that every facility is given to those whose names may have been erroneously dropped to have them reinstated during the next four weeks before the Court of Revision on 5th June next, when all such cases will be dealt with.

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METHODIST DISTRICT MEETING.

Representatives Chosen and Recommendations to Be Made to the Annual Conference. Nanaimo Selected as the Next Place of Gathering—Committee Appointments. The Methodist district meeting of Vancouver Island convened yesterday at the Metropolitan Methodist church to transact the business of the district which commences properly before them preparatory to the annual conference, the latter opening in Vancouver on the 10th inst.

The various representatives of the churches present yesterday were: VICTORIA—(Metropolitan) Rev. S. Cleaver and Mr. John Jessop; (Centennial) Rev. Joseph Hall and Mr. N. Shakespear; (James Bay) Rev. E. Robson and Mr. Christopher Spencer; (Victoria West) Rev. Geo. H. Morrison and Mr. S. M. Okell; (Chinese Mission) Rev. J. E. Gardner and Mr. Tom Chue. NANAIMO—(Wallace street) Rev. R. R. Mailand and Mr. S. Gough; (Halliburton street) Mr. E. V. Smith and R. A. Cairns. NORTHFIELD—Rev. R. Wilkinson and Mr. Baines. WELLINGTON—Rev. J. V. Southall and Mr. J. Haggart. MAPLE BAY—Rev. James Calvert. SALT SPRING—Rev. R. J. Irwin. NIENAT—Rev. W. J. Stone. UNION—Rev. J. Robson.

In the forenoon the ministerial portion of the representatives held a meeting, and at 2 o'clock the deliberations of the body opened with Rev. Joseph Hall in the chair, Rev. John Robson secretary, and Mr. E. V. Smith assistant secretary. The afternoon sitting was mostly confined to financial questions. The amounts raised for all purposes by the churches in the district was nearly \$29,000 for the past year—a very satisfactory showing for the time.

After recess the members met again in the evening, when among the resolutions passed was one recommending to the favorable consideration of the annual conference four ministers dedicated to their salaries. One probationer, Mr. E. V. Smith, it will be remembered to the conference should be allowed to attend the Wesleyan theological school and McGill university, and be granted aid in full.

It was also decided that a recommendation be made that Salt Spring be separated from Maple Bay district, and a mission established; to which a young man be assigned under the superintendence of Maple Bay, an exchange to be made every three months. The following appointments were made: the annual conference: Stationing school, Rev. R. R. Mailand; Sabbath school, Rev. J. Calvert, Mr. J. Jessop; Epworth league, Rev. S. Cleaver, S. Gough; mission committee, James Haggart; lay applicants, must forward a meeting in class and grade of certificates for which he will be a candidate, the optional subjects selected, and at which of the above-named places he will attend. Every notice of intention to be an applicant must be accompanied with satisfactory testimonials of moral character. Candidates are notified that all of the above requirements must be fulfilled before their applications can be filed. All candidates for First Class, Grade A, certificates, including graduates, must attend in Victoria to take the subjects prescribed for July 14 and 16, and to undergo required oral examinations.

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THE SEALERS' FLAG.

All Vessels of the Fleet to in Future Display a Distinguishing Banner.

Steamship "City of Puebla" Libelled for Heavy Damages—The "Quadra" Home.

Collector of Customs A. R. Milne has been instructed that a uniform distinguishing flag has been agreed upon, which all sailing vessels will now have to fly. The flag is to be four feet square—two equal pieces of yellow and black; joined upper right hand corner of flag to left hand lower of left—part above, to left, black; and part below, to right, yellow. The collector is requested to have the flags made here at once. All licenses will be signed by the collector of customs at Victoria, and a number will then be forwarded to the British minister at Tokyo, Japan.

THE "GENEY" IN PORT. The U.S. survey steamer Gedney, Capt. Lucius Survey, arrived in port from the Sound yesterday evening on her way to San Juan Island, where the work of the triangulation of the straits will be again taken up. The greater part of this difficult undertaking is now complete, and it is expected that the work being entirely finished this year, a final report will then be made to the United States government. The Gedney returns to sea as the American patrol fleet for Behring Sea are assembled at Pt. Townsend, the Mohican having reached there yesterday. It is thought that the start for the North will be made either tomorrow or Monday.

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TWO of the P. C. Steamship Co.'s fleet were in port yesterday. The Queen from California arrived in the early morning, and left for the Sound at daylight. Her 500-ton passenger list was much larger than that of the Umallia outward, while her freight for this port amounted to 555 tons. The Umallia, which left here for San Francisco in the evening, carried as saloon passengers Geo. H. Morrison, E. J. Salmond, C. Louie and Mrs. S. L. Chamberlain, C. Louie and two children, F. Norris and wife, Mrs. Steep and Mrs. Falconbridge.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST. At Philharmonic hall, last evening, the members of B. C. Forest, No. 118, Companions of the Forest, presented a delightful entertainment to a crowded house. The programme was an agreeable change from the ordinary, and gave evidence of much study and careful preparation. An opening address was given by Mr. E. J. Salmond, D.S.C.C., who put all present in a fit state of sociability, and in the proper frame of mind to enjoy the pleasant programme which followed. He referred to the aims, strength and standing of the order, whose claims have always been effectively advocated by him.

Following came an instrumental duet by Misses B. Wall and E. Ashworth; an excellent character song by little Miss Lyons; a vocal solo and one or two good comic songs by Mr. Dudgeon, and a recitation by Master Isador Cohen.

The operetta, "King Winter and the Fairies," was next presented with fifty bright-eyed, picturesque costumed boys and girls participating, and showing by the smoothness and generally satisfactory character of their performance the care that had been taken by those who prepared them for their triumph—of whom Mrs. Lang was the most prominent—and their own talent and willingness to do their share of entertaining. The cast of characters was as below:

- King Winter.....Master S. Sherbourne
Fairy Queen.....Miss Emma Johnson
The Fairy.....Miss Willie Craigie
Flower Fairy.....Miss Lily Johnson
Sunbeam.....Miss Mary Johnson
Princess Dowdrip.....Master S. Johnson
Miss King.....Miss King

"A Day at the Gorge" was the title borne by the second half of the programme, the stage being set for a picnic and the performers being the pluckiest, the programme consisted of a pleasing variety of musical numbers, as hereunder:

- "Sitting by the kitchen door".....Mr. J. Penketh
The "Dear Old Mother".....Miss C. Henry
"Only to say".....Miss C. Henry
"O' my dear, that he spoke".....J. Dooley
"Under the Water".....Mr. F. Sehl
"McGinness' Birthday Party".....Mr. C. Chambers
"A Dimple of Love".....Mr. C. Chambers
"Those Girls at the School".....Mr. C. Chambers
"Santa Claus".....Mrs. J. Dudgeon
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AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION.

Ald. J. Keith-Wilson yesterday gave notice of the following resolution which he will present at the next regular meeting of the city council:

Resolved that the municipal council of the corporation of the city of Victoria, by its resolution passed on the 23rd day of January last, deemed it advisable to extend the system of sewerage adopted by the said council in 1890 in order to completely sewer the portion of the city of Victoria in the area bounded by the following streets, viz: Douglas street from Herald street to Humboldt street; Humboldt street and Wharf; Johnson street from Wharf street to Store street; Store street from Johnson to Herald street; Herald street from Store street to Douglas street.

And whereas the said council has caused a by-law to raise the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for sewerage purposes upon the credit of the municipality of the corporation of the said city, titled as the Sewerage Loan By-Law, 1894, to be prepared for the assent of those entitled to vote on same on the 15th day of May next.

And whereas under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon the said council by the Municipal Act, 1892, the Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1893, and the Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1894, the said council may, subject to the approval of the voters contained in the said acts, pass by-laws for the appointment by a committee or committees (not exceeding three in number) in all to manage and superintend the construction of the sewerage works and to define his or their duties and fix his or their salaries or other remuneration as the council may by law decide; and for assessing a special rate of tax against, and levying same upon any lands benefited by the construction and laying down of any main, branch or common sewer or house or building connections, and for collecting said rate or tax.

Therefore he it resolved: That the council hereby affirms the desirability of carrying out the work of sewerage construction in the area described in the resolution of the 22nd of January last, and that the council do hereby assent to the said Sewerage Loan By-Law, 1894, reading the assent of the majority of those qualified to vote upon same on the 13th day of May, in the manner provided for in the Municipal Act, 1892, and amendments thereto, hereby assent to the passing of the law (1) by resolution, and (2) to appoint by resolution, as soon thereafter as may be deemed expedient, one or more persons (not, however, exceeding three in all) to be commissioner or commissioners to manage and superintend the construction of sewerage work in the area above described, and (3) to assess a special rate or tax against, and levy upon any lands benefited by the construction and laying down of any main, branch or common sewer in said area, and for collecting said rate or tax, said rate or tax as to assessment and collection to be distributed over a period or term not exceeding 25 years, the right being reserved to any property owner interested to commute payment of the same at any time within said period or term.

THE "PUEBLA" LIBELLED. The Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer City of Puebla was yesterday libelled in the United States district court at San Francisco by the owners of the steam collier, Monterey, for \$20,000. It will be remembered that while on her way from Victoria to San Francisco a few months ago, the Puebla broke down; the Monterey attempted to tow the disabled vessel to port, but the hawser parted, and a few hours later the tug Wanderer steamed along and towed the distressed steamer into Puget Sound. The Monterey is at present loading coal cargo at Departure Bay.

TWO of the P. C. Steamship Co.'s fleet were in port yesterday. The Queen from California arrived in the early morning, and left for the Sound at daylight. Her 500-ton passenger list was much larger than that of the Umallia outward, while her freight for this port amounted to 555 tons. The Umallia, which left here for San Francisco in the evening, carried as saloon passengers Geo. H. Morrison, E. J. Salmond, C. Louie and Mrs. S. L. Chamberlain, C. Louie and two children, F. Norris and wife, Mrs. Steep and Mrs. Falconbridge.

COMPANIONS OF THE FOREST.

At Philharmonic hall, last evening, the members of B. C. Forest, No. 118, Companions of the Forest, presented a delightful entertainment to a crowded house. The programme was an agreeable change from the ordinary, and gave evidence of much study and careful preparation. An opening address was given by Mr. E. J. Salmond, D.S.C.C., who put all present in a fit state of sociability, and in the proper frame of mind to enjoy the pleasant programme which followed. He referred to the aims, strength and standing of the order, whose claims have always been effectively advocated by him.

Following came an instrumental duet by Misses B. Wall and E. Ashworth; an excellent character song by little Miss Lyons; a vocal solo and one or two good comic songs by Mr. Dudgeon, and a recitation by Master Isador Cohen.

The operetta, "King Winter and the Fairies," was next presented with fifty bright-eyed, picturesque costumed boys and girls participating, and showing by the smoothness and generally satisfactory character of their performance the care that had been taken by those who prepared them for their triumph—of whom Mrs. Lang was the most prominent—and their own talent and willingness to do their share of entertaining. The cast of characters was as below:

- King Winter.....Master S. Sherbourne
Fairy Queen.....Miss Emma Johnson
The Fairy.....Miss Willie Craigie
Flower Fairy.....Miss Lily Johnson
Sunbeam.....Miss Mary Johnson
Princess Dowdrip.....Master S. Johnson
Miss King.....Miss King

"A Day at the Gorge" was the title borne by the second half of the programme, the stage being set for a picnic and the performers being the pluckiest, the programme consisted of a pleasing variety of musical numbers, as hereunder:

- "Sitting by the kitchen door".....Mr. J. Penketh
The "Dear Old Mother".....Miss C. Henry
"Only to say".....Miss C. Henry
"O' my dear, that he spoke".....J. Dooley
"Under the Water".....Mr. F. Sehl
"McGinness' Birthday Party".....Mr. C. Chambers
"A Dimple of Love".....Mr. C. Chambers
"Those Girls at the School".....Mr. C. Chambers
"Santa Claus".....Mrs. J. Dudgeon
"New Year".....Mr. G. H. Shaw
Recitation.....Mrs. C. Wilkes
A smart and diamond drill by the young ladies, capitulated by Miss Dollie Draut, brought the evening to a close.

PARIS, May 3.—The court has confirmed an arrangement by which the executors of Baron de Belsaach will pay 1,500,000 francs (\$310,000) and Dr. Cornelius Hense 1,500,000 francs (\$300,000) to the liquidators of the Panama Canal Company.

Belgrade, May 3.—The civil tribunal here has approved King Alexander's proposal to make ex-King Milan regent during the six months of his tour abroad.

DUBLIN, May 3.—The employees of the Great Northern railway of Ireland have given twenty-four hours notice of a general strike. Their dispute with the directors concerns hours and wages, and all efforts to settle it by conferences of employers and employed have failed.

GRAZ, May 3.—Certain tourists who were imprisoned by a flood in a cave at Lubeth, Styria, have not been released. Tourists from all parts of Austria are gathering at the cave and are trying to hasten the work of rescue. The efforts to force a small entrance to the cave have failed, as sliding wood has collected as fast as the men have removed the old wreckage.

The Spring Medicine. "All run down" from the weakening effects of warm weather, you need a good tonic and blood purifier like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Do not get out of taking it. Numerous little ailments if neglected, will soon break up the system. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla for rheumatism, disease and give you strength and appetite.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic as a liver medicine. Harmless, reliable, sure.

SENT TO THE ASSIZES.

Hugh Lynn Formally Committed for Trial From Justice Pearson's Court.

The Concluding Evidence—Prisoner Declines to Make Any Explanatory Statement.

The preliminary examination of Hugh Lynn, charged with the murder of John Green and Thomas Taylor at Savary Island, was concluded with the hearing of two additional witnesses before Mr. E. Pearson, J.P., yesterday afternoon, the prisoner being then formally committed for trial, and the witnesses "bound over" to appear at the Court of Assizes on the 15th inst. Neither Lynn nor his counsel, Mr. E. P. Davis, availed himself of the privilege of cross-examination, and when the former was asked if he had anything to say he simply replied "No, sir;" his legal adviser also nodding negatively.

Frank McCallum was the first witness called on the resumption of the inquiry yesterday. He said: I live at Lund. I know the accused, having seen him at Lund in company with Jack Green and Tom Taylor at the Hotel Malpais. We had a drink together at the bar. I remained in their company until they went away at about 6 in the evening. That was the last time I saw Green or Taylor alive. I saw Lynn again the following Thursday evening. He was looking for Mr. Thulin, from whom he wanted to get some whiskey for Green. He had a glass of porter with me, and then Mr. Thulin came, and Lynn presented an order for six bottles of whiskey and also brought in a big white whiskey bottle to be filled. Mr. Thulin supplied the

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, May 5. BIRTH AND DEATH.

Vice-President of the Theosophical Society Visits the Victoria Branch.

His Lectures in Philharmonic Hall—Various Views of Man's Future.

The leading Theosophist of America, Mr. W. Q. Judge, arrived in Victoria yesterday from Seattle, accompanied by Mr. E. O. Schwagerl, of that city, to deliver a lecture here on Theosophy and visit the branch in this city.

The divorce suit of Curtis v. Curtis and Clovis, a Nanaimo case, is set for hearing here on the 16th inst.

The British Columbia St. George's Society met yesterday evening, and re-elected last year's official board, adjourning until April 23, 1895.

WILLIAM A. TRAVIS, a native of this city but until very recently a resident of Seattle, died yesterday at the home of his mother on Princess avenue, at the age of 33. Consumption was the cause of death, and the funeral will take place on Sunday—to-morrow.

The appeal of Hoggan v. the E. & N. Railway Company, which was recently before the Privy Council of England, has been dismissed with costs by that august tribunal. Hon. C. E. Pookley conducted the case in person for the company, and sailed for home on Wednesday last.

It is currently reported that a strong company has been formed of local capitalists upon an extensive real estate project on Store street which will be utilized, and the equipment will be thoroughly modern and most complete.

"GRIBBERT the globe orator" evidently altered his plans as to route after leaving this city Tuesday, and means to visit the COLONIST last evening from Winnipeg, but that he had just passed through that city, still one day ahead of his schedule. He had intended to take the "Soo" line.

While the steamer Premier was rounding Ten-Mile Point on her way to Victoria yesterday evening, a wild (?) duck of the ordinary black diver variety flattered on board and allowed itself to be captured by the pilot. A short time after a second duck followed its companion's example, and both were brought to Victoria. They will be presented to the park collection.

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YESTERDAY Dr. George H. Duncan, medical health officer, was served with a writ in a suit instituted by Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Helmecken on behalf of Wm. W. Woon for damages for false imprisonment, and for excess of jurisdiction in carrying out the city health by-law on May 1. This is the first case growing out of the disinfecting of Chinamen and their belongings at the recent session. Messrs. Eberst & Taylor will accept service for Dr. Duncan, as they are the city lawyers, the corporation being practically the defendant in the case.

The man who persists in asking "What's in a name?" has evidently never been a careful reader of the local news of his daily paper, certain it is that he has never worked on a daily paper. The following memoranda, all bona fide requests for explanations, were received in one day at the COLONIST office; no names had been misstated, nor had any errors been made in any way in connection with the cases referred to—but there are unfortunately too many names the same in Victoria:

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Cold storage warehouses of sufficient capacity to supply the probable needs of Victoria for some time to come will be in operation in the course of the next few months. The rumor as to this enterprise published yesterday turned out to be correct, and during the day the particulars of the scheme were ascertained. It is in the hands of E. Dunsmuir & Sons, and will be managed by Henry Croft, M. P. P. The plans already prepared provide for the conversion of the stone warehouse adjoining the Janion hotel into cold storage compartments; the orders have been given for the refrigerating plant, and the large boilers to supply the power are already on hand, those from the Island being available for the purpose. There will be one set of machinery kept constantly in reserve, so as to avoid danger from accident, though this is a remote contingency, for the ammonia brine process which is to be used allows of stopping the machinery for hours without any risk to the perishable goods.

The situation for the warehouse has been well chosen, being convenient to both rail and water. That the enterprise will be of advantage to citizens generally is very apparent, this having been made plain during the discussion of a few months ago, when everyone favored the proposition but his opinion will be found prepared to back his own. They are convinced that having cold storage facilities at Victoria will contribute materially to the freight carried by their great enterprises the E. & N. railway and the steamer line to Comox, both of which are expected to prove valuable feeders. Herebefore the farmers along the line of the railway have hesitated about sending their perishable produce to Victoria, lest in the absence of immediate demand it should have to be sold at a sacrifice, or perhaps spoil before finding a buyer. For the future they can grow and ship in confidence, not only that their produce will pass into the hands of consumers in prime condition, but that it will find a ready market for it. In case of a temporary glut in the market some of the produce may be put up for sale, but the sheep raising industry can be operated on the large scale which some of the ranchers believe possible, here will be found a good market to which to send the carcasses.

To Comox and other parts which now have to transport their produce by rail service, the cold storage at Victoria will be of particular importance, as the problem of finding a regular market for the products of that fertile region will thus be solved. The fertile regions of the Fraser valley and other easily accessible portions of the Mainland are also expected to be large feeders of the warehouse. Then of course its space will be in great demand for California fruit, and the diminished risk of spoiling the price of the fruit and other perishable articles brought to Victoria will not be so reduced as to make an appreciable difference to householders.

It is a very important feature in connection with this enterprise that in addition to the receiving facilities it will add to the natural importance of Victoria as a distributing centre, and will lead to the establishment here of an industry now very profitably carried on in the Mainland. This is the freezing and packing of fish for export to the markets of Eastern Canada as well as to those across the sea, naturally tributary to Victoria, for the splendid fish with which the adjoining waters teem. It is understood that deep-sea fishing will be carried on to an extensive scale in connection with this enterprise as soon as the warehouse is in good working order.

FIRE WELL HANDLED. Johnny a little can filled with kerosene—Poured a little in the stove—Fire at sixpence. Gordon struck or words to that effect. The old comrade of the kindling, an impatient Chinese cook and a handy set of coal oil in its deadly work at 16 Gordon street at about half-past 7 o'clock yesterday evening. The prompt arrival of the department and the good work of the chemical kept the building, a small wooden shack, standing, but the greater part of the furniture and most of the personal effects of the inmates figure in the list of losses. This will total about \$1,000, of which some \$300 is on the building itself.

The crowd had scattered and the hose was about reeled up when a wild eyed man arrived with the information that another fire had just been discovered in the second story of the dry goods establishment of J. Hutchinson, Government street. In a few minutes the crowd was gazing at a volume of smoke pouring out of the windows of the Westside, and the chemical busily engaged in discouraging the cause, a smouldering pile of clothing.

The cause of the fire has not yet been definitely located, but is charged up to an electric spark. Mr. Macourt, the bookkeeper, states that during the afternoon the employees of the electric light company fired a jet and must have left it turned on, or defective in some way, and when the power was started the jet fired a pile of jackets upon which it had been lying.

Mr. Campbell discovered the blaze on returning from dinner, and Mr. Macourt sent the alarm and conducted the firemen to the exact spot, so that no time was lost in getting down to work.

Owing to the exclusive use of the chemical, the damage done outside of the goods actually burned was merely nominal. The store people are loud in praise of the skillful manner in which the fire was handled. The stock to the amount of \$20,000 is an estimate of such a nature that an immediate estimate of the amount of damages is of doubtful value, but it is placed at from \$2,000 to \$3,000, which amount is fully covered by insurance in several companies.

A Boon to Horsemen.—One bottle of English Bavin Linctament completely removed a curb from my horse. I take pleasure in recommending the remedy, as it acts with mysterious promptness in the removal of horses of hard, soft or calloused trunks, blood spavins, curbs, woezy, stiff and wreathy.

George Robt. Farmer, Northampton, Ont. Sold in Victoria by D. E. Campbell.

HALIFAX, May 5.—The Union House and Frown's liquor store have been badly gutted by fire. Loss \$17,000, insurance \$9,000.

FIRE UNDERWRITERS.

The annual meeting of the B. C. Board of Fire-Underwriters was held yesterday at the office of the secretary, Mr. J. G. Elliott, in the Five Sisters block. There were present the following members:

VANCOUVER—H. T. Ceperly, A. A. Book, W. E. Cravey, A. N. Smith, C. F. Yates, J. J. Banfield and G. W. Hobson, inspector. WESTMINSTER—A. W. Ross, F. J. Hart and C. R. Towley, inspector. NANAIMO—A. E. Planta. VICTORIA—Richard Hall, H. F. Heisterman, J. C. Macleure, A. W. Jones, J. St. Clair Blackett, B. Boggs, J. Holland, H. W. Moore, C. E. Nicholas, R. S. Day, J. J. Austin, H. G. Ross, L. H. Jones and J. G. Elliott, inspector and secretary of the board.

The meeting opened in the forenoon with the president, Mr. R. Hall, in the chair, and continued all day with a recess for lunch, the business being finally completed by half-past five.

It was decided that the home companies be requested to approve of a uniform mortgage clause to be used by all the companies doing business in the province. Another important matter taken up was the advisability of a uniform policy for insuring electric light and power plant, and finally it was decided to appoint Messrs. H. T. Ceperly, J. J. Banfield and H. E. Heisterman and H. G. Ross a committee to draw up a form of policy to be submitted to the board for approval at a later date.

The rating of sawmills was, after discussion, finally dropped, it being decided to leave matters as heretofore.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Mr. H. T. Ceperly, Vancouver; first vice-president, C. E. Woods, Westminister; second vice-president, Mr. J. C. Macleure (Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.) Victoria; secretary and treasurer, C. R. Towley, Westminister. Executive committee—Victoria, C. E. Dickenson, J. St. Clair Blackett and J. Holland; Vancouver, C. F. Yates, A. H. Smith, A. A. Book; Westminister, A. W. Ross, F. J. Hart and T. R. Pearson; Nanaimo, J. M. Rudd, Marcus Wolf and A. E. Planta.

The next annual meeting will be held at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER'S PREMIER.

Premier Davis Addresses a Grand and Enthusiastic Government Support and Applauded.

A Candid and Cogent First Minister Warmly and Applauded.

There was a very large attendance of supporters of the government at the central committee rooms, W. Thursday night. Ex-Mayor O'Connell, president, and as the Premier room he was received with warm greetings. After the chairman had warmly thanked the Premier, Mr. Davis, General Secretary, submitted a series of resolutions of special importance to the city, asking the action of the government respect to them.

Hon. Mr. Davis, who was loudly referred to as the fact of the meeting, called attention to the fact that he would speak as fair play. He stated that the questions which were being asked by the public mind only required to be brought about the government's action, and that the government should show its head in Vancouver, and that it was doomed to destruction unless it was brought to a new bill and live. Several resolutions were presented, and the Premier, in a candid and cogent manner, replied to them. He stated that the government was not only being down a just and measure of redistribution, but was carrying it through. He referred to the opposition to the redistribution bill, and stated that the government was not only being down a just and measure of redistribution, but was carrying it through. He referred to the opposition to the redistribution bill, and stated that the government was not only being down a just and measure of redistribution, but was carrying it through.

Having answered in detail the questions of local importance submitted to him, Hon. Mr. Davis called attention to the fact that the government was not only being down a just and measure of redistribution, but was carrying it through. He referred to the opposition to the redistribution bill, and stated that the government was not only being down a just and measure of redistribution, but was carrying it through. He referred to the opposition to the redistribution bill, and stated that the government was not only being down a just and measure of redistribution, but was carrying it through.

The Government asked why no committee of inquiry; but the Opposition were not going to give their hand for a Royal commission, and the government was to do what it pleased. This was a boomerang of confusion was worthless of a complete and impartial investigation. In regard to the truth of the above, Hon. Mr. Davis concluded: "I succeeded in bringing the credit province to so high a pitch that now second among all colonial securities the other hand they have done all power to injure the credit of the province. Have they unfolded anything that they intend to do any better than the present state of affairs? It indicates that they would do more people in this respect will do well to the bridge that has carried the The government have done well in and are prepared to do even better future, and the people will support state of affairs than seek about a public calamity."

Hon. Mr. Davis invited the elevator committee rooms, saying a copy of campaign literature had been prepared to meet the attacks of the opposition at the house, but they, finding the house would probably, between a election day, catch up with their calumnies. He concluded by expressing hope to meet them all again before the Premier's speech was heartily applauded during its delivery and who down Hon. Mr. Davis was enthusiastically cheered.

On motion of ex-Aid. Costello, moved by C. S. Douglas, a vote of thanks Premier for his able address was carried entire audience standing and cheering. Subsequent to this highly successful meeting, Hon. Mr. Davis being appointed by the chairman and vice-chairman of the committee on the subject of a mortgage tax, and the Premier, in a candid and cogent manner, replied to them. He stated that the government was not only being down a just and measure of redistribution, but was carrying it through. He referred to the opposition to the redistribution bill, and stated that the government was not only being down a just and measure of redistribution, but was carrying it through.

ORANVILLE, May 5.—It is stated by Mr. Myers, Q.C., has been invited North Oxford for the legislative political union platform.

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VANCOUVER'S MEETING.

Premier Davie Addresses an Influential and Enthusiastic Gathering of Government Supporters.

A Candid and Cogent Speech—The First Minister Warmly Welcomed and Applauded.

There was a very large attendance at the meeting of supporters of the government at the central committee rooms, Vancouver, on Thursday night. Ex-Mayor Oppenheimer presided, and as the Premier entered the room he was received with hearty cheers. After the chairman had warmly welcomed Hon. Mr. Davie, General Secretary J. E. Byrne submitted a series of questions of special importance to the city of Vancouver, asking the action of the government with respect to them.

Hon. Mr. Davie, who was loudly cheered, referred to the fact of the meeting representing all classes, saying all that he did ask and would ask was fair play. He knew, he continued, that the questions which were agitating the public mind only required elucidation to bring about the government's vindication. Less than three months ago the opposition had boasted that the government dared not show its head in Vancouver, and, a year ago, that it was doomed to destruction, because it dare not bring in a redistribution bill and live. Never was there a more dumb lot of adversaries than they were when they found that the government would not only bring down a just and acceptable measure of redistribution, but was able to carry it through. He referred to the offers made by the opposition to the representatives of the Islands, Albert and Cariboo, that they would remain untouched if they would help defeat the government. Notwithstanding these obstacles, however, the government had carried out what it had said it was prepared to do. It brought in a fair measure of redistribution, and the representatives of the colonies mentioned by him were glad to say, in the past, so in the future the government would be found dealing fairly with the city of Vancouver. (Loud cheers.)

Having answered in detail the several questions of local importance which were submitted to him, Hon. Mr. Davie went on to say that it was due to them and to himself to meet the attacks of those who were going about misrepresenting the government's policy and actions. As regards the Nakusp & Slocan railway, for instance, to meet the wishes of many who wished to study the matter pamphlets had been issued giving all the facts. The government, he continued, in guaranteeing the interest as it had done, would make a saving in 25 years of more than \$300,000 over what it would have cost to have guaranteed the interest alone on the original proposal of \$25,000 a mile at 4 per cent. interest, but as against the government's guarantee there had been put up \$118,000 in cash, and the government were to receive 10 per cent. of the gross of earnings of the road, so that it is considered the government would have nothing to pay. It was the point of the opposition to create confusion, and then, claiming that \$17,500 was more than the cost of the road, to assert that there had been boodling and corruption. The government asked why not have a committee of inquiry; but the opposition had decided it would only be a white wash. When the Government found that the Opposition were not going to do anything they determined to take the matter in hand and call for a Royal Commission, so that there would be no excuse for saying that politics had anything to do with the investigation. This was a bomb-shell in the Opposition camp. Their policy of confusion was worthless in face of a complete and impartial examination. Their principle was spiced.

In regard to the public debt, Mr. Davie said that when the government to which Mr. Beaven belonged wanted to raise \$300,000 they could find no one to give it them. Mr. De Cosmos, however, got it from Sir James Douglas at 8 per cent., getting himself 5 per cent. for his trouble. The next loan was got at 5 per cent.; the Smith government raised money at 4 1/2 per cent. and two years ago Hon. Mr. Turner, minister of finance, eclipsed all previous efforts by floating a loan at three per cent. interest, the bonds selling at 85, equivalent to selling the bonds at par carrying from 3 1/2 to 3 per cent.

Hon. Mr. Davie concluded: "Who had succeeded in bringing the credit of the province to so high a pitch that it stands no second among all colonial securities of the world? Not the opposition surely. On the other hand they have done all in their power to injure the credit of the country. Have they unfolded anything that indicates that they intend to do any better? No, whatever semblance of a policy they have indicates that they would do worse. The people in this respect will do well to stick to the bridge that has carried them over. The government have done well in the past and are prepared to do even better in the future, and the people will support a fair state of things rather than seek to bring about a public calamity."

Hon. Mr. Davie invited the electors to visit the committee rooms, saying a quantity of campaign literature had been prepared to meet the attacks of the opposition made in the house, but they, finding themselves beaten would probably, between now and election day, hatch up fresh ones and go on from time to time as their calamities were refuted. He concluded by expressing the hope to meet them all again before long. The Premier's speech was heartily applauded during its delivery and when he sat down Hon. Mr. Davie was enthusiastically cheered.

On motion of ex-Ald. Cowell, seconded by C. S. Douglas, a vote of thanks to the Premier for his able address was carried, the entire audience standing and cheering. Subsequent to this highly successful meeting, Hon. Mr. Davie being approached by the chairman and vice-chairman of the Central Committee on the subject of the mortgage tax, said that it was the intention of the Government to meet the next house with a revised system of taxation, one of the features of which would be the repeal of this tax.

ORANGEVILLE, May 5.—It is stated that Eight Myers, Q. C., has been invited to contest North Okanagan for the legislature on the political union platform.

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WESTMINSTER CONVENTION.

At the meeting of supporters of the Ministerial party held in the central committee rooms, Westminster, on Wednesday evening last, under the chairmanship of Mr. James Cunningham, as already reported in the COLONIST, Mr. D. S. Curtis was chosen as the party candidate for the representation of New Westminster.

Secretary Leamy read the minutes of the last meeting, in the course of which it was stated that several local men had been spoken of as prospective candidates, while there was a strong desire that Hon. Mr. Davie would consent to receive the nomination and be elected member for New Westminster city.

Hon. Mr. Davie arose amidst loud applause, and assured his hearers of his high appreciation of the honor. Advances had first been made to him some months since, and he had at that time been favorably disposed to the nomination, with Mr. J. C. Brown for an opponent. But that gentleman having since retired from provincial politics, he (Mr. Davie) felt that he would not like to place himself in a position where opponents could say that he had become a candidate after his chief antagonist was out of the way. The government had been blamed by the opposition for the retirement of Mr. Brown, but he could assure all present that neither he nor any of his colleagues had moved either directly or indirectly to bar Mr. Brown from the legislature. They could very easily have done so by adding a few lines to the election act, barring Dominion officials from seats in the legislature, a rule that has long been in force in Ontario and Quebec, and no doubt all the other provinces. It was, on the contrary, a fact that the members of the government were well satisfied to have Mr. Brown continue in the house, for they must expect to have an opposition to contend with, and no opposition could be weaker than that of Mr. Brown, unless perhaps it was that of Mr. Beaven. It was for lack of ability, but because of traits of character that rendered them perfectly unable to attach or to hold followers.

The Premier continued that he was well assured that whoever was chosen by this meeting to be its candidate would have very little difficulty in winning an easy victory. He spoke at length on the Nakusp and Slocan Railway guarantee, saying that in view of the facts no one not intentionally unreasonable would accuse the government of paying too dear for the road. But the opposition, without a shadow of proof and contrary to all the evidence, had in a covert way sought by miserable insinuation to create the impression that the ministers of the Crown had been guilty of dishonesty in the transaction. The government invited inquiry, but that was not the purpose of the opposition, for they knew that inquiry would show the falsity of the insinuations advanced. Finally, one opposition member, more indiscreet than the others, committed himself to a definite accusation, and the government were prompt to seize the opportunity to move for a royal commission to investigate the business charges. This action fell like a bolt in the opposition camp, and an attempt was made to distort the scope of the commission so as to destroy the whole purport of the inquiry. But the government was not to be thrown off with a red herring, and a full investigation would be gone into before the truth or falsehood of the accusations made by the opposition. The members of the government courted rigid inquiry. (Loud cheers.)

THE WOMAN'S WORLD.

Much Useless Fuss About a Very Small Matter.

What a dust a few people are raising about a statement in the Omaha Bee that woman suffrage in Wyoming was not diminished crime in that state! The Bee was disgruntled about something—perhaps its liver was out of order, or perhaps the election in Wyoming had not gone to suit its political party—and so it raised this hue and cry that people in Wyoming were no better morally than those in other states, even though the women had had the ballot 20 years. What did The Bee expect, pray, that it should have gone to buzzing in this ridiculous fashion? Because a woman drops a vote into the ballot box, is that going to make a thief stop stealing or a drunkard stop drinking? Go to! Mankind somehow cannot get outside the old superstition that woman is morally responsible for man's sins, even when he gives her no legal rights and considers her bound to obey him as her master and superior. Adam in the garden of Eden began that whine about woman's moral responsibility for man's sins, and the men have been keeping it up ever since. Do you suppose we women want the ballot in order to reform men? I tell you no! We want to protect our own selves, to raise our wages, to give us the right to our own children and property, to open all the industrial occupations to us equally with men and to give us a voice in making the laws under which our property is taxed, and under which we are punished by men judges and jurors, although we are utterly dumb and helpless as to any share in making those laws. That is what we want the ballot for, do you understand? Incidentally and secondarily we shall be glad if we can reform men, but it is a task the Almighty himself does not appear to have made much progress in. We shall not be discouraged if we cannot do it in a generation or so. Whether Wyoming is morally better for women's voting has logically nothing to do with the case. The question at issue is, Are women human beings? If they are, then give them the rights of human beings—the rights guaranteed to every inhabitant of the United States who is of age, has good sense and has committed no crime—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, especially liberty.

CHINESE DEPORTATION.

Why the Celestials Are Not to Be Returned on the Northern Pacific Steamers.

The Call at Victoria Affords a Chance of Escape—Some Recent Cases. According to the Seattle Telegraph, U.S. Commissioner C. D. Emery, of that city, made an order on Thursday for the deportation of a Chinaman to China by way of San Francisco, enclosing with his order to the United States marshal the following explanation: "For a long time the U.S. government deported Chinamen via San Francisco, but for some months they have been sent to the Flowery Kingdom in the Northern Pacific Steamship Company's steamships, which leave Tacoma, and which touch at Victoria, B.C., after leaving United States waters. Instead of the Chinamen going to China in accordance with orders of the U.S. authorities, their friends at Victoria wait for the steamship to arrive there and as soon as it does write of habeas corpus proceedings, and in nine cases out of ten the prisoners aboard the steamship are given their liberty."

GRAND BALL.

The Annual Ball of the N. and S. Seaside Agricultural Society will take place on the evening of FRIDAY, MAY 11. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Tickets for lady and gentleman \$1.50, including supper. Music by a city band.

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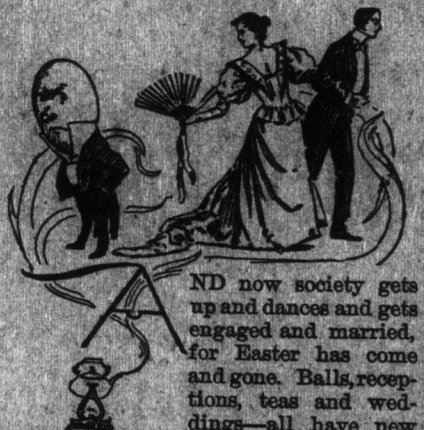
DERWITERS. of the B. C. Board of was held yesterday at Mr. J. G. Elliott, block. There were present: T. Ceperly, A. A. Book, N. Smith, C. F. Yates, W. W. Hobson, Inspector, W. Ross, F. J. Hart, Inspector. Plants. of Hall, H. F. Meister, W. J. Jones, J. St. Boggs, H. Holland, H. Graham, H. Croft, A. cholson, R. S. Day, J. L. H. Jennis and J. G. and secretary of the ed in the forenoon with R. Hall, in the chair, day with a recess for being finally completed at the home companies prove of a uniform most by all the companies the province. Another taken up was the advi-orm policy for insuring power plant, and finally apoint Messrs. H. T. field, H. E. Heisterman committee to draw up a submitted to the board ter date. wills was, after discus- d, it being decided to before. officers for the ensuing olver: President, Mr. ouver; first vice-pres- Westminister; second J. C. MacLure (Robert Victoria; secretary and Townley, Westminister, tee—Victoria, C. E. ir Blackett and J. Hol- C. F. Yates, A. H. Westminister, A. W. T. R. Pearson, J. Na- Marous Wolf and A. meeting will be held at BLOOD USES. es, Blotches, , Sores, Skin Diseases. B.B. URES BLOOD covered with pimples and obtaining no relief from remedies without success. I was given 2 of a bottle, by the use of which I was cured in about one week's time, never to be without and I can highly recom- CABTEL, Halsey, B. C. the truth of the above. CHRISTIAN, Halsey, B. C. COMFORTING: COCOA. ST-SUPPER. knowledge of the natural operations of digestion a careful application of well-selected Cocoa. My breakfast and supper beverage which may save articles of diet that are continually built up until strong tendency to disease is manifested. Floating stock wherever there is a day escape many a man's health fortified with perly nourished frame. colting water or milk. Sold by Grocers, labelled thus: Homeopathic Chemists, London, England. COLLEGE. HILL PARK. (SEE ORRIDGE COLLEGE.) and Boarding College for ladies. Modern and fully fitted. Fronting on the Faculty—British University, Professional Courses. Cricket, football, swim- PRINCIPAL J. W. CURRIE, M.A. TONGUE COATED SUDDENLY. LIVER LOZENGES. It but are the best medicine for Biliousness, Constipation, Dyspepsia, Sallowness and all diseases of the blood or sluggish bowels. T. S. ALEX. Agents For Them.

PRETTY AS A PICTURE

THE BRIDES AND BRIDESMAIDS AT SPRING WEDDINGS.

How They Are Attired When Married at Home or at Church—But the Poor Groom Wears Conventional Clothes and a Harassed Look.

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ND now society gets up and dances and gets engaged and married, for Easter has come and gone. Balls, receptions, teas and weddings—all have new dresses, new goods, new designs and new styles, and all that means business for many.

One very pretty gown for a brilliant young society leader was of pale sage green chiffon, with five gauffered ruffles of white tulle sewed in such a way as to suggest a tablier front.

Another very novel dancing dress was of silvery white satin, princess shape in the back. The front breadth was left open to allow two insets of silk fishnet lace over cherry satin.

Bridal robes are of white silk, satin, veiling or muslin, with such garniture as the bride's taste and papa's purse may allow.

may allow, but when there is a wedding the bride gets so much of the attention that the bridesmaids are left out.

These gowns are generally intended to wear but once, and are made walking length and of not very expensive material.

brils to present her bridesmaids with their gowns for the occasion, but not obligatory. All dresses to be worn in church are made high in the neck.

When a grand wedding takes place at the bride's home, the bride may have her corsage out pompadour or V shaped in front, though it is considered rather more suitable to have the dress cut high, but the bridesmaids can have their frocks cut low if they all agree.

The poor bridegroom has no show at all to distinguish himself. He is what the French call "the turkey in the farce."

Mr. Heard for three years past has been employed as engineer of erecting machinery by Whisman & Ford of San Francisco, who only completed in March the last of his mammoth and saving from the sunken warships whatever was valuable.

Out of the kindly, wholesome impulses aroused by those scenes and reflections sprang the Little Mothers' Aid association, and from pitifully small beginnings, with only a single wholehearted woman to engineer and provide and stimulate, has grown a flourishing scheme of education, culture and joy spreading in a wide area of dismal tenements.

The sides of this one were of white linen, sprayed with maidenhair fern and embroidered in wash silk.

There is an old fashioned tea caddy exactly the shape of our grandmother's, with a cover holding just a drawing of tea for one person.

In vases for the tea table there is but little variety, but the owner of the green and white table has made an innovation. She has a loaf of bread steamed instead of baked until it is thoroughly done.

These ideas could be carried out in other colors, for there are charming tea sets with dull gold edges and a border of blue forget-me-nots that would give the motif for a blue tea table and still others—though not so pretty—strewn with violets.

THE LITTLE MOTHERS.

A Woman's Work of Education and Culture in the Tenement District.

Although societies for doing good multiply with the growth of cities, now and then a field is overlooked until some zealous heart, boldly scouring the byways and hedges, discovers a neglected element.

Three or four years ago one of New York's active women, living in an old aristocratic quarter, toward which the tenement population is ever, ever advancing, began to notice on her daily stroll through the park in front of her home numbers of little girls of 8 and 10 years, bearing about babies from 6 months to 3 years old, which they cared for with all the solicitude and tenderness of motherhood.

On his way home to Westminster, where his father resides, Mr. Heard with his wife stopped over in Victoria, putting up at the Oriental, until he took the Fraser river steamer yesterday morning.

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There is an old fashioned tea caddy exactly the shape of our grandmother's, with a cover holding just a drawing of tea for one person.

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SAMOA AND THE SAMOANS.

A Returned American Engineer Chats Pleasantly of the People Now So Much Discussed.

Just home again after a three years' stay in Samoa is Mr. T. M. Heard, whose return recalls that memorable time five years ago, when in the midst of a fearful storm that suddenly burst upon the shores of the island, three American and three German men-of-war dragged from the anchorage and were driven upon the coral reefs, while H.M.S. Calliope was only saved by the efficiency of her officering and her powerful machinery enabling her to make almost imperceptible headway against the hurricane.

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MONTEREAL MATTERS.

Chapman, who is in the city, gives an emphatic denial to the story published by L'Electeur, of Quebec, that he had said in the lobby of the House that Sir John Thompson's speech on the Northwest question was a shame, and that he never heard a man tell a lie in such an important chamber.

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CHINESE REGISTRATION.

Conclusion of the Period Allowed for Chinese Enrollment in the United States.

Long List of Entries—Judgment Which Has Created Consternation Among Celestials.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The work of registering Chinese will close at twelve to-night. Between 46,000 and 48,000 have availed themselves of the opportunity.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The firm of Cochrane & Clark is no more. It consisted of Congressman Bourke Cochrane and Corporation Counsel W. H. Clark.

THE "VICTORIA" IN PORT. She Brings a Light News Budget, Sailing One Day Behind the Empress.

Sealing Rumors From Across the Water—Two of the Fleet Return.

THE ALASKA OPPOSITIONISTS. A San Francisco telegram to the Seattle P. I. says: "The trim little steamer Rosalia, which is to run between Puget Sound ports and Alaska in opposition to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, was today brought over from Oakland and docked at Mission wharf."

SEALING REGULATIONS.

President Cleveland's Proclamation Concerning Government Vessels Engaged in Taking of Seals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7.—President has signed and promulgated regulations to govern vessels employed in sealing during the closed season. They are:

"Article 1. Before the issuance of a license the master of any vessel proposing to engage in seal taking shall produce satisfactory evidence to the satisfaction of the hunters or their agent that the vessel is authorized by law.

"Article 2. Firearms, nets or traps shall not be used for taking or securing seals in that portion of Behring Sea which is approved by the United States government.

"Article 3. Any vessel having a seal on board shall not be allowed to hunt for seals in the North Pacific Ocean, east of 180 degrees, until after the first of March, and shall not be allowed to hunt for seals in the Bering Sea, east of 150 degrees, until after the first of April.

"Article 4. Vessels now in Japan or on the Siberian coast west of 150 degrees, wishing to return to a home port, shall be allowed to hunt for seals in the Bering Sea, east of 150 degrees, until after the first of April.

"Article 5. Any vessel in the Bering Sea shall obtain a special license from a customs officer of the United States in a home port, and from a customs officer in a foreign port, before commencing seal taking.



ALMA CALDER.

Joy Inexpressible Another Boy's Life Saved Health Blighted by Scrofula and Hip Disease Perfect Cure, Happiness and Health Given by Hood's Sarsaparilla.



Georgie Murphy.

"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.: 'I cannot praise Hood's Sarsaparilla enough for what it has done for my boy. Some four years ago, when six years old, George was attacked by hip disease in his right leg. We had sought him a pair of crutches, with which he was able to move about, but became badly deformed. We had to have his right leg lanced just above the knee. In a few weeks a second operation broke out, both discharging freely. Scrofulous pains afflicted him, he could not bear to be moved, his growth was stopped and he was a mere skeleton.

He had no appetite, and it was hard work to make him eat enough to keep him alive. A few weeks later we had his hip lanced, and following this five other operations broke out, making eight lancing operations in all. We did all we could for him, but he grew weaker every day, until he had had three of the best physicians. As a last resort we were prevailed upon by relatives who had taken Hood's Sarsaparilla with beneficial results to give the medicine a trial. We got one bottle about the first of March, 1892, and he had taken the medicine only a few days when his appetite began to improve. When he had taken one bottle he could move about with his crutches, which he had not been able to use for the preceding three months. We continued faithfully with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and in 6 months he was able to go about the house without the crutches. He has now taken Hood's Sarsaparilla regularly for eighteen months, and for the past six months has been without the crutches, which he has outgrown by several inches. The sores have all healed with the exception of one which is rapidly closing, only the scars and an occasional limp remaining as reminders of his suffering.

BRAZILIAN CONGRESS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 7.—Congress to-day with Dr. Prudente de Moraes as President of the Senate and President Peixoto in the chair. Peixoto's speech to the members upon many questions relating to the constitution. He said that he regarded the constitution as a masterpiece of the framers and that he was in favor of its amendment only in so far as it related to the relations of the country he said was a factory, although the Government awarded Portugal's decision as to give conquered insurgent officers an asylum commercial outlook was good. The Government expected that the country would be able to pay off its foreign debt rapidly. The treasury deficit was \$97,000,000.

BIBEBY AND CORRUPTION.

NEW YORK, May 7.—A special from Johns, Newfoundland, says: Nine devote is what it cost Sir William Johnstone, Hon. Robert Bond and their colleagues to be elected for the term ending last November, as revealed by the fact that they are now undergoing for corruption. They spent \$18,000 and were elected by 2,000 votes. The case was adjourned for Wednesday next, owing to the illness of Chief Justice Carter, and the White House is jubilant at this development, impossible to finish the case by the legislature reopens. The

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British Government to Issue the Same Instructions Both in Principle and Detail.

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"Article 1. Before the issuance of a special license the master of any sailing vessel proposing to engage in fur seal fishing shall produce satisfactory evidence to the collector of customs that the hunters employed by him are competent to use the weapons authorized by law.

"Article 2. Firearms, nets or explosives shall not be used for taking or killing fur seals in that portion of the spring or season described in the act approved April 6, 1894.

"Article 3. Any vessel having license to hunt for seals in the North Pacific and Behring Sea, east of 180 degree longitude, shall before entering Behring Sea or arctic waters report to the customs officer of the United States at the port of destination and obtain an endorsement on board secured under seal, and such seal shall not be broken during the time for sealing is prohibited.

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"Article 6. Vessels now at sea in the pursuit of fur seals and found not to have violated the law in reference to the taking of fur seals, and who have not cleared from any port on or after May 1, 1894, will not be seized wholly on account of not having a special license or distinctive flag.

"Article 7. Every vessel employed in fur seal fishing as described above, shall have, in addition to the papers now required by law, a special license for fur seal fishing.

"Article 8. Every vessel provided with special license shall carry under her national colors a flag not less than four feet square, composed of two equal pieces, yellow and black, joined from the right hand upper corner of the fly to the left hand upper corner luff, the part above and to the left to be black, and the part to the right and below to be yellow.

"Article 9. The authority heretofore granted to the United States consular officers, customs officers and the officers of the United States navy may be exercised by like officers in the service of the government of Great Britain, except in ports of the United States.

Notice. The officers herein authorized to carry out the provisions of the act approved April 6, 1894, will observe that the objects of the foregoing articles are to prevent from unnecessary seizure and loss sealing vessels already at sea in ignorance of the provisions of the act, or unable to strictly comply with its requirements.

These regulations are in principle and details substantially the same as those the British Government will issue.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Vancouver Electors to Vote on a Proposal to Acquire the Street Railway.

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Mrs. J. S. Anderson is suing the Great Northern railway for injuries received by a portion falling upon her while a passenger on one of their trains. The amount claimed is \$30,000.

The C.P.R. are to load small shipments of freight in a special car for the Kootenay country.

Vancouver, May 8.—The Electric Light and Tram Co. offer to sell out to the city for \$380,000, accepting in payment bonds of the city bearing five per cent. interest, specially secured on the plant, etc.

Col. Tracy, city engineer, has reported on the water ways about Vancouver, as suited for supplying the water works. In Col. Tracy's opinion, none of them can be so used.

The British Columbia conference will be in session here during the present week in Homer Street church, the stationing committee sitting this afternoon to consider the changes to be made.

The scheme to prevent butchers selling meat within 900 yards of the market, proved unfeasible, and last night the Council changed the limit from 300 yards to 50 feet, the normal distance of 50 feet being mentioned so as to prevent the action affecting the lease of the market, and not to repeal, as it would have been had the limit been wiped out entirely.

At the closing day's proceedings of the first annual C. E. convention on Sunday, Miss Allan, a young lady missionary on her way home from India, related her experiences amongst the Mahomedan and Hindu women, and her method of work. Miss Allan's remarks were listened to with great interest.

Mr. J. W. Barker, of Boston, gave a stirring address on "Our Responsibility for Foreign Missions." In the evening St. Andrew's church was crowded. Rev. Corvendale Watson gave an address entitled "Winning Souls for the Kingdom," which was a most earnest effort.

There were 150 people at the what to give the Mikado company a send-off on Sunday. As the Premier left the wharf the company sang "A Gentleman of Japan" and the National Anthem.

WESTMINSTER. New Westminster, May 7.—The water in Harrison Lake has fallen eighteen inches within the last week, something unusual at this time of the year, indicating severe weather in the mountains.

An Art and Natural History Society will be organized here on Wednesday night. An inquiry on the body of Joe Lee, who died suddenly on Saturday morning, showed he died of rupture of the heart.

New Westminster, May 8.—Ald. Keary has resigned from the City Council. The spring session opened to-day and are proceeding very slowly.

Four new professors have been engaged in Ontario for the Columbia Methodist college here, and will begin their duties in September.

The Brunette Sawmill Co. will shortly increase the capital stock of the company to \$300,000.

NANAIMO. Nanaimo, May 7.—Joseph Hunter, proprietor of the electric light works, is in town making arrangements for lighting the city. He expected to have the arc light system in working order in a few days.

The annual meeting of the Nanaimo gas company was held this afternoon. A 6 per cent. dividend was declared.

DUNCAN. Duncan, May 7.—Last week a panther was killed by an Indian on Mr. W. Drinkwater's farm at Senomas. I. Chisholm killed another at Maple Bay, and a wolf was got by C. Paine on the Cowichan lake road.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS. Winnipeg, May 7.—(Special.)—The Ministerial Association has passed a resolution urging the Council to proceed as early as possible with the contemplated improvements to give work to bona fide residents of the city who are unemployed.

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wanted for use, and by the outlay of a comparatively small sum could be made safe, is that portion of the Columbia river between Revelstoke and Death Rapids, a distance of 45 miles.

M. W. Brown has had men at work making rip-rap along the river bank just below the Revelstoke bridge, and at the point touched by high water, which is likely to be exceptionally high this year.

It is stated that there will be a large smelter erected at Three Forks or New Denver by a smelter company of Omaha.

The third instalment of the payments on the Alpha mine, in the Grady group, which changed hands last fall, was paid over a short time ago. The amount was \$22,000.

A meeting was held at Revelstoke to consider the question of organizing a board of trade, and a committee was appointed composed of the Mayor and Messrs. Gaglietta, Melver, Whitaker and Ald. Smith.

Messrs. Vandall and Beaton, who came last summer from Pond d'Oreille, went up to Big Bend to re-locate an old claim on the benches of French creek worked by a man named John Glover, up to 1891.

The Sloan Star mine company have about 900 tons, valued at \$100,000, stored in their warehouse at Three Forks.

The water weather of the past two weeks has had the effect of raising the water in the Columbia, and on Saturday the Lynton was docked at the smelter wharf. The Marion was the next of the fleet to make the town.

(From the Golden Era.) Frank Freeman reports work progressing very satisfactorily on the B. C. Southern railway.

Recorder Edwards, just returned from Moyes, announces that Ridgway & Co., are making good wages.

Mather's saw mill has been moved nearer Fort Steele.

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FORT SHEPPARD.

Roads to Trail Creek Mines Impassable—Placer Ground Occupied by a N. Y. Syndicate.

Operations of Kootenay Hydraulic Co.—Prospects of Settlement—A P. O. Mystery Unravelled.

(Special to the Colonist.) FORT SHEPPARD, May 4.—The hauling of ore from the Trail Creek mines has been stopped on account of the state of the road, which has fallen away in many places since the snow went; repairs will be at once set in hand, and in the meantime much development work is being done and ore got out ready for shipment.

A steam saw mill will be put in near the new town of Thompson, adjoining all the leading mines; Mr. Blar is the proprietor of the new mill, and has all the machinery ready to go in.

The "Kootenay" steamer of the C. & K. S. N. Co., has been put on the route between Northport and Robson for the season, running Wednesday and Saturday to meet the up train from Spokane.

Messrs. Parker and Leavenworth, of Seattle, representing a New York syndicate, have decided to take over the large area of placer ground, starting from the boundary adjoining Fort Sheppard, and running south along the Columbia River for two miles; they will at once commence the building of a \$300,000 ditch to bring the water on to the ground from Cedar Creek; they will also obtain control of the site of the ground on which the various stores, saloons, etc., have been erected by the Boundary company, in able to give title to the several lots situated in this way Boundary will probably become a good little town and improve the reputation already acquired by her people for tenacity and energy.

The writer rode the whole distance between Waneta and the Salmon river along the wagon road constructed by the Kootenay Hydraulic Mining Company, and was surprised to find that the amount of work done by this company far exceeds what is generally believed. The wagon road itself, eight feet wide and in very good condition, is a vast piece of work, traversing side hills and climbing hundreds of feet to get round the heads of the great gorges formed by the mountain torrents; its length is seventeen miles, though on an air line the distance is not more than eleven. This road has been of signal service in opening up the country and giving access not only to the placer grounds on the Salmon river but to the rich agricultural bench lands forming the north side of the Pand 3 Oreille river. A large number of the numerous creeks along the route of the company has constructed dams and sluices to conduct the water to their main ditch leading to their present base of operations at Seven Mile creek, and there is evidence of an enormous expenditure which up to the present time must be regarded as almost wholly developmental, as it is only within the last few days that the company has commenced hydraulic with a 250-foot head at Seven Mile creek. Here they have had much to contend with in the bursting of the piping from improperly regulated pressure and from the washing out of the ditches. They are, however, now at work with a 4-inch main, and hope to make such a clean up as will fully demonstrate the already well known richness of the banks of gravel on which they are operating. It is understood that on such practical proof being offered to their stockholders, funds to any further extent are available for more extended work. This company is owned in and operated by Rochester, N. Y. Even if the local management of this company has been somewhat tentative and experimental, and not such as might have been pursued by a skilled hydraulic engineer, everyone must wish that their courage may be rewarded to the full, and that they may reap a harvest commensurate with their expenditure.

A good portion of the rich land above referred to has been pre-empted, and a large amount of clearing, cultivating, fencing and planting has been done; notably on Mr. G. Ellis' place, which with its well fenced and carefully cultivated fields, presents a most creditable appearance. All these lands are rich and loamy the whole stretch of country will certainly be located for ranches when the railroad reserve is lifted. The hills at the back are untimbered and would afford a splendid range for cattle and sheep, the brush grass being about six inches high.

Last fall an Italian boss acting for dogs employed on the N. & F. S. railroad construction, registered at Waneta for New York a letter said to contain cheques for \$1,400, which letter reached its destination minus the cheques. These latter were, however, cashed at a bank in Spokane within a few days of the posting of the letter. Those who know John Roth, the postmaster, and his family, would not be inclined to impart to them any guilty knowledge of the fraud, but it is a relief to all that the wife of the said boss, in bringing an action for divorce against him in Spokane, declared that he had confessed to her that he had never put the cheques in the envelope. Mr. Fletcher, the post office inspector, left here just before this solution of the puzzle was made known.

U. S. TARIFF.

Compromise Measure Upon Which Democrats Hope to Pass the Bill.

Duty on Rice Reduced—Many Duties Decreased by the Senate Restored.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Late this evening the Democratic members of the Finance committee, acting through the committee of revision of which Senator Jones has been the head, gave to the public the amendments which had been heralded as the compromise measure upon which the Democratic party was to solidify and, after a brief debate, pass the Tariff bill. Many of the changes are unimportant and consist of a restoration of the House duties which the Senate had decreased. A number of articles have been taken from the free list, among them agricultural products. The sugar schedule calls for 40 per cent. ad valorem on all raw sugars, and an additional one-eighth of a cent on all sugar above No. 16 Dutch standard, with a discriminating duty of one-tenth of a cent against those countries which pay an export bounty. The polariscope test has been dropped from the schedule. A provision which will set at rest much of the discussion which expressly stipulates that the treaty with Hawaii shall not be construed to be abrogated or in any manner impaired by the passage of this act. Probably as the result of this criticism that the bill had been drawn on sections of the tariff, the committee has re-adjusted the duties. There is a very material increase in the rates of duty on leaf tobacco. The chemical schedule has been reconstructed in many particulars and here, as in the other schedules, the changes is noted from ad valorem to specific duties, when nothing of the kind is in the rates. The iron and glass schedules have been overhauled and the changes demanded by manufacturers have been made, some of them not so much in the nature of increases as they are in the way of a re-classification and the equalization of the duties. The rumors that have been floating about for some days, of the mysterious influence at work in regard to the woolen and cotton schedules, appear to have had some ground, for the changes in these lines have been numerous and in some cases very material. Coal, iron ore, lead ore and lumber were not touched. The lead duties were not the gainer by these amendments, for there was not an increase in the duty on lead products. Nothing was done with whiskey; but if all the rumors in connection with that article be true it is very likely that a vigorous fight will be made to put the tax on whiskey back to one dollar a gallon.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

TORONTO, May 7.—(Special.)—It is intimated that the Ontario general elections will take place on June 26. Sir Oliver Mowat is to make a stumping tour of the Province, beginning at Ottawa.

A Jealous Lover's Deed.

ROME, May 7.—A young man named Venzie, connected with an aristocratic Roman family, last evening shot and killed the daughter of Signor Liberali, a war office official. He was betrothed to the girl. Venzie then blew out his brains. The cause was jealousy.

IN NORTH VICTORIA.

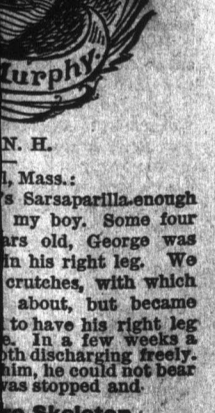
GALIANO ISLAND, May 6.—(Special.)—A public meeting is to be held here probably next week in the interest of J. P. Booth, the present M. P. for the Islands, who will be a candidate on the government side for the next constituency of North Victoria at the coming election.

I can highly praise Burdock Blood Bitters because it has a real effect on my system with headache and sleeplessness, and all these disappear after taking two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters. I cannot praise its healing powers too highly.

GEORGINA HOLMES, Wood Point, Back Bay, N. B.

pressible Life Saved by Scrofula and sease

ness and Health Sarsaparilla.



It was hard work to keep him alive, but he was cured by Sarsaparilla.

Cures

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1894.

CANADIAN CATTLE.

It is gratifying to find that Canadian cattle still have a good character in England...

The Norfolk Chamber of Agriculture desires to express its satisfaction with the answer given by the President of the Board of Agriculture to the deputation who waited upon him on the 3rd inst. with respect to the compulsory slaughter of all animals imported...

The gentleman who moved the resolution, a Mr. Case, bore testimony to the healthiness of Canadian store cattle. He gave a short history of the Canadian cattle trade with Great Britain...

The only disease of which they need stand in fear was contagious pleuro. What was the history of Canadian stores in this respect? They began to be exported from Canadian ports in 1875...

It is indeed singular that out of very nearly one million head of Canadian cattle imported into Great Britain in eighteen years only three should be found to be diseased. This, we venture to say, is a record unparalleled in the cattle trade...

HARD TIMES.

We live in hard times; nations as well as individuals find it impossible to make both ends meet. The United States apprehend a big deficit at the end of the current year.

In all these nations the same or nearly the same phenomena present themselves. Trade is to a greater or less degree depressed. There is a shrinkage of both exports and imports.

civilized nations have the same or nearly the same social problems to solve, and these problems are throwing merely political questions into the shade.

THE BRITISH COMMISSION.

Those who think that the Labor question is a simple one and one that can be settled off hand by men who have not made it a special study and who have not acquired a wide knowledge of the facts connected with it, will be surprised to find that the British Labor Commissioners have finished their labors without coming to definite conclusions with regard to that question.

The minority are in pretty much the same condition. The inquiries they have made and the attention they have given the subject, have not helped them to arrive at new conclusions. It is said that their report is "virtually a socialist manifesto."

It is singular that the men who form the Commission are, now that their labors are ended, precisely where they were when they began. This ought to convince thinking men, to whatever side they lean, that the labor question is one of the very greatest difficulty. It will appear to many of them that the problem which the Commissioners tried to solve is exceedingly complicated and most perplexing, and that it cannot be solved in a month or a year by the wisest and the most well-intentioned men.

MR. VAN HORNE'S EXPLANATION.

When Mr. Van Horne was in Winnipeg a few days ago he was interviewed by a reporter of the Daily Nor'wester, who questioned him relative to his much discussed prediction about the price of wheat.

As to my reported prophecy that wheat would sell at \$2 a bushel within a year or eighteen months, I do not like to speak such a fruitless word as this has been; but as my own experience I was not correctly reported. I gave my reasons for my belief that the price of wheat would largely advance within the year or eighteen months, that the reports from most of the principal wheat-producing regions of the world indicated a large increase in the acreage planted because of the past low prices, and that a decrease of 10 per cent. in the average planted would result with an average crop, in a decrease of about 200,000,000 bushels in the world's supply; and any intelligent man should be able to see what the consequences of this would be for a surplus of 130,000,000 bushels in the market. I think the largest that has ever been known. All that I said about \$2 wheat was

that I expected to see it selling at that price again. While comparatively local causes may result in sharp ups and downs in our market, the world's markets fluctuate in long successive waves, and the wheat market, like every other, has had its slumps many times in the past; and it is absurd to suppose that the present slump is the final one, and that the price will never rise again.

We are very sure that Mr. Van Horne is too intelligent, and has too high a regard for his reputation as a man of common sense, to risk a prediction on a subject on which no mere mortal can pronounce with anything like confidence.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Royal Commission to inquire into matters connected with the extension of the Provincial guarantee to the bonds of the N. & P. and Sloan Railway Company commenced its sittings yesterday. The parties accused of wrong-doing by members of the Legislative Assembly were present either in person or by counsel, but their accusers who were so confident and so eloquent last winter in the Legislative Assembly, were, with the exception of the Hon. Mr. Beaven, conspicuous by their absence.

It is quite possible that it was to pave the way for the course that they see fit now to pursue that the organs of the members of the Opposition whom we have named have tried to create the impression that the Commission is a "one-sided tribunal whose object it is to 'whitewash' the members of the Government. We are glad to see that Sir Matthew Begbie showed very clearly that the object of the Commission is to inquire into the whole question independently of any representations of the Government or its representatives.

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There seems to be an impression abroad that Coxe and his companions on the roads are looking for work. The men are not in search of employment. They would not take work if they could get it. They want food and clothes and money, but they do not pretend to give an equivalent for what is given them, in honest work.

A GOOD MAN.

We are very glad to see that Mr. Booth is in the field as a candidate for the representation of North Victoria. The selectors of the district are to be congratulated on having such a good man to vote for. He has proved himself to be in every way worthy of the confidence of any constituency.

CONFEDERATION LIFE ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO.

Guarantee Capital and Assets ... \$5,420,133.00 New Insurance Written, 1893... \$3,917,543.00 Cash Income, 1893..... 982,400.00 Insurance in Force..... 24,430,731.00

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Table with columns: RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, ASSETS, LIABILITIES. Includes items like Premiums, Expenses, Mortgages, and various financial figures.

For particulars re the Association's NEW UNCONDITIONAL ACCUMULATIVE POLICY see H. DUNDERDALE, General Agent Vancouver Island, 100 Government Street, Victoria.

THE PROPER COURSE.

The City Council did what was plainly its duty when it amended the health-by-law in such a way as to give the City Health Officer authority to take what precautions he considers necessary to prevent the spread of contagious diseases without reference to what the quarantine officers may have done or have left undone.

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SLIGHTLY ASTRAY.

The Toronto Mail, commenting upon the system of taxation which the Government of Prince Edward Island has just established, says that "provincial extravagance in Prince Edward Island has rendered the imposition of direct taxes necessary."

offence. The Peters Government tried to get along without imposing new taxes, but they, it appears, found it impossible, so they have ventured—not to repeat Mr. Davies' experiment—but to impose a graduated land tax, a poll tax, an income tax, a tax on commercial travellers, a tax on telegraph companies, a tax on banks and a tax on insurance companies.

The celebration finance committee met yesterday afternoon to discuss ways and means and the various demands upon the funds made by the other committees. The chairman, Mr. Hayward, brought up the resolution passed by the sports and games committee, which wanted to have each committee to have. This introduced the subject of \$1,500 asked for sports and games.

DRY GOODS SITUATION.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The Commerce and Commercial Bulletin for the week which has prevailed since the last week of the year is the best feature in the situation up to the present time. Its inflationary primary market has been confined to seasonal fabrics. For these there has been some expansion, but the time there is no evidence that doing more than merely keeping a moderately accelerated rate of motion.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, May 9.—It is under Charles Moss, Q.C., will be the I. dicate for South Toronto. Those who control the party convention have Moss, and when the nomination he will accept.

BIRTHS.

COURTNEY.—In this city on the 5th instant, the wife of Mr. Geo. L. Courtney, of a son.

DEATHS.

RYCHIE.—At 93 Quebec street, James Bay on the 6th inst. Ralph, eldest and beloved son of Robert and Minnie Ritchie, aged 2 years and 1 month.

MARRIAGES.

JAMES CHRISTIE.—At St. James' church, Victoria, B.C., on Wednesday May 9 by Ven. Archbishop Selwyn, Alexander Scott, Innis of London, England, to Annie Crichon, second daughter of Rev. James Christie, Victoria.

ARMSTRONG PAPERS.

At 157 Port street, on 30th April, by Rev. P. M. P. Macleod, Rita Seymour, youngest daughter of J. T. Papp, Esq., to W. W. Armstrong, of Winnipeg, Manitoba. (Winnipeg papers please copy.)

RUPTURE More CURED by my method. Perfect cure to wear, than by all other methods. Rupture under severest strain. 15 years' experience has perfected the operation. Send for circular. Dr. J. W. Williams, 111-113 St. W. Toronto.

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EIGHT HOURS Anarchist Declaration—Gladstone and Salisburgh Killed. British Workmen Maltreaters and Chase Their Platform.

LONDON, May 8.—May celebrated on Sunday by the holdings in many of the towns of the country. There was a big demonstration, part attended by thousands. The proceedings were orderly, labor agitators harangued their usual style. Altogether twelve platforms from which drew crowds. Resolutions favor of eight hours as a law were put to a vote simultaneous the platforms and were adopted.

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THE TERMINAL CITY.

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LONDON, May 8.—May day was celebrated on Sunday by the holding of meetings in many of the towns of Great Britain. There was a big demonstration in Hyde park, attended by thousands of workmen.

The anarchists held a meeting a short distance away from the workmen. Their audience was made up chiefly of socialists. The speakers indulged in the usual tirade against the existing order of things, and were listened to with a tolerant tolerance until one of them, more violent than his predecessors, began to speak on the eight-hour question.

The next speaker attempted to make a speech in a similar strain. Another rush was made for the platform. This speaker sprang from the rear of the platform and set a hot pace across the park, with the crowd in full cry after him.

After this performance had been indulged in several times, the remaining speakers materially abated their denunciations and threats and were allowed to speak.

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NEW YORK, May 8.—Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, was a passenger on the Umbria from Liverpool. He has been abroad for about six months. A portion of that time he spent at Oxford, and the remainder, until about three weeks before he sailed, when he was in London, on the Isle of Wight.

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COXEY'S TRIAL.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—In the case of the Commonwealers, this morning, L. Penno addressed the jury as the third and last speaker for the defence. Miss Coxy and Mrs. Coxy were seated at the reporters' table. Miss Coxy took a short-hand report of Penno's address. Penno said no one could expect conviction on the evidence and he believed no one wanted a conviction except the police. Penno believed it was lawful for the Commonwealers to assemble in the capital grounds.

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HOME RULE.

Goldwin Smith Has Returned From England—His Opinion on Several Issues.

Solution of the Irish Question by Rosebery Depends on Several Contingencies.

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LIBERAL RECEPTION.

Grand Demonstration in Favor of the British Government—Rosebery on the Situation.

The Administration Unmoved by Parnellite Mutterings—Harcourt Will Not Leave the Ship.

LONDON, May 9.—The National Liberal Club gave a reception to the ministry this evening. About every Liberal and Radical of any reputation or influence was among the immense crowd present. The speech of the evening was made by the Premier. The Government had but a narrow margin of supporters in the House of Commons, Lord Rosebery said, and certainly was in a critical position. It was said that a considerable section of the Irish party would vote to-morrow against the ministry. What, however, had any section of Irishmen with the cause of Home Rule at heart to gain by putting the Government in a minority? Such an ill-judged policy might arise from a fit of anger, but there was no reason for anger between the Government and the Parnellite party.

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CANADA AND BRITAIN.

LONDON, May 9.—The usual fortnightly meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute was held to-day at the Whitehall rooms in the Hotel Metropole, the chair being occupied by the Marquis of Lorne. Sir Charles Tupper delivered an address on Canada in relation to the empire. There was a crowded audience and all the leading colonial gentlemen in London were present, including W. R. Brock, of Toronto; James Huddart, director of steamship lines, and others. Col. Edward M.P. for Sheffield, promoter of the proposed Empire Trade League, was among the prominent gentlemen present.

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CABLE NEWS.

T. P. O'Connor Thinks Rosebery Government Near the End of Its Tether.

Strained Relations Exist—British Mail Steamers Have Beaten the American Liners.

LONDON, May 8.—T. P. O'Connor, in the Sun, expresses the belief that the Rosebery government is near the end of its tether. He predicts that on the second reading of the budget next Thursday they will not have more than ten of a majority, and on this account it will be impossible for the government to carry through the rest of its programme. Other papers comment on the situation in a similar strain. The cabinet is said to be seriously considering the situation.

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THE CITY.

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GEORGE GRIFFITHS, the Pearson's Weekly globe-circler, reached Montreal yesterday, and passed through to New York over the Delaware and Hudson. He expects to be back in London with two days to spare should no unforeseen obstacle arise in his path.

The managers of the Central church have received a telegram from the delegates of the church at the Synod at Calgary, directing them to call a meeting of the congregation on Thursday evening at 8 p. m. It is expected that the delegates will return in time for it.

The funeral of the late William A. Travis took place Sunday afternoon from the Church of Our Lord (Catholic Episcopal), where Rev. G. C. King officiated. The pall-bearers were Messrs. T. Alexander, William Estes, S. Pierre, C. J. Alexander, R. Spotts and L. Freeman.

The Methodist Sunday school on Spring Ridge celebrated its second anniversary with special and highly interesting services on Sunday afternoon, when Rev. E. Robson delivered an appropriate address. The treasurer reported a balance of \$33 remaining on hand, and Mr. James Lacroix was elected superintendent for the opening year.

The Presbyterian synod of British Columbia, which closed its annual session at Calgary on Friday last, again sustained the action of the Presbytery of Victoria in reference to the organization of Rev. P. McF. Macleod's new congregation. They will, however, be allowed to continue services at present until September, this decision of the synod being formally acquiesced in by both parties.

WILLIAM STARNES SMITH was arrested late Saturday night by Constable R. H. Walker on a warrant issued by Mr. Thomas Shotbolt, J.P., charging him with "unlawfully, wilfully and maliciously removing a landmark from the position in which it had been lawfully placed by a land surveyor." The case was to have been heard in the police court yesterday, but was adjourned until to-day, the accused being released on \$1,000 bail.

MR. RALPH H. ARUNDEL, of Rivardale-on-the-Nipikee, a much esteemed resident of the north county, arrived down on the Bocoowitz Sunday on his way to England, where a snug fortune has been left him. He has not yet decided whether or not he will return to British Columbia, but it is expected that he will. While on a hunting trip in company with Mr. John Mathers about ten days ago, Mr. Arundel picked up one of the life buoys and several other bits of wreckage from the lost steamer Estelle, which had floated ashore in Forward Bay, Johnstone straits.

The secret of the plans laid by Edmund Hanna and Ada Grant, who have just gone up to Westminster to serve a term of years in the penitentiary for having stolen goods in their possession, is explained by a friend of the former. He says that the pair had everything arranged in a store at Masset, C. C. L. and were just about plotting their "steak" when they fell into the clutches of the police. It is said that, with the exception of a very few articles, everything in the house was stolen, Hanna and his female partner doing a good business as "fences," or receivers of stolen goods.

The convention of the B. C. Union of Christian Endeavor, which opened in Vancouver on Friday, closed Sunday evening with a concert, followed by a number of addresses, most of which were particularly on mission work. The meetings were all well attended, some 237 delegates being present. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mr. W. F. Gold, of Victoria, president; Rev. A. Lee, of Kamloops, Dr. Campbell, of Victoria, and Dr. Reid, of New Westminster, first, second and third vice-presidents; James M. Davis, of Intosh, Victoria, treasurer; Fred Davis, of Victoria, secretary; board of directors, Rev. Messrs. Cleaver, Robson, McRae and Winchester and Mr. Simons.

The assistance of the city police was enlisted Sunday by Mrs. Gowdy, of 331 Columbia street, Westminster, who came here Saturday evening in search of her daughter, a good-looking girl of 18. Cecelia Nicholls is her name, and she is described as slight and rather petite, with dark hair and brown eyes, and a number of small moles on the face which are most likely to establish her identity. She left home on the 30th of April, and is said to have taken the boat for this city. Mr. L. P. Dickson cannot describe any reason for her departure from home, save that she was passionately fond of fine dresses and dissatisfied when she could not obtain them. The mother returns home to-day.

LAST evening Milton Lodge, Sons of St. George, held its regular session, with the president, Bro. A. Watson, in the chair. There was a large attendance, many evidently having turned out with the view of seeing the following past presidents receive the presentations in the way of certificates, which they will merit for services rendered to the lodges in this city: Bro. William Greasley, P. E. (jewel), Bro. W. T. Harvey, P. E. (certificate), Bro. S. E. B. King, P. E. (certificate), Bro. R. H. Bassett, P. E. (certificate), and Bro. Thomas Wise, P. E. (certificate). Bro. Thomas Bradley, P. E., who has been absent for some months making a tour through the Eastern States and England, having just returned, was heartily received. A welcome home was also extended to Mrs. Bradley, who is P. E. of Victoria lodge, Daughters of St. George.

The loss by the fire at the Westside Saturday evening proves to be far greater than at first supposed. Damage by smoke and fire combined to the store will in all probability foot up between fifteen and sixteen thousand dollars, though as the appliances are not expected to get through with their work of valuation until this afternoon it is yet impossible to give the exact figures. On a second story devoted in large part to coats, jackets, trousers, everything is practically destroyed for the flames did not strike, the intense heat having fringed things up inside the card-board boxes in which they were packed. On the ground floor smoke played havoc with the goods on the shelves and close examination reveals damage where it was at first supposed there was none. Five hundred new jackets that were just being opened. The loss of the May trade—this month being one of the best in the year in the dry-goods line—is another serious consideration and is of course in addition to the actual loss of stock which is fully covered by insurance in the following companies: Union Association, \$2,500; Royal, \$5,000; Eastern, \$2,500; London Assurance, \$2,000; National Assurance, \$4,500; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2,500; Western Assurance, \$2,500; London, Liverpool

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& Globe, \$2,000; London & Lancashire, \$2,500; total, \$26,000. The furniture and fixtures are in addition insured with the Insurance Company of North America for \$1,500.

The Refuge Home committee thankfully acknowledge donations during the months of January, February, March, and April from the following friends: Daughters of St. George, W. C. T. U. ladies, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Hamber, Miss Field, Mrs. Newbiggin, Reelke, Wall & Co., Mrs. J. Fleet, Mrs. Melchior, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Howie, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Newman, Jewish ladies, Mrs. Shakespeare, Mrs. Harvey and "a friend."

PRIDE OF THE RIDGE lodge No. 37, I.O.G.T., met in the Old Fellows hall, Spring Ridge, last evening, and installed the following officers for the ensuing term: C. T. Bro. Farham; V. T. Sister Brown; S. J. T. Sister Scholtz; sec., Sister Bannfield; asst. sec., Bro. Thompson; treas., Sister Dwyer; fin. sec., Bro. Dabold; chap., Sister Dabold; marshal, Bro. Cooper; guard, Sister Bath; sentinel, Bro. Thomas; reporter, Bro. Nunn; and P. O. T., Sister Lewis. At next Monday evening's meeting of the lodge the newly elected officers will entertain the other members.

The selection made of a pretty and suitable residence in which to hold a social last evening by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church, could not have been better than that of the home of Mayor Teague, at the corner of Cook and Chatham streets. The evening was a very pleasant one to the large number attending. Agreeable surroundings, however, were not the only attractions for the evening, as made doubly pleasurable by the rendition of the appended programme: Solo, J. G. Brown; solo, Madame Laird; piano duet, the Misses Tingley and Earle; recitation, Rev. John Robson; solo, F. Richardson; ad. Misses Annie and Lucy Davis; piano duet, Mrs. Gardner. In the matter of refreshments, there was nothing lacking.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Yachtmen Over the Sound to Be Here For the Celebration—Honors For Victoria's Club.

Good Fishing "Along the Line"—Those Road Races at Beacon Hill.

American yachtmen over the Sound are showing considerable interest in the races to be sailed here during the celebration, and numerous inquiries are being received by Mr. J. G. Elliott, secretary of the Victoria yacht club, on the subject. The races this year are not to be sailed under the international rating, but under the rules of the Victoria yacht club, which provide that: "The length on the water line multiplied by the sail area in square feet divided by 6,000 equals rating."

The Victoria club's new commodore, Mr. G. A. Kirk, writes from London under date of April 20 that he has every hope of securing permission from the Admiralty for the club to fly the blue ensign, and also that the Home office will probably grant permission for the club to style itself "Royal." This communication was considered by the committee of the club yesterday, when it was decided to thank the commodore for his efforts and to leave the matter in his hands. The committee favored the race for launches suggested by Tacoma, and will endeavor to have prizes arranged should the appropriation granted them permit.

THE WHEEL.

THE PREMIUM TROUT. DUNCAN, May 7.—(Special)—Hon. F. G. Vernon, A. W. Vowell, A. W. Jones, W. F. Burton, N. P. Snowden, Sir R. Musgrave and Lindley Crease, arrived from Victoria on Saturday for the local racing board of the C. W. A. have recommended to the sports and games committee that the track be roped at the finish for 200 yards along the outside and 100 yards at least on the inside. This temporary fence may accomplish the end sought; at any rate it will prevent rowing boys and girls—or men and women—from dashing in front of cyclists riding a hard finish, at the risk of their lives and the almost certain destruction of the machines they are riding.

The ridiculous proposition of a race on forty pound wheels has also been brought again to the attention of the committee; it is doubtful if half a dozen ancient wheels of this weight could be found in the province in these days of light pneumatic tires. The prize list, too, requires amendment to be in any way satisfactory. Good riders from other cities do not propose to train for racing, go to the expense of bringing themselves and their wheels to Victoria, and risk themselves and their expensive mounts on getting a prize valued at the eighth part of \$75. It would be well to double the appropriations if there are to be road races for wheelmen—and, possibly, knock off one race, say the three mile event.

CHESS.

SEVENTH WINS. MONTREAL, April 5.—Steinitz won the thirteenth game in the chess match, Lasker resigning on the sixteenth move.

HAMILTON, May 5.—An incendiary fire destroyed Solomon Gage's barn and its contents three miles from this city. Five valuable horses, agricultural implements and a quantity of grain were lost, no insurance. A rig driven by the fire bugs was traced to the city limits.

He turned, when preparing to die, to the company that would have insured him. But now the big dog won't apply. Because Bessie's Lozenges cured him.—Insurance item.

THE POLITICAL ISSUES.

Mr. Sword's Gentle Criticism of the Government—In Doubt as to His Leader.

West Kootenay Candidates—Major Muttar's Position—The Coming Nanaimo Meeting.

Mission, May 5.—(Special)—A meeting of a number of persons opposed to the present provincial government was held here this afternoon, for the purpose of naming a candidate to contest the riding of Dewdney in the interest of the opposition. A. W. Reen presided. The rivalry of General Kinohant, who had been a keen aspirant for the seat which others of the opposition thought should be contested for by C. B. Sword, M.P.P., promised to make the proceedings of the meeting more than usually interesting. General Kinohant's ardor had been cooled, however, by a canvass of the riding, and as before the meeting opened he had signified his willingness to withdraw, the first resolution offered was in praise of his "fidelity to the party" and of thanks "for valuable services rendered to the independent cause," coupled with a recognition of his "skill to organize and concentrate effort" and a fervent hope that his energy may early be directed to the larger arena of the legislature. This resolution was moved by J. Wright, and the General thus went upon the retired list of candidates amidst loud applause. In his speech he admitted that in canvassing the riding he had unexpectedly found strong feeling in favor of the government, and that he had had to make the acquaintance of ardent supporters of the government whose convictions remained unshaken by his eloquence. He advised thorough organization as a necessity if the opposition hoped to make a strong fight on behalf of their candidates. He condemned the government for what he called its "policy of compromise" for what they had done, except in the case of the new parliament buildings, for which he called upon the electorate in the condemnation. This sentiment his hearers applauded, and the applause was renewed when he explicitly declared his intention of assisting Mr. Sword, whom he advised the meeting to nominate. Col. Jagers followed with a criticism of the former members for the district for neglecting their constituents. Then a motion was passed formally inviting Mr. Sword to contest the district. E. A. Atkins followed, also condemning the government for the parliament buildings, and for spending money on the railways. Secretary Lesbury took occasion to say that he would have been glad to see General Kinohant in the field were he riding a safe one for him, which seemed doubtful. He wanted to know, on behalf of himself and fellow delegates, what position Mr. Sword would occupy towards Hon. Mr. Bowser's nomination. Mr. Sword replied that the leadership would be decided after they found who would be elected; and the wisdom of the reply favorably impressing the meeting they unanimously endorsed Mr. Sword, who made a speech accepting the nomination and declaring his views. He said the District action which he had taken to secure the buildings, which he claimed to have undertaken with the permanent location of the capital at Victoria as the main object. The Napanee & Slovan railway matter he thought had been conducted in an "unbusinesslike" way, and on this account he also condemned the government. If returned would endeavor to secure the building of the Canada Western railway, and he objected to the province incurring liability on this account. He declared himself against bonusing any more railroads, and he concluded by admitting that the government would "assist" a railway with their orders. P. P. spoke next, and gave Mr. Sword a certificate of appreciation. After a vote of thanks for his speech he tendered Mr. Cotton by a gentleman who said he considered it "the best he had heard in British Columbia." Mr. Cotton modestly responded, but for oratory, and explained that he had to do his best because in his capacity as "leader of the party" he might be said to represent all constituents. After an exchange of votes of thanks the meeting adjourned.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

A Sunday Morning Blaze in Nanaimo Does Damage to a Large Amount.

The Electric Light Works in Ruins—Serious Accident to a Fireman.

NANAIMO, May 7.—(Special)—At 2:50 Sunday morning a fire broke out in the rear of D. C. McKenzie's furniture store, located at the west end of Bastion street bridge. Before 5 o'clock the store, Ald. Ralph Craig's carriage factory and the electric light works, both adjoining, were totally destroyed. The bridge was badly burned, and four buildings on the opposite side—a Chinese laundry, a small cabin, Barrett's harness factory and Mrs. George's fruit store—were also completely demolished. A moderate estimate of the loss is \$65,000. The insurance all told only amounts to \$26,000.

The electric light station whistle and the fire bell sounded the alarm, and in a really remarkably short time the fire boys were at hand, as well as a large number of citizens ready to assist. But little could be done to stop the conflagration. The water supply was most inadequate, practically useless. McKenzie's furniture store was burned to ashes without the smallest article being saved, building and contents being valued at about \$9,000. Some few things were saved from Craig's factory, but the salvage did not amount to a great deal. Their loss is placed at between \$27,000 and \$30,000. The electric light works fared no better; nothing to speak of was saved. No attempt was made to remove any of the machinery. The boilers are not injured, but the balance of the plant is so badly damaged as to be practically useless. Wenbrun's machine shop, a frame building, adjoining the light works, escaped entirely, but a valuable stock of bicycles Mr. Wenbrun had stored in McKenzie's building were utterly ruined. The bridge is in a bad condition and will cost at least \$1,000 to repair.

On the other side, opposite McKenzie's, a Chinese laundry was demolished, the occupants, seventeen in number, escaping in their scanty night apparel. Loss said to be about \$1,500. The small cabin adjoining, also destroyed, was worth about \$100.

Barrett's harness factory was also completely devoured by the flames, but not before most of the stock, uninsured, had been saved. Mrs. George's store and residence met the same fate, both losses estimated at about \$2,000.

The fire was practically extinguished by 6 o'clock, but all day long streams of water were kept playing on the smoldering debris.

The insurance companies involved are the London and Canadian, \$9,000, \$5,000 on McKenzie's furniture store and \$4,000 on Craig's carriage works; the Commercial Union, \$5,800 on the electric light works; Scottish Union and National, \$3,500 on Craig's works; British America, \$2,200; Phoenix, of London, \$2,000; and Phoenix, of Hartford, \$2,000 on the electric light works; the Royal, of Liverpool, \$1,500 on Craig's works. The buildings on the south side were not insured, but the damages to the bridge will cost about \$1,000 to repair. As a consequence of the blaze the streets of the city were in complete darkness last night. Arrangements will be made for running the N.V.C. or the sawmill for running the arc light system. Special constables were on duty last evening to patrol the streets during the night.

It is understood that the Craigs will at once set about the erection of new premises. McKenzie has not decided what he will do yet, and your correspondent was unable to learn what the intentions of the electric light people are. Mr. Jos. Hunter, M.P.P., being at Comox. For a time it looked as if the fire was going to cross the bridge and start Commercial street ablaze. As it happened, sparks set fire to the roof of Mrs. J. Hira's house, and it was only owing to the prompt measures taken by a passer-by that the building was not destroyed. A very unfortunate occurrence was the terrible accident that befell one of the firemen, Harry Eastham, who was engaged in carrying home along the lower stringer of the bridge, from the east end, when he slipped, falling a distance of about fifteen feet to the roadway below, sustaining a severe fracture of the skull. Eastham is now lying in a critical condition at the hospital. He is a married man with three young children. No definite cause has been assigned for the fire. It is generally believed that it was caused by sparks from a stove, which was known to have been lighted on Saturday night.

This afternoon Coroner J. P. Platts opened an inquest into Sunday's fire, the following jury being empanelled: Marcus Wolfe (foreman), D. Dalley, J. Caldwell, W. Keir (foreman), A. Sumner and J. Brown. Albert Cameron, gave particulars as to the time the fire started, and swore that the fire broke out in the second story of McKenzie's building. W. Jarvis, second engineer at the station, corroborated Cameron's evidence. Other witnesses called included a fireman from the matter. The inquest was adjourned for one week.

NANAIMO, May 7.—(Special)—Much interest is being taken in the meeting to be held on Thursday evening in the opera

house on behalf of James McGregor, the government candidate for Nanaimo city, especially in view of the announcement of an address from Premier Davis. While the latter is in the city he will be waited upon by a committee from the Gospel Temperance Union, who wish to obtain certain pledges relating to temperance legislation.

GOLDEN, May 6.—(Special)—A largely attended meeting was held here on Monday evening, to bring to the attention of Hon. Col. Baker, the member for the district, some of its requirements. J. F. Armstrong presided. Harry Connaacher was the spokesman. A. Conner of Golden; 2. A constable should spend two fixed days in the west here; 3. An enlargement of the school; 4. Improvement of the road to Canyon creek; 5. Improvement of the road to Donald; 6. Fire protection; 7. More assistance for the hospital. Mr. Owen followed in a request for the establishment of a land registry office; and Peter Sebastian argued eloquently for repairs to the Klondike Horse embarkment. Hon. Col. Baker was cordially applauded on rising, dealt with the requests one by one, explaining what had been attempted in the past and matters which he realized were of great importance to the district. He suggested that a committee be appointed to place before him in writing the requests just stated, and H. Connaacher, J. F. Armstrong and A. Campbell were accordingly appointed for the purpose. Votes of thanks to Col. Baker and to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

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"A happy feature of the evening was the appearance of little Twizle Lombard a page and sword bearer of her father, the Lord High Executioner, the easy bearing and graceful movements of the little one being especially pleasing.

"It is, however, a subject of regret that the citizens did not extend that patronage which the company, amateur as it is, deserved so thoroughly, and that should they appear again next season it is hoped that their return to this city.

Enley's Liver Lozenges are not bringing the dead to life or performing unheard of miracles, but they are bringing health and sunshine to many a home previously clouded with troubles resulting from biliousness and torpid liver. 25 cts. a box at all drug stores.

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the community thought differently and that no doubt was the reason of Ald. Wilson's resolution. For that reason only he would support the resolution.

The resolution was carried. The proposition of the Diocesan Synod in regard to making over their ground at Ross Bay to the city for cemetery purposes was again taken up at the request of Ald. Harris.

ALD. VIGELIUS finally moved that the offer be accepted, except that no refund of taxes be granted. Carried.

The Finance committee's report recommending appropriations of \$2,821, was adopted.

The Electric Light committee recommended that Mr. C. H. Stickle be given charge of the construction and putting in of the new electric plant proposed by the electric light by-law, at a salary of \$8 a day for each day employed.

ALD. KETHE-WILSON wanted a special meeting to hear the plans that the committee intended to undertake.

ALD. MUNN explained that a meeting of the committee on Saturday had laid out a plan, and now asked that Mr. Stickle be employed to superintend the work. Mr. Stickle was only to be paid for each day he was actually employed.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

Inquiry Into the Naksup & Slocan Matter Formally Opened Yesterday.

Nobody Appears in Support of the Accusations Against the Government.

The Royal Commission in connection with the Government's action regarding the Naksup & Slocan railway opened yesterday at the court house.

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It having been resolved amongst the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its last session:

That whereas, acting under the advice of the Executive Council, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to give a Proclamation...

And whereas, by message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice aforesaid, a bill has been introduced for the purpose of guaranteeing principal and interest in manner mentioned in the said agreement:

And whereas, it has been stated by the honorable member for Nanaimo District, in his place in the House of Assembly, that it appeared that the honorable the Leader of the Government had been working for the company and not for the province...

Therefore be it Resolved, That a humble Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire whether the honorable the Premier, in advising the said guarantee, worked for the Company and not for the Province...

Now know ye that, in pursuance of the said resolution and order in council, and reposing especial trust in your loyalty, integrity and ability, we do hereby, in pursuance of the powers contained in the "Public Inquiries Act," and of all other powers and authorities as in that behalf enabling, constitute and appoint you, or either of you, to be commissioners with the power of making inquiry into all and every of the matters aforesaid...

At the meeting of the Commission held at the Victoria Colonist and Times, the Vancouver News-Advertiser and World, the Naksup Lodge, and the Nelson Miner, matters were discussed...

The preliminaries being finished, the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Burdidge said they would like to know if anyone was present for the prosecution...

There was no answer, for while the Government was represented by the Attorney-General, Mr. E. V. Bodwell appeared for the Inland Construction and Development Co., and Mr. A. E. McPhillips for the Naksup & Slocan Railway Co., nobody was there to represent the accounts of the Government.

At the request of the Commissioners the Clerk formally asked if anyone was present to support the accusations, but with no better result than before. Hon. Mr. Beaven in the meantime sits on one of the jury seats on one side of the court, apparently as a spectator.

Mr. Justice Burdidge then remarked that under the circumstances it would be well to adjourn till next day, to give anyone a chance to appear in support of the alleged charges.

Sir Matthew Begbie. By the commission we will also have to inquire into the conduct of the Government, whether anyone appears or not. Certain charges or imputations have been made in a most open manner and spread abroad upon the wings of the wind, affecting the character of the Government. Into these we have to inquire.

After some consultation it was arranged to adjourn till Saturday, but Mr. Beaven, just as the Commission was about to rise, explained that while not appearing as a prosecutor, he had some matters to bring before the Commission. He was not in a position to do so at present, but would be ready in the morning.

THE PETITION FILED.

Asking For a Change in Trustees in the Green, Worlock & Co. Estate.

The petition of dissatisfied creditors, asking for the removal of Messrs. Helsterman and Coltart as assignees of the Green, Worlock & Co. bank, and for the substitution of Hon. Robert Beaven in their place, was filed yesterday in the Supreme court by the firm of Bodwell & Irving, who are acting for the petitioners.

The hearing is set for Monday next before Mr. Justice Walkem. The petition reads as follows:

"The petition of William Smyth, on behalf of himself and such of the other creditors of the estate of Green, Worlock & Co. as voted for the resolution passed at the meeting of the creditors of such estate held on the 27th day of April, 1894, hereinafter referred to, sheweth as follows:

"1. That on and prior to the second day of March, 1894, the partnership firm of Green, Worlock & Co. were carrying on the business of private bankers at the city of Victoria, British Columbia;

"2. On the said date the said firm assigned all their estate and effects to James Stuart Yates, Henry Frederick Helsterman and John Coltart as trustees for the benefit of the creditors of the said firm;

"3. The said James Stuart Yates is a barrister, residing at the city of Victoria; the said Henry Frederick Helsterman is a real estate agent, who has for some years been carrying on his business at the city of Victoria, and the said John Coltart is an accountant, and was for some time prior to the insolvency of the said firm employed by them as principal accountant and confidential clerk;

"4. Your petitioner is a creditor of the said estate for the sum of \$5,000, and all other persons represented by him on this application are creditors of the said estate;

"5. By reason of the character of the business carried on by the said firm, many of the creditors of the said estate are persons whose claims are for money deposited with the said firm, and who are wholly unsecured;

"6. The assignees of the said estate have prepared a statement showing a balance of an estimated value of assets over liabilities of about \$38,000;

"7. On the 28th day of March, 1894, a preliminary meeting of the said estate was called by the said assignees, at which meeting several resolutions were adopted, which were carried, but prior to the calling of the said meeting no sufficient or detailed information of the affairs of the said estate had been given to the creditors, nor was any notice given of the intention to pass such resolutions at such meeting, and there was not at the time, before the meeting, sufficient information upon which to form a preliminary opinion of such resolutions; nor were sufficient means taken by the said assignees to prevent persons other than creditors attending at such meeting and voting on such resolutions;

"8. Subsequently, on the 13th day of April, 1894, a large body of the creditors, feeling that the affairs of the said estate were not being satisfactorily conducted, and in consequence of such feeling a resolution was passed at the meeting of the said estate, and at such meeting a resolution was passed to the effect that the name of the Hon. Robert Beaven should be added as one of the assignees of the said estate, appointed thereto on behalf of the creditors of the said estate;

"9. The said assignees refused to recognize the Hon. Robert Beaven as a trustee, and in consequence of such refusal another meeting of the creditors was called for the 27th day of April, 1894, to consider the advisability of applying to the court for the purpose of securing the appointment of the said Hon. Robert Beaven as a trustee of the said estate. At such meeting there were present some 114 persons, representing an aggregation of claims against the said estate amounting to \$100,000;

"10. At the said meeting the following resolution was passed by the votes of all present except two persons: (Here was given the text of the resolutions published in full in the Colonist of Saturday, April 28);

"11. The present trustees propose to occupy three or four years in winding up the affairs of the said estate, which your petitioners submit is entirely too long a time, and will seriously affect the interests of the unsecured creditors of the said estate;

"12. Under the management of the present trustees, your petitioners also submit that a great deal of unnecessary expense is being incurred;

"13. Your petitioners also submit that the reasons set out in the said resolution are good and sufficient reasons for the interference of the court in this matter, and your petitioners believe that the statements contained in the said resolution are true in substance and in fact;

"14. The Hon. Robert Beaven mentioned in the said resolution is in every sense a fit and proper person to fill the position of trustee of the said estate;

"15. Your petitioners therefore pray that your Lordship will be pleased to order that Henry Frederick Helsterman and John Coltart be removed from the position of assignees of the said estate of Green, Worlock & Co., and that the Hon. Robert Beaven may be appointed trustee of the said estate in their place and stead;

"Dated the 9th day of May, 1894.
WILLIAM SMYTH,
By his solicitor, P. A. Irving."

SOUTH VICTORIA ELECTORS.

A Rousing Meeting Held in the School at the Royal Oak.

The Addresses All in Favor of the Present Government's Policy.

South Victoria electors held a rousing meeting at the school house near Royal Oak, last evening, the room being crowded to such an extent that late comers had great difficulty in getting standing room inside the door.

Besides those attending in carriages or other vehicles a special train on the Victoria & Sidney railway took a number of people to the meeting.

The proceedings opened about 8 o'clock, when Mr. Russel having been chosen to preside and Mr. Staggert to act as secretary, the Chairman stated that the meeting was for the purpose of discussing the selection of a candidate in the interest of the present government at the forthcoming elections.

Mr. D. M. Eberts, M.P.P., was greeted with applause as he took his place on the platform, although not recovered from his recent illness, he made a capital speech. In his opening remarks he expressed his satisfaction at the interest taken by the electors of South Victoria in provincial politics, as shown by the large gathering.

The liberal and progressive policy pursued by the government and what they had done for the good of the community, could not be forgotten. He had been elected in support of the policy of the late Hon. Mr. Robson, and when that hon. gentleman's administration was succeeded by the present government of Hon. Mr. Davie, he acquiesced in the policy of the latter because it was that of Hon. Mr. Robson, who was the most progressive the province has ever had, he heard.

The government was not only progressive but it took care of the money of the people, spending it economically and to the best advantage of the country. He was proud that his name should be in the list of the Victoria & Sidney electors, and that he was introduced in the House, and held that the people in the interest of the district; he considered it would tend to his greater prosperity.

At this point Hon. Mr. Davie was obliged to enter the room and in acknowledgment of the tremendous applause that greeted him, was obliged to address the meeting.

Hon. Mr. Davie remarked that he had come to carry on his business as a resident and voter than as a speaker. He could not do justice to Mr. Eberts having in the house devoted his best energies to the advancement of his district and the province at large. He would not take up time at present in discussing the government's policy, but would take an opportunity later to do so.

Mr. J. W. Carey was the next speaker. He paid a tribute to the government, saying that the Premier was the best the province had ever seen. He was sure that the Premier understood the needs of the farmer, and was glad to see in the newspapers that Hon. Mr. Davie was in favor of the farmers saying where the money for the roads in their districts was to be expended.

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Mr. J. Nicholson, Jr., thought any man interested in the Island would do wrong to cast a vote for the opposition. The government had already received much assistance. As to the redistribution bill he would say that it was far more than the adversaries of the government expected. It was for the purpose of trying to do justice to the whole country. However, it was not there for all time, but for the time being. The bill would be more satisfactory in the future.

Hon. Mr. Davie asked the indulgence of the meeting for a few minutes. As the farmers selecting the places they wanted the work done on the roads, he repeated he would like very much to see this done. Mr. Eberts had worked honestly and well for the district, and from him the government had already received much assistance. As to the redistribution bill he would say that it was far more than the adversaries of the government expected. It was for the purpose of trying to do justice to the whole country.

After some discussion as to selecting candidates, it was finally decided unanimously on motion of Mr. Staggert, seconded by Mr. Stevens, that the meeting adjourn on condition that each candidate should stand as he chooses without the meeting selecting any particular one.

A person is prematurely old when baldness occurs before the forty-fifth year. Hall's Hair Restorer will keep the scalp healthy and prevent baldness.

SWEEP AWAY.

St. Anne de la Poudre, Que., May 9.

Ever since the catastrophe on the St. Anne river at St. Alban on April 27, the inhabitants of the parish have daily expected some similar accident. About 10 o'clock yesterday a farmer named Uderic Boisvert, whose property is situated about fifteen acres above the C.P.R. bridge, noticed that his land was being rapidly carried away, and he immediately began to move his effects.

In a short time another farmer named Jean Briere looked on while his dwelling and barn were being carried down the river. The land was gradually disappearing, and the farmer immediately resolved to follow Boisvert's example and remove their goods and chattels.

In the space of two hours an acre of land in the rear of some of the residences was carried away by the river, the current of water like a mill race. The water is about 15 feet from the level of the railway bridge, and the current is so strong that no boatman will venture out. It is impossible to say where this catastrophe will end. The village is in imminent danger, also the bridge, and the Eastern bank of the river is disappearing. At 7 o'clock last evening the house of a farmer named Labout was carried away, and at 1 o'clock yesterday the same man lost another brick building adjoining the one which disappeared last evening.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, May 9.—(Special).—The sentence of death on Degidio, for wilful murder, has been commuted to imprisonment for life. Antonio Luciani will hang tomorrow. Both maintain their innocence. Degidio had not been told of his reprieve up to a late hour.

By the fall of a chimney in the rear of the Canadian Pacific telegraph company's office to-day Howard Smith, check clerk, was instantly killed, and Aubrey Tennant, a message boy, was fatally injured. The boys were pulling themselves up by a pulley lifted by some workmen when the chimney gave way and fell upon the boys.

A meeting of the Winnipeg Presbytery, it was decided to invite the General Assembly to meet in this city next year. The elevator at Pierson station, on the C.P.R., was destroyed by fire to-day, with 20,000 bushels of wheat.

Mr. Boyd, M.P., says that it is probable Sir John Thompson will visit Manitoba during the summer. Tomorrow will be Arbor Day in Manitoba, and a public holiday.

U. S. CROPS.

WASHINGTON CITY, May 9.—The weather bureau, in its report of weather and crop conditions for the week ended May 7, says: The week was warm and the weather conditions favorable for growing crops in all sections of the country east of the Rocky mountains. The week was cool on the Pacific coast, except over the interior valleys, and heat and dry weather there proved unfavorable to hay, grain and pasture.

There was ample moisture in the spring wheat region and in the states of the Missouri valley. There was total absence of rain in California, and only light showers on the North Pacific coast. There was a slight deficiency of rainfall in portions of Nebraska, Kansas and Western Texas. In California the season has been unusually dry, and small grains and pastures have been very much damaged by drouth, but the North Pacific coast states have been more favored, and there has been a slight excess of rainfall over Washington and Oregon.

COMBING TOWEL.

The combing towel illustrated, intended to cover the shoulders during the process of hairdressing, is made of a damask towel a yard long, having a knotted fringe and an ornamental border. It is folded crosswise so that one



and extends three inches beyond the other and the folded edges then cut to fit the neck and shoulders, an opening being cut down the middle of the shorter end. The shoulder seams are stitched and felled, the neck bound smoothly with tape and the edges of the front opening hemmed. A fringe of linen lace is sewed around the neck, and ribbons are fastened on by which to secure the towel at the throat.

Russian Legation at the Vatican.

ROME, May 8.—It is announced through the medium of the French embassy here that the Russian government has advised the Pope of its intention to establish a regular legation at the Vatican.

BRILLIANT, Ohio, May 7.—On account of the strike at the Bessemer steel works and blast furnaces at this place, nine blast furnaces and four steel plants and their equipment in this vicinity have shut down for want of coal. There are at present fully 30,000 tons men hereabouts.

St. John's, N.B., May 7.—The election in Gloucester county for the House of Commons took place on Saturday, when Blanchard (Government) defeated Devitt (Independents) by a vote of 1,728 to 1,449, giving Blanchard a majority of 320.

Reindeer Brand Condensed Milk advertisement featuring an image of a milk can and text: 'Reindeer Brand Condensed Milk'.

For Infants, for Hotels and for Household Use, is the most economical and most satisfactory milk in the market. See that you get the "Reindeer" Brand.

Agents for British Columbia, MARTIN & ROBERTSON, Victoria and Vancouver.

ARMERS! advertisement: 'In order to close out the remainder of our stock of Agricultural Machinery we offer at COST PRICE the following articles which is FIFTY PER CENT. less than the price ordinarily asked for such goods.'

LOOK FIT WEAR WELL advertisement: 'This refers especially to a line of Ladies' laced patent tipped Dongola Boots which we are selling at \$1.75 PER PAIR.'

A. B. ERSKINE, Corner Government and Johnson Streets. THE TRUSTEE BOARD. A New List of Salaries Fixed and Some Positions Created.

Teachers Must Look Out For School Property-General Conditions-Favorable.

The Board of School Trustees held their regular monthly meeting in the police court room at the City Hall last night, Chairman Hayward presiding, and Trustees Lovell, Saunders, Glover and Marchant being present.

A communication from Bishop Cridge asked permission for the continued use of the Hillside schoolroom. A similar request was read from Rev. P. McF. Macleod, re the James Bay school.

TRUSTEE MARCHANT raised the point that in his opinion these properties might revert to the Government, but if they could be held it would be well to grant the requests. The request was granted and a rent of 50 cents per month ordered charged.

A letter was read from Ald. Ledingham with reference to the matter of the stoning of a team belonging to Henry Yenn & Co. by some school children. A request was made to have the matter attended to, and an effort made to punish the boys.

TRUSTEE MARCHANT pointed out that this was an outrage and that steps should be taken to check such occurrences; it was then ordered that the principals be requested to investigate the case and report to the board.

Principal Paul asked for instructions in the matter of the printing of the semi-annual promotion examination papers. Referred to the Supply committee.

Teacher Stephenson made a complaint on the use of vile language toward him by janitor Callow, also stating that this janitor had left the stovepipes in a bad condition. Referred to the committee with power to order the pipes cleaned and the charges deducted from the janitor's wages. The committee also to discharge the man if they find the other charges correct.

Fire Chief Deasy sent in a letter in regard to providing the school buildings with adequate fire escapes, with some suggestions thereon. Referred to a special committee for report.

Rev. G. M. Davidson, of Peterboro, Ont., by letter pointed out the advantages of the tonic sol-fa system, with himself as teacher. Received and filed.

Applications for positions as teachers were tabled from Mary Lucas and John Simpson, M.A.

Teachers were received from the Victoria Plumbing Co. for covering the steam pipes in the North ward building. Referred to the supply committee with power to act.

The bond furnished by Smith and Elford was referred to the chairman and Trustees Yates with power to act.

Memoranda of several small bills were then read and referred to the finance committee.

Report of committee on school boundaries referred back for further work.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST THE CITY A RECEPTION to Rev. and Mrs. Good Shepherd. There was a large and interesting gathering...

The divorce case of Curto Clovis was to have been up on trial before Mr. Justice Crease of the interested persons, viz: Nansimo, turned up the trial place.

THE work of appraising the property by the fire in the Westside district on Saturday night was completed on Monday afternoon. The estimate, already pretty close to the appraisers' value, is \$14,500.

CONSTABLE McNEILL, of the island throughout the winter shortly for Cariboo, where he is engaged during the summer months that Special Constable will maintain peace and good order.

THE Seattle Press-Times in its issue of the 10th inst. says that a grand programme has been arranged for the celebration of the centennial of the establishment of the city of Victoria as it is 1860. As the council meeting last night, the first attention to the motion was passed thanking the city for its kindness.

It is expected that the attention of the city this year at the grand annual meeting of the North and South Santhal societies, to be held Friday evening, the largest on record. Free train will be provided for all holders of tickets, and return, a Victoria and return for one fare.

MR. W. K. BELL, who has every prospect of returning officer for the position of returning officer for the city of Victoria as it is 1860. As the council meeting last night, the first attention to the motion was passed thanking the city for its kindness.

MR. SIMON TOULMER was the serious accident while attempting Douglas street yesterday. The breaking of the floor of the cart in which he was driving, threw Mr. Toulmer high through the air, and he was severely injured. The fact of several bad kicks. The fact of several bad kicks.

CHAMBERS yesterday, Mr. Crease, on application of Mr. A. Deane, in the case of Marchant v. Deane, made an order by consent to deliver interrogatories. Mr. Powell, in the case of Reid v. Corp. order was made to visit the Reg. application of Mr. Eberts, Q.C., of Archibald and Elizabeth R. Belyea and Mr. Luxton for the other.

THE case of Cooley et al. v. Crease was up in Chambers again yesterday on behalf of the defendant. Cooley et al. to the action against the defendant. The case was argued by Mr. Cooley and Mr. Deane. The property sought to be acquired by the defendant. The case was argued by Mr. Cooley and Mr. Deane.

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RICHARD FITZGERALD made a startling find yesterday afternoon walking along the beach in Victoria. Noticing a dark object on the sand above where the surf was breaking, he proceeded what turned out to be the body of a Chinaman. The corpse was lying on its back, the head and neck preserved, as if it had just been falling tide. The matter was referred to the coroner and the body moved by him to Hayward's undertaking establishment. A search of pockets is due to the man's name or other identifying marks.

AMONG the arrivals on the steamer San Francisco yesterday was Mr. Hawks, of Soda Creek, who is returning after successfully bonding some claims he has in the interior of the property in question is a lease of ground on the Little Smoky river, about 10 miles from the mouth of the river to its richness in gold. The San Francisco men that sending up an expert to make an estimate on the property. Should the report favorably they are prepared to put a large amount of capital into the property for thoroughly working the bed of the either by hydraulic lift or by det. Mr. Hawks favors dredging, and that probably a system of steel bars with modifications to suit the would not so well or better, would expensive suction pumps used on gold-dredging machines already in use.

A MEETING of ladies was held at the hall yesterday afternoon to arrange a benefit entertainment for the British Columbia Hospital for Immigrants, under the patronage of Mr. James Anderson (presiding), Mrs. James Anderson, Mrs. Laundy, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. White, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Madigan, with Capt. John Irving as the secretary of the affair. The latter explained the object of the fund. Some conversation ensued as to the best means to be employed to help the city, and the ladies seemed to be of opinion on the subject that the best plan was to have a grand ball to be held in the Province, they could do by canvassing for subscriptions to the fund. Some conversation ensued as to the best means to be employed to help the city, and the ladies seemed to be of opinion on the subject that the best plan was to have a grand ball to be held in the Province, they could do by canvassing for subscriptions to the fund. It was therefore moved by Mrs. Haywood that the ladies present be a committee to canvass the city for subscriptions, and thereby save the expense of post, and entertainment, with the possibility of making a profit. The ladies accordingly supplied with pass books. Capt. Irving started the ball rolling.

BEECHAM'S PILLS advertisement: 'WORTH A GUINEA A BOX' featuring an image of a woman and text: 'BEECHAM'S PILLS'.

THE CITY.

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subscription of \$20. Mr. Mason having, in the name of the society, thanked the ladies for their attendance and their efforts in the society's behalf, and wished them every success, the meeting closed.

Rev. J. E. Cracknell, F.R.G.S., minister of Arthur street Baptist chapel, King's Cross, London, England, will proceed to Canada early in June.

CONSTABLE McNEILL of the provincial police, who has been stationed at Galiano Island throughout the winter, will leave shortly for Victoria, where he is to act as a guard during the summer.

THE Seattle Press-Times in connection with the Queen's birthday celebration here says that a grand programme has been made up, and a great time in connection with the commemoration is anticipated.

DELEGATES from this city and district to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, A.O.U.W., which convenes this year at Ladder's Landing, left by the Premier yesterday morning.

MR. W. K. BULL, who has ever since the incorporation of Victoria in 1862 held the position of returning officer for the city, has presented to the Mayor's room a fine photograph of himself and a handsome lithograph of the city of Victoria.

IT is expected that the attendance from the city this year at the grand annual ball of the North and South Saanich agricultural society, to be held Friday evening, will be the largest on record.

MR. SIMON TOLMIE was the victim of a serious accident while driving on upper Douglas street yesterday. The car was the breaking of the floor of the light road cart in which he was driving.

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MARINE MOVEMENTS.

The Victoria Sealer "Masco" Believed to Be Safe—Escape of Japanese Stowaways.

Loss of a Lumber Laden Ship—Changes in San Francisco Line.

Seven of the Japanese stowaways who arrived from the Orient a few days ago on board the Northern Pacific steamship Victoria, escaped while the vessel was in charge of the customs officers in Tacoma on Sunday.

THE board of directors of the Jubilee hospital held their regular monthly meeting in the office of Yates & Jay last evening.

THE resident doctor's report was read for the month of April, showing the following totals: Number of patients in hospital April 1, 39; number of patients admitted during April, 31; total number of patients treated, 70; number of out patients treated, 151; total number of patients treated, 221.

THE report showed that some recent changes in the kitchen have resulted in a decrease of expenses in this department.

There are at present in hospital fifty patients, and all of the private rooms are occupied except one. The current accounts for food, medicine, salaries, lights, heating, etc., amount to \$1,535 16.

After reaching San Francisco the steamer Queen, which sailed yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake, four in which were Mr. Sealing Company are interested were adjourned for a week.

THE Sons of Erin held their usual monthly meeting last evening, when Messrs. Joseph Scanlan and D. P. McBrady were elected members.

THE Mayor, at the request of the celebration finance committee, has decided to call a meeting of the general committee and sub-committee on Friday at 4 o'clock.

POLICE MAGISTRATE MACRAE yesterday heard two witnesses in support of the charge against William S. Smith—that he had unlawfully, feloniously and maliciously removed certain landmarks or posts from the position in which they had been lawfully placed by a land surveyor.

THE CITY.

MISS AGNES DEANS CAMERON has consented to repeat her lecture on the World's Fair at Cedar Hill on Friday week.

MA J. W. DEAN had one of his fingers his right hand amputated yesterday, the result of an accident which happened to him while handling machinery a few days ago.

A SPECIAL meeting of the shareholders of the Kamloops Coal Co., Ltd., will be held at Kamloops on Tuesday the 15th May, to arrange for renewing licenses or obtaining new leases of the company's coal lands and to dispose of other business.

THE case of Mary Wallace again came before Police Magistrate Macrae yesterday afternoon, not being concluded until evening. Numerous witnesses were examined, the burden of testimony being most conclusively on the examination of witnesses being over the accused was committed for trial.

A RUNAWAY horse created unusual excitement on Douglas street yesterday afternoon, and was the cause of a serious accident near the corner of Johnson. There a little boy, running across the street, was knocked down and badly stunned.

THE load of coconuts brought here by the schooner Norma are being rapidly disposed of, those who have once tasted the fresh and choice delicacy brought by Captain Walker being eager to buy while the chance is with them.

THE case of Mendor v. Mendor, set for trial on Friday, is not likely to come on till a later date. The action is taken on behalf of Catherine E. Mendor, who is petitioning for a judicial separation from her husband, Jacques Mendor, on the ground of cruelty.

MESSES John Jessop, Noah Shakespeare, James E. McMillan, David Spencer, S. McKell, W. H. Bone and S. Trautner, left delegates from the Victoria chorales, left this morning for Vancouver to attend the annual conference of the Methodist church.

THE report was current yesterday that the Great British yacht, up for trial in the County court yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake, four in which were Mr. Sealing Company are interested were adjourned for a week.

THE Sons of Erin held their usual monthly meeting last evening, when Messrs. Joseph Scanlan and D. P. McBrady were elected members.

THE Mayor, at the request of the celebration finance committee, has decided to call a meeting of the general committee and sub-committee on Friday at 4 o'clock.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY.

Give Their Annual Concert to a Large and Well Satisfied Audience.

The Victoria Choral Society, under the conductorship of Mr. W. E. Buck, gave their first concert last evening in the Institute hall. The programme, which was of a decidedly heavy type, commenced with Niels W. Gade's cantata entitled "The Erl-King's Daughter," the soloists on the occasion being Miss Heathfield, Mrs. Rickaby and Mr. J. G. Brown.

It was apparent, however, that while the solo parts were well sustained the music was very far from easy, and a few more rehearsals would have been beneficial throughout. Mr. J. G. Brown's baritone voice admirably suited the difficult passages in which it was heard to advantage.

Passing on to the second half of the programme, Hatton's part song "The Belfry Tower" was given with great taste and received considerable and hearty applause from the audience, as did also Sullivan's "Lost Chord" sung by the ladies in chorus. The remaining part songs, "The Crutken Lown" and "The Miller's Wife" were rendered very tastefully, the former receiving an enthusiastic recall.

MISS Dawson gave an excellent rendering of Schubert's "Impromptu Brillante" on the piano, which was very much appreciated. Miss Dawson explained through the conductor that owing to her arduous duties during the evening as accompanist, she did not feel equal to a second appearance.

Much pleasure was experienced at the performance of Eaton Fanning's trio, "The Broken Laughing Song" by Mrs. D. R. Buck, Miss Jamieson and Mr. W. E. Harris. Miss Jamieson sang a well deserved encore. Miss Devereux appeared to great advantage in a duet with Mr. Buck, "L'Addio" (Donizetti), which was repeated on an unanimous demand from delighted listeners.

IT is understood that the Victoria Choral Society intend to continue their work next season, and it is to be hoped that they will meet with every success in the future, and maintain and if possible improve the musical standard in this city.

STRIKING MINERS. FROSTBERG, Md., May 8.—A thousand miners suspended work here to-day. They expect to get the miners at Loosanoing to suspend either by persuasion or force.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 8.—An officer of the Massillon coal operators' association said to-day that a conference will be held next week which will end the strike. He says that dozens of the big operators have offered what the men have asked.

YACHTING. SHE LOOKS SWEET. "Daisy Bell" is the name of the new yacht launched from Warren's wharf yesterday. She is now about completed, only the mast and rigging having yet to be placed, and as the craft is to participate in the regatta in honor of the Queen's Birthday, May 24, 25 and 26, and the following yachts are entered: Kelpie, Rainer, Grace Feltus, Margery, Zara, Earl, Doris and Bremerton.

CONDENSED MILK... BECKHAM'S PILLS... THE ONTARIO BOARD OF... JUST RECEIVED—75 dozen handles of 12 bottles each, 12 doz. each, 12 doz. each, etc.

VICTORIA MARKETS. Supplies Restricted on Account of the Backward Season—Value of Flour Stiffening.

THE "PIONEER" REPORTED LOST. A dispatch from San Francisco yesterday states that private advices from Guymans, Mexico, report the loss of the schooner Pioneer, on the eastern coast of Lower California.

ESQUIMALT ELECTORAL DISTRICT. Supplementary List of Transfers to Victoria City.

