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#### BRITAIN MUST HAVE LARGE RESERVE FORCE

#### Does Not Advocate Compulsory Service -Right Class of Men Must Be Enlisted.

London, Dec. 29 .- "The Army As It Was and As It Is to Be" is the text European residents be surrendered to under which Field Marshal Earl Roberts in the January Nineteenth Century reads Britons a noteworthy lecture on the duty of all classes, if Great Britain would meet the demands of modern warfare. After frankly pointing out existing de-

ficiencies, Earl Roberts writes: "A terrible lesson awaits the nation whose soldiers find themselves opposed by equally brave but better trained op- One Man Died From His Injuries - Winponents on the field of battle. No amount of money, no national sacrifices will then avail for modern warfare moves fast and time lost in peace can never be made up during the stress of a campaign. I hold this view strongly, and would urge my fellow-countrymen, with C. N. R. snowplough struck a defective all the force at my command, to look the switch at Arizona, 12 miles west of here plain facts in the face."

Earl Roberts does not advocate comconditions of an army which has a large and as it turned over the stove upset and proportion of units in foreign service," started a fire, which consumed the car have a large reserve force, and "if the capes of being burned. However all capes of being burned. citizens of so great and prosperous a mation as ours are to remain exempt capes of being burned. However all mite were used to blow up the walls. The spectacle was magnificent and the to shoot straight and carry out simple orders if ever his services are required

for national defence." Earl Roberts interestingly reviews the changes of the last fifty years, describing the military system prior to the Crimean war, and points out how the introduction

directly able to control their men because the fighting formation has been changed, and, therefore, the men must have a far higher standard of individual intelli-gence, while among the officers intelligence, self-reliance and the powers of leading must be on a proportionately higher level. The better for the ranks when the hour of trial comes."

He says the report of the commission on the war in South Africa made it clear that much is still needed before Great Northrup, aged 72, and for more than

Among other things, she must have P. for East Hastings, is a son. a larger proportion of mounted troops for rapid reinforcement and in order to fers to the action of the government in ordering new quickfiring field guns for from the penitentiary, has served 17 are some deficiencies, but I am more quickly seize points of vantage. He reas reported by the Associated Press yesterday, and says these guns will be 121/2pounders for horse and 181/2-pounders for

follows: "It will be necessary to have a reserve force of officers amounting to some thousands; these can be made was born in Kingston, and spent his available by a system for the military early days within a mile of the prison in training of the entire youth of the country. Such a reserve is essential to our success, no matter what system our army may be organized on."

Simultaneously with Earl Roberts's story it is officially announced that 160 batteries will be supplied with new guns family occupied the upper flat and were, at a cost of \$17,300,000, and that the order will be executed within twenty months.

### CRUSHED TO DEATH.

#### Killed by a Train of Coal Cars in Seattle.

Seattle, Dec. 29.—A working man was at Ville Sainte Paul, expects to inherit a large fortune. A cousin of Mrs. Mad-Willed in front of the Northern hotel, on First avenue south, between Washington street and Yesler way, at 8 o'clock last evening. To protect the train crew from a crowd of several hundred people who had congregated about the place where the accident occurred the men were taken to the police station. They were held for nearly an hour and then re-

The man killed is believed to be James W. Myler. He was about 40 years of age and fairly well dressed. The man was walking north on the east car track on First avenue south, A train of Seattle Electric coal cars was backing toward the Post street station | Fatal Termination of Christmas Celeon the west track at the same time. Myler changed his course and started directly across the west track toward the First avenue south sidewalk. A number of pedestrians called to him to look out for the train, and others called to the

As soon as possible the train was stopped and the car backed to allow the body bridge to the States.

and preserving order in the street. men to the station.

MENACED BY MOUNTAINEERS. Moors Are Gathering Round Alcazar and Demand Money From the Citizens.

New York, Dec. 30 .- A Tangier, Mo-

occo. dispatch to the Herald says: "The town of Alcazar is again mena ed by a large number of mountaineers belonging to the Kabyles. They are the same tribesmen who recently besieged the town in consequence of a dispute between a Moor and a Spaniard. They were then induced to raise the siege by the payment of a generous bribe. The money then paid has merely aroused their greed, and they have now returned, demanding the payment of a still larger sum. In the event that this is not forth-coming, they demand that certain of the them. It is generally believed that the town will have to accede to the first request, as it is poorly prepared for de-

#### RAILWAY CAR AND CABOOSE DERAILED

## nipeg Clearing House Returns Continue to Show Increases.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 29.-A. and the caboose and private car of the pulsory service, "because it is distasteful superintendent of bridges were derailed. to the nation and incompatible with the The former had about 20 men on board, it maintains that Great Britain must in ten minutes, and all had narrow esfrom compulsory service in time of peace majority were injured. Several were without the safety of the Empire being | badly injured, including J. B. Linklater, endangered, the right class of men must who was crushed beneath the wheels of be attracted to the army by good conditions of pay and pension; and it is the bounden duty of the state to see that bounden duty of the state to see that every able-bodied man in this country, no train. Others injured are: N. Bigham, matter to what grade of society he be- Portage la Prairie, arm and legs broken; longs, has some knowledge of military J. Cockburn, arm broken and badly tactics in youth sufficient to enable him | burned; Mr. and Mrs. Lott, burned; W. Linklater, crushed "ely.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending to-day show a continuation of the phenomenal increase. The total for the week of modern guns necessitated the comorder guns necessitated the c "Officers," he says, "are no longer last year, \$4,681,919, is an increase of returns for the corresponding week of \$1,112,343. For the corresponding week

of 1902, \$4,481,040. Will Investigate.

expert by the new council to investigate the cause of the typhoid epidemic.

Clerk of Court Dead. Belleville, Ont., Dec. 29.-Anson G. Britain has an army fit in all respects 50 years clerk of the County court of for war with a modern nation.

Served Seventeen Years. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.-Matthew Sarnia. At the time of the capture, attributable to good care and the absence when drunk about a mile from his barn, of the evils of barrack life." Earl Roberts concludes his article as a band of Lambton county farmers took him to a tree and were about to which he has been confined so long.

Burned to Death. Hawksburg, Ont., Dec. 29.-The Great Northern railway station was destroyed by fire last night. D. S. Camp- day and arrived here to-day repo A Windfall.

Montreal, Dec. 29 .- By the death of James Madden, wife af a stonemason \$1,500,000 still unclaimed. Mrs. Madhas been heard by Mrs. Madden of her appearance of the moon. good fortune since the annou last week from her cousin, who is taking the necessary steps in the matter.

## KILLED DURING FIGHT

bration at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 28.-The Christmas celebration here wound up with a fight in the foreign quarter which one man was killed and three men on the coal train to stop. Before badly wounded. A gang of men engaged the train was stopped, the unfortunate man was struck by the rear end of the backing train and crushed to death and the seen and took steps to round up the fugitives. One was captured in a Hungarian boarding house, and the seen to the steamer when view from the scene and took steps to round up the fugitives. One was captured in a Hungarian boarding house, and it is believed that three or four men were put on board the statemen, prominent citizens and thousands of school children, greeted the arrival of the naval heroes at the station. The prescioents of both houses of the shore was shut off by the flying special to a Hungarian boarding house, three were taken as they fled across the

# FORTY-THREE GUNS

### IMPORTANT CAPTURE BY BESIEGING ARMY

#### Last of Defenders Driven From Riblung Mountain-Togo and Kamimura Welcomed to Tokio.

Tokio, Dec. 30 .- 10.30 a.m .- The headquarters of the army besieging Port Ar-"On the night of December 28th, after he occupation of Rihlung fort, a small

in the passage between the siege gun

line and the gorge. At 3 o'clock in the morning they were dislodged entirely, and the occupation of the fort became "According to the statement of three numbered about 500, beside some sailors. A majority of the defenders were killed. "The trophies captured with Fort Rihlung include 4 large calibre guns, 7 small calibre guns, 30 sevem millimetre guns,

yet unenumerated." MANY RUSSIANS WERE

2 machine guns and much property, as

KILLED BY EXPLOSION, Headquarters of the Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 30.—Rihlung fort, captured vesterday, is the largest and strongest of the eastern fort ridge. Tunnels for mines were cut out of solid rock and two tons of dyna-

born resistance. Four heavy guns, seven rapid-firing guns and two machine guns were captured, as well as thirty quick-firing guns, which were stored in the fort.

-0-REPORTS DEATH OF A COSSACK OFFICER.

## CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

Moscow, Dec. 29 .- M. Danchenko, the well-known newspaper correspondent, telegraphs an account of an interview which he had with Gen. Kouropatkin. ly no truth in the article published by the Russ. In so far as this company is concerned, we have never been approach-Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Mayor Sharpe the declares the commander-in-caler is in fine physical condition, always sanguine will recommend the engagement of an victory. Kouropatkin, he says, looks

and acts as he did before Plevna. "Let them send me good soldiers," the general is quoted as saying, "and I will article is a pure fabrication." article is a pure fabrication." tions of the troops. You will see a great change since the autumn. Write the facts. It is better that the people at home should know the truth than hear praise on one side and slander on the other. The troops are in good spirits the complete re-equipment of the army, years and his hair is white. He still than satisfied. The health of the men protests his innocence of the charge of is splendid. The percentage of sick is arson, on which he was convicted at less than in any time of peace, which is

#### JAPS KILLED COMRADES DURING NIGHT ATTACK.

Chefoo, Dec. 29.-The Japanese at Port Arthur is now, as a result of the general attack beginning December 25th, much closer to Liao Tio mountain Chinese who left Port Arthur yester ell, station agent, and his wife and a greatly inferior Russian force defended the outermost of the trenches for with difficulty, saved. So rapidly did three days, retiring when the Japanese the flames spread, however, that it was found impossible to rescue Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Campbell's mother, who perished. ese fearing mines. The Russians retired

to Ching Kakao. sole heirs to the estate. Nothing further when the mistake was discovered by the

## HOW NAVAL HEROES

WERE WELCOMED HOME.

with flags, lanterns and New Year's decorations.

Deputy Coroner Arnoid investigated tifle case and when he arrived the police asked for his authority in arresting the men who were handling the train. He refused to order their arrest, but told the officers to use their own judgment.

For the purpose of protecting them killed with a revolver bullet through his cheek head, one with a bullet in his leg, back of the knee, and one with his cheek of the knee, and one with a bullet wound in the scalp. They had a hard miral Shimsmura, chief of staff, laugh his getting to the steamer and back, but and the junior officers tried to clear the way, but the crowd closed in on Admiral Togo and they were frequently forced to were taken off the steamer by the surf

push the crowd backward in an endeavor boat of the Sandy Hook station, which to clear the reaching hands. Finally was towed to the scene. The men were Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kami- brought here later on a tug. nura were freed from their enthusiastic hey reached the carriage sent by the and crew decided to remain aboard until distinguished party to the palace,

As Admiral Togo appeared a great ing company in order to obviate any shout arose, hats were thrown in the air, claim for salvage on the derelict. A arms were raised, "banzai" was cried. 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon the captain Preceded by gendarmes the party drove under a triumphal arch, waving flags and discharging fireworks, through the cheering crowds to the navy department, where a brief stop was made, during which the congratulations of the ministers were received and future victories were toasted.

Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura then proceeded to the palace to report to the Emperor.

They will probably remain in Tokio about one week, for the purpose of constant of the pu sulting with the general staff and perfecting plans for future operations.

DISPATCH FROM KUROKI. Replies to Congratulatory Telegram body of Russians still offered resistance Which He Received From

Germany. Berlin, Dec. 29 .- A convivial circle at Dortmund sent General Kuroki in September a card of enthusiastic congratuorisoners, the defenders of Fort Rihlung lations on his military successes, and has now received the following answer: "On the battlefield in Manchuria, Nov.

5th, 1904. 5th, 1904.
"How I rejoice to be congratulated at so great a distance upon our victories. As you know, we are pupils of German tactics, hence I have double pleasure in being congratulated by German men.

"With special regards, "Your obedient servant, (Signed) "KUROKI." The above letter from General Kuroki removes all doubt, if any existed, that General Kuroki is alive. He was persistently reported to have been killed during the fighting of October 4th last.

A Charge. St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.-The Russ work of the assaulters was splendid, in the course of a sensational article at Half the garrison was killed by the ex- | tacking the policy of building Russian plosion of the first charge. The re- warships abroad and the marine adminmainder of the Russians made a stub istration generally, refers as an example to the case of the American-built Rus sian cruiser Variag, the plans of which the paper says, when Japan wanted to raise her, the Cramps sold for \$3,000. The Russ also raked up the old report that Vice-Admiral Messer made in 1898, in which he severely condemned the battleship Petropolavsk, the protected cruiser Pallada, the battleship Sevasto-pol and several other ships now either with Admiral Rojestvensky or in the Baltic, which were built under Admiral Verkhovsky (serior admiral), Grand Duke Alexis's chief aide, arguing therefrom the necessity for adequate Russian yards under a competent and honest ad-ministrator.

And a Denial. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 29.—When shown the St. Petersburg dispatch, Eddition. erence to the plans of the Variag. Our robbery. relations with the Russian govern

### NEW BATTLESHIPS.

British Admiralty Preparing Plans For Vessels From Seventeen Thousand to Eighteen Thousand Tons.

London, Dec. 30 .- According to the Daily Mail, the admiralty is preparing designs for new battleships of 17,000 to 18,000 tons, and carrying ten 121/2-inch guns. It has not been decided whether the keels will be laid down in 1905. The battleships will be the most powerful in

The biggest in the American navy carry four 12-inch guns and ten 10-inch

Men Taken From the Stranded Steamer Drumelzier By Life-Savers.

New York, Dec. 29.-The big ocean ing tug Katherine Moran left Sandy Hook before daylight this morning carrying the Sandy Hook life-saving crew and towing their lifeboat for Fire Island, in an attempt to take off the crew of the steamer Drumelzier. The lives of the sailors on the Drumelzier were still be-Japanese who are at Chefoo to-day lieved to be imperilled, and the boats of an unmarried uncle in Australia, Mrs. from Port Dalny say the recent fighting the Oak Island and Fire Island lifealso resulted in the capture of a hill saving stations had been unable to reach also resulted in the capture of a line called by the Japanese Yang Thubar (possibly Keekwan mountain), enabling the Japanese to seriously harass land the Japanese to seriously harass l a large fortune. A cousin of Mrs. made den, living in Rutland, Vermont, visited Ireland recently and learned there that Michael Condon, of Melbourne, Australia, had died two years ago leaving tralia, had died two years ago leaving the forts on Etze and Antze mountains. The capture of Yang Thubar hill followed several night attacks, best in the service, and Capt. McLenden, of Ville Sainte Paul, her cousin in during one of which the Japanese became nan hoped that with such a boat her Rutland and others in Philadelphia, are confused, killing each other and retired crew would be enabled to accomplish

countering the heavy surf from the less. At the time the first shot was fired WERE WELCOMED HOME.

Tokio, Dec. 30, 11 a.m.—Admiral Togo and Vice-Admiral Kamimura, with their staffs, arrived at the Shimbass station at 9.20 o'clock to-day. Their journey from Kure to Tokio was a continuous

Tokio, Dec. 30, 11 a.m.—Admiral Togo and the wrecking tugs during the steamer and the wrecking tugs during the prison and thence down near the scene. He signaled the guards to continue shooting, and an average height under the harbor of 20 feet 8 inches, and an average height under the harbor of 20 feet 6 inches. The lowest point to be the most successful we have yet heid.

Tokio, Dec. 30, 11 a.m.—Admiral Togo and thence down near the scene. He signaled the guards to continue shooting, and an average height under the harbor of 20 feet 6 inches. The lowest point to be the most successful we have yet heid. In control to the bluff overlooking the prison and thence down near the scene. He signaled the guards to continue shooting, and an average height under the harbor of the tunnel is about 90 feet 6 inches. The lowest point to be the most successful we have yet heid. In world like to hear from you further as to the position of the prison and thence down near the scene. He signaled in its construction. The tunnel is built entirely of concrete. It has a maximum width of 23 feet 8 inches, and an average height under the harbor of 20 feet 6 inches. The lowest point to be tunnel is about 90 feet below mean the position of the prison and thence down near the scene. He signaled in its construction. The tunnel is built entirely of concrete. It has a maximum width of 23 feet 8 inches, and an average height under the harbor of 20 feet 6 inches. The lowest point to be the most successful we have yet heid. It would like to hear from you further as to the position of the position of the prison and thence down near the position of the prison and thence down near the position of the bring the position of the bluff overlines. signals said that she had only one an hind rocks and in other safe places to high water. The tube is declared by exchor aft, and that one was bent and were filled and the city gaily decorated with flags, lanterns and New Year's passed, a surf boat put out from one of Representatives of the Emperor and that three or four men were put on board

bridge to the States.

The doctor found one Hungarian
Deputy Coroner Arnold investigated

The doctor found one Hungarian killed with a revolver bullet through his in a blue service uniform, seemed embarin a blue service uniform seemed embarin a blue service

Captair Nicholson, Chief Engineer Wood and the remainder of the officers

been placed in the hands of the wreckclaim for salvage on the derelict. At decided that it would be wise to leave the ship, which was being buffeted by the heavy seas, and asked immediate rescue. The crews of the nearby station responded to his signals, and after a hard struggle the men were taken off and landed at Oak Island. The rescue of the men was hazardous

in the extreme, and was attended by many thrilling incidents. The Drumekier will be a total loss although it is believed part of her cargo can be saved, if the weather holds good owing to the fact that the hull is firmly embedded in the sand.

#### RUSSIAN MINISTERS

Reports That Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky and M. Glasoff Will Resign.

New York, Dec. 30 .- According to the Petersburg correspondent of the Herald, he has reliable information that Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, the minister of the interior, is determined to resign. This, under the circumstances of the last few days, will surprise no one.

M Glasoff minister of education, is likewise to retire. He said: "The situation of affairs has gone beyond my comprehension." M. Lukianoff, a bacteriologist, will be his successor. Prince Galifzin, mayor of Moscow, has been handed over to justice to answer

### MET DEATH WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE

#### Four Other Prisoners Were Wounded and Three of Them are in a Critical Condition.

onvicts who yesterday made a break for liberty from the state prison, seven were counsel. riddled with bullets. Three of these are

with ref. bery: W Morales, under sentence for said he had no statemen

years for robbery; E. Queyada, life sentence for murder; W. P. Enly, she was remanded without bail, serving life sentence for murder.

The slightly wounded are: Charles Carson, serving life sentence for robbery; Capt. R. J. Murphy, a prison official, is wounded in the leg by a shot and also has two knife wounds, caused by dirks with which the convicts were

break were all employed on the rockcrusher, where 325 of the most desperate was acting as general overseer about the rock-crusher, and four other prison attaches, L. Daly, A. Hogan, Chas. L. Taylor and Chas. Jolly, were employed as "pushers" to keep the men at work. A large sledge hammer was thrown into the crusher, causing the ponderous machine to come to a standstill. This attracted Capt. Murphy, Charles Jolly and Taylor to the place. Thereupon, the lesperate convicts rushed to seize Murphy and his two assistants. They succeeded in catching Murphy and Jolly. The others endeavored to take the other

guards, who escaped them. During this time the scene of trouble was under cover, and the guards on the outside could not see the struggling men Built at a Cost of Three Million Dollars although they had an intimation that something was wrong.

The convicts with their captives made their way towards a small post comwas armed with a rifle. Five of the

They had no sooner stepped into the ew would be enabled to accomplish open than the seven guards commenced firing, and within twenty seconds fully Island. They could not approach the a hundred shots had been fired, and wreck from the seaward side without en- seven convicts were on the ground help-Warden Yell was in his office. He rushline up and march in. This they did in perts to be absolutely fireproof, but was not put into action.

### COUNTER PETITION.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 30 .- A. B. Hunt, M. P., hald down in the act.

## ROUMANIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Bucharest, Roumania, Dec. 30.—At to-day's session of the senate Premier Sturds aunounced that the whole cabinet had resigned owing to resignations of the ministers of finance and of domains.

# AMEND CHARTER

#### THEY WILL ACCEPT DOMINION CERTIFICATES

#### New Civic Lighting Plant for Calgary-Son of Dr. Montizambert Dies of Typhoid Fever.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.-H. H. Irons, a epresentative of McCall & Co., Toronto, was thrown from a rig at Calgary on Tuesday, and is still in an unconscious

condition in the hospital there. His skull is believed to be fractured. New Fire Alarm Bell, Winnipeg intends to purchase a fifteen undred pound fire alarm bell.

Will Call For Tenders. Calgary council will on Monday call or tenders for the new civic lighting

Dentists Meet. Manitoba dentists met here yesterday

o amend their charter to enable dentists

lding Dominion certificates to practice n Manitoba. New Parish. Father Portelance, of Ottawa, has arfor his too liberal speech before the rived here to begin work on a new Prench speaking parish in the western part of the city. A church and school

to cost \$100,000 will be built. Fatally Scalded. A pot of soup boiled over on the fiver-old son of Wm. Muirhead, of Carberry, causing fatal injuries.

N. Montizambert Dead. Norman Montizambert, son of the director of public health for the Domin-ion, died yesterday of typhoid fever. The eceased's family arrived from Ottawa

a few hours before his demise.

#### OFFER TO FURNISH BAIL. May Irwin Ready to Put Up Money For Nan Patterson's Release-Another Witness.

New York, Dec. 30 .- May Irwin, the is just what the local association doesn't actress, has offered to furnish bail in any agree to. The success of a show targely amount up to \$50,000 for the release of depends upon the weather, and the Nan Patterson from the Tombs prison, Folsom, Cal., Dec. 30.-Of the nine where she is now held charged with the risks of agreeing to dates in October.

Miss Irwin called personally at the should not be settled amicably and satisnow dead, and three are in a critical condition.

Miss Irwin called personally at letter factorily to all concerned. A meeting of addressed to the former show girl, and delegates from Victoria, Westminster, obbery.

Was not prepared to say what course the stock, etc., at each of the provincial have always been friendly, and the probably die: D. Kelly, serving eight son's bail before the recent mistrial was shows.

Says Young Fired Shot. who claims to have witnessed the death Robt. H. Swinerton, Esq., Victoria, B. C.: of Caesar Young, the wealthy bookmaker with whose murder Nan Patterson is charged, has been found in Jack- tion dates for 1905 was fully considered. sonville, Fla., according to information and a very decided opinion expressed that The convicts who engaged in the received in this city to-day. The alleged we should adhere to the dates we have al-

> Young fired the shot which ended his the last week of September and Victoria life. It is believed by Miss Patterson's coun- would be agreeable to fixing our dates for It is believed by Miss l'atterson's coun-sel that Meyers is the man referred to by M. W. Hazelton, the aged merchant of Onton, N. Y., who testified that he saw the shooting while standing in West a complete circuit, Kamloops, New West-Broadway with a stranger. Hazelton minster and Victoria. This seems to us the said that Young-killed himself, and that only feasible way to arrange matters to the stranger also saw the act. The give fair play to all destricts, and although identity of the stranger remained a mys- our dates then, September 20th, 21st and tery, and he did not appear during the trial.

### BOSTON TUNNEL.

-Now Open For Traffic.

#### (Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.-The submarine tunnel connecting Boston and East Boston was opened for public trave at 5.30 o'clock this morning. The tunnel is one of the longest sub-water tunnels in the world. Its total length is 1.4 miles, although only 2,700 feet is under water.

000 by the city of Boston, which has to lay it before our directors, but as there leased it for a term of 25 years, dating | will not be a meeting for some time I beg from 1897, to the Boston Elevated Railway Company, which will use the tunnel exclusively for the passage of its electric to the fact that in the East fall fairs are cars between Boston and East Boston. About four and a half years have been | fair day is fixed for Labor Day, on account the suggested meeting of delegates. quick order. During the trouble a practically safe against leakage. The Gatling gun was brought into position, system of ventilation is said to be excel-

### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

After being imprisoned on the wreckbas filed a counter petition to disqualify ed oil steamer Northeastern, nine miles R. H. Pope, the defeated Conservative off Cape Hatteras, for 36 hours, Capt. candidate in Compton at the recent general Wilder and his crew of 21 men were elections. The changes cover all that are taken ashore at noon Thursday by the crew of the Kinnakeet and Hatteras life-

saving stations. Seven of nine convicts at the prison at Folsom, Cal., made a break for

## DATES OF ANNUAL FALL EXHIBITIONS

NO. 76.

#### THE ARRANGEMENT MAY CAUSE DISPUTE

#### Meeting of Delegates From Provincial Association Proposed - Difficulties to Be Considered.

One of the first matters members of the British Columbia Agricultural Association executive will have to consider after their appointment is the arrangement of dates for the next annual show. This committee, which has practically the management of the local fair, is rep-resentative of the association and the city council. The former has already selected Dr. Tolmie and M. Baker, but as the appointment of corporation representatives has been left until after the municipal elections, the arrangement of dates cannot be definitely decided for some weeks. When the question does come up, however, there is likely to be some difficulty in reaching a satisfactory agreement. If the association decides upon the last week in September-the same as this year—in all probability it will clash with New Westminster. Should the preceding week be selected the Kamloops association will have grounds for a protest. This will leave nothing for Victoria but the initial week of October, and local directors do not desire to bring the show on in that month

owing to the uncertainty of the weather. As can be seen by this an understand-ing must be reached between the Vicria and Mainland associations if the next fall exhibitions are going to prove the success everyone wishes. The Chiliwack association has written to R. H. Swinerton, secretary of the local society, extending congratulations on the splendid exhibition held here last fall, and offering every assistance in making the next show equally as creditable. A communi-cation from Kamloops announces the dates selected by that association, and suggests that the Westminster fair be held during the last week in Septemb and the Victoria show in October This lirectors are not willing to take the murder of Caesar Young, according to an amountement made by Miss Patterson's there is no reason why the dispute

ag eight son's ball before the fary disagreement appended letter to Mr. Swinerton serving \$20,000, but after the jary disagreement from the Kamloops association clearly

outlines the position of that society: Kamloops, B. C., Dec. 10th, 1904. Dear Sir:-At a special meeting of our directors the question of arranging exhilt witness is W. B. Meyers, who is said to be a wealthy naval stores dealer in Plorida city. Meyers claims to have seen of dates like last year, it was suggested fair during the first week of October we 22nd, are rather early, yet we would be satisfied. A committee has been appointed to make any further arrangements that may be necessary on hearing from you.

#### I am, yours very truly, MARTIN BEATTIE.

Judging by the following from the Agassiz association they may be depended upon to assist in carrying out the plan outlined above:

Agassiz, B. C., Dec. 12th, 1904. Robt. H. Swinerton, Esq., Secretary B. C. A. Association, Victoria, B. C.: Dear Sir:-Replying to your letter of the 19th November last, with inclosure, I have It was constructed at a cost of \$3,000, deferred answering in hope of being able , to say that I think the plan outlined is a good one, and would draw your attention being held much earlier than formerly. Our

#### Yours faithfully L. A. AGASIZ.

It has been announced that the Nanaimo show of next year will be held on the 14th, 15th and 16th of September. That of the Islands agricultural show will take place just before the local association fair. As the dates of the late have not been agreed upon the Island

#### society has left the matter in abeyance. GOES TO JAIL FOR KISSING.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.-James Robinson was sent to jail yesterday for 30 days for an assault. The offence for days for an assault. The offend which he was committed was kis young lady against her will at Bayou La den; three-quarters, H. Sargison, F. Ander-

Jeffs (captain), L. Sweeney, F. Morris, W. Loat, A. Raymur, J. O'Keefe, W. Paterson;

reserves, R. McInnes, W. Sweeney.
Capt. Scholefield, of the Victoria Hockey

Club, requests all players to turn out to

practice next Monday at 1 o'clock in order

the 21st of January.

o train for the match with Vancouver on

SIX MONTHS LAST YEAR

Gain of More Than Half a Million Dol-

lars--Successful Candidates at

Civil Service Examination.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.-The customs receipts

of the Dominion for six months, ending

December 31st, 1904, were \$21,204,117, as against \$20,653,761 for the same time

in 1903, or a gain of \$550,356. For the

Passed.

\$259,323.

nonth of December the increase was

The following passed the civil service

examination last November: At Vic-toria, Robert John Herbert and Robert

G. Howell; at Vancouver, Arthur A.

Marion, E. H. Middlemiss and Morven

H. Watson, at Nelson, Edward D. Dut-

Deputy Minister Smart in taking fare

was presented with a case of silver from

TREATY WITH SPAIN.

Washington, Dec. 31.-Mr. Ojeda, the

number of months. An increase in the

\$ 211.75 \$ 55,353 08

68.218 53

65,587 44

62,704 22

60,848 30

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1.837 34

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2,650 79

ton and F. E. Pattman.

### ADMIRAL TOGO TO CONFER WITH MINISTERS

The Mikado Bestows Presents, Includ-Ing Watches Worn by Himself, on the Naval Heroes.

Tokio, Dec. 30, 10 a.m.—The Emperor including watches, formerly worm by him-

Vice-Admiral Togo has declined the repeption tendered him by the municipality of Tokio, on the ground that the time is

Vice-Admiral Togo will devote his time in Tokio conferring with Marquis It estident of the privy council; Admiral Admiral Ijuine, assistant chief of general staff; Rear-Admiral Saito, vice of marine, and other members of the imperial staff, upon the plans for future

Vice-Admiral Togo to-day attended the funeral of a number of officers and men who were killed at Port Arthur while serving under him. He read an eulogy

Vice-Admiral Togo addressed their spirits in the following words: "As I stand before your spirits, I can hardly express my feelings. Your per sonalities are fresh in my memory. corporeal existence has ceased, but your ing from this would has been in the callant discharge of your duty by virtue of which the enemy's fleet in this world been completely disabled and our combined fleet holds undisputed command

"I trust this will bring peace and rest to your spirits. "It is my agreeable duty to avail my self of my presence in this city, whithe I have been called by our Emperor, to render a report of our successes these who sacrificed their earthly existence in the attainment of so important a result as that above ren

RUSSIAN QUARTERS SOUTH OF MUKDEN.

Mukden, Dec. 31.-Nemiorovitch Danchenko, the famous Russian war correspondent, who has just returned from an inspection of the quarters occupied by natives by mildness. At the same time, the Russian officers and privates at the had I had 10,000 men instead of 400, it

"une could hardly imagine a greater contrast than afforded by the tired army after the battle of Liao Yang and the army now resting south of Mukden. The men live in dugouts, but most of the ers in huts above ground. Aside from the fact that there are only five officers to a hut, and that the latter contains more decorations, there is little difference tween the men's and the officers' quar-Everybody is well fed and com-

dugouits are all shell-proof h has a stove with sleeping round the stove. The men are with clothing, warm underostly of Chinese manufacture, rach company. The water is twice weekly. The separate laundry houses are always supplied with

the batuung quarters. "The officers and men partake of the A ration consists of a pound of meat and two and a half pounds of bread, with tea twice daily. There are short rations of sugar, but the only shortages observable were sugar. Everyone would appreciate books and papers. Every printed bit is read, even the advertisements. The postal facilities are poor. Since the wires have been reserved for military and

press use, private telegrams have all been forwarded by mail from Irkutsk. rare taken with drinking water. There is a guard at each well. Some con used water from the Shakhe river. Water parties go to the banks unarmed There is a general truce with water par-ties of both sides, and much chaff between the Russians and Japanese is exchanged across the river. The tempera ture is six degrees below zero (Fahren-heit), and is expected to be colder."

DR CHADWICK ARRIVES.

Declined to Talk of Indictment, Saying Information.

New York, Dec. 31 .- Dr. Leroy Chadwick, of Cleveland, who is under indictment in Cleveland with his wife, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, for uftering a forgery, reached here to-day on the r Pretoria, of the Hamburg Am-

When asked for an interview, Mr. Chadwick exclaimed brusquely, "I de-cline to talk on any subject." Later, he informed of his indictn bling markedly, Dr. Chadwick said: "I have heard nothing of this matter and will say nothing until I get some authoritative information."

HANDED TO CITY. Comptroller of Chicago Receives Money Found in the Iroquois Theatre

After Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 31.-The money found in the Iroquois theatre after the fire has been turned over by City Custodian Dewitt C, Cregir to Comptroller Mc-Gann, the required year of holding for claimants having passed. The box full charred bank notes and bits of bills, ar valued at \$280, and will go to the police sion fund. Many of the coins were burned or crushed until almost unrecog-

TO FRUSTRATE A CORNER.

Agreement Reached Among Pig Iron Merchants of Great Britain.

London, Dec. 31.—The pig iron me an agreement whereby in the new contracts specified brands of American pig iron will be tenderable against speculative contracts in the United Kingdom. Fourteen American brands are listed, of which ten are from Alabama and four from Tennessee. The new arrangement will allow use delivery of American brands instead of British in the event of attempt to establish a corner in the the other side.

THE FATAL RIOT IN POLAND. Assassin of Colonel Was Shot Dead-Many Persons Wounded During Fight With Proops.

Berlin, Dec. 31 .- A letter to the Loka Anzeiger from Cracow describes the attack recently made with dynamite on the Russian church at Bazon, Russian Po-The church walls and the graves were destroyed.

A military force surrounded all the public buildings in the place within an hour and half, and a crowd, numbering 1,600 persons, gathered at the scene singing revolutionary songs. A red flag was hoisted and criew were heard of "Long live independent Poland." Pistels were

Presently a military force appeared un der the command of Col. Buletoff, who rushed in a state of intoxication from the officers' club and ordered the troops to fire on the crowd. A workingman shot the colonel dead, and the adjutants has presented Vice-Admirals Togo and bayonetted the assassin and then brainmura with a number of articles, ed him with the butts of their rifles.

Many persons were wounded, and numerous arrests were made. Order was finally restored towards morning. At Lodz and other towns troops guard the churches to prevent their being de-

> A special to the Lokal from Cheflowa, Russian Poland, where a monument to Emperor Alexander I. was recently detroyed by dynamite, says the ferment here continues, and that the police are searching houses at night for anarchists.

> > BRITAIN AND STATES.

Russian Newspaper Comments on the Rumors of an Alliance.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.-The Russian newspapers are beginning to discuss the British and continental reports of an alleged Anglo-American alliance, but consider that they have not any solid foun-heavy damage to the Peninsular Stove dation, and that they represent more British anxiety to have it appear that such an alliance is in prospect than the deliberate purpose of the United States were driven far over the district, and to abandon her traditional policy, which renders a lasting agreement impossible. One paper remarks: "It is a touching sight to see Jonathan stretching across the sea to John, but both indulging in Mephistophelian laughter, which seems to have escaped European observation."

GENERAL UPRISING FEARED. Ex-Governor of German Southwest Af-

rica Thinks There Will Be More Trouble.

New York, Dec. 31.—A Berlin dispatch to the Times says: "Colonel Leutwein, the ex-governor o German Southwest Africa, has just arrived at Hamburg. In an interview he said: 'I am accused of too much leniency. I cannot find this wrong. I was firmly convinced that I could win the

would have been better.' "The colonel admitted that a ger uprising of the natives of Africa may b

LAND FOR FARMERS.

American Firm Buys Fifty-Four Thousand Acres Near Calgary.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.-An American firm has purchased 54,000 acres of land from the Canadian Pacific, east of Calgary, which will be settled with good farmers. company as being too high for irrigation purposes. The transaction involved \$280,000, and was purchased by a syndi-Chinese boots than can be cate headed by Mr. Belseker, president of seven different banks in Minnesota and Dakota.

A NEW COMET.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The naval ob servatory here was notified last night by cable from Kiel, Germany, of the disfare, which is distributed each day covery of a comet by Bonrelly, of Mares, ridge ascension one hour fourtee minutes south, declination ten hours : inutes. This comet was immediately Hammond and Wright, of the nava: ob ervatory. Observations will be continued every clear night.

"HER OWN WAY. Maxine Elliott and Company at the Vic tora Last Night.

A crowded house welcomed Maxine Elliott and Company last evening in "Her Own Way," a drama designed specially for that beautiful and talented actress by its author, Clyde Fitch. The parquet, balcony and gallery were packed, which indicates that good looks and nandsome gowns count for a great deal with Victoria players. But on the whole while the show was not the treat many expected, it must be acknowledged that the play admirably suits the lady for that of a year ago, but this is not sur- helped to make up for some of the de-

It is played in a novel manner. A children's birthday party is the first scene, and the effect of the bright in view of the war in the Far East, The returns for the year are juvenile chatter is altogether charming. The free and easy comments of the kiddies on their elders provokes much

"Her Own Way" is not new in its There are the two lovers just created for one another, and the scheming villain who happens to be a multiionaire. There is the temporary success of the schemer, and his ultimate utter defeat and the happy reunion of the

Maxine Elliott as Georgina Carley showed marked improvement in her act ing since her last appearance here with We Were Twenty-one." She retains the beauty and grace which have been her chief advertisement, but after all it can hardly be said that she is histrionically

strong, although very pleasing Her support was capable, James Carley as Saml. Coart, the multi-million aire, and Chas. Cherry, as Lieut. Richard Coleman, meeting the demands upon them in satisfactory style. Comedy is provided by the hair-dresser, Miss Bella Shindle, a role that was taken by Geo. Lawrence. His descriptions of Christmas bargains,

onstrations of character sketching by

hair, etc., were first-class STRIKE SPREADING.

Tiflis, Trans-Caucasia, Russia, Dec 31.-The strike at Baku continues. The the electric light wires have been cut and the newspapers are not publishing.

The Pope on Friday received in private audience in his study Baroness Macdonald. widow of the late Canadian Premier. The Pontiff on this occasion spoke in French for perhaps the first time in a private audience. He asked Lady Macdonald to sit next to him, saying that her visit was an honor for him. The Pope said he knew how fairly her late husband had ever treated the Canadian Catholics, and presented the Baroness with a medal bearing the Pope's head on one side and his arms on

# BY FALLING WALL

FATAL AND DESTRUCTIVE OUTBREAKS IN CHICAGO

Two Fire Fighters Were Crashed to Death-Property Loss Estimated at \$600,000.

Chicago, Dec. 31.-Two firemen wer killed and two others and one spectator were injured by the falling of a portion of the wall at the West End car shops. Another Blaze.

Chicago, Dec. 31.-A fire, which destroyed \$600,000 worth of property, started in the seven-story brick building occupied by the Cash Buyers' Union. Spreading rapidly, the fire soon assumed large proportions. Fearing that the whole district was in danger, a second alarm was sent in closely followed by a series of extra calls for additional men with a heavy blow to wind. The third ganized, but in all the plans, proposed and apparatus. When the fire penetrated to the adjoining building, occupied by the Zeno Manufacturing Company, a four story building, the firemen were labeled to the fourth round that Stubbert was beaten. Elli used his uppercut with tellfour story building, the firemen were ordered to the roofs of adjacent buildings to fight the flames. Within a few minutes the flames had gutted the structure, and had spread to the Boston Rubber Paint Co. Then the flames cracking the brick walls of the building spread to 160 West Van Buren street causing Co., which firm occupied the seventh floor. So fierce would the blaze become were driven far over the district, and buildings blocks away caught fire. With a deconation that was heard for squares, an explosion in the basement of the Cash Buyers' Union building tore up the stree and sidewalk, throwing firemen into the air and tearing live wires of the Van INCREASE COMPARED WITH Buren street electric car line down. For unately none of the firemen were in ured. Crushing down through the frai walls of the structure adjoining, the owering walls of the Peninsular Stove Co. and those of the Cash Buyers' Union

cottered and collapsed. Outbreak at Little Rock. Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31.-The Cunningham plaining mill and the Little Rock Furniture Co. building were damaged by fire early this morning. loss is \$150,000.

WILL PLANT TREES.

The Lieutenant-Governor and the Presiden of Horticultural Society to Take Part.

The board of school trustees has arranged for the planting of a few more trees on the High school grounds, and it has been decided to carry this out on Tuesday next, on the day of the reopening of the school for the coming term. Sir Henri Joly de Lottbiniere, Lieut.-Governor of the province, whose interest in forestry and arboriculture is well known throughout the Dominion, has expressed his willingness to plant one of the trees on the lawn. A request was made a little time ago that His Honor should take part in this function. To this he readily agreed,

and intimated that he would gladly bring a tree of his own rearing. The offer was gladly accepted, and His Honor intimated that he would plant one of the butternut trees grown on the grounds of Government House from the nursery, which was the outcome of nuts planted by him. Fred. Pemberton, president of the Horti- an extension of time. cultural Society of this city, has also con-sented to provide a tree and plant it on the well of the interior department today

grounds on this occasion The ceremony will take place at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and it has the employees. een arranged that His Honor shall be attended by a guard of honor composed of the High school cadets, with Capt. Cobbett in mmand. The members of the corps are requested to wear their uniforms. The fact that the planting can be carried

out in the middle of the winter in this city, while all Eastern Canada is wrapped in treaty between Spain and the United snow and frost, indicates in the clearest States, similar to those already signed manner possible the advantages which Brit- with other mations.

ing the business done in the Victoria cus-

February ..... 55,787 15

March ..... 67,737 53

April ...... 65,548 34

June ...... 60,516 23

July ...... 62,388 41

August ..... 70,166 28

November ..... 57,350 41

December (estimated) ..... 54,918 15

February ...... 10,575

April ...... 23,974

May ..... 21,416

July ..... 21,461

October ..... 192,726

December (estimated) ...... 85,979

Totals ......\$825,008

7,035 66

8.079 54

7.533 96

\$100,056 78

September ....

January ...... \$ 8,254 04

February ..... 8,130 46

September ..... 10,440 91

December ..... 10,475 26

March .....

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November .....

toms house for the year just ending are having been withdrawn altogether for a appended. The total revenue collected number of months. An increase in the

will be found to be something less than | business of the China Mutual steamers

prising in view of the increase in the ficiencies thus created, and evidence is Cumese entry tax, which no Oriental has forthcoming of encouraging growth in

in view of the war in the Far East, The returns for the year are as follows:

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

#### ish Columbia possesses over the other prov-**EMPLOYEES WHOSE** SPORTING NOTE TIME NOW EXPIRES for Rugby Match on Monday-Collie Hill Won Friday Night's Fight.

match will be played between Victoria and Vancouver teams, commencing at 3 o'clock at Oak Bay. Alexis Martin will act as SEVEN LEFT NAVAL YARD SATURDAY referee, and the personnel of the local fit-teen will be as follows: Full back, H. Og-

son, J. Gidley, S. Nason; half backs, W. Irving, F. Nason; forwards, J. Miller, A. Also Eight or Ten Experts to Go Away -- Believed That Squadron Will Be Enlarged.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Friday night at the Savoy theatre Collie Esquimalt's importance to the British Hill, of Victoria, won from Fred. Stubbert, admiralty as a naval base of great of Tacoma, in the fifth round of what was strategical value, second to none in the When the men stepped into the ring they western hemisphere, may not yet be weighed about 120 pounds, but Hill ap- overlooked. Probably the most subpeared stronger than his opponent. He stantial evidence of this is that so far made use of a victous right uppercut which did considerable damage. In the first round honors were about equal, but the second was much in favor of the Vectoria boy. He Concentration has been the content of the station of the station has been the content of the station has been the content of the station of the station has been the station of the station of the station has been the station of the st

round was fast. Stubbert being knocked down and taking a count of four, when the reference to Esquimalt. This leads those who have been closely watching the situ-

> very shortly. These are experts who had been employed in the factory. Their families reside here, so that in this respect their departure will mean a conderable loss to the community.

The local employees who will leave the yard to-day are John Robinson, a boat nilder, who has been in the yard for the last four or five years; B. Russell, Purdy and R. Logan make up the tric from the factory who have received their discharge papers, and whose time of service expires to day. Two of these served

their apprenticeship in the yard. So far there has been no reduction in the storenouse staff or in the naval ratings, and no one in either department has yet been notified that his dismissal will be forthcoming. When some weeks ago it was announced that the station would be practically abolished, all were anticipating in turn that bad news would come, but as time lapses the situation appears to slightly improve, and the seeming hesitation on the admiralty as to what disposition they will make of

Esquimalt is taken as a good sign. It was also stated a short time ago that the naval hospital would close in the near future, but inquiry at the institution to-day elicited the that so far no orders to this effect have been received. The general aspect things is therefore not so gloomy as it was, and it is fully believed that the admiralty, on deliberating further on the Esquimalt's value to the navy, will ultimately provide a bigger squadron than

ever for duty on this station.

Railway Applications. The Kettle River Valley Railway PERSONAL Company bropose to build from a point the proposed line to Quilchena near PERSONAL Vernon, in a southerly direction to the

columbia and the state of Washington; from a point on the line so to be constructed from Fire Valley to Quilchena, A. R. Watts has resigned his position on the Colonist staff and interds baying the Pespecity on a short trip. Upon his return he list, I will resume journalistic work here, westerly and northerly to a point on the H. T. Brown, of the B. C. Electric Railline of the Canadian Pacific railway. way. Vancouver, is spending his holidays The Kootenay-Cariboo & Pacific railway will apply to parliament next session for M. C. Brown. Presentation to J. A. Smart.

ing their holidays at Shawnigan. A. L. Russell, of Vancouver, is at the

by his wife, left on Thursday by the Queen Spanish minister, to-day signed with Secretary of State Har an arbitration for California. Mr. Craig until a few weeks ago conducted a carriage building and general blacksmith business in Nanaimo. Consumption in its initial stages developed and it was deemed wise that Mr. adian citizenship is not in accord with jungle he seeks when wounded, but more Craig should go to California. He accords such a distorted view of things. It is especially because of his tremendous viingly, sold out his business and has left for VICTORIA CUSTOMS AND INLAND REVENUE RETURNS. velopment of the disease.

With the returns approximated for the month of December, the figures showing the business done in the Victoria cus-J. T. Stephenson, wife and daughter, of United States and are now on their way

> A. F. Pemberton, who has been absent from Victoria for eight years, arrived family here. Since leaving there she has been in England most of the time, but lately has been residing in Windsor, N. S.

J. G. Johnston is paying his parents on the Gorge road a visit, having recently arrived from Dawson. He has been spending a month at the Kloeber hotel, at the Green River Hot Springs. He was delighted with the place as a health resort.

Thos. Kiddle, superintendent of the Tyee here Thursday evening.

SHANGHAI CUSTOMS RECEIPTS. Shanghai, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai customs revenue for the fiscal year amounts to over one and one-half million

pounds. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge on Friday presented to President Roosevelt a petition asking for an investigation by the bureau of labor and commerce of trade conditions in New England to determine what effect reciprocity with Canada and Newfoundland would have upon trade in these states

The inland revenue collections for the year, ending December 31st, 1904, are as follows: Spirits. Receipts. Totals. \$ 2,339 00 \$ 885,75 \$ 299 00 239 20 \$ 138,91 35 2.333 75 713 85 600 94 1 00 3,274 37 813 30 270 10 10 00 16,351 50 3,707 74 276 00 44 00 56 60 3,128 88 868 57 60 00 16,640 60 2,500 37 790 35 228 20 2.731 88 18 85 14.761 14 756 30 764 40 268 14 97.00 18,724 21 3,212 00 432 20 123 81 75 00 2,727 00 822 00 15,245 59 816 90 254 10 291 32 1.971 25 699 60 15,998 20 \$32,226 60 \$9,384 82 \$3,264 99 \$1,410 00 \$1,149 12 \$383 50

TAGES.

To the Editor: It is certainly gratifying to find that the people of Victoria evidently taking a greater interest ation of every patriotic citizen.

I understand that the position taken

by some of the writers is to this effect: That the limit of free education shall be the public expense). If such limitation standpoint that some boys, on account of be set the result would be deplorable. their greater mental ability, would be Let us take the age limit at 14 years. | through the entire course in little more Now there are children who for many than half the time taken by other pupils, reasons would be compelled to leave and therefore they would actually cost but school before completing the elementary about one-half of the amount expended studies, and as the average age of pupils upon the average pupil (all the better for now entering the High school is 14 the city, some will say); but why spend years it is very obvious that we would more on one than the other? No, sir, we have no High school at all sustained upon the free education principle.

It must also be remembered that the

everage age of entrance pupils is less to day than it has ever been in the hiscory of our public schools, and this conministration and the careful selection of eachers.

If 11 years should be the limit which free education shall be given can be easily seen that the large proportion of our boys and girls would never complete the work in our public schools; r, in other words, the very elemenaries of a good education.

We must not forget the fact that many a bright boy and girl is handicapped at the two commencement of education by ill-health, and their enforced absence ing city, but rather should it be our proud. from time to time makes it impossible to reach the principal's class until 16 years that the public school system of the Queen of age. Then again, the children of com- City is second to none in the Dominion of paratively poor parents are often kept home to assist in the house or to enter upon the struggle for a living long before the early boyhood days have passed away, and yet we find these parents pace in educational matters, and that in heroically striving (even to the measure of self-sacrifice) to secure for their own the last four or five years; B. Russell, another carpenter who has been on the staff for the past seven years, and W. Mulray and W. Wills, who have also seen long service here. H. Geke, J. The seen long service here. H. Geke, J. The second of a complete course of study of the second of the second of the second of the same line. I hope to see the day when Victoria shall also have its free technical schools are in operation in many centres, and that even in Great Britania a movement is being directed along the same line. I hope to see the day when Victoria shall also have its free technical schools are in operation in many centres, and that even in Great Britania and movement is being directed along the same line. I hope to see the day when Victoria shall also have its free technical schools are in operation in many centres, and that even in Great Britania and the second of the same line. I hope to see the day when Victoria shall also have its free technical schools are in operation in many centres, and that even in Great Britania and the second of the same line. on account of the age limit. It would be far more commendable on the part of the same advantages that others enjoy some of our large property owners to rise nobly to the occasion, and to say, that if any change is to be made that it the administration of our High schools, and shall be along the line of assisting these poorer children to a realization of their parents' wishes, and show their willingless to support such a scheme by handsomely supplying the funds for such a

noble purpose.

Mr. Editor, does anyone, wish to do prive our boys and girls of the funda-mentals of a good and wholesome education? Will anyone dare to assert that the age limit shall be the basis upon which instruction in our public schools shall be curtailed? I do not believe that any fair-minded and broad-minded citizen would vote for a return to conditions obtaining in England fifty years ago. Mr. Sorby has a right to his opinion ut I can frankly say, that he has abso-

lutely failed to appreciate the true spirit of the age, and especially along free ducational lines. The watchword of Victoria must ever The MOST DANGEROUS GAME. e "Progress," and the curtailing of any of our educational institutions will mean its inability to stand in the front line of

progressive municipalities.

There are those also who would pro vide an education compatible with the sphere in which the various pupils may vely more, and would like to the sphere of a boy or girl?

It seems to me, that in this boasted the seladang, which is fully as formidable as the Cape buffalo, and is mis-cally, Vancouver, is spending his hondays victoria with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. only be limited by his ability (strengthed the bison all over Iudia. Each of these animals is dangerous on different Eugene Miller, of this city, is going to California for the benefit of his health.

California for the benefit of his health.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter are spend
try, and perchance ere long on the benefit of the thereby the description of the others, is terrifying because of his benches of the Imperial House-at West- enormous strength, which steps at no minster, and such an honor is possible Stanley Craig, of Nanaimo, accompanied the home-spun garment, that there is no ing mud, in dense cover, with the jungle

character that makes the true citizen, the south in the bore of checking the de- and not the shekels shaken together in able, habit of awaiting the hunter on his ada can boast that in parliament, upon the judicial bench, in the ministry, at the hard shooting to bring down one of these London, Ont., are in the city. They have bar and in commercial forefront are to be made an extended tour of Europe and the found (and not a few) of her humblest. The danger of the tiger and of the lion born sons, who have striven and attained East. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson and Miss by the force of their own characters, and Stephenson intend spending several days whose ambitions have been encouraged in Victoria and are guests at the Dominion first of all by the possibilities of an education, and that upon the principle that to the poorest the same great oppor-Miss E. B. Pemberton, daughter of Hon. | tunities of making a life should be possible. The people of Victoria would be untrue to themselves if they considered ed through the eye if head on, or about on Thursday on a visit to members of the for a moment that a child should be educated according to it's sphere.

When one talks of sphere and educat-

ing the boy accordingly, it is nothing less | Whitney, in Outing. than arrogant presumption, for in simple language it means that God predestinat ed that some men should always be WHY THE SALESMAN GOT MAD. grovellers, while others should be the lords of creation. The theory is crushed by practical experience, for does not his-tory show that men of low degree have tory snow that men or low degree mayers and cravats of glorious brillings. Kiddle, superintendent of the Tyee while many who have been born in luxury have become the very scum of luxury have become the very scum of the Windows!" So when Smithson Vernon. He came to the city to attend a society and a disgrace to modern civilization to walked in and requested to see that tion? It should be the boy's ambition to "bright pink and green shot with peaerican Institute of Mining Engineers held get beyond and above his early environents, and it is the duty of the state t aid him accomplish his noble purposes in

Education can never unfit a lad for the duties of life, and any curtailment in the public schools of this city would be a The aff low to the best interests of Victoria from which it would take years to re-

The system is possible of great in ovement, but the limiting of public school instruction to either age or sphere bed of tissue-paper. "Anything else to-Mr. Sorby would have us believe that they should be home. This is an assumptaste, I thought I'd ask you to remove it, that's all. Good day." is made that hundreds of our young people who have graduated from ou public schools are occuping positions in various parts of the province and in the country to the south of us, with much distinction and credit, not only to them- had I known I was to receive such a

It is simply foolish to say that educa-It is simply foolish to say that education is responsible for the number of young people who are to be found on our streets after dark, but if Mr. Sorby had said that the home training was at fault he would be very much nearer the truth. The fact is that parents are

EDUCATION AND ITS ADVAN- criminally negligent in not teaching their boys and girls the principles of morality, and it is no wonder that many of them ruthlessly throw away the golden oppor-tunities of life. If parents would but take their children into their confidence n the educational question than has regarding the dangers that confront them hitherto been the case, and I venture to in the formative period of life, and by hope that so large and important a sub-ject may receive the thoughtful consider-living, there would be but little cause to

The Editor of the Colonist would place

the limit at "certain attainment." would spell defeat to many a promising fixed according to the age of the pupil.

That is to say that a pupil shall not receive any further education after the age limit has been reached (at least at deed. Then it would be unfair from this standpoint that some boys, on account of about one-half of the amount expended ground. There must be no age, sphere or cation to all: so that when the High school has been successfully passed through the University may open its doors wide for for free education upon the broadest pos sible lines. If we cannot have a provincial University, let us do the next best thing: Provide the most thorough up-to-date edu cation in our own Victoria College, and let us see that it is up-to-date.

I sincerely believe that the imposition of any fee whatsoever would be very detri-We cannot afford to have it said that Vic. boast to say without fear of contradiction Canada. I am somewhat surprised to find the Colonist so luke-warm in reference to free education, for the editor must know that the United States sets the progressive many cities, not only is the College and University free to the poorest boy, but that stitutions, thus giving to our own children elsewhere. I am glad to learn from very good authority that a long wished for along the line which I have striven for, together with some of my colleagues, during the last four years.

In closing, let me say that the educational institutions of this city have been worked upon a close economic basis; that the present staff is, on the whole, the best seen by the average work in the classes and by the results at recent examinations. We can be sure of this, that many a poor boy who has won his way to fame and honor was inspired by the ray of hope that shone out from the portals of our free educational institutions, and again that an educated and consequently enlightened citizenship is the best asset that any city or country can possess.

ALF. HUGGETT.

The disturbing element in hunting, lephant or seladang or rhino, has been always, to me, at least, the feeling of uncertainty as to whether or not I could stop the animal if I wounded it, and it charged me, as it did on an average of Mr. Editor, this question; What is perfence, therefore, I should place the elephant first and the rhine third after the seladang, which is fully as formidobstacle, and the extreme difficulty opportunity in the world for them, and they must, therefore, work on in the sphere of life in which it was perhaps their misfortune to be born?

I take it, sir, that the spirit of Candian discounties are the spirit of Candian discounties. especially because of his tremendous vione's pocket. To-day democratic Can- tracks and charging suddenly, swiftly is in their lightning activity and ferocious strength; but you have the shoulder in addition to the head shot, if broadside or, if coming on, the chest, all sure to stop if well placed. The reason the rhino is so formidable is because its vulnerable spots are so hard to reach. Its brain is as small in proportion as three inches below and just in front or just behind the base of the ear, accord-

and one window was resplendent with cock-blue, in the front row," the polite shopman disarranged the front, after some considerable trouble, brought out the desired object. "Rather bold, isn't it?" remarked

The affable shopman was in complete accord. "Certainly a bit striking." "I thought so. You needn't put it

"Very well, sir," and the man began to wrap up the thing of beauty in its day, sir?"
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Then that shopman philosophized audibly, and with much fervor. "I had no idea," he said, "that I should

come to claim your offer so soon, and selves, but to the city wherein they were unusual fee."

"No backing out now," said the law-

VICTORIA'S

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SOME STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

VICTORIA'S PROGRESS IN VARIOUS LINES

Building Activity is Greatest in Many Years - Civic Improvements and Other Yearly Returns.

The building activity in this city for the past twelve months, as estimated by the permits issued at the office of the building inspector, exceeds that of former years by a wide margin. The aggregate sum represented by these permits is considerably more than half a million dollars, waile to this should be added the cost of such interior alterations and improvements as at the Pacific Club and St. Lawrence street, \$700. other buildings not included in the re-cords, but which are estimated at seventy-five thousand dollars. This will bring the total up to more than six hundred thousand dollars. Of course all the work for which the permits were issued hotel foundations and a few handsome residences, but so much of it has been executed within this year that the grand aggregate is not affected to a very large

A feature of the activity that has prevailed in building circles during the period now rapidly drawing to a close is the large number of residences erected. Of a verity Victoria is a city of homes, for sections which a short time ago were unoccupied by structures of any kind are now adorned by dwellings of the most modern character. There are ocalities which, when the year opened were in a comparative degree sparsely occupied, now present a surprising transformation scene. And it must not be concluded that in representative value the activity has not kept abreast of numbers. On the contrary some of the finest residences this city boasts of were erected this year, and these it will be expected will be duplicated within the next

As stated, the appended list does not include buildings in which internal improvements such as those just completed at the Pacific Club and other buildings, but only new structures or those to which new additions have been made. The list as secured by the Times at the building inspector's office is as follows:

Wm. Atkins—Building, Johnson

Alex. Anderson-11/2 story frame building on Finlayson estate, Queen's avenue, \$1.600 Walter E. Adams-1 story bungalow

cottage, Belcher street, cost \$2,500.

Jas. L. Armson—1½ story frame building, Pandora street, \$2,000. W. F. Adams-11/2 story frame building, corner of James and Andrew streets,

Archdeacon of Columbia-1 \$3,000. B. C. Land & Investment Agency-

Remodelling Dawson hotel (now King \$7.500. Edward), Yates street, \$10,000. Mrs. Sophia Barrett-11/2 story frame dwelling, \$2,000. N. Bertucci-11/2 story house, Chambers street, \$1,500.

P. R. Brown—2 story brick building, \$2,500. Fort street \$9,000.

on Cook street, \$3,800. B. C. Land & Investment Agency-2 story frame building. Menzies street, \$2,200; two houses at \$2,200 each and

four 1 story frame houses at \$1,800 each: total. \$13.800. T. Barton-Three 1 story frame dwellings. Michigan street, concrete foundations, \$1,200 each; total, \$3,600.

Ballantyne-Frame dwelling. Mrs. Brunell-1 story frame house, Edmonton road, \$500. A. Bruce-1 story frame building,

Front and Russell streets, Victoria West,

W. H. Burns-11/2 story frame building, Cadboro Bay road, \$2,000. G. W. Boulding-11/2 story frame building, corner Richmond road and Leighton road \$2,400

H. G. Brown-11/2 story frame building, Oswego and Quebec streets, \$2,200. F. Burgess-11/2 story brick building, Topaz avenue, \$2,000. D. R. Black-1 story building, Dunedin street, \$1,800.

Mr. Brown-1 story frame building, Hereward road, \$1,000. Mrs. M. E. Bell-2 story building, Cormorant street, \$3,500.

P. Chandler-One 2 story frame building, corner Dalton street and Esquimalt road, \$1,800. Dr. Clemence-11/2 story frame dwell ing, Linden avenue, \$3,500.

C. P. R.-Foundations for hotel, facin Government street, \$90,000; wharf, 450x90, \$18,000; warehouse, 60x90; 450x90. \$18,000: warehouse, office on Belleville street, \$9,000; total, \$124,000.

Geo. Ganin-1 story frame dweling, Queen's avenue, \$800. G. Cruikshanks-2 story frame house, Simcoe street. \$3,000. W. J. Clarke—1½ story frame building, Henry street, Rock Bay, \$2,000.

John Colbert-11/2 story, Beacon street, \$1.800. Mrs. J. Clay-House, corner of Belcher street and Linden avenue, Belcher

E. P. Colley-11/2 story frame building, McClure street, \$1,800. Dr. Chas. M. Cobbett-2 story house,

stone foundation, Pemberton road and Fort street, \$4,200. Frank Clarke-2 story frame house, Pandora street, \$2,000.

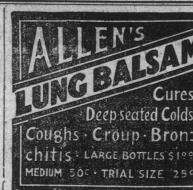
Mrs. M. G. S. Costin—1½ story frame milding, Work estate, \$2,000. Mrs. Duval—1 story frame dwelling,
P. Shandleyorner Stanley avenue and Alfred street,
Daiton streets.

J. and John Douglas-Addition of 1 story to Fit-Reform premises, Govern-F. N. Denison-2 story house, Superior reet. \$2,500.

J. A. Daves-1 story frame dwelling, ates street, \$2,500. R. Drake-1 story frame building, C. T. Dupont-Large cottage, Stada-

cona avenue. \$2.500. Dinsdale-11/2 story brick building, good stone foundation, Fourth street, Clarence B. Deaville-2 story frame building, Gorge road, \$2,500.

Mrs. H. S. Fairall—1 story cottage,
Esquimalt road, \$1,200.



Mrs. H. S. Fairall-House, on Esquimalt road, \$1.500. W. A. Gleason-2 story frame house

Stanley avenue, \$2,500. Mrs. L. G bson-11/2 story frame residence, Douglas street, \$1,800. E. Gilchrist-11/2 story cottage, Dune din street, \$2,500. Mr. Green-1 story cottage, Courts

street, \$2.500. Mr. T. T. Green-1 story frame dwellng, View street, \$1,200.
Miss A. Gribble—Dwelling, North Pandora street, \$1,500. G. W. Garner-1 story frame house,

E. Geiger-11/2 story frame house Queen's avenue. Alterations to building, corner Gov ernment and Yates streets, for Imperial work for which the permits were issued has not yet been completed, the C. P. R. building, \$1,000, now occupied by Mary hotel foundations and a few handsome

B. Ledinghan Hong Yuan & Chang Yuen-2 story brick stores and cabins, Cormorant street, \$9,000. Capt. R. Hicks-Two 1 story frame

dwellings, Princess street, \$2,400. F. J. Holland-1 story frame building, Mrs. J. Houston-House moved to block 7, Work street, remodelling and addi-

tions, \$1,200. John Hepburn-1 story brick building used as theatre, Johnson street, \$4,000. E. Johnson-2 story frame building, corner View and Ormond street, \$2,500. Mr. Johnson—2½ story frame building, \$3,000

A. Johnson-2 story, Pandera street, \$2,200. Mrs. C. Jones-Addition to building, Gorge road, \$200. Geo. and Mrs. Elizabeth Kirk-Residence on St. Charles street, \$6,000. H. J. Knott-Frame house on Cook

and Elizabeth streets, \$2,000 John Kinsman-11/2 story frame building, Finlayson estate, \$2,500; 1 story frame house, Princess avenue, \$1.500. T. B. Laundy-Addition to 2 story house, Simcoe street, \$700. C. J. Loat-1 story frame dwelling on Niagara and Carr streets, \$2,500.

Mrs. J. Luney-Two 11/2 story houses, Queen's avenue, \$2,400. Mr. Luscombe-2 story house, corner of Means and Cook streets, \$3,000. Mrs. Lawry-1 story frame building, \$800.

Lemon & Gonnason-New sawmill, Orchard street, \$4,000. Alexis Martin -2 story frame building, stone basement, Rockland avenue, \$7,000. Moore & Whittington—2 story frame dwelling, Pandora street, \$2,500. Building on old agricultural grounds brick building, Fort and Douglas street, Two 2 story frame dwellings, Heywood

F. Moore-1 story brick building, Moore & Whittington—11/2 story frame upon the nature of the excavation rehouse for Mr. Matthews, on George dured. If there is lots of rock to be named the nature of course will be street. \$1,200.

H. E. Munday—1½ story frame build—sreater. Under favorable conditions, in Revenue For Year Will Exceed Showing

E. B. McKay-11/2 story dwelling

E. Mallandane-1 story frame house on Simcoe street, \$2,000. J. Madden—Two 1 story Princess avenue, \$1,800.

H. H. Macdonald-11/2 South Pandora street, \$1,200. Mrs. Annie Matthews-1 story corner of Market and Third streets, \$1.200.

Jas. A. McIntosh-2 story frame house Fernwood estate, \$2,000.

Mrs. McGregor—Two 1½ story frame Quebec street, \$1,700 each.

J. H. McGregor—2 story brick building, Langley and Bastion streets, \$15,-W. Y. McCarter-2 story frame building, Douglas street, \$2,200; also 1 story frame building, Douglas street, \$1,800.

D. F. McCrimmon—1½ story frame wilding, Fernwood estate, \$2,000. Mrs. McKiel-11/2 story frame building, rernment street, \$2,000. H. Powell-11/2 story house, Frederick

Jos. Phillips-1 story frame house Camosun street, \$1,100. Thos. Parcell-172 story house, Clar nce street, \$1,800. H. A. Prior-1 story frame house

Alfred street, \$800. Mrs. Roberts-2 story frame building, Burdette avenue, \$3,500 Alterations to Crystal Theatre, \$1,500. On Hing Bros.-1 story brick build-

Alex. Robinson-2 story house on Linden avenue, \$3,000. John Richards-Four 11/2 story frame buildings, corner Menzies and Superior streets, \$1,600 each; total, \$6,400. S. Roberts-1 story building, Michigan

street, \$2,400. P. Richardson-1 story building, corner of Toronto and Powell streets, \$750. H, and Mrs. Robertson-2 story house, St. Charles street, \$3,800. Geo. Snider-2 story house, stone base

nent, Elliott street, \$5,000. C. J. V. Spratt-2 story frame hotel, Store and Discovery streets, \$4,000. Mrs. E. J. Shanks-11/2 story frame building, Esquimalt road, \$1,500.

Peter Steele—Addition to dwelling.

Catherine street, \$500. Dr. Sheppard-Large cottage, Regents Park, \$3,500. Mr. Sterling-2 story frame house Mears street, \$4,000. P. Shandley-Building, Esqu

Simmons & Coker-2 story brick build ing, Fort street, \$4,000. Mrs. M. A. Sheppard-2 story frame corner of Young and Toronto streets, \$2,200. Schroeder-Frame cottage, For A. P.

street, \$3,000. F. Stevenson-2 story frame dwelling Cadboro Bay and Pemberton roads \$3,000. Frank Swannell - Building corner south Turner street and Dallas road, \$2,500.

John Silver-Addition to dwelling, S Louis street, \$250. F. W. Thomas-11/2 story house, Sin coe street. O. Turnbull-11/2 story frame dwell ing, Queen's avenue, \$1,500.

A. E. Todd-2 story dwelling, St. Charles street, \$28,000.

C. H. Topp-2 story frame dwelling Cadboro Bay road, \$3,000. Hannes Telitsson-1 story frame dwellng, North Pembroke street, \$1,000. F. P. Watton-1 story frame dwelling,

\$2,500. Wm. Wilby-2 story frame house Yates street, \$2,500. F. S. Widdowson-11/2 story frame welling, Avalon read, \$2,000. W. C. T. U.-2 story frame building, da street, \$3,000. Mr. Vikerson-2 story house, Yates

street, \$2,500. J. Werthington-1 1/2 story brick build ng, Government street, \$3,000. Mrs. E. Williams-1 story frame cet tage, Yates street, \$2,060. F. H. Wollaston—Additional story or

lwelling, Menzies street, \$2,000. C. Watkins-Bungalow, Belcher street, \$3,000. Mrs. H. H. Welsh-2 story frame nouse, Fernwood road, \$2,500. W. H. Wheeler-2 story frame build-

ing, Richmond avenue, \$2,500.

street, \$1,800. Mary T. Williams-11/2 story Mrs. frame building, Alderman road, \$1,200.

At Wolfenden-1½ story frame build ing, Frederick and Mary streets, \$1,800. Mrs. Annetta Young-11/2 story frame building, Bearen street, \$1,400.

Mrs. Walters-1 story dwelling, View

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

A Great Deal Has Been Accomplished in Past Year.

When the city engineer, Chas. Topp, presents his annual report for the consideration of the council, it will show that in some departments more has been accomplished in the past twelve months than in any corresponding period in the history of the city. Chief among these is the extensive permanent sidewalk improvements inaugurated, most of the plank walks, if not all, in main portion of the city having been thus replaced, while concrete sidewalks have been constructed in many of the residential localities farther out. Pandora avenue, Yates street, Cook street, Fort street, Cormorant street, Government street, several streets in James Bay and other section

of the community have been laid with them, representing an outlay of approximately \$54,000 Perhaps the biggest work was the Seventy-five thousand dollars were ex-Bay and the Work Estate. This year | year is as follows: the extension has been furthered as part of a necessary septic tank system, by 

that much-mooted structure has been closed to traffic, while a third has been sontember haid out for Victoria West at the south October ..... 12. 2,739 2,546;64 92.97 end of Mary street. Another tank will be built in Spring Ridge next year. The cost of these tanks depends largely earth with its roof on a line with

ing, Elliott street, Douglas Gardens, this respect, a tank should cost between \$2,500. It is built in the Additional story on Nathan building, corner of Government and Broughton streets, \$9,000.

Douglas street, \$3,500.

G. Michaelis—1½ story frame dwelling, corner of Government and Broughton streets, \$9,000.

B. Macguire—1 story frame house, princess avenue, \$900.

O. S. Bailey—2 story frame building of Cook street, \$3,800.

The St. Eugene silver-lead mine near mount than in 1903. In that period it emerges from the other it is devoid of all reached \$52,343. This was the total of the National story on Nathan building, tank will not be noticeable. It floor is six feet below the sewer main. The sewage enters at one end, and when it emerges from the other it is devoid of all reached \$52,343. This was the total of the National story on Nathan building, tank will not be noticeable. It floor is six feet below the sewer main. The sewage enters at one end, and when it emerges from the other it is devoid of all reached \$52,343. This was the total of the National story on Nathan building, the emptied into the salt water without the

There has been some street paving dur ing the year, Government street from Courtney to Humboldt street, and Yates street from Government to Wharf streets, having been paved. The council also passed the plan for paving Johnson from Douglas to Store streets, which will be carried out next year. Alogether the amount expended on street paving this year was about \$18,000. iderable amount of macadamizing has been done, especially in Victoria West, Esquimalt and Catherine streets. now undergoing improvement in this manner. The new causeway across Rock Bay is another good work, obviating the use of the unsafe Rock Bay run, and greatly facilitating the service. This roadway has been macadamized, and is one of the best in the city. The abutment for the protection of the James Bay retaining wall, and the Point Ellice

bridge, were also completed this year, although they are practically part of last year's programme Douglas street has been extended across the flats to the park, representing an expenditure of about \$3,000. It is move being filled and graded, and when completed will be a long-needed improvement. The James Bay causeway has been macadamized and sidewalked while other work in that connection has been conducted by the city in the same neighborhood. Besides these the usual street programme has been dealt with, including the macadamizing of Pandora street from Stanley avenue to Belm avenue, while a new thoroughfare has been made from St. Charles street, in the vicinity of Regents Park. This is but a brief recapitulation of what has been accomplished in civic improvements in the year, the full particulars of which

will be forthcoming when the various officials present their annual reports. Notes. The health report has not been completed, but as far as can be learned it will be unusually favorable. The number of infectious diseases dealt with is ch less than it was last year, while half the number of complaints were re-

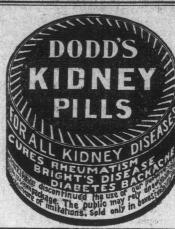
The police returns were not prepared when the Times reporter called, but these will be forthcoming in a few days.

The various officials of the corporation are busy drafting their reports for the year. These will be presented in the

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council shortly, after which they will be embodied in the usual book form.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECORD. Largest Number of Alarms in History of

the Brigade.

During the year the fire department sponded to 125 calls, which is the greatest total in its history. The largest mber in any month was in August, due principally to grass fires. The greatest being \$60.470, of which \$60.000 was caused by the fire on August 9th—that started at the Albion Iron Works. The most dangerous blaze with which

Driard, on the night of June 26th, when the loss was \$19,000 The total loss for the year is \$86,921, a comperatively small amount considering serious nature of some of the fires The loss by months are: January, \$100; February, \$996; March, \$505; April, \$45 May, \$775; June, \$19,200; June, \$605; August, \$60.40; September, \$2,300; October, \$50; November, \$1,850; December,

department had to deal was that at the

6th, Mrs. Turner's store, 52 Fort street, smoke arising through floor; no loss. December 25th, box 14, fire at Mr. Oliver's, Cooks and Labouchere streets; furnace set fire to conservatory: Aoss. \$25.

7 (24) SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. An Unprecedented Showing in the Past Year.

An unprecedented feature of the city school attendance for the past year was the high percentage which was sustained sewerage extension, which has been carfrom January to the end of December,
ried on to a degree that created a pretty In only one month was it less than 90 large hole in the sum of \$200,000, bor-rowed several years ago for the purpose. ber and December it was over 93. This is a splendid showing, of which the city pended on this improvement, the districts superintendent and school board are benefitted being James Bay, Victoria rightfully proud. A few days ago the West and Rock Bay. Last year the localifies which could be sewered under attendance for the fall term, in which the gravitation system were covered. These were portions of Rock Bay, James The monthly school attendance for the

Attend. Ave. P.C. ties. A septic tank is being constructed in James Bay, at the end of Michigan street; a second at the end of Rock Bay bridge, which is one of the causes why 2,656 2,550.16 September .... 18 2.766 2.576.65 93.15 November .... 51302,738 2,531.14 92.44 December .... Q. ... 2,627 2,447,45 93,16

AT THE POST OFFICE.

of 1903. Postmaster Shakespeare is unable to solid substances. The fluid can then be revenue derived from the sale of postage stamps, tox rent, money orders, etc., less the necessary expenses of The inmake a better totaly according to Mr. Shakespeare, than the revenue received from all sources in the previous year.
Mr. Shakespeare explains that, as the Victoria office supplies stamps to the many branches scattered over Vancouver Island, the local income is considerably augmented in this way. About \$53,000

was received from this source during the past twelve months. Revenue was derived from the rent of letter boxes and drawers. Five hundred and twenty-four of the former were in use, and 64 vacant during the past yea Of the drawers 125 were utilized and 84 vereinct rented, As the rent of boxes and drawers was \$4 and \$5 respectively the total income was \$2,721. In this also an increase over last year was no ticeable. Mr. Shakespeare looked forward to having almost all the available boxes and drawers rented for 1905. The indications he added, were that th of any previous year. During 1903 the total amount received was \$190.276.16. and the sum paid out was \$352,695.66.

all returns for the past twelve months were available. 0 1 VITAL STATISTICS.

Returns Showing Number of Births, Deaths and Marriages For Year. Appended are the complete vital statis es for the past year: From January to

September-Births, 335; deaths, 201; 30th of December Births, 112: deaths. 81; marriages, 93.

SEALING CATCH. Total for Year Low, but Prices Were Favorable.

While the total ceatch of the Victoria sealing fleet for the year just ended is present tonnage, the average work of ings a better vein than any found before the schooners will be found to compare in that mine has lately been discovered. fairly well with that done in several of It is not very high grade, but it is good the preceding seasons. The official re-turns, now complete, show the total catch The mine is in better shape now than at for 1904 to be 14,646, made up as fol- any time in its history, and I have reason lows: B. C. coast, 3,118 skins; Indian to believe that this new vein will improve catch, 1,501 skins; Copper island catch. in quality at a very little greater depth 1,790, and Behring sea, 8,237 skins. "The Le Roi is not an exhausted mine There were 22 schooners operated this either, not by any means. They are still year, against 26 the previous year, and sinking. They have discovered now a there were over 300 Indians employed new vein as rich as any of those near the there were over 300 Indians employed new vein as rich as any of those near the and about 230 white men. As reported surface that first made the Le Roi in a former statement of the work of the famous. I don't know its extent yet. It fleet, one of the schooners was lost, representing an item on the debit account of the Victoria Scaling Company's books which put a hig hole in the profits

"That is part of my reason for expectof the year. Better prices were obtained ing the find in the Centre Star to improve as we go down. We are not as have been realized for many years, completely changing the outlook of the year's operations from one of an extremely grave character at the end of the coast

in detail the work of the various schooners, giving the names of the different captains and the number of men forming r crews, and this article is only inended to give more succinctly and offiially the news then announced. During the coming year a similar sized fleet will be employed in the industry, and with a nuance of the war between Russia and Japan and the absence of the South Atlantic fur from the English market in any considerable quantity it is hoped that even better prices will be obtained at the end of the year than were realized this winter. The war affects the Japanese industry and limits the supply of skins offered for sale.

above, there is a great disparity between the British Columbia coast catch Columbia is about to come into prom and that taken in Behring sea and off the Copper island coast. One reason for this is that the weather is so rough early this is that the weather is so rough early Company's properties. The coal is a high grade coking variety, and work is weather usually gets nice, and then operations cease until August first, when the sealers enter Behring sea. In the northern waters this year good weather was ncountered for one or two months, and then it was that the sealers made money As for the Copper island grounds, a com paratively small fleet is there operated every year.

# THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

There are two prospects within a short distance of Victoria which are dividing ocal interest between them. These are the King Solomon property near Both properties give excellent promise, and the work is being watched carefully

for the purpose of seeing what will be every teachers' meeting. the ultimate outcome.

The King Solomon mine, the work on The King Solemon mine, the work on which is being carried on by a syndicate tributes \$50 a year for the support of with J. S. H. Matson at its head, coninues to show up excellently. The shaft, which was sunk on the property continued in solid ore giving high values. Work has been temporarily suspended

sinking to continue.

Pending the installing of the pump, for the education of children of French he men employed at the mine have comenced work several hundred feet away om the shaft in order to afford a better dea of the claim. The ore at this point Point aux Trembles school, the mission is very similar to that found where the ary spirit is being developed in the pupil. shaft was sunk. The ore will go 15 per of the former, so that they become incent. copper, and the conditions are most | terested in Christian work outside their

At the Ladysmith mine Mr. Cecil is making satisfactory progress. He has a shipment of about 30 tons of ore ready for the Ladysmith smelter. This will be hipped in a few days, and will average \$40 a ton. Mr. Cecil states that on the west cross-cut a fine body of ore has just been struck of a similar character to that which a few weeks ago was reached There are nine men at work on the pro perty, and in a short time there will b juite an amount of ore sent out, as the road is being put in good condition for eaming from the mine.

The conditions for hauting are excel-lent, as the country from the mine to the

St. Eugene's Contracts. St. Eugene shareholders, the compa has to get out of the mine nearly 19,000 tons of ore and concentrates between nov and the first of next July in order to fill the contracts on hand. This makes an average of about 2,700 tons per month and means that the mine will run to its

full limit. Mr. Cronin is of the opinion that the required amount will be pro duced within the specified time. The St. Eugene has had an interesting history. It was discovered several years ago by an Indian who lived at the St Eugene Mission. Some good ore had been brought into the mission Father Cocola, who was in charge, re ognizing that it was of high-grade, sen number of Indians on a hunt. them to match it if they could. One ha one they returned unsuccessful. Skookum Jim, whose prolonged absence was the cause of alarm. He had been way a month, and was about to be given up for lost, when he came back with as much ore as he could carry, al of high grade. He said he found it near money order business would exceed that Moyie lake, and though his statement were doubted, search was made. After onsiderable hunting the ledge was found, Father Cocola and James Cronin participating in the search, and together they staked equal ground. Father Cocola eventually sold his interest for \$12,000, built a church, and provided for Skookum Jim. Mr. Cronin interested ther people, and to-day is manager which is making money. The values run about 65 per cent. lead, and 42 ounces in

It is one of the mines which closed own before the Dominion government lecided to grant the bonus on silver-lead production. It has since that time rened work, and is now employing about

250 or 300 men.

New Veins Found. Jas. A. Cronin, manager of the S Eugene, and also a director of the War Eagle-Centre Star Company, in an interview published in the Nelson News some days ago, said:

"I have been down the Centre Star and the Le Roi within the last couple of The pilchard you sent is hardly distinguish one of the lowest since it assumed its days. In the Centre Star's deepest work-

deep yet as they are in the Le Roi. I should say that neither of those two

mines has yet seen its best days." Fording River Coal.



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impurities. 8B

nence. This is the Fording valley, situ ated north of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal out that they are often unrole to lower about to commence in the district. At their boats when the seals are most plen- the next session of the legislature appli-The season just ends when the cation will be made for the incorporation of a railway company to traverse this

THEIR ANNUAL TREAT.

Children of First Presbyterian Church Enjoyed Themselves Friday.

The Christmas treat of the Sunday school of First Presbyterian church was given on Friday. Tea was served to the pupils in the schoolroom. After tea the children adjourned to the auditorium of the church, where a large number of parents and friends were assembled. A delightful programme of singing, recitaions and dialogues was carried out by the pupils under the supervision of Mr. Meston, who presided. A large number of prizes were presented for memorizing the Scripture, the Catechism and the Ter Commandments, and also for regularity. One interesting feature of the programme was a class and solo singing mpetition. Two prizes were given for Cowichan station and the mine being the former and three for the latter, worked by H. Cecil near Ladysmith. Mrs. McKenzie and Miss M. Robertson, teachers, secured the superintendent's prizes, which were given for being pres-

ent every Sunday of the year, and at The school is in good condition, with a pupil at Point aux Trembles school, which is under the auspices of the French evengelization committee of general assembly of the Presbytes church. Assisting the Point aux Trem n this shaft in consequence of an inrush | bles school in this way is, in the estima water. An engine is being sent to the tion of the superintendent and teachers, the, and a pump will be installed so as the most laudable mission work the pupils could undertake, for that school has (R. C.) parents converted to Protestant ism. By correspondence carried on regularly between this Sunday school and the own school and congregation, and avoid narrowness in ideas of religious work.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

erous Gifts to the Aged Woman's Home for Christmas Season.

The following donations are thankfully acknowledged for Xmas at the Aged Wo

Mrs. Carne, sr., andirons for fireplace plum pudding, cake, preserves and Christmas cards to all; C. E. Society, First Presbyterian church, tea, engar and butter; Reformed Episcopal church, brown bread; Mrs. Durham, pair chickens; Mrs. Tite, box sodas; Miss Finalson, ham and bacon; Mrs. Munsie, oranges; Metropolitan Metho dist Sunday school, cakes; Mrs. John Mesand cards; Mrs. Waitt, \$5 cash; Mrs. Wm. from Seattle to Vancouver, owing to Grant, candles: Mrs. Jeffs, sweet nickles: Mrs. Becker, box apples; Mr. Short, candy and figs; Mrs. Russel, parcel of goodies to all; Mrs. J. H. Todd, 4 sacks potatoes; Lottie Bennett has completed loading Weiler Brothers, 2 dozen rugs; Mrs. Henry Clay, cakes; R. Porter & Sons, goose; Mrs. W. Higgins, sausage; Mrs. Ure, raisins; Mrs. Sydney E. Coker, cake and tea; Fruit | Caleta Coloso, Chile. Commission Co., Ltd., box kippers and box apples; J. D. McNiven, M. P. P., turkey: Mrs. (Senator) Templeman, tea, sugar and turkey: Miss Geisselman, box oranges: Mrs. Goodacre, fur ruff: Mrs. Frank Barnard, oranges: Messrs, F. R. Stewart & Co.,

turkey; W. Fernie, \$10 cash; M. Tyrwhitt Drake, \$10 cash The committee also desire to extend grateful thanks to Mr. James Dunsmufr for his annual donation of six tons of coal.

TRUE PILCHARD. Fish Found in Nanaimo Harbor Were As suredly of That Variety.

time ago forwarded to Prof. Prince some specimens of pilchard taken in the herring nets in Nanaimo harbor. A reply has been received from Ottawa, and In it Prof. Prince confirms the opinion that they wer

pilchards. In the letter he says: California sardines, and were described by Girard in 1854 under the name Meletta Caerulea,' but now known as 'Clupanodon Caeruleus.' You will find them referred to pany which owns the mine, and | in the 'Guide to British Columbia' for 1877-

among herring. "I cannot say that they are precisely the fish known to commerce under that designation, but they are firm in flesh and ex-

ellent in flavor. "In the United States commission report 1899 (published 1900), Mr. Rathbun, afte his visit to British Columbia waters refers to the sardine there, but he states that it mains only a brief time in the warme

part of the year. (P. 262.) "The sardine differs from the anchovy, which also abounds in the Straits of Georgia, in having a much smaller mouth I got some anchovy near Nanaimo in 1894. able from the French pilchard, which in the young one-third grown condition are canned in vast quantities under the name sardine. They are much richer in oil than most herrings, and are no doubt captured extensively along with the herrings.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The farmers and merchants of Clay county, Ga., met at Fort Gaines on Wedesday and decided to burn their share of two million bales of surplus cotton. A starter was made when a fire we made of contion on the streets of Fo Gaines. It is not yet determined where it will stop. The object is to show that the farmers are ready to sawrifice a few bales for the benefit of the masses.

According to a Ithaca, N. Y., dispatch a dog owned by Wm. Walker aved five persons from burning to death to be encountered when raiding peach jumping upon the bed and awakening is master, who was nearly suffocated y smoke. Fire from a stove had spread brough the upper part of the house and

## QUADRA GOES OUT OF COMMISSION

KESTREL TO BE HELD FOR AN EMERGENCY

Capt. Truebridge Relieved From the Command of the Minnesota-Along the Waterfront.

When D. G. S. Quadra returns from her present trip to Sidney she is to be laid up for an overhauling. She will go out of commission for probably two months. The vessel has be this year, as the work of the department of marine and fisheries on this coast is continuously increasing, consequently

she is badly in need of a rest. While the Quadra is tied up the Dominion fisheries steamer Kestral, of Vancouver, will be on hand in event of an emergency. She has received instruc-tions to hold herself ready at any time. This is in case a government vessel connection with any wreck. It will be always possible to reach the steamer by

CHANGES ON MINNESOTA. Capt. John H. Rinder has been apinted to the command of the steamer Minnesota in succession to Capt. True

bridge, who has resigned to take needed rest. Capt. Rinder's last command was that of the Mongolia, of the Pacific Mail. He was, before that, master of the Coptic. of the Oriental & Occidental Steamsl Company. For many years he was in by one or the other of these two com-

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer of yes terday says: "After an illness of only two days Frank W. Webber, chief steward of the Minnesota, died at Providence hospital yesterday morning. Dr. Eagle-son says death was due to heart trouble. When the Minnesota arrived in Victoria Webber complained that he was ill, but stuck to his post until after he arrived here. The day after the arrival of the boat he helped to handle the large crowd of visitors."

CARMANAH ISOLATED. As the steamer Queen City did not call t Carmanah on her last inbound trip and as there is no telegraphic cation with that point owing to the wires secure further information relative to the wreckage which a week ago drifted into the coast between there and Clorose, seven miles distant. The nearest point that can be reached on the coast is Cape

SHEARWATER SAILS. H. M. S. Shenewater went out Friday norning, heading in the direction of Comox, and will probably be away for a month. The ship, which has recently been undergoing her refit, made a number of very successful trial trips last week, and enters upon her new commis-

sion in good shape.

The Paul Jones, the visiting American torpedo boat destroyer, will remain in Esquimalt until Monday.

MARINE NOTES. It is reported that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company will cut out the ton, clothes rack; Mrs. A. M. Goodridge, calls made at Everett and Bellingham Esquimait, cards to all; Miss Galletly, ham by the steamer City of Seattle en route

poor time upon which the steamer is The American four-masted schoone lumber at the Hastings Mill, and wil probably get away to sea to-day. She has 673.434 feet of lumber destined for

Steamers Princess Victoria and Princess Beatrice will land at and depart from the new C. P. R. wharf, commenceing on Sunday. The British ship Penthilsia will be towed into Esquimalt from the Royal

Roads to-day. MISTAKEN FOR FLAG OF TRUCE. Handkerchief Precipitated Awful Trag-

edy-incident of War's Ferocity. A painful incident illustrates the ruthless ferocity of soldiers in the face of an imaginary act of treachery, says a St.

"Before we made our attack on the said Sergt. Kotelnikoff, of Gen. Orloff's command, "there was a good deal of skirmishing and outpost work. We isolated a small body of Japs who were on the lookout on the sour of a hill. They fired hard as we came on. and then—as we imagined—up went a white flag. "But when we drew near to disarm

and capture them a well-aimed volley

rang out, killing and wounding five of my men. So we lay down and fred, the 78, where it is stated under the heading Japs, after talking together, firing back, 'sardines' that they are always found At last they ceased firing, and when we were within about 50 yards of them up went another white flag. With a volley of curses our men rushed in and baronetted the Japs without mercy. "I confess I felt sick at this massac but it had to be done. Suddenly one of my men exclaimed: "The yellow faces my men exclaimed:

> a Jap's handkerchief drying on the side OYAMA'S SCHOOL DAYS.

didn't mean the white flag dodge at all

When I looked around I saw that what

we imagined to be the first flag was only

Field Marshal Oyama, who is in command of the Japanese armies in Man-churia, was once a pupil in the Temple Hill school at Geneseo, N.Y., and Walter G. Patterson, one of Geneseo's leading residents, remembers Oyama and relates many amusing experiences of the young Japanese, whom he describes as an undersized boy of 15, heavy set, but "I am perbright-eyed and keen-witted. haps the first man who saw Oyama der fire." said Mr. Patterson the other day. "One Saturday morning a crowl of students started afoot for a peach orchard belonging to 'Tomp' Campbell, which was a favorite place with the boys. While climbing a fence Oyama was the last over. Suddenly Mr. Campbell appeared with a shotgun. He took aun at Oyama and fired a charge of rock sale into his body. Oyama stool the pain stoically as one of the fortunes of war

Half a century ago a little more than oneeason to one of a slight success when perations in Behring sea are included.

The Times some weeks ago published

Another coal producing district in the Walker quickly aroused the rest of the towns. To day the rural population is only family at once and escaped.

orchards."

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re, and then

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ESQUIMALT.

The changes in the distribution of the ticular interest to Victorians. It is not to be supposed for an instant that the mere matter of the commercial value of the station to this district will exert any influence upon the decision of the Admiralty. The navy is maintained not for the benefits it brings to any particular sec-Empire. It is distributed in such a manmer as in the opinion of experts it can be being unable to speak from any other fleet must be leat to those in authority | way in the direction of Ross Bay. and in a position to judge to decide. The opinions of the authorities of to-day may be directly antagonistic to the views of the experts of to-morrow. There may be a complete reversal of policy in the course of a very few years consequent upon developments that are quite unexpected to-day. The importance of this States has now yet by any means reached station must always be a fact beyond the limits of its capacity as a wheatdispute. Whether it shall be maintained producing country. The falling off in by the Imperial or Dominion authorities | production during the last few years has is the matter that remains to be settled. regret to see Esquimalt shorn of her other conditions. Possibly so. The glory as a naval station, the general Miller ought to be in position to form a opinion will be that the effect of the re- correct opinion upon the subject. The duction in strength upon the business of incentive of high prices may produce a this city will be but transitory. Our pro- temperary improvement. But the popugress in the coming year will be more lation of the country will continue to marked than it has been during the year grow at a greater ratio than the produc-

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now nearly ended.

We may state for the information, if ministration in South Africa is providing free education, without limitation, to the rising generation of Boers. Teachers have even been imported from Canada ing the young shoots, presumably because the educational system of this y, notwithstanding its admitted

ections, is regarded as a model its kind. The idea, of course, is visionists is becoming stronger. In the given an intelligent understanding course of time they will have a good case British system of government, the of the future will become loyal cts of the King and useful members ty of grain-grain which the American of the community. The Boers of the old millers find they must have in order to regime do not approve of the educational raise their flour to the superior standard licy of the government. They would now demanded by the pampered foreign cases the captains of the vessels were Neither upon land nor sea is the Musprefer to entrust the instruction of the children of the colonies to their ecclesias farmers are crossing to our Northwest tinations for orders. It is significant of "heathen" enemy in intelligence, patri-THE EASIEST OF VICTIMS. Man, the superior being, the head of all the creatures that live and move and

tical counsellors. If they were permitted to have their way, the narrow, bigoted and intolerant spirit which fostered the sentiments that resulted in the late war would be cultivated until it reached a point favorable to another disastrous outbreak. The irreconcilables have established private schools in the hope that the populace may be induced to send their children to them; but the masses have chosen the better way. The Dopper institutions, imparting instruction in the "Boer vernacular." or taal, and attempting to fan into life the old animosities and prejudices, are poorly patronized. The masses, whether loyal to the existing institutions or not, recognize that their children, in order to have a fair chance in the battle of life, must learn to read and write and converse in portance to themselves. They must come forth from the schools with broader views, and these views will continue to expand as the children develop and a knowledge of world affairs opens their eyes to the truth respecting the great Empire of which the South Africa of the who toils is in the majority of instances done. future must form no mean or insignifi- the victim of his brothers who scorn cant part.

### A VOICE FROM THE PAST.

The "relict" of the old compact which ruled British Columbia for a generation, great loss of the people who are to-day pit. Quack medicine fakers are perhaps has been treated with scant courtesy by which he alluded. Under such an intertion, cannot be expected to harbor very tender feelings towards the men who use them or hair restorers which proheaded the movement which finally re- duce inxuriant crops of the coveted sulted in clique annihiliation. When covering. There may be for all we the remains thinks of the condition of know. We simply take one cencrete inwith that which existed in the past, we do not wender that occasionally the York Post furnishes us with the materispleen bursts and spatters its bitterness al. In the December Bulletin of the their minds; therefore why waste valuits bitterness to dwell upon the fact that proceeded to investigate the methods by Senator Templeman was on several occasions rejected by the people when he effered himself as a candidate for the House of Commons. That is the only consolation that remains. We can hardly expect the "relict" to reflect upon the outcome of the educational movement which began with the nomination of Lib-know before, however, and I have been eral candidates a dozen or more years ago. The handful of reformers who I ask your indulgence to a recital of a

into the woods. That was a work e which, it was recognized, could only be Bratish mavy is the "burning question of accomplished after years of agitation. the day" in all parts of the Empire. The But most of the reformers have lived to cured of baldness. the names of the men who led the revo- bility of its advertisers: lutionary movement consider the condihas not been completed in a manner far Columbia. We might in illustration of treated. our point mention the names of men who in the past appeared to be invincible in bacteriologist, and he will send you, abmost conveniently handled for this pur- the political field, and ask where they solutely free, a diagnosis of your case, a pose. There is little doubt that any pro- stand in the public estimation to-day. booklet on the care of the hair and scalp, tests or resolutions emanating from this But we refrain. We shall be consider- and a sample box of the remedy which quarter would be regarded samply as the ate and ignore the temptation to retort he will prepare for you." expressions of mercenarily and pecuniar- suggested by the ill-considered and spite- thin, and when it gets just so long, it ily interested parties. The City Council ful remarks of the said "relict." In the falls out. I saw your advertidays when faction ruled and the "relict" the - Magazine, and I send you some and its friends were in clover and the of the hairs. Please send m standpoint than that of commercialism, public was told to reflect upon the adhaving no special knowledge upon the vice of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, To be subject of strategic concentration or dis- every institution in the province, from could by no means offer a suggestion of tribution, acted quite properly, in our the law courts down, was brought into such a disorder, I took a long hair from opinion, in refusing to transmit either service for the purpose of crushing the a young lady who has an abundant remonstrances or suggestions to the Adenemies of the then ruling powers. The inch, then I added a few short hairs pullmiralty officers. We must simply accept compact has been dissolved, to the manied from the back of my daughter's the signation and comfort ourselves with fest advantage of Victoria and of all terrier on whom no suspithe reflection that the effects of the British Columbia. There remains but rests, and this was what I received: changes will soon pass away. The mat- one more institution to reform and bring ter of the value of Esquimalt as a point into harmony with all the others. That of strategic value to the Empire and as work will soon be accomplished. Then a coaling and repairing station for the the "relict" of the past shall wend its

#### CANADA'S ADVANTAGES. "The Miller," a periodical published in

the interests of the capitalists engaged

in the flouring industry, says the United been due to extraordinary climatic and ing capacity. Every year adds millions, to the number of stomachs that must be fed. The average yield per acre in the VALUE OF EDUCATION. United States is but eight bushels per acre compared with fifteen bushels per not for the edification, of the Property, come when the Americans will be com-Owners' Association that the British ad- pelled to import a considerable portion of their wheat. When the time arrives we shall not fail them. If they choose to keep on the duty and pay twenty-five cents into the national treasury for every bushel they require, besides charging confor the purpose of trimming and regulat- sumers as much extra for every bushel of the home-grown article, that will be their business. But the arrangement must necessarily handicap them in their competition for foreign trade. In the meantime the position of the tariff reto represent to the electors. Canadians can wait. Our lands are not only more productive. They produce a better quali-For these reasons United States

devourer of many of them and the everything that fixes its roots in the earth to his own use man is perhaps most easily lured by the wiles of his honest labor and "live by their wits." The newspapers are continually issuing warnings to their readers about the opefforts of the press, and the world wags

which a man could do a great deal for nothing, and get rich in the process: of these quacks, and was overwhelmed with shame that I was such an easy mark, for their scheme is simplicity itself, and owes its success to that one rompted to report my findings because mailed their colors to the mast in the few facts and a suggestion, not to days gone by had no hope of immediate mass of plutitudes or of theories regarded to discourtesy toward the United in the Black Sea.

ly driving the gang of political pirates (ing what I believe to be a great public The method of one is essentially the nethod of all, and I can describe it no better than to report to you how I was

future of Esquimalt is the matter of par- see the fulfilment of their mission. Let the This advertisement appeared in a "relict" which at intervals through the monthly which makes great claims for columns of the organ of misrule reviles the purity of its pages and the responsi-

"Falling hair and baldness can be retion and the position of its friends to- lieved. There is one way to tell the day and say in candor whether the work reason of baldness and falling hair, and that is by a microscopic examination of from satisfactory to itself and completely with which your scalp is afflicted must tion, but for the effective defence of the satisfactory to the people of British be known before it can be intelligently "Send a few fallen hairs from your

> This letter was sent: "My hair is very of reciprocity will not cease at their

combings to Prof. ---, the celebrated

To be sure that the sample of hair sent

"Diagnosis No. 45612 "Be sure to give this number in order-

"Diagnosis of hair: "Microscopic examination made by J. H. A. Revelations-Ulcerated Root Sheath. "Fall of hair—Progressive.
"Stage of hair—Diseased Roots.

"Disease-Folliculitis Curable or not? Yes. "Cost of full course of treatment for is case \$2.50. "Estimated terms of treatment-Thr

Months." To antique of soil as the of "MODERN NEUTRALIDES

Old King Coat 11 771 51 Was a merry old soul, And a sordid old soul was he; He sold to the Russ. And he didn't care a cuss And the Baltic fleet crossed the sea.

The recent action of the British govrnment in preventing a German steamer from getting a second cargo of coal-intended presumably for the Russians-at Cardiff has excited the liveliest interest sons have any notion of the amount of the contraband trade in coal done by acre in Canada. The day must soon these operators. A letter in the London Times, evidently from a well-informed correspondent, gives some notion of it. He says that in August last at least ten steamers, carrying between 50,000 and 60,000 tons of admiralty steam coal, left Cardiff on Russian account: in September at least twelve, averaging a smaller dead weight, but carrying 40,000 or 50,steamers, carrying 80,000 or 90,000 ons; and in November seven or eight vessels, shipping about 30,000 fons At the Bay, one to 'Vigo, seven to Manila, and three to Batavia (Java), while others. instructed to call at their nominal desefforts being put forth by the govern- way to Port Arthur that all vessels rements of northern states to stem the tide | cently loaded at Cardiff have cleared for tinue. The decrees of mature cannot be the coal sold to Japan, but it is well completely set aside by tariff restric- known that Admiral Togo's fleet has been kept well supplied. Modern neutrality. apparently, consists in selling ammunition to both sides.

THE JOINT HIGH COMMISSION.

have their habitat in this world, the destroyer of many more; who turns the Joint High Commission would again assemble to consider matters in dispute feasibility of limited reciprocity of trade. as it is to-day. the English language. They cannot learn fellows. The wild things have inherited Those announcements were invariably to do this without learning the truth in from innumerable generations that dread | contradicted from Ottawa. The Canregard to matters of more vital im of the head of creation which saves their adian version of the case appears to have families from annihilation. Man, being been the correct one. Our neighbors apconfronted with claims amounting to milgoverned by his none reasoning powers, parently made the not unnatural mistake lions of dollars on account of Mrs. Chadis seperior to the warnings of instinct. of assuming that all they had to do was wick and those who held her notes. Such As there are numerous occasions when express a desire for the re-assembling of a situation, it is said, would have proved reason fails to guide him aright, the man the commission, and the thing would be very anmoying to the heirs of the mil-

from Washington that the Joint High erations of fakers. Reason seconds the the Commission may be taken as a dead Surely we are not to understand that along in the same old way, the fool and elect of the United States, is not pleased fortune amongst his relatives and friends broke forth: the wise man tumbling into one common at the result of his efforts. He thinks he would relieve him of the obloquy to burdened with a grievous load of tax- the greatest humbugs of all, and they Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to whom he adation as a result of graft and exploita- reap the richest harvests. Not that we dressed many communications on the for any man to die rich. The title to hold there are no proprietory medicines subject of the work the commissioners wealth passes with the breath of life. which confer benefits upon those who might do if they were really earnest in We hope the iron master does not hope their desires for reciprocity and the set- to shirk his obligation under any such tlement of outstanding differences. The subterfuge. position of the Premier was that Canadiars had no hopes of the Commission stance as illustrating the amount of hum- making any progress; that the Ameribug to which the reasoning animal man cans were too resolutely established in may be subjected. A writer in the New | their own opinions for the opinions of others to exercise any influence upon upon the heads of reformers. Undoubt- American Academy of Medicine, Dr. F. able time and a great deal of money in will receive the unanimous endorsation edly the shrivelled old heart delights in T. Rogers of Providence tells how he profitless discourse or disputations which of Parliament. Such being the case, will might leave disagreeable feelings or re- the British authorities agree to hand collections behind? Washington has it over the dockyards at Esquimalt and don't come back." that the reason for Sir Wilfird's curtness Halifax to the Canadian government? So I was afflicted with various disor- is found in a speech delivered in the That is a matter that may not prove so So I was afflicted with various disorlers, and, seeking help, I wrote to many
House last session by Representative simple of solution, being asked by a Democratic member what had been accomplished by the Joint a

States commissioners. The assumed curtss was no doubt due to the attempt of the Premier to convince his importunate correspondents that as Canada was well satisfied with existing conditions and was evidently in no mood to change that which was stable and satisfactory for something that might be transitory and disturbing, there could be no result without a definite understanding of what was proposed to be substituted. As there there was no reason for a conference. It is now said the President and his chief associate have decided that no fur-

was no possibility of an understanding ther attempts will be made to bring the Commissioners together unless Canada expresses a desire to have the question of reciprocity "mutually discussed." Canadians will be satisfied to let the matter rest on that basis. But the President and Vice-President will probably find that some of the States will not be so thoroughly pleased. The discussion

SPRINGS OF NATIONAL LIFE.

declaration.

As if in reply to the protestations of the Victoria Property Owners' Association against the Canadian custom of educat- And a Celt in every land ing children above the station in life to which Providence has assigned them, Lord Roberts points out that the efficiency of national defence in these latter days must to a large extent depend upon the intelligence and capacity for initiative of the rank and file of an army. I am nursling against ills; The Russian soldier is an ignorant, uneducated, superstitious lout. His officers are but little higher in the scale. In addition they are dissipated, cruel and And a Celt in every land callous to the well-being and comfort of those they command. Neither officers nor men are capable of appreciating the sentiments of ardent patriotism which animate their enemy of nimble intellect and agile, active and aggressive body, the Japanese. The latter have risen in defence of, and are striving with unconquerable ardor and devotion for, the honor and glory of their native land. Within the life of a generation Japan

has risen from a position of a despised nation to that of a first-class power. What is the secret of her vitality? Simply that she has been progressive. She has striven after knowledge and made it her ally. The ruling classes in among Welsh mine owners. Few per- Japan have gone aboard and learned whatever lessons the most advanced nations had to teach. They have imparted their knowledge to a people ready and willing and endowed with capacity to receive it.

Russia has been stagnant. The aristocracy, believing that if the serfs were not kept strictly within their proper sphere of toiling for their masters the ultimate outcome would be revolution have steadily set their faces against 000 tons; in October at least sixteen liberty and the handmaid of liberty, education.

Under obsolete conditions and unrevised tactics, the Muscovite in his Cardiff customs house about twenty of phlegmatic, superstitious fatalism would these vessels cleared for Las Palmas, have made short work of his compara-Teneriffe, St. Vincent, and Porto Praya, tively puny enemy. But on the respecin the Canary Islands, ten to Delagoa tive planes occupied to-day the Russians never had a chance of success.

We are told that weight will tell in again, cleared with cargoes to Perim, the end, and that Russia will recover her Zanzibar and Colombo. In all these lost prestige. She will never do it. covite the equal of his alleged and filling up our lands. In spite of the the plans of the Russian fleet now on its otic ardor, military aggressiveness, or physical activity. In respect of situation the Jap has sufficient advantage to of emigration, the movement will con- Batavia (Java). Nothing is said here of offset the greater resources of his enemy. The fleets of Rojestvensky, if they ever venture to engage those of Togo, which is doubtful, will be demolished just as surely as the Port Arthur squadron is at the bottom of the sea. General Kouropatkin has practically reached the limits of his military periphery. Port Arthur is in extremis. Neither Russian army On several occasions it was announced | nor Russian fleet can fire a gun with any authoritatively from Washington that prospect of achieving its salvation. The probabilities are that the Cazor will be compelled to swallow his pride and his advisers to admit the blindness of their between Canada and the United States diplomacy by treating for peace while the most gullible of them all and the and to definitely settle the question of the the general situation remains practically

> It is pointed out that if Andrew Carlionaire. As it is the exposure came in time to permit them to prove the falsity MR. DUNN AND THE EARL OF CLON-Now we have it on absolute authority of the womans claims and to avert a tremendous scandal. But has not Mr. Commission will not be called together at Carnegie avowed his conviction that if present. We think it may fairly be as- he departed this life a rich man his resumed that the Canadian view is that mains would be interred in disgrace? one. Senator Fairbanks, Vice-President- the distribution of the millionaire's great

Sir Frederick Borden, Canadian Minister of Militia, says this country is prepared to relieve Great Britain of every cent of the cost of maintaining national defences. No doubt that is true. No

Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Payne, Togo and Kamimura think they have done so well that they can afford to take a holiday. While they are relaxing the High Commission, said that little had probabilities are that they will also be actually been done, and that the failure considering what they will do to Rowas due to the indifference of the Can- jestvensky when he appears with the adian commissioners, which had amount- fleet that so narrowly escaped destruction returning to Vladivostock, but how

AN OFFICE IDYL C., O. L. in Cincinnati Commercial. Sing a song of shorthand, A notebook full of "pi"; Four and twenty letters To be written by and by.

When the Girl is ready, And the keys begin to sing, What a pretty pile of work She to the Man will bring,

The Man is in his sanctum. Trying to make money; Talking to a customer In tones as sweet as honey.

The Boy? Ah, he's a pirate,

out on the stormy sea,

As happy as can be.

The Girl is busy with her work,

Alas for life's swift changes! The Man no sale could make, His heart is very heavy, And his looks would make you quake.

On which he fondly dotes The Girl is on the verge of tears-She cannot read her notes.

THE CELT. London Daily News. Throw me, but I yet shall stand,

For a free-born Celt am I;

was ne'er the Saxon's thrall. Though he hacked me heart and limb

By the soul that is in all. I was lord o'er him And the al!-protecting sea,

And the sky is over me. For a free-born Celt am I: - Shall a free man die.

PITY POOR BORDEN! Toronto Telegram (Conservative.) The best service that Mr. R. L. Border can render the Conservative party as to stay in retirement until his own province calls him back to public life, or until it is made clear and manifest that the opposi-

fault of a better leader. What the Conservative party needs at present is not flatterers, but friends. Mr. his own province, and had no more to do with sweeping Ontario for the Conservatives than he had to do with sweeping the United States for Roosevelt. The Conservatives should remember that it is easier to find a leader whom the party does want than to get rid of a leader whom the party does not want. Mr. Borden is the unanimous choice of his political enemies for the leadership of the Conservative party. A strong leader is never popular with his political enemies. The advisers who are trying to force Mr. Borden back into a tion to which he was never called by the rank and file of the party are Mr. Borden's flatterers rather than friends to the Conservative cause.

A BLACKMAILED KNIGHT.

While chatting recently with Sir Hiram Maxim, who has had fitted up a private experimental laboratory at West Norwood. and whose airship ideas are rapidly maturblackmailers, and the numerous bogus lawstracting and destroying court records relating to a case which had already been decided in my favor, in order that the blackmailers might work it over a second time. fully made up my mind to become a British subject, and to live in a country for the rest of my life where court records cannot be abstracted and destroyed, and where a/blackmailer is looked upon as being worse than a thief."

-0-GLASCOW'S ISLE OF DRUNKARDS.

St. James's Gazette. The Glasgow corporation is considering scheme under which Glasgow's chronic inebriates shall be banished to the islet of Shuna, one of the Hebrides group. This Said to Be a Huge Cypress Tree 6,260 islet is leased to a farmer and has been practically forgotten by the corporation of Glasgow, who has owned it for a century. It is sandwiched between the coast of Argyllshire and the island of Luing, and negie had died at any time during the is only three miles in length and about half oldest living things on earth," year 1904 his executors would have been that extent in breadth." The climate is U. Ireland said, "is not correct. described in the corporation reports as similar to that of Jersey, and those who islanders would be practically self-support-

A prominent figure in Tammany is ex-Sheriff Dunn, of whom a story is told concerning his meeting with the Earl of Clonmel in New York. Mr. Dunn is a native of they had a bottle of wine at Delmonico's. As they clinked glasses Mr. Dunn suddenly

"America," he cried, "is surely a great place! Here you and I are drinking together, while in the Old Country I couldn't get near enough to you to hit you with a shotgun. I know, because I used to try."

GEN. SHERMAN AND A THEATRE NUISANCE.

Lippincott's Magazine. Gen. William T. Sherman, while fond of the theatre, objected strongly to having the statement printed about them in a lords of the admiralty," I think it is the theatre, objected strongly to having bibulous, selfish men stumble and pash over his knees to get out between the acts. One evening a young man with the clothes and evening a gigantic baobab tree in Central brains, and no 'dollar a dry home supvoice of a gentleman began to crowd his Africa as the 'oldest organic monument' way to the aisle from the end of a row in in the world. This tree has a trunk 29 agement of our city affairs in the hands

said, "but may I get by you?" "Yes," he said, coolly, as he straightened his knees behind the young man, "If you "Still it is not the oldest organization."

LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED. London Daily News.

Yesterday a city firm received no fewer than 998 applications in response to an advertisement for a clerk. The salary offered was 30 shillings (\$7.50) per week.

MYSTERIOUS CASE.

We can readily understand that the Russians fired on one of their own craft happened to damage it is a mystery.

## SWIMMING AND LIFE SAVING

(By David Christie Murray)

quirement of which most healthy boys hanging back as they do now from the inane chaff of grammar and geography are naturally drawn, has almost everyare naturally drawn, has almost every-where been systematically discouraged would be eagerly welcomed, we do not by parents. There are thousands of i think it worth our while to teach them. households in England in which it is still regarded as a high crime and misdemeanor for a boy to go bathing, and there are comparatively few men who cannot recall some form of punishment which has been inflicted upon them in youth for an indulgence in that stolen pleasure. The absurd old story of the careful mother who was resolved that her boys who are charged with the education of the young to see to it that every boy and should never enter the water until they had learnt to swim is by no means : fable. With every recurring summer and and the wonder is not that it should come round as regularly and unfailingly as it does, but that its victims are not even more numerous than they are. Open-air bathing, except in a few special places inland and at the recognized stations at the seaside in the season, is deliberately made difficult or impossible Riparian owners set their faces against it almost everywhere. Rural policemen, who might be much better employed, make a point of chivying the gangs of urchins who defy the law by an illicit person; (c) how to resuscitate the appardip in the sleepy waters of cauals in of the structure of the human chest, and country places or in the retired reaches f brook or river. If they were left to heir own instincts most boys who are bred in the country would learn to swim. nore or less-would at least know enough of the art to be out of danger in middle of an ordinary English

drowning every year, and the vast majority of them would be avoidable if only the necessary care and forethought were employed. It is a remarkable fact-for the knowledge of which I am indebted to that excellent institution, the Life-Saving Society—that our best swimmers awards; (d) the promotion of free public tion must fall back on Mr. Borden in de are to be found mostly in our great towns lectures, demonstrations, and co and cities—that is to say, in precisely those quarters where a knowledge of the art they practice is less necessary than has already prospered may be seen by a it is known to be elsewhere. This is due glance at the comparative tables, in to the establishment of swimming baths | which the list of its annual awards is in all our populous centres, at which the set forth. These awards are given only weeessary fultion can be imparted, or after actual proof of ability to fulfil the where, by imitation and emulation, peo- tests arranged by the society. They ple are stimulated to teach themselves. differ in value as the candidates who These institutions are not nearly so nunerous as they ought to be. The Life- highest is the diploma of the society Saving Society itself has repeatedly been | which certifies complete proficiency. Then compelled to postpone or abandon its sea- in their order come the honorary cerson's programme because of the crowded condition of the baths, and, so far as I can learn, there is not in existence a solitary school which exists solely for the purpose of instruction in the art of ful pupils. Now, the society was not swimming, of human salvage, and in the inaugurated until 1891, and the awards means for the resuscitation of the apparently drowned. There ought not to e a single person ignorant of these things, and yet it may safely be said that hardly one male adult in a thousand (leaving out of account female adults, who have in several cases already shown they are capable of doing this) has the skill to undertake a rescue in deep waters or the knowledge of how to restore sus-

pended animation and whose already lives a correspondent) the last an admitted evil, the gravity ing, I asked (writes a correspondent) the last an admitted evil, the gravity in the patron of the institution—lengthing in a did here as he does everywhere, to good and useful work—and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is president, and Mr. W. H. Grenfell, M.P., acting president. There been for the attention shown me by a gen- must begin with the girls and boys, and are no more fascinating public displays tleman of the blackmailing fraternity, who lives on the other side of the fishpond, I should probably have adhered to my Amwould not be in love with a swimping should probably have adhered to my Amwould not be in love with a swimping would not be in love in the love with a swimping would not be in love in the love with a swimping with the swimping would not be in love in the love with a swimping with a swimping with a swimping with the swimping with th erican nationality during my lifetime, but lesson, for there is no more delightful the coast and other places where faciliwould not be in love with a swimming at many places of popular resort about or inviting exercise in the world, as there ties are provided. Interest is growing, is certainly none more health-giving, and and is growing fast. But the society sults that they brought against me, that I it needs no effort of imagination to pic- ought to have its own bath or training ture the spirits with which city gamin | college for the prosecution of its work, subject. And when at last it came to ab- and gamine would march towards this and branches of that college ought to particular form of school lesson in the exist in every parish throughout the torrid summer weather. I must needs kingdom. Who will help to attain this fling my bonnet over the educational object? The machinery is in existence, windmill as I go by it. We teach the and no educational body with a due sense children whom we have confided to the of its duty towards the rising generation care of the state a great many things | can afford to leave it unemployed. The which are wholly useless to them in life. members of the society have during the We don't teach them to swim in the gen- past two months been giving free instruceral sense of the term. Now, to the average boy drill is delightful, the practice of games a never-ending joy, and length of 164 miles of the river. Who swimming a pre-taste of paradise. And knows what results will follow such because swimming above all is eminently splendid work?

OLDEST LIVING THING.

Years Old.

"The statement recently made that there are yews in England which are the oldest living things on earth," Thomas

ingal, in Perthshire, which Decandole, nearly a century ago, proved to the satisfaction of botanists to be over 25 cen- | Louis Globe-Democrat. turies old, and another at Hedsor, in Buclas, which is 3,240 years old. How Decandole arrived at an apparently correct estimate of the enormous age of these living trees is a simple thing, and Clonmel, and when he met the nobleman the principle is doubtless known to-day to all. The yew, like most trees, adds one line, about the tenth of an inch, to its this after an investigation extending which means so much to the citizens as over several years, and we know now, a that of the removal of the fleet met with were correct. The old yew at Hedsor

Fortingal. "Their years are few, though, compared with those of the trees I had in mind when I made my first assertion that which Gen. Sherman was sitting.

"I beg a thousand pardons, general," he

feet in diameter, and Adamson, by a of men of dignity and character, whose series of careful measurements, demonwords may have weight in the councils

> in Shepultepec, with a trunk 118 feet and years-for it had been shown as conclusively as these things can be shown, that its age is about 6,260 years. To become impressed with wonder over this

for a little while in thought.

"Yet it is not so remarkable when but fools never."

"Yet it is not so remarkable when but fools never." one stops for a moment to remember that, given favorable conditions for its

It is a curious and noteworthy thing useful, and because all our pupils would that the art of swimming, to the ac-

The Life-Saving Society is, of course, it is giving as to the means to be adopted n rescue and resuscitation, but the greatest task which lies before it is that by which it will in the course of time make that part of its work less and less necessary. When it is publicly recognized girl shall be taught to swim before leav ing school, when the voice of the public onscience has taken effect in this matter, and has translated theory into fact. then, and then only, the work of the society will be accomplished. The course of instruction in the classes organized by the society consists of actual practice with living subjects. Pupils thus gain an idea of the force required in lifting and carrying a drowning, struggling perdrowning persons under a variety of conevent of being clutched by a drowning the functions of circulation and respiration, so as to insure an intelligent use of the methods taught.

This system of instruction is fully set forth in the handbook of the soci which has been specially prepared for the We have our hundreds of deaths by | The objects which have especially engaged the attention of the executive are a) the extension and encouragement of the work of teaching swimming; (b) the saving life from drowning: (c) the examination of trained pupils for

How rapidly the Life-Saving Society tificate given to instructors, a bronze medallion, a certificate of proficiency, a teacher's elementary certificate, and the elementary certificate granted to successfirst instituted in the following year. The first of the tests resulted in the granting of 86 only. In 1891, however, the number of suc tors had increased to 2,029, whilst in the course of last year no fewer than 3,519 received awards in the various degrees

The progress made is eminently satisfactory, but there is an enormous field to conquer. His Majesty the King is acting president. There tion in life-saving to the employees of the Thames Comservancy engaged over

growth and sustenance, the average tree will never die of old age-its death merely an accident. Other younger and more vigorous trees may spring up near it, and perhaps rob its roots of their proper nourishment; insects may kill it. floods or winds may sweep it away, or its roots may come in contact with rock and become so gnarled and twisted, because they had not room to expand their "These yews are old, very, very old; growth, that they literally throttle the there is no doubt about that; some avenues of its sustenance; but these are are urging that the islet should be used as were stalwart trees even before Caesar accidents. If such things do not happen landed on these shores. There is one a tree may live on for century after cennow standing in the churchyard at Fort- | tury, still robust, still flourishing, shelltering, with its widespread branches, the men and women of age after age."-St.

ADMIRALTY AND COUNCIL.

To the Editor:-In the notice of the proceedings of the city council last night, as it appears in the Colonist, I observethat my letter suggesting that the councircumference each year. He proved cil should not remain silent in a matter little or no consideration. If the dignity has a trunk 27 feet in diameter, proving and prestige of our city—the capital city its great age, and it is in a flourishing, of the greatest province of the Dominion healthy condition now, like its brother at | -has reached that degraded position that no alderman can truthfully say that "a petition signed by every adult person in Victoria would cut no figure with the strated conclusively that it had lived for of our empire. The lords of the admir "Still it is not the oldest organic monument in the world, as Humboldt degood sense always are of ability and good sense always amenable to reason clared, for now Mexican scientists have Sir John Fisher's ideas in making the proved that a huge cypress tree, standing changes are no doubt actuated by the motive of the best service and protection 10 inches in circumference, is older than for the Empire as a whole, but it is it older, too, by more than a thousand quite possible that he may have overlooked certain points, applicable especially to this part of the Empire, which if brought fully and respectfully to his notice would meet with some measure one has only to dwell on that duration of modification in the future plans. Wise

Victoria, December 28th, 1904.

Field Head perial Japanes other day, j which in the I lodged the Ru lage of Entains voice from the messieurs." I the captain of shown the for Hill position a spread Fingers days previous Where was th let through the Never out o never, before tell his story.

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#### COUNCIL. notice of the

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S. PEIRSON. th, 1904.

YREKA TRAMWAY AND MINE, QUATSINO SOUND.

Field Headquarters, Gen. Oku, Imc coming fast without a stop, for the Ruserial Japanese Army, October 20.—The sians could do nothing with 71 rifles lodged the Russians from the mud village of Entaineul, a litter came along. A up the breastwork together. Two Rusvoice from the litter said: "Bon jour, the captain of infantry, Matsui, who had up and cut both down with two slashes shown the foreigners over the Scrub of his sword. Hill position at the hills of the Outspread Fingers, Shusanpo, just a few days previously. Was he hurt badly? Where was the wound? It was a bullet through the shoulder-not much

Never out of Japan till war came, he ! never, before the day he was detained to tell his story, had seen so many foreigners. (They were less than a score.) Nor, he added, at the veranda tea in Liao Yang afterwards, had he ever before

third division. On August 31st two regiment were ordered to take one end, the worst end, of Scrub Hill. Wire ennim remained another in reserve. Arriving at other wire obstacles, he cut them, and sent men forward to learn if there were more on the slope itself. While awaiting their report, the reserves, who had been told not to fire unless Matsui's command was in extremis, opened notwithstanding on the Russian trenches. Russians, rising to fire back, discovered Matsui's men, and at the first volley shot down ten of them. Thus checked, Matsui took his men to a road, formed them in close order, and went ahead to where there were under-ground mines. Two of these exploded, then six more, and the whole little band was covered with dirt, but no man in-Officers of the reserve, seeing this, ran

York Evening Post.

ESKIMO TRIBE WIPED OUT.

cruiser Neptune, now on duty in Hud-son's bay, who was invalided to St. John, Nfld., from Labrador, recently, re-

the grisly corpses lying around.

Rifle fire kept up; Capt Matsui was struck in the thigh. His men reformed, leaving the ditch, and he moved them forward up the hill to within 200 yards of the trenches. There the men stopped. Shrapnel from hills beyond the one they were climbing was dropping upon them. They tried again, and fell back; then threw up little earth shelters with the spades on their knapsacks. Couriers commanders for instructions. They did not live to return. Capt. Matsui was cut ff; he must rely upon his own de-

He kept his men in their improvised shelters, many in the lee of the mounds of Chinese graves, till midday. No orders from his superiors, and his hurt thigh not improving, he then felt that he should attempt something. When he tried to get up his wound would not let there to return with her and endeavor to him. As only one lieutenant was left to solve the mystery, but this he was unable lead the men, the captain would not re-linquish command. He announced to the trivial details which his eye could read

He rose, and started; then fell sidewise on the hip that was not fit. A ser- He took them, however, to the grave of geant lifted him to a rock. The Russian rifles up the hill threw a sharp hail weakness and when he felt his end apagainst the two companies. Some bul-proaching, crawled to a cave in the hills lets passed through three men. The captain sang out that they must go on. to the right, started to back up these two hard-placed companies, who were is still involved in mystery. now charging, straining through sparse, knee-high scrub pine. They were dropping, dropping (I saw this charge through glass, but did not know who was makfewer. At the top they arrived too weak to take the trench—out of 195 men only 71 remained. So they crept for protection under the Russian breastwork itself, lay close. Every time a Russian head and rifle showed above on the rim on theirs; not four feet apart in space, remain one of those inscrutable problems they were separated from one another which baffle medical science.

#### by an upthrown wall of dirt and turf. Stones were rolled down upon the cowering men. They threw them back at the enemy over the wall. The reserves now had their feet on the slope; they

were Field Marshal the Marquis Oyama, to perial Japanese Army, October 20.—The other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day, just after the charge every head that lifted up and tried to other day. wolce from the litter said: "Bon jour, scrambled out of the trench and away. being called Oyama the Great in Japan, messieurs." Looking down, there was An officers in a colonel's uniform jumped and there is little doubt that his name sands of years.

No use! Stampede had commenced. The Japanese were clambering across the One of them shot the colonel, and he lay, quite dead, with his bloodied sword, beside the two earliest is one of those exceptional generals who kind of Japanese privy council, whose to quit their ground. have the extremest dislike for war. Capt. Matsui, back on his rock with a

useless thigh, saw his flag break out After that we met him, and learned that he was 27 years old. "I have never been out of Japan before," he remarked, "and never saw so many formarked, "and never saw so many formarked, "and the first time I are loves the soldiers who serve under him, and the strictest discipline is necessary; but he marked, "and never saw so many formarked, "and this is the first time I are loves the soldiers who serve under him, and learned the strictest discipline is necessary; but he marked, "and never saw so many formarked," and this is the first time I are loves the soldiers who serve under him, and learned the strictest discipline is necessary; but he marked, "and never saw so many formarked," and the soldier, and it has been said that he and Field Marshal Yamagata, the aged general who is too infirm to take part in this campaign, are respectively the right and loves the soldiers who is too infirm to take part in this At the hills of the Outspread Fingers, and this is the first time I ever and he knows when leniency and kind left hands of the sovereign of Japan.

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Commanded two companies in the heard a brass band." Our next meeting was after the charge on Entaineul, when he hailed in French

take up active service against the Chinese war, the worst end, of Scrub Hill. Wire entanglements ahead caused it to divide. The main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change troduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change troduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the main hall; this number is to be introduction of machinery and attacked the party was waiting to receive change the party was waiting to receive change the party was waiting to receive change the party was a box, and freely confesses that der; not much."

preparatory to taking his evening meal, he is a little tired of it, but hastens to add that whilst his health and strength remain he will always be the most eager time perhaps get a hurt that will end larly woebegone and disconsolate look. and he asked the man why he was so Mysterious Disease Carried Off Colony

> rifle from him and put it on his own shoulder, whilst he led the sentry into his own tent and set before him the food that had been prepared. And whilst the

tingham inlet during the previous fall that he and his own army, numbering and winter, of some disease, the nature about 70,000 or 80,000 men, performed of which was unknown. - some wonderful deeds of endurance. On The little colony of natives was abso- one occasion he marched with his men lutely depopulated and a row of atony mounds testified to the graves of the earlier dead, the later victims lying un- won it, and marched fifteen more miles buried in many instances, doubtless be- through the snow before camping out.

cause the enfeebled frames of those still surviving were unable to perform this upon which devolved the duty of capturast office for their expiring companions. | ing Port Arthur, and his scheme of oper-A terrible picture of desolation the settlement presented, with everything essen- ment and admiration on the part of fortial to domestic existence and the imple- eign military critics. He split up his ments of the chase by which the Eskimos divisions into small sections, and with lived scattered around, and no human being about or any evidence of them except was

A Mysterious Plague. The ship went to Southampton inlet and induced an Eskimo from the colony lieutenant: "We will take our men up that some disease had taken them off, but what the plague was that had proved so ed them he regarded them as so perfect destructive to them he could not say. the last man in the tribe, who, in his ehind the settlement and there buried himself aftive, walling up the entrance placing Gen. Kuroki, who has been very with stones and dying down behind this conspicuous in the recent engagements Seeing what was happening the reserves with stones and tying down behind this back on the plain, and another battalion barrier to die, so that the wolves might with the Russians, in charge of one of not mutilate his remains. The tragedy | them, and Gen. Sakuma in charge of the

Was It Beri-beri. A disease accompanied with swellings of the legs, and somewhat resembling the ing it at that time), growing fewer and beri-beri of the east, was noted among Ungava last year by the mission doctors. It killed off many, and it is now thought that this may have been the disorder which exterminated the rtibe in Hudson's bay; but how the disease was rtansmitted the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the the Taliana to the Taliana to the Taliana to the transmitted the transmitted that the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from the world as if he had come from Kilter than the looks for all the world as if he had come from the worl of the breastwork, a Japanese would to the Eskimos in that remote injet, hun-kenny, and an English officer has de shoot. The Russians had to stay on dreds of miles from these others and havtheir side and the Japanese had to stay ing no communication whatever, must

Oyama is a tall man, and he has a tendency towards stoutness. In comparison with other Japanese he is, therefore. nothing less than a giant. Moreover, his features also are big and round, and he eschews the little wiry moustache and bit of whisker which usually adorn the

urai.-Tit-Bits.

question of public importance which de-

mands the attention of the throne. Thus

face of the Japanese officer, preferring due the great victory in the recent ter- nearly always a suggestion of a goodaim a shot.

The reserves were at hand. All went up the breastwork together. Two Ruston the most terrible in history—is already the type of Lord Charles Beresford. being called Oyama the Great in Japan, the type of Lord Charles Beresford rather than of the military man. As a Statesman. Oyama is one of the intimate personal friends of the Mikado, who has the great-

Oyama has shown that he is one of the cleverest generals of modern talents as a general. He is one of the duty it is to advise the Emperor on every On the battlefield Oyama is the

personification of bravery, and is one of he is a prominent statesman as well as a The Worn Out Sentry.

miserable. Then he discovered that through an unfortunate combination of extra duty, and had to go without the little food that a Japanese private soldier

needs for his sustenance.

Oyama compassionately took his

discovered that a whole tribe of Eskimos, about 200 in all, had perished in Not-tingham inlet during the president of the duty.

It was in the course of the

He was in charge of the land forces ation on this occasion excited much comthem attacked the fortress from many seemed to be a risky manoeuvre, but it

Completely Successful. Oyama was also in charge of the Japanese army that captured Wei-Hai-

Wei-one of the most conspicuous successes of that war. On this occasion he spent several days in thinking out his plans, and when he had completely formthat he said his own presence at the operations was not needed. Everything was certain to happen, and so it did. Oyama retired to some distance to watch the success of his scheme. He other, and then he himself went and sat upon a high hill behind, whilst he watch ed them slowly and surely achieve suc-

The marquis, who is nearly sixty-two years of age, is less like a Japanese than scribed him as a "broth of a boy." The Japanese for the most part are

The big university at Birmingham will soon be an accomplished fact. Few people know of the establishment of this gigantic technical university at Bournebrook, a suburb of Birmingham. Five or six years ago, owing to the energy and public spirit of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain the idea of a great local technical schoo began to take shape in the minds of the people and to-day there are thirty acres covered with the buildings, laboratories, workshops, machine shops, lecture halls, etc., which go to comprise the univer-sity. When the whole scheme is com-

pleted the establishment of this school will have cost £3,000,000. Mr. Andrew Carnegie was one of the early stitutions in the United States. This was outcome. done and a report made regarding the main feature requisite in a school of technology. The basic idea was the union of theory and practice, and this is the idea which has been carried out in connection with the Birmingham institution. The buildings now erected consist of

He was minister of war in 1894, and mly relinquished that office in order to remain he will always be the most eager | Some idea as to the size of the different | equivalent to a revolutionary movement, to lead his country's army against his departments may be gained from the country's enemy. He belongs to the electrical laboratory, which is 115 feet Kagoshima clan of the famous Sambuy 50 feet. This may be taken as the standard size. There will be departments | the trouble. It has been discovered that the wild slik-branches, machinery, pattern making and worm produces a silk with more lustre fitting shops, drawing, mining and its than does the pampered worm of captivity. cognate branches. There will be separ-Those who are up on silk culture claim ate and special laboratories for pyro- other white. They were then left to go that the tame worm has lost much of its metry; for the microscopic examination power because it is taken care of so well of metals; for electro-metallurgy; and duct by the police, and lockd up.

gical science. There will be the machin-ery such as is required for the preparation and the sampling of metals and ores, and furnace room for dry assaying and similar purposes. There will be full accommodation for some 200 metallurgical The building is 125 feet long, 50 feet per or lead. A Model Coal Mine. One of the great features of this great

for any new developments in metallur-

Birmingham university is a model mine, which is situated in the southeast por tion of the Bournebrook site. It is now approaching completion, and occupies nearly an acre of ground. It will be used for experimental research, and for the purposes of practical education. The workings of a coal mine have been chosen as a model so that the students may thoroughly understand the problems of underground transport and winding; of local and general ventilation; of the prevention of accidents from explosions of gas and coal dust; of timbering methods in loose ground, and under heavy pressure, and of the laying out of underground workings to the best advantage. power station is a separate building, in which there is an absolutely

cation Britain has been outstripped by ofth the United States and Germany but it is said that the Birmingham University will be speedily followed by others in various parts of the kingdom. If the question were asked: "What vill the Birmingham University do?" perhaps the best answer would be: "Train future captains of industry." It s in the facilities for training students in applied science that this university seems determined to specialize. At the same time it must not be assumed that the general curriculum of the place is at all cramped, for every provision has been made for those who wish to study languages, commerce, medicine or pure as well as applied science.

WAITERS TO ABOLISH TIPS.

Members of Paris Union Wrought Up-Clash With Police.

Waiters in the cafes of Paris are demanding the abolition of tips. They wish fixed salaries. Members of the Waiters' Union held a meeting in the Bourse du Travail, Paris, and so excited was the discussion over doing away with the pourboires that the police called on the crowd to disperse. The waiters attacked the police and routed them, but the police received reinforcements and arrested more than 40. Agitation for the abolidonors, contributing £50,000, and he advised the promoters to study similar in-

FIRST STRIKE IN TURKEY.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Constantinople reports the first labor aggression in the history of Turkey. The workmen in a factory take up active service against the Chi- the great convocation hall and four tobacco regie became enraged by the in- chases, in Berlin. Noticing that one of he is a little tired of it, but hastens to creased to ten. These four buildings are devoted to engineering and metallurgy. and that its instigators should therefore electrical laboratory, which is 115 feet be arrested. As a result 220 persons are

Two Paris painters who were accused of men to become employees in it as bookpun'shment painted-one black and the For locomotive purposes last year Enghome, but were arrested for disorderly con- land 1,790,758 tons, and Ireland 357,092

I had discoursed to the South Africans students. Apart from the main buildings upon the moral and mental qualities and adjacent to the power station is a which made the native of India so supeurgical smelting and furnace room. rior to the Kaffir. I had held him up as The building is 125 feet long, 50 feet wide and 25 feet high, to the roof principals. There is a large shop in this building, which is used exclusively for steel mellfing, and there is a two-ton.

The building is 125 feet long, 50 feet a model husband, a kind father, a faithful servant. And then——. But hear the story. When the steamship Umvoti, of the Natal line, called at Las Palmas, steel meliting, and there is a two-ton we all went ashore—to escape the coal steel furnace being worked by Professor dust and the traders who swarmed the Turner and his students. In the other decks, There is no need to describe Las shop they were treating the ores of non-Palmas. It is a parasite port, a sort of ferrieous metals, such as gold, silver, cop- lesser Port Said, which preys upon the passing passenger. At one of the hotels we found a dealer established in the hall, after the Indian fashion. The South African who was with me spoke Kaffir with a "click" which must have been perfect. "Very nice," he remarked, in that un-writable language, as the dealer exposed

"Yes, very nice, indeed," returned the trader, speaking Kaffir as though he had been born in a kraal.

The Colonial Bisley-man was surprised. and the dealer explained that he had come from Durban, But I felt I could not mistake the small round hat and the portly figure. "Bahut cutchra hi!" (Very poor stuff!)

I interposed, indicating his wares. "Nai, Sahib." He salaamed almost to the ground, and explained in Hindustani that he was a very poor man, but his goods surpassed the goods of every other unique connection of engines, dynamos, stand he was the only honest man on the botlers and machinery, not only for Gran Canaria. He was a Gonnese from supplying light and power as well as steam and gas for the other buildings.

Steam and gas for the other buildings. This gives an idea of the size and the spot in his Indian heart. I had lived in complete equipment already installed. ness itself. I had, I felt, touched a soft The cost up to date has been about \$\frac{1}{2}\$ and family were still in the Land of Regrets. I spoke his language (badly); great institution will fill a want in British old associations were recalled to his specifical matheds. In technical edumind: he would let me have a real bar gain for the sake of the land we both loved. For once in his life he would sell cheap. I saw it in his eye. The moment was affecting. "Sahib"-he whispered lest others should try to take advantage of the bond between us-"Sahib, look this shawl, ver' nice."

"How much?" "Only twenty-five bob. Sahih"-the Los Palmas dealers always talk of "bobs" and "quids"—"to you." Again the accent was flattering. I hesitated. But the caution born of oargains with Bombay borahs and itip-

erant pedlars at hill stations prevailed ven at such a moment. "Ten shillings," I said firmly.
"Take it, Sahib." His smile was sad at the sacrifice he was making, but he here up for auld lang syne. Who could

libel the Indian by calling him ungrate-

When we sailed we had a mass meetng on deck to decide who had been "had." The stewardess valued our purchases, and passenger after passenger was pronounced swindled. I produced my shawl. "I only gave ten shillings

"I bought it from an Indian." She glanced at it for a moment and fingered it lightly. "You could buy it in London for two shillings," she said. Therefore, I say the Indian trader is without soul or sentiment, or decency or merely a dchler. In future I avoid

NO CHANCE GIVEN

The other day the Emperor William, with his suite, visited a bazaar of objects made by the blind, making several purchange; he has plenty of money.' The hint was taken, and the bazaar had a record day in the way of receipts.

The Russian department of commerce and navigation has decided to allow wo-



1,000 Dozen Xmas Ties at 25c, 50c, 75 cand \$1.00 To Hand Raincoats, Overcoats and Suits;
1-5 off For Cash B. WILLIAMS & CO.

Clothiers and Hatters. 68-70 Yates Street

-Ladysmith is likely to have an ath letic club house erected. James Duns muir has offered a lot as a site in a central position in the city.

Two more candidates for the muni cipal elections have announced them-selves, both for Central Ward. They are H. E. Levy and E. H. Anderson.

-As has already been mentioned, Jas A. Douglas will be one of the alder-manic candidates, for South Ward. In a notice appearing in another column he solicits the support and influence of voters of that ward.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle: "The next chapter in the troubles of the contracting firm of F. M. Yorke & Co., brought upon it by the inquisitiveness of the finance committee of the board of supervisors regarding the way in which it transacted business and ide repairs to streets, promises to be a grand jury investigation.'

-Instructions have been received or dering part of the naval stores on hand at the naval yard, Esquimalt, to be forwarded to Sydney, N. S. W., and part to Hongkong, in accordance with advices previously published. It is expected that will be given dispatch on one of the

The professors and students of the school of mines in connection ed the many friends they made in this province during the past summer. During the holiday season very pretty Christmas souvenirs have been received by those whom the professors and stulents met in the province. These cards each contain a British Columbia view.

-Thursday Alex. McDermott, of the Company, received a telegram containsister, Mrs. Fred Gillen, at Monckton, ria, having paid an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. McDermott about a year ago. She was married last summer to Fred Gillen, of Moncton, a prominent official of the Intercolonial railway.

-The W. C. T. U. met in their regular semi-monthly meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Thursday afternoon. It was decided not to hold the usual Saturday night concert in the Johnson street mission, but all the men are cordially invited to attend the watch night service in the Metropolitan Methodist church. A reception will be given in the mission on Monday (New Year's day). Refreshments will be served all day, and in the evening a concert will be held from 8 to

-At St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, a pretty wedding was celebrated, when Mr. Miss Ellen Jane Johnston were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride was supported by her sisters, Misses Emma and Sarah Johnston, while Mr. Bailey, a brother of the groom acted as best man. The church was fillwith friends. After the cerem the bridal party proceeded to the home of the bride's parents on the Gorge road, where a large number of friends again at and extended their good wish-San Francisco by direct steamer last takes place at Portland next year.

held at the Young Men's Christian As-sociation rooms on Monday are proceed-from 3 to 6, and during both afternoon ing apace. The committee having the and evening there will be games in the the different apartments. About a thousand invitation cards have been printed exercises in the gymnasium. From 7.30 and will be distributed by members and to 9 there will be a programme in the throughout the day, there being gymnas- vocal and instrumental, and choice recitic exhibitions, handball matches, etc., tations by noted local entertainers. All shuffle-board and ping-pong tables will be their amusements and development are. free for the use of guests, as will also invite. to attend this "At Home." numerous parlor games. In the evening a programme of musical selections, recions and addresses will be rendered. A large crowd is expected and all who attend are assured a pleasant time.

"THOUGHT IT MEANT DEATH SURE." says of her almost miraculous cure from heart disease by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart: "Until I began taking this remedy I despaired of my life. I had heart failure and extreme prostration. One dose gave me anick relief and one bottle cured me. The sufferings of years were dispelled I ke

maxine Elliott will be seen at the Victoria theatre this evening in "Her Own Way," Clyde Fitch's comedy. The story of "Her Own Way" is an interestterest deals with the efforts of Sam Coast, a wealtny and unscrupulous mine owner, to win Georgiana Carley (Miss Elliott) in spite of everything. Georgiana already loves Dick Coleman, a lieutenant in the army, but through Coast's scheming they are kept apart by a misunderstanding. Coast deliberately forces Georgiana's family into bankruptcy and financial ruin, believing that his money will win her, if his love does not, but Georgiana resists all influences and in-sists upon having her own way. There a record-breaking house is assured.

Miss Ethel Green, one of the most talented members of the Victoria Amateur Operatic Company, has secured an engagement with the "Chinese Honey-' company, which appeared here of Tuesday and Wednesday evening. In the opera "Dorothy," which was presentlocal amateurs some weeks ago, displayed marked ability as Lydia Hawthorne in this production, and her rendering of the selection "The Way to Win a Woman's Heart" won for her a high place in the estimation of Victorians. Besides she has many personal friends and admirers, who join in wishing her every success. Miss Green will ppear in the opera "Dorothy" on Tuesday, January 2nd, when it will be reproduced by the Victoria Operatic Company. She will then leave Victoria and remain with the "Chinese Honeymoon" troupe

-A large crowd attended the Christmas entertainment held Wednesday afternoon at the Metropolitan Methodist church. It was under the auspices of the primary and cradle roll departments, intendent of the Sunday school, at 3 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Frioriclock, and a programme consisting of day evenings, beginning at 8 o'clock North Hastings.

ed. Following this Santa Claus made his ppearance, and distributed gifts from a eavily laden Christmas tree. Refreshent's were served during the afternoon, and the many children, parents and ads present spent an enjoyable time.

The public school will be reopened Tuesday morning. -Steamer Princess Victoria left Van

ouver at 1.35 p.m., and connected with -A special dispatch from Vancouver states that the awarding of the contract for the C.P. R. hotel here will not take

-Charles Kent, the city treasurer, reuests all persons having accounts against the corporation of the city of Victoria to call at his office and receive

place for a week or two yet.

-Court Vancouver, A. O. F., will meet on Monday, January 9th, when the elecon of officers and installation will take place. All members are requested to atend as there is some special business to

-A' man named Johnson was charged n the police court on Thursday with indecent exposure. He was convicted and fined \$50, two weeks' imprisonment, and in default of the fine an additional two

-The second of the St. Barnabas so cial evenings takes place in the school-room on Tuesday next, and it is anticiated will prove fully as enjoyable as on the previous occasion. All friends are in

total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the past year amounted to \$33,070,009, more than two millions in excess of last year's ag years were as follows: 1900, \$32,297,-377: 1901, \$30,801,369; 1902, \$28,580, 754: 1903, \$30,818,428.

-The practice for the amateur orches tra will be held on Wednesday of next week, instead of Thursday, in the Y. M. Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring C. A. rooms. Preceding the practice it ing and elect officers for the society. All those wishing to join or to take part in N. B. Deceased was well known in Vic- any way are asked to be present at the

> -A free entertainment of a somewhat novel and interesting character has been arranged by the people about Fairfield estate and Ross Bay to be held at John Henly's, Cliff house, Dallas road, on Thursday night, 5th January, and J. A. Douglas, one of the aldermanic candidate for the South Ward, and others have been invited to be present. Music, songs, speeches, recitations, etc., will be

-The current issue of the B. C. Mining Exchange is a specially good number, and reflects credit on the editor, G. Sheldon Williams. In addition to an un-usually good literary bill of fare and illustrations, there is a striking full page frontispiece in plate page of Premier B. C. Engraving Company, of this city,

-A communication has been received by R. H. Swinerton, secretary of the British Columbia Agricultural Associaing of the North Pacific Bar Association will be held at Portland on Saturday, January 14th. At this meeting the dates of the fall horse races will be decided. It is probable that there will be some? change this year owing to the necessity es. The happy couple will spend their of avoiding any interference with the honeymoon in California, having left for Lewis and Clarke exposition, which

-Monday will be Y. M. C. A. day, ements in charge are decorating game room and parlor, besides the phy-The programme will last auditorium of musical selections, both ogress in the gymnasium. The who are interested in young men and

> \_\_0\_\_ -An enjoyable tea was served at the oldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt oad, on Wednesday from 6 to 8 o'clock. About one hundred and fifty guests sat down to the well-laden table, and tendered ample justice to the excellent fare provided. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and other amuse-Before the festivities were ments. closed a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to F. R. Stewart & Co. for thoughtfully contributing turkeys and wi'd geese, which formed a very substantial part of the delectables.

-A subscription list has been opened at Hibben's and Waitt's stores, on Government street, to raise a sufficient guarantee to bring Madame Melba, the great ing picture of New York life of to-day with a society background. The love inwho wish to hear the famous singer should place their names on the list at once, as the management must be informed whether the amount is raised, in a week's time.

-The Epworth League of Victoria West Methodist church, assisted by the mission band of the city, will conduct two weeks of special services in the above church, beginning January 1st, and every evening following, except Saturhas been a very large sale of seats, and city are requested to come and help to make these services a great blessing to this part of the city. With bright, cheer ful singing, good speaking and a band of earnest workers, good services are being ooked for. You are invited to attend.

> -Members of the Redmond company ook occasion Friday afternoon to visit he Old Men's Home. The inmates of the nstitution, it is needless to say, very nuch enjoyed the visit, finding it all too hort and expressing the hope at parting that their guests would return again. An amusing programme was given by the company of enterteiners, consisting of ngs, dances by the Mullaly sisters and Little Lillian, and recitations by Madame Myee, Clyde E. Granger and Theo. H. Bird. The audience at the home was a most appreciative one, and encores were peuted as many as eight times. The old men became most demonstrative in their applause and laughter, and the members of the company entering thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion en-

joyed it as well as the audience. --0-The following arrangements for the observance of the "Week of Prayer" have been made by the Ministerial Assoand proved a splendid success. The ciation. The meetings will be held in chair was taken by H. J. Knott, super-

sharp. The programme is as follows: CONTRACT IN THE Need of the church"; chairman, Rev. G. K. B. Adams; speaker, Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Wednesday, subject, "Home and Foreign Missions"; chairman, Rev. Jos. McCoy; speaker, Rev. G. W. Dean Thursday, subject, "Work Among the Young"; chairman, Rev. H. A. Carson; speaker, Rev. J. F. Vichert. Friday, subject, "National Righteousness";

-The taking of evidence by commis sion in the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir will ease is now in progress in San Fran-cisco. The evidence is being heard by he British consul in that city. Sir Chas. Hibbert Tupper, representing Mrs. erest's of his client. Judge Coyne is acting for Miss Hopper. Evidence as to the laws of the state of California with re-

hairman, Wm. Marchant; speaker, Rev.

spect to making wills is being taken. the Craigflower public school by the Craigflower Amateur Dramatic Society was held on Friday. The programme was rendered by the St. Saviour's manschaum pipe to Mr. Roe by the parishio ers for their services at the Craigflowe ission for the past year. After this the evening was brought to a merry close by singing "God Save the King." Refreshments were served during the

-Arrangements are now complete for roduction of the "Messiah" as a prelimnary step in the work of the Cycle of Festivals. As announced last week the schoolroom of the First Presbyterian Blanchard street, has been ecured for the rehearsals, through the and the first will be held on Wednesday vening next, the 4th of January. All hose who have made application for numbership in the Musical Festival chorus are requested to be present at 8 m, sharp, and to bring copies of the "Messiah" with them if they possess such, or can secure copies from friends. Applications for membership can still be made up till the evening of January 4th to Mr. Hicks, the conductor, or to Mr. Phillip, the honorary secretary, at their offices or at the first rehearsal. It is exconnection with the Cycle of Festivals will be made at the first rehearsal, and it

is hoped all interested will be present.

-The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknewledges, with thanks, the following Xmas donations to the Home: Mrs. Van Tassel, fruit and preserves; Mrs. Franklin, clothing and and San Francisco papers; Mrs. E. Smart, clothing; Mrs. Frank Barnard, ranges; Mrs. George J. Johnston, goose; Chamberlain, Menzies clothing and magazines: Mrs. J. H. Todd and family, four sacks potatoes; Miss Finlayson, ham and bacon; Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, two bottles of whiskey, one large box of oranges and one of apples; Mr. Morrison, reading matter; N. Shakespeare, reading matter; C. Kent, parcel of Tit Bits; F. R. Stewart & Co., turkey; Fell & Co., sweets and oranges; M. R. Smith & Co., box of cakes; B. C. Fruits & Commission Co., box of apples and box of kippers; Harry Godson, scrap book; J. D. McNiven, one box oranges and two pounds figs; A Friend, oranges and two pounds figs; A Friend, oranges and two pounds figs; A Friend, other broyches, and in this and other ways are taking a course of traincake, plum pudding, chicken and fruit; Phoenix Brewing Co., two dozen beer;

enit professions. The pastors asserted that ministers received less for their work than any other class of professional men. The lawyer disagreed, and remarked that the item of wedding fees mounted to quite a sum.

What do you think is the average fee I receive?" asked the clergyman. "I should say \$20 is a low average. I yé known persons to give \$100, and \$50 is quite common.

"Your calculation is too high; we marry noor neonle" mentiod the minister "I will give you \$10 for half your next

"I will accept the offer," said the minister, after hesitating a moment: The next day a rough-looking farmer and a blooming country maid came to the minister to be married. After the ceremony the farmer said: "We Lain't ceremony the farmer said: "We hain't the fleet, some seven or eight in all, will got no money, but I have a nice pup here be hauled out on the Turpel ways for an at would make a nice pet for your children." Then he opened a box and out rolled a white pup. The minister could hardly contain his mirth, thanked the bridegroom, and was soon on his way

to the lawyer's office. "Which half will you take?" he asked. -Watchword.

EARTHQUAKES IN JAPAN

About 1,400 earthquake shocks are ecorded yearly in Japan, the land of earthquakes, says Baron Dairoku Kikuchi in an exhaustive treatise, "Recent Seismological Investigations in Japan," just published for private circulation. The number is not as formidable as it would appear, however, as much less than fifty are sensible. Since 1875 fifteen earthquakes have occurred sufficiently severe to cause loss of life or serious

The German Emperor has now turned sons the management of their steeds and still gives lessons to the younger Princes. He is, as might be expected of tentive to his paternal counsels. It must be next, it is likely that the work will be added that his lessons are attended with excellent results, the Crown Prince, in paricular, being a splendid horseman.

Ex-Police Magistrate Samuel Harryett, of at Belleville, Ont., since Friday, December 9th, in connection with the bogus ballot box case, was on Thursday night liberated \$10,000 and four others in \$2,500 each. The latter were his two brothers, James and Henry Harryett, John Keluskey and Charles Stayner. All the parties reside in has received advices to the effect that the

LOCAL COMPANY TAKES

Steamer Will Be Brought Here Next Week - Sealing Preparations -Amur's Arrival.

The Esquimalt Marine Railway Con pany has given another demonstration of its ability to compete with the largest dolin band and literary club, who kinds this winter the repairs and betterments by volunteered their services for the casion, which was appreciated very much of Topeka, which, as approunced in the by everyone. A pleasant feature of the Times a few, days ago, is to have her iron hull raised to the level of her upper deck, having a great deal of imhull raised to the level of her upper deck, in addition to having a great deal of improvement to her house work. The ma-chinery is to be overhauled and every part of the shippis to receive attention the Esquimakt Marine Railway Company had to competenagainst the Morans of since its organization. Seattle, and other big firms on the Amer-

> ver on Monday or Tuesday next, and cost of her improvements has not been earned, but the contract will give a large number of men employment in the Esquinalt yard. 11

The company has also considerable nore work shead in the repair line. They nave just finished the repairs on Leelenaw, which will be floated to-day and will return to her northern business n the carrying of corcentrates to the Cacoma smelter, And they are is hopes of securing the repairs to the British Regiment, and those in this Ancoun and Neck, which were in Mainland militia. ollision at Rort Downsend a few weeks go. The extent of the injuries to these essels has already been published. One, Winslow, opposite Seattle, and it was reported that she would there be repaired, out no work has yet been done on either ressel, and oas othe Esquimalt Marine Railway Company is the lowest tenderer in both jobs, where is still a prospect that e ships will be brought here.

AMUR RETURNS.

The temperature has fallen below zero nd one of those cold, penetrating winds magazines; Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, turkey for which Lynn canal is poted was and San Francisco papers; Mrs. E. sweeping down the channel as the steam-R. liner and most appreciate it. Reports came from the interior of cold weather. one large box of oranges and one of Travel was light over trails. A few arapples; Mr. Morrison, reading matter; N. livils from Dawson made connection other ways are taking a course of training preparatory for the games they are to include them in Times and Colonist, daily, and Mining Exchange.

The Amur had among the passengers Mr. Tischale manager of the Alskin Smillisham Gold Mining Company, to file south of Wrange, who is going through to New York preacher was conversing with a lawyer member of his church upon the financial rewards of the different transfer of the first Regiment to the Ladysmith with honors. The fact that they were not transfer of the fifth Regiment to the matter, he stated that the omission was not made with the intention of slighting Cadets Macrae and Burgess. They were the only two of the fligh school corps who had taken the required course, and both had qualified with honors. The fact that they were not members of the Fifth Regiment

of ore from Pitnee of Wates island. MAY LIMIT NATIVE CREWS. There will probably be a meeting of the ictoria Sealing Company some time this week for the purpose of discussing the question of panning schooners with Indians, as has been the custom for many years past. It has been found from operations in the past that these vessels which carried entire white grews have been the most successful, in so far as

catches are concerned.

It is hardly likely that no natives will e shipped where there is so large a fleet to be worked but a decision may be reached at the meeting mentioned to greatly limit their number. It is Next week preparations for the coming year will begin in carnest and several of

overhauling before going to sea. The first of the coast scalers generally get away in January, some even having sailed in the month of December in years

AORANGI DAMAGE.

"The big steam collier Edith crashed into the Canadian-Australian liner Aorangi on Tuesday night last as the latter lay at the coal bunkers at Union," "The damage caused by the Mcollision, estimated at \$1.500.

The Edith was attempting to make a landing, and, when just off the Aorangi's position, was caught by the wind and Abrangi. The master of the Edith is resevere to cause loss of life or serious damage to property. In October, 1891, took place the Great Nuno-Owari earthquake, in which 7,000 people were killed, over 17,000 injured, and nearly 20,000 buildings destroyed. In 1875 the imperial government commenced the systematic property of the collier's bows. Then the dainty figure heed bearing the amplification of the systematic property. perial government commenced the systematic observation of earthquakes. Of blem of the house flag of the Union the 223 large shocks recorded since the steamship Company was knocked into carliest times 47 had their origin in the Pacific, 17 in the Japan Sea, 2 in the was under control, and she was backed Inland Sea, 114 inland, and 43 are off without further damage being inflicted. The shock of the collision was not by any means great, as the blow was a glancing one, but nevertheless there was riding-master. He taught his two elder quite a commotion on both steamers for

"The accident will not delay the Aorangi in coaling, and she will return him, a stern teacher. The riding whip with here in a couple of days. The question which he finds occasion to correct the as to whether the repairs to the Aorangi horses not infrequently also descends upon will be made in this port or at Sydney the persons of the youthful cavallers when has not yet been settled, but as she is they show themselves not sufficiently at scheduled to sail for Australia on Friday one at her home port.

"No damage was sustained by the collier. The Edith is a steamer of 1,495"

ons net register."

MARINE NOTES. When the steamer Minnesota sails on her first outward toyage she will carry 25,000 tons, according to General Traffic The sureties were himself in Manager Sutherland, of the Great

She will arrive here on Janu-

The ship Earl of Dunraven, which was ere more than a year ago, is again en te to the Royal Roads. She is coming

## MILITARY NEWS

The Christmas and New Year's holidays have resulted in the cessation of all contine parades and drills in connection with the Fifth Regiment, Officers and men are celebrating in an appropriate manner, and, if all reports are correct, the festive season of 1904-05 will long be remembered in local militia circles. Not until Monday, the 9th of January,

will the drill hall echo with the share structors, the poise of field guns as they firms on the Pacific coast. It has just of rifles discharged by those practicing at secured one of the biggest contracts that the gallery range. Then this activity has been awarded on the northern coast this winter the repairs and betterments.

Monday evening Nos. 5 and 6 companies to the Pacific Coast steamship the City do the same on the following night, while of Topeka, which, as announced in the on Wednesday members of Nos. 3 and nergy on the part of the officers and e usiasm among the men count for thing, the corps will be stronge next summer than has been the

A particularly pleasing incident is a ported to have occurred this Christma The City of Topeka will be brought it was an exchange of courtesies be ver and New Westminster. Appropriat from both the Mainland cities, conveying the "Compliments of the Season," at wishing the local corps every prosperity These were fittingly acknowledged. This monstrates the fraternal feeling tha exists, and shows that the natural rivalry between the respective corps has but de veloped a mutual sentiment of respect Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, and those in charge of the

It has been decided that gallery prac

ice will be held every Friday evening the ship Ancona; has been towed to after the 9th of next month, at the dril hall. This arrangement is made for the accommodation of many members of the Fifth Regiment who have taken up rifle shooting and want weekly practice rder to improve their marksmanship. As there could be no better means for a novice intending to take up shooting. obtain his preliminary training, it is hoped that a large number will seize this opportunity. Sergt-Major McDougall will be in charge, and a more painstaking ecure. Besides the explanations given while shooting is in progress, he delivers er Amur, which, arrived here Saturday, left the White Pass railway terminal. Christian's day was spent in port the change contrasted so much with Victoria weather that those on the C. P. lar, as the authorities appreciate nothing Reports | more than a corps of good riflemen

"Why were the names of the High

not members of the Fifth Regiment made the award of a sergeant's certificate impossible, but he could promise recognized. He thought that the honors won by these two cadets should be most gratifying to not only the members, but all interested in the corps.

Although none of the committee will patriotic policy indeed, because when the sive out anything for publication, it is big fight comes the vessels would be product them will be a product them will be the second that the second them. understood that an effort will be made to reorganize the band. Evidently it is thought that the loss of a first class band a great struggle you cannot tell where would be a serious blow to the regiment. the strategical point of conflict will be It is contended also that as the expense It may be in the channel, or, as in 1805, It is contended also that as the expense of securing a splendid set of instruments at a point like Trafalgar, or perhaps somewhere in the Mediterranean. That much difficulty in forming a band of local | is the time we need our fleet massed." sicians. Besides allowing the use of the: some officers favor the granting of further concessions in order to bring says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. about what is desired. It is questionable whether this suggestion will meet which occurred during a heavy blow, is estimated at \$1,500.

with general approval. The whole matter, however, will be laid before the offibe reached, and an announcement made.

Asked yesterday whether there was iny word of the rumored reduction in strength of the Work Point garrison, Lieut.-Col. English, in command of that station, stated that nothing had been received, even hinting at such a thing. "One would naturally think," he remarked, "that if Esquimalt is of so little nportance as a naval base, Work Point would be equally unimportant as a mili-tary post." He explained that although the Imperial naval and military departments were entirely independent of one siderable extent. Therefore some word regarding Work Point garrison might be expected.

Lieut.-Col. Denison, interviewed regarding the withdrawal of naval forces from Halifax and Esquimalt, is quoted

'The changes will not mean the loss of any protection. I do not see why the Imperial authorities should keep a fleet or fleets along our shores for us. If we ant it we should be prepared to pay for either by keeping up ships as Ausalia does, or making a contribution towards the up-keep of the navy. But whether we pay or not, if we want naval protection it is far better for us to have the Imperial navy massed in home waters than to have a small fleet out here. Then in case of trouble the entire strength of the navy could be massed wherever it was found that the most ef-Manager Sutherland, of the Great Northern Steamship Company. All this cargo has already been contracted for.

H. H. Abbott, local C. P. R. agent, not grasp is that a scattering of their forces, even in strong bodies, is a weak-

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On Friday evening last a meeting of the field, find the strategical point of captain, "is a little red book that will attack, and then strike with all the stand for the next fifty years with simple thorough investigation and report on the force at his command, and smash the readvisability of reorganizing the Fifth sistance of the enemy at once. It always and as little ceremonial as possible. Regiment band was held, there being present Capt. Currie, Dr. Hart and Major Hibben. The question was distinct tics. The navy should be so concentrations and as little ceremonial as possible. There are dozens of officers in Canada capable of writing such a book." cussed at some length on this occasion, and, as far as can be gathered, a course of action was agreed upon, and will be submitted for the approval of the officers' mess at a meeting to take place early in January.

Although porce of the agreed was discussed as to obtain the command of the sea at once. The Australians are demanding that their fleet be kept in Australian waters for the defence of those waters. That is a very narrow-minded and un-POPULATION AND PROSPERITY.

> Concluding, Lieut.-Col. Denison referred to the present Japanese Russo war, pointing out that the Baltic Black Sea pointing out that the Baltic Black Sea or Vladivostock fleets were of no use to Russia when the Port Arthur fleet was battling for supremacy.

An interesting address on "Condenses Militarism in Canada" was delivered recently by Capt. A. T. Hunter before the Empire Club of Toronto. According to the Globe he dwelt largely upon the waste of time spent in learning remonial exercises, expressing the opin ion that men who can shoot are wanted more than those who dress in uniforms and are capable of intricate evolutions on the parade ground. Defence was one Quixotism was a different thing. If militarism was a burden in Euroepan countries, it was a crime in Canada. That was because in Canada it was highly concentrated, so that its virus had

tenfold strength. To prepare a nation for defence there were two main requisites money and time. In Canada the amount of money available was a very limited fund, therefore every dollar spent on useless things was a dollar stolen from Canada's de-

"Our fad for uniforms" was suggested as an illustration of uselessness in the militia. "If a war should break out it militia. "If a war should break would be better to discard any attempt to uniform the Canadian militia, and to uniform the fracas as the Boers simply go into the fracas as the Boers did, in their work a-day clothes," said Captain Hunter. "Nearly all the money spent on uniforms in Canada seems to be deliberately spent with a view making an enemy feel like an infanticide if he shot so easy a mark."

A matter still more harmful was the ontinual changes in drill. The effect of these repeated changes was to render consolete all the training work of previous (Montreal, Hammton and Brantford papers please copy.)

formations, no unnecessary movem and as little ceremonial as poss

Our population is on the increase as never before, and there is not a shadow of doubt that it will continue increase, at least for the next half-dozen years; and no reasonable mind can doubt the enormous significance of this the demands for the necessities as well as for many of the luxuries of life. Four years ago, we were surprised at the which showed a population of 75,000,000, but we soon came to regard such a population as a mere matter of course, and now we talk of and seem to attach but little significance to it. And yet, in 1910, if the percentyears our population has increased 100 per cent., while that of all the world has creased but 25 per cent., we get some idea of what this expansion in our population means to the United States the increase in population can have but one effect, and that is to increase our prosperity and lie's Weekly. sperity and material resources.-Les-

Do the proposers of an all-night bank realize that they are depriving the habitual borrower of his best excuse? "After banking hours" will now be met by a tart thing and militarism was a very different reference to the nocturnal paying teller. thing; just as chivalry was one thing and new bank should mean some relief to over-| taxed cash drawers.

> BORN. PLANTE-At Fernie, on Dec. 22nd, wife of Thomas Plante, of a son. MARRIED.

WILDMAN-BECKET—At Fernie, on Dec. 21st, by Rev. A. Dunn, F. C. Wildman and Miss Eva Beatrice Becket. and Miss Eva Beatrice Becket.

BROLEY-DUNLOP—At Fernie, on Dec.
21st, by Rev. A. Dunn, William J.
Broley and Miss Christina Duniop.

HAGLIER M'LECOD—At Vancouver, on Dec.
27th, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, Charles
Hagler and Miss Jane McLeed. COOKE-SUTHERLAND—At Vancouver on Dec. 27th, by Rier. R. J. Wilson, Cariton C. Cooke and Miss Cassie Jane Suther-land

M'LEOD-THOMPSON-At Vancouver, on Dec. 28th, by Rev. R. J. Wilson, James Alexander McLeod and Miss Sarah Isabel Thompson.

HOLMES AND DIED.

Canada's P cline

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## A STUDY OF SIR WILFRID

Canada's Premier as Pictured in Los Angeles-Declines All Invitations to be Banquetted.

say in a formal interview was: "I came of the case of the constant energy, frankness of the said about the same thing to the same constant energy, frankness of the excused as he said he did not wish to the same constant energy, frankness of the excused as he said he did not wish to be excused as he said he did not wish to be excused as he said he did not wish to the same constant energy, frankness of the excused as he said he did not wish to the same constant energy, frankness of the excused as he said he did not wish to the excused he had not wish to the excus Pass the rule of his present trip.

During a short walk about town yes—
Theodore Roosevelt.

In a few minutes he returned, not in the very best of tempers, to indee by his face. terday, however, he talked pleasantly of commonplace topics.

They Fell Upon Him. When he ventured out on the streets, a bevy of newspaper photographers fell

the remnants of a conscience, murmured He will probably lie awake nights wondering just what sarcasm lay in the Premier's reply; he said, "Don't mention it; this is a free country."

Sir Wilfrid is a thin, cold man, When he said to a Times man yester-day that he expected to find Los Angeles a fown of about 30,000, he gave him the impression that he had thought it over impression that he had thought it over in the settlement of the Alaskan bounding the settlement of the settlement of the Alaskan bounding the settlement of the Alaskan boundin

est, where it would be good to go during He is not in sympathy his three-day stay here, how much lain's imperialistic policy. noney the stores make.
Upon what he learned, he made no comment, Having learned what he wish-

FIELD.

There has been only one appeal to arms in Australia, and its fiftieth anniversary occurs on the 3rd of December.

A fine statute of Dalor, by Maclean, a London sculptor, stands in the main thoroughfare of Ballarat. The cable tells us that elaborate preparof the jubilee at Ballarat, the scene of now survive. One of them is Captain the fatal conflict between the insurgent John Lynch, the father of the "Colone" diggers and the Imperial troops. A long scene of great enthusiasm, the diggers Ballarat. A thousand cadets were remade a huge bonfire of their licenses, viewed there by the late General Sir and thus bade open defiance to the Hector Macdonald. The "Southern authorities. A rude fort, called the Cross," the rebel diggers standard, is Eureka stockade, was rapidly erected. preserved in the Melbourne museum. The 12th and 40th Regiments, then Lieut. Ross, a Canadian, who hoisted it quartered in Melbourne, under the com- over the stockade, was killed in the fight. mand of Major-General Sir Robert Nickle, K. C. B., one of Wellington's rushed up to Ballarat, where they were stones. At daybreak on December 3rd

able loss of life on both sides. sort of one of Daniel O'Connell's colleagues in the House of Commons. Lalor | the evil eye. fought bravely in defence of the stockade until stricken down by a bullet in the left shoulder. Some of his men concealtion as the first member for Ballarat in for life, the parliament of Victoria. For the rest of his life, thirty-five years, he was a

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.

Exchange.

How a knight of the British realm the Premier is said to be a man of affable

Romances of the day lead you his way to the top by the most tremendto believe he may be swapping places ous endeavor.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's kind of "incog- province of Quebec in 1841. He became nito," however, only means: no hot air, Premier in 1896, after a career beginning no reporters, no banquets, no trite in 1871 in the Quebec provincial legisla
"No news about the Indian yet, I suppose we

ada's future."

Trying to inveigle the Canadian Premier into a chatty discourse on world topics is about as satisfactory as making love to a girl through a brick wall.

The most important thing he would say in a formal interview was: "I came here to rest, I do not wish to talk."

He said about the same thing to the

He has been helped much in his career by his charming wife, to whom he was O. C. has got news that Moonchild is camp-married in 1868, and who was a Miss ed just across Drounding Ford on the Zoe Lafontaine

More Work Coming. After three days in and about Los One of them, having more or less of Angeles the party will go to the Grand be remnants of a conscience, murmured Canon and then back to Ottawa. He has a strenuous session of parlia-nent before him.

> before the country as the avowed cham-pion of the Grand Trunk railroad, "Sorr which, with the government aid, pro-poses to construct a second transcontin-doing, you know, I'll remember you in my ental railroad from Moncton, New prayers."
>
> Brunswick to some point on the Pacific. "Or in your cups, which would be more

same topic to come up a year from that day, he would say the same thing—that his observation is finality.

He asked the Times man how big the city is, how many stores there are, where the shops are, where are points of inter-

Naturally, very few of those who took ations are in progress for the celebration | part in the fight at the Eureka stockade Lynch who became a Boer officer during agitation for parliamentary representa-tion and the abolition of the obnoxious for Galway, and was released from caplicense fee, a monthly tax levied on all tivity a few months ago. For some years gold diggers alike, whether successful or after the fight there were annual pilgrimthe reverse, and collected in brutal style ages on December 3rd to the site of the by mounted troopers, not a few of whom | Eureka stockade, and on these occasions were ex-convicts, culminated in a mass Captain Lynch was the orator-in-chief. meeting of the diggers on November 29th, 1854. At this meeting, amid a reserve, and is the great show spot of

AN ORIENTAL WEDDING.

received with shots and showers of Oriental marriage ceremonies are the they attacked the Eureka stockade and of a Brahmin wedding, spread over the carried it by storm. There was lament greater part of a week, are probably the commander-in-chief a handsome, stal-wart young Irishman named Peter Lalor, faces turned to the East, while married

Dears eager to make a pilgrimage to sand bar and await the spring before the sand bar and await the spring before the belly, then gave the order to mount. The Bloods took up the ground between the fall, when he was removed to the house of a Roman Catholic priest, where the would-be pilgrim to give up the idea, and the priests profess readiness to accept the will for the deed, at the same time accepting a gift of fourteen flags, by price on his head, dead or alive. Then, a royal commission having reported strongly in favor of the removal of the diggers' grievances, Lalor emerged from his hiding place and was returned by acclamation as the first member for Bellagst in the canges. His future father-in-law, against rider and his steed.

Miller halted his men among the cotton-deavoring to stampede the horses by firing between their legs; one or two of the ring-the woods which fringed the river banks and the priests profess readiness to accept the will for the deed, at the same time accepting a gift of fourteen flags, by which the bridegroom symbolizes his purity or freedom from sin A thread is then tied to the man's right wrist, and the woman's left, to show they are united in the price flows on the river was indeed open in he police and the open prairle; some were endeavoring to stampede the horses by firing between their legs; one or two of the ring-the woods which fringed the river banks and the priests profess readiness to accept the will for the deed, at the same time accepting a gift of fourteen flags, by which the bridegroom symbolizes his purity or freedom from sin A thread is the woman's left, to show they are united to the absence of the population to 3,082,000, partly, no doubt, from a considerable Chinese immingration to 3,082,000, partly, no doubt, from a considerable chinese immingration to the atrack.

The little party broke into a trot and then put their horses at the full gailop, straight for the yelling mob of Bloods who awaited the police and the open prairle; some were endeavoring to stampede the horses by firing between their legs; one or two of the ring-the woods which fringed the river banks and the price and the open prairle; some were endeavoring to stamped the horses to the deavoring

The father-in-law now feigns to bewent, with the pole. It was desperately and gave way, some of their number being Vishnu himself, and makes an offering to him. Then water is poured over the two, and the "tall," a jewel set in gold, is tied on the bride's neck, while sandal paste, perfumes and flowers, are offered to the guests. Fire is then brought in, and, im. Then water is poured over the two, and the "talli," a jewel set in gold, is tied on the bride's neck, while sandal paste, perfumes and flowers, are offered to the guests. Fire is then brought in, and time of need."

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The bridges without having been able to get far the with the point of his toe.

The bridges without having been able to get far the with the point of his toe.

"Well, boys," said Miller, "I guess there is only one thing to do, and that is camp here for the night, make a crossing in the early dawn and trust to luck to get out man quietly. Hunt around for some dry sticks and we will try and get a fire on. I want feed, and any the point of his toe.

The bridges without having been able to get far out than Miller.

"Well, boys," said Miller, "I guess there is only one thing to do, and that is camp here for the night, make a crossing in the early dawn and trust oluck to get out to find the opening. One of the men then volunte

Moonchild's Christmas resent Constipation

sun was shining brightly and the warm close to the fire endeavoring to get warm editor of the local paper was discovered at chinook wind was rapidly melting away the and to dry their clothes. A flask, which reveille vainly endeavoring to climb the snow. "A regular old-timers' Christmas," one of the men somehow discovered was flagstaff in the square, under the impresent the senior staff sergeant said, as he looked in his wallet, strictly against orders, help-sion that it was the staircase of the hotel out of the window of the sergeants' mess. ed to put a little life into the party, but little remains to be said.

The Northwest Mounted Police in the post it was a most miserable night. There was were having a lively time preparing for the morrow; liquor was plenty and duties few, and inspection of kit worried no man's soul "sentry go" was the order of the might. At right to don an extra chevron for the able How a kingur of the Dittish realist charm. It is rare pleasure to hear him and the N. C. O's were enjoying themselves, and his men mounted and on their way. Worthy with his Christmas present.—A. E. heartily. Several of the segregants on do. They was honey to the partial to be a man of affable just then. It was lunch time in the mess last dawn came, and before sun-up Miller manner in which he had presented that and his men mounted and on their way. Worthy with his Christmas present.—A. E. heartily. speak either in parliament or on the hustings—or as we would say, the Angeles with the cold wave, says the Los Angeles Times.

To the reporters, whom he did not To the reporters, whom he did not wish to meet, he was of about the same temperature.

Sir Wilfird's health has been impaired by hard and almost ceaseless.

Sir Wilfird's caseless of the sergeants on dehustings—or as we would say, the hustings—or as we would say, the heartily. Several of the sergeants on detachment were in for Christmas, and the found among them, but they did not give temperature.

Sir Wilfird's health has been imSir Wilfrid is the first knight who paired by hard and almost ceaseless ever came "incog" to Los Angeles, unless work.

Miller and Pepper, were once more at it. This time, however, Miller had the upper hand. Neither he nor the mess had forgotsea may be of interest to those not versed in the pocket. ten the prompt manner in which Pepper on riding to the river's edge, Miller dishad raised his hands and surrendered his covered that the water was running clear

an exception be made of the ill-manner de nephew of Prince Von Bismarck who came here disguised as a gentleman.

One is uneasy and not at all sure what One is uneasy and not at all sure what match on account of the poverty of the look for in a nobleman travelling struggling young lawyer. He has fought silent, his usual flow of bludgeon, wit and elephantine badinage having escaped him. with his own valet or something equally

Sir Wilfrid is a son of the late Carlos on the murder of Heyburn, a constable, by a Blood Indian rejoicing in the peaceful name of Moonehild.

very best of tempers, to judge by his face. "Here's a pretty go," he exclaimed. "The Kootenay, and I've to take a party and fetch the beggar in. Got to make a night trip of it, too." "How's that?" inquired the rest.

"Well, the Major says that there are a lot of young bucks around his tepee and that I must avoid trouble by coming on the At the last Canadian election he went waked up. That means a long ride to
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very carefully before he stated his expectations as being 30,000, instead of 27,000 or 31,000.

He is growing gray about the temples and is a little stooped. He looks libe 5:

"No, I don't think I will. They will be in the way if any trouble comes along, and Moonchild from the corners of his eyes, would only interfere with a fellow's move though apparently paying no attention to ments," Miller replied. "Let's have some more purge now," and once more the mess.

comment, Having learned what he wished to know, he went away with the addies of his party, on a shopping tour, a fare shoes.

Those who are registered in his party are Lady Laurier, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Contin. R. Boudman, all of Ottawa.

They arrived yesterday morning from Sania Barbara over the Southern Paetics in his private car "Violet" and came to the Van Nurs in the hotel bus, a Termendous Worker.

Once under the van Nurs in the hotel bus, Once under the rather frosty exterior.

AUSTRALIA'S ONLY BANTILE
Sir Wilfrid and party spent the event away with the standard party spent the event away with the side six constables with him, all rether this signaling are Lady Laurier, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Contin. R. Boudman, all of Ottawa.

They arrived yesterday morning from Sania Barbara over the Southern Paetics or trace of ground, they are known for withing all rethers over the care so ground, they are which has deen doubted in his men mode out of the post. The died six constables with him, all rether of color, or white lights in addition to the ground and the standard probable danger in the fait well in the first six post of them for an instant. They despised the lights carried by scenares, call the six of them for an instant. They despised the lights carried by scenaric and the standard probable danger in the first six post of them for an instant. They despised the lights are close to one another: when three diams with a thorough contempt and each man all the string all from high treat indian well. More too, next, field the motivation of the desire special the content of 200 degrees, and fail, before saw, the the base and which as a constance of the post. The ground in the distribution of the ground in the distribution of the probable anger in the first in addition to the ground in the standard man and the his rifted in huse event with lights and the section and the standard man and the stan meited the snow quite a bit, and in some Leeson appeared in the teper door, and the places the ground was bare and even muzzle of a six-shooter convinced them master-general, minister of trade cus-toms, chairman of committees, and Speaker. He twice declined knighthood. muddy. Then, too, they did not wish to that they had better remain seated. Moon-make too good time, as they would have to child succeeded in releasing one hand from camp out all night in any event:

As the evening passed, however, the weather, with that happy faculty of sudden and the point was caught in Miller's cart ed-for exhibition of the great falling feat. butt, stunned him, and quickly fastened in taming the peculiarly savage tribe of From 40 above to zero was for it, as those his hands belind his back with the hand the island, which was a kind of Alsatia easy "as falling off a log." The wind redentify to stay. The party was in ordinary winter clothing (für caps and mitts, fatigue clothes, with heavy duffle socks and cowside in moccasins), and luckily did not miss their buffalo coats very much, though it was a case of occasionally dismounting and running along to keep comfortably warm. It was fairly late and pitch dark when the Kootenay river was reached. It could be heard voaring in the distance. The chinook of the last week or so had evidentily broken up the ice, and Miller was affaild that the crossing would be difficult, if not het, impossible, in the dark. On reaching the river edge, he found that the ice was covriver edge, he found that the ice was covriver and took a step to the frent. reshed up to Ballarat, where they were received with shots and showers of the black night, unable to see a yard ahead, or to tell where the river was running was too risky. Once a should not see whether the centre of the river was open or not. To wenture across in the black night, unable to see a yard ahead, or to tell where the river was running was too risky. Once a horse and man got into that fierce torrent, and ne could not see whether the centre of the river was open or not. To wenture across in the black night, unable to see a yard ahead, or to tell where the river was running was too risky. Once a horse and man got into that fierce torrent, and ne could not see whether the centre of the river was open or not. To wenture across in the black night, unable to see a yard ahead, or to tell where the river was running was too risky. Once a horse and man got into that fierce torrent, and ne could not see whether the centre of the river was open or not. To wenture across in the black night, unable to see a yard ahead, or to tell where the river was running was too risky. Once a horse and man got into that fierce torrent, and not see whether the centre of the river was open or not. To wenture across in the black night, unable to see a yard ahead, or to tell where the river was running was too risky. Once a horse and man got into that fierce torrent, and not see whether the centre of the river was running was too risky. Once a horse are in the provention of the river was running was too risky. Once a was a law of the tween two walls of ice—a momentary struggle, then sucked under the lee where it still remained solid; a despairing grasp at the most of savages that the lives of savages that the most of savages t women wave lighted camphor to avert the evil eye.

On the second day the bridegroom appears eager to make a pilgrimage to pears eager to make a pilgrimage to pears eager to make a pilgrimage to pears eager to make a pilgrimage to sand bar and await the spring before the sand bar and await the spring bar and b

water, sounding in front of him, as he The water rose over his knees and he was trampled down by the police, among them

No. 1 and 2 are sold in all Victoria drug newly-wedded pair as they pass along. - of branches for burning. Miller and John memorable day he has but a slight received son, who had been in the water, quickly tion, as, indeed, have few of those who

LIGHTS AT SEA.

In view of the outrage on a British fishing fleet in the North Sea a few re-On riding to the river's edge, Miller dis- versed in nautical matters. After dusk a steamship at sea when in the middle, there being a gap of about under way carries the following lights fifteen feet in the ice, and that it would be at the fore part of the ship at a height impossible to cross the flood there. In fact, it was an extremely fortunate thing that he had not chanced it the night before and attempted to cross. Had he done are of the horizon of 20 points; and so

so there was little doubt but that the fixed as to throw a light ten points on whole party would have been swept down and drowned. Accordingly, Miller led his men some two miles down the river before they could choose a place where the ice was sufficiently solid to cross. Once over they put their horses to the sallon and green light so constructed as to show

they put their horses to the gallop and green light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of ten points of the compass from right ahead to two points abaft the the river and the spot in which Moonchild beam on the starboard side. This light must be visible at a distance of at least As Miller came upon the camp he noticed that there were in all about twelve tepees, two miles. On the port (left) side a red one standing a little way from the rest, almost cut off from them by a belt of light is carried, constructed under the same conditions as the green light on the brush. From the top of this one a slight column of smoke was rising, and he had starboard side. A sailing vessel carries the red and little doubt that this was "Moonchild's

green lights (sidelights, but not the white masthead light).

abode. Making a slight detour, he passed behind the other lodges and came on the Open boats and fishing boats of less back of the isolated tepee. Suddenly a dog began to bark; then another and another, than 20 tons register (net), when under way and having their nets, trawls, till the whole canine population of the little dredges or lines in the water, are not obliged to carry the red and green lights. village was aroused. Heads were put out of the tepees and it was evident that the camp was awake. Hastily Miller posted hand lantern with green glass on on his men around the tepee, giving them strict side and red on the other, which can be instructions not to fire on any account, une exhibited in sufficient time to prevent colless they should hear shots in the tepee; lision. All fishing vessels of 20 tons and his six-shooter in its scabbard, and giving other vessels, whether steam or sailing

He had not been mistaken, it was Moon- lights from any part of the vessel where hands, pointed directly at Miller. He as to show a light all round the horizon cocked it, and his little eyes glittered at a distance of mot less than three will be able to give Mr. Moonchild his little venomously; Miller, however, took no notice miles, the lower light being a little mere whatever of him. He shook hands with forward. A vessel fishing with lines what the same topic to come up a year from that

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Blood tongue, he could speak it like a tion she must show, at least at every 30 native. All the time he was watching seconds, a red pyrotechnic light.

Moonchild from the corners of his eyes, All these lights are carried from sunset

Great Britain is developing most profitably."

He is not in sympathy with Chamber-lain's imperialistic policy.

Dinner Party.

Sir Wilfrid and party spent the evening and angular policy of the beer supplied in the canteen).

Sir Wilfrid and party spent the evening and angular policy of the local policy.

It was growing dusk that evening when was coming now from Winnipeg. Bacon, ing quietly at the Van Nuys, and after the post.

There are numerous other regulations for those that go down to the sea in ships, but the above will show how an ordinary steam or sating vessel can be distinguished from a fishing vessel with brethren. They will send heaps food up, and his men rode out of the post. Hour, tobacco."

The account of Japanese administra tion in Formosa published in the London Times is probably a little too favorable, but it is worth study, for the Japanese will, if they are victorious, unquestion ably try to colonize new dependencies According to this account they have change for which the Northwest climate ridge belt. Then Miller drew his revolver, done wonders. After a year or two of is noted, gave the party a free and unisk and, striking the man on the head with the extreme difficulty they have succeeded who have fived in Alberta well know, as curts. Lifting the senseless man easily, he easy "as falling off a log." The wind fell took him out of the tepee and carried him and have thus relieved the peaceful secentirely and the cold settled down evidently to where the men were with the horses.

Miller's grip, and drew his knife, making

"For God's sake, don't fire, men," cried The general revenue has been enlarged rent, and he could not see whether the Miller, "we'll take this beggar in all right; from £275,000 to £1,270,000, and the

creased work and of the absence of dis-

ler, and for a moment things looked black.

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## SWEETS FOR THE SWEET

Bo-bo the son of Ho-ti, it was, who, f are woven into sweets. To the uninitiated into which he would go alone. Loosening above must show the same lights as his six-shooter in its scabbard, and giving other vessels, whether steam or sailing world his debtor by discovering, by an is simplicity itself. A battleship is being accident of a domestic character, the woven out of long sticks of rock, or the source of a "tickling pleasure" of which name of a popular seaside resort is being with drift nets must exhibit two white he tells in a famous dissertation. Not run through the familiar red and white lights from any part of the vessel where yet has it been told by what lucky acci-"Sorry for you, my boy," remarked Pepper. "Never mind, be not weary in well-doing, you know, I'll remember you in my prayers."

He had not been mistaken, it was moon-lide and three five of dry wood were Moonchild and three other Bloods: Moonchild, who was sitting ten feet apart vertically, and not less than five or more than five or m mountains of dainty boxes, delicately by what measured twelve square inches perfumed and exquisitely colored, await thick becomes many feet in length, with ing distribution. For months these moun- a diameter that may be but one-quarter tains have been growing, searching the of an inch, but which still retains the rafters of great warehouses, spreading reduced, but perfect, outline of the or into out-of-the-way nooks and corners, ginal letters or design. and loading the air with their perfume, soon to disappear to make Christmas what it is and could not be without them. To none of our great industries does the eye is unflagging. Germany has for the manufacture of sweets yield pride of long claimed pre-emin place in interest; and a visit to a great tion, but gradually England is ousting London manufactory provides a glimpse of a fairyland over which a wizard's ward is ever waving. Down in Hackney there is such a place. Day by day thousands of women and girls are kneadting twisting nulling coloring and needs. ing, twisting, pulling, coloring, and packing hundreds of tons of sugar in a hundred different guises. In one great comery that made the choice morsels that repartment of the hive, which stretches pose within.

into a huge roaster; and, as the roaster revolves, they are broken up till they are beyond all semblance of their former selves. Ground still smaller in a second machine, they pass into third, where husk and kernel finally and for ever part company. This is the completed. But there are more stonning places before they get there. Hitherto the processes both for cocoa and choco-late making have been identical, but they ow take different ways, for the nutbrown creamy substance is placed in yard-wide paus, slipped under a giant press, and in a moment the white, oily cocoa-butter has been extracted, leaving the cocon proper, a dry, dull, brown powder. This powder is poured into the ever-ceasing mill to be ground to velvet fineness; and in the meanwhile sugar is where vicious arms fear and rend it. For a few moments it is dull and grey, but gradually streaks of silver brighten it, and soon the whole is a mass of glisten-ing foam. The chocolate and the cream are then ready to combine to form the dainty and toothsome favorites of the boudoir and the nursery. First, the "creams," in semi-liquid form, are poured they are dipped into tubs of chocolate. which substance forms a crust around them, and the work is finished. The final stage is when nimble fingers deposit them in multitudes of dainty boxes.

ored, shaped and flavored in ways beyond numbering. The demands of countries differ as the demands of individuals France, for example, demands delicate even among savage populations, to intro-duce a pax Japonica which allows of the security of wealth — Lordon Spen-Sweden prefer brilliant colors, Germany likes pastes of exceeding richness, Austria and Russia only ask the finest qual-Ten shillings is the fee asked by the the supreme test of all. In all great Vicar of Little Hulton, near Bolton, Lanca- manufactories there is one ear-splitting shire, from tombstone makers who wish to department. It is where Gargantuan cut their names on the headstones which are to be erected in the parish churchyard. ly revolving in the making of "comfits." The hard, dry knots of prepared sugar are flung into these, and thousands upon thousands of the little balls are ever try ng to climb the steep sides, only to fall ing to climb the steep sides, only to fall back pell-meff to the bottom. Sisyphus might have pitied them. Subjected to hours of such treatment, the balls acquire the desired symmetry and size. The beginning of the comfit is a tiny caraway seed. It is given a little boiling sugar with which to form a nucleus, and providing like more is powered even; it wastil. after the lapse of a month or two, it is eady for the market. Gelatine jujubes, lougat, Turkish delight, delicately-scentwork, colored patterns, and floral designs want to be selfish, you know."

Nations and Their Tastes.

Other departments, other sweets. In

Dainty Boxes "Made in England." The demand for boxes that will charm

pay the price demanded for the exthe lands of the "cocoa" tree. The beans are cast, sackful by sackful, into a huge roaster; and as the actually secured it. "Nothing greater demand than ever for the Family Herald, and few present readers will now want to have their paper stopped. It will be remembered that the Family Herald had exclusive use of "The Man from Glengarry," now it has the new and great story by the same author.

LIFE IN THE BALTIC FLEET.

The Russian Sailor Is Not Taken as a Conscript Until He Is Twenty-one.

Instead of learning seamanship as a boy, the Russian sailor is not taken as a maritime conscript until he reaches the being whipped into a cream. In liquid age of twenty-one. As often as not, he state it is poured into enormous vats, cow or Kursk, 400 miles from blue water, is marched off to Kronstadt, where he sees the sea for the first time, and is licked into the semblance of a sailor. At first he is a "second-class sailor," and gets practically no pay. After years of training he becomes a "first-class moriak," and is paid 16s. a year (double the infantryman's pay), and rather liberal mess and "sea" allowances.

> One advantage he has-his officers, up. A "mitchman" may box his ears on Monday, but he is a comrade and a fellow-man on Tuesday. There is no caste feeling among Russians, but much camaraderie, irrespective of rank and

Ivan Ivanovitch's chief food is "schitchi," a cabbage soup, which is pronounced with a sneeze, and eaten with "pirozhki," or little meat-cakes. He gets. a reasonable allowance of meat, but pre-fers rye bread and hemp butter. If he is a teetotaller (he never is), he can save nearly £2 a year by refraining from vodka.—The Bystander.

## Weak Hearts, Weak Blood, Weak Nerves RELIEF IN SO MINUTES.

riodically more is poured over it until, Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves eczema and tetter in a day, 35c

Mamma-"Why, Johnny, what has become ed cachous, and sugar-fruits are all at present in immense demand. The art department is important. Here mosaic I gave more'n half of it to Nellie. I didn't

THEIR THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET LAST NIGHT

About Hundred Guests, Old and Young, Assembled at Hotel Davies -Enjoyable Affair.

The third annual newsboys banquet at the Hotel Davies last night was a estate investors, turn a vivid green with the Hotel Davies last night was a veritable envy. It is but a small piece of soil, envy. It is but a small piece of soil, this alluvial lump of treasure, but it is this alluvial lump of treasure. triumph. It was given by the Colonist, the Times and Richard Hall., M. P. P., having been responsible for its two pre-decessors, and like the annual functions of the various fraternal organizations it has become so pronounced and important a custom in the eyes of the little paper vendors, that when the time arrived they of earth around it. And it is not a store-were full of enthusiasm pent up for a house of precious metals, its soil is of the the hotel dining room were thrown open to admit them, they were lined up on Yates street, eagerly peering through the windows at the inviting tables conveniently and attractively agranged by the proprietors. About half past eight o'clock everything was ready for their reception, and under the direction of Manager Sargison, of the Colonist, the youngsters were given their seats. They cortainly weren't slow in filling them.

moner stuff in other lots, but despite taking affidavits in the Supreme court for the purpose of acting under the Provincial Elections Act in the Revelstoke electoral district.

Arthur J. Ford, of Vancouver, to be a notary public; Henry George Sanders Heisterman, of Victoria, barrister and solicitor, to be a notary public; Alex. Fraser Sutherland, of Vancouver, to be said the history of the city, and were it

certainly weren't slow in filling them.

There were about ninety boys present,

The boys were under the supervision of Mr. Sargison, and circulation managers Ellis and Wylde, of the Colonist and Times respectively. This large family was nothing if not demonstrative and realthy, and if at times it was difficult to restrain the ardor of its members there was no criticism offered because of the cogent extenuating circumstances. The menu was excellent, the proprietors of the hotel providing a right royal repast. Did it receive an adequate measure of justice? Well, rather. Each dish disappeared like mist before the sun, and on every glowing countenance was written the advertisement "Lots of room, let the

chair and made a target of another youngster's head with a bon-bon. That to give a good account of the Nothing was allowed to go by

propose the health of His Majesty the King. This was responded to with rived from the knowledge that it is there. Morrissey Colliery—Appointed by the owners, Charles Simister; alternates, D. enthusiasm, and the singing of "God. It is what might be regarded as a very owners, Charles Simister; alternates, D. G. Wilson and Elijah Heathcote; ap-Save the King," which was followed by fine site for an air castle. enstration little short of appalling It lasted several minutes, and had the doors been open it would have been heard as far away as Mount Tolmie.

ANNUAL CINDERELLA BALL WAS A

Richard Hall, M. P. P., then addressed previous banquets they had enjoyed, and Brilliant Function at Assembly Hall Fort Street Last Francisco the boys briefly. He alluded to the two third equally well. He said they might look forward to one every year, and orever, they would be here years to come. (A demonstration, prolonged and hearty). He also expressed the hope that some of the boys when they grew up would give banquets to the newsboys themselves. He knew they had the right kind of stuff in them to He knew they reach the top of the ladder. (Applause, whistles and yells lasting several minutes, mingled with proposals of "cheers for Dick Hall.") The speaker rent to their enthusiasm by calling for cheers for the two papers and Hon. Mr. Pooley. These were given with gusto, accompanied by a fusilade of bonwild flourish of knives and forks and the

similar ovation when he rose, said he hoped the boys would display throughout energy they had shown during Mr. Hall's irks. He also hoped they would all attend to their duties in a way that and friends, and that when they asyear if would be with appetites as good,

He then wished them good-night, and effect having been obtained, which was extremely charming. ferred to. Hon. Mr. Pooley read the fol-

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 27th, 1904. the Manager of the Colonist, Victoria: vitation for next Thursday. If I ask you vitation for next Thursday. If I ask you ing, another programme being contributed excuse me for this time it is with regret, as I have kept such a pleasant recollection. J. M. Finn. The presence of the United

It goes without saying that no letters of regrets were received from absent

MARRIED LAST EVENING.

Lusk United in Bonds of Wedlock.

Mary Jane Lusk took place last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Campbell, of the First Presbyterian nderson, Dominion inspector of public

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Thos. ably known to many in this province, having resided in British Columbia for some time. Mr. Stuart Henderson is ell known in Victoria, where he is a

being only a few of the immediate friends of the bride and groom present. The bride was attended by Miss Ella M. Jaffrey, while Colonel Gregory acted as

After a wedding dinner Mr. and Mrs. Henderson left for Seattle. They will proceed from there to Ashcroft. On the opening of the legislature in this city in February they will return to Victoria and take up their residence here throughout the session.

AN EXTRAORDINARY BUY.

Very Tiny Piece of Land, But It Came High.

Who said real estate? What slanderer was it who ventured the remark that realty prices might be better? Why, there is in this favored community a make even an Astor, the prince of real apparently worth its weight in the yellow stuff that men will surmount any impediment to obtain. This lot of fabulous price is situated in Spring Ridge, and it wasn't until Wednesday that the civic officials became aware that it was different from the common, every-day plot house of precious metals, its soil is of the whole year. Long before the doors of same geological composition as the com-

est in the history of the city, and were it There were about ninety tools present, besides representatives of the staffs of the two papers. Hon, C. E. Pooley, a member of the directorate of the mornwere Richard Hall, M. P. P., and R. E. Gosnell, and on his right Mayor Barnard, and John Nelson, managing director of the Times. Now, the principle of a tax sale is to hand over the smallest fraction of the been accepted. taxes, and of course this is determined by competition. The contest for the particular section referred to was more than interesting; it was warm. The competitors were Thornton Fell and A. W. Jones, representing, respectively, clients who had interests in the property. When the sale was opened one of them offered to take the whole twenty-three feet frontage for the amount of the taxes, \$16.54. The other said he would take twenty-two feet. The first retaliated by offering to be satisfied with twenty-one. Then followed alternately twenty, nine James Tunstall. teen, eighteen feet, and so on, until the scale became so fine that only an inch was left. Here, thought the officials, the contest would stop. It would be almouth full of turkey as he turned in his the excitement and ardor of the battle. S. K. Mottishaw. Chair and made a target of another To them the inch looked as big as a Cumberland Col mile, and they went still farther along all knew that the banquet was to take down to one-two thousand and fortyplace last night, and they were prepared ninth part of an inch, and then they Kesley; elected by the miners, Jas. to give a good account of themselves.

Nothing was allowed to go by default, and Mrs. Davies can be pardoned the perennial smile of satisfaction she wore. In view of this eloquent compliment to ose the health of His Majesty the purchaser will have the consolation de- R. Galvin.

BALL WAS A SUCCESS

Crowd Attended.

annual Cinderella ball, under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity. Like all functions given by this association it was a splendid success. There was a large at-tendance of children and adults, and their fancy costumes, combined with the elaborate decorations, made a very striking effect. A splendid musical programme, a floor which reflected the glare f electricity as a mirror, and an excellent supper were some of the principal features of the evenings entertainment. The adornment of the ballroom and

the banquet apartment was a decided credit to those responsible. This, it is derstood, was in charge of a committee of the Daughters of Pity, and was carried through with their usual energy and artistic taste. The decorations were holly having been gracefully hung from the ceiling to the walls. Flags, bunting, etc., were utilized also, while several designs worked in electric bulbs contributed a charming brilliancy to the scene. One of the most noticeable of the latter led around the festive board next was the Red Cross, which blazed just above the entrance to the supper ro f not better, as they had shown to- This was decorated in a somewhat different style, a comparatively subdued

As was announced by the Times yes-terday, the floor was at the disposal of the juveniles from 6 until shortly after 9 o'clock. During that time a suitable services gratutiously. Later in the even-Dear Sir .- Thank you for your kind in- ing the adults participated in the dancalst and Times, and I wish you suc- Jones at Esquimalt allowed a number of American officers to enjoy the festivities. They were extended a cordial wel-

come, and it is safe to say spent an enovable evening. The splendid success of the affair is due to a large extent to the efforts of Miss D. Sehl, president of the Daughters of Pity; Mrs. (Dr.) Hasell and Miss Hiscocks. Members of the floor comittee also were untiring in their en-Mr. Stuart Henderson, M.P.P., and Miss deavor to make everyone feel at home and promote pleasant sociability. This committee comprised the following: Col. F. B. Gregory, Major Hibben, Messrs.
T. E. Pooley, A. Gillespie, E. Lawson, The marriage of Mr. Stuart A. Hen-derson, M.P.P., of Ashcroft, and Miss E. O. S. Scholefield, E. P. Colley, Herbert Kent, Charles Wilson, P. O'Farrell, Norman Hardie, E. Brown, J. S. V.

> A. MacTavish, P. A. and H. J. Austin, . Williams and E. Hasell Supper was served shortly after 10 val to a conclusion.

TWO YEARS ABED .- "For eight years Governor of Hawaii, strongly urges the frequent visitor in connection with legal | I suffered as no one ever did with rheumabusiness and legislative duties. His tism; for two years I lay in bed; could not so as to permit the utilization of Chi- mining men to visit Alaska, and this name is prominently identified with the so much as feed myself. A friend recompolitics of the province, he being recognized as one of the best speakers in Britaged The wedding was a quiet one, there Cook, 287 Clinton street, Toronto.-2.

**EXAMINING BOARDS** FOR THE COLLIERIES

A List of Examiners for Next Year-New Companies Incorporated and Other Notices.

Gazette contains the following: Herbert Guernsey, of Grand Prairie,

Yale, to be a justice of the peace. Francis Henry Corson, of Revelstoke; William R. Reid and Fred Hunerforth, of Arrowhead, to be commissioners for the hotel dining room were thrown open moner stuff in other lots, but despite taking affidavits in the Supreme court

a notary public; Henry George Sanders Heisterman, of Victoria, barrister and solicitor, to be a notary public; Alex.

Hy. J. Salisbury Muskett, of Victoria, of their sufferings much has been writto be private secretary to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor from January 2nd | timely assistance of Capt. Hanson, or The resignation of Joseph Henley as Peter Anderson and Fred Nicols, who

The appointment of Hon. Robt. Frances Green as acting minister of finance is formally rescinded. Hon. Mr. Green acted in that capacity in the absence of Hon. R. G. Tatlow.

a member of the board of licensing com-

The following boards of examiners for the various collieries are gazetted:
Nanaimo Colliery—Appointed by the owners, Thomas Mills; alternates, John Newton and T. J. Shenton; appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, Thomas Budge; elected by the miners, Joseph E. Piper; alternates, George Johnson and

Extension Colliery-Appointed by the

owners, James Sharp; alternates, Alex. Bryden and Alex. Shaw; appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, W. G. "Gee whiz, I ain't eaten a thing since most impossible to see more than an Simpson; elected by the miners, Wilham most inch. But the two agents were full of Anderson; alternates, Benj. Berto and Cumberland Colliery-Appointed by the wners, Richard Short; alternates, Chas.

was quite true of more than one lad, for | the graduated line. Eventually they got | Mathews and David Walker; appointed Kesley; elected by the miners, Jas. Reid;

a front foot. The piece will be located by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, John everything in sight the chairman rose to

pointed by the Lieut, Governor-in-Council, J. K. Miller; elected by the miners, W. D. Robertson; alternates, Warriet Thomas and Jonathan Mills. Powell and Thomas Corkhill; appointed since the memorable day the captain by the Lieut-Governor-in-Council, Evan crew embarked for Winter Harbor.

Evans; elected by miners, James Wylie; alternates, Harry Wakes and John

Chilliwack Co-operative Association,

imited; Forty-nine Creek Mining Co., Ltd., capital \$600,000; Fraser River Sawmills, Ltd., capital \$500,000. The Everett Timber & Investment Co. has been licensed as an extra-provincial company. The capital is \$350,000, divid-

The appointment of the assessment mmission and the proclamation conhave already been announced in the Times, are published in the Gazette.

who have taken out their annual certififirst Monday in November, 1905, is also

Armenian Committee Writes to the President of the United States.

tionary federation committee in the United States of America, which has musical programme was rendered by J. headquarters in this city, has addressed Fawcett, the well-known violinist, and Miss Thain, who kindly extended their congratulations on his "triumphant elecsincere appreciation for the sympathetic eception accorded the delegates of the

The letter continues: "Permit us, Mr. President, to plead and hope that with ill legitimate means in your power you will endeavor to secure the much-needed eforms which consist of nothing more fenceless Armenian people who are sub-

er the Turkish regime. "Our people look with strong hopes to half of people suffering under the yoke

of tyranny. sent situation in Morocco is most serious. M. Brewer was appointed secretary. The Sultan's life is endangered, and those who now direct affairs in the Moorish court are liable at any moment expenses. Representative bodies and clock, but dancing was continued well to go en bloc to the insurgent leader, who citizens will be asked to give monetary into the small hours. The strains of claims the throne as the elder brother of assistance to aid in the work. the present Sultan."

may desire to emigrate to Hawaii.

# THAN FOUR YEARS

REMARKABLE STORY OF A FAITHFUL DOG

Was Shot While Still Looking for the Return of His Shipwrecked

the peace, and Daniel Denaldson, of Thompson's books of animal life than H. Howson, second, and Jas. Anderson, Vancouver, as superintendent of the re- that which now comes from Quatsino third. formatory, as announced in yesterday's concerning a fine Newfound and dog be and has attracted so many competitors, Times, the current issue of the Provincial longing to a shipwrecked party, which that it has been decided to hold another landed on the northern shores of this to be known as the "New Year Tourna-Island four years ago. All who have ment." The game will be to three hunbeen here since the time mentioned will remember the terrible txperiences of the Peruvian barque Libertad, which on No- UNITED STATES CORPORATIONS. vember 6th, 1899, was abandoned in lati-Struck by one of those wind storms which sweep the coast of the Pacific northwest in winter season, the Libertad was rendered powerless, almost completely wrecked. Her seams opened in her rudder was carried away, and with six feet of water in her hold, the condi-

> every one might have perished. The unfortunate crew landed at Cape Cook and subsequently made their way to Winter Harbor, Quatsino, The experiences of these men are now vividly brought to mind by the adventure of Philip Nordstrom, who has recently been up to Cape Cook on a prospecting expedition. He is the first prospector, it is said, to exploit that part of the coast for many years, and probably this ac-

the Flying Dutchman, as he was called,

counts for him meeting the very dog in As the Times has been informed, wrecked crew. The dog belonged to the captain. When starting out from Cape Cook in a small boat after waiting two months for favorable weather, the dog jumped ashore again and was left behind, the boat with its heavy load proceeding to Winter Harbor, where its occupants were picked up by the steamer Queen City. But it was with much reuctance that the fine Newfoundland was deserted. Last year Philip Norstrom and two others went down the coast to Cape Scott prospecting and they saw this dog. By this time the animal had become somewhat wild. The men called and whistled but it was a long time before it came up to them. It refused to make friends but would return to the rocks where it was wont to sit looking over the sea, where the last glimpse of his master had been obtained. The strange actions of the dog were re-markable. The animal had, it is said, kept up this lonely vigil for more than four years. The prospectors took pity on the poor brute. They would like to have taken him in their boat, but there was no room, and the faithful animal was knocked over with a rifle ball as he sat Michel Colliery—Appointed by the at his favorite spot. He was shot by tweers, A. R. Wilson; alternates, Wm. the only white man he probably had seen at his favorite spot. He was shot by

A rumor has reached Quatsino Sound Assembly half presented a brilliant the board in the absence of those reguscene last evening on the occasion of the scene last evening on the occasion of the larly appointed or elected to act thereon. Brown's lake and Blenkmsop Bay, crossing Johnston Strait. A harbor at the ing Johnston Strait. A harbor at the The following companies have been in- entrance to Quatsino Sound gives them the most westerly terminus of any other point, putting them clear of Dixon Enfrance, the fogs of Queen Charlotte gation to the east of the Queen Charlotte's and the small islands to the north and south. It is said the geographical position of the north end of Vancouver ed into \$3,500 shares of \$100 each. The Island, projecting right out into the provincial head office of the company is Pacific, offers such a good opportunity in Victoria and E. V. Bodwell, K. C., is for an ideal terminus that the Grand Trunk Pacific have concluded to seriously

It is reported that some capitalists ening the legislative assembly, which will develop the fisheries of Quatsino ave already been announced in the Sound. The cannery at Winter harbor will, it is said, be enlarged to a capacity of 5,000 cases of salmon, which run into The list of barristers and solicitors of all the streams between Cape Cook and the Supreme court of British Columbia, Cape Scott, It has been estimated by careful observation the last few years ates entitling them to practice until the rst Monday in November, 1905, is also can be obtained, besides a number of the pink variety. The large herring that run at Quatsino narrows will also receive nsideration. The extensive halibut banks extending along the shore in this vicinity offer good opportunities for investment. Halibut can practically be obtained in tons at a nearer point to a harbor for handling than any other place on the coast. A freezing plant at the

cannery is one of the projects. Two parties have lately been in search of elk on Quatsino Sound. They failed tion to the exalted office of the Presidency of the United States, and their Victoria were not familiar with the haunts of the animals.

The Quatsino people are going to agitate for a light on Entrance Island.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION To Make Arrangements For the Convention of the American Institute of

The resident members of the American the United States as the champion of Institute of Mining Engineers, together freedom, to which they owe much for with a number of those living in the distheir intellectual development and prog- trict, met last evening in order to make ress, and which has always resulted in preliminary arrangements for the connoble and disinterested protest in be- vention, which will be held here in July. A local organization was effected, and Hon. R. McBride, minister of mines, will be asked to act as honorary chairman. Ion Perdicarls in a signed dispatch to W. F. Robertson, provincial minerthe London Standard says: "The pre alogist, was elected chairman, and W. The members levied an assessm

ipon themselves to meet the necessary Two years ago over 300 members at-Superior Young Men. tended the excursion to Mexico. It is "Woman," Mr. Standen was saying slow-

amendments of the Chinese exclusion law | great desire on the part of many of these nese laborers in the Hawaiian Islands presents a very favorable opportunity

toria. There is a very large membership

scattered throughout the whole North leading mining men.

A. PROCTOR WON.

Victor in Driard Handicap Billiard Tourney Which Closed Last Evening.

The Driard handicap tournament in which there has been manifested a great deal of interest by devotees of the cue was terminated last night. is A. Proctor, who, although a comparatively new hand at the game, has shown unusual skill and steadiness. The first game was between Jas. Anderson, scratch, and H. Howson (100) and was won by Mr. Howson by 250 to 198. Mr. Proctor (75) then tried conclusions with the winner, and although the latter had the advantage of a handicap the younger man won by 250 to 234. The results of In addition to the apopintment of Dr. There is perhaps no more wonderful the tourney, therefore, are as follows:
G. L. Milne, of this city, as a justice of story of romance or pathos told in Seton A. Proctor, first and winner of the cue;

This tournament has been so popular,

tude 49, 20 N., and longitude 128, 40 W. E. B. Whitney Says Congress Has Power to End Them.

Chicago, Dec. 30 .- Edward B. Whitney, of New York, declared to-day before the American Political Science and Economic Association that congress has direct power to put an end to the United States Steel Corporation, the anthracite "Coal Port" and similar other corportion of the crew was a pitiable one. But ations. In a paper upon "Governmental interference with industrial ten. Suffice it to say that but for the ations," he asserted that a law forbidding a company engaged in inter-state com merce to engage in a productive industry were prospecting the coast at the time, His paper was read before a joint session of two associations, and this was fo lowed by a discussion. Other speaker were Hon. G. E. Foster, Prof. Adam Short and A. W. Flux.

#### MR. SARTORIS PLAYS THE MATCH-MAKER

"Marriage, sir, is being completely under lined," said Mr. Sartoris. "it will last our time," said Mr. Chap-

man, yawning. "Novelists scoff at it-philosophers scorn it-Mr. Meredith suggests a time-limit-Mr. Hope speaks of it as an irksome harness." "It has borne worse attacks," said Mr. Chapman. "There was Godwin and Shelley-and Mr. Grant Allen-where are their teachings now?"

"The position is very grave," said Mr. "The gravest thing to my mind," said Mr. Chapman, "is the terrible scarcity of genuine, trustworthy bachelors." But Mr. Sartoris determined to take ac

He would become a match-maker.

"I wonder if they know," said Elsie Bowman to Tom Lucas, when they found that they had both received invitations to dine with Mr. Sartoris on the following Mon-Tom was making his way as a rising

young barrister, and Elsle was still very "Here's a spree!" he cried. "I don't be-

lieve they know anything about it-I believe "They think we'd sult one another?" "That's it. The old boy is frightfully romantic, and is always doing out-of-thesince the memorable day the captain and way sort of things—and his wife has just got to follow my leader--'

"Shall you go?" "Rather-and you, too-and we'll pretend that the Grand Trunk Pacific is going to come down Knight's Inlet after all. By "Of course it is!" cried Tom. "Splendid We'll go the pace all the evening, and then if the old boy or his wife say anything-

"What fun!" Mr. Sartoris was just a little alarmed at his own success. From the moment of "being introduced" young Lucas and Elsie Bowman had spoken to no one else. During dinner their neighbors on either side at table were left to Arctic neglect. When young Lucas came up to the drawing room he rushed instantly to Elsie's side and stayed there for the next hour.

The situation was so marked that it be came the cynosure of all eyes. "The girl will get compromised," whispered Mrs. Sarboris to her husbana. "I really must separate them."

"Thanks, no," said Elsle, when Mrs. Saroris suggested a visit to see some pictures. "Mr. Lucas and I are going into the greeninto the greenhouse they went-and

When Mr. Sartoris came downstairs to see his guests off Tom was putting on Elsie's cloak in an intimate sort of way which made Mr. Sartoris descend more slowly. As he reached the foot of the stairs, Tom gave Elsie a resounding kiss. Mr. Sartoris stopped short, confounded

at the openness of the thing. Mr. Lucas turned to him. "Mr. Sartoris," he said, "It was jolly good of you to ask us. We've been engaged for a year to-night, but pledged to secrecy by our parents. You are now the first friend to know of our happiness."

In the course of his great humanitarian

effort it seemed a kindly thought to ask Edmund Gunter, the distinguished but lonely journalist, from his rooms in the Temple to meet Phyllis Carstairs, the zealous political beauty. But in these personal matters it is always

important to be well-informed. The two spent the dinner-time in politic conversation, varied by strange fits of silence. There seemed to be a sort of understanding between them, but an entire and rather dreary lack of personal interest. Almost immediately after dinner Edmund Gunter came up to say good-bye to his

"Sorry to be going so soon," he remarked, "but I'm in luck. Miss Carstairs and I have found that we are both bent on the same errand-going to the same dance to meet our flances so I'm going in her carrlage." "The great thing," said Mr. Sartoris one

day, "is to bring people together who have opposite views and tastes. And so it happened that they asked Miss Philippa Brooks, the secretary of the Women's League for the Assertion of Fundamental Rights, to meet Mr. Clement Standen, the president of the Guild of the

ferior. She is born to a position of subjec-"Oh! Indeed," Miss Philippa could be

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is nothing more miserable on earth than an ungoverned animal." Miss Philippa Brooks rose from her seat

in wrath. "Mrs. Sartoris," she said, "I am very sorry to say that I must go. I cannot stay here to be insulted." And she went.

Next morning Mr. Sartoris was sitting in

his study in a profound state of gloom. All his plans seemed to have gone astray, and the human race seemed no better. Suddenly a knock came at the door, and young Charles Oxford, a friend of Mr. Sartoris's eldest son-now an undergraduate-

made a deferential entry. "Well, sir, what do you want?" said Mr Sartoris, not too gently. "Your daughter and I, sir, are fond of one another, and we wish to be married."

"What, Janet! But she is only a child!" "She is seventeen, sir, and I'm twenty-Blind Cupid had shot his dart without asking for any aid from human arm.-Har-

ANCIENT JOKES.

Old-Time Wit Preserved by an Historica Society. What is regarded as the most valuable

old Spender in Chronicle.

collection of ancient jokes in existence has just been presented to the Missouri State Historical Society by W. H. Thompson, of near Columbia. These are in 108 almanacs, ollection of ancient jokes in existence has

"very furny" things in the almanac of | Victoria, B. C., December 6th, 1904.

"A dull judge in the interior courts of a sister state, having attended to a variety

humorous student rose in his seat and asked: 'Is that the reason the days in

warm weather are longer than those is

had to say why judgment of death should not be passed on him. 'Say?' replied he, Dease Lake, Cassiar, B.C., Oct. 2nd, 1904. why I think the joke has been carried far

nissed from his regiment. 'Faith and in- or less. deed,' said the Irishman, 'I hope it is the corporal who is so troublesome in our ompany.' 'What is his name?' replied the

'What news?' inquired a bystander. 'There has been a great storm in the West Indies,' replied the reader. The vessels are all up-

"A country squire asked a merry Andrew why he was playing the fool. 'For the You do it for want of wit, I for want of

Some of the jokes, humorous remarks, puns and witticisms which were perpetrated in the Western Comick Almanack in 1834, and which have not yet outlived their usefulness, are the following: "As a broker was folding some bank bill a fag observed: 'You must grow rich fast.

perceive you readily double your money." "A poor country hawker being detected quite probable that this number may be ly in a pause of the general conversation, in the act of shooting a butcher bird, was increased in this instance, as there is a "woman is naturally and inevitably an inthe justice, 'you see fit to shoot without a heard saying in a loud staccato voice; "and hawking." So saying he handed his peddier's license, and the bird shot being a ed from the Edinburgh customs house the hawk, he was discharged." "Why, then, all the worse for her. There

Land Registry Act.

the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Sub-Division No. 10 of Lot 121 A., Victoria

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, issued to Ellen Carroll on the 13th day of May, 1865, and numbered 1353. S. Y. WOOTTON.

Registrar-General. Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 13th day of December, A. D., 1904.

G. R. LAWRENCE:-

Please take notice that should you fail to meet your portion of expenditure for assessment work for year ending Sept. 11th, 1904, on mineral claims Cascade and Forest King, on head waters of Chemainus River, your interest in same will be forfeited in time and as provided for by statute.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of Anna Rebecca Sieh, De ceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrator's Act.

near Columbia. These are in 108 almanacs, one for each year since 1795.

In the almanac for 1804, now just a century old, considerable space is devoted to "original jokes, witty remarks and humorous anecdotes." Here are a few of the WM. MONTEITH, Official Administrator.

sister state, having attended to a variety of causes in the morning, went to dine at a friend's house with a most excellent appetite. Among the company was a witty barrister. The judge eating very heartily of a dish of salmon, observed that he had filled himself so full that he needed hooping.

"Your Honor is much more in want of heading,' replied the witty barrister.

"A professor, lecturing on heat, observed that one of its most conspicuous properties was the power of expanding all bodies. A humorous student rose in his seat and have a most excellent appetited. We, the undersigned, being petitioners for the incorporation of the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a pply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters Patent under the Public Seal incorporation Samich into a District Municipality (excepting only such portions thereof as form Indian Reservations), under the name of The Corporation of the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a public patent of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into a point of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters of Victoria, Lake and South Samich into apply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the Lie

NOTICE. "Sir John Doyle, on being informed by a traveller that he had been in a country where the bugs were so large and powerful that two of them would drain a man's blood in a single night, humorously replied:

"My dear sir, we have similar animals in Ireland, but there we call them humbugs."

"A man having been capitally convicted at Old Balley was, as usual, asked what he had to say why judgment of death should be to northwest corner."

Notice is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for leave to purchase forty (40) acres of land situate on Dease Lake, Cassiar District, opposite Porter's Landing, and about one (1) mile south of the outlet of the said Lake into Dease River: Commencing at the northwest corner two (2) chains south, thence twenty (20) chains south, thence twenty (20) chains onth, and thence back to northwest corner.

'why I think the joke has been carried far enough aiready, and the less said the better—if you please, we will drop the subject.'

"In a newly-raised corps a soldier lately observed to his comrade, who was an Irishman, that a corporal was to be dismissed from his regiment. 'Faith and inside the following described lands: Fraction S. W. '4, Sec. 31, Fraction Sec. 22 and Fraction Sec. 33, Denman Island, Nanaimo District, containing in the aggregate 487 acres more or less.

December 5th, 1904. H. McFARLAN.

company.' What is his name?' replied the other. 'Why, corporal punishment, to be sure,' replied Pat.''

"A person who could not read a syllable took up a newspaper in a New York coffee house, and, holding it upside down, dretended to peruse the ship advertisements on the first page with great attention. 'What news?' inquired a bystander. 'There'

Sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land, more or less, commencing at the southeast corner of the Indian Reserve at Quat leo, thence south 80 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 80 chains, and thence east to point of commencement. (Sgd.) THOS. JONES.

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WANTED—Employment on a farm, by ex-perienced hand; wages no object. Apply 23, this office. license, do you?' 'Oh, no, Your Honor,' FOR SAILE—Cedar posts. Address Old-said the offender, I have a license for field, Box 406, city.

entry made against his name was: 'A. Gun, "When Mr. Alexander Gun was discharge discharged for making a false report."

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