aid that the grievance could b

ed by amending the act so that if a

property holder at the court of repe secured a reduction, all property hol

ers in the same district should be gran

ed an equitable reduction without h

ng the trouble of going to the court

appeal because of the trouble

so that every one could see that he

not assessed more than his neigh

(Hear, hear.) It would be wiser

suggest remedies to alleviate any gr

Mr. Irving suggested that they pett

ances than pass reflections on any

the assessor publish his assessi

rnment officer.

Small holders often negle

Mr. Miller also suggested

NO. 38.

Papers Criticize Great Britlieved that lands should be asses more equitably. Mr. Grant then mo 's Foreign Policy During ed the same resolution re taxation was passed at the Royal Oak meeti Year Just Closed. Mr. Munro Miller in a short spec

laclaren Gives His Impressof the United States and Her Public Men.

illd Weather in England - Sir ary living Not Likely to Act for some Time.

g the events of 1896, criticize the

the

olucky optimism of Great Brition the government to secure the cessary authority to tax themselve foreign policy evinced by the litfort produced during the numerous spend their own money. South Victoria should form th ing storms that marked the year. elves into a municipality. cite the Venezuela trouble, fol-Mr. J. F. Chandler did not vote quickly by the Transvaul disresolution at the Royal Oak m nd then came the insult from ag because he would refuse to favo r William, his dispatch to Presilution reflecting on the the assessor, uger and the isolation of Great assess all the lands prope in the eastern question. personal knowledge. The therefore, insist that did not redress all gri policy of Great Britain is be-Those who kicked got what the times and the government reanted; those who didn't got nothi take existing facts considerone man got his taxation redu ore into account or expect inunequalized the whole assess repetitions of the loss of pres-The farmers were placed at a di ought about by taking up which it was later compelled to owing to miscalculation as to udge of the court knew less. Britain's means of asserting her If the farmer did not nce in opposition to other powers taxation reduced he could appeal to the St. James's Gazette makes spec ipreme courts and the judgere knew less about the value of land ence to Venezuela, and says: right now to arbitrate on terms than did the judge of the court of r the United States it was (Laughter.) He suggested the so a year and a-half ago, the land and equalize the assessm

ord Salisbury emphatically re-cretary Olney's demand." Con-Mr Stevens again spoke briefly to t the St. James's Gazette re-He pointed out that whe With no aggressive or ambitiupon our part we have been that it was not his fault, that arried out the instructions of the go reable distance, in a single Mr. Stevens held that the with Russia, Germany With sessor did not understand his nd the Transvaal. nal waiships and cruisers. would not have assessed lands more trained seamen South Victoria as he had done. M Stevens then seconded the resolution. and an army capable of three corps, by railway and Mr. J. F. Chandler moved an ame ment, striking out that portion which say to Canada or Constancould face such a combinahat with better confidence. Mr. George Deans secon in its New Year editorial the amendment. foreign relations of Great

Mr. Stevens protested against one settion passing one resolution and anoth the year which is to be dissection a different resolution. If the to accomplish anything th by the celebration of the diaen, should also should be unanimous. Mr. Grant also thought it advisable clusion of a treaty of our race." It adds: "We divide the resolution. The compla was that the lands were not as properly and they were anxious to g nope or desire to change man who could assess them proper Mr. Sears was also of the opinion the other states in this with other states in this which seems natural and e when dealing with people ied by blood with ourselves." Mr. Sears was also of the resolution was all right excepting on Mr. Boot

the last two months Sir Don-Mr Sears held that the money alre expended in the district had not be Canadian High Commisexpended judiciously. There were t n an exhaustive enquiry ines of origin of the stream of The amendment was then put an carried by a vote of 8 to 5. The original migrants who go to America. of diverting as many as nal motion as amended was then esirable ones to Canada. assist such a morement be

After a vote of thanks to the cha the meeting adjourned.

1		eity be given intending emigrants
1	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	advantage of Canada.
i	VICTORIA MARKETS.	Charles Tupper, former premier
į		High Commissioner, will return
d	Retail Quotations for Farmer's Pro	
1	Anna Canadalla Canadada	
	duce Carefully Corrected.	Maclaren," Rev. John Watson, I
•		who has just returned from his
		to the United States, is loud in
•	Ogilvie's Hungarian flour\$6.5	s of Yale university, which re-
l	Lake of the Woods	I him of the English universities.
t	Rainier 55.5	the Vale sucfessors are most
9	Showflake \$5.7	rly and cultivated, and adds that
	XXX	udonte ere bright making a splen-
	Lior	udience. Dr. Watson was also
_	Premier (Enderby)	impressed with the important po-
_	Three Star (Enderby)\$5.5	taken by the Scotch in the civic
4	Strong Baker's (O.K.)	
	Selem	America and says American wo-
-	Wheat, per ton\$40.0	take a deal less part in public life
	Barley, per ton \$30.00 to \$32.0	in England. In addition the Scotch
-	Midlings con 400	is favorably impressed with Am-
n		home life, "because all essential
J	Bran, per ton \$20.0	res resemble English life." Dr.
t	Ground feed, per ton\$25.00 to \$27.0	on is further quoted as stating
+ 3	Corn, whole\$30.00 to \$32.0	he rich class in America aim at
+	Corn. cracked F.\$35.0	mitation of English country house
f	Cornmeal, per 10 pounds354	In an interview the popular
ì	Outmeal, per 10 pounds40	er author described his luncheon
1.	Rolled oats, (Or. or N. W.)3	White House, where he said
	Rolled oats, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks. 300	tent Cleveland impressed him "as
!	Potatoes, per pound	y able and honest man." The
١.	Cabbage	sion left on his mind regarding
,,	Cauliflower, per head 10c. to 121/2	ary Olney was that he has "a
	Hay, baled, per ton	powerful intellect." Both Presi-
ď	Straw, per bale	Cleveland and Secretary Olney
d	Onions, per lb	from the interview with Dr.
t	Bananas	on, to have expressed satisfaction
6	Grapes, per box	fact that the difficulty between
16	Lemons (California)	nited States and Great Britain has
.}	Apples, Eastern per lb	ettled. The patriotism of Am-
1.	Oranges (California) per doz. 40 to 50	ettled, The patriousin of Am-
16	Oranges (Japanese), per box, 40 to 66	generally and the "attachment
	Fish-salmon per lb 10c. to 129	central government" and other
- 1	Figh. and II	s much impressed "Ian Mac-
11	Smoked bloaters per lb 12%	during his sojourn in the Unit-
13	Eggs Island fresh, per doz	ttes.
Н	Page Manitoha 250 de 200	ing the past fifteen months nearly
10		TENOUS DECAME CONTACTES to the
	Butter Delta creamery per in	a Catholic church, of this number
		being in the diocese of Westmins-
	Change Chilliwack	one.
	II II American nor lb ton to	chief feature of the estate market
		e year just closed was the large
1	Bacon, American, per lb16c. to 18	er of noblemen selling. The Duke

ir just closed was the large noblemen selling. The Duke shire sold his fine estate of the West Cork, including .12e. to 16 long clear, per pound .... West Cork of Bandon, to Sir John Ar-ir £250,000. Lord Ash-disposed of his Wiltshire of 10,000 acres: Lord Church-Bacon, Canadian, per lb. . . . 14c. to

Queensberry disposed of his vast Kin-

Unseasonable weather continues to prevail in England and on the continent. In this country, for several days during the past week, the temperature was almost springlike, the mercury ranging over fifty degrees and in Paris on Sunday last, the tables were out in front of the cafes and restaurants on the boulevard. The boulevards were crewded with people to breakfast and otherwise refresh themselves. On the other hand along the Riveria and Althe weather has been unusually cold. The mercury at Monte Carlo registered under 40 degrees.

The various pantomimes are attract ing the usual crowds. "Aladdin" while fine spectacle, does not equal the usual Drury Lane standard. "Betsy" was revived at the Criterion on Tuesday. Aubrey Boucicalt is taking the part of Dolly Birkett on short notice and he is acquitting himself well. Various rumors are current regarding the Lyceum and Sir Henry Irving. 'The latter is reported to be "progressing favorably" but sees no one and is not likely to act for a long time. The revival of "Olivia" at the Lyceum with Brandon Thomas in Irving's part is said to be under consid

eration. The Strand theatre is being entirely re-decorated for the new lessee, John Sleeper Clarke, who has secured Florence Gerard, widow of the late Henry E. Abbey, of New York, as leading lady. The opening plays will be "The Prodigal Father," and "Home Sweet Home." George Alexander secured the rights of "Lorenzaccio." Juli Neilson is appearing in Sarah Bernhardt's role.

FUNDS FOR CUBA.

Large Amount of Money Contributed by the Patriots.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.-The Journal says the Cuban provisional government has forwarded a statement of the money, munitions of war and provisions furnished for carrying on the war from all parts of the world since July 30, 1895, up to November 30, 1896. statement has been made that when the struggle began General Gomez agreed to receive \$100,000 to be paid in instalments of \$20,000 every three months. It is claimed he has already received \$60,000 from the provisional govern ment and the remainder is now due and for that reason he became careless and inactive. But this is denied by the Curban delegates at Washington, who say Gomez is a true patriot, putting his life and soul into his work. Following is a contributions recapitulation of the Cities of the United States, \$1,706,000; states outside of cities, \$275,000; foreign countries, \$1,229,000 fal \$3,210,-000. Gonzalo de Queseda writes that if a million dollars can be secured in the next sixty days, three months thereafter

the war will be ended in Cuba's favor. straightened eircumstances cand may put a damper on the active movements contemplated this winter. But Quesada believes the friends of Cuba will come to the rescue in a liberal manner, as they have done heretofore. Less than \$40,000 has been sent to the army in three months, and the report

says the treasury is entirely empty. PRECIOUS METALS.

In

arranged that more effective

Output of the States of Colorado, Idaho and Utah During 1896. Denver, Jan. 2.-The mineral output e given intending emigrants of Colorado during the year, based on returns of smelters, refineries and mills, is as follows:

Gold . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . \$16,183,479 Silver ..... 18,607,067 Lead..... 3,967,314 Copper . . . . . . . . . . 802,697 Total ......\$39,560,557 Date. The output last year was \$33,324,353.

The increase this year is principally

output of Arizona for 1896, the figures 14-88. Alki Pt. Townsend ..... being mainly based on reports sent to 14-SS. Wellington, 'Frisco...... 2,600 the governor from different sections, 17-SS. Astoria, Pt. Townsend.... 15 was as follows: Gold, \$6,000,000; sil. 19-88. City of Topeka, Victoria. ver, 2,100,000 ounces; copper, 102,000, 21—88. City of Topera, Victoria. 350 ver, 2,100,000 ounces; copper, 102,000, 21—88. Astoria, Pt. Angeles. 27 ounces; lead, 2,400,000 pounds. The gold production has been mainly from pyritic ores, the amount being pro- 23—88. Jeanie, Juneau. 1,230 duced in conjunction with sulphuratic 28-SS. Wellington. . . . . . . 2,600 copper. Over half of the silver came from the county of Mohave, in the northwestern part of the territory, from im "as small properties. The copper came from the Jerome mine, in Yaxapa county; Old Dominion, at Globe; Detroit companies at Clifton; Copper Queen mines at Clifton. The lead product has been wholly in conjunction with the silver, a small amount being from the mines

in the south-eastern part of the territory Salt Lake, Jan. 2.-The Tribune prints a statement of the mineral product of Utah for this year compiled by Wells, Fargo & Co. The statement shows an output of 3,561,860 pounds of copper, 73,430,060 pounds of unrefined lead, 8, 728,705 ounces of fine silver and 898 ounces of fine gold. Computing the s to the gold and silver at their mint valuation and the other metals at their value at the seaboard, makes a total valuation of the product \$15,897,266, showing an increase of \$1,377,307 over last year.

> "My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. H. Wells, of Chesley. Ont. He also had a touch of diabetes. The doctors could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely.

sold by all dealers and Edmanson, magnificent Cornbury park. Sold by all dealers and Oxfordshire, consisting of Bates & Co., Toronto, 25c. was formerly the hunting lodge Chase's Lineed and Turpentine will from the treasury II; and the Marquis of cure the worst chronic cold. 25 cents,

VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1897.

application has been made for a clear-

ance by the master of the Dauntless.

lieved the boat is now off on a filibus-

tering trip although there is no positive

information of this. Application has

heen made by the agent of the steamer

Commodore for clearance with a cargo

of arms and ammunition to Cienfuegos

Cuba, and the application has ben

wired by the collector to Washington.

COLOMBO AND VENEZUELA.

Ratification of the New Treaty of

Peace Has Been Postponed.

correspondent in Bogota sends

New York, Dec. 31.-The Herald's

peace between Colombo and Venezuela

will be postponed until the meeting of

annual message of Presiden

Greenway Not Such

Bad Sort of Fellow

After All.

Uncle" Thomas McGreeyy Dead-

Beaugrand Will Fight

Mandements.

Montreal, Jan. 2.-Hon. Thomas

Greenway is getting up a desperate flir-

tation with the French-Canadians and

yesterday forenoon at the leading

French social club of the city, Le Club

Canadien, the Manitoba premier was

ing of the Laurier banquet Hon. Mr.

Greenway was invited to visit the Can-

adien Club and there make the acquaint-

ance of his new admirers. He accepted

on the spot and yesterday at noon the

leader of the Manitoba ministry went to

the club in question and there drank a

glass of champagne with the men who

persecutor of our race and religion."

The premier's health was also proposed

and in his reply he said that on his

way down to Montreal a friend of his

asked him if he was not afraid to come

down to Quebec province. He replied

"No," and the fraternal feeling that had

taken possession of him in Windsor

Hall the other evening still continued and he would carry back to Manitoba a most agreeable souvenir of his meeting

with the French-Canadian people.
Le Courier du Canada, Hon. Thos.

Chapais' paper, calls the Laurier dinner "the traitor's banquet," and remarks:

'We are anxious to see the list of cow-

ards who went to drink the health of the

signed the death warrant of Catholic

engagements under foot. We do not

hesitate to proclaim that French-Cana-

religious treason, are accomplices of this

treason and they will share the infamy

Ex-Mayor Beaugrand said to-day:

"This is a political question and to put

myself right I shall address a series of

letters to the English press. I expect

quite likely that La Patrie will be cen-

This will be another Guibord case.

There are hundreds of news stands in

the city where La Patrie is sold, and if

I find by sworn statement that sales

decrease as the result of ecclesiastical

censure or if their lordships' action

causes me pecuniary loss in any way,

I am quite determined to carry the mat-

ter into the courts and, if necessary, we

will get a decision from the Queen's

Kingsville, Jan. 2.-The big buildings

and contents of the South Essex Pre-

serving Company were this morning burned to the ground. The loss will

reach \$55,000, partly covered by in-

Quebec, Jan. 2.-Hon. Thomas Mc-

Greevy, the well known contractor and

politician, died here this morning. He

had been ill for some time but death

Kingston, Jan. 2.—The big dry goods

establishment of Richmond & Co., the

largest of its kind in Kingston, was lost

by fire last night. The stock was val-ued at \$60,000. It was entirely de-

The Mail-Empire referring to the :u-

mor of further mandaments to be

launched, and more newspapers to be

public journal by an episcopal pen, even

where the paper is bad, is intolerable

There ought not to be any more of it;

but there should be none of it at all.

Surely the readers of newspapers have

some discrimination, and the press is

not to be under a censorship not ac-

knowledged or practiced elsewhere. The

Mail calls on Mr. Geoffrion, as a mem-

ber of the government to carry the case

to the courts and find out if the bishops

really have the power and right in this

matter to do as they have done, and

whether in this country the ban, which

in its operation wipes out private pro-perty, limits discussion and restricts the freedom of the people, may be legally

stroyed, but it was heavily insured.

privy council.

was unexpected.

surance.

man who betrayed his brothers,

for years have been calling him

The even-

crowned "King of the fete."

This is in ac

hature in 1807. The with a suggestion

in the

Premier.

Laurier, was Offered Knighthood but Preferred to Follow Gladstone's Example.

Ross Thompson, Founder of Rossland in Ottawa-Capital Receives a Shock.

Ottawa, Jan. 2. (Special).-There is no onger any doubt but Hon. Mr. Laurier was offered a knighthood, but declined He prefers following the to accept it. Gladstone and Bright, to example of whose political school he belongs. Ross Thompson, founder of Rossland,

B. C., is here. Early this morning Ottawa trembled from an earthquake. It was about twenty minutes past midnight. The shaking lasted four or five seconds and caused considerable fright, but no damage as far as reported.

Ottawa and Hull are connected by electric railway, the Ottawa Railway company having built a bridge to enable the tracks to be carried to the Trans pontine City

Henry Dostales, messenger of the agricultural department, has been arrest-ed on the charge of rifling a till in the office of the cashier of the patents branch.

A summons has been issued against David Hanger, liquor dealer, of Sussex street, charging him with having in his possession a duplicate of the seal used by Walker & Son, distillers, of Walkererville, and also with opening liquor barrels, adulterating the liquor and sealing them up again.

CLEVELAND BEFOGGED. It Turns Day into Night and Interferes

With Telegraph Wires. Cleveland, O., Dec. 31.-A dense and heavy fog which has hung over this section for several days was greatly in-creased to-day. At 11 o'clock it was almost as dark as night. The fog proved disastrous to telegraph lines. ication was maintained with distant points only with the greatest difficulty.

THE COAL TRADE.

Total Output Shows a Decrease for the Year.

Following is the list of foreign coal shipments for the month of December,

3	N. V. C. CO.
3	N. V. C. CO.  Date. Name. Destination. Tons. 1—Sp. Elwell, 'Frisco
1	1-Sp. Elwell, 'Frisco 2,200
d	3 Str. Wanderer, Pt. Townsend 12
ä	A-SS. City of Everett, Frisco 3,819
į	Pioneer, Pt. Townsend 16
	6-Str. Tyee, Pt. Townsend 41
	6-Bk Wilna, 'Frisco 2,312
	10-Str. Holyoke, Pt. Townsend. 17
9	10-Str. Willapa, Pt. Townsend 60
	10-Sp. J. B. Brown, 'Frisco 2,286
	14-SS. Alki, Juneau, Alaska 244
٠	14-Str. Wanderer, Pt. Townsend 8
	14-Str. Edith. Tacoma 8
	18—SS. Peter Jebsen, 'Frisco 4,642
	16-Str. Pioneer, Pt. Townsend 53
	19—SS. City of Everett, 'Frisco 3,840
,	22-Str. Tyee, Pt. Townsend 50
	22-Str. Willapa, Pt. Townsend 49
	22-Bk. Carrollton, 'Frisco 2,267
	192 Str Wanderer Pt Townsend 32
	24—SS. Eva 'Frisco 4,026
	264-Bk. Colusa, San Francisco1,200
'	27-Str. Wanderer, Pt. Townsend 48
	127-Str. Willapa, Juneau, Alaska. 20
	31-SS. Peter Jebsen, 'Frisco 4,662
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,	Total
	WELLINGTON.

# Name. Destination. 1-SS. Glory of the Seas, 'Frisco 3,300 4 Sp Two Brothers, 'Frisco. . . 2,000

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Date. Name. De	stination.	Tons.
3-Bk. Minneola.	Los Angeles.	. 3,050
3-Bk, Richard III	., 'Frisco	. 1,600
10-SS. Minneola, 'I 24-SS. Altmore, Yo	kohama	
26—SS. Minneola,	Los Angeles.	The state of the state of
26-SS. Mackinaw,	Frisco	. 3,645
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Total		.14,805
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follows:	reu with 100	0, 10 00
	1895.	1896.
N. V. C. Co	241,495	239 155
Wellington	250,801	230,103
Union	207,543	150,657
Total	684.989	619,915
The statement of	the total out	Dut 18:
	1895.	1890.
N. V. C. Co	339,704	320,900
	337,146	321,530
Wellington	258 547	2612 XGG
Union	238,344	202,600

CAN CLEAR FOR CUBA, U. S. Grants Chearance Papers to the Filibuster Dauntless:

Jacksonville, Dec. 30.—The collector of customs has received instructions that received instructions that the collector of customs has received instructions that the collector caused by some little inaction of the liver from the treasury department to clear the Dauntless for Neuvillas, Cuba. No give positive relief.

which is now somewhere down the coast. W. A. Bisbee, the owner of the boast, says it has gone on a wrecking tour, and will not be back for several days. He did not expect to hear from The Editor of the St. Louis Globe Democrat Goes to a Window Washington for several days. It is befor Air and Falls.

> Something About One of the Best Known Newspaper Men in the States.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.-Joseph B. McCullagh editor of the St. Louis Globe Depaper men in the country, is dead, as the result of a fall of twenty-five feet from a second story window of his apthat the ratification of a new treaty of artments at the residence of his sister-inlaw, Mrs. Kate Manion, at No. 3,837 West Pine boulevard. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether Mr. McCullagh's death was due to an accident, or the result of his own act. The latter story is scouted by the dead man's friends.

The body, which was cold in death and clad only in a nightgown was discovered by Mrs. Manion's colored manservant about 7 o'clock this morning. Waters, the colored servant, without touching the body ran frightened into the house, where he told the cook of the discovery. She immediately called Mrs. Manion, who had not yet arisen, and told her that Mr. McCullagh had "fallen out of his window and killed himself." Immediately on being notified by the servant, Mrs. Manion dispatched her coachman to summon Dr. C. M. Hughes, who resides in the neighborhood and who was Mr. McCullagh's physician during his last illness. He hastened to the house and after examining the body ordered it

removed into the house. The Globe-Democrat conclusion from the con-Hughes' dition of the body when he examined it is that Mr. McCullagh plurged head first from the window about 3:30 o'clock. around the foundation of the house is a stone water table. In the fall Mr. Mc Cullagh struck a sharp corner of this stone with the left side of his head, fracturing the parietal bone. The physician An Important Note Has Been Trans is of opinion that death followed im mediately after the shock of the fall. The victim's head was lying in a small pool of blood which had dripped from the

"Just how Mr. McCullagh happened to fall out of the window can only be a matter of conjecture. He had been ill several months and latterly was compelled to keep to his room. He passed his last night unattended, as he had always slept during his illness. Wednesday evening Mr. McCullagh was in the best of spirits, although he complained of not being quite so well. The smothering sensation which had troubled him at recent intervals during his illness had returned to him in a mild form, and rendered him languid and drowsy. He retired to bed about 7 o'clock, leaving word with the household that he did not wish urbed unless it was by his phy sician. Dr. Hughes made his customary call about 7:30 o'clock and expressed surschools in Manitoba, who trampled his prise at finding him in bed at such an

early hour. "'I am very weary,' Mr. McCullagh dian Catholics who went yesterday to said, 'and I thought I would get as applaud Wilfrid Laurier's national and much rest as possible to-night. I expect my barber early in the morning to trim my hair, and I want to be up when he arrives.'

"The physican administered to his pattient's needs, saw that everything in the room was fixed for the night, and that the north window was raised about an sured by the bishops but I will fight this question of clerical influence to the end. McCullagh good-night turned off the have materially increased. electric light and retired ...

saw that everything in the room was in enue. order and then retired to her own apartments. About midnight she woke up and detected an odor of escaping gas. She investigated and found a burner in the combination gas and electric chandelier, which hangs suspended in the centre of Mr. McCullagh's room, open. The odor of gas was very strong in the apartments. Mrs. Manion turned on the electric light and shut off the gas. . Mr.

McCullagh woke up.
"'Joe, she said, 'did you know gas was escaping in your room? You would have been a dead man in the morning if I

had not discovered it.' "Mr. McCullagh was too drowsy to realize what his sister-in-law said. murmured an inaudible reply and fell asleep again. Mrs. Manion raised the open window a little higher, so that the fumes of the gas could leave the room, and then returned to bed.

"Indications seemed to be that Mr. McCullagh had got out of bed for something, and in trying to turn on an electric light he turned on the gas. He did not notice the error, and retired again, proscribed, says the wiping out of a unconscious of danger.

"Careful investigation warranted the conclusion that Mr. McCullagh was awakened later in the morning by a smothering attack, and, climbing out of bed again, nervous and unsteady from the spell, went to the window for more air. As he threw the sash up to its full height, he was probably overcome with weakness, lost his balance, and rolled out over the window sill and fell death."

The funeral is set for 2 o'clock Satur day afternoon at Mrs. Manion's res dence. Rev. Dr. W. W. Boyd, pastor the Second Baptist church and Rev. Synder, a prominent Unitarian minist of this city, will conduct the service The interment will be at Bellefontain

Joseph B. McCullagh was Dublin, Ireland, and arrived in the T ited States when he was 11 years old, He at once became an apprentice in the

office of the Freeman's Journal, a Catholic weekly paper of New York city, edited by "Abbe" McMaster. In 1858, after spending three or four years in New York, he went to St. Louis, where he obtained work as a compositor, and later as a reporter on the St. Louis Democrat. Removing to Cincinnati a few months later, he was employed as a stenographer on the Cincinnati Commercial. He was very energetic in obtaining news, and thereby so far pleased the managers of the paper that on the outbreak of the war they selected him to fill the important post of correspondent at the capital. He had the happy faculty of transmitting the spirit and the coloring of events in his dispatches, which were much read. It was he who developed and improved the practice of interviewing, and as "Mack" he soon became the most widely known mocrat, and one of the best known news- of the Washington correspondents. He was an ardent Republican and on more than one critical occasion relinquished his pen for the sword, being one of the handful of volunteers who manned the ironclad St. Louis, the first of the Union vessels to run the gauntlet of the shore batteries. While crossing the Mississippi with General Grant, a personal

friendship was begun with the great general, which lasted until the latter's He was also with Sherman's army on its march through Georgia. In the intervals of his work at the capital he took part in the heated Vallandigham campaign in Ohio. He made a tour of the South and wrote up his observations for the Cincinnati Commercial two years after the war; was one of the Associated Press stenographers in Congress, and did considerable work for the New York Times; was managing editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer from 1868 to 1870, when in company with two friends, he bought an interest in the Chicago Republican, now the Inter Ocean. The paper was burned out during the great Chicago fire, in which Mr. McCullagh lost everything he had. Returning to St. Louis he became editor of the Democrat, but the managers of the paper, being unable to agree on its policy, a new sheet was started called the Globe, in 1873. Two years later the Globe and Demograt were consolidated, and Mr. McCullagh was managing editor of the Globe-Democrat un-On the ground til his death. As a writer he enjoyed

### BRAZIL'S CLAIMS.

controversy.

Sarsaparilla.

mitted to Brazilian Government.

New York, Dec. 31.-The Herald's correspondent in Rio de Janeiro tele-graphs that the British minister has presented an important note to the Brazilian government. It deals with the question of the disputed boundaries of Guiana, but the government has not yet announced its contents.

Catarrh in the Head Is a dangerous disease. It may lead directly to consumption. Catarrh is caused by impure blond, and the true way to cure it is by purifying the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh because it removes the cause of it by purifying the blood. Thousands testify

HOOD'S PILLS are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists. 25c.

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CUSTOMS RETURNS.

Imports, Exports and Duties for the

Past Year. The returns given below show a con-

siderable increase in the volume of business transacted in the Victoria custom house during the year 1896. More goods inch for ventilation. Then he bade Mr. have been imported and the exports The payment of \$50 by each Chinaman, enter-"Before going to bed Mrs. Manion ing the country forms the principal part looked into Mr. McCullagh's room. She of the amount designated as other rev-

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	Dutiable.	Free.
Jan	.\$145,590	\$ 47.649
Feb	. 98,094	26,750
March	222,311	299,909
April		59,476
May	158,859	98,849
June	120,918	105,079
July	126,884	38,831
August	125,113	22,596
September	192,249	50,651
October	. 183,592	86,169
November	. 147,532	46,414
Dec(approx)	. 140,000	24,500

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	April		7,144.3
	May	52,162.97	8,364.1
1	June	47,639.63	2,366.0
,	July	47,331.67	7,162.4
?	August	52,419.20	4,887.3
9	September	61,965,79	4,836.1
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	April	58,082	18,426
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T	June		8,969
	July	96,679	9.469
	August	46,927	28,410
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Must not be confounded weathartic or purgative pills. Of Liver Pills are entirely unlike trespect. One trial will prote

Bacon, American, per lb... Bacon, rolled, per lb...

Meats-beef, per lb.

Pork, fresh, per To. Pork, sides, per lb. . . . Chickens, per pair ...

Bacon,

Veal. .

Mutton, per lb.

In another column appears a brief digest of the acts relating to the British tion from the prospectuses, possibly Columbia Southern Railway Company, more from what is not in them than which should make the present situa- from what is in them. He should ask tion of the company tolerably plain, himself. Who are the sponsors for the Yesterday we had something to say as enterprise; what work has already been to the assertion that the land grant of done on the property; what responsible 20,000 acres per mile does not apply to the section of the road between Kootenay lake and the coast. In view of the clauses quoted from the acts of 1894 the promoters amount with the sale M.P., were among those present. this assertion seems rather absurd, for of treasury shares; will the development A special meeting of the city council no person reading those clauses could capital be sufficient to provide against pose of meeting J. Selevor of Portland, weil come to any other conclusion than all the various ills that mines are hely that the land grant is there extended so to; will it be sufficient to set in place desire to put up a smelter and refinery as to apply to that section. It is quite the expensive machinery that will be in this city. Mr. Selevor sought a bon possible that the legislative assembly required when the handlwork has dissiply to that the legislative assembly required when the handlwork has dissiply to that the legislative assembly required when the handlwork has dissiply to that section that the expensive machinery that will be supported by the condition that the works cost \$450,000, and that 150 men would be employed. He explained that grant, that the effect of the wording pense of a power plant? This is the he had the promise of transportation of was not apparent to the legislators most important point, and one that ore from Rossland to Vancouver at \$6, when the two acts were passed. The there will perhaps be much trouble about a ton. Other roads as well as the C muddle of the Municipal Act makes this in the near future. The difficulties that P. R. had made this promise. The appear all the more possible. If the acts will arise when the treasury is exof 1894 do convey more than it was in- hausted before a satisfactory determintended to convey, then no time should | tion as to value has been reached need be lost in amending them when the as- not be pointed out. A little reflection sembly meets. We have previously as to where more money is to come called attention to the rather insidious from in the case of fully paid up and manner in which the privileges and fa- non-assessable shares" will convince vors conferred on the company were in- any one that the last state of that procreased from time to time, and this perty will be worse than the first." very extraordinary increase of the grant, as to which so many people Pory papers to dwell upon the fact that secia ignorant, is a striking example. The applogists for the legislation in favor of the company put forward the 1801. Perhaps they will now give some fact that with all the grants it has been found impossible to get money to last general election five Conservative build the road. If the inner history of members have been unseated and not the concern were written in detail, it one Liberal. would probably be found that the efforts of the company were far from being confined to the securing of money Catholic bishops of Quebec as ready to for road-building purposes. The further issue a mandement condemning the apology is offered that the land grant Manitoba school settlement and warnsystem is one of long standing, both in ing Catholic members against supthe province and the Dominion, but it porting it. We shall not believe that would puzzle any person to point to an- the bishops have so little sense until other instance of a company being al- they actually take the course thus prelowed such a pleasant succession of increases in subsidy and extensions of action would be accompanied by serious time. If the British Columbia South- risk to their church, ern company had gone to work and corred the grant by building the railway, we do not suppose there would have been any great objection to its possession of the property. Now, however, the legislature has secured nothing beyond the locking up of so much of the public domain, and at a time when the work for which the grant was given is felt to be a necessity.

### A FRIEND'S CRITICISM.

The Vancouver World has so far yielded to the prevailing sentiment as to lose some of its admiration for the Turner Government's methods. Speaking of the approaching session of the legislature it says: "The tedious and protracted London Spectator Discusses the Cuban manner in which the legislation of British Columbia is conducted during the sessions of the house of assembly has been a bye-word in the past. It is to be hoped that expedition and promptness will characterize the deliberations of the Washington government has had an unpleasant surprise in the attitude of the forthcoming session. In the interthe forthcoming session. In the inter. unpleasant surprise in the attitude of the ests of the people and economy, there is no reason whatsoever why the whole business should not be got through withn the period of one month or five or six hold Spanish bonds are alarmed at the men prospecting in that section and tion. weeks at the furthest. What is accom- possibility that Spain, after fighting to through towards Kamloops. Copper ore plished elsewhere, where the work is many times greater than that to be transacted here, surely can be accom- intervene between Washington and Maplished-if only the windbags and ob- drid. The Emperor William, it is said, structionists, can be kept in order no also approves of this, for apart from his matter what side of the Speaker they may be on." The government has this fond of American diplomacy. The matter in its own hands. If it were to Italian government, according to the been found and where the crosscut tunmeet the assembly with business properspectator, will support Spain, 'owing dred feet Mr. Mitchell looks for a valuly prepared, and with the sole idea of furthering the public interests, a long Red Indians." session would not be necessary. We The Spectator then adds that the Aus. ing man who is not making the noise inay expect such a reformation from the trian Emperor will support Germany in about what has been found that many maintaining the independence of Spain, companies would. While there is yet no the Ethiopian dons a white skin and the son, not wishing to see the Queen Re- of the class found to make it profitable leopard exhanges his spots for the tiger's gent, who is an Austrian archduchess, to work, M. Mitchell says there is a stripes. If the government did really and her son driven out of Madrid by a good enough showing to justify the exeffect such a change as the World sugpopular revolt following the loss of penditure of at least a few thousand dolcuts there would be some room for hope
Cuba. The Dreibund, therefore, and lars in prospecting. The company has gests there would be some room for hope that it would properly transact the business of the province.

### A NEEDED CAUTION.

The Toronto Globe gives its readers some advice in the matter of mining steck investments, and the advice if followed will probably be found of benefit to both the would-be investors and the mining regions. Nobody in- fact is patent to all that the United terested in the development of our mineral resources would like to see purchasers of stocks lose money on them, might be followed by one of the comion the 200-foot level to the south and for the effect would inevitably be the bined fleets of the five powers and the to-day the vein was cut. The Rossland frightening away of needed capital. To landing of armies in Cuba and the avoid this, caution on the part of the buying public is necessary; if they are attacks on United States Ambassador reckless nobody can keep them on safe Bayard which have appeared in the ground. The Globe puts its warning in this way: "The moral of it all is that investment in mines should not be only a demonstration of spread-eaglemade by people who cannot take the ism chances of losing. Ther are those who in view of the occasional great returns in mining will adventure their capital with a full knowledge of the risks; but for a man to venture sums which if lost would cancel the strivings and economies of years and be productive of grief, if not of despair, would be folly indeed. Even in the case of smaller and less irretrievable investments caution and knowledge should go hand in hand. There will be good investments and bad investments, sound companies and un-

THAT PROGRESSIVE SUBSIDY. sound companies, as candidates for public favor. A shrewd man should be able to gather considerable informa-

> It was once a favorite amusement of more Liberals than Conservatives were unseated after the general elections of consideration to the fact that since the

A Montreal dispatch represents all the dicted. They must know that any such

Says the Toronto Telegram: "Possibly Sir Adolphe Caron may remember that he was thrown out of the Dominion government when the leaders were going to the country and taken in again when they came back shorn. It looks now as if Sir Adolphe was determined that the is reported that the price paid was \$8,2 men who threw him out of the government would never have the chance to throw anybody else over the battlement. The spectacle of Sir Adolphe dictating a policy which must ruin the leaders who excluded him from the last Conservative government is one of the revengeances of

EUROPE AND AMERICA.

and Other Questions. London, Jan. 2.-The Spectator, in are urging the French government to quantities. dreams of colonial expansion, which that the outlook is good for valuable could be best gratified in Brazil is not quartz mines in that section. Several

being actuated by weighty family reas-France, the Spectator says, are ready put up comfortable quarters and work to counsel President Cleveland to be moderate and "avoid threats which about a remarkable change on the Bona-Spain could not tolerate and which parte. might lead to a widespread maritime

The Spectator continues: "The United States could conquer any American state, and might, if they exerted themselves, defeat a single European power, but cannot defeat all the European powers, even if England, through reasons of kinship, remained neutral. The States will not be allowed to order Spain out of her colony without remonstrance from continental Europe, which Since then a crosscut has been driven

French West Indies. The Spectator is deeply grieved at the Chronicle and says he did great service here in pointing out the gravity of the situation which the English thought was

Ask your grocer for For Table and Dairy, Purest and Bost

VANOUUVER. The banquet tendered to Mr. Justice McColl, in honor of his elevation to the Bench on Saturday evening was well atshowings thus disclosed; what is the band was the quest of the evening capital provided for development; are the promoters allowed to sell their Judge Forin and Mr. Aulay Morrison,

Ore., who represents a syndicate who

NEW DENVER The Ledge.

an answer yet.

There is some talk of Crown granting and stocking the Arlington in the spring. The Enterprise continues to ship four carloads of ore a week to the smelter at Omaha.

Assays from the tailings of the Slocar Star concentrator show as high as 22 ounces in silver to the ton. McNicholl & Sorelle report that they lave struck a fine ledge on the North Exchange after driving a 60 foot tunnel. The first rawhiding for Slocan City

the Two Friends on the rawhides. The other claims on Springer will soon follow It is said that R. C. Campbell Johnston, acting on behalf of a Scotch syndicate, has bonded the St. Paul and Snowstorm, extensions of the Arlington. The Rambler is making a name for itself as a shipper. Already five car-loads of ore have been shipped from this roperty, and in a few days a shipment of two more carloads will be made. The Panama and Ironfaith, two prom ising claims on Ten Mile creek, and

ASHCROFT.

about three miles from the Enterprise

lead runs across both claims.

B. C. Mining Journal. A portion of the Kurtz and Lane 000; if it can be worked successfully it is worth a hundred times that amount. Considerable improvements will be

started at the C.P.R. station here short-The present quarters have been und to be too crowded for the large amount of business transacted here. The presnt station rooms will be changed and a baggage room erected. The receipts

ahead of it.

the reasons for the European antagon- ley quartz claims. For the amount of his guest while in Montreal attending ism to the United States, and points out work done good results can be shown in the Laurier banquet on the 30th inst., that the great financiers of Paris who the valley. Next season will see many and Mr. Maxwell accepted the invitathe bitter end, might be compelled to assaying as high as 38 per cent, has been suspend payment, and consequently they brought in, but not as yet found in large

Mr. Mitchell, who is the expert in charge of the work being done on the Bonaparte, 16 miles from Ashcroft, says small ledges carrying well in silver have ing treated as if they were negroes or able strike. He is no visionary theorist. certainty of sufficient quantities of ore can be done cheap. A year may bring

ROSSLAND.

Rossland Miner. Rossland, Jan. 2 .- A dispatch to the Associated Press last Wednesday stat ed that the Iron Mask had struck a big ore body in the upraise from the big tunnel from the 200-foot level to the 90-foot shaft sunk near the west end of the claim, and close to the War Eagle. Miner will state to-morrow that at this point the ore body is over seven feet wide. While no assays have been made there can be no doubt that the ore is very high grade as it carries a high percentage of copper and the ore from the bottom of the shaft, 100 feet above was and if you say you don't hear he is surabout as high as any ever shipped from the camp. This strike places the Iron Mark among the assured mines, as the ore chute has been proved to be at least 50 feet long on the 90 foot level.

British Columbia. Shipments now and for some time past have averaged considerably over 200 tons per day and they are sure to reach a total of 100,000 tons for the

rear 1897. The Red Mountain railroad took out its first car load of ore yesterday. The ore came from the Red Mountain mine. The identity of names is a coincidence which it is hoped may be a happy augury for the future. The ore was harded from the mine down to a car which stood on the temporary siding on Nickel Plate flat. The car was billed to the Tacoma smelter. A car load on the Red Mountain road consists of 20 tons. There are several more car loads on the dump ready for shipment, and it is beieved a car load can be sent about

every ten days for the time being. Constable Hooson notified the Inter-lational hotel last night that the black jack game which has been in progress there for some time must cease. constables made a quiet round of all the saloons in the city last night for the purpose of ascertaining if the law is being violated with respect to gambling. It is evidence that the local authorities propose to put a quietus on gambling wherever it may be found. Last Sunday the game at the Howard saloon

### **建学学学学学学学学学学学** OTTAWA LETTER

Ottawa, Dec. 28.-In the month of ommenced last week. Mullen, the packer, is now drawing in the ore from the climate and general conditions pre and widely circulated among intending although it was found that about 700 persons had been influenced by the Bra zilian agents to such an extent that they' had determined on going, the note of warning thus sounded had the affect of deterring over 300, some of whom actually left the ship after going on board with their families and effects. About thor's sister, Alice I. Smith.

400 infortunately embarked on this An amateur volume of vers wagon road, have been bonded to D. G. Stewart, of Vancouver, for \$15,000. The foolish expedition, and since their arrival in Brazil the newspapers have contained many references to their suffering in that country, the expedition having proved disastrous. The people ground has been sold by Messrs. Laird themselves, through the British consuland Bowron and work in the deep chan- general at Rio and their friends in Cannel wil be pushed there this season. It ada, have been making appeals to the government to assist them to return to their homes in this country. This is a matter which required delicate handling but after full and careful enquiry the government has consented to bear the expense of repatriating thirteen adults and nine children, all reported to be in great distress. It is hoped that the experiences of these people will serve as a warning for all time to Canadians not at the Ashcroft station are second on the to go to Brazil, and will help them to Pacific division, Vancouver alone being appreciate their own country better. G. R. Maxwell, M.P., has been her F. T. Hamshaw, who came down from for the past few days on departmental Barkerville on Tuesday left the same business. He has had interviews with evening for Chicago where he meets all the ministers who are at present in parties interested with him in some min- the city. With Mr. Mulock he has been ing claims on Summit creek, fifteen miles endeavoring to arrange certain postar an article on the position of the United from Barkerville, the Van Winkle group matters and with Mr. Parte he has been

### THE CITY OF JERUSALEM.

SLABTOWN.

A recent visitor to Jerusalem writes: Nearly all the places of interest in and about Jerusalem have been collected together, and are now exhibited under one roof, in the church of the Holy Sepulchre. Most travellers go there first, but they should not. One should go first to the Mount of Olives, survey, and try to understand the country. It is literature of the province, but a calculating and conscientious min- easy to believe that this is the original mount. There at your feet is the Garden of Gethsemane, and beyond the gulch of Jehosaphat (for it is not a valley) is the dome of the marvellous Mosque of Omar.

Looking along the wall you can see the Golden Gate, with the decay of which; the Mohammedans say, will come the fall of Islam, just as the Sultan's power shall pass away when the last sacred dog dies. Looking down the canyon you see the old King's Garden, the Pool of Siloam, the Virgin's Well, and, farther down, some poor houses where the lepers live. Still farther, fourteen miles away, and four thousand feet below you, lies the deep Dead Sea, beyond which are the hills of Moab. If you have been lucky enough to come up here without a guide or dragoman with a bosom full of ivoryhandled revolvers and long knives, you will sit for hours spellbound. The guide tries too hard to give you your money's worth. He will not allow you to mu over these things, which are reasonably real and true, but will tell you the most marvellous stories, which you cannot believe. He will show you the grave of Moses, and I am told that the Scriptures say, "No man knoweth where his grave is," yet, if you doubt the guide feels hurt. He will ask you to

What strikes the traveller most forcibly on seeing Jerusalem for the first time is the littleness of everything. The The Jumbo will begin shipping at once. Five carloads are now ready, and an average of at least two carloads a week will be maintained. The ore will have to be hauled in wagons two miles and will go thence to the smelter at Every creek, consequently only high grade ore can be shipped at present. The Commander will also begin shipping some time this month.

Mount Moriah is a slightly perceptible rise of ground; Mount Zion is a gentle hill; the valley of Jehosaphat is a deep and ugly gulch, with scarcely enough the Tyropoecon Valley is an alley. Then water in it to wet a postage stamp, and dreatness, the miles of piles of hucless time this month. Mount of Olives is a little mound: time this month.

Shipments to the smelter from Rossland in 1895 aggregated 22 500 tons. In complete returns for 1896 show that 40,000 tons of ore were shipped last

I have received from the publishers a copy of a collection of papers by Dean Farrar called "The Young Man Master of Himself" The essays are on allied topics, on the young man in the home, in business, in the church, young men and marriage, and one with the initial title. A great deal of sensible advice is given and the wholesome lesson inculcated that the world was not created especially for young men. The author says in his introduction:—"All good men who have themselves begun to enter into the Valley of the Shadow cannot but look with the deepest interest on those who will be fighting the difficult path of life in that warfare which has no discharge, long after they themselves are sleeping with their fathers." earnest strain in which the written, the sympathetic insight into the trials and problems of those who are young in the world's wisdom, the simple straightforward language in which the counsel is couched will combine to make affectionate regard which prompted the writing touch the hearts of all read-No young man could read the ers. book unmoved and assuredly no reader ould go from the reading without fresh esolves in his heart, that the world should be a better place from his having

"Plants and Their Children" by Mrs. August last information reached the W. Starr Dana, author of "How federal government of the operations of to Know the Wild Flowers," is a certain agents from Brazil who were charming book for children. It consists endeavoring to entice Canadians to emil of a series of easy reading lessons on grate to that country. About the the wonders of plant life, as entertainsame time an official communication ing as stories. The curious features was received from the British consul- and various forms of familiar plants general at Rio de Janeiro enclosing a and trees including their roots and copy of a letter of enquiry he had re- stems, buds and leaves, fruits, seeds ceived from a resident of Montreal, and and flowers are all described in simple taking occasion to warn the government language. The child is taught to see of Canada of the entire unsuitability of to think, to observe for himself, and thus become an intelligent student of nature. The acquaintanceship vailing in Brazii to people from north erly climates. Copies of the consul's letter and its enclosure were printed early in life will be a source of pleasure in all the after years. The curiosity of migrants in French and English, and young readers is cleverly stimulated by both the writing and the facts put forth concerning the wonderful world which will sooner or later disclose its dearest treasures for all who care to hunt for them. The edition is a pretty one in fawn and green and is carefully and attractively illustrated by the au-

An amateur volume of verse reached me some weeks ago and has remained unnoticed because of the busy season not because the contents did not considerably entertain me. The introduction states: "These rural rhymes are not the rose tinted reveries of a rusticating rhapsodist, but the regular rough reminiscences of a real rancher written by himself." The title, "Rural Rhymes," indicates to a considerable degree its contents. The poems are similarly entitled, A Mosquito Song, An Ox Song, A Cow Song, A Bull Song, A Hog Song, etc., etc. I give a few stanzas herewith. The first is from the Mosquito Song, the insect is reflecting on the ways and tricks of men:-At times he like a stump will stand

And you will think him dead Then suddenly he wakes, and flails Go thrashing round his head. Another telling of a conflict with an

ends thus:— "But I have seen the foolishness of trifling with a thief And so this good but erring ox Will very soon be beef." "The Sheep Thief," a longer poem, is more ambitious one and has some thrilling passages. The volume will information he has received is that

have local interest, it being the work of resident of Comox. I am glad to be European powers, proceeds to explain gotiating a bond on their Highland Val- invited the member for Vancouver to be able to point out the efforts of native writers and to express the hope that a race of authors will spring up in the land. This poet is to be commend for the praiseworthy attempt to embody some of the spirit of his everyday life. A few of the poems toward the end of the volume show that the writer is capable of better work than the majority

of the songs in this collection. I have received the prospectus of a British Columbia year-book shortly to be issued by Mr. R. E. Gosnell, librarian of the legislative assembly. Mr. Gosnell's ability and scholarship as well as the exceptional facilities his occupation affords him, ought to ensure for the book an honored place among the The prospectus says:- "Statistically it will contain complete information, covering the period from confederation to the time of publication. Politically, it will be a parliamentary companion for the provevents since the earliest discoveries of the northwest coast to the present, "with biographies and portraits of pub-

lic men. The Christmas number of the Interchange has a festal dress of holly and mistletoe and is escorted by two dashing color plates, the one a frieze of chrysanthemums by De Longre and the Cornmest, per 10 pounds..........35c. pictures, Rubens' Madonna and Child, and Murillo's "The Child St. John."

A couple of readable and we'l illustrated articles are "An Afternoon in Nuremberg" and "Arnold Bocklin, Painter." There are an unusual number of in-structive papers on embroidery designs, illustrating and animal drawing, working in leather, etc., etc., MADGE ROBERTSON.

\*The Young Man Master of Himself, by Dean Farrar. Fleming H. Revell & Co., publishers, Toronto; cloth 50c. \*Plants and Their Children by Mrs. Dana: American Book Co., New York. Cloth, 65c. \*Rural Rhymes, by Eric Duncan. William Briggs, Toronto; publisher.

THE CATTLE ARE SAFE.

A Serious Crisis Averted in the Pincher Creek District.

A letter received from A. H. Lynch-Staumton a prominent rancher of Pincher Creek district, N. W. T., says Pincher Creek district, N. W. T., says that the heavy snow which fell there during the latter part of November; and threatened the destruction of the large herds of cattle, has all disappeared before the warm Chinook winds. The snow, for it time, was four feet deep, the heaviest fall seen there in eighteen years, and, as the large herds of cattle all winter out, it looked for a counte of weeks as if they looked for a couple of weeks as if they Pork, sides, per lb. . . . were doomed to perish.

had a good deal of feed stored for such emergencies, and they managed to keep the cattle in fodder during the time the snow remained on the ground, but for a time it was just a would disappear first. Luckily the Chinook winds arrived in time to avert the threatened disaster to the herds and they are now in good condition again.

Mr. Lynch-Staunton, who is a son of
Mr. F. H. Lynch-Staunton, of this city. has a herd of 800 cattle, and it may be has a herd of 800 cathe, and it may be imagined that the period of unusual snowfall was one of intense anxiety to him and the other large ranchers in the district, and the continuance of the severe weather for a few weeks longer would have practically wiped out the herds. Such a snow fall has not occurred there in the memory of the oldest ranchers and they hope it won't be duplicated in another 20 years.—Ham

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

Mooringsport, Louisan, Visited by a Terrible Storm on Saturday.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 4.-A cyclone leaving death and devastation behind descended upon the little town of Mooringsport, La., on Saturday afternoon. The reports from the stricken town are very meagre, owing to the complete pros-tration of all telegraph and telephone wires, but a special received at Tex-orkana at midnight says that four people were killed outright and three are known to have been fatally injured.

Mooringsport is a town of 800 or 1000 inhabitants, situated on the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railroad, 25 miles west of Texarkana.

Advices from southwestern Arkansas state that a violent wind and lightning storm prevailed there and in some instances railway travel is interrupted. A report from Benton, Ark., on the Iron Mountain railroad, twenty miles from Little Rock, says that a tornade struck that place late on Saturday and twenty houses were demolished. There was no loss of life mentioned in the dispatch. All communication with Hot Springs has been cut off. At Cameron, small lumber station, five miles north of Texarkana, on the Cotton Belt road the storm raged furiously, doing considerable damage. One man is reporte killed at that place. Every effort is being made by the telegraph company to establish communication with Lewisville, McNeill, Magnolia, Pine Bluff and the

The relief train reached Mooringsp at 7:35 p.m., in a downpour of relay wire was rigged up and at a hour the report is that four are dea three fatally injured and will die, twenty others more or less in The dead are: Willie and Mand Hall and the infant son and daughter of Jes Goodman, who is also injured, with his daughter Alice, his wife, and nepher Claude.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Little Rock, Ark.,

A destructive storm swept over Benton, twenty-five miles south of Little Rock Saturday afternoon, and from all accounts it extended a considerable distance south. It is impossible to get news from the scene of the storm, as tel poles were blown down for a d of more than half a mile. It is lead from reliable sources at the Iron M tain depot the many dwellings swept away. A visit to the Iron M tain telegraph office corroborated news of the storm and property The operator says that the wires for a distance of several miles were blown down. The operator says that the only number of houses have be

### VICTORIA MARKETS

Retail Quotations for Farmer's Pro duce Carefully Corrected

Later news says nobody was killed at

By the appended list of prices current in the city markets it will be seen that the prices of meat have slightly advanced. This advance began at the beginning of the New Year and will last throughout the ensuing month. Flours still are quoted at the same price as heretofore: Ogilvie's Hungarian flour.....\$6.50 Lake of the Woods ..... Rainier.....\$5.50 Nnowflake .... \$5.75 XXX.....\$5.50 Three Star (Enderby) .....\$5.50 Historically, it will outline the Strong Baker's (O.K.)...., \$5.50 Selem ....\$5.75 Wheat, per ton.......\$40.00 Barley, per ton.....\$30.00 to \$82.00 Midlings, per ton....\$22.00 to \$25.00 Bran, per ton.. ....\$20.00 Ground feed, per ton. :. \$25.00 to \$27.00 Rolled oats, (Or. or N. W.). Rolled oats, (B. & K.) 7lb. sacks. .30c. 

Hams, American, per lb....16c. to con, long clear, per pound ..

Mutton (whole).... Pork, fresh, per fb...

Would Result in All Ores of ay and Some from States ing Smelted Here. Hawa, Jan. 4.-(Special)-

Evidence of the Advisab Changing the Duty on L ber and Pork.

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### DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

ooringsport, Louisan, Visited by a Terrible Storm on Saturday.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 4.-A cyclone, wing death and devastation behind. scended upon the little town of Moorport, La., on Saturday afternoon. reports from the stricken town are meagre, owing to the complete proson of all telegraph and telephone es, but a special received at Texcana at midnight says that four people re killed outright and three are known ve been fatally injured.

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te that a violent wind and lightning m prevailed there and in some inces railway travel is interrupted. report from Benton, Ark., on the Mountain railroad, twenty miles m Little Rock, says that a tornade uck that place late on Saturday and enty houses were demolished. no loss of life mentioned in the eatch. All communication with Hot ings has been cut off. At Cameron. nall lumber station, five miles north Texarkana, on the Cotton Belt road, storm raged furiously, doing considble damage. One man is reported ed at that place. Every effort is bemade by the telegraph company to ablish communication with Lewisville Neill, Magnolia, Pine Bluff and the

ger towns. e relief train reached Mooringsport 35 p.m., in a downpour of rain, a wire was rigged up and at a late the report is that four are dead. fatally injured and will die, and ty others more or less injured. dead are: Willie and Maud Hall. the infant son and daughter of Jesse man, who is also injured, with his hter Alice, his wife, and nephew

Louis, Jan. 4.-A special to the t-Dispatch from Little Rock, Ark.,

destructive storm swept over Bentwenty-five miles south of Little Saturday afternoon, and from all ints it extended a considerable dis south. It is impossible to get news the scene of the storm, as telegraph s were blown down for a distance more than half a mile It is learned reliable sources at the Iron Moundepot the many dwellings were ot away. A visit to the Iron Mountelegraph office corroborated the storm and property loss. operator says that the wires for a ance of several miles were blown vn. The operator says that the only rmation he has received is that a aber of houses have been wrecked. ater news says nobody was killed at

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The grant is executed on heavy peachlogs. He thought Canadian pork super- crown of beeswax, large enough to fill This prosecution is an ominous sign and was being grown very profitably in this musty but the language of the instrucountry. Seybold, of Seybold & Gibsame as other brass goods. B. F. T. near Kingston, Ontario, to Martin Fra-Bell; of the Mining Association, asked that a more liberal interpretation be put on all machinery used in mining from governor of Canada and the grant bears Booth favored the removal of the duty The property has been in litigation for bered 2000 and among them were seen on pork and that corn be made free. possible and believed in what was nat- any interest in the property. rral to Canada being protected and what was not put on the free list. George Mitchell advised placing mining machinery and tools on the free list. Mitchell's statement was for a revenue tariff. He contended that practically illimitable quantities of low grade mineral ores were not only unworked but were unworkable under the present tariff. Nothing but an absolute reduction of the cost of production to the miners could

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Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—A telegrum has been received at the Bishop's Palace, St. Boniface, from Ottawa, suspending Rev. Father Cloutier as Chaplain of the Stony Mountain penitentiary, Father Cloutier is at present in the East wift Mgr. Langevin. A protest has been entered in

the courts against the election of W. F. McCreary as mayor of Winnipeg on the ground of insufficient property qualifica-

The provincial department of agriculture is da'ly in receipt of letters from neople living in the United States and Eastern Canada, asking for information regarding lands in Manitoba. The greater number of letters from the United States are sent by Michigan farmers, who seem to be dissatisfied

J. B. Lauzon will probably be the Conservative candidate for the legislature for the vacancy in St. Boniface caused by the retirement of Mr. Prend-

PLOT AGAINST RHODES. Detectives Disclose a Scheme to Wreck

Cecil Rhodes' Train. New York, Jan. 4.—A special to the World from Cape Town, South Africa, says: A plot to wreck Cecil Rhodes' detectives were put on the case and have been shadowing three Germans

A MUSTY OLD DOCUMENT.

By Which a Man Expects to Prove His

Ownership to Considerable Land. Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 4.-Christopher clerk's office, his in his possession a state of maladministration prevailing on Robert Reford, of Montreal, asked for rare old document which is exciting the re-imposition of duty on sawlogs. much curiosity. It is a grant to land tler during the reign of George 111 should meet this with a duty on saw ment paper, attached to which is a seal ior to that of the States and that corn a good sized saucer. The paper is dangerous action on the part of the ment can be read. It is printed in heavy script. The grant conveys one son, asked that grommets be classed the hundred acres of land from Wm. Ernst, leigh. The date of issue is October 18. 1803, the 43rd year of the reign of King George. Hunter was then lieutena: the start to finished articles John R. his signature on behalf of the crown. some time and the grand-son, who is a 200 negroes and men not known in that carpenter, living on the west side, vicinity. A pursuit was immediately He also wanted free coal. He wanted brought the grant into Holderan to have all the necessaries of life as free as him determine if he, the grand-son, has several engagements followed. At the

JOSEPH B. McCULLAGH.

Appropriate Resolutions Passed by the Newspapermen of St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4.-In memory of the late Joseph B. McCullagh, a meeting the representative newspapermen of St. Louis was held on Saturday. There were present the heads of the editorial and business departments of the daily develop the enormous mining areas of papers, representatives of the weekly the country. The Kootenay ores, he press and others who had been friends and admirers of the dead editor.

said, contain a large proportion of lead The meeting promptly organized by which finds a ready market in the States. He said that by lifting the du | the choice of Norman J. Coleman, editor ties entirel from all articles en- of the Rural World, to preside. Then tering into the operation of mines or a committee on resolutions was appointed, the chair selecting Chas. W. Knapp, the erection and operation of smelters would not only result in all Kootenay editor and manager of the St. Louis Reores being smelted in Kootenay but public; Frank R. O'Neill, formerly ediwould also result in the ores of the tor of the old Missouri Republican; Col. Chas. H. Jones, editor of the Post-Dis-Northwestern States being smelted in Kootenay as well. The commission Mr. O'Neill as editor of the Missouri Republican; George Garrett, city editor of the St. Louis Chronicle; John Miller, and John Schroer, of the Anzeiger | disappearance Des Westens, to draw up a fitting testithe dead editor. When the committee re- ure of the National Bank of Illinois. tired, W. W. Boyd, who was present, was called upon for an address. He re-, a revolver. Hammond's body was found sponded and addresses were also made later. by several others. Resolutions were reported and adopted, which in part are as

follows: "Resolved. That it is the sense of the newspapermen of St. Louis in meeting assembled, that in the death of Joseph B. McCullagh, the profession of journalsm, whose scope he extended and to which his genius brought an enlarged influence wherever his work was known, has sustained an irreparable loss; in the opinion of his co-workers Mr. McCullagh had won a conspicuous place in the foremost ranks of the journalism of the country, and he won it not only by na-tive ability and adaptation for the work, but by that tireless energy, diligence and readers and the general public that must

once great and wholesome." The coroner's jury at the inquest have given a verdict that the deceased came to his death by falling from a window while attempting to escape from the ef-

WESTERN BLIZZARDS. Many of the States Suffering from Severe Weather.

Chicago Jan. 4.-Reports from all parts of the west tell of damage by flood and storm. Joliet, Ill., is threatened with the worst flood in its history. Families are moving out of their homes and the lowlands are flooded. In the vicinity of Lacon wheat has been damaged badly by 32 hours rain and the roads are impassable for marketing corn. Sangamon river is rising, threat ening destruction to thousands of bush els of cribbed corn. It is still raining but growing colder. In northern Mi chigan the rain is also severe. Near Menominee it rained forty-eight hours. Logging has been suspended and hund-

reds of men have come out of the woods. In Minnesota a blizzard raged all day Saturday with alternating rain and sleet and a falling temperature. South Dakota suffered from a severe snow storm which prevailed all day. The snow drifted and a snow blockade is feared. Nebraska suffered from the worst blizzard it has experienced for years. The snow is ten inches deep on the level, and the wind piled great drifts six and seven feet high. Trains are delayed in the vicinity of Hastings. At Grand Island there were five feet of snow in the Union Pacific railway yards. The telegraph and telephone service is greatly impeded.

prices. Johnston's, Kirk Block.

With the Manner in Which Affairs are Being Carried on in Cuba.

Government Prosecuting Papers Which Demand Reforms in Administration.

London, Jan. 4 .- The Madrid correspondent of the Times telegraphs: "The country is becoming impatient at the unaccountable inactivity of the execu- saved. tive in Cuba which is inexplicable considering the favorable circumstances, the opportune death of Maceo, train on its way from the north was the complete breakdown of the attempt discovered and extraordinary precau- of American filibusters, aided by certions were taken in consequence which tain adventurous senators to urge the United States government to adopt an urgent policy, consequent on the reaction of public opinion throughout Europe in favor of Spain. All of this points to one or two crying evils: Either the home government is deplorably lacking in initiative or the military chiefs in Cuba are incapable and unworthy of confidence. there is a little of both. Anyway, public opinion is unanimous regarding the latter. Private advices reveal a the island of a most scandalous character. Even the government organs do not altogether deny this and say nothing about the liberal papers which are being prosecuted for demanding reforms in the administration of Cuba.

> to exact reforms in Porto Rico is a tacit recognition that he cannot longer run counter to public opinion. Havana, Jan. 4.-A Spanish column under Major Benedicto met the insurgent band under Leaders Aranguren, Raul, Arango and Rufino Carcia near Campo Florido. The insurgents numcommenced by Major Benedicto and same time another column encountered the insurgents. Fighting was kept up for five hours. At Sacramento the insurgents left 38 killed with arms. The Spanish had an officer and fourteen soldiers wounded. Insurgent Major Alderet, who landed with an expedition at Sanches Rolloff, has arrived at Havana

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it is. Possibly Senor Canovas' decision

HAMMOND MISSING.

and held at the disposition of General

Alleged Wrecker of the Illinois National Believed to Have Suicided.

Chicago, Jan. 4.-W. A. Hammond. rice-president of the National Bank of Illinois, is missing. Some effects were found on the lake front at Dempster street pier near his home at Evanston. supposed to have led to his disappearance. His friends went to Dempster street pier and there found a number of Hammond had committed suicide by jumping into the lake. A quick search Hammond reca the suicide of Otto Wasmansdorff, banker, Wasmansdorff blew his brains out with

CAPITAL VS. LABOR.

The Workingmen of Great Britain Now Likely to get Fair Treatment.

New York, Jan. 4.-A special cablegram to the Evening Post from London

says:

Wales has become this week the scene of a most interesting struggle of labor against the uttermost rights of property. Not deterred by the victory of trade unionism over the London & Northwestern railway, Lord Penrhyn Pettisby shut down his slate quarries, rather than, as exalted conception of his duty to his he says, "establish a precedent for outside interference with my private afinspire all newspaper work that is at fairs." He first dismissed 71 men because they formed a committee to secure better conditions of labor, whereupon 2,700 der the voluntary conciliation act, offered mediation, but Lord Penrhyn declined This defiance of parliament will lead

COMMODORE WRECKED.

fund for the defense of the right to com-

Struck Several Times on a Bar and Foundered at Sea.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 4.-Steamer port for Cienfuegos, Cuba, on Thursday with a cargo of arms and ammunition, foundered off New Smyrna on Saturday morning. Twenty-eight men were on board of the steamer, and so far as known only twelve were saved. One boat was dashed eshere empty and another one landed with twelve men. The Commodore carried two other boats, but they have not been heard from.

steamer is reported to have sunk about twenty miles out to sea.

The Commodore struck twice while crossing the bar at the mouth of the river and had been leaking almost from

port that the steamer was leaking The pumps would not work and the men set to work to bail the steamer out. This proved ineffectual and soon the engineer reported that it was impossible to go any further, as the water had put out the fires of the engines. The Commodore was then twenty miles out to sea and was running towards Mosquito Inlet light. The boats were lowered

and Delgado and eleven others got into one boat and pulled away. The sea to collect these statistics, gives the pro-was rough. It was 3:30 a.m., and everything was dark. Delgado was of the and territories in 1896 and the increase impression that the other hoats were lowered at the same time, but he was not certain. Ke knew nothing about the sinking of the steamer or whether any others than those in his boat were

Stephen Crane, probably the best known American on board, was with Captain Murphy, in one of the boats. They have not been heard from.

An Interesting Report on Production of Minerals During Last Year.

Amount Produced by the Different States - Reports of the Mint Directors.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Engineering and Mining Journal to-day contains statistics of the mineral product of the United States during 1896. The production of minerals and metals in the United States for the year 1896 is given with a total value of \$653,311,468, showing a decrease as compared with 1895 of \$24,689,266, or about 3 1-2 per cent. This decrease was largely in values, rather than in quantities; in none of the chief articles was there any marked decrease, while in several there were considerable increases.

The total production of metal in 1896 was valued at \$242,311,481, an increase of \$1,694,111 over the previous year, while the value of non-metallic sub stance was \$410,999,987, a decrease of \$26,383,377 from 1895. A large part of this was due to the lower values of coal, stone and a few other important substances, very little resulting from the smaller quantities.

The production of aluminum shows an nerease of 400,000 pounds over that of 1895, the total for the year being 1,300, 000 pounds. The production continues in the hands of a single company, the Pittsburg Reduction company.

An increase of about 100 tons is reported in the production of antimony which came wholly from the California

The increase in copper has been extraordinary, the total gains amounting to 67,763,150 pounds, which was made in spite of a large decrease in the domestic demands, but was more than absorb-The recent sensational bank failure is ed by the extraordinary exports for the year, which are the largest on record. The gold production of the States in 1896 reached the total of \$57,patch; Wm. Hide, who was succeeded by Lapers in Hammond's handwriting 000,000, a gain over 1895 of no less than which convinced the searchers that \$10,169,800. This extraordinary advance which far surpasses the gain reported from any other country in the world, formerly of the Shoe and Leather Ga- for the body was undertaken. The puts the United States in the lead of the nonial of the grief of the associates of which was the direct result of the fail- of the total output by the entire world. in 1896, 8,768,809 long tons.

The production of pig iron has been pression in business which made itself manifest in the latter part of the year, has had less effect than had been anticipated, the decrease from 1895 being only 677 439 tons, or about 7 per cent. The production of lead from the domestic ores in 1896 amounted to 175,717 short tons, showing an increase of 20,-863 tons over the preceding year. In addition to this there were 79,000 tons produced from imported ores, or refined from imported bullion.

The quicksilver output for 1896 was 33,012 flasks of 761-2 pounds each, showing a decrease of 936 flasks from the previous year. The production con tinues to come wholly from the California mines, no new deposit having been developed to the producing point during

the year. The production of silver from domes tic ores reached a total of 45,465,175 fine ounces, showing a decrease from that of 1895 amounting to 865,062 ounces only. The silver production has men left work. The board of trade, un- thus been maintained better than has been anticipated. Moreover, there were produced or refined from foreign ores and closed the quarries, throwing 5,000 and bullion by our smelters no less than men out of work in the depths of winter. 40,000,000 fine ounces of silver. making a total quantity refined or put into final to an attempt next session to pass a law | marketable form in this country 85,465,compelling employers to accept the me- 173 fine ounces. This large production diations of the government. The pro- | was almost entirely absorbed by the gress of public opinion on labor ques- markets and the average price of silver tions is hown by the fact that Lord for the year shows an actual advance, Penrhyn is almost without support in having been 67 cents, although towards the press. The Chronicle has opened a the close of the year it fell about two per cent. below that price. Of the silver obtained from foreign ores, it is estimated that 38,0000,000 ounces came from Mexican ores and bullion and 2,-000,000 ounces from materials brought into this country from Canada, chiefly British Columbia.

The total production of spelter for ommerce for the year 1896 amounted Commodore, which cleared from this to 77,084 short tons, showing a decrease of 4070 tons from that of 1895. The production was fully up to the demand. however. Of the output of spelter in 1896, 31,441 tons came from Illinois and Indiana districts, 36,331 tons from Kansas-Missouri region, and 9332 tons from the Eastern and Southern producers. The latter as well as the Illinois district, showed a decrease, a slight gain being reported from the Kansas-Missouri district.

As was inevitable in a year of buslness depression, the increase in coal was not large, in fact, it is surprising that bituminous coal should have any increase at all. The output in 1896 was the start,
Major Ricardo A. Delgado, one of the 1895 of 4,371,752 tons. On the other 1887, 810,767 flasks; gold and silver crew, arrived here this evening on the train from New Smyrns, accompanied short tons in the anthracite production, by eleven other survivors, all of the this amount being greater than the gain

the story of the wreck. Delgado re With ordinary prosperity and activity in ported that he was awakened about manufacturing we would doubtless have 12 midnight, Friday night by the repassed 200,000,000 tons before this, and it is to be hoped that point will be

reached in 1897. The production of coke showed a gain of 445,276 tons, chiefly due to the activity of the iron and steel trade in the

earlier part of the year. Washington, Jan. 2.-The approximate estimates of the production of gold and silver from the mints of the United States made to the director of the mint by the mint officers and others employed over 1895 as follows: Product Increase

in 1896 over 1895. Alaska ..... \$ 3,249,000 \$ 453,000 Arizona..... 2,418,000 California. . . . 16,500,000 1,620,000 Colorado. . . . 13,000,000 2,474,000 Montana..... 4,440,000 552,000 Nevada.... 2.955.000 1.402.000 New Mexico .. . 525,000 35,000 regon..... 1,300,000 410,000 382,000 30,000 Washington 1.650,000 South Dakota ... 780,000 Utah. . . . . 1,920,000 S. Appalachian . 38,000

Total....\$54,119,000 The above gives a total production of \$54,119,000. The director, however, estimates the production of gold to be only \$51,500,000, and thinks when the reports from the private refineries and smelting works are received, showing the amount of gold extracted by them from ores mined in different states and 33 knots. Twenty vessels, it seems will territories, the production of gold in be ordered immediately of this class. 1896 will approximate the figures given by him-viz.: \$51,500,000.

The production of silver by states and at Antwerp to meet the increasing deterritories, reported in fine ounces by mands of shipping at that port. The the same agents, was as follows: Names-Fine ounces. Alaska . . . . . . . . . . . . . Wishington . . . . . . . . . . . 140,000 feet wide and 24 feet deep. 

Idaho ... .. .. .. .. .. 3,500,00 8.728.000 New Mexico..... 550,000 Nevada ..... 772,000 The director is of the opinion that the gold product of Colorado for 1896 was

at least \$1,000,000 less than in 1895. The silver product fell off about 3,-400,000 ounces. There were numerous causes which tended to produce this result, the continued strike at Leadville and the fact that some of the largest producing mines of the Cripple Creek district were shut down part of the year. As compared with the production of 1895, the following states show a loss in their silver products in 1896: 

Nevada ..... 84,000 California .. .. .. .. 460,000 Total . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5,014,000 An increase in the silver product is hown in the following statement: Oregon .. .. .. .. 23,000

18,000 Washington ..... Idaho ..... 813,000 104,000 

ZULUS PUNISHED. For Burning a Mission Town and Mas-

sacring the Inhabitants. London, Jan. 4.-Advices received here from Blantyre, a mission town in British South Africa, announce that A Vienna dispatch to the Times re-British South Africa, announce that the British force sent last month against the Agonis Zulus under Chief Chikusi, who invaded South West Nyassaland and burned a British mision station besides massacring the inhabitants of a number of villages, routed the Angonis with very heavy loss after some sharp fighting. Chief Chikusi was captured and hanged. Five men

NEW CUSTOMS REGULATION Regarding the Exportation of Animals

from Canada to the States. Washington, D.C., Jan. 4.-The seccustoms officials along the Canadian bably the most popular journalist quiring a separate affidavit for each animal, and the exaction of ten cents for crepe, but the rooms were filled with each blank oath furnished importers, in flowers, and the bier was covered with enarate oaths will be required only for each class of animals imported, and in Naughton and Arthur Barendt. case of sheep, only one oath for the entire invoice will be permitted.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.

San Francisco, Jan. 4—The Chronicle yesterday printed the following statisics of California products for the year

Gold, \$14,160,613; borax, \$800,000; petroleum and bitumen, over \$1,000,-000; salt, \$130,000; mineral waters \$400,000; natural gas. \$150,000; quicksilver, 30.743 flasks; beet sugar, 46,-(100,000 pounds; wheat, 28,682,200 bushels; brandy, distilled from grapes, early one million gallons; barley, 10,-800,000 bushels; beans, 68,000,000 pounds; raisins, 84,000,000 pounds; dried fruit, 148,500,000 pounds; dried prunes, 51,000,000 pounds; canned fruits, 1,-340,000 cases; wool, 24,500,000 pounds; hops, over 52,000 bales; oranges, 1896estimated 8375 car loads; 1896. 2,512,500 boxes; butter, annual product, 48,000,000 pounds; cheese, 16,-000,000 pounds; wine receipts at San Francisco, 12,914,670 gallons; brandy, 163,650 gallons; provisions, \$5,500,000; value of nuts, \$350,000; powder, 12,000,-000 pounds; total gold products since since 1848, \$1,475,434,107.

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Proposition to Establish a Pension Fund for Indigent Persons in England.

Probability That Great Britain Will Have to Assist in Building French Warships.

Paris Edition of the New York Herald Guarantees That Macco is Still Alive.

London, Jan. 4.-E. T. Hooley, the millionaire who has attracted so much attention by his recent purchases or country seats, has appeared in a new character, that of the propounder of a great scheme for old age pensions. He uggests that a fixed duty of five shillings (\$1.25) per quarter be levied on imported wheat and proceeds be invested in a pension fund to provide all indigent persons above 60 years of age with a pension of 15 shillings (\$3.75) weekly.

It is stated that the British admiralty intends to introduce a new class of tor pedo destroyers of a minimum speed of Nearly 1,000,000 pounds (\$5,000,000) will be expended in extending the docks imports of the last decade have increased a couple of million tons annually, 77,300 and the minister of public works has

The estate of the late Shah of Persia is valued at £40,000,000 (\$200,000,-000), of which two-fifths is in cash and bullion. It is rumored that his successor will devote £40,000,000 to advancing the civilization of Persia. It appears that the total losses in the

Malagasy campaign is 7493 men, which is nearly one-third of the whole French There is a strike at Melbourne, Australia, of marine engineers, owing to the

refusal of ship owners to recognize the mion rules as binding. The strike will probably extend over the whole of Australia. In the pigeon shooting contest at Monte Carlo Hon. S. P. Beresford was

victorious, killing 85 birds. A special dispatch from Warsaw says painful sensation has been caused here by the alleged burying alive of a prominent society woman, the Countess Helen, who died December 25th and was interred the following day. Persistent rumors were circulated that the Countess was not dead, but merely in a state of catalepsy and the family in order to prove this statement baseless had the body exhumed. When it was found it did not bear the appearance of a ccrpse and there was no sign of putrification. The body was then removed to the family mansion, where it is being

watched. A Paris correspondent says: There is much talk of the inability of the French dockyards to execute quickly enough 40,000 the new naval programme, and the juestion of whether iron clads shall be purchased from England has excited a 

The New York Herald Paris states that it can guarantee the accuracy of the news which it presents that Antonio Maceo is still alive. Lord William Beresford, injured by a

fall from a horse while hunting in the field last Wednesday, is progressing ports that "Technicist" writes to the Neue Freie Presse that there is no loubt that Austria-Hungary will follow France and Germany and spend from

quick firing guns for artillery service. J. ROSS JACKSON.

eight to one hundred millions for

Funeral Services at the Press Club for the Popular Journalist.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.-Newspaper nen, judges and bankers and merchants crowded the rooms of the Press Club Saturday afternoon when the funeral services were held over the remains of etary of the treasury has instructed J. Ross Jackson, for twenty years prohorder of the customs regulation re- San Francisco. In accordance with a wish of the deceased, there was no connection with the importation of ani- violets. Judge John Hunt delivered als for breeding purposes, which is no the funeral oration, and brief addresses onger to be permitted. At the utmost were made by Mr. Jackson's former fellow workers, Wells Drury, W. W.

### SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

FOOTBALL

At the Caledonia Park on Saturday termoon the Victoria Rugby team defeated the New Westminster representaives after an exciting contest. The New Westminster forces were strengthened by seven of the best Vancouver players, who have joined the Royal city club since the disbandment of their own club. The game commenced with Victor'a playing two men short, the Crease brothers were late in arriving, consequently the game was kept dangerously near the Victoria goal line, but a series of determined rushes carried the ball to the Westminster end of the field. When ha'f time was called neither side had scored. In the second half the Victorias went to work with a will. By a splendid piece of combination work a try was secured for the home team. Shortly afterwards Wilson scored a second try and Petticrew converted it into a goa'. Another try and goal were secured by the good combination work of Gamble, Goward, Atkins and Haines. Although there were only five minutes left to play New Westminster pluckily attempted to even up the score, but it acres are set was their off day, Miller just as time was called making another try for Vic-Blank books, memo, books and a mice line of stationary at wholesale prices. Johnston's, Kirk Block.

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THE VERGE OF THE GRAVE.

Pale and Emaciated, Suffering From Ex-

From the St. Catherines Journal. It is a curious pathological fact that spinal complaint has actually been mistaken for Bright's disease, and there is against the government for allowing so no doubt many have been maltreated for many vils to exist, but the public has Bright's disease when spinal trouble the matter in its own hands, and so long was the real malady. George T. Smith, as it remains indifferent or lethargic so pedlar, of St. Catharines, is one of those who suffered. His narrative is as follows: "In the fall of 1894 I began to from a lengthened period of depression experience alarming symptoms of what I thought to be spinal trouble. I resorted to lotions, plasters and other remedies,, but to no avail, as I continued to grow worse. At this point my friends advised the services of a physician, the hundred have been obliged to leave which I gladly submitted to. The professional man made a minute examination and pronounced mine a case of Bright's disease, which quite naturally gave me a severe shock, as I deemed the death sentence had been passed upon me. The doctor said that he would alleviate my sufferings, but remarked that it would only be a matter of time with me. However, I accepted his medicine, and took it according to directions with no beneficial results. In the meantime a friend procured a remedy said to be a cure for Bright's disease. This medicine I took but with no effect whatever. Ten months had passed away and I had become so haggard, emaciated, stooped and miserable that my friends had difficulty in recognizing me. In fact, they, like myself, harbored the most painful apprehensions. At this juncture an aunt came to visit me, and strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Like a drowning man reaching for a straw I did so. To my great surprise, I soon noticed an improvement, the pain in my back began to leave, my appetite improved, my color returned, and by the time I had used eight boxes not an ache or pain remained, and I am as able to travel about to-day as previous to the attack. I know that I owe my restoration to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I urge those ill or suffering to give

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike at the root of the disease, driving it from the system and restoring the patient to health and strength. In cases of paralysis, spinal troubles, locomotor ataxia, sciatica, rheumatism, erysipelas, scrofulous troubles, etc., these pills are superior to all other treatment. They are also a specific for the troubles which make the lives of so many women a burden, and speedily restore the rich glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. Men broken down by overwork, worry or excesses, will find in Pink Pills a certain cure. Sold by all dealers or sent by mail postpaid, at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N.Y. Veware of imitations and substitutes alleged to be "just as good.'

### SLEIGHS MINUS HORSES.

The first heavy snowfall in New York and Paris this winter will see the arrival of a most novel invention for the sleighing season-a horseless sleigh. Heretofore the horseless wagon has had a monopoly of transportation sensations but French ingenuity has substituted runners for wheels and developed the Very Small Loss During the Past "two-and-a-half-seated" sleigh-two and a half seated because there is a little seat for the driver in front and room for four persons at the rear. Perhaps it may seem a little out of place to talk \$14,300 than the record of 1895. Durabout driving a horseless sleigh, but if an engineer drives an engine, why is it sleigh driven by a gasoline motor? That the losses, covered by insurance, amis just what is going to happen anyway. ounted to the small sum of \$1,500. sleigh that we see every winter. Be- fires occasioned losses estimated at \$4,neath the body of the vehicle is the mechanism that moves the runners. A lower record than the present year, into the frozen earth and pushes the 560. The city and fire department are sleigh along as side wheels propel a to be congratulated on the showing steamboat. The teeth of this wheel are made in the figures given below: very strong. A paving stone has no terrors for them and as for asphalt pavement, the wheel makes merry with it. Possibly this may be considered an ar- 1893, \$18,900; 1894, \$57,560; 1895, \$24. gument against the horseless sleigh, but what's the use of borrowing trouble? Just back of the wheel is the motor. It is under the last seat. And the gasoline which moves it is centained in a little tank. The steering apparatus reminds one of that of a hook and ladder truck or a cable car. To guide the sleigh it is only necessary to turn a wheel. There is no danger of the sleigh running away There is nothing about the steering apparatus or the motor itself which the simplest mind cannot comprehend. Whether or not New York takes to the horseless sleigh remains to be seen. A well known carriage manufacturer has snow than usual, for New Yorkers like novelties quite as much as do the gay Parisians.-New York Herald.

### SOCIAL, PROBLEMS.

"In the Cause of the People."

To the Editor: Shere are so many things that are distinctly antagonistic to the interests of the people—the was caught sealing within the prohibitworkers—and therefore to the progress ed area of the Behring Sea on August of the country that it behooves us all 22 of this year, by the revenue cutter to take an active part continually in public affairs. Spasmodic effort is of no avail, constant, steady agitation is necessary to have the desired effect and that she was not within the sixty-mile things and prevent a national obliteration such as befel the "old world" centres of population as the result of the nation's wealth being governed by about two and a-half per cent of the entire population. Here among ourselves we have wages and prices falling, our storekeepers blindly fighting against Asiatic competition profits reduced, the purchasing power of the people on the decrease, an army of unemployed and an increasing taxation withal. Labor has for generations slaved at its daily toil, creating wealth which its employers have garnered; it has witnessed about one-third of its

ployment by the introduction of machin-ery and then used as a factor at the point of its necessity to live, to reduce steamer Truckee in latitude 33:19 north wages by its own unavoidable action; ILLNESS BROUGHT HIM ALMOST TO and it has waited long and patiently for some modification of its almost intolerable burdens of necessity, toil and taxation at the hands of capital. It has cracialing Palus in the Back, Life Be. (Waited in vain. If labor, which has the came a Burden and Death was majority of the votes, will not insist upon legislation which will beneficially amend these conditions, capital will never formulate or put into operation

any plan of its own that will. The first instinct of a good-hearted but unthinking person is to fulminate long will there be dissatisfaction and discontent. That we have been suffering many of us are only too well aware. Our lands have been alienated from the people and given to wealthy monopolists, the railroads are not managed in the interests of the public, and people by our shores for want of employment. To bring back prosperity to this province the Liberal administration must commence and steadily prosecute a work of reform. The Liberals, by introducing and passing into law beneficial measures will no doubt be stoutly resisted the party of monopoly and stagnation. That here is room for much improvement. "he who runs may read." and it is time there came a change, for there is work to be done by men who are earnest and sincere, who mean what they say and will do what they do to the best of their ability. The old Conservatives who were afraid the world was coming to an end if any changes were proposed, and who neither had the courage to enter upon new enterprises nor the faculty to see ahead of them, are not the sort of people we want if we desire to see the resources of this province developed. We want bolder. braver and more progressive spirits and we have them in the present federal ministry.

So long as our politics remained so unscientifically based as they have been was hopeless to expect the healing of our many national sores. So long as the people omit to recognize that the art of legislation is a fine art entailing not only good instincts but manifold qualifications that can only be acquired by studious effort, so long will domestic and social reform, so necessary inour midst, continue to be a laggard force. To prevent wealthy monopolists acquiring huge areas of the people's heritage -and to provide means of settling the people on the land, to prevent a further influx of Asiatics, to protect our employes against that growing curse, "sweating system"-these and other reforms can be achieved if the voice of people declare it.

To improve the condition of the masses is the truest Liberalism; to bring about the greatest good to the greatest number is the wisest legislation. 'Po carry succor to those who want it apart from political expedients or fiscal policies or any consideration on God's' earth, is the basis of all good government and of more importance than protection and free trade in the building up of a young country like British Col-Let us hope that 1897 will see a new order of things and that it will be a year of peace, happiness and prosperity for our province—the dawn of Christian socialism, when love and law shall join in grand accord.

NESTOR. THE FIRE RECORD.

Twelve Months.

The losses by fire during 1896 show a marked decrease, and are lower by ing the year 75 fires and alarms were received and the aggregate loss amountnot possible for a pretty girl to drive a ed to \$9,940. Within the fire limits general appearance the horseless the residence districts, far removed sleigh does not differ from the regulation from fire halls and alarm boxes, three sharp-toothed wheel there situated digs when the fire losses amounted to \$8,-Losses during ten years: 1887, \$42. 750; 1888, \$16,000; 1889, \$8,560; 1890. \$10,795; 1891, \$10,970; 1892, \$52,187; 243, 1896, \$9,940. Total, \$251,895. Monthly record, 1896; January, \$845; February, none; March, \$60; April, \$2,-560, May, \$70; June, \$2,200; July, \$3,-024; August, \$410; September, \$300; October, \$91; November, \$380; December, none. Total \$9,940.

SHIPPING. Doings in Marine Circles During the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.-Judge Morthe American rights and is going to find row to-day rendered his first decision out. It is to be hoped that the winter under the regulations of the tribunal of will be kinder to us in the matter of arbitration at Paris, known as the Paris award, in relation to sealing in Behring Sea. The schooner Jane Gray, owned by C. F. Nonnemann, and her cargo of sealskins, was condemned and ordered confiscated to the United States. The Jane Gray is one of the old time sealing fleet, and is perhaps one of the best known sealing vessels on the coast. She Corwin, and seized in accordance with the instructions of the treasury department. The owner of the vessel claimed bring about an improved condition of zone surrounding the Pribilof group at the time of the seizure.

> As there are still some rumors regarding smuggling and illegal fishing in northern waters, the minister of marine and fisheries has ordered the government steamer Quadra north to investigate. Arrangements are being made for the cruise and the steamer will probably leave on Saturday. She will remain away for several weeks.

According to a report brought by the steamer Puebla, which arrived from San Francisco yesterday, there are no seals along the coast. She passed the schoonfellows permanently thrown out of emer Mermaid on the way up, and the lat-

and longitude 124:40 west.

The Mexico will leave for San Francisco to-morrow with the following Victoria passengers: A. Lindsay, Roselle Madelline and J. M. Kincat. This will probably be the last trip of the Mexico on this route, as the Umatilla has been repaired and will resume her old place next week.

As the schooner Sapphire was being hauled out to sea last evening she got fast on a hidden rock and remained there for a couple of hours, when she floated with the high tide. She was She was not injured in any way and proceeded attempt has been made to hold the Cen-

The C. P. N. Co.'s steamer Tees will leave for the West Coast to-night. Among her passengers will be Frank Adams and Captain Cox who are going down in the interest of their schooners, and P. L. Simpson and S. Fox.

The British bark Port Adelaide has empleted loading lumber at the Hastings mill and will in a few days sail for Delagoa Bay, South Africa. Her cargo is valued at \$9,687 composed of 852,770 feet of rough lumber and 129, 992 feet of flooring.

The tug Hope, which left yesterday for Sooke, with the necessary lumber for the new bridge across Sooke river, ran on a sand bar at he mouth of the river yesterday afternoon. She probably floated off with the high tide this

Capt. Cutler and W. Bragg, who were largely interested in the clipper sealing schooner Agnes Macdonald, have purchased all the remaining shares. They will fit her out for a sealing cruise and will probably get away early next week. Passengers for the Sound this evening

re requested to remember that the City Kingston will not come to the inner wharf. As she has considerable freight for the outer wharf she will discharge there and leave there at 8:45 to-night

Forty tons of ore from the Van Anda Gold and Copper Company were brought down by the steamer Maude to-day. The ore will be sent to a smelter

The Northern Pacific steamer Tacoma s ex pected from the Orient about Jan. 3. The Braemar will probably leave Tacoma for Yokohama to-morrow.

Yesterday the ships Addenda and Rosalie were towed into the roads. Both will load lumber at Chemainus.

The C.P.N. Co's steamer Tees will eave for Quatsino and other West Coast points on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

left Yokohama for Victoria and Vancouver yesterday.

the north last evening. The C.P.R. steamship Empress

China reached Hongkong yesterday. The Alki called at the outer wharf this afternoon on her way to Alaska.

The schooner Pioneer, Captain W. Baker, has cleared for a sealing cruise.

The Miowera is due from Sydney and

CHINESE IN THE SLOCAN. The Chinese have always been boycotted in the Slocan, and while they have made several attempts to get a foothold, they have not been successful. In New Denver the lack of white labor to do the work generally performed by John has caused much annoyance and inconvenience. A number of bachelors recently formed a mess club and hired a Mongolian cook. The club was immediately boycotted by a large number of people and its members had o pack their own water, and rustle beef-steaks at Three Forks, as the local dealers in water and meat would not supply them. Some of the citizens called a meeting and appointed a committee to call on the members of the club and ask them to dispense with their cook. This was done, but the club did not think they had a right to comply with the wishes of the committee and concluded to keep John. The matter has caused much comment and where it will end we cannot imagine. The efforts of the people should not be directed against private individuals so much as it should be against a government which makes such scenes possible that we have witnessed recently-eloquent speeches against the yellow boys in one part of the town, while in another, under cover of the night, whiteshirted men could be seen hurrying up the hill with buckets of water in their hands. We could suggest that the Domnion government fine every Chinaman \$500 when he comes into the country. and \$4,000 when he leaves it. In addition to this by prohibiting the carrying of pig-tails the Chinese question would fade away as jast as ignorance does in a community where this paper is regularly perused.—New Denver Ledge. CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

Negotiations which have been for some time in progress have resulted in the formation of what is known as, the "Greater Republic of Central America." Into this federation Honduras, Nicaragua and Salvador have entered, by an agreement signed last September, the conditions of which were recently made public. It is hoped that Guatamals and Costa Rica may join later, in which case the word "Greater" will be dropped, and the federation will be known simply as the Republic of Central America. Of the three partners in this alliance, Nicaragua has the largest area, though the difference between her and Honduras is not marked. Salvador, the smallest of the three republics geographically, with an area of only about one-seventh as large as that of Nicaragua, has a larger population than both of her bigger sisters. The total population of the three is about one million and a half. Under the terms of the agreement, each of the three republics entering the

federation becomes a state in the new

republic, with its rights of local govern-

ment unimpaired. Each has an equal

share in the federated government.

tion. Soon after they achieved their independence from Spain they were so united; but but more than fifty years ago the slender ties which held them were broken, and since then they have been separated and often warring states. ENGLISH RAILWAY TICKETS. Last year there were issued in the United Kingdom a little over 911,000,000 railway tickets, exclusive of season tick ets and workmen's weekly tickets. I is not easy to realize such a number. I they had to be carried from London to Edinburgh in a mass it would require 100 railway trucks, each carrying ten If they were stacked one upon another in a single column they would attain a height of 500 miles, and if laid end to end the line would be one-third longer than the equator. But no words can de-

ousy, the central authority is lodged in a "diet" composed of three delegates,

delegates, chosen annually by the several

states. This diet will have power to en-

of its functions, to appoint diplomatic

representatives and to act upon all ques-

One section of the constitution express

disputes to arbitration. It is arranged

ly provides for the submission of all

that the diet shall meet in each of the

capitals of the three states in turn, the

order being determined by lot and the

sessions to be for one year. The first

tral American republics in a confedera-

This is not the first time that the

session is to be at San Salvador.

tions affecting foreign relations.

act the necessary laws for the exercise

Until a few years ago the bulk of the tickets were manufactured by private concerns in London and Manchester. Later the large railways set up their own concerns for the making of their tickets, which, however, they still buy from outside workers in the form of vast they would be printed in large is not the case. Pasteboard is specially made for tickets, cut into blanks the size required, and printed and numbered one

scribe the bulk of these millions of tick

ELECTRICITY FROM COAL.

by one afterward.

One of the great problems of the end of the century-how to derive electricity direct from coal-is, in the light of retion. The work of Dr. Jacques, in this nition of the highest scientific authorities, has been lately called in question on the ground that reports on the efficiency of his process were based on the amount of carbon contained within the pots, and no data has been given as to the amount of coal consumed upon the The C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan grate, or the power necessary to run the air pump-factors which might very greatly modify the commercial efficiency of the apparatus when put into use. The steamer Boscowitz returned from Dr. Jacques has now effectually answered these criticisms in a complete story of the invention. He proves that the phenomenon exhibited, that is, the generation of the current, was not due thermo-electric action, but to the chemical combination of oxygen with on this globe, is a gigantic seaweed, the carbon to form carbonic acid. He also nereocvetis, the stem of which has been demonstrates that under proper conditions the electric energy obtainable from equal to the potential energy of the been found floating in various parts of weight of carbon consumed within the the Pacific ocean, along the American pot. The invention is not yet by any and Asiatic shores. This seaweed grows means perfected. As compared with in a very curious manner. Large quantum of the compared with in a very curious manner. as yet been built; and with this generator, as with the steam engine, increased size means increased efficiency per pound of coal, particularly in the coal grows upward. At its top there is a consumed in the grate. A two-horsepower carbon electric generator, in an occasional use over a period of two months, gave an electrical efficiency of 32 per cent, of that theoretically obtainable. This means an efficiency of 12 times greater than that of the average electric light and power plant in use in this country, and 40 times greater than plants of corresponding size. But while showing these extraordinary results. Dr. Jacques concedes that many details have still to be worked out, and many improvements to be made before the earbon electric generator can be put in-

very near future.

to general commercial use on a scale

comparable with that of the modern

steam engine. The data given, how-ever, are most encouraging to those-

and they are now many-who regard the commercial obtaining of electricity

direct from coal as a possibility of the

How to Prevent Pneumonia. At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its water but. The long leaves, after being course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction .-Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chief.

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toria and Vancouver. LIKE'A VOLCANIC BUBBLE.

The Rev. F. C. Bortain of Puebla writes as follows: "It may be of interest to some of the readers of the
Herald who visit Puebla to know of
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proves to be a tumulus of white calcer-Instead of a single executive head, an is that of a truncated cone. At the important service

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apex is an elliptical-shaped opening of knowledge, and it is hoped that the about 25 feet along the minor and 50 ficials, English and French, feet along the major axis. It is a bellshaped cavity, and lined with ferns of various descriptions. I should judge that the tins may be secured and the depth to be at least 100 feet, and blanks. It might reasonably be supposed at the bottom, so far as is visible, the that since the number of tickets is so opening must be sixty feet in diameter. In the bottom, on one side, are to be sheets and cut up afterwards, but this seen some gorgeous ferns, and on the other side a pool of water.

"Tradition says that the ancient Aztecs were accustomed to worship here the genius of the spot, and occasionally threw in a live victim to appease his subterranean majesty. It is also said that a few victims of the inquisition were thrown down here to reflect upon the controverted points of doctrine. At all events it is a most singular freak of cent discoveries, a stage nearer solu- nature, as it is in the middle of a level plain, or rather a barley field. It looks direction, which has received the recog- to have been some volcanic bubble, of which the great Mexican upland is so story that is not generally know full, and is well worth a visit on the part of the curious.

"Although I have inquired among my Mexican friends, I have found no one who could tell me of the meaning of the name Coxcomate."

Catarrh is a constitutional disease and requires a constitutional remedy like his gaucherie, and the cruellest c Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies the all appeared in the National Obser

OLD NEPTUNE'S ROPE.

The largest marine plant, and probably one of the highest plants known nereocystis, the ctem of which has been found to grow as much as 300 feet long. It was first discovered not far at the Driard one of the generators is substantially from the Alaskan coast, but has since been found floating in various parts of Mainland last eneving. modern steam engines, only relatively titles of it are found at a little distance small carbon electric generators have from shore, and at depths not exceeding 300 feet. On loamy bottom large thickets of this plant take root, and a stem of the thickness of ordinary cord pear-shaped balloon, which grows with the stem, and when it reaches the surface of the water it often measures six feet and more in length, with a diameter of four feet six inches. This balloon has, of course, an upward tendency, and keeps the stem growing until it floats on the surface of the water. From the top of this balloon a large tuft of strong, thick spade-like leaves grows out, which originally are not more than two feet long, and which grow and split until from the balloon a rose-like split from fifty to sixty-five feet in diameter covers the water. This gigantic weed grows in such quantities that near the shore large meadow-like islands are formed, which impede navigation. The natives of the Aleutian islands make manifold usage of this plant. From their strong dried stems they make ropes 250 feet and mare long, while the balloons of this weed furnish them with large vessels after they are dried, the smaller ones being used in their boats to bail the dried, are cut into narrow strips and used fo rwicker-work, the making of taskets and similar furniture. - St Louis

> After hearing some friends continually praising Dr. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anvone can be.

Globe-Democrat.

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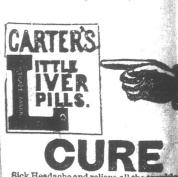
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ENGLISHMAN'S RIVER.

Englishman's River, Dec. 28.—On Christmas Eve the Parksville school house presented a bright and animated appearance. Wagon loads of visitors arrived from all parts within twelve miles, all being determined that in spite of the weather, the first school entertainment should be an undoubted success. The school house was prettily decorated, and soon after 7 p.m. was full to the doors. The large lighted tree, reaching to the ceiling, was a pretty sight, covered with its burden of good things for young and old. The

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> The overcrowded condition of the jail is what may be called low-grade, avercomplained of in last week's issue of aging \$15 for gold and silver values and the Sentinel, was relieved somewhat on Monday night by the removal of eleven paystreak 12 feet wide of clean copper Monday night by the removal of eleven prisoners to the New Westminster penientiary, among the number being Wiliam Ester, the man charged with at copper. tempted rape at Trail. Sergeant Langley and Constables McKenna and Lister came up from the coast for the purpose what is known as Joe, Hunter Camp. of removing the prisoners. In this con nection the Sentinel would point out for grade, specimens having assayed up to the edification of the powers that be \$80 in gold and 30 per cent copper. that the expense incidental to removal of this batch of prisoners will amount to \$250. Most of them will have to be day a character of ore new to the lobrought back a gain for trial at additional expense. This sort of thing 's were somewhat astonished when some going on every month. Now the money of this ore, which looks like n black would have gone a long way towards

> > Vernon News.

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The directors of the Morning Glory mine have decided to shut down work evening opened with the following pro- for the present, pending the securing of a the ore from which averages about

The ledge on the Elkhorn has been crosscut for 80 feet, and as yet no hang-wall has been reached. The or-s sulphurets, that runs \$68 in gold and silver to the ton and up to 23 per cent

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New locations are being made every week in Camp Couteney, and the other thus expended during the past five years sulphide or it might be an oxide of tin, assayed \$10,000 in gold to the ton. the erection of the much-needed jail Samples have been sent to the governbere. A little foresight would enable mert assay office at Victoria. the government to effect many needed

Mr. Coulthart discovered a short time ago what I believe to be one of the largest bodies of low-grade sulphide ere, judging from surface showings, yet discovered in the province. The outcroppings have been traced clear across the claim for the full 1500 feet. Five sions will constitute the eleventh annual locations have been made upon the lead, meeting since organization in 1886, and

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Riverview claims in summit camp, which are owned by Simon Shaw and George Carrol. A group of five claims has been locat-

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avenue and Bridge street, and the building will be put up in the spring. An \$90 gold assay was recently made from the capping taken from the Garnet claim on Pass Creek, which is owned by Mr. Walter, a Spokaneite. The Garnet is a rich proposition and there is every indication that it con-

NEW WESTMINSTER.

tains a paying mine.

The warden of the B. C. penitentiary has received official notification of the appointment of Rev. Thomas Scoular as Protestant chaplain of the penitentiary, in the room of Rev. H. H. Gowen, resigned.

The annual meeting of the Mainland Teachers' Institute will be held in New Westminster on Monday and Tuesday next. January 4th and 5th. These seswill be held in the K. of P. hall, ColumVICTORIA MARKETS.

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Straw, per bale
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Bananas 40 to 50c.
Grapes, per box
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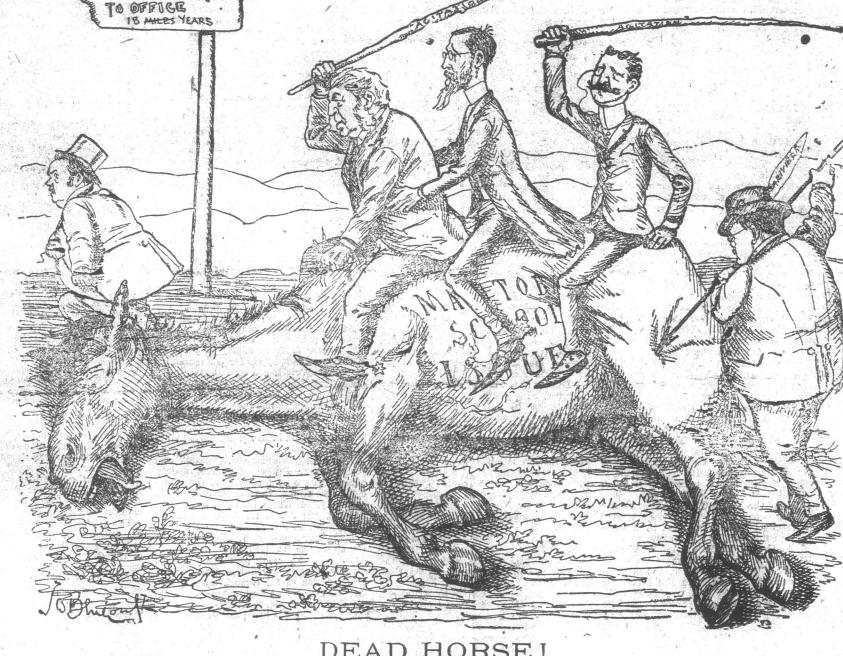
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KAMLOOPS. The Inland Sentinel. There will be a contest this year for

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At the Vernon flour mill on Saturday

James McCall, the engineer of the mill, was loading a truck which stood beside a high stack of flour in sacks, when the pile tumbled down, completely covering him. About two tons of flour fell, but fortunately Mr. McCall was knocked while Santa Claus presented each down by the shock and fell close beside

KEREMEOS.

Sharp and Ed. Williams have run tunnel on the Surprise lend for 50 feet, and are down 30 feet with the shaft. The ore is copper and iron sulphides, assaying as high as \$35 in gold, 10 oz. in silver and 20 per cent copper.

BOUNDARY CREEK. Boundary Creek Times.

Mons. Gire, representing the French proposes to treat his ores by an electrical process. He asserts that ore can be in Central camp.

On Wednesday Mr. J. C. Haas, F. M., acting for the British Canadian \$15 were dues sent by members who Gold Fields Company, purchased from could not attend the meeting. It is unthe lessees, Messrs. C. S. Galloway and derstood that no clue has yet been ob-A. Rendall, the Ethiopia in Long tained as to the identity of the robber.

eighth interest in the Jewel claim, Long Lake camp, to Mr. F. B. Smith, acting as agent for the British Columbia Pros pecting. Syndicate. By this bond the syndicate obtain full control of the Boundary Creek Times.

An occasional correspondent writes from Keremeos to the Times as follows:

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> GRAND FORKS. Grand Forks Miner.

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Lake camp. The price asked for the claim was \$3000 cash.

Mrs., Garland has bonded her one-

bia street, where they were held tw years ago.

A robbery is reported to have been committed at Cloverdale last Saturday evening. It is stated that Mr. J. L. Breen treasurer of the local Oddfellows' lodge, went to the hall a little before the hour at which the lodge usually meets for the purpose of preparing for the meeting. After putting his papers, etc., in the hall,

this sum about \$5 were lodge funds, and

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toria on January 12th.

be held in the new Pythian Hall, Broad -A special meeting of the Liberal-

Conservative Association will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Con-Several drunks were arrested yesterday, and as is customary on holidays, re-leased after they had become sufficiently

sober to appear. The annual Morris Tube competit tions of No. 1 company of the Fifth Regiment will be begun next Tuesday evening at the drill hall.

-Police Officer Alex. Smith was reported as resting easier to-day and the medical men in attendance are of the opinion that he may recover. -It was reported to the police yester

day evening that a Chinese girl named Moni, aged ten years, had been lost. Her whereabouts has not yet been ascertained. -John McDonald, of Colwood, came to the city to-day with a large panther

which he shot yesterday. Just before being shot the panther had killed a good--The funeral of the late William Blyth of Wilkinson road, Strawberry vale, took place to-day at 2:30 p.m. from Hanna's undertaking establishment, Douglas street. The Rev. Mr.

Laverock officiated at the cemetery. -The usual Christmas entertainment of St Paul's Presbyterian Sunday school was held on Thursday evening in Semple's hall, Victoria West. Besides a well laden Christmas tree a good pro-

gramme was provided. -A Chinaman who happened to be entangled up in the procession of boys who with tin horns marched along Government street soon after the beginning of the new year, was pushed through

window of Beaty's store. -A special meeting for the purpose arranging for the reception of U and President J. F. Kavanagh, who it is expected will visit this city on Wednesday evening next, will be held by Segh-

er's Council. Y.M.I., this evening. -During the coming session of the Provincial Legislature a consolidation bill will be presented by the Thompson Gold Fields, Ltd., will also ask for amendments to their act of last year. -On Wednesday evening, January 6, a special meeting of the I. O. F. will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Major McGillivray, supreme secretary of the order, will deliver an address on fraternal associations, refer

ring especially to Forestry. -Hearing that New Year's eve was being celebrated by a quiet game of chuck-a-luck by about a dozen white men in On Hing's store at No. 11 Store street, the police decided to make a call. As a result of their call those participating in the game have received summonses to appear before Police Magis-

trate Macrae. -A reception was held yesterday afternoon by the W. C. T. U. in Temper-The hall was very prettily decorated by the ladies, who received a large number of visitors. In the evening an at home was held, when a programme of vocal music was given. Rev. J. P. Hicks occupied the chair during

the evening. -For the purpose of obtaining th right to try a newly invented machine for saving gold from black beach sand. Mr. Will Lysons and a number friends from Port Townsend are in the city. Mr. Lysons says he is convinced that his machine will recover the finest gold. He will experiment with it on the southwest coast of this Island.

-William Herman appeared before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning, charged with aggra vated assault on Archie McGregor on New Year's morning. The row took place on Government street early yesterday morning, and as a result Archie McGregor is lying in bed with several stitches in his head. As he was too ill to appear this morning the case was remanded until Monday morning.

-The funeral of the late John W Griffith took place this morning from the residence of William Denny, Par dora avenue. Services were conducted at the residence by Rev. Dr. Campbell, assisted by Rev. Solomon Cleaver, M.A., and at the cemetery by Dr. Campbell. A number of friends attended and florofferings betoken the esteem in which the deceased was held. The pallbearers were: Ald. Partridge, Richard Hall, W. H. Ellis, Louis McQuade, Duncan Campbell, Thomas J. Burnes, F.

Richards and T. G. Raynor. -The winning number in Jamieson's contest, which was concluded on New good style. Mr. Keith's Year's Eve, was 1089. The winners are: Geo. Jaques. Fort street, who S. Imperieuse, second, with 1.086, wins ton, third, with 1,093, wins \$15 worth Government street, and Mrs. J. Allen. of Victoria West, divide the fourth and fifth prizes, aggregating \$15 worth

1.100 respectively. lutions appended: officer for the ensuing municipal elecred on each lot-land and improvements

-Detective Perdue, of the city police a Miss Black, who had kidnapped a twelve-year-old boy, the son of Dr. chase he was rewarded by finding his of Tacoma. Miss Black, who is about 50 years of age, was housekeeper for the doctor. She fled from Tacoma on Thursday with the doctor's son and also his jewelry. It was supposed that

offered a handsome reward for the ar-

rest of the woman. -A want has often been felt by all interested in reform movements for some common bond of union, in which single taxers on the land question; bimetallists on the currency question, prohibitionists on the liquor question and trades unionists on the labor question, might all unite their forces. To this end it has been proposed to inaugurate in this city a Social Science Society for the open discussion of social and religious questions. The preliminary meeting is arranged to take place in the Philharmonic Hall to-morrow (Sunday) evening at 7:30 p.m., and a goodly gathering

reformers may be expected. -The year 1896 was rung out, whistled out, shot out and fire-crackered out, and 1897 was welcomed in at the same time and in a similar way. Nearly every steamer in the harbor, and every engined establishment that is furnished a whistle, poured forth their melodious notes as the town clock tolled the hour of twelve. "Watchnight" services were held in a number of churches. At the regular prayer meeting hour Thursday evening. Rev. Dr. Reid delivered a very nstructive address at the Reformed Episcopal church. The street car serv ice was continued until 2 o'clock yesterday morning, to accommodate those who

-At the residence of the bride's mother, 159 Johnson street, last evening. Rev. W. Leslie Clay officiated at a very quiet wedding, Minnie Elizabeth, third daughter of the late William C. Bryant, being united in marriage to John P. Gropp, of Louisville, Ky. Only the reatives and most intimate friends of the family were present / Mr. W. Kurtz acted as best man, and the bride's sister, Violet, was bridesmaid. The bride wore a levender colored dress trimmed with plush and pearl: the bridesmaid a cream cashmere, trimmed with white silk. The presents were very handsome and useful. Mr. and Mrs. Gropp will take up their residence at 22 Farouhar

attended the midnight service.

-During the week just past the fol owing new companies have been incorporated with a total capital of \$11,500,-000: British Gold Mining Co., of Vancouver, \$1,000,000; Bald Mountain M. & D. Co., Golden, \$2,500,000; Black Prince M. & M. Co., Rossland, \$1,000,-000; Copper Mountain Mines, Vancou-\$500,000; Lucky George, M Co. Sandon, \$1,000,000; Observation Mountain G. M. Co., Grand Forks, \$1,000,-River Hydraulic Mining Company. The | 000; Rossland-Eastern G. M. Co., Ross-Fraser River, and Cariboo | land, \$1,000,000; Red Mountain Ida May G. M Co., Rossland, \$1,000,000; Trail Creek Hidden Treasure, G. M. Co. Rossland, \$1,000,000. Vancouver Gold

Fields, Vancouver, \$500,000; Washingon Mining Co., Spokane, \$1,000,000. -The children of the Protestant Orohan's Home had their Christmas enertainment on Thursday When Bishop Cridge made his introductory remarks the children were seated on the platform in the large dining room. Two Christmas trees were in vidence, richly laden with presents which were distributed by Lieut -Col. Gregory as represntative of that genial old gentleman Santa Claus. Among the visitors present were Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev.

W. Clay, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Dr. Reid, President Hayward, Dr. Milne, ed with assaulting Archie McGregor, James Hutcheson and several ladies. was convicted and sentenced to two The entertainment was managed by the lady president of the ladies committee or a further month's imprisonment.

of the home, to whom great credit is —During the month just passed e for the pleasing manner the entertainment was conducted.

-The Y. M. C. A. rooms were crowded with visitors yesterday afternoon when the annual New Year's reception was held. The rooms were prettily dewhich for the time being had been clearentertained in the main hall by a gym- Henty. nastic exhibition by the members of the A. C. and Y. M. C. A. The exhibition was varied with vocal solos by Messrs. Clement Rowlands, Frank Bishop and H. Ireland. In the evening a concert was given to a very large audiby Messrs. C. Rowlands, F. Bishop, Rev. P. C. L. Harris and F. Harris, and Mmes. Rowlands, Laird and Giffen. Mrs. R. L. Drury made a very good ac-

companist. -A large audience attended the Hogmanay concert given by the Sir William Wallace Society in their hall on New Year's eve. Mrs. McGraw's two Scotch solos. "The Flowers of the Forest" and Auld Robin Gray," were well received. Mrs. Rowlands' number was also vociferously applauded. Miss Blackie gave violin solo and Miss May Wolff sang Comin' Thro' the Rye." A quarette omposed of Messrs. Rowlands and Keith and Mmes. Rowlands and Mc-Graw sang "Annie Laurie"

"Mary of Argyle" was also well received. Wm. Anderson danced a Highland fling and wins the first prize of \$50 cash with an Messrs. Munro, Anderson, Jameson and estimate of 1,087; W. Tracey, of H.M. Russell the "Reel of Tulloch." The pipe music during the evening was supplied \$20 worth of goods; Mrs. Walter Bur- by the Society's piper, Mr. Peter Macdonald. The concert was concluded by goods; and Miss F. Scott, of 511 the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," which the audience joined.

-A Portland dispatch of December 31 says: "A two-months' chase after a of goods with estimates of 1,078 and kidnapped daughter, in which the father, T. C. Mercer, of Ogden, Utah., spent -Ald. Cameron has given notice \$10,000, and Sheriff Herber Wright, of that at the next regular meeting of the Weber county, Utah, travelled 25,000 city council he will move the two reso- miles through the United States and "That the returning | Canada in pursuit of Mercer's divorced wife, who had stolen his daughter tions be requested to arrange the polling | Maggie, ended .'est Tuesday night at booths so that the voter shall be separ- Victoria, B.C., where Mr. Mercer reated from the general public from the gained possession of his daughter, and, time he receives his ballot paper until with Sheriff Wright, immediately left the same is deposited in the ballot box. for Portland, arriving to-day. Mercei That the city engineer and assessor be is reputed to be one of Ogden's wealthrequested to furnish the council with an lest citizens and is well known all over estimate of the cost of a map of the Utah. In 1894 Mrs. Mercer brought city drawn to a scale of 200 feet to the suit for divorce, but Mercer filed a inch, with the assessed value marked in cross-complaint and was himself granted a divorce and awarded the custody now six years old. On October 28 Mrs. Mercer met the force, yesterday received a dispatch child coming from school and tools her from Tacoma instructing him to arrest away. Mr. Mercer immediately started on the trail, and after a two-months

daughter in Victoria -The Ministerial Association of this city have made the following arrangements for the week of prayer which starts to-morrow. A morning prayer

she took passage on the Kingston, but meeting from 9 to 10 o'clock each day a careful search of the steamer upon her arrival revealed no woman answer- the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Broad street, Rev. ing her description. The doctor is a P. C. L. Harris will read the singing prominent physician of Tacoma, and has during the week, while Rev. A. B. Winchester will conduct service on Monday soul that seeketh him. Lam. iii, 25. vertised by the assignee. Monday, Jan. 4., Thanksgiving and huand life; for a more steadfast "looking and Dolphin at \$3900... for the coming of the day of God." 1 Cor. vi. 19-20; Col. I, 10-11; 2 Peter, then read; he told of the seizure and iii. 11-14.

The regular meeting of the Friendly at Sitka.

Help Association will be held to-morrow Sir Ch morning at 11 a.m. at No. 40, Market

World. -A general meeting of the directors the seizure.

of the Royal Jubilee Hospital will be held next Thursday evening at the office | 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. of Messrs, Yates & Jay. Before sailing for Acapulco Lieut. Commander Garforth of H. M. S. Pheasant, received notice of his promotion

to the position of commander. -Miss Black, who kidnapped the 12year-old son of Dr. Myer of Tacoma, and for whom the city police were on the lookout, was arrested in Tacoma on

Saturday night. -The members of Columbia lodge. No. 2, I. O. O. F., concluded their last regular meeting with a sumptuous oyster supper. An entertaining programme was also carried out. -The Old Men's Home inmates were

made very happy on New Year's eve by a social given by Mr. and Mrs. Bolden, Mr. and Mrs. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Dow, Mr. Green and Mr. Eli. -Grand Patriarch Huxtable with grand officers will visit Vancouver Encampment No. 1. I. O. O. F. to-morrow evening and install officers for the

ensuing term who will afterwards entertain the grand officers with a social and refreshments. -Mr. Clement Rowlands will continue the leadership of the male voice singing class in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. Practices will be held on Thursday evenings. There are vacancies for four first bass and three first and two second tenor singers. Application for admission

may be made to Mr. Rowlands at the Y. M. C. A. any Thursday evening. -Vancouver Encampment No. 1, I.O. O.F. will have their officers installed by Grand Patriarch W. H. Huxtable and the other grand officers to-morrow evening. The Grand Patriarch will leave on Thursday morning accompanied by W. E. Holmes, P.G.M., and J. E. Phillips, grand representative, to install the encampments at Wellington, Vancouver and New Westminster. They will return

on Sunday.

In the police court this morning before Police Magistrate Macrae, Ah Kai for playing and Ah Sam for looking on at a game of chuck-a-luck played in a cellar at 4 Store street, were each fined \$50, or in default of payment two months' imprisonment. mann, on remand from Saturday chargmonths' imprisonment and a fine of \$25

-During the month just passed the Public Library loane 2019 books, 1035 to gentlemen tnd 984 to ladies. The most loaned on one day was 132 and the average per day 78. Thirty-five new members were enrolled, of whom twenty-one were gentlemen corated, and in the reading room, and fourteen ladies. The following new books were donated: "Wonder Book." ed of its literature, several well laden by Nathaniel Hawthorne; "Theory of refreshment tables were spread. The Wages," by Thompson, "Marine Paintladies of the Y. W. C. A. were in charge ing in Water Colors," by Carmichael, by Carmichael, f this department. The visitors were and "In the Reign of Terror," by G. A.

-All the public schools re-opened today. In the city schools the attendance was fair. In the majority of the rooms the children were assigned their essons, told what new books they had to purchase and then dismissed ence in the main hall. Solos were given | As a result the bookstores were to-day invaded by hundreds of school children. Messrs. Erskine, Wall & Co., the well known grocers, gave a good lead pencil to each scholar who called at their Below is to-day's attendance in the different schools: North Ward, 477: South Park, 387; Girls' Central, 331 Victoria West, 215; Boys' school, 364,

and High School, 120. -The following is a statement of the work accomplished during the past year n connection with the Salvation Army Food and Shelter, Market Building: There have been 4658 beds occupied and 13,947 meals supplied. With the Sabbath. exception of some who were unable to work through age and otherwise, all of in the above meals and beds have been worked for in the wood-yard in connection with the institution. There has been no pauperizing or loafing allowed. Each man has worked for what he has got. There has been an average of five men per day during the year just passed applied for work, and none have been refused. The officer in charge would like to take this opportunity of thanking the many kind friends who have patronized the wood-yard in connection with the work during the past year, and by doing so they have helped to accomplish the above work done. -The charitably disposed residents of Victoria will to-morrow evening have an opportunity of assisting the widow and two children of Murdoch McLaughin, who was accidentally killed on the collier Costa Rica a few weeks ago. A benefit concert will be given in Semple's Hall, Victoria West. The programme includes 19 meritorious numbers, Piper James McKenzie opening with a selection on the bagpipes. The subsequent numbers follow: Piano duet, Miss Nicholson; song, Mr. F. Leroy; recitation. Mr. A. Semple: violin solo, Miss R. Blackie; song, Mr. H. Cave; Mando lin Club, R. M. A.; comic song Mr. Douglas; song, Miss A. McKenzie; piano solo, Miss L. E. Russell; song, Sapper Truscott, R. E.; violin solo, Mr. R. J. Russell, jr.; comic song, Mr. W. Cave; guitar duet, Messrs. North and

lands; comic song, Mr. Douglas; song, Chinner Ayton, R. M. A. -We wish you all the compliments of

Ball; song, Mr. A. Cave; song, Mr. Row-

BEHRING SEA CLAIMS. The Sitting of the Commissioners Continued This Morning.

At the continuation of the sitting of morning. The association in selecting the Behring Sea Claims Commission this morning hour were anxious to meet this morning the case of the Thornton the convenience of many business men was resumed. Capt. J. D. Warren, rewho would like an opportunity of attending the meetings. Subjoined are the topics suggested by the Evangelical Alliance for the first two days: Sunday, took place in connection with the sale Jan. 3. Sermons—"The Lord is good of the other schooners after witness." unto them that wait for him; to the assignment. It was a creditors' sale ad-

W. Fitzherbert Bullen, formerly man miliation—Praise and thanksgiving, humiliation—Praise and confession of sin. Prayer the engines of the Thornton and Anna for the more entire consecration of heart Beck at \$2950, and those of the Grace The deposition of Andrew Lang was the treatment of the crew at the trial

Sir Charles H. Tupper submitted copies of letters from the officer of the United States revenue -D. H. C. C. Neah Shakespeare will cutter Rush relating to the seizure of this evening install the officers of Vic- the Sayward, Dolphin, Grace and Anna toria Camp No. 52, Woodmen of the Beck, also an extract from the log of the Grace, dated July 17th referring to

An adjournment was then taken until

A MOUNTAIN OF GOLD. Will Be Uncovered by Captain Wood of Spokane.

Among the passengers going north on the Boscowitz to-night will be Captain A. Wood, E. R. Smaulwood and E. Capson of Spokane. They are mining men of experience and are going up Queen Charlotte Islands to open out an extensive free milling proposition. Captain Wood spent considerable time last winter on the Islands and discovered that Lawn Hill, at the entrance to Skidegate Inlet, is covered with calcareous tufa, carrying free gold. Lawn Hill is about 500 feet high and from about 250 feet up to the peak appears to be of this calcareous formation. Captain Wood has tested this rock and has found gold in paying quantities. If it can be quarried at a profit, it will be one of the most extraordinary mines of the province. Lawn Hill is situated within stone's throw of ocean navigation, the rock is so soft that it can be quarried and crushed with the greatest ease. It was reported to Captain Wood that there were similar formations on other parts of the islands, but he never saw He will however, remain ou them. the islands some time and will do considerable prospecting

Although Captain Wood is turning his attention to Queen Charlotte Islands, he has by no means lost faith in the Koo tenay country, where he has been engaged for several years. Until a few weeks ago he was the manager of the Two Friends mine and is interested in other properties. He believes that there will be a great rush of moneyed people to the province next spring and that Trail, Slocan, Salmon River, Boun dary Creek and other districts will re-

ceive their fair share of attention. THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

ening Meeting of the Week Held Today at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms.

At the Y.M.C.A. rooms this morning week of prayer was opened, Rev. A. B. Winchester being in charge of this first meeting. The subjects for the remaining days of the week are as follows: Tuesday, Jan. 5, the Church versal.—Prayer that the whole Church of Christ may be more separate from the world; that there may be more true one ness of heart among her members. John xvii. 20-21; Col. ii. 16-19; 1 Thess. i. 5-8;

Wednesday, January 6, Nations and their Rulers.—Prayer for the speedy evangelization of the nations, for sovereigns and rulers, and for all that are in authority. 1 Kings iii. 5-10; Prov. xiii. 34; xvi. 12; Jonah iii. 5-10: 1 Tim. ii. 1-4; James ii. 8-9.

Thursday, January 7, Foreign Missions.-Praise to God, for the "open doors in nearly every part of the world; for the success which has attended the proclamation of the Gospel, especially in Africa, China and South America. Acts

xi. 19-24; Rev. vii. 9-10. Prayer that the hearts of Mohammed ans and heathen may be opened to recewe the gospel. Isaiah vi. 5-8; Zech. iv. 6-7; Mal. i. 11; Luke i. 78-79; Matt. ix. 36-38.

Friday, January 8, Home Missions .-Praise for increased activity amongst God's people, and for the many tokens of the power of the Holy Spirit accompanying the means used. Prayer for the blessing of God to rest abundantly upon all evangelistic efforts;

for work amongst soldiers and sailors; and for the better observance of the Saturday, January 9, Families and schools.—Thanksgiving, for families bound together by the love of Christ Eph. iv. 31-32; v. 1-2; Col. iii. 18-22; Deut. vi. 6-9; Ps. cxix. 9-12; cii. 28; 2 Tim. iii. 14-15.

Prayer that parents may more stantly seek to bring up their children in the fear and love of God; that greater prominence may be given in Christian iseholds to the study of God's word and to united prayer. Sunday, January 10, Sermons .- "Go ye therefore and disciple all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Matt. xxviii. 19-20. PERSONAL

Charles Wilson, Vancouver, is at the Driard. Capt. H. H. Lloyd, Seattle, is at the

Oriental. J. C. Harris, Somenos, is at the New England. E. S. Kirkland, New Westminster, is at the Driard. Hamilton Abbott returned last even-

ing from Vancouver. C. S. V. Branch and W. S. Nicol, of vancouver, are at the Driard. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Pritchard, Ta are guests at the New England H. A. Munn and E. M. Johnson were among the Islander's passengers from

Vancouver last night. Miss E. V. Wilson, who has been vis iting friends in Victoria for the last year, has returned to St. Thomas. Ont W. J. Armstrong and F. L. Clinton, New Westminster, and L. B. Hesse Vancouver, are at the New England.

B. C. RAILWAY POLICY

THIRD LETTER

To the Editor: In following the discussions, to which the proposed grants in aid of the British Pacific railway have given rise, I have not failed to observe a disposition to regard the construction of a road through Central British Colum- Sierra Blanca Chartered to bia as a mere local affair for the benefit of Victoria, and hence to be hardly a proper subject of support from the other sections of the province. I submit that British Columbia must rise above mere local considerations if it is ever to profit by the full development of its immense resources, but, as this matter presents itself to me there is no ground for any local feeling about it. Ultimately Victoria will probably become the terminus of the proposed railway, but that this means a monopoly of transportation over it I do not admit, nor do I think it can be fairly claimed. The proposed railway would reach tide water at the head of & Co, the Fort George was regis Bute Inlet, and this would prevent Vic- from the port of Glasgow. toria from ever having a monopoly of the traffic over it. Doubtless after the necessary mileage was constructed on the Island and connection by ferry established with the line on the Mainland, Victoria would be the terminus of the transcontinental traffic and the entrepot of the trans-Pacific business of the road; as Vancouver now is for that class of business done over the Canadian Pacific; but for the local trade of the interior and as a distributing point for goods carried over the line, except the trans-Pacific business, Vancouver would stand on an equal footing with Victoria, while Nanaimo and New Westminster would find the field also open to them; for once freight reached tide water, the Gulf of Georgia and Bute Inlet, would make them all termini of the new artery of transportation, and each of these cities, that is Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo, would be nearer the point where the rails would reach tide water than Victoria would be. It is of course altogether probable that a new city would grow up at the head of the Inlet, but this is no more an argument against the building of the line than the existence of Vancouver is an argument against the Canadian Pacific. In this connection some statement as to dis-

tances may be of interest. From the head of Bute Inlet to Victoria by the proposed British Pacific, 285 From the head of Bute Inlet to Na

naimo, 207 miles. From the head of the Inlet to couver, 232 miles. From the head of the Inlet to Nev Westminster, 242 miles.

These distances are only intended as fairly close approximations, being relatively rather than absolutely correct. In the case of Victoria the distance would be all rail; in the case of the other cities it would be all water. In saying that the distance to Victoria would be all rail, I am assuming that the British Pacific project would be carried out in its entirety, and a line be built upon the Island with a connection by ferry with a line on the Mainland at Frederick Arm. If this were not acomplished Victoria would have the handicap of a longer water carriage than either of the other cities or else would have to handle its business part way by is expected that she will go to Aus rail via Nanaimo. My impression is that line between the head of the Inlet and Frederick Arm, the interests of Victoria would be best served after the line on tish author, was invited about the Mainland had been built, by the construction first of a line on Vancouver Island as far north as Seymour Narrows. and the establishment of ferry connection with the terminus at the head of the Inlet, leaving the line to Frederick

Arm to come later, as it undoubtedly

The foregoing facts show that what I

am contending for, namely, a line of railway from the head of Bute Inlet into the Cariboo country, would be in no ense an enterprise peculiarly for the idvantage of Victoria or any other part of the coast to the exclusion of the rest; but that each city would share in the trade to be developed by it in proportion to its ability to handle business. I shall discuss later the aspects of the proposition from a transcontinental point of view and think I can show that the construction necessary to afford uninterrupted rail communication between Victoria Winnipeg would be immediately orthcoming: but with this I am not concerned at present. To properly understand this project it is necessary to consider it in sections, or more correctly speaking to look at it from different points of view, and I am now consider ing it as a local railway for the develop ment of the resources of the great cen tral portion of the province. Its merits in this respect are sufficient of themselves to lead to the granting of the needed aid once they are rightly understood. In good season I shall present, some arguments in favor of a new transcontinental line; but just at present all I am advocating is that the provincial government shall take such a line of action as will be likely to secure the construction of a line from the coast at the head of Bute Inlet into the rich gold fields of Cariboo, and what I have said in this letter has been designed to show that such a railway is everything else but a project for the exclusive advantage of Victoria, but is one in the benefits of which all the cities of the coast will alike participate. The line referred to will be 232 miles long and its estimated cost is slightly over \$7,280,000. It is no exaggeration to say that no line of railway can be located in North America that will open up a district more full of promise than that which this comparatively short one would render accessible. This will more fully appear when the district has neighborhood of the rivers all been described in detail; it is sufficient may be able to arrange a look now to ask the reader to bear in mind that the best opinion of explorers and experts is that the region which such ters. a road would open to settlers, miners and capitalists, contains some of the richest placers in the world, an even more abundant source of wealth in its auriferous rocks, and an area of farming and pasture land nearly, if not quite, equal to the whole of Nova Scotia, Surely it is worth while to make an effort to looet. bring such a land of promise in close touch with the coas

CHAS. H. LUGRIN.

Was Purchased by Welch, Rig & Co., and Registered at Victoria.

Rice in China-Lumber Charters.

Messrs. Welch, Rithet & Co., of Francisco have purchased the four-la ed clipper ship Fort George. She been registered at the port of Victoria through R. P. Rithet & Co. The George will be used in the sugar and will probably ply between San Fa cisco and Honolulu. She is an iro of 1756 tons register and was bu 1884 by Workman, Clark & Co., of fast. Until purchased by Welch,

To-night the C.P.R. steamer F. of India will call at the outer who her way to Yokohama. Among loon passengers will be Mr. J. Grant and wife. Mr. Grant is a of Sir James Grant, of Ottawa. been heavily interested in many enterprises on this continent, and ing to China to engage in the co tion of some of the numerous rai which the Chinese are about to Mr. Grant is backed up by English tal. The Empress of India will away a full cargo of general merel

ise and several Chinese in the stee Yesterday the Northern Pacific st Braemar called at the outer w route to the Orient. She carries full cargo of freight and a number passengers. Sixty-nine Chinese arr from the Sound via the Kingston evening and took passage on the

Since yesterday the Rosalie has running on a new schedule. She leaves Seattle at 9:30 o'clock evening and reaches Victoria al in the morning. She leaves V for Seattle at 7:30 in the morning

The ship Sierra Blanca, now unlo coal at the navy yard, has receive ders to proceed on Saturday ne China in ballast to load rice either Rio Janeiro or Great Britain. about the first instance known of a sel leaving here in ballast for Chin

The sealing schooner Sadie T Capt. A. S. Crane, has cleared sealing cruise. She carries a crev seventeen white men. The ship City of Florence receive

orders yesterday to proceed to T to load lumber for Australia. She pected to leave to-night. The ship Indore is having ports

the Albion Iron Works. She when finished proceed to the Sou load lumber for the United Kingd

The ship Kate Thomas has been tered to load lumber on the Sound J. M. BARRIE AS A CHAIRM Mr. J. M. Barrie, the well known ago by the Aberdeen corporation

liver a public lecture in that city. reply was characteristic. "You are kind," he wrote, "and I thank you heartily for this pleasant remem of me that induced the committee send me this invitation; but on very few occasions on which I have on a platform I wished to get bene-I never did lecture, and I am s never could." This recalls a very story that is not generally known cerning the author of "A Windo Thrums." It seems that, on one oc being induced to take the chair Burns supper at Ayr, he sat glui helpless at the head of the table. none of those things which we exp chairman to do, not even simulating joyment. The papers chaffed him his gaucherie, and the cruellest ch all appeared in the National Observ an article on "Mr. Barrie in the C Most people who read it contende it went too far and showed person: mus, and so on. It eventually leak

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"You speak as if you understood the matter, at any rate," I remarked.

"Yes, sir," he answered; "few men in England understood these things better in the old days before I changed my profession. But that is all over now." "Changed your profession?" said I, in-

terrogatively.
"Yes; I changed my name, too." "Indeed?" said I.

"Yes; you see, a man wants a real fresh start when his eyes become opened, so he has a new deal all round, so to speak. Then he gets a fair chance." There was a short pause here, as I seem

ed to be on delicate ground in touching on my companion's antecedents, and he did not volunteer any information. I broke the silence by offering him a

"No, thanks, said he; "I have given up tol acco. It was the hardest wrench of all, was that. It does me good to smell the whiff of your weed. Tell me," he added, suddenly, looking hard at me with his shrewd gray eyes, "why did you take stock.
of me so carefully before you spoke?" "It is a habit of mine," said I. "I am a medical man, and observation is every-thing in my profession. I had no idea you

were looking." "I can see without looking," he answered. "I thought you were a detective, at first; but I couldn't recall your face at the time I knew the force."

"Were you a detective, then," said I. "No," he answered, with a laugh; "I was the other thing-the detected, you know. Old scores are wiped out now, and the law cannot touch me, so I don't mind confessing to a gentleman, like yourself, what a scoundrel I have been in my time.

"We are none of us perfect," said I.
"No; but I was real out-and-outer. A fake,' you know, to start with, and afterwards a 'cracksman.' It is easy to talk of these things now, for I've changed my spirit. It's as if I was talking of some other man, you see.'

"Exactly so," said I. Being a medical man I had none of that shrinking from crime and criminals which many men pos-I could make all allowances for congenital influence and the force of circumstances. No company, therefore, could have been more acceptable to me than hat of the old malefactor; and as I sat puffing at my cigar, I was delighted to observe that my air of interest was gradually

loosening his tongue.
"Yes; I'm converted now," he continued, 'and of course I am a happier man for that. And yet," he added wistfully, "there are times when I long for the old trade again, and fancy myself strolling out on a cloudy night with my jimmy in my packet. I left a name behind me in my profession, sir. I was one of the old school, you know. It was very seldom that we bungled a job. We used to begin at the foot of the ladder, the rope ladder, if I may say so, in my younger days, and then work our way up, step by step, so that we were what you might call good men all through.' "I see," said I.

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"To a great extent. Still, a man never quite loses it, if he has once been an adept excuse me; you have dropped some cigar ash on your coat," and he waved his hand politely in front of my breast, as if to brush it off. "There," he said, handing me my gold scarf pin, "you see I have not forgot my old cunning yet."

He had done it so quickly that I hardly saw the hand whisk over my bosom, nor did I feel his fingers touch me, and yet there was the pin glittering in his hand. "It is wonderful," I said as I fixed it again in its place.

"Oh, that's nothing! But I have been in some really smart jobs. I was in the gang that picked the new patent safe. You remember the case. It was guaranteed to resist anything; and we managed to open the first that was ever issued, within a week of its appearance. It was done with graduated wedges, sir, the first so small that you could hardly see it against the light, and the last strong enough to prize it open. It was a clever managed affair."
"I remember it," said I. "But surely

some one was convicted for that?" "Yes, one was nabbed. But he didn't split, nor even let on how it was done. We'd have cut his soul out if-" He suddenly damped down the very ugly fires which were peeping from his eyes. "Perhaps I am boring you, talking about these old wicked days of mine?" "On the contrary," I said, "you interest

me extremely." "I like to get a listener I can trust. It's a sort of blow-off, you know, and I feel lighter after it. When I am among my brethren I dare hardly think of what gone before. Now, I'll tell you about another job I was in. To this day I cannot think about it without laughing." I lit another cigar, and composed myself

"It was when I was a youngster," said he. "There was a hig city man in those days who was known to have a very valuable gold watch. I followed him about for several days before I could get a chance; but when I did get one, you may be sure I did not throw it away. He found, to his disgust, when he got home that day, that

there was nothing in his fob. I hurried ! off with my prize, and got it stowed away in safety, intending to have it melted down next day. Now, it happened that this watch possessed a special value in the owner's eyes because it was a sort of ancestral possession—presented by his father on coming of age, or something of that sort. I remember there was a long in-scription on the back. He was determined not to lose it if he could help it, and ac-

cordingly he put an advertisement in an evening paper offering thirty pounds reward for its return, and promising that no questions should be asked. He gave the address of his house, 31 Caroline square, at the end of the advertisement. The thing sounded good enough, so I set off for Caroline square, leaving the watch in a parcel at a public house which I passed on the way. When I got there, the gentleman was at dinner; but he came out quick enough when he heard that a young man wanted to see him. I suppose he guessed who the young man would prove



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"Well, my lad,' said he, 'what is it?' "'I've come about that watch of yours,' said I, 'I think I can lay my hands on it.'
"'Oh, it was you that took it!' said he. "'No,' I answered; 'I know nothing whatever about how you lost it. I have been sent by another party to see you about it. Even if you have me arrested, you will not find out anything.'
"'Well,' he said, 'I don't want to be hard on you. Hand it over, and here is my cheque for the amount.'

have it in gold. "'It would take an hour or so to collect in gold, said he. 'That will just suit,' I answered, for I have not got the watch with me. I'll go back and fetch it, while you raise the

'Cheques won't do,' said I; 'I must

money. "I started off, and got the watch where I had left it. When I came back the old gentleman was sitting behind his study table, with the little heap of gold in front "'Here is your money,' he said, and

pushed it over. 'Here is your watch,' said I. "He was evidently delighted to get it back; and after examining it carefully,

and assuring himself that it was none the worse, he put it into the watch pocket of his coat with a grunt of satisfaction. 'Now, my lad,' he said, 'I know it was you did it, and I don't mind giving you an

extra five-pound note.' "'I wouldn't tell you in any case,' said I; 'but especially I wouldn't tell you when you have a witness hid behind that curtain.' You see, I had all my wits about me, and it didn't escape me that the curtain was drawn tighter than it had been

"'You are too sharp for us,' said he, good humoredly. 'Well, you have got your money, and that's an end of it. I'll take precious good care you don't get hold of my watch again in a hurry-good night -no; not that door,' he added as I marched towards a cupboard. 'This is the door, and he stood up and epened it. I brushed past him, opened the hall door, and was round the corner of the square in no time. I don't know how long the old gentleman took to find it out, but in passing him at the door, I managed to pick his pocket for the second time, and next morning the family heirloom was in the melting pot after all. That wasn't bad, was it?"

The old war-horse had evidently forgotten all about his conversion now. There was a tone of triumph in the conclusion of his anecdote which showed that his pride in his smartness far surpassed his repentance of his misdeeds. He seemed pleased at the astonishment and amusement I expressed at his advoitness.

'Yes," he continued with a laugh. "it was a capital joke. But sometimes the fun lies all the other way. Even the sharpest of us come to grief at times. There was one rather curious incident which occurred in my career. You may possibly have seen the anecdote, for it got into print at the

"Pray let me hear it," said I. "Well, it is hard lines telling stories" against one's self, but this was how it happened: I had made a rather good haul, and invested some of the swag in buying a very fine diamond ring. I thought it would be semething to fall back upon when all the ready was gone and times were hard. I had just purchased it, and was going back to my lodgings in the omnibus, when, as luck would have it, a very stylishly-dressed young lady dame in and took her seat beside me. I didn't pay much attention to her at first; but after a time something hard in her dress knocked up against my hand, which my experienced touch soon made out to be a purse. It struck me that I could not pass the time more profitably or agreeably than by making this purse my own. I had to do it very carefully; but I managed at last to wriggle my hand into her rather light pocket, and I thought the job was over. Just at this moment she rose abruptly to leave the 'bus, and I had hardly time to get my hand with the purse in it out of her pocket without detection. It was not until she had been gone some time that I found out that in drawing out my hand in that hurried manner the new and illfitting ring had slipped over my finger and remained in the young lady's pocket. I sprang out and ran in the direction in which she had gone with the intention of picking her pocket once again. She had disappeared, however, and from that day till this I have never set eyes on her. To make the matter worse, there was only four pence half-penny in coppers inside the purse. Sarve me right for trying to rob such a pretty girl; still, if I had that two hundred quid now I should not be reduced to—Good heavens, forgive mel What are Learning?" What am I saying?"
He seemed inclined to relapse into silence

after this; but I was determined to draw him out a little more, if I could possibly manage it. "There is I personal risk in

remarked, "than there is in burglary."
"Ah?" he said, warming to his subject once again, "it is the higher game which is best worth aiming at. Talk about sport, sir, talk about fishing or hunting! why it is tame in comparison! Think of the great country house with its men servants and its dogs and its firearms, and you with only your jimmy and your center bit, and your mother wit, which is best of all. It s the triumph of intellect over brute force, sir, as represented by bolts and "People generally look upon it as quite

"People generally look upon it as quite the reverse," I remarked.
"I was never one of those blundering life-preserver fellows," said my companion. "I did try my hand at garrotting once; but it was against my principles, and I gave tup. I have tried everything. I have been a bed-ridden widow with three young children, but I declarated three young children; but I do object to physical force." "You have been what?" said I.

"A bedridden widow. Advertising, you know, and getting subscriptions. I have tried them all. You seem interested in these experiences," he continued; "so I will tell you another anecdote. It was the narrowest escape for penal servitude that ever I had in my life. A pal and I had gone down on a country beat—it doesn't signify where it was—and taken up our headquarters in a little provincial town. Somehow it got noised abroad that we were there, and householders were warned to be careful, as suspicious characters had been seen in the neighborhood. We should have changed our plans when we saw the game was up; but my chum was a plucky fellow, and wouldn't consent to back down. Poor little Jim! He was only thirty-four round the chest, and about twelve at the biceps; but there is not a measuring tape in England could have given the size of his heart. He said we were in for it, and we must stick to it; so I agreed to stay, and we chose Morley hall, the country house of a certain Col. Morley, to begin with.
"Now this Col. Morley was about the

last man in the world that we should have meddled with. He was a shrewd, coolheaded fellow, who had knocked about and seen the world, and it seems that he took a special pride in the detection of criminals. However, we knew nothing of all this at that time; so we set forth hope-

fully to have a try at the house. "The reason that made us pick him out among the rest was that he had a good-fornothing groom, who was a tool in our hands. This fellow had drawn up a rough plan of the premises for us. The place was pretty well locked up and guarded, and the only weak point we could see was a certain trapdoor, the padlock of which was broken, and which opened from the roof into one of the lumber rooms. If we could only find any method of reaching the roof, we might force a way securely fron: above. We both thought the plan rather a good one, and it had a spice of original ity about it which pleased us." It is not the mere jewels or plate, you know, that good cracksman thinks about neatness of the job and his reputation for smartness are almost as important in his

"We had been very quiet for a day or two, just to let suspicion die away. Then we set out one dark night, Jim and I, and got over the avenue railings and up to the ouse without meeting a soul. It was blowing hard, I remember, and the clouds hurrying across the sky. We had a good look at the front of the house, and then



AT THIS MOMENT SHE ROSE ABRUPTLY Jim went round to the garden side. . He came running back in a minute or two in a great state of delight. 'Why, Bill,' he said, gripping me by the arm, there never was such a bit of luck! They've been re pairing the roof or something, and they've left the ladder standing.' We went round together, and there, sure enough, was the ladder towering above our heads, and one or two laborers' hods lying about, which showed that some work had been going on during the day. We had a good look round, to see that everything was quiet, and then we climbed up, Jim first and I after him. We got to the top, and were sitting on the slates, having a bit of a breather, before beginning business, when you can fancy our feelings to see the ladder that we came up by suddenly stand straight up in the air, and then slowly descend until it rested in the garden below! At first we hoped it might have slipped ough that was bad enough; but we soon had that idea put out of our head. 'Hullo, up there!' cried a voice from

"We craned our heads over the edge, and there was a man, dressed, as far as we could make out, in evening dress, and standing in the middle of the grass plot.

We kept quiet.
"'Hullo!' he shouted again. 'How do you feel yourself? Pretty comfortable, eh? Hal ha! You London rogues thought we were green in the country, what's your opinion now?"

"We both lay still, though feeling pretty considerably small, as you may imagine. "'It's all right; I see you,' he continued. Why, I have been waiting behind that lilac bush every night for the last week. expecting to see you. I knew you couldn't resist going up that ladder when you found the windows were too much for you-Joe!

"'Yes, sir,' said a voice, and another man came from among the bushes. "'Just you keep your eye on the roof, will you, while I ride down to the station and fetch up a couple of constables?—Au revoir, gentlemen! You don't mind waiting, I suppose?' And Col. Morley-for i was the owner of the house himselfstrode off; and in a few minutes we heard the rattle of his horse's hoofs going down

the avenue.

"Well, sir, we felt predious silly, as you may imagine. It wasn't so much having been nabbed that bothered us, as the feeling of being caught in such a simple trap. We looked at each other in blank disgust and then, to save our lives we could help bursting into laughter at our own fix. However, it was no laughing matter; so we set to work going round the roof, and seeing if there was a likely water pipe or anything that might give no a chance of

the branch you have been talking of," I escape. We had to give it up as a bad job; so we sat down again, and made up our minds to the worst. Suddenly an idea flashed into my head, and I groped my way over the roof until I felt od under my feet. I bent down and found that the colonel had actually forgotten to secure the padlock! You will often notice, as you go through life, that it is the shrewdest and most curning man who falls into the most absurd mistakes; and this was an example of it. You may guess that we did not lose much time, for we expected to hear the constables every moment. We dropped through into the lumber-room, slipped downstairs fore open the library shutters, and were out and away before the astonished groom could make out what had happened. There wasn't time enough to take any little souvenir with us, worse luck. I should have liked to have seen the colonel's face when he came back with the constables and found that the birds were flown." "Did you ever come across the colone

again?" I asked. "Yes; we skinned him of every bit of plate he had, down to the salt spoons, a few years later. It was partly out of revenge, you'see, that we did it. It was a very well-managed and daring thing, one of the best I ever saw, and all done in open daylight, too.'

"How in the world did you do it?"

"Well, there were three of us in it-Jim was one; and we set about it in this way: We wanted to begin by getting the nel out of the way, so I wrote him a note purporting to come from Squire Brotherwick, who lived about ten miles away, and was not always on the best of terms with the master of Morley hall. I dressed myself up as a groom and delivered the note myself. It was to the effect that the squire thought he was able to lay his hands on the scoundrels who had escaped from the colonel a couple of years before, and that if the colonel would ride over they would have little difficulty in ecuring them. I was sure that this would have the desired effect; so, after handing tin, and remarking that I was the squire's

back to my master's.
"After getting out of sight of the house, crouched down behind a hedge; and, as I expected, in less than a quarter of an hour the colonel came swinging past me



"YOU'LL NEVER. HAVE ANY MORE TROUBLE

WITH IT." other accomplishment I possess which I have not mentioned to you yet, and that is, that I can copy any handwriting that I see. It is a very easy trick to pick up it you only give your mind to it. I happened to have come across one of Col. Morley's ficers and men are employed in differletters some days before, and I can write ent establishments and services. so that even now I defy an expert to detect a difference between the hands. This was a great assistance to me now, for I notice made up? Petty officers and tore a leaf out of my pocketbook and wrote seamen number 56,420, but only 27,580 something to this effect: "'As Squire Brotherwick has seen some

suspicious characters about, and the house of the difference; artisans, 3866; miscelmay be attempted again. I have sent down to laneous ratings, 5117; while the balance the bank, and ordered them to send up their bank cart to convey the whole of the plate to of anxiety to know that it is in absolute security. Have it packed up and ready, and give the bearer a glass of beer.'

"Having composed this precious epistle, Laddressed it to the butler, and carried it back to the Hall, saving that their master had overtaken me on the way and asked me to deliver it. I was taken in and made much of downstairs: while a great packing-case was dragged into the hall, and e plate stowed away, among cotton-wool and stuffing. It was nearly ready, when I heard the sound of wheels upon the gravel, and sauntered round just in time to see a door. One of my pals was sitting very demurely on the box; while Jim, with an official-looking hat, sprang out and bustled into the hall.

"Now, then," I heard him say, 'look sharp! What's for the bank? Come on!' "Wait a minute, six" said the butler. "Can't wait. There's a panic all over the country, and they are clamoring for us everywhere. Must drive on to kbury's place, unless you are ready. "'Don't go, sir!' pleaded the butler. There's only this one rope to tie,—'There; it is ready now. You'll look after it, won't

'That we will. You'll never have any more trouble with it now,' said Jim, helping to push the great case into the car.
"'I think I had better go with you and see it stowed away in the bank,' said the

'You can't come in the car, though, for Lord Blackbury's box will take up all the spare room. Let's see-it's twelve o'clock Well, you be waiting at the bank now. "All right-half-past one, said the butler.

and before midnight the colonel's silver was fused into a solid lumn." I could not help laughing at the versa-

tility of the old scoundrel. "It was a daring game to play," I said. "It is always the daring game which succeeds best," he answered.
At this point the train began to show symptoms of slowing down, and my panion put on his overcoat and gave other signs of being near the end of his "You are going on to Dover?"

"Yes." "For the continent?" "How long do you intend to mare?" "Only for a week or so."

journey.

Well, I must leave you here. You will remember my name, won't you ohn Wilkie, I am pleased to have met you. Is my umbrella behind you!" he added, stretching across. "No; I beg your pardon. Here it is in the corner," and with an affable smile, the ex-cracksman stepped out, bowed, and disappeared among the crowd upon the platform.

I lit another cigar, laughed as I thought Globe-Democrat. of my late companion, and lifted up the Times, which he had left behind him. The bell had rung, the wheels were already revolving, when, to my astonishment, a pallid face looked at me through

the window. It was so contorted and agitated that I hardly recognized the features which I had been gazing upon during the last couple of hours. "Here, take it." he said—"take it. It's hardly worth my while to rob you of seven pounds four shillings; but I couldn't resist once more trying my hand;" and he flung something, into the carriage and disappeared.

It was my old leather purse, with my return ticket, and the whole of my traveling expenses. His newly awakened con-science had driven him to instant restitu-

[THE END.]

FORTUNES IN THE WASTE.

Talking about the saving of the copper held in solution in the water taken from the copper mines, John D. Henry, an old Montana miner, said: "For a long time the water at the opper mines around Butte was allowed to run off, the owners of the mines not seeming to understand the importance of treating the water for the copper in solution. A few years ago when the water from the Anaconda mine was leased to an old Leadville miner, who took out \$120,000 in three years at a trifling expense, it was borne in on the company that the loss from that source had amounted to a very handsome sum, and since then every gallon of water that comes from the mine has been saved and the copper

extracted. "Some years ago I visited the copper districts of East Tennessee in the interests of some parties who were talking of engaging in the business, and while there saw a copper mine in which water was a very important factor in the saving of values. The mine was very wet and the ore was extremely susceptible to the action of water. The operators discovered this fact very soon by having to replace their iron pipes at very short intervals. They then put in wooden pipes and treated the water with scrap iron in settling tanks. As soon as the water groom, I walked off again, as if on the way had been exhausted of its metallic value it was pumped to a point some distance away from the shaft and permitted to percolate slowly through the crevices of the vein, and by the time it reached the pump again it was so heavily charged with copper that it was treated The owners told me that the copper received in this way represented the profits of their operations.-Denver Republican.

ENGLAND'S LIST OF SEAMEN.

Fanciful intelligencers in naval matters have lately been striving to take entire possession of the public ear. Not only this, but the country has been surfeited with a lot of nonsensical stuff anent the numbers of all rank available for sea service. So-called experts fall into a palpable mistake when they put it at 93,750, which is the total number voted. Only 85.818 are available for sea service even on paper, the remaining 7932 being made up of 5300 boys under training and 1121 pensioners, besides 462 naval cadets and engineer students. while to complete the list 1049 other of-

How are these 85,818 officers and men ready to go anywhere at an hour's belong to the seamen class. Engine room officers and stokers absorb 19,023 laneous ratings, 5117; while the ba'ance is made up of Kreemen and Seedies, It will save us a good deal and natives of the Royal Indian Mar-

ine mustering 725 in all. But here is a hig disparity in numbers existing between the 56,420 men in the petty officers and seamen class and the 85,818 available for sea service. Marines account for 15,000 of this difference officers for another 4842, while there are 4200 in the coastguard. What an absurdity to talk of all these guardians of our coast being available for sea! To cap all, we have 4495 boys afloat, n addition to the 5300 previously noticed under training and ineffective. That is business-like closed car drive up to the to say, our boys number 9795, or onesixth of our entire available force of petty officers and seamen class, or more than one-tenth of the total numbers (93,750) borne. These facts and figures should be studied by those who pretend to keep reason and authority over their public statements concerning our naval personnel.-London Exchange.

OLD NEPTUNE'S ROPE.

The largest marine plant, and probably one of the highest plants known on this globe, is a gigantic seaweed, the nereocystis, the ctem of which has been found to grow as much as 300 feet long. It was first a discovered not far from the Alaskan coast, but has since been found floating in various parts of "'All right,' said Jim, nothing abashed. the Pacific ocean, along the American and Asiatic shores. This seaweed grows in a very curious manner. Large quantities of it are found at a little distance door at half-past one, and you will just from shore, and at depths not exceeding 300 feet. On loamy bottom large thickets of this plant take root, and a stem of the thickness of ordinary cord "Good-day," cried my chum; and grows upward. At its top there is a away went the car, while I made a bit pear-shaped balloon, which grows with of a short cut and caught it around a turn the stem, and when it reaches the surof the road. We drove right off into the face of the water it often measures six next county, got a down-train to London, feet and more in length, with a diameter of four feet six inches. This balloon has, of course, an upward tend-ency, and keeps the stem growing until it floats on the surface of the water. From the top of this balloon a large tuft of strong, thick spade-like leaves grows out, which originally are not more than two feet long, and which grow and split until from the balloon rose-like split from fifty to sixty-five feet in diameter covers the water. This gigantic weed grows in such quantities that near the shore large, meadow-like islands are formed, which impede navigation. The natives of the

Aleutian islands make manifold usage of this plant. From their strong dried stems they make ropes 250 feet and mare long, while the balloons of this weed furnish them with large vessels after they are dried, the smaller ones being used in their boats to built the water out. The long leaves, after being uried, are cut into narrow strips used to rwicker-work, the making Taskets and similar furniture. - St Louis

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Victoria Chess Team Accepts Draw in Last Night's Game With 'Frisco.

Strong Game Played by Both Teams - Frisco Aliopts New Plan of Attack.

Fifth Regiment Rugby Team Scores Another Victory - Shoot at Sidney.

The chess champions of Victoria and battle, but the right to supremacy still remains undecided. Last year each side won a game and last night a draw was declared. Last night match opened about 7:15 in the Driard reading room, which was placed at the disposal of the Voctoria players and in the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco, The Victoria Ben Williams and Dr. Hands. The San Francisco team were W. S. Franklin, O. Huber, the latter player coming in half ria at San Francisco while C. A. Lom-bard filled a similar position here for the I have nothing to sell and therefore San Francisco players. Mr. Laurie was want no money, but as I know through the timekeeper for the home team here. my own experience how to sympathize Mr. W. Christie, the local manager of with such sufferers, I am glad to be able the C.P.R telegraph manipulated the to asist any fellow being to a cure. wire from the Driard, T. Martin had I am well aware of the prevalence of charge at the Mechanics' Institute and quackery, for I myself was deceived and

move and opened the game with Pk4. Victoria decided to accept the open game and followed suit. The 'Frisco players proceeded with a Ruy Lopez opening and put up a very strong game. The attack, however, was successfully met by the Victoria contingent.

At the end of the 25th move San Francisco wired as follows: "Mr. Piper, captain of the Victoria team,-The players here propose a draw? What do you say?' Mr. Piper was of the opinion that the game might continue for hours, but as it was then only one o'clock he declined a draw, adding that a Britisher never liked to surrender. The answer came back: "If Mr. Piper can win he is the best player on the Coast." The game

At the end of the 29th round the Victorians had still some slight hopes of winning, but in meeting the very strong attack of their opponents their forces were so wasted that a victory at best could only be obtained after hours of tedious play. At 3 o'clock the home players wired that they would accept the draw, and one of the hottest of chess

games was at an end. Both teams played a strong game. San Francisco players adopted a form of the Ruy Lopez, about which their opponents had but very little information, with the result that the home players were thrown on their resources early in the In all probabilty the 'Frisco players had later information on this form of attack than was obtainable in Victoria and from the fact that they had the attack itself in a match of this class, means a considerable disadvantage. In kept. He never went into her hold or a return match should Victoria get the saw her out of water. move they would have much better | Captain Olsen also gave evidence

The wires worked admirably and there | Grace, Dolphin and W. P. Sayward, as opening to the closing of the game. Each side had to make ten moves in ter of the Anna Beck an hour. The longest time taken over a move by Victoria was in the 11th,, and 20th moves 'Frisco was hard press- at one time.

ed for time. Among the interested spectators were 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. several of the members of the Behring Sea Commission. They watched the game from a side table and the moves they made showed that they were no Was Proprietor of one of the Private novices.

Below are the moves: SAN FRANCISCO. VICTORIA P to K4. 2-Kt to K B3 Kt to Q B3. Kt to B3. 3-B to Kts5. Kt takes Pawn. 4-Castles. B to K2. Kt to Q3. 6-P to Q5. to K5. 7-B to K2 8-P takes Kt. P takes Kt. 9-P takes P check. B takes P. 10-B takes P Castles. 11-B to B4. 12-Kt to Q B3. P to Q B3. 13-R to K square. R to K square 14-B to Kt's4. 15-Q to B3. Kt to Q5. 16-Q to R3. B takes B. Q 'o B square 17-Q takes B 18-Q takes Q 19-Q's R to Q's sqKt to K's3. 20-B to Kt's3. B to Kt's5. 21-R to K3. Q's R to Q's sq. 22-K to B sq. R takes R check 23-Kt takes R. R to Q's sq. R takesR. 24-R to Q3. 25-P takes R. P to K B3. 26-P to K B3. K to B2. 27-P to Q's R3. B to B4. 28-B to B2. Kt takes B. 29-B takes B.

30-K to K2.

31-K to K3.

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K to K3.

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THE GUN.

Several of the members of the city gun lubs went out to Sidney yesterday and enjoyed a good day's shooting. The most important event was the match for 100 birds between F. S. Maclure and C. W. Minor. The scores were small for these crack shots, probably because they had but little practice of late and the ground was new to them. Miner won with 77 birds, Maclure's score being 66. In the sweepstakes which followed, better scores were made, the majority of those taking part making over 90 per The live bird shoot furnished cent. plenty of amusement. The pigeons were caught in the vicinity of Sidney a few days before and left the traps the moment they were liberated. Mr. C. W. Minor was again the winner, missing San Francisco have had another royal only one of the thirteen live birds offered.

A MESSAGE TO MEN. Proving That True Honesty and True Philanthropy Still Exist

If any man who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any chess club was represented by Mr. T. of the various troubles resulting from W. Piper, assisted by W. C. Chapman, youthful folly, excesses or overwork. of the various troubles resulting from will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially and free of Samuels, R. Kendrick and Valentine charge the plan pursued by which I was completely restored to perfect an hour after the game started. Dr. health and manhood, after years of suf-Marshall acted as time-keeper for Victo- fering from Nervous Debility, Loss of

O. M. Emlay watched the interests of both parties at the repeaters at Vancou- in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once In the drawing, San Francisco won more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely on being cured and the proud satisfaction of having ben of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Send 5 c. silver to cover postage and address, Mr. George G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

THE CLAIMS COMMISSION.

Very Uninteresting Sitting Held This Morning.

The sitting of the Behring Sea Claims Commission was continued this morning. ton was resumed, in which case Mr. Dickinson submitted a statement from the case of Warren vs. Boscowitz in the Supreme Court of British Columbia in rder to show that J. J. Boscowitz was an American citizen.
Mr. Peters objected, arguing that it

vas not suitable evidence on the subject. The commissioners decided that it be allowed to go in subject to Mr. Peters'

Mr. Dickinson also submitted a statement to show that the schooner Thornon and several other schooners were fitted out and sent to Behring Sea by . J. Boscowitz under the management Captain J. D. Warren, who was to get one-half of the proceeds for his mangement of them. Captain Raynor told of the condition

of the Thornton in 1886. He said she did not look as if she had been well

was not the slightest hitch from the to the seizures and treatment of the crews at Sitka. This witness was mas-Captain McLean told of the weather and state of the seas at Clayoquot being 242 minutes. In the 18th, 19th Sound where the Thornton was ashore

The commission then adjourned until

BANKER STECTOES

Banks That Failed.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Suffering from depression, caused by financial reverses, Otto Wasmansdorff, a well-known bankstantly. His sons, William G. and Otto, jr., were in the parlor beneath report of the revolver rushed up stairs. Running into the room the horrified sons beheld their father lying in the side. He had shot himself in the right was running down his cheek. Every- opening the district in question by railthing in the room was in perfect order. The deed apparently had been deliber-

ately planned.

down, and he was in a constant troubl-Kt. to Kt.6 was recorded by Victoria father contemplated suicide. Mrs. cial government. Wasmansdorff is prostrated.

SECOND LETTER.

timely to discuss the construction of a

the province and the conservation of sons point to the same conclusion.

and upon it will depend: The representation of the province in the federal parliament for the decade

next hereafter ensuing; and same period.

tracted to the province at the earliest possible day, and also that the increase an advance all along the line. Is the of population should not be confined to man to lead it in sight? one section.

There can be no manner of doubt that before very long government aid will be extended to a railway through the great region north of the Canadian have been busy with predictions of a Pacific. I shall in a future letter show coming severe winter. why it seems to me that the only wise way, from a federal and provincial standpoint, to penetrate that country is by a line from the coast. I shall also and the winter was mild and muggy. give in detail the reasons why we may Then the swallows departed unusually xpect that portion of the province, early, and the snow-buntings have come when opened up by a railway, to rap- in unusual numbers. The snow-bunting, dly fill up with people. For the pur- which is one of the great finch family, pose of my argument I must ask the is common in the Arctic regions in the eader to accept these points as already summer, and, migrating south in the railway will be built with government or less large flocks in the British Isles, aid to open Central British Columbia, especially in Scotland and the north of and its construction will be followed by England, where it is regarded as the a great influx of people. How great herald of snow and frost. Here, again, will that influx be? I conversed yester- it is remarked that last winter, which day with an American mining expert, who has been through several great brought us comparatively few of these mining booms in the United States. 1 feathered visitors. The winter before The session was a quiet one and very asked him how many people he expected that, with its great frost, brought them uninteresting. The claim of the Thorn-there would be in Kootenay by January in large numbers. This year they are there would be in Kootenay by January in large numbers. This year they are 1st, 1898. He had just returned after arriving in greater numbers than ever, spending the whole of the summer in the marshlands of the Eastern and Fen that district. He replied that there counties being full of their twittering. would be between 40,000 and 50,000 by What can this forecast but a severe the end of next year, and 100,000 by winter? the close of the century. If arrange- To the believer in weather-lore there ments could be made for the beginning is no answer but one. But to the sciennext spring of a line of railway from tific observer these are but popular falthe head of Bute Inlet to, say, Ques- lactes. It may not be generally known nelle mouth, a distance of 231 miles, that there is in connection with the the road would probably be completed Royal Meterological Society a departin 1898, so that there would be upment of phenological observations wards of two years after its completion | Some hundred and twenty observers

before the next census would be taken. are continually engaged in noting down Let it be understood that such a rail- facts connected with the fauna and way will be built immediately, and next flora of the country as regards the seasummer will witness a host of prospect sons and the weather. In this way acquire those already known. will induce settlers to locate upon the copious report is published every year. fertile lands in the river valleys, so that At first sight the last issue of

vance as soon as the railway is ready tiful at the beginning of the 1894-95 of us will feel safe in predicting what, particularly severe. Large numbers of in numbers, the anticipated increase our birds perished of starvation through will amount to; but let us not forget their usual supplies having been cut off that none of us would have anticipated for weeks together. Those most frethe increase that seems certain in quently mentioned as found among the Kootenay, even after we had learned victims of the frost are starlings, of its great wealth of gold and silver. thrushes, blackbirds, rooks and larks. Here I may quote Dr. Dawson, of the During January and February gulls and Geological Survey, although I did not sea-birds flocked inland, and became so intend to touch this phase of the subject at all in this letter. This distin- in town to be fed. Rabbits and hares guished authority says that the indica- suffered severely; and deer in the Hightions are that prima facie Cariboo is lands were driven from their usual richer than Kootenay. I think it not haunts. Birds seldom to be seen at unreasonable to say that, in view of other times, visited our shores-among er of this city, fired a bullet into his what we know of the great central rethem the little auk, thousands of which

also in view of what has taken place in of the mild winter of 1895-96 the hips their father's bedroom, and hearing the Kootenay, we may expect a growth in on the wild roses were abundant, but population and development in the cen there were scarcely any berries at all on tre of the province equal at least to that the hawthorn or holly. now in progress in the extreme southten ple and a small stream of blood the political and financial importance of

> way at the earliest possible day. But this is not all. If it had been pos-

Menday. He was of refiring and unobtructive nature, and was known in the
business community as 2 conservative
and honest man. He was about 65

most readers that the province has alyears of age.

show the necessity for prempt action.

Ine exception of a week of ten days in

January, the weather remained mild
throughout. Again, last winter the
scarcity of betries was amply accounted
for by the injuries received by the
plants during the previous severe winstatement. (Signed) (Mrs.) Ellen Hoo-

and the offer from San Francisco was B. C. RAILWAY POLICY. is a subject for great regret that two ernment was not able to see its way clear to adopt such a line of policy as would have led then to the inception of this great undertaking, which by this To the Editor: In my former letter time would have been far enough ad-I gave some reasons why it appears vanced towards completion to brought about a great revival of business on the Coast and the investment railway through Central British Co- of capital and a great increase of populumbia. These substantially were that lation in the interior. I desire to avoid as the Dominion government is about to decide upon a railway policy, it is desirable that the provincial government their judgment tells them is for the best should co-operate with it and endeavor and I recognize how much easier it is to secure action along such lines as will for those who do not have to accept the lead to the symetmrical development of responsibility of a line of policy to be At the same time I think I may say the interest which the Coast has and that the policy, which has prevailed in ought of right to maintain in the pro- this province, has not been as aggresought or right to maintain in the pro-sive as the resources of British Colum-gress of the great interior. Other rea-bia would have warranted. We all understand this now better than we did The next census will be taken in 1901 two years ago. It is not now neces sary to apologize to a capitalist for endeavoring to interest him in the Pacific Coast province. It is not now necessary to explaineo him where it is and assure him that it is a portion of the The amount of federal contribution british Empire. If it is urged that the prevailing ignorance abroad as to this province was sufficient justification for a conservative policy in the past, I reply It is therefore of the utmost import- that, granting this, such an excuse has ance that immigration should be at no longer any validity. The eyes of Great Britain and America are upon this province. The hour has come

> CHAS. H. LUGRIN. WEATHER SIGNS A DELUSION.

Those who believe in weather-lore The hawthorn Sooner or later, then, a winter, had always ben found in more passed with scarcely any frost or snow,

ors in the interior. There will be a complete record is being formed of the rush to discover new properties and to weather, its effects on vegetation, on The flowers, crops and trees, the arrival and demand for farm produce, which will departure of birds, the prevalence or result from railway construction and absence of insects and so on, throughincreased activity in the mining sections, out every department of nature. A even before the railway is completed port would seem to lend some corroborpopulation will begin to flow in and the ation to the claims of weather-lorists. conditions will be ripe for a great ad-Granted that hips and haws were plentake any sort of care of traffic. None winter. The succeeding winter was brain on Sunday and died almost ingion and what the observation of evarrived on the north-east coast. Then, stantly His sons William G and ery scientific and practical man has as though lending still more confirmareported concerning the country, and tion, it is recorded that at the beginning

The scientific observer admits the bed dying, a 32-calibre revolver at his east. If these premises are correct, it facts, but declares the popular deducrequires no further argument to show tion erroneous. At the head of the phenological department is Mr. Edward Mawley, F.R.H.S., who has made a life study of these matters, and who is res- apply it to small aches, like bruised finponsible for the annual report from gers, and corns in wet weather. This sible two years ago to have secured which we have quoted. He has favor-Mr. Wasmansdorff was a member of such aid from the province or Dominion ed us with the views he has formed, saved for great occasions, like a Sunday the private banking firm of Wasmans as would have led to the building of this and he declares the idea of winter birds derff & Heinnemann, which failed a railway, can it be doubted that the re-week ago as a result of the failure of sult would have already been felt along of severe winter to be "popular fallathe National Bank of Illinois. The the coast in a renewal of the investment cies." First, with regard to the birds, failure of the bank had a crushing effect upon Mr. Wasmansdorff, and also scriptions and a new influx of population the north during the winter seriously affected his wife, who is ill. lation? In the light of experience of months in unusual numbers only when The banker for several days was unable to eat or sleep. The criticism of no other answer can be given to this snow or intense cold. So that their arunfortunate depositors weighed him question than that such results would rival here is simply an indication of sehave been realized. The development of vere weather in those regions from ter meals I had a great weight and fulled state of mind. Sunday morning the Kootenay has not led in any marked which they have been driven, and by no ness at the chest. However light the banker appeared brighter and less degree to such a revival. The construc-troubled in spirits than upon any other tion of the proposed railway, as it weather will extend to the British I was in agony until my stomach reday since the financial crash that ruin- would be understed to be a part of a Isles. Secondly, with regard to the haw- jected it. Almost every day I had seed him. After breakfast with his fam- new transcontinental line, would have thorn berries, he points out that berries ily, with whom he chatted pleasantly, a direct effect upon the advance of the are numerous one year and not another, he glanced over the morning papers. Coast. We would thus have progress for the same reason that the crop of He then engaged in a frolic with his in three parts of the province, in apples, or any other tree or bush fruit, month, my food not doing me the little grand-daughter, after which he Kootenay, in Cariboo and on the Coast. is abundant or scanty. Given a favorretired to his room. Fifteen minutes

This is what I mean by the symmetriable autumn for maturing the shoots of went as thin as a skeleton. My friends ater the fatal shot was heard by the cal development of the province, and I a hawthorn bush, followed by any but never expected me getting any better. two sons. The young men were over-come with grief, and said they never beyond the scope of a bold and judi-beyond the scope of a bold and judi-genial flowering period in the spring. had the slightest suspicion that their cious policy on the part of the provin- hawthorn berries are certain to be sin gularly plentiful later in the year. It the time, but I gradually got weaker has been, he says, these conditions and weaker. At the time of the failure the assets tion of the province before 1901 means which have produced the remarkable Wasmansdorff's bank were giv so much more revenue during the decade crop of haws this year. On the other en at \$550,000 and the liabilities at beginning in 1902 and will count for hand, to take a recent instance, in 1893 medicine called Mother Seigel's Cura-\$415,000. Mr. Wasmansdorff had been something in the re-apportionment of all kinds of wild fruits, with the excepa banker in this city more than a quar-ter of a century, and during all that 1903. I submit that these two consider—abundant, but the ensuing winter was time he was a member of the firm ations are of prime importance and was by no means cold. In fact, with the spasms of pain left me, and I got which went down in the crash last, show the necessity for prempt action. He was of retiring and models before 1901 will be lost, January, the weather remained mild be return of my old allment. If ever I

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

# ARSOLUTERY DURE

Mawley, that while there may be some Bucks, December 13th, 1893." reasonable foundation for the belief the forecast of the berries comes true, - which the agony of indigestion and dys-St. James's Gazette.

A TARTAR BATTLE.

great Tartar battle that was fought in Asia

The Kaan was there on the hill, mounted on a great wooden bartizan, which was borne by four well-trained elephants, and over him was hoisted his standard, so high aloft that it could be seen from all sides. His troops were ordered in battles of 30,000 men apiece: for and a great part of the horsemen had each a foot soldier armed with a lance set on the crupper behind him (for it was thus that the footmen were disposed of); and the whole plain seemed to be covered with his forces. So it was thus that the Great Kaan's army was arrayed for

hattle. When Nayan and his people saw what happened they were sorely confounded, and rushed in haste to arms. Nevertheless they made them ready in good style and formed their troops in an orderly manner. And when all were in battle array on both sides as I have told you, and nothing remained but to fall to blows, then might you have heard a sound arise of many instruments of various music, and of the voices of the whole of the two hosts loudly singing. For this is a custom of the Tartars that before they join battle they all unite in singing and playing on a certain twostringed instrument of theirs, a thing right pleasant to hear. And so they continue in their array of battle, singing and playing in this pleasing manner, until the great Nacarra of the Prince is heard to sound. As soon as that begins to sound the fight also begins on both sides; and in no case before the Prince's Nacarra sounds dare any commence fighting.

So, then, as they were thus, singing and playing, though ordered and ready great Kaan began to sound. And thenceforward the din of the battle began to be heard loudly from this side and from that. And they rushed to work so loughtily with their bows and maces, with their lances and their swords, and with the arblasts of footmen, that it was i wondrous sight to see. Now you might behold such flights of arrows from this side and from that, that the whole heaven was canopied with them and they fell like rain. Now you might see on this side and on that full many a cavalier and man-at-arms fallen slain, insomuch that the whole field seemed covered with them. For fierce and furious was the battle and of quarter there

was none given. But why should I make a long story of it? You must know that it was the most parlious and fierce and fearful battle that has ever been fought in our day. Nor have there ever been such forces in the field in actual fight, especially of horsemen as there were then engagedfor, taking both sides, there were not fewer than 760,000 horsemen, a mighty force! and that without reckoning the footmen, who were also very numerous. The hattle endured with varying fortune on this side and that from morning until noon. But at the last, by God's pleasure and the right that was on his side the Great Kaan had the victory, and Nayan lost the battle and was utterly routed. For the army of the Great Kaan performed such feats of arms that Nayan and his hosts could no longer stand the world as the "Island of Fire." This against them, so they turned and fled. But this availed nothing for Neyan; for he and all the barons with him were centre of the plains of Grobogana, and taken prisoners, and had to surrender to is called an island because the great the Kaan with all their arms.

A STRONG FRAGMENT OF LATIN.

"Excruciating" is a long, strong word It comes from the Latin crux, a cross. We get "crucify" from the same root When any one talks of "excruciating pain," we understand him to mean the greatest agony it is possible to endure But this morsel of Latin loses much of its force when nervous or timid people wonderfully expressive word should be

"Almost every day I had severe attacks of spasms, which caused me ex-cruciating pain," writes a lady in Stony Stratfond, near Wolverton, Bucks. Was the west side of the lake which conthis language too strong? Let us see. "All my life I have suffered more or less from indigestion, but got along fairly well up to October, 1889.

this time my appetite was poor, and affood I took, intense pain followed, and vere attacks of spasms which caused me excruciating pain. "In this state I continued month after

slightest good. I lost flesh rapidly and "For over six months I continued in this distressing state, during which time I took medicines which relieved me for

"At last I was recommended by Mr. Pattison, of Stony Stratford, to try a tive Syrup. I got a bottle from Mr. F.

ter. It will this be seen, concludes Mr. ton, Stony Stratford, near Wolverton Is there any doubt that the occawith regard to the birds, it must be sion warranted Mrs. Hooton in using murely an accidental occurrence when strong words? We receive letters in pepsia is compared with the gnawing teeth of wild beasts, which are not more pitiless than this disease. It must be fought with a remedy strong enough Marco Polo, a Venetian traveller of to free the body from the rotting mass Marco Polo, a venetation account of a of undigested food which sends poison the 15th century, gives this account of a of undigested food which sends poison into the blood and gentle enough to act without distressing the weakest con stitutions.

Such a remedy, thorough and unfailing, was given to the world by Mother Seigel. It was a hard problem to solve, yet how completely she mastered

MASSAGE BY MACHINE

That there are still some new things under the sun is proved, says the New York Tribune, by the appearance re-cently of an ingeniously devised instrument that makes for the first time in medical annals anything like a satisfactory massaging of the nose, throat and ear. It is only within the last few years that the value of massage as applied to the mucous membrane of these organs has been appreciated, and not only until the French savants took the subject up as a matter of fact was much interest felt in it. Even when the excellence of the treatment was admitted it was almost impracticable, since the massage had to be "manual" and skilled operators were rare. The new instrument, invented by an American, and a part of the outcome of the recent delving into electricity for medical purposes, solves the problem by working almost automatically and requiring little else than simple guidance.

It is electrovibratory in its aperations; that is, a button and a spring work so as to turn on and shut off an electric current with great rapidity. This mechanism causes a vibration of the slender rod of metal, on the farther end of which is a button coming directly in contact with the mucous membranes. Different shaped probes can be attached as oc casion requires. What the new instrument achieves is extreme rapidity in its vibrations, their coming at regular intervals and the uniform intensity of the strokes. Without electricty these three conditions cannot be realized.

The instrument is extremely simple in construction. It is so light that it is easily held in the hand. A short cylinder or box holds two magnets, a rod designed to run backward and forward running between them, ending in front of the detachable probe. At its rear end is a metal plate, which is movable. On the neck of the apparatus is an ivory button, which, upon the pressure of the forefinger of the physician, closes the cir cuit. The metal plate is at that instant drawn forward by the magnet and the rod likewise. A fraction of a second later the metal plate reaches its foremost point, and the contact being interrupted is thrown back by a spring. The buton still held down by the finger, the circuit is immediately made again, and vibration follows vibration in swift order.

The operator generally illumines the parts he is about to work on, though this is not absolutely necessary. For the most effective treatment the probe is placed not at right angles to the place to be treated, but at an acute angle. Placed in this way it does not tap, but

JAVA'S "ISLAND OF FIRE."

The greatest natural wonder in Java is the "Ghoko Kamdka Gumko," or "Home of the Hot Devils," known to geological singularity is in reality a lake of boiling mud, situated in about the emerald sea of vegetation which surrounds it gives that appearance. The "island" is about two miles in circumference, and is situated at a distance of almost fifty miles from Solo. Near the centre of this geological freak immense columns of soft, hot mud may be seen continually rising and falling like great timbers thrust through the boiling substratum by giant hands and then again quickly withdrawn. Besides the phenomenon of the boiling mud columns there are scores of gigantic bubbles of hot slime that fill up like huge balloors and keep up a series of constant explosions, the intensity of the detenations varying with the size of the bubbles. In times past, so the Javanese authorities say, there was a tall, spiral like column of black mud on stantly belched a pure stream of cold vater, but this has long been obliterated and everything is now a seething mass of bubbling mud and stime, a marval to the visitors who come from great distances to see it.

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Ex-Ald. Bingham Elected Mayor of Ottawa, Receiving a Good Majority.

Eddy, Paper and Woodenware Man, Wants Duty Raised on Goods He Manufactures.

Iwo Delegations of Farmers, With Different Ideas, Before the Commission.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Sam Bingnam was elected mayor of Ottawa by 250 votes over Crannell and 700 over luff.

Hou. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, has returned from his trip to the Pacific coast. It is understood that his report will be in favor of building a oad through the Crow's Nest Pass to he Rockies, but how it is to be done another question upon which Mr. Blair will say nothing.

At the tariff commission to-day E. B.

Eddy, of Hull, and H. S. Cane of Newnarket, Ont., were examined in regard o woodenware. Messrs. Cartwright, fielding, Paterson and Fisher were present. Mr. Eddy said that the duty of 20 per cent was not enough. It was reuced from 25 per cent by the late govrnment. This almost ruined the busiess. What they wanted now was 35 er cent, the same as that now imposed v the United States. Mr. Eddy adanced the old claim of the Americans naking a slaughter market of Canada. He said that he could not carry on an xport trade to Europe on account of the heavy ocean freights. He also comlained of prison labor. Mr. Eddy askd for an increase to 35 per cent., the same as on paper and envelopes. He also wanted an export duty of \$4 placed on pulp wood, so as to make it prohibiive. There were two delegations of farmers present. One delegation asked for no protection, the other delegation isked for no reduction on binder twine or anything else. The last delegation was in control of an Ottawa Tory merchant, H. H. Lang. Mr. McKellar, of Carleton county, said that the Carleton armers were divided politically. Mr. Wright, of the Hull Cement Works, wanted the duty of 40 cents on

FRENCH SENATE.

Portland cement to remain and Mr. Ger-

roll, of the free library, Brockvile,

Recent Elections Not Likely to Modify Its Plans.

Paris, Jan. 5.-Official returns of the elections held yesterday to replace onethird of the members of the senate whose terms are expiring, shows that 60 Republicans, 13 Radicals, 3 Socialist-Radicals and 12 Reactionists have been elected. Most newspapers agree in saying that the result will not modiby the policy of the senate.

McCULLIAGH'S ESTATE.

He Left No Will so His Sons Will Inherit His Fortune.

St. Louis, Jan. 5 - Joseph B. McCullagh, late editor of the Globe-Demo erat, left no will. His Estate will divided among his seven sons and heir A conservative estimate of the value the estate is \$210,000. Among the pa pers is stock in several mining comp es with face values of \$2,000,000. The real value, however, is comparativel

TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

Newly Elected Sheriff to Take Charge of the Affairs in Leadville.

Leadville, Col., Jan. 4.-In accordance with his expressed determination to renove the state militia from here oon as a sheriff was elected in whom ne had confidence, Gov. McIntyre to ay ordered home four companies, comorising 150 men, members of the firs These and second regiments, G. N. G. companies are from Denver, Boulde neblo and Colorado Springs. Tahoney, who succeeded M. II. in as sheriff, announces that he ive a bond and take the oath ice January 6, More troops will some before that date, but all will e moved until the new sheriff is alled in office.

GLOBE INSURANCE CO. ors Atlent Regar y's Affairs.

The World s alloat conc de Fire In York, of wh muyren is general a rent. Ja and Frelinghnysen . also partn barges against the Glob officers

tained in an cofficial report sent S. Matthews, superintendent of ance of the State of Ohio, by Spo aminer Seldon R. Hepkins and asstants, Messrs, Frogge and ws. The Ohio examiners say ing to the refusal on the part of rs their work could not be losed "that there were at least of books," and "also a third set oks," in which at least some of orfant details had been recorded e set is to be shown examiners, i