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THE EMPIRE'S LOSS. Victoria, the Good, is dead! The tender mother-heart-lacerated by the horrors of war, bruised by family affliction, burdened with weight of years, strained to the breaking point—could hear no more.

her fondest hope that death might claim her before another war became necessary. When French Angophobes had gassed their threats and insults to an unbearable point, at the time of the Fashoda incident, a pathetic scene was enacted at Chislehurst, Victoria, the greatest monarch of modern times, visited her bereaved sister Eugenie—the once gay, light-hearted Empress of the French, but then and now a refugee in that haven of liberty, England, bereft of title, widowed and childless, a heart-broken old woman. They met as women and mothers; Victoria, we may be sure, poured out the best that her true heart contained of sympathy and love to comfort and sustain her friend. Then they talked of passing events, and those two noble women, akin in that both had loved and lost their best beloved, mingled their tears in supplication to God, and, if it were His will, they might die before Britain and France should come to war.

Happy that awful contingency has been so far averted, and God grant it never occur, but the unfortunate position assumed by the Transvaal forced Great Britain to defend her honor in Africa, and the declining days of our beloved Queen were saddened in consequence. Her precious life might have been prolonged for many years but for that untoward event; and it adds poignancy to her last in unavailing sorrow at a misfortune which she was powerless to avert.

Victoria's reign was the most eventful and important in the history of civilization. It witnessed the re-arrangement of the map of the world in many important particulars, where Great Britain, either by peaceful annexation or force of arms, acquired new territory or added to her colonial possessions. It saw the birth of the Imperial idea—conceived by Disraeli when he added the words "Empress of India" to his sovereign's titles—and has watched its growth, spreading like a new religion from colony to colony, till the Empire's scattered children are one in sentiment, needing only the word, or to be shown the way, to consummate the mightiest political union that ever this old world has witnessed.

The Queen's jubilee of 1897 was the first great demonstration of the Imperial unity which Britain and her colonies are so rapidly nearing; the spontaneous outburst of loyalty that resounded throughout the Empire when the Mother Land needed volunteers for South Africa, advanced the movement to the point of certainty; and later the pact was sealed in blood on the yield for good and all. Victoria, the Wife, Mother and Queen, Empress, made this possible; under no other monarch could it have been accomplished, for it was love, respect and devotion for that noble woman that prompted the sentiment in the first place and caused it to grow and fructify till it has assumed its present irresistible proportions.

The good accomplished for mankind during Queen Victoria's reign and under her auspices would require volumes to record. In art, industry and education Great Britain was the centre from which were radiated the rays of a new civilization that bathed the world in their humane effluence, carrying light to the benighted of all lands, and blessing the regions upon which they fell; and she, the central figure, wise, just, vigilant, filled with love for her people and charity for all the world, how would her nobly she fulfilled the trust which Providence had confided to her. When we think of it all, of what Great Britain and the world as a whole, Victoria was called to the throne, and what it is to-day, we are impelled rather to thank than to shed vain tears over her tomb.

KING EDWARD.

Those foreign critics who, failing to understand the stability and dignity of the British nation, predicted revolution and political chaos would come when the Queen should die, have learned a lesson from the deeply loyal manner in which King Edward has been received. The heartfelt cheers of the people of London who knew him best are echoed around the world wherever the Union Jack flies, and thought it wrong at Victoria's death, the nation will sing with fervor, "God Save the King." As Prince of Wales, King Edward had a difficult position to fill. A great part of the Queen's public duties devolved upon him, and with rare tact and ability he fulfilled them. He will be a "constitutional monarch" in the best meaning of the term, as he has invariably shown himself punctiliously careful in this regard. Queen Alexandra already has a warm place in the hearts of the people, and the universal prayer is that the reign of Her Majesties may be a long and happy one.

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL.

The remarks of His Worship Mayor Hayward at the initial sitting of the evening of the new Council of 1901, indicate a due observance on his part of the expressed disposition of the people that no time shall be lost in undertaking those public works which are considered a pressing necessity. The Mayor—very properly, we think—directed attention at once to securing the right enforcement of all laws aimed at protecting the public health; and in this connection the early extension of the sewerage system and the reclamation of the James Bay flats have a very important bearing on the proposed improve-

ments in sanitary conditions. His Worship alludes to the responsibility which upon the Board is devolved to further by every means possible the project to replace the temporary bridge structure at Point Ellice with a new steel bridge, so that adequate means of communication with Victoria West and Esquimalt may be established at the earliest possible date. We are pleased to note that His Worship is impressed with the growing importance of Esquimalt, and how desirable it is in the interests of the city that everything possible be done to remove any grievances which may conflict with the convenience of the officers and men of the Navy. The contemplated improvement of portions of Johnson and Douglas streets by the laying of wooden block pavements is alluded to by the Mayor. This will not doubt meet with the commendation of the ratepayers.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Nothing is more remarkable than the existence in Victoria, at this juncture, and in fact the whole Canadian Pacific Coast, of a feeling that the immediate future will witness wonderful development, progress and prosperity. That feeling has taken hold of Victoria to an extent never known before in the history of the city. Victoria has, of course, enjoyed "good times" before, but the conviction has now fastened itself in the minds of the people that we are on the eve of a great forward movement, which will mean not temporary but permanent prosperity. And behind this confidence and optimism is the determination to take advantage of opportunities to the full. Our neighbors at Vancouver also have caught the spirit of the times, and, figuratively speaking, are rolling up their sleeves preparatory to enter into the race for greatness with vigor and energy. They have a Citizens' Association over there, which devotes its labors to advancing measures in the interests of the city. The aims of the association are set forth in a circular letter which has just been issued, calling for a united effort to maintain Vancouver's position. This circular says, in part: "From all parts of the province comes the news of increased population and expanding industry, on the west side of the continent, and the tide is running in the race. * * * That united action means strength and success is also clearly shown us by the example of other cities—notably Seattle. Let us have more faith in our possibilities and probabilities, and when practical intelligence, energy and foresight bring forward measures of utility, ask not 'who opposes it?' but only 'what will be a future which will not be soon realized without our aid?' We shall have the effort and unshrinking opposition to those who would keep the city small to

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Victoria's Demonstrations of Grief at the Loss of the Queen.

Memorial Services Arranged for—City Sends Message to the King.

"The Queen is dead." The receipt of that brief announcement containing the dread message that the most beloved woman had passed away, was the signal in Victoria last Tuesday, as elsewhere throughout the length and breadth of her broad dominions, for a manifestation of the mighty sorrow which afflicts all mankind.

Soon from every pole which this earth drooped a British flag at half-mast, and all the public buildings and many of the larger business premises were draped in black.

Public offices were closed, the children dismissed to their homes from the schools, and from the church towers there rang out the dismal tolling of bells. A short time after the receipt of the dread tidings, His Worship Mayor Hayward issued the following proclamation:

"City Hall, Victoria, B. C., "Jan. 22 (10:30 a. m.), 1901. "I regret very much to announce the receipt of the following telegram: "Crows, England, Jan. 22—(6:55 p. m.) "The Queen is dead. "I therefore request that the citizens of Victoria, as a slight token of our love and respect for the great and good woman who has just been called away, should close their places of business and observe the balance of the day as a season of mourning. "CHARLES HAYWARD, Mayor."

The Chief Magistrate's request met with ready response. Stores were closed, and put forward every effort to maintain Vancouver's position. This circular says, in part: "From all parts of the province comes the news of increased population and expanding industry, on the west side of the continent, and the tide is running in the race. * * * That united action means strength and success is also clearly shown us by the example of other cities—notably Seattle. Let us have more faith in our possibilities and probabilities, and when practical intelligence, energy and foresight bring forward measures of utility, ask not 'who opposes it?' but only 'what will be a future which will not be soon realized without our aid?'

At the request of the executive, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir H. M. G. Gair, has received the following message to Lord Minto at Ottawa, with a request that it be sent to His Majesty the King: "The government of British Columbia expresses the profound sorrow which will be felt by the whole province, to the loss of our beloved sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The main entrance to the parliament building has been draped in black, as also have the uprights supporting the large lamps on either side. The effect upon the mind of the people is most impressive. At the barracks at Work Point the Royal Standard was hung to the breeze

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pire has sustained in the death of a Sovereign who for over sixty years has commanded the highest esteem and affection of her subjects and the universal respect of mankind, and whose life has been a noble example of truth, purity and goodness, and now remains a treasured legacy for all time to come.

And their desire to express their loyalty and devotion to her illustrious son and successor, His Majesty King Edward VII, and royal consort, and earnestly pray that their reign may be long, peaceful and prosperous.

Mayor of the City of Victoria, B. C. The Mayor also reported having received the following communication from the commander-in-chief of His Majesty's fleet at Esquimalt: To His Worship the Mayor, Victoria.

H. M. S. WARSPIE, Esquimalt, Jan. 23, 1901. Sir—I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with instructions issued by the admiralty the following course will be pursued by H. M. ships and naval establishments under my orders, on account of the King being deceased tomorrow: Royal salute fired at 8 a. m. to-morrow (Jan. 24) and again at 8 a. m. to-morrow (Jan. 25). They will be again half-masted on the 26th and 27th inst. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant.

Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief. The council adjourned until Friday at 8 o'clock. At a meeting of the patriotic committee held on Wednesday afternoon, the 23rd inst., it was unanimously decided that the best method of conducting memorial services on the day of the funeral would be to have each of the various churches congregate at 11 o'clock on the day of the funeral, and all the bells in the city to toll and the bells of the cathedral to toll.

The following telegram was received by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor from the Governor-General: "London, Jan. 22—The Prince of Wales has received a telegram from the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, Mr. J. A. D. Prentice, expressing the profound sorrow which will be felt by the whole province, to the loss of our beloved sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Victoria. The main entrance to the parliament building has been draped in black, as also have the uprights supporting the large lamps on either side. The effect upon the mind of the people is most impressive. At the barracks at Work Point the Royal Standard was hung to the breeze

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been used to firearms. It is not a very difficult matter to be a good shot with the modern rifle if you have a steady nerve and good eyesight. In the days of the Enfield it was quite the reverse, the bullet was so large, the speed so slow and the projection so great that you had to make incredible allowances for every kind of wind, if anyone fired at a man at a distance he supposed was 200 yards and the object was hit, the bullet would go over the last object. At present the bullet is small and long, the velocity great and the trajectory very flat, which makes conditions entirely different for judging distances. Drills for that purpose were given in the open, and sportsmen were usually beaten at the target by men who had never handled a gun until they had joined the Volunteers.

Have never objected to anyone shooting on any place if they were responsible and had sense enough to be careful of my animals, but I wouldn't allow boys under 16 years, neither would I want to be within a mile of where they were, if they were using guns. As for the challenge it doesn't come in. Where there is one boy under 16 besides, there are men who will throw dynamite on a stove fire, there are those who are very reckless with the revolver, and I don't think it is fair to have anything like the 75 men it would be on a place with that kind of a gun. Now, I don't like to see a man with a gun, and by so doing I can sidetrack W. A. Robertson, so that one more vote may go along with your little hobby.

North Saanich, Jan. 21. S. MAUEL ROBERTS.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Meteorological Office. Victoria, Jan. 16 to 22. The high barometer area which appeared over the Pacific Slope before the close of the past week lowered until the 19th, and caused a generally fair cool spell west of the Cascades, and light to moderate winds along the Coast from Vancouver Island southward to California. By the morning of Sunday the 20th, this high moved southward to Utah, giving place to another from Northern British Columbia which carried on the Pacific Slope. On Tuesday the barometer rose to 30.1, and the temperature between the cold air overlying the mountains and the comparatively warm air immediately over the western coast, a general rainfall occurred on Sunday and Monday the northern high area slowly moved southward across the province attended by more rain west of the Coast, and snow in Cariboo. On Tuesday the 22nd, the barometer fell to 29.8, and over the North Pacific Coast, and by the close of the day and week it held the same position over the Pacific Slope accompanied by fair, cool weather, as prevailed at the close of the preceding week. East of the Rockies the weather has been exceptionally mild in Alberta, the temperature often rising above freezing, while from the district to Manitoba the weather was fair and comparatively mild, though on several days the temperature fell below zero. At Victoria 17 hours of rain were recorded, the highest temperature was 47, on the 19th, and the lowest was 29, on the 21st. New Westminster reported 1.05 inch of rain; highest temperature 42, on the 19th, and the lowest was 29, on the 21st. Barkerville reported 5 inches of snow; highest temperature 36; lowest 6.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. THE BOY AND GUN. Sir—I beg to be allowed a small space in your issue for a few words in answer to Mr. W. A. Robertson's letter, which appeared in your issue of the 18th. Mr. Robertson will kindly inquire into the statute book of this province he will certainly find a law passed providing for the killing boys under 16 years of age from carrying arms. I am sure that the people of this province in passing such a law: the only part to regret for, is that it was not made in the days of the late Queen. There are lots of toys, tools and amusements for children, and I am sure that their grandfathers' boots at the age of ten, Mr. Robertson claims that in order to be a good shot, one must begin very young. Does it take twenty years for a man to become a marksman? I can answer that question. No, not twenty years, and one month of proper practice would prove more beneficial to the lad than five years' roaming through the woods with a rifle. Mr. Robertson says we want to prepare the boys for war; well, we don't want to do that, but we do want to see that the boys are not roaming through the bush with a shotgun which will improve the lad so to speak, and that he is able to shoot his own enemy on the wing. His experience with a rifle during the shooting season, for one can pick out the very best shotgun shooter of the day, and put him to work on the hall and lodge rooms are draped in mourning.

Notice is hereby given that the intimation dated 2nd December, 1900, under this heading is rescinded, and that under the authority of an Order in Council of the 8th inst. the payment of a rebate on all timber exported beyond the limits of the Province was allowed to be discontinued from and after the 31st of December, 1900. The said order of the 8th inst. further provides for the payment of a rebate on shingles exported.

J. D. PRENTICE, Provincial Secretary's Office, 10th January, 1901.

(L.S. HENRI G. JOLY DE LOTBINIERE, CANADA. PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c. To our faithful members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—Greeting.

H. A. MACLEAN, Deputy Attorney-General, and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet our people of our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in our Legislature: NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our executive council do hereby convene and by these presents adjourn, and each of you, that on Thursday, the Twenty-first day of February, one thousand nine hundred and one, you meet in our said Legislature or Parliament of our said Province, at our city of Victoria, for the DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the common council of our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

In Testimony Whereof, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed; witness, the Honorable Sir Henri Gustave Joly de Lotbiniere, K.C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, in our City of Victoria, in our said Province, this seventeenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the sixteenth year of our reign.

By Command, J. D. PRENTICE, Provincial Secretary.

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W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Highway Bridge, North Fork Kettle River, at Hardy's Crossing.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Coupliam, Maple Ridge, and Pitt Meadows Dyking Districts.

Sealed alternative tenders for Concrete and Wooden Sluice Gates, superscribed "Tender for Concrete Sluice Gate," and "Tender for Wooden Sluice Gate," will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday, the 2nd February next, for the erection and completion of six sluice gates in the dykes of the above mentioned Districts. Drawings, specifications, and form of contract may be seen at the office of the Inspector of Dykes, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 4th January, 1901.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the undersigned, for the sum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars, as security for the due fulfilment of the contract, which cheque shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. The cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

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F. C. GAMBLE, Inspector of Dykes, Office Inspector of Dykes, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 4th January, 1901.

ORDRE IN COUNCIL.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, appointed by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor on the 16th day of January, 1901. On the recommendation of the Honorable the Attorney-General, and under the provisions of the "Jurors Act" (Chapter 107, section 27, R. S.) His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, do hereby order as follows: That a Special Sittings of the Selectors of Jurors for the County of Victoria, be held in the Court House in the City of Victoria, on Monday the 4th day of February, 1901, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of selecting the names of the requisite number of persons to serve as Grand and Petit Jurors for the County of Victoria during the year 1901. J. D. PRENTICE, Clerk, Executive Council.

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"A Word to the Wise is Sufficient."

But some stubborn people wait until "down sick" before trying to ward off illness or cure it. The wise recognize in the word "Hood's" assurance of health.

For all blood troubles, scrofula, pimples, as well as diseases of the kidneys, liver and bowels, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the effective and faultless cure.

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Strength Builder.—"Myself, wife and children have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and it strengthened us. It relieved me of a lame back." DAVID MCGONAGLE, caretaker, Colt Institute, Galt, Ont.

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Local News.

From Tuesday, January 22.

One Case.—Two patent cars are being shipped from Seattle to Ladysmith, for use on the railway being built from the Lenora mines to the E. & N. line.

Organization Perfected.—The recently formed Bakers' Union met in St. William Wallace hall last evening and perfected their organization.

An Astonishing Case.—The many friends of Mrs. Campbell, No. 205 Douglas street, will be pleased to learn that she is fast recovering from a critical operation, performed by Dr. Frank Hall, at the Jubilee hospital, the end of December last.

New Tariff.—The W. P. & Y. R. have issued a new lumber tariff, freighting rates on rough and dressed lumber and shingles over 30 per cent. The tariff runs on carloads of rough lumber was \$2 per hundred pounds; while the new tariff is \$1.30. The old tariff cut at St. Peter street was \$3 per hundred pounds, carload lots, and the new rate is \$2.

Inquiries From Abroad.—Local real estate dealers report they are receiving a number of inquiries from parties at points in the United States asking about lumber and other goods to be shipped.

Died at the Hospital.—Isaac Tatton, who was partially asphyxiated at the Telegraph hotel some time ago, died at the Jubilee hospital yesterday. He was a native of New York and 47 years of age.

Street Railway Profits.—The net earnings of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company for November were \$19,263, as against \$17,700 for the corresponding period last year, making from the 1st of April to date \$131,723, as against \$132,113.

Want a Creeper.—The farmers of North and South Saanich and Victoria districts have formed a Victoria Creeper Association, and active steps are being taken towards securing the early erection of some planters for the purpose of being very necessary adjunct to modern and successful dairying.

An Inquiry Answered.—A gentleman conversant with conditions in Queen Charlotte Island, on the query which has been made on the subject of the copper or carbon there. Some were taken there by Indians from the Mainland a number of years ago, but they were killed off by dogs.

A Fish Story.—Ald. Hall is authority for the statement that Mr. Noble, a fisherman, hooked a huge codfish out in the Straits yesterday morning, which was seized almost simultaneously by a ground shark. He could not land his extraordinary catch, so cut off the shark's tail, which is now on exhibition at a Johnson street fish stall.

About Fruit.—The provincial government has issued a pamphlet containing a list of the varieties of fruit recommended by the board of horticulture as best for orchard and garden purposes.

An Unfounded Story.—A few days ago the Vancouver World published a statement to the effect that the staff at the New Westminister jail had been made, and that Superintendent Huxsey had gone over to New Westminster, but beyond that there is no truth in the story.

The School Opened.—The manual training school was opened last Monday at the Boys' Central school, 39 pupils from the senior grades of the school were present. The pupils were put to work at drawing simple plans and elevations, and given an insight into the handling of tools.

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Penian Raid Medal.—The medal claim board, Ottawa, has granted the Rev. D. Macleod the medal for services during the Fenian Raid, 1866, with the Argentinian Rangers, 11th Batt.

Savoy Case.—Mr. Powell had just commenced his argument for the defence in the Savoy case in the city police court yesterday when the announcement was received of the death of the Queen and the case was adjourned until Saturday.

Has a Record.—Chief Langley has received from the Seattle authorities a photograph of Ellsworth Boyles, who served terms in the state of Washington for forgery and petty larceny.

From Thursday.

Exhibition Adjourned.—On account of the death of the Queen the exhibition at the manual training school arranged for the Lenora mines to the E. & N. line.

More Reading.—A second edition of the souvenir number of the Colonist is now ready. Call early and secure a copy at the office of publication of the book store news stands.

Farmers' Institute.—The annual meeting of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute will be held at Royal Oak school house, Friday evening, when the officers for the coming year will be elected.

An Astonishing Case.—The many friends of Mrs. Campbell, No. 205 Douglas street, will be pleased to learn that she is fast recovering from a critical operation, performed by Dr. Frank Hall, at the Jubilee hospital, the end of December last.

New Tariff.—The W. P. & Y. R. have issued a new lumber tariff, freighting rates on rough and dressed lumber and shingles over 30 per cent. The tariff runs on carloads of rough lumber was \$2 per hundred pounds; while the new tariff is \$1.30.

Inquiries From Abroad.—Local real estate dealers report they are receiving a number of inquiries from parties at points in the United States asking about lumber and other goods to be shipped.

Died at the Hospital.—Isaac Tatton, who was partially asphyxiated at the Telegraph hotel some time ago, died at the Jubilee hospital yesterday. He was a native of New York and 47 years of age.

Street Railway Profits.—The net earnings of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company for November were \$19,263, as against \$17,700 for the corresponding period last year, making from the 1st of April to date \$131,723, as against \$132,113.

Want a Creeper.—The farmers of North and South Saanich and Victoria districts have formed a Victoria Creeper Association, and active steps are being taken towards securing the early erection of some planters for the purpose of being very necessary adjunct to modern and successful dairying.

An Inquiry Answered.—A gentleman conversant with conditions in Queen Charlotte Island, on the query which has been made on the subject of the copper or carbon there. Some were taken there by Indians from the Mainland a number of years ago, but they were killed off by dogs.

A Fish Story.—Ald. Hall is authority for the statement that Mr. Noble, a fisherman, hooked a huge codfish out in the Straits yesterday morning, which was seized almost simultaneously by a ground shark. He could not land his extraordinary catch, so cut off the shark's tail, which is now on exhibition at a Johnson street fish stall.

About Fruit.—The provincial government has issued a pamphlet containing a list of the varieties of fruit recommended by the board of horticulture as best for orchard and garden purposes.

An Unfounded Story.—A few days ago the Vancouver World published a statement to the effect that the staff at the New Westminister jail had been made, and that Superintendent Huxsey had gone over to New Westminster, but beyond that there is no truth in the story.

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Montreal's Huge Fire

Widespread Destruction in Heart of the Wholesale Business District.

Splendid Board of Trade Buildings Totally Wrecked and Many Warehouses.

The Loss Will be Enormous Mounting into the Millions.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—A fire, which started in the wholesale district at 8:05 last night, at 1 o'clock this morning has destroyed property valued at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, and was still burning, but the appearance is that the firemen have at last got it under control.

The following are estimates of the principal losses: Board of Trade, \$600,000; insurance, \$400,000; tenants' loss, \$100,000; H. Saxe & Co., wholesale clothiers, \$75,000; H. A. Nelson, Sons & Co., wholesale fancy goods, \$150,000; Bordmore & Co., tanners, \$100,000; Silverman Boulter & Co., hats, caps, etc., \$125,000; Corstine & Co., furs, \$300,000; C. S. Eybold, Sons & Co., \$80,000; Bedman, Greenlees & Co., hats and furs, \$50,000; H. Levi, woollens, etc., \$60,000; C. A. Chonillon & Cie commission merchants, \$50,000; B. Levin & Co., wholesale furs, \$50,000; Gilmore Bros. & Co., commission merchants, \$50,000; Laporte, Martin & Co., \$50,000; H. Cohen & Co., wholesale clothiers, \$40,000.

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which already had fallen prey to the flames; but the firemen were apparently roused, and could not stay the march of the devouring element. By this time every fire-fighting apparatus the city possessed was in use. Two water-towers which had failed to keep the blaze from the Board of Trade building were shifted around to St. Paul street, but here again they were too late. The fire dashed across the narrow street and attacked the premises of Thomas Davidson, 300, a man, facturing tinmiths, spreading east and west, including H. Levi, drygoods, and half a dozen other smaller concerns.

On Lemone street the big wholesale grocery firm of Laporte, Martin & Co. was ablaze. After the firemen had abandoned all hope of saving the Board of Trade building, they concentrated their efforts mainly on this building, for the spread of the flames in this direction meant the loss of the entire wholesale drygoods section. At 12:30 it looked as if the building might be saved, but the stock will be heavily damaged by water.

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