

BOTH PARTIES CERTAIN.

An election day approaches the men engaged in the active work of the Presidential campaign are resorting to every possible device to ensure success.

The managers of the Presidential election see the necessity of trying to convince the people that there can be no doubt as to which candidate is to be victorious on Tuesday next.

The Democratic, or rather the Popocratic, accounts have the same appearance of exactness, the same seeming fairness in giving doubtful states to the Republicans and the same indications of sincerity.

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CONSUMPTION.

It has been observed that the deaths from consumption in Great Britain have of late years been appreciably diminished. Part of this diminution has been, and very properly, attributed to a better and more intelligent observance of the laws of health.

Most serene Prince, Letters have been sent us from Geneva as also from the Danubian, and many other places bordering upon your Territories, where we are given to understand, that such of your Royal Highness's Subjects as profess the Reform'd Religion, are commanded by your Edict, and by your Authority, within three days to desist from their native Seats and Habitations, upon pain of capital Punishment, and forfeiture of their Fortunes and Estates, unless they will give security to relinquish their Religion within twenty days, and embrace the Roman Catholic Faith.

means were used consumption could be stamped out of a community as surely if not as rapidly as smallpox.

It is also believed that consumption, particularly in its early stages, can be cured. "The marvellous success," says the Montreal Star, "of Dr. Trudeau's institution at Saronac Lake in the Adirondacks has put beyond a doubt the curative power of pure dry air in the vast majority of cases.

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The sovereign to whom Cromwell sent his letter of remonstrance was Immanuel, Duke of Savoy. It was written in Latin, as all diplomatic correspondence was in those days, but Milton's own translation of it has been preserved. The following is part of it, with the spelling and capitalization of the original:

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nity towards your Subjects as the fruit of our earnest Solicitation.

The Protector was not satisfied with sending the above remonstrance to the Duke of Savoy. He knew that the King of France could bring influence to bear on the Italian prince which he could not well resist, and he consequently sent a special envoy to the court of "the Most Serene and Potent Prince Louis, King of France," giving the envoy a special introduction to Cardinal Mazarini, who was then the King's Prime Minister.

The Protector also addressed what would now be called an identical note to the Prince of Transylvania, to Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden, to the United Province, to "The Evangelick Cities" of Switzerland, and to the King of Denmark and Norway. This letter asked for the same interposition which he had already made for England, and indicated a common line of action if the Duke of Savoy proved contumacious.

THE LATE W. R. HIGGINS.

It is with deep regret that we have this morning to refer to the death of Mr. W. R. Higgins, son of a former proprietor of the Colonist, and who was himself subsequently interested in its ownership. The deceased was one of the most genial and worthy young fellows, whose face was almost always a sunshine, indicative of the whole-souledness and geniality which characterized him.

THE TARTE BANQUET.

The speeches made at the banquet given in Winnipeg to the Hon. Israel Tarte, Minister of Public Works, were of a peculiar character. It might be supposed that at a banquet given in honor of a member of the Government in the capital of Manitoba some attention would be given to the question that has occupied the attention of not only the Manitobans but the people of the whole Dominion. It must be remembered that the banquet was a political banquet, attended chiefly, if not altogether, by politicians. Yet at this festive gathering of Manitoba Liberal politicians the subject of the school question seems to have been studiously avoided by all the speakers except Mr. Tarte.

The absence of the leader of the Government, Hon. Mr. Greenway, was very significant. To judge by the indications observable at the Tarte dinner we should say that the Premier's sunny ways have not been very successful in conciliating either the people of Manitoba or the people of Quebec. They are to all appearance as wide apart as ever they were. The failure of Mr. Laurier to perform his election promises has apparently created difficulties which the negotiators have found it impossible to overcome.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—The number of workmen who have been notified to leave the public works department at the end of the month is 25. A few have been taken on to replace some of those discharged. Sir Henry Joly is running over a list of the inland revenue officers in the department, with a view of discharging a number.

OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—The following rumors regarding the cabinet are current: Sir Richard Cartwright will remain minister of trade and commerce until the tariff matter is settled, when Sir Oliver Mowat will become Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, leaving the portfolio of justice to Hon. Mr. Davies, Hon. Mr. Fleiding taking the marine and fisheries department, and Sir Richard Cartwright that of finance.

MONTREAL, Oct. 31.—A cable from St. Louis indicates that the skating champion of the world will be decided in this city on February 5 and 6. There will be twenty events—amateur and professional.

RESULTS OF THE STORM

Death and Devastation Attend a Cyclic Visitor—Wide-Sweeping Disaster.

Houses Blown Away—Trees Torn Up by the Roots—Rain and Snow.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 30.—The cyclone which struck this city on Thursday swept over a distance of about a mile and a half, or thirty blocks from Penion street to Robin street, the track of the storm being about 100 feet wide from the river to Penion street. The first building damaged was the Independence Oil Company's mill, situated at the head of Penion street. It was unroofed and the building and contents damaged to the amount of \$6,000.

The property loss is estimated at \$100,000. The Skytop cotton sheds, situated on Robin street near the river front, used by the Texas & Pacific railroad for cotton storage, were damaged to the extent of \$10,000. A number of the sheds were completely destroyed.

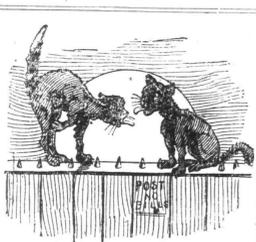
NEWELLTON, La., Oct. 30.—Tensas parish has again been visited by a most destructive cyclone. The atmosphere has been heavy and sultry all day, the clouds growing blacker and blacker. At 12 o'clock a terrible wind and rain storm reached Lake St. Joseph. Telegraph wires were torn down and a most unsatisfactory report reached here from the lower part of the parish, where the storm originated.

OMAHA, Oct. 30.—Western Nebraska is covered with ten inches of snow. In some sections of this state a high wind accompanied the snow, assuming the proportions of a blizzard. Trains are delayed and on several branches have been stuck in snow drifts.

OXFORD, Mass., Oct. 30.—A terrific cyclone passed through the eastern part of Lafayette county Thursday, demolishing farm houses and uprooting trees of all sizes. The news has just reached here, being reported by Hon. W. V. Sullivan, Democratic candidate for congress, and T. J. Harkus. Mr. Sullivan was speaking at Tulsa and was returning to Oxford, where he is a resident. He and Mr. Harkus were caught in the storm's path. They were driving a double team. The wind lifted them 200 yards, and all was completely demolished by falling timbers, but neither men nor horses were seriously hurt.

THE STRATHY MURDER. BARRIE, Oct. 31.—Brennan, who shot banker Strathy, was found guilty at the second trial. He is to be hanged on January 19. Until midnight it is understood the jury stood nine for murder and three for manslaughter. At midnight it was eleven for murder and one for manslaughter. At 9 a.m. all stood for murder, the jury having been out 15 hours. The foreman said that the jury took no stock in the insanity plea, but recommended the prisoner to mercy because of the uncertainty as to the amount of provocation deceased had given the prisoner.

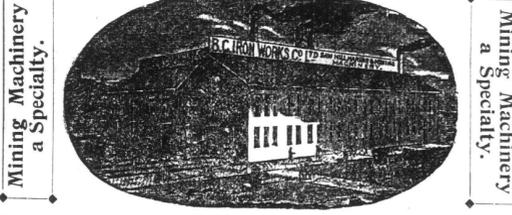
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The life of the dyspeptic is proverbially a miserable one, eliciting universal commiseration. Not so much because of the actual painfulness of the ailment, but largely because it projects its pessimistic shadows upon all the concerns of life, and here they sit like a deadly incubus upon every enterprise. An impaired digestion gives rise to an inability that exposes the person to much annoyance, besides being extremely trying upon others. We are all aware of the value of cheerfulness in life. It is a flower of the rarest worth and strongest attractions. It is a tonic to the sick and a disinfectant to the healthy. Those things that disturb a man's habitual cheerfulness, lessen his usefulness and ought therefore to be resisted by some drastic and efficient remedy. The duties that devolve upon the average man and woman are invested in so much difficulty as to put a premium on hopefulness. The relation between the prevailing moods of the mind, and the health of the digestive apparatus is close and vital. Hence it is not surprising that many would-be benefactors have caught the patronage of sufferers from indigestion. Judging by results Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is a remedy unique in its success, therefore it is confidently recommended as a safe and adequate cure for acute dyspepsia. This claim is substantiated by experience, as the following facts will show.

Mrs. D. McCrimmon, of Williamstown, Glangary Co., suffered untold misery from a severe attack of dyspepsia, which manifested itself in those many unpleasant ways for which dyspepsia is notorious. Ever at an attempt to take food was a menace to every relief of comfort, until the stomach was relieved of its burden by vomiting. When not suffering from the presence of food in the stomach, there are other symptoms of discomfort from the first taking of the food. Such an aggregation of the symptoms produced a trying state of affairs, and relief was eagerly sought. One of the best physicians of the neighborhood was consulted. He prescribed his medicine, but taken and his directions followed, but without any substantial relief. When Mrs. McCrimmon expressed her intention of trying Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the doctor laughed and said that he had never known of the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. However Mrs. McCrimmon decided she could not afford to leave untried such a well recommended remedy as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Hence she took a course of this medicine, which after a fair trial was eminently successful. From being only able to take stale bread and milk or soda biscuits, she became able to take a hearty meal of any variety, without the painful effects that once asserted themselves after every meal. It only remains to be said that Mrs. McCrimmon improved in flesh and general comfort from the first taking of the pills, and almost anything going she could eat with impunity. Dyspepsia became a thing of the past, and largely belonging to the past. It is little wonder therefore that she urges the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills upon others similarly afflicted. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills create new blood, build up the nerves, and thus drive disease from the system. In hundreds of cases they have cured after all other medicines had failed, thus establishing the claim that they are a marvel among the triumphs of modern medical science. The genuine Pink Pills are sold only in boxes, bearing the full name of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Protect yourself from imposition by refusing any pill that does not bear the registered trade mark around the box.

CUBAN PRISONERS.

HAVANA, Oct. 31.—In view of the attacks of the Madrid press saying that political prisoners from Cuba who are sent to Spain and Africa are treated as first class wounded, the government has ordered these prisoners in future to be sent to their destinations as third class passengers. Col. Francis, of the Valladolid battalion, has captured the camp of the insurgent leader Cloriente at Cueva Sabalo, in the province of Pinar del Rio. The enemy left thirty-two killed and a quantity of ammunition in the camp, and the troops lost five men killed and two maimed. General Hines in reconnoitering has destroyed one hundred country houses.

NOTICE.

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MCKINLEY OR BRYAN?

Statement of the Populist Committee—Watson Will Not Imperil Bryan's Chances.

Moreton Frewen Believes That the "Boy Orator" Will Win the Election.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The letter of Mr. Moreton Frewen, the well-known English economist, which appeared in yesterday's Times and was briefly referred to in last night's dispatches, has caused considerable stir in financial circles. The letter bears date of Chicago, October 17. Mr. Frewen says in part: "Never before in any election was the strife of tongues, the clash of authorities so bewildering. In New York not merely the business community, but all the shrewdest political bosses are unshaken in the conviction that Major McKinley must inevitably win. Mr. Bryan, a Democrat, arrived here this morning from the West, having addressed immense crowds at St. Louis, Omaha, Kansas City, Grand Rapids and elsewhere in the interest of McKinley. Mr. Cochran assures me that Mr. Bryan has no chance whatever, and that he is likely to lose even such a Democratic stronghold as Missouri.

Again, one of the most astute of Democratic senators for a state which lies between the headwaters of the Ohio and Lake Erie, believes that Major McKinley will carry every state north of the Tennessee border, and east of Colorado. He will, according to this senator, carry the doubtful states of Maryland, West Virginia and Delaware, but from the farther west it is his view that McKinley will win Nebraska by 2,000; Illinois by 60,000 and Iowa by 12,000. This morning the most uncompromising of monometallicists in President Cleveland's cabinet, Mr. Sterling Morton, reached this city from his own state, Nebraska, and is reported credibly as declaring that any man who believes that McKinley can carry Nebraska is a fool.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, who is the manager of the Bryan campaign, has been good enough to go closely into his electoral estimates with me. A year since, when all the Eastern press were declaring free silver to be dead, this Senator was nevertheless certain that the next Democratic national convention would adopt a free coinage plank. Such a forecast, at such a time, seemed ludicrous, but it was abundantly justified by the event. Today Senator Jones, is equally certain that Mr. Bryan will win and win by a large majority. The number of Republican seceders in what have hitherto been Republican strongholds, are such as to discourage the most ardent of McKinley supporters. In whole counties the Republican farmers appear now to be actively canvassing for Mr. Bryan. I have accompanied, during the past few days, the distinguished Republican bolter, States and Teller, to his country meetings. These meetings warm with Republican farmers, who listen with respect and attention to some great preacher. Mr. Bryan arrived after midnight yesterday. Today, at North Dakota, and addressed three immense open air meetings of farmers, speaking for three hours by the glare of torchlights.

What are we to gather from such conditions as these? The situation seems to resolve itself into this: The South is likely to give Mr. Bryan 156, the West 60, or 216 out of a necessary 224. Therefore McKinley must carry all of the seven central states to be safe, whereas, if Mr. Bryan wins the smallest of these states (Minnesota) the Presidential prize is his. Should he, however, lose from his apparently safe column, Oregon, Wyoming, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware, states which are less safe than the others, and win Minnesota, Michigan and Indiana, he will then be elected, with six votes to spare. To win the Presidential election, McKinley clearly must carry Illinois, whereas Mr. Bryan, should he win Michigan and Indiana, will not need Illinois. At such a crisis it is the part of wisdom for the British press to advise our investors not to be one whit dismayed if Mr. Bryan is elected.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—Secretary Edgerton of the Populist National Committee, to-day, issued the following statement: "The preposterous claims made by the Republican committee in regard to the election of McKinley are made with the ideas of fraud in all the great Republics. McKinley, on a fair vote, is beaten now by an overwhelming majority. The Republicans realize this. Yet in the face of this they make claims of an enormous majority for McKinley, but give no figures to back up their claims. They depend upon outright purchase of votes and election boards to furnish majorities they are predicting." Mr. Edgerton then cited a number of states as claiming the Republicans and presents counter claims and figures to

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show that they will be carried by Bryan, and continues: "Why do they make these claims? Simply because they are depending, not on any evidence which they now have of victory for McKinley, but on what they think Hanna's immense campaign fund may do. We have evidence that in the election next Tuesday fraud will be attempted on the most stupendous scale ever known in American politics. One plan is to buy up election boards and wherever possible to actually falsify the returns. But the plan on which they depend most is as follows: In each precinct of each of the doubtful states they will buy up purchasable men in this way; they will give a man \$10 or \$15 and pledge him so much more if he holds the vote of that precinct to a certain figure. They will buy up men in each precinct as they can find who will be for sale. Already, in each of the doubtful states they have cappers bought up by the hundreds to handle Republican money for the next few days before election and on election day, and the plan will be, not to buy men outright, but to give them so much money with a pledge to double the amount if they hold the vote of that precinct to a certain figure. We have indisputable evidence that this is the plan on which Mark Hanna and his underlings place their final dependence. He does not contemplate wholesale bribery in the election, why has he collected such an immense campaign fund which probably already reaches many millions of dollars. He cannot spend so much money for the legitimate expenses of the campaign. Then, for what purpose does he intend to use it, if not for wholesale bribery?"

The anticipation of what this money may do furnishes the basis, but only the basis, for the claims which the Republican managers are now making. Mr. Chicago, Oct. 29.—Senator Butler, chairman of the Populist National Committee, who arrived here last night, has with vice-Chairman Washburn been in consultation with Chairman Jones of the Democratic committee much of the time to-day. They have gone over the details of the campaign at considerable length together. They authorize no statement, but it is understood that they agree in classing Minnesota, Michigan and Indiana as certainly Bryan territory. Much time was spent in discussing the aspect as affected by the Populist vote and Senator Jones was assured by Messrs. Butler and Washburn that that vote would be practically unanimous for Bryan.

"It is," said Senator Butler, "in better shape than we could have hoped for at the beginning of the campaign. There are, to be sure, a few States in which fusion has not been arranged, but which fusion is not being arranged where Mr. Bryan's chances could be imperilled by failure." Mr. Jones was also assured that there need be no apprehension that Mr. Watson would do anything to imperil Mr. Bryan's chances. His much-discussed leaser of acceptance will not be given to the public. Senator Butler will not give it out, and it is understood that Mr. Watson has also agreed to withhold it.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—An address was issued from the Democratic congressional committee headquarters to-night, to the voters of the United States. In part, says: "In the preliminary battle, the people have already won. In spite of an expenditure of money so large that the civilized world stands appalled at its magnitude, to-day a majority of the people of the United States are in open revolt against the merciless gold standard and the domination of the country by the syndicated wealth of Europe and America, interested in securing or preventing legislation and in controlling the execution of the laws in their interest. All that is necessary to secure the registration of the people's will is to see that every voter polls his vote. Many of the millions collected by the syndicates have been reserved for election day. Beaten at every point, the last resort of money is to buy the ballot of the voter by purchasing his absence from the polls, or to coerce his vote by intimidation. To prevent this is possible if every patriot will do his duty."

RUSSIAN RESERVES. LONDON, Oct. 31.—The Times despatch from Odessa reports that excitement has been caused there by the sudden mobilization for a fortnight of the reserves of the Ismail and Danube regiments of the Russian army which were inspected yesterday by the Commander-in-Chief of South Russia. This despatch also states that the town bank of Odessa has contracted to supply the Turkish government with 500,000 cavalry horses.

Disastrous Railway Collision. WAPAKONETA, O., Oct. 29.—A disastrous collision happened on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad to-night. A through fast freight train ran into three loaded oil car tanks, which were left on the main track. The freight train was set on fire, destroying about 12 loaded cars. The engineer, fireman and brakeman cannot be found and are supposed to be in the ruins. The fire occurred near the Manhattan Oil Co.'s pumping station, to which the flames spread. It will be a total loss.

GOLD ON THE YUKON.

A Fresh Find—The Coal at Sudbury Reported of Inferior Quality.

Chief Engineer Schreiber Inspecting the C. P. R.—Parliament Further Prorogued.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—Dr. Dawson, director of the geological survey, says that the alleged find of coal near Sudbury is one of anthracite, a fuel of very inferior quality. Chief Engineer Schreiber left for British Columbia to-day to inspect the section of the C.P.R. on which the company have been expending the money awarded them.

Track laying on the Ottawa and Parry Sound railway 260 miles, the third long trans-Ontario line, will be completed on Monday. Parliament has been prorogued pro forma until December 17. Hon. Mr. Laurier returned to the city to-day. Surveyor Ogilvie reports a great gold find on Bonanza creek, a tributary of the Yukon, in the vicinity of Fort Cadahay. He says 200 claims have been taken up, that there is room for 1,000 more claims, and that it would take 2,000 men to mine the property properly. In a few hours three men got \$75. One nugget worth \$12 was got on the surface. If properly worked, \$300 or \$400 per day per man can be got. Mr. Ogilvie has suggested to the department to provide for the laying out of claims in such a way as to prevent the possibility of dispute.

"FALSE AND UNFOUNDED." MONTREAL, Oct. 31.—(Special)—Mr. Grenier, editor of La Libre Parole, and defendant in the suit instigated by Mr. Tarte, has made the following declaration under oath: "With regard to the statement recently made in the Toronto Globe from Winnipeg, Mr. Tarte's declaration is entirely false, defamatory and unfounded. I declare in substance, I never have been a Christian Brother, nor a Protestant minister, have never been a member of any congregation and have never been a Protestant in Canada or elsewhere." L'Union des Cantons, Premier Laurier's own organ, at Arthabaskaville, where the Premier now is, announces that the Manitoba school question has been settled. The understanding arrived at, according to that paper, is that the Premier will continue to exist, but that religious instruction is secured for Catholics as well as the French in districts where the majority are French.

FLOODS IN FRANCE. Numerous Important Districts Completely Submerged—Inhabitants Imprisoned in Their Houses. Roads and Railways Washed Away—The Greatest Consternation Prevailing Everywhere.

PARIS, Oct. 31.—The floods are increasing, the river Seine is rising, all the dykes erected on the banks are submerged and the river Rhone, at Beaucage, is at the highest point ever known. All the gates of the town are closed and have been strengthened by enormous crossbeams. At Vallebrecque and Comps, scores of families are imprisoned. Ladders are attached to a window of each house and at the bottom the ladders are weighted down with stones. In this manner food is transferred from boats to the imprisoned inhabitants. In many of the riverside villages, the postmen are delivering the mail from boats and at Bouton the flood was so severe that all the inhabitants of the neighborhood have abandoned their homes, which are now surrounded by an immense lake. The rivers Ain and Saone have also overflowed and the villages and country about them are inundated, the roads and railways are washed away and the inhabitants are in a state of consternation. Great anxiety is felt concerning the condition of affairs at Avignon, the lower portions of which have been flooded. The valleys of Ardeche have been inundated by the torrential rain. The upper districts of Cevennes have also suffered great damage. A part of Auxerre has been inundated and food has to be taken to the inhabitants from outside districts in boats. Numerous smaller towns in Southern France report more or less extensive floods and loss of property.

DISTRESS IN LABRADOR. ST JOHN'S, Nfld., Oct. 31.—The distress among the Labrador and Newfoundland fishermen must be increased because of the drop in the colony's fish in the Portuguese markets, it having dropped 60 to 70 cents per cwt., in the past three days. This is the best foreign market Newfoundland has and local prices must fall in consequence, thereby depriving them of the means of providing food for the winter to the same extent. The government expects to have heavy claims for relief during the next four months owing to this, because the fishermen must dispose of their catches during November before navigation closes.

Strong and Hannabach have struck pay dirt on their placer claim near Keor ranch.

LONDON CABLE GOSSIP.

Unpleasant Consequences of the Cabmen's Strike—The Boodles Club—Society Topics.

Artillery Practice in the Solent—The Prince of Wales and the Freemasons.

(London Cable Letter copyrighted by A.P., 1896.) LONDON, Oct. 31.—The metropolis is greatly incommoded by the cab strike. The drivers started the system of boycotting the railroad stations which produced scenes of confusion and exasperation at different depots, where huge piles of baggage were set down by the roadway and crowds of indignant male and female Britons, hampered by bags, travelling rugs, packages, etc., were fretting, fuming, and in some cases "swearing," while pushing about in a more or less helpless condition, engaging messengers, porters, and anybody at hand to help them out of their difficulties. In fact, the trouble and trouble were so great that the officials of the railroads have been compelled to apply for extra police protection. One feature of the cabmen's strike is the almost endless number of passengers promised for the future. The police have been busily engaged taking the numbers of all the cab drivers who refuse to enter the termini.

INTERESTING DIVORCE SUIT. The so-called "smart set" are taking considerable interest in the suit for divorce brought by the Countess of Cowley, against the Earl, her husband, on the ground of desertion and adultery. The first hearing of which was postponed yesterday until next session, owing to the defence not having had time enough to examine the deposition which has been filed from Canada. The co-respondent in the case is Mrs. Charrington. The affair recalls the fact that the Earl, while Viscount Dangan, was forced to heavily compensate Phyllis Brangborne, the well known actress, for breach of promise. The Dowager Countess Cowley, in August a year ago, was sued by Mrs. Jacoby, the sister-in-law of James A. Jacoby, M.P., for slander, the plaintiff charging her with making anonymous and objectionable letters affecting the character of numerous persons of high social standing. The case was finally settled by both parties swearing that they did not write the letter and did not know who did.

IN THE FASHIONABLE SET. Society here is delighted at the engagement of the Marquis of Waterford to Lady Beatrice Butler, the leading beauty of the day, a daughter of the Marquis of Ormonde and niece of Lady Arthur Butler formerly of Chicago, a daughter of General Anson Stanger. Lord Ebury is about to sell Moor Park, Rickmanstown, to Mr. G. Oliver Belmont. The original house was built in 1460 by George Neville, Archbishop of York, and was once occupied by Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey. The present house was built at the end of the seventeenth century by the Duke of Monmouth, in Dutch style. Moor Park is notably beautiful.

THE BOODLES CLUB. Various paragraphs have appeared in the English society papers during the past few weeks in regard to the Boodles Club. A short time ago it was announced that the premises had been sold to the Royal Yacht Squadron, and that they would hereafter have the historic club house on St. James street as their town house. Another report is that the Royal Yacht Club secured the Boodles as a matter of fact, both reports are without foundation. The Boodles is one of the oldest and most exclusive English clubs, and among its six hundred members has the largest number of which every member of the aristocracy and wealthy land owners of Great Britain. It has always been a country gentlemen's club, and until a few years ago, when the Duke of Beaufort had a row with the committee, was the headquarters of the masters of the fox hounds throughout England. Lord Beaufort and several foxhunting friends withdrew, but during the past few years the younger element, consisting mostly of officers of the household regiments, entered the club and it remains one of the smartest and most comfortable in London. The Boodles was founded in 1762 and has always been a proprietary club. The list of its members, and from this list he wrote some of his letters in 1777 and 1774. Wilberforce also wrote that the first time he entered the Boodles he won 25 guineas for St. James street. Norfolk "Thackeray" described it and its famous windows, where the old bucks used to sun themselves and ogle the ladies as they drove up St. James street. For fifteen years past the club has been owned and managed by the Gaynards, who inherited it from their father. She died last spring at the age of 75, and the very reports regarding the club's future are doubtless due to her death.

MASONIC. On December 1 the Prince of Wales will be nominated for election as Grand Master of the English Master Masons. This will be the twelfth consecutive nomination with which he has been honored. On the following evening the Prince will for the twenty-third consecutive year of the United Grand Lodge be nominated for election as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the English Free Masons. The respective elections will be held on March 2 and 3, 1897.

ARTILLERY PRACTICE IN THE SOLENT. The project to place the Solent under control of the war office for the purposes of artillery practice has caused intense commotion in yachting circles. Admiral Nares, in behalf of the clubs, vigorously opposing the suggestion, and pointing out that the project would make navigation almost as dangerous as an attempt to enter a hostile port defended by powerful batteries, as is already the case with the south of the Medway.

THE MARLBOROUGHS. Mr. John Jacob Astor has commissioned Julian Storey to paint a portrait of the Prince of Wales in honor of the latter's visit to Oldfield House. The party at Oldfield House during the visit of the Prince of Wales to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough at the end of

BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Efforts to Promote a More Friendly Feeling—The Bismarck Revelations.

King Humbert Slighted by the Church—Olympic Games to Be Perpetuated.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—As a first result of the efforts of a number of influential commercial men and politicians on both sides of the channel to promote a better feeling between France and Great Britain through a commercial rapprochement, the Lord Mayor-elect of London, Mr. George T. Phillips, intends to invite the mayors of thirty of the principal towns in France to attend a grand banquet at the Mansion house with the mayors of the principal towns of Great Britain. Already several of the French mayors have signified that they will accept the invitation, among them being M. Baudien, president of the municipal council of Paris, and the mayors of Bourdeaux, Marseilles and Lille.

General Forester-Wilkes and a select committee of the war department officials have been conducting a series of experiments with the Zalsinsky dynamite gun at Millford Haven. An old gun which had been used as a target, was allowed to drift off the harbor and seventeen rounds were fired at her at a distance of about 3,500 yards but only one shot hit the target and the gun therefore was considered a failure. Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies was elected to-day lord rector of Glasgow University.

The English newspapers have been commenting most cheerfully upon the Bismarck revelations in the Hamburger. The speaker says: "Prince Bismarck's last act is in harmony with his general character. Rather than lose a chance of striking those who supplanted him he would shatter the fabric of the German empire. He has shown that the empire while he was in power was a gully of the most heinous treason as a gully. There never was a more colossal piece of perfidy." The fetes in honor of the marriage of the Crown Prince of Italy and the Princess Helene of Montenegro are over. It appears that in spite of previous dispatches from Rome to the contrary, when King Humbert and Queen Margarete entered the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, where the marriage ceremony was performed, they found that no preparations for their reception had been made and they had to sit in the body of the church. Mr. Pissidelli, who officiated, upon being asked for an explanation, said the details had been arranged by the Pope, "who considered that their Majesties would be no part of the ceremonial." The astonishment of the King and Queen of Italy and the anger of the court were increased tenfold when the usual prayer for royalty was omitted, and it is said a long time will elapse before the commotion thus caused subsides.

Advices received here from Athens state that the Great assembly will introduce a bill during the coming session of the boule or legislative assembly of Greece, providing for quadrennial Olympic games in the Stadion. M. G. Averoff, a wealthy Greek merchant, who acted in part as the sponsor for the games this year, has written the Crown Prince offering the sum of 3,600,000 drachmas to reconstruct it in Pentilic Mastos. Joaze Ntola, an American singer, by desire of the Infanta Eulalia, had been engaged for the winter season at the Madrid opera house, but the contract, she has been notified, has been cancelled owing to the feeling of Spain against the United States for the support they have given the insurgents in Cuba. The director of the opera house said: "If an American sang under the patronage of the court, it would lead to a demonstration against the royal family." Cardinal Satolli, the former papal delegate to the Roman Catholic church in the United States, has arrived in Rome.

The international co-operative congress, which has just closed its session here elected Mrs. Nelson and James Rhodes to be the representatives of the United States on the central committee in London.

DISCORDANT MUSICIANS. MONTREAL, Oct. 31.—(Special)—W. J. Birks, organist of St. James church, and John M. Williams, choirmaster of St. James Methodist church, have entered suits against Herbert J. Fattou, organist of Emmanuel church, for wilful and malicious slander, each claiming the sum of \$2,500. The C.P.R. has sent a circular to every agent and operator on the railroad line asking them to state their grievances. This step arises out of the recent strike and with a view to remedy causes of complaint where such are shown to exist. Dr. L. L. Desaulniers, for twenty-eight years chairman of the board of inspectors of prisons and asylums, died here this morning at the age of 73. Deceased, who was a staunch Conservative, was first elected to the Canadian assembly in 1854. In 1867 he was returned to the House of Commons and sat until 1887 for Saint Maurice.

Manitoba flour is in good demand in Australia. On Thursday afternoon the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. accepted a cable order for 500 tons, equal to 5,000 barrels, for shipment from their Portage la Prairie mill to Vancouver, and thence to Sydney, N.S.W. The Dominion government, it is stated, will shortly commence an investigation into certain matters at the Montreal post office. There is no complaint against the superior officials, but certain minor officials are aimed at and in particular one official, against whom complaint is made, is charged with having interfered in politics during the last election, having prevented Liberal newspapers going through the mails. Superintendent and Mrs. F. S. Husey returned yesterday evening from a visit to the provincial interior.

MURDERS AT SEA. First Mate of the "Herbert Fuller" Indicted for Killing the Captain and Other Persons. BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 29.—The grand jury in the United States Circuit court to-day indicted Thos. Bram, first mate, the barkentine Herbert Fuller, for the murder of Capt. Thos. Nash, his wife and second mate Bamberg, on board the Herbert Fuller last July.

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KOOTENAY TRADE.

Mr. Carlyle, Provincial Mineralogist, Gives Impressions of His Visit to the Interior.

Coast Cities Should Strive to Obtain Their Share of the Growing Market.

Mr. W. A. Carlyle, provincial mineralogist, has returned from a four months' trip to the Kootenay country, having during that period visited the leading mining camps in both East and West Kootenay.

One thing Mr. Carlyle says that the Coast cities should realize is that the mining industry in the interior is now firmly established and every week the horizon is widening.

The Coast cities must be alive and doing if they want a slice of the Kootenay trade, and there is no reason why they should not be just as favorably situated for trading with Kootenay as the East.

Mr. Carlyle in the time he has been away, travelled over a large extent of country as possible and his forthcoming reports will contain much valuable information on the various districts visited.

A NATIONAL SERMON.

Rev. Dr. Lucas last night at the Metropolitan Methodist church gave what was by far the most eloquent lecture he has yet delivered in Victoria. It was, as Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, the chairman, happily styled it, a national sermon, closing as it did with a fine patriotic appeal to Canadians to remember that each bore on his shoulders a share of the responsibility for the national honor.

During the evening Mr. W. A. Carlyle said several times and at the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was passed to Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper for presiding as chairman.

VESSELS MISSING.

Anxiety Felt for the "Helga Caroline" and the Sloop "Birdie" Long Out.

Sanitary Work Being Done Along the Water Front—The "Miowera" Due.

THE CITY.

Messrs. Ledingham Bros., of this city, have dissolved partnership, Mr. W. J. Ledingham retiring.

Argument in the appeal of the Queen v. Victoria Lumber Co. was concluded yesterday, judgment being reserved.

Last night's Chamer brought over from Vancouver two pieces of heavy ordnance for the Macaulay Point fortifications.

The Arion Club open their fifth season under the direction of Mr. William Greig with a concert at Institute hall on the evening of the 11th November.

Mr. George J. Burnett, the talented organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, is arranging for a most meritorious concert to be given in about a fortnight.

Mrs. L. Jones, daughter of Mr. J. T. Pabst, formerly of this city, was united in marriage at San Francisco recently to Mr. D. A. Hanna; Rev. J. G. Gibson officiated.

Messrs. Bodwell & Irving give notice in the Gazette, of their intention to apply at the next session of the local house for an extension of time for the commencement and completion of operations under the Kootenay Power Co.'s construction act.

The first whist party of the James Bays passed off very happily last night, eight tables being occupied. The first prize went to Mr. C. Fletcher, who had eight wins to his credit out of the ten games played; and Mr. G. Watson being the least successful was presented with the customary memorial.

The Cumberland and Union Waterworks Co. will seek confirmation of their incorporation during the approaching session of the provincial legislature. Their water is proposed to be taken from Hamilton creek and a series of small lakes not far from the townsite of Cumberland.

The Arlington Hotel Co., of Portland, with a capital stock of \$10,000, has been duly registered among the foreign companies authorized to do business in British Columbia, with the stated object of conducting hotels, inns, etc., in this province—and incidentally to engage a little in mining operations.

ALD. PARTRIDGE has given notice that when the motion comes up in the city council to finally pass the new by-law he will move that the by-law be not further proceeded with by the council until after a vote of the electors entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the municipality has been taken, and the by-law receive the assent of a majority of the votes polled at such election.

SEVERAL excursionists went over to Vancouver on the Chamer this morning, where they will transfer to the Comox, which carries them to Texada island. There they will view the mining works which bid fair to make Texada island rank as one of the most important camps in the province. The excursion are expected back on Monday. The outfit is under the management of the Union Steamship Company.

THERE WAS AN unusually large attendance at yesterday's meeting of the local W.C.T.U., when Dr. Lucas delivered a fine and much appreciated address, in the course of which he touched upon the several lines of the Union's work and gave valuable suggestions drawn from his personal experience. He has promised to return to Victoria next January for a series of addresses under the auspices of the Union.

CONSTRUCTION OF two new interior railways is foreshadowed in notices of private bills published in the B.C. Gazette, yesterday. Messrs. McPhillips, Wootton & Barnard representing a proposed company the field of whose operations is to be within a radius of fifty miles of Galena Bay, and Messrs. Hunter & Duff giving notice in behalf of a company proposing to build from Revelstoke to the junction of the Columbia and Canoe rivers.

THE appeal in Johnston v. Stoll was dismissed by the Full court. This was an appeal from an order made by the Chief Justice at Nelson, overruling the defendant's motion to dismiss the plaintiff's action for want of prosecution. The action was one to sustain an adverse claim filed against a mineral claim. The writ was not served for some six months and there was delay in filing statement of claim, it being delivered out of time. The Full court dismissed the appeal with costs, holding that no different practice obtained in the actions brought in reference to mineral claims and that the order of the Chief Justice was a proper one. Mr. P. E. Irving for appellant; Mr. A. E. McPhillips for respondent.

THREE of the quartette of the crew of the bark Wythoff, arrested on Wednesday for refusing duty, were tried by the police magistrate yesterday. The charge against the fourth, H. Driver, was withdrawn, as he was an apprentice whose time expired on the voyage to this port, so that he is not now regularly on the ship's books. Mr. Dennis Murphy appeared for the defence of the other men, held that they were guilty of disobeying the captain's orders, and the sentence was three weeks' imprisonment.

TORONTO, Oct. 29.—Australian papers received here announce a challenge to Gaudaur for the sculling championship of the world. The challenger is George Towns, of Newcastle, New South Wales. He wants Gaudaur to row him on the Parramatta, for the championship of the world and £500 a side. He offers an allowance of £100 for expenses.

SLANDER RETRACTED.

Apology Tendered Sir Charles Tupper by the Government Organ at Halifax.

An Unusually Mean and Contemptible Attack—To Influence the Pending Election.

(From the Mail-Enterprise) An apology has been tendered to Sir Charles Tupper by the government organ at Halifax for the slander it published and circulated with regard to him just before the last contest. It is altogether doubtful that the mendacity in which the Liberal leaders and journals indulged in during the campaign of 1896 has ever been exceeded in any previous election. The disgrace commenced with the leader himself, who was not ashamed to travel Ontario telling the people that certain public money—money in which his own firm had honestly participated—had been given to lawyers as boodle. It was renewed by the same gentleman on the floor of the House, when he attributed to his leading opponent, an opinion offensive to an important class in the community, which opinion, as Mr. Laurier well knew—for the thing had been proven to be an invention—had never been uttered.

Mr. Laurier set the pace, and his companions in arms, following his example, misrepresented to their hearts' content. His closest and dearest friend, Pacaud, of Quebec, opened fire on Conservative leaders in that province. This Reform statesman related in a most circumstantial manner that Mr. Angers had accepted \$25,000 as boodle from a contractor with the provincial government. Seeing that Pacaud had in large figures—\$100,000 being his charge in the Bales des Chaleurs transaction—one would almost be inclined to think that his ground of complaint against Mr. Angers would be that he had out the tariff. But this was not Pacaud's objection to the alleged Angers deal. Pacaud was momentarily virtuous, and he objected to the receipt by Mr. Angers of any money at all. Mr. Angers forced Pacaud into court to prove his charge.

The Liberal statesman at once pleaded that he did not refer to Mr. Angers, but to some other person of the same name, to whom he could not point. This would go down with the courts, and the scamp, unable to substantiate his invention, for it was utterly unfounded, offered an abject apology. The Toronto organ was not to be out-lid by Pacaud. It was as earnest in the cause of honesty as he. From it was emitted the soundly announced that Sir Charles Tupper had passed orders-in-council aggregating fourteen millions of dollars, which money was to be distributed ostensibly for railway building purposes, but really for the corruption of the electors. Mr. Laurier said this story denied. But with the denial before him he had the assurance to stand before a Toronto audience and repeat it, as if he supposed it to be true. Seeing that the party leader countenanced and encouraged falsehood, the minor politician who wrote, and had printed in the form of an Ottawa dispatch, dated May 28, this slanderous concoction is possibly to be excused.

Sir Charles Tupper, after returning here from Winnipeg, and before leaving for Nova Scotia, called at Ottawa University, accompanied by Sir Hibbert, and had a long interview with Archbishop Langevin. After the interview was over the Premier turning to His Grace, said: "Your Grace, I am going on an important mission, and I will feel all the more secure if I have your blessing before I leave." Archbishop Langevin consented, and Sir Charles dropped on his knees before His Grace, while the latter blessed him. Sir Charles kissed the bishop's ring. Sir Hibbert and his pa were observed to smile over the affair as they drove away from the university. It was a good Catholic who knows all about it that told your correspondent, and he was very much disgusted over the use which his religion was being put to.

Here was an untruth sent out under Liberal auspices to affect the then pending election to prove his statements. He could not prove them. He knew they were false. But he could apply for postponement of his trial until the election was over, and then, having done such injury as served Mr. Laurier and his other masters, he could, in order to escape punishment, declare himself a liar, and beg of Sir Charles Tupper to be forgiven. Sir Charles may be magnanimous enough to look over the offense. But, although he may forgive, it will not be so easy for the fair-minded people of Canada to forget the mendacity branch of the Laurier campaign.

KINGSTON, Oct. 28.—Gus Milton, who was supposed to be drowned at Stag Bay, British Columbia, is not known here. There is no Milton in the directory. There are Miltons in Pittsburgh township, but none of that family are in the far West.

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IN AND OUT "FRISCO STEAMERS." Morning and evening yesterday there was a San Francisco mail ship in port, the Mexico on her regular trip to the Walla Walla outward bound. The Mexico, the first in, brought seventeen cabin and six steerage passengers for Victoria. Her freight for this city being corresponding small, but her cargo was sixty-two tons. Going south on the Walla Walla were a very heavy cargo and the following in her saloon from this city: Mrs. H. Watson, Mrs. Keith and child, Miss J. Watson, Mrs. Gibson, W. P. Moore and wife, A. King, A. Repcord and Mrs. James Brown.

PROBABLY STILL IN THE SEA. Captain Foot who has just returned from a trip to Kyngot, says that he saw nothing of either of the three sealers who were lost in the case of the Dolphin. He is not surprised for the captain had announced his intention of remaining late in the sea in the hope of meeting good weather after the first rough seas had been encountered. Captain Foot says fish are still running in both of the cannery stations on the Coast. He leaves again for Kyngot this evening with another load of Indians and their effects.

TEX new and important mining companies have been granted incorporation during the week just past, the aggregate capitalization being \$9,800,000, and the scene of prospective operations being for the most part the Kootenays. Only two of the ten are Coast companies, the head offices of the Big Chief Co. being in Vancouver and those of the Lorindale in Nanaimo. This latter company has been organized by Messrs. John C. Malher, Thomas W. Gopholm and F. McE. Young for the purpose of acquiring and developing the Lorindale claim and adjacent properties on Texada island. Here is the complete list of the new companies: Red Point Gold Mining Co. of \$1,000,000; Rossland; Robert E. Lee Gold Mining Co. of 2,000,000; Pick-up Mining and Smelting Co. of Rossland; Maroot Gold Mining Co. of Rossland; Buffalo Gold Mining Co. of Rossland; Hattie Gold Mining Co. of Rossland; Lloyd Gold Mining and Development Co. of Rossland; Last Chance Mining Co. of Spokane; 500,000; Big Chief Mining Co. of Vancouver; Lorindale Mining Co. of Nanaimo; 300,000.

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SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

British Ship "Columbia" Lost on Point Blanco While En Route From Swansea.

Sweeping Reduction in Freight Rates—The "Maude" Returns From the Coast.

The British ship Columbia, 1694 tons, laden with general cargo, en route from Swansea for Portland, has been reported a total loss, together with her cargo, on Point Blanco.

October has been an active month in shipping, in fact it has been one of the most important months of the year. This is owing to the sealing business, the dispatching of salmon vessels and the animated movement in the lumber trade of the Sound in particular.

Very changeable weather—wind and snow—was experienced on the coast by the steamer Maude, which returned to port yesterday morning.

The steam barge Katie came in from Salt Spring island yesterday with 600 boxes of apples, 10 tons of potatoes and seven tons of oats.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company has made a sweeping reduction in freight rates between San Francisco and Victoria, the rate on the steamer Walla Walla, which leaves the Golden Gate next Thursday, being \$1 per ton.

Mr. Henry Croft, who has just returned from a three weeks' trip to the Kootenay country, is strongly impressed with the fact that the coast cities should make a great effort to obtain a share of the large and rapidly growing trade of that rich mineral country.

The provincial board of horticulture at their session yesterday took action toward augmenting the discretionary powers of quarantine officers, with reference to the time allowed for the reshipment or destruction of infected nursery stock.

Mr. Croft also made a trip to the Nelson district and the rapid progress there was very marked, the mines being steadily developed and the owners making money in spite of the low price of silver.

"I hope," she said thoughtfully, "that you won't have anything more to say about the manner in which women hunt bargains and get cheated."

"Ob, that was a counterfeit for your life. He was an artist." The party with the unkempt fringe on trousers leaped into the air.

THE CITY.

The quarter mile race for the T. B. Hall challenge cup presented to the Victoria Football Club, will be run next Saturday at Caledonia Park.

The Rossland mining company with capital of \$2,000,000, incorporation of which was gazetted last Thursday, is the R. E. Lee Gold Mining Co., not the Robert E. Lee Gold Mining Co.

The winter time table on the E. & N. railway goes into effect to-morrow, the daily north bound passenger train leaving here at 8 a.m., and the express from Nanaimo arriving at 12:20; while the Saturday extra departs from here at 9:30 and arrives from up the line at 7 at the evening.

The Rugby football match between Victoria and the Fifth Regiment team yesterday at Caledonia Park, was rather a walk-over for the Victoria, who won by a score of 30 points to nothing.

During the past week a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was established in St. James' parish, the rector admitting 18 members and two associates.

The fire department destroyed all that remained of another old landmark on Friday. The large planing mill, erected many years ago by Hayward & Jenkinson, at the corner of Langley and Broughton streets, on the site of the old Hudson Bay stockade, was pulled down and the debris burned.

The Songhees Indians were in sorrow yesterday over the death of one of their most notable tribesmen. Joseph Etienne, who passed away, was a grandson of the late Chief Jinn, who was appointed in early years by Governor Douglas.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Jubilee hospital yesterday afternoon, the directors through their secretary and treasurer the sum of \$475 to be used for furnishing the sum of other theatre, this amount being the proceeds of the ball, lacrosse match and other entertainments held during the past summer.

WILLIAM ASHE, a Vancouver expressman, sought the assistance of the Victoria police last evening in the hope that they might aid him in the recovery of his wife. Mrs. Ashe, according to his story, left the Terminal City about one week ago in company with a well known Vancouver hotel man, going to San Francisco. Thither Mr. Ashe will follow by the first available steamer with the intention of recovering his wife and wreaking vengeance on her companion.

Table with columns: Free goods, Dutiable, Total, Produce of Canada, Not produce of Canada, Total. Values in dollars and cents.

TRADE WITH TRAIL.

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GRANT'S INDIFFERENCE.

A member of General Thomas's staff quietly called that officer's attention to the fact that the distinguished guest's clothes were pretty wet and his boots were thoroughly soaked with rain after his long ride through the storm, and intimated that colds were no respecter of persons.

To Deepen Erie Canal.

ALBANY, Oct. 29.—The work of deepening and improving the Erie canal is to begin at once. To-day contracts were let aggregating a million dollars for work in the vicinity of Buffalo.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

FOOTBALL. ASSOCIATION PRACTICE. A good practice game was played at the Hill yesterday between the Y.M.C.A. eleven and a mixed team.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Intermediate Football Association will be held in the Y.M.C.A. parlors next Saturday at 8 p.m.

The above match, played yesterday, resulted in a win for the Barracks by a score of 6 goals to 1, although the game was not so one-sided as the score indicated.

VICTORIA COLLEGE V. "BARRACKS." The above match, played yesterday, resulted in a win for the Barracks by a score of 6 goals to 1.

The gentlemen's events in the autumn meeting of the Victoria Golf Club were decided on their links at Oak Bay yesterday, resulting as told in the appended scores.

Table with columns: Name, Score. Lists golfers and their scores for various events.

OPEN EVENT—GENTLEMEN.

Table with columns: Name, Score. Lists golfers and their scores for the open event.

OPEN HANDICAP.

Table with columns: Name, Score. Lists golfers and their scores for the open handicap.

CLUB HANDICAP—A CLASS.

Table with columns: Name, Score. Lists golfers and their scores for the club handicap A class.

CLUB HANDICAP—B CLASS.

Table with columns: Name, Score. Lists golfers and their scores for the club handicap B class.

CRICKET. FIFTH REGIMENT C. C.

The second session of this club's existence has proved a very successful one. Out of 13 matches played, 8 have been won, 1 drawn and 4 lost.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Table with columns: Name, Runs, Wickets, Average. Lists cricketers and their batting statistics.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Table with columns: Name, Overs, Runs, Wickets, Average. Lists cricketers and their bowling statistics.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Consolidated Sable Creek Mining Company—Lumber Ships to Load at Hastings.

Salmon Fishing—Important Repairs to Wharves—Vancouver Markets—Hallowe'en Concert.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 31.—In the case of Jun Kee, who claims \$800 damages, owing to his store being flooded with water on the occasion of the burning of the unsanitary shacks on Dupont street, it has been explained by the chief of the fire brigade and the health inspector that Jun Kee's front door was repeatedly shut, and was as often opened by some unknown person, with the result that the premises were flooded with water.

J. H. Gillespie recently applied for permission to divert the waters of a creek for cannery purposes. The application was made to the Kootenay Consolidated Mining Company, the Kootenay Consolidated Mining Company, and the Kootenay Star on Sable Creek, Lardeau district, West Kootenay.

The Moodyville mill expects five lumber ships to load for foreign ports under contract on their way to this port. The Utopia left port this morning with two carloads of ore from the Ruth mine, Slocan, for the Tacoma smelter.

W. L. Hogg, of Montreal, is at the Hotel Vancouver. Mr. Hogg is interested in British Columbia mines.

The executive committee of the local Council of Women met Mrs. Beecher's on Monday evening. The quarterly meeting will be held about November 30.

The wholesale market in Vancouver is not much changed this week. The supply of Ontario apples rather exceeds the demand and affects the price of the local fruit.

A petition has been circulated amongst the wholesale houses in the city with a view of having all jobbing establishments close at noon on Saturdays.

The C.P.R. wharf is to be repaired, and the trestle piles are to be taken out and boarded piles put in their places.

The police committee of the Vancouver city council has decided to photograph all criminals convicted in the local police court and has purchased a snap shot camera for that purpose.

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, Oct. 31.—After to-day no rebate of taxes will be allowed.

Stormy weather has driven the salmon up the river and as a consequence many good catches have been made. The coho salmon season closed this morning, and fishing for steelheads commenced at noon with nets of reduced mesh.

Winnipeg Jack and Little Hands, Indians, charged with stealing from the Royal City Mills, appeared before Justice McCright yesterday and elected to be tried at the next assizes.

In the Supreme court the application to add W. Farrell as defendant in the case of H. G. v. Consolidated Railway was adjourned till Nov. 6.

GRAND FORKS.

D. M. Snyder, of Olympia, Wash., accompanied by Robert Crozier, has returned from an extended trip up the North Fork and through the Boundary district. He said: "I had no idea of the magnitude of the mineral belt of the Kettle River district."

The total shipments for the three collieries amounted to 46,896 tons in October as compared with 48,621 tons in September.

COPPER AND GOLD.

The Recent Finds at Kamloops Attracting a Great Deal of Attention.

The Belt Is Five Miles Wide and Can Be Traced for Seven Miles.

Some fine specimens of ore from the recent mining discoveries at Kamloops have been brought down by Mr. John Hepburn, who has spent the last month prospecting the district.

A man named Guerin, on whose ranch the first discoveries were made, has sold two fractions of claims for \$13,500. The vein on this property is 7 1/2 feet wide and ten tons of ore have been taken out at the surface running 30 per cent. in copper and 87 per cent. in gold.

Among those who are at present examining the country are Mr. Clarke Wallace, who, Mr. Hepburn says, speaks highly of the properties he has seen.

The Tacoma smelter has just purchased 500 tons of iron ore from the Cherry creek iron mine, which is in the same belt as the copper claims.

SHIPMENTS OF COAL. The following is the statement of shipments of coal from the Wellington, Nanaimo and Union collieries during the month just closed.

Table with columns: Name and Destination, Tons. Lists coal shipments to various destinations.

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McTavish's 9 Park Road.

Situated on Granite Creek, Albert District. Take notice that we, Francis H. Stirling, free miner's certificate No. 8227; F. P. Saunders, free miner's certificate No. 6270; George Brown, free miner's certificate No. 8631; and M. Ward, free miner's certificate No. 6745, intend 60 days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of In-creased Area for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim; and further take notice that action under Section 57 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvement.

Dated this 9th day of October, 1896. (Signed) FRANCIS HENRY STIRLING, FREDERICK P. SAUNDERS, GEORGE BROWN, MATHEW WARD.

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THE CROW'S NEST ROAD.
Some of the newspapers of the East seem to regard the Crow's Nest Pass railroad as an exclusively British Columbia work. This is quite a mistake. The people of Eastern Canada have really a greater interest in the construction of that road than have the inhabitants of British Columbia except those of the Kootenay country. The construction of that road will open up that great mining region to the trade of Eastern Canada, while the greater part of British Columbia will be, after it is built, as regards communication with the gold fields, the mining camps, and the cities of Kootenay, precisely where they are now. The construction of the Crow's Nest Pass road will be of no direct advantage to either Victoria or Vancouver. It will, in fact, be a disadvantage to them, as it will give easier and cheaper access to the mining region to their rivals and competitors in trade east of the Rocky Mountains. This is the business men of the East know well. Hence the interest they take in the project.
As the construction of that road will be of quite as much advantage to people living outside British Columbia as it will be to the majority of its inhabitants, it is only fair that the former should aid in its construction. And we have no doubt that the Dominion Government will give material aid towards the building of the line.
What the inhabitants of the Coast cities and the country in their vicinity need is direct and easy communication with the Kootenay country. This they seem determined to have. The road to the south must run through a rough and difficult region; its construction, therefore, will be expensive. Those who favor the project should bear this well in mind. The road from the Coast to Kootenay cannot be built in a day and it cannot be built without the expenditure of a great deal of money. Those who are determined that the road shall be built—and there are many who are—must face the facts manfully. They must do a great deal more than talk. They must be prepared to work hard and to make sacrifices. And they should not let the grass grow under their feet. Those who are interested in having the Crow's Nest road built are earnest and energetic, and they will lose no time in pushing their enterprise. The projectors of the line from the Coast should not allow the Eastern men to steal a march on them.

ONTARIO'S GOLD MINES.
We find in the Toronto Monetary Times of the 23rd some information relative to gold mining in Ontario. In a short review of the Fifth Report of the Bureau of Mines, Province of Ontario, we find the following passage. The "doctor" alluded to is Dr. Coleman the geologist and mineralogist of the Bureau.
A result of this second visit of the doctor's is a geological map (which accompanies the report of the Seine River and Rainy Lake country). In this region and the most encouraging discoveries have been made. "Already several mines are steadily worked and are producing gold with an outlay of capital which in other countries would strike the miner with astonishment." That prospectors and investors have not neglected this locality is seen from the fact that in Rainy River district in 1895 there were 190 leases taken out, covering 13,730 acres; besides 74 patents issued covering 4,856 acres, by far the greater part of this land being taken up for gold. The number of gold mines worked in Ontario last year was eight, employing 240 men, who raised 6,500 tons of ore, containing 3,030 ounces of gold, valued at \$50,280. But besides what gold is actually produced there is much in the untreated quartz. One mine alone estimates its ore on the dump at a value of \$16,000.
It is important to notice the different

conditions under which gold mining in Ontario and Kootenay are pursued. Granted that gold is abundant in the latter district, the precious metal occurs there in base ores. It is associated with copper and difficult to treat, requiring the miner to build a smelter costing \$400,000 or \$500,000 for the reduction process, failing which he must pay, say, \$12 per ton to some custom smelter to have his ore treated. Ontario ores, on the other hand, occur in quartz veins, and are mainly free milling, amenable to treatment by stamp mills, one of which need not cost over \$10,000 or \$15,000. They are in a region where wood and water, two essentials in mining, are plentiful, and, besides, they are from 1,000 to 1,500 miles nearer hand than the gold fields of British Columbia, and do not present the same difficulties of transportation to a market.
Gold mining is still in its early infancy in Ontario, and has not begun to pay, for we see from a tabular statement in the article from which we quote that to get \$50,000 worth of gold \$56,234 was paid in wages. The number of men employed in gold mining in Ontario is set down at 237. If the prospects are as good as they are represented to be in the report, the industry will continue to grow, and the output for the current year and succeeding years will be greatly increased.
We see by the same statement that the value of the minerals produced in Ontario in 1895 was \$5,170,138, and the number of employees, 5,883, who received as wages \$1,571,051. Petroleum and its products are valued at in round numbers, \$1,700,000. These were produced by 335 workmen, who received \$195,000 in wages. The value of the salt produced in the province was \$183,101, and the salt works gave employment to 131 men. The nickel mined was worth \$404,861; the copper with which it seems to be combined was valued at \$160,913, and the number of men employed in mining and treating the nickel and copper was 655, whose wages were \$209,900.

A NEEDED IMPROVEMENT.
The Hon. Mr. Tarte while in Manitoba visited St. Andrew's Rapids. He seems to have been a little cautious as to what he said about it, but he did not even whisper that the proposed improvement was not required. It will be remembered that the Grits previous to the election declared that the promise to construct a lock at those rapids was nothing more than election buncombe and that if the Conservatives were returned to power nothing more would be heard about the promised work. But we see that the Liberal Minister of Public Works is giving his serious consideration to the project, and it is safe to predict that the proposal to make the improvement promised by Sir Charles Tupper will be entertained by the Government. This shows that the work is, in the estimation of practical men, needed; and that Mr. Tarte does not laugh at the idea of constructing it, which he certainly would do if it is of the character represented by the Grits previous to the election, leads to the same conclusion.

"CORDIAL RELATIONS."
The announcement of Minister Terrell that "the relations between the Governments of Turkey and the United States are of the most cordial character," has not proved as welcome to some people in the United States as the Minister seemed to expect. Many United States citizens are very indignant that their Government should be in cordial relations with the author of the Armenian massacres and other atrocities.
The New York Times after recounting the claims of the United States against the Turkish Government—"indemnity for American property destroyed with the connivance and, in some cases, under the authority of Turkish officials," goes on to say:
Minister Terrell should know that whatever his own personal relations with the Turkish Government may be, the American people can have no cordial relations with a Government that commits such outrages on their fellow citizens as the Turkish Government has committed until full reparation is made.
This is certainly not taking very high ground and is far from expressing the opinions and the feelings of hundreds of thousands of humane men and women in the United States, but it is infinitely higher than the mocking banter of the New York Commercial Advertiser, which, speaking of those who expressed their horror at the outrages committed on the defenceless Armenians and who declared it to be the duty of the United States to interfere in some way on behalf of the persecuted Christian subjects of the Sultan, said:
They were for trudging through the stormy seas and storming the Yildiz palace without any notification to the European powers, and without any rights on our own part. Some of them were ready to follow the suggestion of Everett P. Wheeler and shot and killed the enthroned assassin. Now from our own Minister we learn that our relations are cordial. "Not a single American citizen has been sacrificed in the massacres, and the United States is not going to depart from its traditional policy of non-interference in European affairs." It is a sad thing for the jingoes that these "war scares" blow over so quickly. But it is a good thing for American citizens who like to attend to their own business affairs.
It seems to us that the sympathizers with the oppressed Armenians, even if they were not as wise and as politic as calculating and cold-hearted statesmen believe they ought to be, are of a higher and better type of man than the heart-

less journalist who believed that if the American citizens who resided in Turkey escaped with whole skins it is no business of the people of the United States what cruelties are inflicted on Christians in Turkey by command of its Government. It is this coldness and heartlessness, and want of Christian principle and Christian courage, that has made the tolerance of the "Great Assassin" by the so-called Christian nations a disgrace to Christendom.
When the history of the Nineteenth Century comes to be written future generations will be amazed at the way in which Christian Powers regarded a ruler who caused the most horrible cruelties to be inflicted on the men, women and children that it was his duty to protect and cherish. Posterity, we hope, will be unable to understand how Christian peoples could maintain cordial relations with such a monster of inhumanity.

VENEZUELA.
The Venezuela question has come to the surface again. It is said that the American Commission has nearly completed its labors; it is said that Lord Salisbury is inclined to make concessions; it is said that he still holds the ground he originally occupied; it is said that the Venezuelans are prepared to settle the business without any more trouble; it is said that the question will be settled by arbitration after all; in fact so much has been said about it that it is impossible even to guess what reports are true and what are without foundation.
Amidst all the contradictory and confusing reports which have been in circulation there are a few facts which are very significant and sufficiently apparent. It is not difficult to see that the question has greatly diminished in importance; it is also apparent that the tone of the American press with regard to it is greatly lowered. The Yankee jingo is not nearly so much in evidence as he was a few months ago. Nothing is now said about the Monroe Doctrine, and no one either in the United States or in Great Britain talks about war in connection with the Venezuelan boundary question. The indications at the present moment are that the question will be quietly and amicably settled in the course of a short time, and by and by people will wonder what the fuss about the Venezuelan boundary meant.

THE SEALING COMMISSION.
SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—Robert Lansing, one of the counsel for the representatives of the United States in the commission which is to meet in Victoria in the middle of November is in town. Mr. Lansing was counsel for the United States before the tribunal of arbitration, which met in Paris in 1893 to arbitrate on the sealing dispute. In the year 1892, he visited the Pacific coast to collect evidence for the American side of the controversy. He says that congress having refused to appropriate a lump sum of \$425,000 as agreed upon by Secretary of State Gresham and the British ambassador in settlement of the claims of British sealers seized in 1893 a treaty was signed on February 8, 1896, between England and the United States submitting the question to a joint commission of one member representing each country whose united decisions shall be final on any question submitted to them. In cases where they disagree the questions shall be decided by a umpire to be appointed by the president of the Swiss republic.
He added that the claims (numbering about 25) made by the Canadians would, if they were to be met, amount to approximately \$500,000. This amount the United States claims to be largely in excess of the actual damages sustained, as the largest item of each claim is for seals which might have been taken if the sealers had not been interfered with. The exact amount the United States must pay for this commission to determine. Counsel for the United States are very hopeful from their examination of the cases that these claims will be very materially reduced.

**WORDS OF PRAISE
SPOKEN RIGHT OUT.**
How One Box of Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured
A PROMINENT MAN
Muscular Spasms Was His Trouble—Would Drop as if Shot—His Measure of Merit.
ALMONTE, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—For many years Mr. James Caskey has been an honored resident of this town. He has held prominent municipal offices for years, as well as other positions of trust—no one here presuming to doubt his word.
In reply to questions as to his experience in using Dodd's Kidney Pills, and as to his opinion of their merits, he said: "For ten years at short and shorter intervals I suffered from attacks of spasms of the muscles, very much resembling acute rheumatism.
"I took medicine as hopefully and regularly as a model, but each return was more painful than the last.
"Whenever I changed to be when my attack came I would drop, as if shot, in my tracks.
"Once in bed, I was forced to stay there, anywhere from a few days to weeks at a time.
"Over two years ago, just after one of these attacks, some one suggested that my difficulty might be the result of kidney trouble, advising me, at the same time, to use Dodd's Kidney Pills.
"Well, I got one box and used it. I have never had any return of my attacks. I have since, not even Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I think results the best of all tests of merit, in a medicine as in anything else."

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Marriage in Vancouver Society—Purchase of Silver Properties—Westminster Thieves.
Nanaimo Poultry Association—Claims Recorded at Nanaimo—Mining in Kootenay.
(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.
VANCOUVER, Oct. 29.—The marriage of Mr. R. Osborne Plunkett and Miss Beatrice Abbott, daughter of Mr. Harry Abbott, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C.P.R., was quietly celebrated at 8 o'clock this morning at the residence of the bride's parents, Very Rev. Father Emmelsen officiating. Mr. Hamilton Abbott, brother of the bride, acted as best man. The happy couple left by the morning train for California, where the honeymoon will be passed. Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett will reside on Pender street when they return to Vancouver, six weeks hence. The early hour at which the ceremonial took place prevented the large turn-out of citizens, who would otherwise have been occasioned.
At a meeting of the water and market committee it was resolved to make several needed repairs to the market hall in the wing containing the stage and repainting the building. It was resolved to extend the time for receiving tenders for water pipe from the 4th to the 28th of November.
Shamer Comox leaves this (Friday) to-day for Texada Island for the accommodation of prospectors. She will return on Sunday night.
The death of Mr. T. W. Stanfield, late manager of Mr. J. G. Hutchinson's Steveston ranch, occurred yesterday from congestion of the lungs. Mr. Stanfield was a gentleman who was universally esteemed, and the receipt of the sad news has cast a gloom over the community.
The Britannia Cricket Club held a concert at St. James hall this evening, followed by a dance. The affair was very successful artistically, while the cricket club's treasury was replenished.
The Orangemen will hold anniversary services at the Market hall on Sunday, Nov. 1. Mr. G. R. Maxwell will address the brethren.
A meeting will be held on Monday night to consider ways and means for laying down two tennis courts at Brockton Point and holding championship games each year.
The Sable Creek Consolidated Mining Company are arranging for the purchase of two additional silver properties in the Siccan country.

VANCOUVER.
VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—The funeral of Recca, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oliver, Mount Pleasant, took place yesterday. A large number of friends were in attendance. The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock, and were followed by a dance. The affair was very successful artistically, while the cricket club's treasury was replenished.
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NANAIMO.
NANAIMO, Oct. 29.—A meeting of the members of the Nanaimo Poultry Association will be held on Saturday evening at Mr. W. K. Leighton's office. It is rumored that the other poultry associations of the province do not intend to hold shows this year.
Six mineral claims were recorded at the different offices yesterday, three in Dunsuir district and three on Texada Island.
NANAIMO, Oct. 30.—The call of St. Andrew's church, Nanaimo, to Rev. W. B. Cummings, of Santa Clara, California, was sustained at a meeting of the Presbytery held on Wednesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church. December 1st is the day appointed for the Rev. Mr. Cummings' induction. A three month's vacation was granted to Rev. D. MacRae, of St. Paul's church, Victoria West. It was decided that the ordination of Mr. Guthrie Perry, at present in temporary charge at Wellington, a graduate of Manitoba college, should take place in December.
Mr. A. Dick, inspector of mines, reports that the flooding of No. 3 mine, Wellington, has been progressing rapidly and that it will probably be finished by the beginning of next week. Mr. Dick thinks that on investigation it will be found that the flooding has been more nearly completed than is generally supposed. A large stream of water from the lake has been pouring into the mine for about a week so that the fire area should by this time have been nearly covered. Mr. Dick says it is probable that work in No. 4 workings will be fully resumed next week.
The Nanaimo Operatic Society gave a dance in the opera house last evening, for which a large number of invitations were issued.
There were four records of mineral locations made at the government office on Thursday, one on Haslan creek and the other three on Thurlo island. All the locations were made by Vancouver people.
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