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BRITISH TROOPS IN THE TRANSVAAL

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GLENCOE OCCUPIED.

London, May 16.—It is officially announced that Glencoe was occupied yesterday, and that the Boers have evacuated the Biggarsberg.

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REPULSED AT MAFEKING.

Lorenzo Marquez, May 16.—A Portuguese official dispatch says an encounter has occurred at Mafeking, and that the Boers have been repulsed with heavy loss.

MORE TREACHERY.

London, May 16.—The war office posts the following from Lord Roberts, under the date of Kroonstad, May 16th: "Two officers and six men of Prince Alfred's Guards while out foraging yesterday a few miles from Kroonstad, visited a farm yielding a white flag. When within forty yards of the enclosure they were fired upon by 15 or 16 Boers concealed behind the farm wall. Two of the men were killed, Lieut. P. B. Walton was wounded, Lieut. W. B. Everton and two non-commissioned officers were taken prisoners. The owner of the farm states that the Boers threatened to shoot him when he protested against their making an improper use of the white flag."

Another Canadian Dead. Ottawa, May 16.—The following cables were received to-day by Lord Minto from Sir Alfred Milner: "Capetown, May 14.—I regret to report that 7833, Private J. W. Raymond, alias J. W. Culver, was slightly wounded at Isaac's Post on April 25th. (Signed) Milner."

Capetown, May 14.—344 Trooper T. Woolcombe, second Canadian mounted infantry, died of dysentery and pleurisy at Carnarvon on April 22nd. The casualty was reported officially to the war office, but only to-day to me, hence the delay. (Signed) Milner."

The Peace Envoys. New York, May 16.—Beyond a drive through Central Park and the principal localities of interest in the city, no programme was arranged for the Boer

It says: "Mr. McKinley is convinced that the country does not wish him. To interfere and that interference would be in all respects inexpedient as well as impossible."

The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times, under date of Tuesday, says: "There has been a heated discussion in the road, in secret session, respecting the expediency of destroying the mines. The result is not publicly known. The foreign mining representatives are greatly alarmed and have addressed strong representations to their respective consuls."

Persons acquainted with Col. Baden-Powell's scheme of defence of Mafeking assert that the occupation of the Kaffir location by the Boers would not endanger the garrison provided relief came quickly.

WHITE FLAG OUTRAGES

Denied by One of the Boer Delegates in New York. New York, May 16.—Mr. Wessels, one of the envoys, in discussing the abuse of the white flag by his countrymen, intimated that the reported abuse took place largely in the minds of the English correspondents. He cited two instances, however, showing that these statements had some foundation in fact, due entirely to a curious error.

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London, May 16.—The Queen visited Netley hospital this afternoon, distributing flowers to the wounded and conversing with many of the men.

London, May 17.—According to a telegram received at Lorenzo Marquez from Molopo, 100 miles north of Mafeking, the British relief column fought the Boers at Kraaipan, 92 miles south of Mafeking, on Tuesday.

This intelligence is accepted here with some reserve, because it is difficult to understand how the news could have been so quickly put on the wires from a place 192 miles from the scene of the engagement. A correspondent of the Morning Post, presumably John Stuart, is reported captured by the Boers at Kraaipan.

The British public is keenly expectant. The announcement that Mafeking has been relieved is keenly awaited by the British public. In the army the opinion seems to prevail that this has already been accomplished, although two hours after midnight the war office said that no news of the relief had been received by them. The steadfast courage of the Hunger-Bitten Garrison has produced a deep impression, and the news of succor is awaited with more anxiety than has been felt regarding any other event of the war.

Douglas Story, the Daily Mail's correspondent at Pretoria, wires: "The Boer government is holding back some of the big news. Feverish activity prevails here. President Kruger is working day and night. The latest Boer official bulletin is that the relief column has been defeated with great loss."

The Boer government continues passive at Kroonstad. His cavalry is stretching like a semi-circular screen, many miles in length, with overlapping flanks. The Kroonstad censor permits the passage of long dispatches dealing with incidents prior to the occupation.

It seems that Gen. French's cavalry had a lively fight after crossing the Zand River. A mixed squadron composed of the Greys, the Inniskillings, Carbineers, and Australian Horse took a kopje and dismantled. The Boers suddenly fired from a concealed position, killing many horses and stampeding the rest. The Boers then advanced in overwhelming numbers and drove off the squadron, capturing some. The Boers robbed the dead and looted the saddles. Finally a brigade of cavalry drove them off.

Farther north the Hussars charged the Boers, killing and wounding many stragglers with sabres and pistols.

Lord Roberts's infantry marched 120 miles in seven days. Gen. French marched 30 miles in one day.

The Boers when retreating dragged 32 guns through Kroonstad.

Gen. Buller is moving towards Newcastle. He appears to be using 25,000 men against 5,000 or 6,000. His operations will almost certainly result in his forcing his way into the Transvaal possibly in time to co-operate with Lord Roberts's advance, although Gen. Buller is 252 miles from Johannesburg, or 25 days' march. A Dane who was captured by the South African Horse says there are 500 Frenchmen with the Boers who are opposing Gen. Buller, together with many Germans and other foreigners.

Daily Telegraph correspondent at Ladysmith says that only one Boer was shot in the engagement which resulted in the taking of Helpmakraal.

Gen. Ruddle is sweeping through the northeast of the Free State. The Boers are dissolving before him and some are surrendering. Their main force is assembled between Ficksburg and Winburg, but it is without close organization. Today's instalment of the war story from every part of the field is therefore seemingly

A Narrative of British successes, but with the Boers preparing for a last desperate fight further in the interior, and with Boer guerrilla parties looting houses and stores in the north-west section of Cape Colony.

It is not all easy for the British. The Uppington district is the locality where the guerrilla tactics of the Boers are just now most in evidence. The postponed congress of the Afrikaner bond has been called to meet at Paarte, June 15th.

A Canadian battery of 15-pounders arrived at Beira, Portuguese East Africa, May 10th.

The Daily Graphic, which refers to the Boer mission to the United States as a product of the war, says: "There is no name of importance among the orators who saluted the delegates. We fear they have fallen in a sort of Anglo-Saxon ambush and are being victimized for purely political purposes."

The Times considers the rumors cabled here as to President McKinley's alleged pro-Boer sympathies "utterly baseless."

With little resistance on the part of the burghers. Lord Roberts is still gathering his forces to strike the Vaal River.

Unconfirmed Report. In the committee room of the House of Commons this morning Sir James Kitson, Liberal, announced that Mafeking had been relieved.

The war office, however, was unable to confirm the announcement.

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Boer Report. Pretoria, May 15.—An official bulletin announces that the Federal troops stormed and occupied the forts around Mafeking on Saturday morning.

The same night the Federals were surrounded, losing as far as known, 7 killed, 17 wounded and a number of med prisoners. The British casualties are said to have been 50 killed and wounded.

It is reported that the advance guard of the force proceeding to the relief of Mafeking from the south was repulsed yesterday.

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storming of the British position at Tobaberg was grand. They captured Capt. Cheney and six men.

"Melan's cavalry added to their laurels last week, but lost heavily in proportion to the burghers."

"It is believed that Blake's Irish corps, captured at Kroonstad, were ordered to retreat, but remained drinking the rum left by the commissariat."

TAKING PRISONERS.

Thaba Nchu, May 15.—The British force advanced this morning 20 miles to the northeast and took possession of Mequatling's Nek. Prisoners continue to be taken daily.

AT DANNHAUSER.

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"The Sudan's fighting general" is what they called Sir Archibald Hunter during the 1st Sudan Expedition for fighting in what he most loves; and no one who saw him will ever forget how he led his men on at the battle of the Atbara, shouting "Advance" and waving his helmet in encouragement.

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SUNNY WOMEN. Who has not known the woman whose disposition is described by that one word "sunny"? There's always a laugh lurking on her lips. Her cheeks are ever ready to dimple in smiles. Her household influence is as brightening and stimulating as the sunshine. Nothing can be crueller than to have this sunshine blotted out by disease. But this is a common cruelty. The young wife who was the sunshine of the home becomes its shadow. Every young wife should know the value of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription in the protection and preservation of the health. It promotes regularity, dries the drains which enfeeble body and mind, and cures inflammation, ulceration and female weakness. It nourishes the nervous system and gives to the body the balance and buoyancy of perfect health. It is a strictly temperance medicine. "I can say that your medicine cured me," writes Mrs. Maud Pearce, of Stoueville, Pa. "I had suffered about twelve years from female weakness and I had almost given up, thinking there was no cure for me. Then I heard about Dr. Pierce's medicine and thought I would try it and can say that seven bottles of your 'Favorite Prescription' made me well. I am now able to do my own housework. I took about twelve bottles in all of Dr. Pierce's medicine. Took some of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' 'Favorite Prescription' and some of the 'Pleasant Pellets.'"

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A NEW ELEMENT.

The meeting held in Philharmonie Hall last Monday night was not very largely attended, but it was nevertheless one of the most important that has been held since the opening of the present political campaign.

The decision of the meeting has removed one of the objections which the Liberals who cannot see their way to support the government of Mr. Martin had to the opposition candidates, but still we do not see how they can consistently support all four of them.

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Good News For Settlers

The Abolition of the Charge for Homestead Land in Railway Belt.

Aulay Morrison, M.P., Succeeded in Obtaining Free Grants--The Order-in-Council.

(From the Times Correspondent.) Ottawa, May 10.—If there was one class of the community on the Mainland of British Columbia more than another who were handicapped it was the bona fide settler on Dominion lands.

They were not allowed to sell the timber of their homesteads, even that portion which was felled in complying with the statutory requirements necessary to their obtaining a patent.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTES. Programme of the Meetings Which Open at Metchoin on Friday.

H. L. Blanchard, of Hadlock, Washington, accompanied by Tom Wilson, has just concluded a series of addresses at the regular meetings of the institutes on the Lower Fraser, and will come over from Vancouver by to-day's boat en route for home.

On Friday next Dr. James Withycombe, vice-director of the Oregon Agricultural College, accompanied by J. R. Anderson, superintendent of institutes, will begin a series of lectures as follows: Metchoin—At the public hall on Friday, 18th inst. Subject, "Rotation of Crops and Advantages Thereof."

Duncan—At the agricultural hall, on Saturday, 19th inst. Subject, "Swine Husbandry."

Sanich—At the agricultural hall on Monday, 21st inst. "The Dairy Cow and Her Environments."

Vesuvius Bay—At the agricultural hall on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Subject, "Sheep as a Factor in Farm Economy."

Nanaimo—At the council chambers on Wednesday, 23rd inst. Subject, "Rotation of Crops and the Advantages Thereof."

On Saturday, 26th, D. A. Brodie, superintendent of the Puyallup Experiment Station, will take up the work in company with Mr. Anderson, when lectures will be given at the following places: Chilliwack—At Henderson's hall on Saturday, 20th inst.

Agassiz—At I. O. G. T. hall on Monday, 28th inst.

Mission—At Public hall on Tuesday, 29th inst.

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# The Monthly Meeting

Of the Board of Directors of the Jubilee Hospital Last Evening.

Principally Routine Business Up for Consideration—Report of Grounds Committee.

The board of directors of the Jubilee hospital held their regular monthly session in the board of trade rooms last evening, those present being President H. D. Helmcken in the chair, and Messrs. Joshua Davies, Thos. Sholtboit, J. Braverman, J. L. Crimp, H. M. Graham, Jas. Foreman, Alex. Wilson, R. L. Drury and Secretary Elworthy.

After the ordinary formalities a communication was read from E. Baynes Reed, suggesting that permission be obtained from the postal authorities for the installation of a box in the post office building for the reception of magazines, novels and general reading matter, the box to bear the inscription: "Reading matter for the Jubilee hospital." The communication was received and it was decided to ask for permission as suggested by Mr. Reed.

The resident physician, Dr. Hazell, reported for the month of April as follows: Total number of patients, 97; total days stay, 1,208; daily average number of patients, 41.50; daily average cost per patient, \$1.50. In connection with this report it was noted that the daily average cost per patient had increased over that of previous months, and an explanation will be requested by the board as to the increase.

A communication was received from A. C. Flumerfelt containing the writer's resignation from the board. The resignation was accepted with regret.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts, amounting to \$1,551.23. The committee reported on the payment of \$624.35 for the monthly salaries and \$11.30 for commissions on collections. The report was received, and the accounts referred to will be paid.

The matron reported acknowledging the receipt of the following donations: Illustrated papers and magazines, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken; magazines, Mrs. Holland; dressing gown, Mrs. French; magazines, Misses Lugin; oranges and Easter eggs, Mrs. A. B. Marvin; Society, Mrs. E. S. Cotton; Miss Angus; Mrs. Rocke; Mrs. A. J. Smith; A. Friend; Mrs. E. B. and Mrs. Earle. Received and the donors thanked.

The steward's report acknowledged the receipt of the following donations: Pills, Mrs. E. B. Marvin; magazines, Messrs. Hibben & Co.; magazines, C. A. Holland. Received and the donors to be thanked.

The grounds committee reported as follows: "Gentlemen—Your committee have to report that the city authorities have not yet attended to the drainage from the Fernwood estate, so as to prevent the overflowing of the land on the western boundary, and the season is now too late to move the hoilies to the entrance gate as intended. This is to be regretted, as the best season for transplanting hoilies is the spring of the year, and the ground had been partly prepared awaiting the civic authorities attending to the drainage question."

The planking leading to the side gate has been removed and has been used for making a sty. Water—Tenders attached hereto were received for laying on the water to supply the kitchen garden, from the following plumbers: E. F. Geiger \$114.00, Braden Bros. 95.00, Jno. Colbert 90.00, A. J. Clyde & Co. 72.58. The work was done by Messrs. Clyde & Co., and permission was granted to connect our 1/2-inch pipe with the 4 inch main coming from the isolation hospital, and a meter has been placed within our grounds. The account has been approved for payment.

# A Morning Session

The Council of the Board of Trade Discuss Various Subjects, Including Navigation Question, Tide Tables and Mining Matters in Atlin.

A meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade was held this morning, the following members being present: Messrs. L. G. McQuade (chairman), Herschell Cohen, Shallcross, Jas. Thomson, Capt. Cox, G. A. Kirk, W. A. Ward, F. C. Davidge, Arthur Robertson, and Secretary Elworthy.

After the customary preliminaries a communication was read from Messrs. Prior and Earle, acknowledging the receipt of the resolution passed by the board regarding the establishment of tide gauge facilities in the waters adjacent to the Island, and that the matter would be laid before the Minister of Marine and Fisheries immediately.

The following letter was read from the acting deputy minister of marine and fisheries on this subject: Ottawa, 1st May, 1900. Sir—I am directed by the Minister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, on the subject of tide tables for British Columbia coasts, and would state that it is the aim of this department to improve the tide tables, as contemplated by your resolution, would, however, require a considerable amount of research to have some reliable tide gauge results to form a basis for comparison, and it is in this respect that the tabulation of the results at Victoria and Fraser river will prove valuable; and until the tabulation at these stations is completed there is no great object in extending observations to a large number of stations.

Your recommendation to erect additional gauges at Port Simpson, or at some point on the S. W. coast of Vancouver Island, will be later considered, but this department already knows the position of Seymour Narrows could not be prepared from any results obtained from these extreme points. At Seymour Narrows the local conditions are so intricate that local observations would be absolutely requisite. I may add that local observations have already been made at that point by the United States government, and by comparing these with the results at Victoria and Garry Point, when tabulated, it is hoped that an accurate table for the Narrows can be accurately prepared.

Your obedient servant, JOHN HARDIE, Acting Deputy Minister of Marine, etc. F. Elworthy, Esq., Secretary British Columbia Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.

In this connection J. J. Shallcross explained that this matter should be presently pressed. He understood that it had been taken up by the board, and that it was a case which was to be called after that of Elliot. Mr. Powell was writing letters in the interim, and Elliot jumped to the conclusion, as he afterwards confessed, that Mr. Powell was a reporter, and that his alleged offence was about to be paraded before the public.

He had decided previously what he would do in certain given circumstances, and the spectators noticed that he began to take something from his pockets and transfer it to his mouth, crunching it meanwhile in a manner which indicated that it was a hard substance. At this point the witness then in the stand concluded his evidence, and the court mentioned that he would call another witness.

Elliot replied: "What's the use? You don't want any more." Magistrate Hall replied that he was bound to accept all the witnesses whom the Crown offered. The prisoner then observed slowly and deliberately: "I might as well tell you that there is a change of venue ordered in this case and that it will be before a higher assize in a few hours."

Detective Palmer had noticed that Elliot appeared to be chewing something and accordingly asked him if it was tobacco? "I'm chewing, but it's not tobacco," responded the prisoner, and the detective's suspicions were aroused. Consequently when the prisoner made the aforementioned observation the court was startled, and after a conference with some of the members of the bar present, the man was removed from the dock, when it was found that he had been deliberately chewing broken glass in order to destroy his life. He had obtained a bottle in jail, and this was broken into pieces, which he had put in his pockets, and with which he hoped to circumvent the ways of justice.

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SENATOR CLARK RESIGNS. Washington, May 15.—Senator Clark, of Montana, to-day announced his resignation from the United States senate.

WARM IN CHICAGO. Chicago, May 15.—One death and four prostrations were caused by the heat yesterday. The temperature was 86. Their gentle action and good effect on the system really make them a perfect little pill. They please those who use them. Carter's Little Liver Pills may well be termed "Perfection."

# Attempted Suicide

John Elliot Deliberately Swallows Broken Glass in the Police Court.

Said to Be of Good Family and Anxious to Avoid Disgrace.

A dramatic climax to the proceedings against John T. Elliot for forgery took place in the police court this morning, when the prisoner made an attempt on his life in the police dock.

Elliot is a Bohemian, and although said to be a brother of Sir Henry Elliot and a son of the house to which the present Governor-General of Canada belongs, he has had no correspondence with his friends and his chief concern lay in concealing his disgrace from them. He confessed, when arrested at Nanaimo, that he had made up his mind to commit suicide, but concluded that such a step would only add publicity to the matter and bring it to the ears of his folk in England. It was the impression that his crime was about to be made public that finally led to the step which has placed his life in imminent danger.

Yesterday he stated to the chief, when told of the serious nature of his crime, that he was at the age end of a mis-spent life anyhow. He also inquired of the magistrate what the penalty for forgery was, and was informed that the maximum penalty was life imprisonment.

When the case was called this morning in the police court, it was noticed that Elliot kept his attention riveted upon Mr. Geo. Powell, who was employed as counsel in a case which was to be called after that of Elliot. Mr. Powell was writing letters in the interim, and Elliot jumped to the conclusion, as he afterwards confessed, that Mr. Powell was a reporter, and that his alleged offence was about to be paraded before the public.

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# Increasing The Strength

"A" Company to Be Raised to One Hundred Men at Once.

The Garrison at Work Point Also to Be Augmented Shortly.

"A" Co. R. C. R., stationed at Hospital Point, and at present numbering a little less than sixty men, is to be recruited at once up to one hundred, and additional officer posted to the corps.

Such, in brief, are the instructions which Col. McKay, commanding, has received from the department of militia and defence at Ottawa through Major Benson, D.O.C. This step was forecasted a short time since in the Times, and it was then stated that there would be no difficulty in obtaining the men were the regulations relaxed to permit of the enlistment of men who had not previously served in the militia or regulars. This step has now been taken by the department, and little difficulty will be experienced in raising the company to the complement mentioned.

One effect of the order will be to nullify the arrangements for the company ball which was set for next Friday evening. With the arrangements which will now be necessary to accommodate the increased force, it will be impossible to proceed with the plans for the dance, and the event has been postponed until after the arrival of the new levies, when the event can be brought off with even greater eclat.

The new men will have to be accommodated under canvas, as a small addition to the garrison which arrived last night has increased the strength to a point which will surely tax the accommodation at the barracks.

The company is making rapid progress with its drill, under the instruction of Sergt. Mead, of the R. A. aided by the non-coms. of the garrison. They were having a regular church parade, St. Saviour's and the Methodist church in Victoria West and the First Presbyterian church being the places of worship which are attended.

A striking proof of the high average of character in the men is afforded by the orderly room returns. Only three men have been "on the carpet" before the C. O. since the institution of the station, two months ago, and notwithstanding that yesterday was pay day, a period which in most of garrisons is followed by a heavy defaulter sheet, there was only one man absent from parade for that reason this morning.

A little diplomatic effort by Col. McKay and Indian Agent Vowell has resulted in a wonderful improvement in the adjoining rancherie. The whitewash brush has been applied energetically by the Indians, having been supplied, together with lime, by the Indian office, and the unsightly shacks are now nearly all resplendent in a coat of white. Fatigue parties from the barracks, with the co-operation of the original "Native Sons," have also effected a wonderful improvement to the sanitary conditions of the rancherie.

The spirit of adaptation which characterizes the Canadian Tommy Atkins is illustrated in the original plans which they have adopted to replenish the larder of the cook house. Lieut. Ackroyd had brought over a pig, and this is nightly spread and the harvest served up the following day by the company cook. The first haul amounted to over sixty pounds—over a pound per man; and a welcome change in the menu.

In addition to the increase to the militia garrison, an augmentation of the regular troops at Work Point is shortly expected. Reports place the number at about 150 men, and they are due to arrive within two or three weeks. They will also probably go under canvas. The new detachment consists of both Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers.

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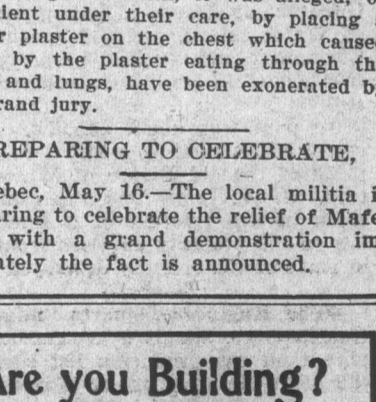


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The Old Reliable Remedy advertisement for a cure for rheumatism, neuralgia, and other pains.

Advertisement for Carter's Little Liver Pills, highlighting their effectiveness for liver-related issues.



WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, 9th to 16th May, 1900. During this week the weather throughout the western portion of the province and in Cariboo was exceptionally cloudy and showery.

At Victoria there were only 14 hours and 24 minutes bright sunshine recorded, and 25 inch of rain, which fell upon six days out of the seven. The highest temperature (83) occurred on the 15th, and the lowest (46) on the 12th.

New Westminster reported nearly an inch of rain (38 inch). The highest temperature was 62 on the 11th, and the lowest 44 on the 12th.

At Kamloops .18 inch rain fell, and the highest temperature was 74 on the 15th, and the lowest 46 on the 14th.

At Barkerville nearly as much rain fell as at New Westminster, viz., .92 inch. The highest temperature was 62 on the 10th, and the lowest was 80 on the 9th.

ing of Protestant Sabbath school workers held in this city on that day to whom he will deliver an address, during which he will lay before his audience, for consideration, plans for the organization of a branch association.

A very appreciative resolution, referring to the near departure of the Rev. E. S. Rowe to Victoria, B. C., was the one distinctive feature of the Methodist Ministers' Association meeting yesterday.

The fire warden's this afternoon selected the ground for the new fire hall at Victoria West and Contractor Snider will commence work on the building at once.

A donation of \$12 to the Red Cross fund from the children of the Cedar Hill school, who have several times of late demonstrated their charity, is thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor, of No. 10 Bridge street, mourn the loss by death of their infant son, Roland, aged two years and ten months. The funeral is arranged for Thursday afternoon.

A sale was effected yesterday by P. E. Macgregor of the prettily situated bungalow on Terrace avenue, adjoining the residence of Hy. Munn, the purchaser being A. W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs.

John T. Elliot, who yesterday attempted to commit suicide by swallowing fragments of a bottle, was removed to the provincial jail yesterday afternoon, and to-day is apparently none the worse for his rather unique meal.

The newly organized British-American Furniture Company, having its headquarters at Toronto, has opened negotiations for the purchase of J. Sell's establishment at Laural Point, in this city. The company is capitalized at \$3,000,000.

The case of Valentine Barie, charged with the theft of \$50 from a Work Point artillerian, was resumed in the police court this morning, but was not concluded, and an adjournment was consequently taken until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

There are only four candidates writing at the examinations for qualified assessors being held this week at the parliament buildings. The examiners are the provincial mineralogist, the provincial assayer and Mr. Kiddy, of Texada Island.

The death is announced of J. W. Terrey, who recently visited this city, at Arrpriet, Ont. Mr. Terrey was in Victoria about four weeks ago and met quite a number of friends while here. His death resulted from an attack of smallpox.

The first quarterly meeting of the Halcyon Club was held last night at the club rooms in the Five Sisters block. The following officers were elected: President, Fred. W. Morse; secretary, treasurer, S. Parter; speaker, P. Cudlip; secretary, R. Weisich.

J. F. Bledsoe, G. A. Huff and James Redford, who have arrived from Alberta, have been selected as the committee to wait upon the C.P.N. Co. at Victoria and urge that they be given lower freight rates. Failing to securing satisfactory quotations they say they will seek to establish a connection with some other point.

John Cull, alias Samuel Goddard, who was arrested in this city and taken back to Hamilton, where he was charged with obtaining \$2,500 from John F. Wood, of that place, under false pretences, was found guilty in this and two other similar charges, and has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment on each, the terms to run concurrently.

The first Sunday excursion by the E. & N. railway for this season will be held next Sunday when Duncan will be made the objective of the pleasure seekers. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance and Bandmaster Finn is already busily rehearsing some new sacred music for the occasion. Trains will leave the Stove street station at 9 a.m. at 50 cents, and in order that cyclists may have an opportunity of testing the roads about Duncan, which are now in fine condition, wheels will be carried free of charge.

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Along the Waterfront.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Navigation on the Steena, according to the statements of officers of the Tees, which reached port this morning, is still attended with great obstacles. The Strathcona and Caledonia both attempted to reach Hazelton with spring supplies, but owing to the high water they were unable to proceed further than the little canyon, where they discharged their cargo and came back to Windsor. On Friday morning the Monte Christo started on the same journey, and as she draws eighteen inches less water than the other two vessels, it is expected that she will make the trip successfully. She carried sixty tons of supplies for Cunningham's store at Hazelton. Spring salmon is still running very well, although the Chatham cannery are making extensive preparations for a big season's work. This enterprising firm has shipped 25 tons of pickled-spring salmon by the Tees for the English market. They are pickling, freezing and canning the fish and so profitable is the trade and so extensive the market that they are able to pay the best prices. They have ordered machinery by which they will be enabled to freeze ten tons a day, which they will ship in cold storage to the Old Country. The proprietors say that they have a market for six million pounds of fish at the present time. The Tees had but six passengers from Naas and way ports.

Because of a confusion in the names of the long since lost Dominion and the Dominion, now on a voyage from Tacoma to Sydney, reinsurance yesterday jumped up on that vessel to 50 per cent. It is not because she is overdue that reinsurance has been quoted so high on her, but owing to the fact of the finding of a name board which some believed to be hers, off the West Coast of Vancouver Island, together with the finding of one of her boats in Wrangell Narrows by the fishing steamer Edith. The ship is now due at her destination and underwriters are getting anxious. This should be a good gamble for the reinsurance investor, for it has been definitely proven that the name board brought down by the Willapa from the coast belonged to the other Dominion, which was lost on a voyage from Honolulu to this port. The boat picked up may possibly have been washed overboard. The anxiously looked for vessel was owned by Capt. T. P. Whitelaw, the well known wrecker. He sent her to Sydney, where the captain sold her, and she then made that her home port. Capt. Whitelaw has not yet though received the money or seen the vessel.

Capt. Hughes, master of the County of Cardigan, at Liverpool, reports leaving Fraser River, B.C., December 15th, says the Liverpool Journal of Commerce on April 19th, passing Cape Horn February 17th, and the equator March 25th; also reports experienced heavy southerly gales after leaving for several days, also had very heavy gale off Cape Horn; lost some sails, and washed the port lifeboat and several movable things about the deck overboard. Had very good winds from equator to port.

According to news received from Fiji by the steamer Aorangi, that out of the way British settlement gave £1,000 to the Transvaal war fund. Great efforts have been made to induce the Governor to arrange with the Canadian-Australian steamship line to allow the mail steamers to resume calling at Suva. A petition was presented, and all possible influence brought to bear. The Governor, however, replied in the negative, and the matter appears to have dropped. The big steamer Victoria arrived from Chemnitz, B.C., via San Francisco, with 500 mules and half a million feet of lumber on March 21st. She went to Sydney from Suva.

Last week the British Columbia collieries contributed two shipments of 8,823 tons of coal to the total receipts at San Francisco of 15,733 tons. There are promises to be another coal famine at San Francisco. The Black Diamond colliery at Seattle, which has been a big shipper, will not be able to load vessels for some time, the influx of water precluding shipments, and the Cape Nome steamers promise to consume the major portion of the output of the British Columbia collieries.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

When the steamer Aorangi was last at the outer wharf news was received of the relief of Ladysmith and by the same token the news should be received to-day of the relief of Mafeking, for the Aorangi tied up at the outer wharf this morning, after a record breaking run from Honolulu, making the distance in 6 days 12 hours and 45 minutes. The purser's report follows: R.M.S. Aorangi left Sydney on April 24th. Fine weather with south westerly winds prevailed to Brisbane, which was reached at 6 a.m. Left again on 27th, after embarking passengers and mails and loading cargo. Passed the company's R. M. S. Warrimoo at 4:40 p.m. same day. Met strong south-easterly gales with heavy sea until May 6th, on which day the weather was crossed. Squally weather, with passing showers was then experienced. Northeast trades set in on the 4th, and on the 6th became strong with heavy sea and continuous rain on the 8th. Arrived off Honolulu on the 9th and went alongside the wharf for the first time for many trips, the port having been declared free from plague, and all quarantine restrictions raised on the 1st May. Having discharged cargo and embarked passengers and mails, left again on the 10th inst. Experienced north-easterly and easterly winds until the afternoon of the 12th inst.; thence to Victoria southerly and south-easterly winds with fine weather and smooth sea. There were 162 saloon passengers. Those for Victoria were as follows: Mr. S. G. Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knower, Mr. H. Anderson, Mr. B. T. Belson, Mr. Marks, Miss Hamby, Mr. E. H. T. Wright, Mrs. Thorpe and two children, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Smith, Mr. E. F. Linn, Mr. Goldman, Mr. Lamont, Mr. Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane, Mr. C. McFarlane and Mr. S. Armstrong. The cargo was lighter than usual, but five tons being landed here.

THE MARKET.

There is not much change in the market this week. Good potatoes are scarce owing to the season. The Northern trade has been particular demand.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Oats, Wheat, Corn, Hay, Potatoes, and other goods.

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POLITICAL CANDIDATES.

Below will be found a summary, as far as it is possible to give one, of the candidates who have already been nominated or who have declared their intention of contesting the different constituencies in the province for the legislative assembly.

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CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

From China And Japan

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Details of the Naval Manoeuvres and Demonstrations of the Japanese Fleet.

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M'LEOD'S DELIGHT.

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## The Opposition Candidates Declare Against Party Lines in Provincial Affairs.

### Strong Speeches Opposing the Government and in Support of the Ticket.

The Philharmonic Hall was well filled last night upon the occasion of the anti-party line convention. Some delay was occasioned by the failure of the electric lighting apparatus to work and it was almost 9 o'clock before the meeting was called to order. The proceedings were practically unanimous, though a few dissentient voices were heard once or twice.

The chair was occupied by ex-Mayor Redfern, who said in opening that the meeting had not been called in hostility to the four opposition candidates. It had been called to see if it were not possible to accord to these gentlemen not only the support of Conservatives but of Liberals as well, who were opposed to the government of Hon. Jos. Martin. (Applause.) Yet Liberals might hesitate about supporting those who might assist in forming a Conservative government. If the candidates pledged themselves against it he believed they would receive the support of Liberals who opposed Mr. Martin.

A voice—No.

Mr. Redfern—Well, I think they will. He understood that all the candidates had agreed to oppose the introduction of Dominion party lines in provincial affairs. If the meeting resulted in a party being formed which would defeat the present government it would be productive of good results. (Applause.)

Major Williams said he would move a resolution looking to the welding of those who opposed Mr. Martin into a unit. It was as follows:

Resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting, the government of Hon. J. Martin should be opposed regardless of Dominion party lines by candidates who will stand pledged to primarily oppose the formation of a purely Liberal or purely Conservative government in the next Legislature.

The speaker had waited on Mr. Helmcken in the afternoon, when he was in consultation with his three colleagues. They consulted for an hour over the resolution just read. All agreed to it by inserting the word "primarily." All of the candidates had subscribed to it. (Applause.)

Col. Gregory seconded the resolution. He believed it essential that those who opposed Mr. Martin should render it possible for a union of forces. Although a Liberal and an opponent of Mr. Martin he could not support the opposition candidates selected by a convention pledged to party lines. He found a great difference of opinion among Conservatives and he believed that until pledged they would be free to assist in forming a Conservative government. He believed in having good men from both sides, and a local government formed which did not owe fealty to any party in the East. A man was a Liberal or a Conservative by reason of his convictions on Dominion matters, which were entirely aside from provincial matters. If the candidates at Ottawa wanted a provincial government on party lines it was for the purpose of using it for Dominion ends. He would support the opposition ticket, although he thought it would have shown a fairer spirit to have called a joint convention in the first place.

E. V. Bodwell heartily supported the resolution. His attitude to provincial affairs had always been in line with the resolution, he having always been opposed to party lines. Considering the vast territory and the small population which occupied it in British Columbia it was important that all parties should stand together. Mr. Martin was at present attempting to drive Liberals into supporting him, while last winter he declared himself opposed to the introduction of party lines. He was taking such an attitude only because he wanted by that means to attain power. While the opposition candidates had been nominated at a party convention yet the nomination of Richard Hall, a pronounced Liberal, had been a practical abandonment of party lines. Whatever might be said at other times about such a matter the present was a most inopportune time to introduce party lines, when the province was confronted by a common danger, and when it was necessary that the present administration should be replaced by men with a more enlightened and reasonable policy.

The eyes of the province were on Victoria, and they should set an example to British Columbia and show that they would not tolerate such things as had happened recently.

Dr. Milne asked what was the meaning of the word "primarily" in the resolution.

The chairman said he believed that it meant that if Mr. Martin were defeated the succeeding government would be formed on non-party lines, and as that government would probably be in power for the remainder of the session that was all the meeting would concern itself with.

The motion was then put and carried. H. Dallas Helmcken said the question was not one of policy, but whether they wished to retain in power the present administration, and he took it that it was the general desire to accomplish the downfall of the administration of Mr. Martin. He stated explicitly that he was appealing to every elector in Victoria to assist in relieving the opposition candidates and he pledged his honor that he and his colleagues knew of no agreement whereby they were to lend their assistance to the establishment of any particular body in the government. The resolution was quite in accordance with his own opinions. No further discussion, he hoped, would exist.

He hoped every man would assist in showing what he thought of the administration on the 9th of June.

Mr. Howell said Mr. Helmcken had

said that what they were called together to do was to band together to defeat the Martin government. This was not the case. The supreme object in view was if Mr. Martin was defeated would they oppose the formation of a government on party lines?

Mr. Helmcken said he would carry out the resolution.

Mr. Howell—Why insert the word "primarily?"

Mr. Helmcken—I will oppose party lines.

Richard Hall said his selection by a large majority at a Conservative convention over a Conservative as a candidate had settled the question of party lines. He failed to see the relevancy of introducing party lines in provincial affairs. The only result of such a step would be to give the control to political bosses. It would be of little benefit to the Dominion, and certainly of none to the province. He and his colleagues were out to down the Martin government. Whatever might be the failings of Mr. McPhillips in reference to party lines he was loyal to the opposition party lines in the House and was an able representative. He asked the audience to work as strenuously for his colleagues as for himself.

Mr. Helmcken came forward to say that Mr. McPhillips and Mr. Turner were both heartily in accord with the resolution.

Gordon Hunter said that the meeting had found out at last where the candidates stood. The question was not whether government ownership was good but whether the private ownership of the government by McPherson and Martin was a good thing. It was a question of government by a Populist, who was rotten to the core. A derelict politician set of irresponsible anti-Martin convention decrees was not the man for British Columbia. The most unreasonable Liberal was as much interested in this as the most rabid Tory. It was a great mistake to institute the campaign under any flag. The convention at which the opposition ticket was selected should have been a distinctly anti-Martin convention. The result of sending forward gentlemen with Conservative banners in their hands was to alienate the Liberal vote, which would not go to Mr. Martin. Until these gentlemen had declared themselves as they had to-night he declined to give them his sympathy. He intended now to do all in his power to put an end to the usurpation which had taken place in the local government. The small representation of British Columbia at Ottawa and the remoteness of the province from the capital were urged by the speaker as reasons for failing to introduce party lines. To keep the local government in line with the authorities at Ottawa was to reduce it to a state of vassalage. He moved that the meeting extended its hearty support and undertook to ensure their election.

The resolution was seconded by E. V. Bodwell, who said that while he had never had any doubt on the matter the meeting had cleared away any false impressions which might have existed.

Mr. Howell rose and said that while he accepted the statement of Messrs. Helmcken and Hall, yet he would like some assurance that Mr. McPhillips had changed his attitude to the party line question.

Upon this point he was assured by Messrs. Helmcken and Hall. The resolution was carried and the meeting broke up with a vote of thanks to the chairman and cheers for the Queen.

#### PLEBS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

Mr. Jas. Bowles, Councillor, Embro, Ont., writes: "For over 15 years I suffered from the misery of bleeding hemorrhoids. The many remedies I tried all failed. I was advised to use Dr. Chase's Ointment, and must say that the first application gave relief, after the third day the bleeding stopped and two boxes cured me completely."

#### LAW INTELLIGENCE.

Another injunction was obtained this morning restraining the city from tearing down the old bridge at Point Ellice. James M. Muirhead, an administrator of the estate of S. R. Holmes, who was killed in the accident, is suing for \$5,000 damages, and as this case has not yet been settled he applied this morning by his counsel, J. K. Macrae, for an injunction, which was granted as above stated by Mr. Justice Martin. The restraining order prevents all work until the 21st instant. As the public will no doubt wonder what the old bridge has to do with a pending action, it may be stated that it is contended that a view of the place is necessary in case the action should come to be tried by a jury; in fact in Biggar vs. the city a change of venue was refused on this very ground, Mr. Justice Walker laying stress on it in his judgment.

Mr. Justice Martin is to-day hearing the evidence in the case of Richards vs. Baumgart. The plaintiff, Frank Richards, is suing Mrs. Baumgart for \$450 for commission for effecting a sale for her to Dr. Frank Hall, of the Teutonia saloon premises. His contention is that he effected the sale, whereas the defendant says she did the whole thing herself. J. M. Bradburn for plaintiff, H. D. Helmcken, Q. C., and W. C. Moresby for defendant.

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certs being given on Sunday at the park. He and Ald. Cameron were sorry that the Fifth Regiment band had not seen fit to meet the offer of the council. The mayor took occasion to compliment the public spirit of the Fifth Regiment band.

Ald. Beckwith thought that the laying of water mains, sidewalks, etc., should be considered before the council were justified in appropriating money for music. It was a pity that, if the appropriation was to be made that it should be given to competitors of the Fifth Regiment band.

Ald. Brydon would not sign the report on a matter of principle, but he wanted information as to number of pieces in the new band, ability, etc., and Ald. Cameron spoke on the lines of Ald. Beckwith's remarks. While not objecting to music or concerts on Sunday, he thought there were other needs of the city greater than music.

The report was lost on the casting vote of the mayor. The division was as follows: Ayes, Ald. Hall, Coolie, Yates, Stewart and Williams. Noes, Ald. Beckwith, Brydon, Cameron, Kinsman and the mayor.

The mayor was not objecting to the concerts he said, but to the treatment of the Fifth Regiment band.

Ald. Yates said he would retire from the park committee if this is the way its recommendations were to be treated.

The electric light committee accepted the tender of G. C. Hinton & Co. for electrical supplies at \$7,000.

The committee recommended the appropriation for current expenses of \$778.48.

The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following: Communication from Thos. Hooper on behalf of Messrs. W. J. Wilson, re city's portion of sidewalk and curbing in front of the Victoria hotel on Government and Johnson streets. I may say that portions of the above walk on Government street were constructed before the commencement of my duties here, but that the above mentioned work was done after the above mentioned time. I would therefore recommend the usual refund be made; the amount for Johnson street, \$25.50.

Communication from David Russell, re disposal of sink water from his house on Hook Bay avenue, requesting the locality, I find it impossible to drain towards the street, without having a covered pipe or box for an outlet. I would therefore recommend that this be done at an early date. Three hundred and fifty feet of pipe, including fittings, etc., estimated cost, \$140.

Re sidewalk on David street. The city carpenter has examined the locality in question, and recommends no action.

The following is an approximate estimate of sewer extension, which was referred to me from the streets, bridges and sewers committee for report: Quadra street, between Yates and Mason streets, 10-in. pipe with manholes, etc.; estimated cost, \$1,150. Quadra street, between Mason and Frederick streets, 3-in. pipe, manholes, etc.; estimated cost, \$1,300. The following pipes will be required to complete the proposed sewer extension for this season, 600 feet 8-in. pipe; 300 feet 9-in. pipe; 900 feet 10-in. pipe.

C. H. TOPP, City Engineer.

The report was as usual laid on the table until the meeting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Ald. Beckwith moved: "Whereas the council has been advised that the fee of the disputed portion of the Craigflower road, in blocks N and P, still remains vested in the Crown, be it resolved that the provincial government be respectfully requested to convey said lands, with other disposition of the said land to the corporation of the city of Victoria as will enable and empower the said corporation to use the same as a road."

Ald. Kinsman immediately moved an amendment, asking that in the event of a settlement of the property owners be completed for taxation at compound interest; and this had the effect of killing the motion, as, though the amendment was not carried, the original motion fell with it.

Ald. Kinsman, seconded by Ald. Williams, moved: "That to add the following to the motion: 'And in the event of the provincial government so conveying said land to the city and the city continuing to use and maintain same as a public road, that, as a matter of justice, the necessary steps be taken at the provincial government to request the owners of lots in Victoria to refund in like manner to said owners the amounts of taxes paid by them for and on account of the portions of said lots included in the Craigflower road, with interest compound thereon, and that the provincial government be requested to refund in like manner to said owners the amounts of taxes collected by them for said land, prior to the extension of the city limits, with compound interest.'"

Ald. Beckwith explained, in answer to a question, that it was understood that compensation would be given to those who had paid taxes on the land.

Ald. Beckwith said the council had made a mistake in going outside their own legal advisors to get an opinion. It was a question that should be decided by the courts. Solicitors' opinions are nothing more than opinions, and until there was a proper decision it should be left alone.

Ald. Kinsman read from an order from Hon. Carter-Cotton, when Commissioner of Lands and Works, in which he said the road was situated in the municipal limits of Victoria and outside the jurisdiction of the government. Mr. Bodwell was only a lawyer, and the fact that he says a thing is so, does not make it so. The folks bought the land in '61, paid the tax and paid taxes until the city took it over. Why was the government collecting taxes on the lots? Regarding the reference to the government, Ald. Kinsman said there was no government.

Some of the aldermen pointed out the fact that there was a government, and the aldermen continued: "The people of Victoria don't like it. Ald. Yates was here. He was the government as far as Victoria was concerned. All he had to do was to vote for it in the council and go into another room and say yes, it's all right."

Ald. Beckwith pointed out that his motion was not intended to deprive anyone of their rights. His motion was intended to cause a settlement of the vexed question.

Ald. Yates thought that it was the best means of settling the difficulty. Ald. Kinsman's amendment was solely to hamper the motion. The road was never given to those holding lots in the Crown grants and titles from the H. B.

Co. He was quite willing that those who had paid taxes be recompensed. The amendment and motion were both lost on a tie vote.

On the motion of Ald. Brydon the action of the council regarding the opening of Linden avenue was reconsidered and the offer of Heisterman & Co. to pay \$190 towards the cost of opening the street accepted.

#### PHYSICIANS PRESCRIBE IT.

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#### NEW RAILWAY COMPANY.

Ottawa, May 15.—The railway committee of the House of Commons this morning reported in favor of a bill to incorporate the Canada National Railway & Transportation Company, which proposes building a road from Collingwood to Toronto. The bill was fiercely fought by the promoters of the Toronto Georgian Bay Railway Company, a rival company backed by Toronto financiers. The former is backed by Americans and Canadians.

#### STABBED BY HIS WIFE.

(Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., May 16.—As the result of a family quarrel, Thomas H. Moss lies at the city hospital dangerously wounded from being stabbed by his wife with a pair of scissors. One of the blades entered Moss's right side, and penetrated the lower part of the lung. Physicians say he may die. Mrs. Moss is locked up at the police headquarters.

#### NIOARAGUAN BILL.

Washington, May 14.—The Senate committee on the inter-oceanic canal to-day ordered a favorable report on the Nicaraguan bill as it passed the House.

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## Provincial Elections 1900

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I shall favor government assistance in exploring and opening up newly discovered mining sections; strong measures for the suppression of Oriental immigration; the cancellation of all timber leases, land and other grants, where the requirements of the charters have not been complied with; liberal grants of money for roads, and a more efficient method in its expenditure; and the equalization of taxation. Every good measure will have my support, no matter by whom introduced.

I shall take an early opportunity of addressing you more at length upon the political issues, and meanwhile remain, Faithfully yours,  
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