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will not fight for what she conceives be her greatest interests does not know the Japanese people. Mr. Uchida has always advocated war, f necessary, to secure the evacuation of Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese

Imperial maritime customs, shid to-day that he feared China would be the chief sufferer should war occur, for she might be ground between the millstones. The decadency of the Chinese govern-

The decadency of the Ennistenses. The decadency of the Chinese govern-ment was never more completely dis-played than in these times when her ministers go from legation to legation imploring governments to help China, without any thought of China helping herself. There is absolutely no strong max 3 ging the ruling ministers. Prince Chung, Marquis Tsing, like Li Hung Chang, Te all venerable conservatives like Prince Ching. Wu Ting Fang, the well known ex-minister to the United States tells his official friends that he despairs of Ghina's future. "I see no hope," he said, "for China. The partition of the Empire sooner or later, is inevitable." He is disgusted with official life at Pekin and proposes to resign his present posi-tion at the first opportunity. Will Not Discuss Message.

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SECURING PREMISES

Prominent Bank Manager Will Act as General Manager of New Financial Institution.

During the last session of the Domin-ion House an act was passed incorporat-ing the Pacific Bank of Canada, with a capital of \$2,000,000. It was stated that the head office of the company would be in Victoria, and that the finan-cial backing of the institution would be primarily in Hritish Columbia. Since that time the promoters of the new institution have been actively per-fecting their plans and the gratifying announcement was made to-day by the

Induding three belonging to the Nippor Yusen Kaisha, a Japanese steamship company.
 At the London office of the Nippor Yusen Kaisha, in response to inquiries, it was declared that there had been to intimition any of its steamers.
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FISCAL QUESTION.

Ottawa, Dec. 23 .- E. S. Montague and H Ottawa, Dec. 25. - E. S. atoming of and r. Harbert are registered here from England. They are studying the fiscal question and have letters from Lord Rosebery and others to Lord Minto, Sir Wilfrid Laurier , and other ministers of the crown. VICTORIA TIMES, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1903.

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Being Engaged?--Full Court Asked



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SIXTY PASSENGERS KNOWN TO BE DEAD

Appalling Scenes Followed the Wreck of Train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 23 .- With a terrible cias. and a grinding noise the ted, the fastest through Duquesne lin ger from Pittsburg to New York on the Baltimore & Ohio, plunged into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7.45 this evening; and it is estimated that fully forty lives were lost and their The train left Pittsburg this evening,

ing a few minutes late, in charge ngineer William Thornley, of Conof Eng or Engineer winnam Faorhey, of Con-atellsville. When passing Laurel Run, which is a fine piece of roadway, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were thrown from their seats by the light-ming-like application of the air brakes, and a moment later there was a terriand a moment later there was a terri-ble crash. The train was made up of two baggage, two day coaches, one sleeping and one dining car, and was carrying at the time at the lowest esti-mate 150 passengers. The train ploughed along for a considerable distance, and the care ware to make pieces negengers along for a considerable distance, and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming, falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down the embankment to the edge of Youghiogheny river. The minute the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many passen-gers were pinioned beneath the wreck-age, and the screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description.

age, and the screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description. Many were injured in their mad excite-ment, and others plunged into the river. Others plunged beneath the heavy tim-hers pleaded in agonized cries for re-lease. So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffer-ed a moment's unconsciousness, and many of the able-bodied men were un-able to assist the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted. The most of the dad were foreign-ers, who were in the smoker, just back

ers, who were in the smoker, just back of the baggage car. They were literally roasted to death, the baggage and smok-er telescoping the engine and immedi elescoping the engine and immediate catching fire. Many of the bodie All the bodies were taken to the bodies were burned to a crisp. All the bodies were taken to the bag-gage room of the B. & O. depot to be removed later to different undertaking shops in the city. The entire popula-tion has turned out en masse to assist in caring, for the living and disposing of the dead. A peculiar feature of the accident is that not a woman was seri-

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accident is that not a woman was seri-ously injured. The wreck was caused by the break-ing of the castings on a carload of bridge timbers on the westbound freight train, which had passed Laurel Run not more than fifteen minutes before the ill-fated passenger train. The wreck occurred on a curve, and it was impos-sible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough ahead to stop.

Later Particulars.

Later Particulars. Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—When distry dend as the result of lest introduction of the state is the second of the state of the state is core will be added to the death list be-tore the day is over. Make been identified and eleven are designated as "unknown." Most of the is differentiated on the state of the dister were foreigners, principally italians. There was also one Chinaman. In the hospitals flaree of the injured were expected to die at any moment, and five others were in a critical condition. As soon as they were taken from the mere, The dead were taken to the where, the dead and injured were brought here. The dead were taken to the imorgues and the injured removed to the Connellsville Cortage State hospital. Twelve victims died between 10 o'clock last night and daylight this morning. As the bodies were received at the morning the state of the state of the state of the state morning the state of the state of the state of the state morning the state of the state

rows. Most of them were foreigners and two were negroes. The Dubuquesne line was largely used by employees of the B & O. who work in Pittsburg, and it was feared that most of them had become victims of the wreck. A large number of the engineer-ing corps hved at Connellsville, and used this train to return home every night. M. J. McDonald, of Dawson, led the rescue party at the wreck. Through his efforts the dead and dying were col-locited.

lotted. When General Manager Sims, of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, arrived at the scene of the wreck, he was so overcome that he cried. Spectators were com-pelled to turn away from the sights. When the relief train reached here thousaids of people were at the station. A large number of Connellsville people had gone to Pittsburg for Christmas shopping, and were expected home on the timited. Every available cab and car-riage had been held in waiting to convey the injured to the hospitals. Citizens formed a relief corps, and helped to re-move the wounded from the train. Touis Hilgot, conductor of the train, was in the second day coach when the porter on one of the sleepers, said that as soon as he could get off his car, he went forward, and heard Hilgot shout-in from the top of the bank. He was in terible agony, but shouted "For God" sake, I am scalded to dearth, but some or of you get a red hamp and flag 49 or she will be on us." Even in the mental whethering of everyone about the scene. When General Manager Sims, of the

she will be on us." Even in the mental suffering of everyone about the scene, the bravery and thoughtfulness of the dying conductor was sufficient to bring words of praise and commendation. When asked if there would be any in-vestigation on the part of the railroad officials. Supt. D. W. Duer said: "I don't think that' an investigation is necessary to explain this affair, it is all too apparent." Pointing to half a dozen heavy timbers under the dining coach, he said: "There is the cause of it. A West-bound freight has dropped those timbers en the track, and proceeded un-conscious of the trouble it had ieft be-hind."

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God." The next instant he dro₁, ... over dead. There was not a scar up on him. He had inhaled the steam. A story of courage and heroism sel-dom equalled is told of Benjamin Nichols, steward on the dining car. When the engine dragged the train whirling sidewars along the road, Nichols was in the dining car. He was battered from one side to the other of the car. It was on the end of the train, and Nichols and others in that car were not injured. on the end of the train, and Nichols and others in that car were not injured. When the car stopped Nichols leaped out and ran toward the smoker, which was reduced to twisted iron and splinters. The crash had torn the escape valve from the top of the engine, and the stranging mass of humanity. Taking off his coat, he tore it into shreds, plugged up the pipe and shut off the steam. Temporary relief had been given the suf-ferers, but Nichols was not done. Climb-ing through a broken window, he leaped into the dark car, which was filled with suffocating steam. The screams of the injured made it confusing what to do. Picking up the first human form at hand, Nichols carried it out in the open, and then once more entered the car. By this time other rescuers had arrived. One other rescuers had arrived. One another of the victors were handed ager from Pittsburg to New York e Baltimore & Ohio, plunged into of himber at Laurel Run, two west of Dawson, at 7.45 this ing; and it is estimated that fully lives were lost and thirty persons injured. train left Pittsburg this evening, g a few minutes late, in charge gineer William Thornley, of Con-ile. When passing Laurel Run, is a fine piece of roadway, the so of the victims were wedged between heavy timbers, and it was four o'clock before all the injured had been removed. before all the injured had been remove Following the wreck this wreck this were de-tected robbing the dead and injured. Two white men and two colored men are now in the Dawson police station charged with this crime.

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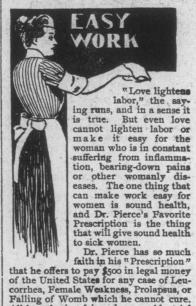
If Police Cannot Protect Funerals' Aid of Military Will Be Sought.

Chicago, Dec. 23 .- Ample police proection has been promised by the city officials in the hvery drivers' strike. Should this prove insufficient to prevent the destruction of vehicles Governor Yates will be petitioned for a military force large enough to secure to the peo-ple of Chicago the right to bury the dead in peace. The strikers say that men cannot be secured to drive the rehicles desired when the strike was or ganized. It was estimated that more policenen will be required to protect the numer-ous funerals than were required to pro-tect property during the warlike days of the street car strike. "The liverymen at a meeting of their executive committee late to-day voted to resume business to-morrow on the "open shop" plan. They expect first, however, to secure an injunction against the union and union sympathizers. Grand Jury Indictments

Grand Jury Indictments. The grand jury to-night voted indict-ments against four men prominent in labor circles. They are J. E. Johnson, business agent of the Brass Workers' Union: Lee Fisher, secretary of the In-ternational Order of Machinists; R. S. Craue, business agent of the Inter-itional Order of Machinists, and James J. Lamb, business agent of the Inter-national Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. The indictments voted charge conspiracy to wreck the business of the Kellogz Swhichboard & Supply Com-pany during a strike, which was pro-ductive of much violence, during the early spring. Testimony was presented to the grand jury to the effect that the four accused men had visited officials of the Kellogz company and threatened to interfere with the business of the cor-cern unless the company came to terms with its striking employees. While indictments were voted against these men, the grand jury refused to return a true bill against Charles F. Lang, foreman of a local printing house, who shot and killed Emil Reichow, pick et allied with the striking presefecters of the Franklin union. Lang was him-self a union man, and was assaulted by a mob, of which Reichow was one. He fired one shot, which struck Reichow and caused his death. Lang established a clear case of self-defence. The grand jury to-night voted indict-

BOMBARDED FORT. Gen. Morales Defented the Force Under the Command of Gen. Jiminez.

Cape Hayti, Dec. 23 .- A dispatch received here says that General Morales, with a strong force and many cannon, disembraked at Monte Cristo, Santo Domingo, on Monday after a bombard-mant of the fort. We stream under Gen last night and daylight this morning. As the bodies were received at the morgue they were tabulated and laid in rows. Most of them were foreigners and two were negroes. Domingo.



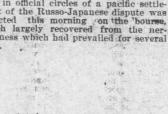
Falling of Womb which he cannot cure. All he asks is a fair and reasonable trial of his means of cure. "I suffered from female weakness for five months," writes Miss Belle Hedrick, of Nye, Putnam Col, W. Va. "I was treated by a good physician but he news seemed to do me any good. I wrote to Dr. R. Y. Pierce for advice, which I received, telling me to take his 'Favor-ite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discov-ery.' When I had used the medicines a month, my health was much improved. It has contin-ued to improve until now I can work at almost all kinds of housework. I had scarcely any specific, but it is all right now. Have gained several pounds in weight. Dr. Pierce's medi-cines have done wonderfully well here. I would advise all who suffer from chronic dis-cases to write to Dr. Pierce"." "Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong, sick women well. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent *free* on receipt of stamps nessed than those about the wreck. The steam from the cars filled the air. Many of the stricken people climbing out or the windows ran wildly screaming in delirium. Others were caught in their wanderings and cared for. One man, after rushing into the woods came back again, went into the baggage ar of the relief train, and sitting down, said: "My

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The questions of the rights of a Bri-tish born subject, though he might he-long to another race, came up in connec-tion with it also. Mr. McPhillips con-terried that the question of inherent rights was one which was very difficult to decide. He alluded to the fact that parliaments had not recognized inherent rights of citizens in many important points. It was not even recognized with respect to land owenrship. The franchise was also denied citizens as an inher-ent right. In this connection Mr. Justice Martin called attention to the fact that it was not long since that butchers were exclude d from serving on the jury in England in consequence of their vocation, which it was held might unfit them for exerci-ing their duty on the jury roperty. Mr. McPhillips alluded to the fact that three-quarters of the Irish people were also excluded from the franchise in re-cent times because they were Roman Catholics. On the question of the employment of cent times because they were Roman Catholics. On the question of the employment of Chinamen underground Attorney General Wilsom pointed out that Chinamen as a race were not miners. They objected to opening mines in their own country,

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Hamilton, Dec. 23 .- Mrs. Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Fartridge, 33 years old, residing at 214 Mary street, who was burned last night by the ex-plosion of coal oil with which she was lighting a fire in the stove, is dead. Liberal Candidate.

W. O. Sealy, of this city, was nomin-ated by Liberals yesterday for the House ons at the general elections C. P. R. Officials. '

Montreal, Que., Dec. 23.-It is an nounced this afternoon that the board of directors of the C. P. R. have elected David McNicoll, vice-president, and W. White, second vice-president, with headquarters at Winnipeg. For West Algoma.

Ortawa, Dec. 24.—Sir Wiffrid Laurier Ins gone to Artimbaskaville to spead the Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Analimo Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Kasio Kootenaian says the several Play et al. and the play the portanine Jeam to Play Vietoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Kasio Kootenaian says the several The teams are as follows: The Mass deviced by the Parsecond of the proceeding the prover The Mass deviced by the Play the Anality of the Play the Anality of the Play the Pla

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REACH VICTORIA ON STEAMER OLYMPIA

Found an Excellent Coal Mine and Fishing Conditions Favorable to Cannery Operations.

For Weininger,
For Metal Standinger,
Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Dec. 23.-West
Algoma Liberals yesterday nominated J.
J. Kehoe, barrister, as candidate for the Jominion House at the next general elections.
Toronto Mayoralty.
Toronto Dec. 23. - Mayor Urquinter, ex Mayor Oliver Howland and Gustavius Dolphus Maves, Socialist, were nominated for the mayorality to day.
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with forgery. TYPHOID INCREASING. More Than Four Hundred Cases at Pittsburg Since Beginning of the Month. Pittsburg Dec 22 Tarkedia for the man stated this morning that he found a coal property of splendid pro-Month, – Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Typhold fever is rapidly increasing in this city, and threatens to take on the character of an epidemic. For the first twenty-two days of December there were 410 cases, and during the last twenty-four hours 49 new cases were reported. This breaks all previous records. The disease is violater the case of the character of the case of the company to supply the the company to supply the bone and other northerm markets. Both Messrs. McDougal and Harring-ton visited Vladivostock, but nowhere along the coast did they notice any par-ticular military activity. Should war the case of the company to supply the the company to supply the the company to supply the the structure of the structure of the structure of the the structure of the structure of the structure of the structure of the the structure of the structure of the structure of the structure of the the structure of the

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Charles Galloway, of St. Louis, has been commissioned as the official organist of the World's Fair. Mr. Galloway will conduct the dedicatory re-cital when the exposition opens. The or-an will be the largest instrument of its kind in the world.

INTER-CITY BASKETBALL.

Nanalmo Team to Play Victoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday,

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

The ferry boat American edo boat Winslow collided river at New York on Tuesday, ferry was badly damaged, but the tain succeeded in reaching a pier. Winslow will also have to be docked repairs. The apostolic delegation, Washi

The apostolic delegation, Washington, has received word from Rome that the Pope has granted dispensation from the stinence on New Year's Day, which fails on Friday this year. The delegation has sent out circular letters to all the bishops, notifying them of this fact. Ralph McLain, a farm hand, aged 14 years, and Herbert Dewitt, aged 12, were driving across the Lackawanna railroad in Elmira when the bugy was struck by a Lackawanna train. McLain was killed instantly. The other boy died on reaching the hospital. The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe arrived at Dunbar, Scotland, on Thes-day, and were given a magnificent recep-tion. As soon as the Duke and Duchess enter of the Roxburghes. The carriage was followed by two hundred torch bearers. bearers. Oren M. Beach, formerly

Oren M. Beach, formerly president of the Farmers' and Citizens' bank, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died at Danbury, Conn., on Tuesday, aged 80 years. While walking along a crowded street in Chicago, Albert Altenhofen, a saloonkeeper, suddenly shot and killed Marie Raasch, his wife, and then quick-ly killed himself. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause. Charles Hilson, aged 30 years, was shot and killed by Mattie Lee at Philipsburg, Mont. The woman claimed Hilson owed her a large sum of money. The first meeting of Joseph Chamber-lain's commission of tariff experts, which is to enquire into the conditions of Bri-tish trade and to report, with the object of drawing up a tariff on reform bill, will be held on January 15th. Mr. Chamberlain has accepted the honorary presidency of the commission.

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 When Frank Henry Burness, a ship's cook, was placed on trial in Brooklyn for the murder of Capt. Geo. B. Townsend, the skipper of the lumber schooner Chas. Buckley, the prisoner admitted his guilt, and a written confession was submitted, in which he said he desired to facilitate the trial because he preferred to be executed rather than remain in prison. The confession further stated that the prisoner had previously killed three men.
 The writ issued by John McEver, of London, against R. R. Gamey for \$10,000 for stander, was served at the Canada Atlantic game, was leaving for a meeting at Doug.
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FROM AUSTRALIA.

Miowera Reached Port From the South This Morning After Three-Month Absence.

After a three-month absence, the R. M. S. Miowera arrived on Thursday from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii. The ship during part of this period has been in dry dock at Sydney. She has had a large amount of money expended in improvements, new boilers along the coast did they notice any particular military activity. Should was break out, however, Mr. Harrington thinks that Japam would very soon corner Russia on the Pacific.
ALLEGED EMBEZZLER.
Thicago, Dec. 24.—After a legal fight against extradition, John Armstrong Mc Dotald Bobb was to-day turned over to the Canadian authorities by United States Commissioner Foote. Robb, who is 22 years old, is wanted on a charge of embezzlement from the Mutual Life Insurance Company.
Bome, Dec. 24.—Archibishop Farley, of New York, is expected to visit Rome in 2004, to personally settle with the conjer in service.
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Bome, Dec. 24.—Archibishop Farley, of St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Charles Galloway, of St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Charles Canbed as the stoon passengers carried there arrived twenty Japanese from Hawaii, also bound for the American state.

LEAD AND ZINC.

A Meeting at Sandon-The Rossland Resolution Premature.

A largely attended meeting of the As-sociated Silver-Lead Mines of British Co-lumbia was held in the city hall at San-don on Tuesday, 15th inst. A resolution was passed to the following effect: "That the resolution which had been recently passed by the Associated Boards of Trade at Rossland, asking for gov-ernment aid to the production of zinc did not emanate from this association, and we consider it premature." The Kaslo Kootenaian says the several speakers to the resolution condemned the time and circumstances under which the resolution was passed, rather than the

was unanimously elected president association for the ensuing year.

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roke, Oht., on Wednesday, as aving for a meeting at Doug-s. N. J., grand jury has in-atherine Ray for murder. She of having beaten to death her nlece, Marle Coming. Mrs. once arraigned before Chief e and pleaded not guilty. anama means, war with the '' is the substance of a cable-deneral Rafael Reyes, the Col-ter, is sending to Bogota and luential followers throughout e is convinced that the United out permit a Colombian army a the territory of Panama. In court has dissolved the mar-nee Frederick and Primeess bloenburg. Waldenburg. The bis a daughter of Don Carlos, pretender, was reported to with her coachman. This w. 4 efforence I, so and ther the stantly pretender, was reported to whether of infidelity. A. aged 30, shot and instantly plorence Lee, aged 22, at his isas City, Mo., and then made end his own life. Lee was a l his sister-in-law had been his She announced her inten-ying another man. After valn-persuade her to marry him, woman four times, and then thets into the sous Lees sarde-haif a dozen persons, slashed balf a dozen persons, slashed balf a conn, dispatch says: "Beso-

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FROM AUSTRALIA. Reached Port From the South

ning After Three-Month Absence.

three-month absence, the R-owera arrived on Thursday stralia, New Zealand, Fiji and 'The ship during part of this is been in dry dock at Sydney-had a large amount of money in improvements new bellere nents, new boilers ded and other changes made ble kind. On deck the ship ed. Capt. Hammond, former-fleer, is in command, Capt., who he temporarily succeeds, dufy on vacation. The run lulu was especially enjoyable, g no rough water during the The best speed of the steam-veloped on this part of the 8 miles being logged in one 4, while not as great as might expected in view of the bet-o the ship, is likely to be con-mproved on before the vessel

the ship, is likely to be con-proved on before the vessel ger in service. Fera carried a very light re were 56 passengers in the major number of whom are points in the United States, her arrivals was the agent-churdand for one of the states. Eugland for one of the states ustralian Commonwealth. In o the saloon passengers carried ived twenty Japanese from also bound for the American ralian Commonwealth.

LEAD AND ZINC.

g at Sandon-The Rossland ution Premature.

v attended meeting of the As-tver-Lead Mines of British Co-s held in the city hall at San-esday, 15th inst. A resolution 1 to the following effect: ne resolution which had been ssed by the Associated Boards at Rossland, asking for gov-id to the production of zinc nanate from this association, msider it premature." it premature Kootenaian says the several

b Kootenaian says the several the resolution condemned the rcumstances under which the vas passed, rather than the hich principle they distinctly t the general concensus of s that until a well digested based on sound principles, i twas useless to go to the overnment or to expect that ernment or to expect that nt, acting on behalf of the

ded to memorialize the Dointent to employ a first class zine and its combinations to ootenays, and report on the et of zinc ores, their treat-eduction for market and

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arde, manager of the Payne, nously elected president of the for the ensuing year.

CREAMERY BURNED TO THE GROUND

<text><text><text><text><text><text> chemical for all it was worth. It was while he was playing the stream through the window that a sheet of glass fell uporf the back of Joe Manton's right hand, severing an artery and inflicting a nasty wound. Manton, who is a mem-ber of the chemical company, subse-quently had the wound dressed and sewn by Dr. Fraser, eight stitches being re-ouired

by Dr. Fraser, eight stitches being re-quired. The firemen under the circumstances were unable to save the building, which, with its contents, was consumed before their eyes. Some bedding, a couple of trunks containing clothes, and about three hundred pounds of butter were saved. There were quite a number of spectators, the glare from the fire illum-inating the heavens to an extent which conveyed the impression that the confa-gration, destructive enough, was even larger, attracting people from all direc-tions, despite the lateness of the hour. The firemen prevented the flames from speeding by removing the platform con-necting with the railway. The Victoria creamery building was a story and a half frame structure, about three miles from the city. It contained the plant necessary for the conduct of a very gratifying business, including a Balce & Hawilten ten hereanoure an very gratifying business, including a Baker & Hamilton ten horse-power en-gine, cream separators, a churn with a capacity of seven hundred and fifty pounds of butter, cream and buttermilk vat, a Babcock tester and other appli-ances frequency is insured for ances. The creamery is insured for \$3,500. A setter pup belonging to Mr. Knight was burned to death in the engine room, where it was sleeping.

COAL AT KAMLOOPS. Company Formed to Open Up Seam

Near the City.

"The existence of coal measures in the immediate vicinity of Kamloops has long been known, as also has the fact that at a few places small seams of coal out-crop," says Tuesday's Sentinel.

crop," says Tuesday's Sentinel. "The late Dr. Dawson was of the opin-ion that boring might reveal a workable seam and from time to time there have been rumors of boring operations to be taken in hand, but they did not material-ize until this year, when an attempt was made with an improvised arrangement to prospect for coal between Coal Hill and Sugar Loaf. The results were not as sat-isfactory as hoped for but sufficiently en-couraging to warrant further prospecting in a perhaps more favorable locality. in a perhaps more favorable locality. "That coal actually exists was proved some years ago, an incline being run on a seam of coal that outcropped in a ravine on the north slope of Coal Hill, about three miles from the city. For lack of sufficient capital, and probably for other causes no less potent, the work was discontinued, to be revived at fitful intervals, but without any very sätisfac-tory outcome. Now there is to be an-other attempt made to open up the seam, and as those who have the matter in hand appear to be in a position to prose-cute the work with vigor, it is hoped their efforts will be crowned with suc-cess.

their efforts will be crowned with suc-cess. "The promoters of the venture have formed a syndicate known as the Kam-loops Coal Company, and on Saturday last they held a meeting for the purpose of organization, at which the following board of directors were appointed: John Shields, president; A. H. Todd, secre-tary-treasurer; J. L. Brown, manager; Capt, J. Argall, consulting engineer; J. R. Hull, W. H. Ford and J. Morrison. "The building of a bunk house for the accommodation of the men to be employ-ed will commence to-morrow. The result of this enterprise will be watched with keen interest."

CLAIMS HUSBAND'S MOUSTACHE.

Wife Denies His Right to Cut It Off-Courts Are to Decide Matter, The most magnificent moustache in Breslau grows on the upper lip of Herr Rott-

ger. At a convivial gathering the other evening he offered to cut it off if the company would give \$25 to a charity in which he was interested. He was taken up, the contract was put in writing, and Bottger was to appear the next evening "all shaven and shorn" and get the money. Rottger did not turn up. Instead the postman brought a letter from Frau Rott-ger, who said when she married her hus-band she also married his monstache, add-ing:

VANCOUVER NOTES. Death of a Pioneer Resident-The Chinese

Murder Case.

A pioneer resident of the city passed away at an early hour on Tuesday morn-ing in the person of Edgar Wallace Ed-wards. The deceased was 64 years of age. The deceased leaves a widow, one daugh-ter and four grown-up sons to mourn his loss.

ANGELS ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

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THE OLD STORY.

Once more the world in in the midst of the season of great joy. The tables are being prepared for the Christmas feast; relatives and friends who have been may serve useful purposes in the relatives and friends who have been may serve useful purposes in the separated for months, possibly for years, economy of political life, provided they separated for months, possibly for years, are clasping hands and gazing into each other's countenances in the hope of reading there the story of the arduous battle of life. If all is well the sign will battle of blice. Minded with the onte

heart and the true significance of the great Christian feast is understood. But it is not for the secular press to attempt to deal with themes energy to the secular press to attempt of early youth has been driven from the it is not for the secular press to attempt to deal with themes sacred to the pulpit. It can but, in its blundering way, strive to interpret the feelings of the average human animal at this the most important station in the road we are all journey-ing along. The Christmas feast has been presented in different aspects to the world since the days of its inauguration. The changes in the manner of celebrat-ing the day may be said to fairly mark the reasembling of the Legislature. We ing the day may be said to fairly mark the progress of mankind. The Lord of know they cannot forget the past or look ing the day may be said to miny mark the progress of mankind. The Lord of Misrule and the Abbot of Unreason have been permanently banished from the feast; the flowing bowl, the seasons of vassail or beastly excess, have been put down, not perhaps through the efforts of particular reformers, but because man the measure and in time because man is progressive and in time becomes are unworthy of his high lineage. To-day he is under the dominion of his rea-son. At the Christmas season he gives way to the promptings of his better self. asha.ned of doings his reason tells him and where formerly he strove to snatch holidays" here. Tourist Association a few hours of feverish excitement by please make a note of. over-indulgence, he now endeavors to make others happy-to ease the burden Now the wise men of the East have aswhich bears so heavily upon shoulders sembled themselves together and are conbowed down under the world's sorrows. sidering measures for the extermination We think this may be safely accepted of the mosquito. They propose to make as the attitude of the average human war upon the little pest and accomplish specimen. As much necessarily depends his end and the end, they hope, of all the upon environment, those who are ex- diseases he spreads throughout the land

fish indulgence is lavished upon those power. who take but little thought of the morrow and whose joy in the day is un-marred by vain imaginings on the diffi-zens are desirous of serving the South future. Their rejoicings are therefore full is a great wealth of material offering and unconfined. May Santa Claus in the , in one district, while in the other the generosity of his robust nature and the old members appear destined to encounter kindliness of his great heart deal in little opposition. The city has been well princely style with the children of this served in all the wards during the past Times enjoy a happy and a merry Christ-Times would like to see enmas.

WAR'S ALARUMS.

there is yet time. If they fail to take advice given with the kindliest atten- The Associated Silver-Lead Mine dark place at all. So while the world is last week, adopted a resolution ringing with the message of the Re- disapproving of the agitation for leemer, while the spirit of the Nazarene a bounty on zinc until the ques is supposed to be broading over the con-tentions scars of man, the sword is threateningly uplifted in the continental cradle of Christianity.

itself that a great part of the world having failed of its purpose. The leadhopes for war between Russia and silver miners take a sensible view of Japan. We are by nature savages yet, both questions.

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> The mantle of charity is very broad battle of life. If all is well the sign will not be lacking. Mingled with the out-ward rejoicings of most of us there are wistful inward feelings which cannot be openly expressed. . To those who have reached the stage in life's journey from which the struggles of the past may be contemplated with thankfulness and the future looked for-ward to with fortitude, there is a joy too deep for utterance in the reunions of the Christmas season. If life's lessons have beeu wisely learned the selfshness of early youth has been driven from the "are Tories born wicked, or do they

A stranger who arrived in the city . . .

ceptions to this rule are unhapply de-prived of the chief joys of Christmas. Under the natural evolution of affairs, children have become the chief objects adult solicitude during the Christmas | length of the mosquito's bill. If the Czar season. Santa Claus has usurped the possesses the wisdom for which the men functions of the Abbot of Unreason. of the East are famed he will advise his That which was went to be spent in sel- advisers to deal carefully with the new

culties which may be encountered in the | Ward in the Municipal Council? There ergetic men in otner districts follow the example of the South warders and make the fight a merry one all round, * * *

In the midst of this season of peace It is announced that at last a cure has and goodwill the talk in the newspapers been found for locklaw. The jaws of a is nearly all of war. Russia and Japan patient in New York was released from are practically squaring up and inviting their tension after the injection of a each other to "come on," while the quantity of the newest discovery in the Grand Lama of Thibet from his im-penetrable shroud of mystery tells the the story does not come from Chicago, oldiers of our King to "get out" while there may be an element of truth in it.

radie of Christianity. Somehow the thought will intrude ber for Slocan for some fippant talk in the legislature about the lead bounty

The spirit of expansion has entered into Canada also. The government has taken up the question of the annexation of Newfoundland in earnest, and if the people of the ancient colony are favorably disposed no matter of financial ar rangements will be permitted to interfere with the project of rounding off the Dominio

But it is by no means certain that the Newfoundlanders are willing. Apart from the influence which will be brought to bear by the United States to prevent the consummation her expansionists believe would interfere with the workings island are somewhat sore at Canada be- in Sandon on the 15th inst .: cause at the time they were willing to join us the Canadian government of the day attempted to drive a huckstering bargain. It cavilled about terms until the suppliants turned away their faces in disgust and concluded to jog along in their condition of isolation. Then the finances of the colony were in a bad way -but not in quite so bad a way as those Now the balance has been adjusted, the industries of the island are in a healthy condition and the prospects for the future are rosy. Nevertheless some of the lead-ing men of the colony are in favor of joining their fortunes with this rising young nation, and if a careful watch be kept upon the manoeuvres of the agents kept upon the manoeuvres of the agents of our esteemed and aggressive neigh-bor there is no doubt that the union can of the Slocan district. They are in need be effected and that it will prove of of an admonition for thus flying in the great advantage to the people of both face of a Chief Commissioner who is so

Maps are changed quite suddenly on occasion in these days of rapid progress, erally looks as if he knows all that is and it may be just as well for Canada to guard against her entrance to Atlantic ocean being subject to the will of a foreign power. The possessions of Newfoundland are very extensive; while their potential value from the point of ing its temper in its controversy with the wiew of the fisherman are just beginning to be appreciated. The time will come when the market for the products of Newfoundland will be almost unlimited. The teeming populations will insist upon their interpretation of the old Assesspurchasing necessities which cannot be procured in sufficient quantities within honestly in their dealings with the provthe limits covered by their tariff. Then the day of Newfoundhand will have come and the nation to which she belongs will

sideration, and no doubt a way will be found of bringing about the desired

There are grave matters of state awaiting a pronouncement from the shock has communicated itself to the

ROUNDING OFF THE DOMINION. company from putting up the securities, voice will, when the present political part of Asia. It is a heavy undertaking, The foregoing are no doubt good reaof "manifest destiny," the people of the of British Columbia, at a meeting held

> regret the statement recently made in the provincial assembly, by the hon, mem-ber for the Slocan electoral district, to the effect that the lead bonus granted by the Dominion government has produced no improvement in his district. This statement is directly contenent to the statement is directly contrary to the facts, for much work now in progress and in contemplation would not have been undertaken but for the bonus. No

> efficient in his administration, especially as regards travelling expenses, and genworth troubling about.

"RUBBING IT IN."

We are sorry to see the Colonist is los Board of Trade. It claims the merchants must have been defrauding the province in the returns they furnished the Assessment Commissioners under ment Act. and that if they had acted the limits covered by their tariff. Then the day of Newfoundland which she belongs will indeed be fortunate. The Canadian government is also well? advised in deciding to move in the matter of the acquirement of Greenland. Can-alians desire to guard against trouble of any kind. They will be the possessors of a populous country some day, and they will need all the territory which

The Parliamentary enfant terrible has appalled the heart of the Toronto Mail | treasury. and Empire by declaring himself opposed to the Chamberlain programme. The awaiting a pronouncement from the Canadian people. If the Dominion Par-liament should be dissolved and an electric to admonish young Mr. Bour-tion held during the winter, there will be plenty of live topics for discussion. The Times was somewhat surprised to Laurier to admonish young Mr. Bour-ass and tell him to beware of the leaven of the Tories. Because the text from which the member for Labelle preaches the top plenty of live topics for discussion. which the member for Labelle preaches at the opportunity of providing adequate uses taken from the Conservative book by for such an able, energetic and enter- apathetic with the state of affairs in the of the other vulgar creations. Now 'do set

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The public has the opportunity to keep Council up to the established standard.

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city, who is advices are from a reliable source, and are therefore authentic, says the party has organized a bodyguard for the preservation of the life and liberties of Gamey, who is the political hero of the day. The new leader swore falsely, mutilated books which he said contain-ed the evidence to sustain his charges against the Ross government. altered

ince "on public business," and charged the cost of their trip to the empty public trensury. In the treasury the province what would the province "on public business," and charged the inte "on public business," and charged the happen in Outario if instead of a surplus trensury. In the treasury the province was made to business." of the party so sent out of my own pocket tation from Barnaby Rudge or some of the party so sent out of my own pocket tation from Barnaby Rudge or some of the party so sent out of my own pocket DANIEL CAREY. P. S. As we have a change of government cost of their trip to the empty public treasury. They may have no such excuse for materially adding to their non-assessible income during the coming year, and we would suggest that the session of the Legislature be cut in two and a

rnment in power this abuse would certain-y be righted at once. "ONE WHO LIVES THERE." Comox, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1903.

ASSESSORS' METHODS.

A FARMER'S VIEWS

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in employment, if not directly, they do an indirect way, and do you mean to it is just and proper to tax so heavily industry that is only struggling along keeping the world in food? I say if tax was ieviced properly and the farmer, vated to a standard of other industries, would not have to pay any more t There are stores with \$10,000 stock and only \$10. My present to stock and My proper business is far greater than min I pay four times more taxes Why should this be? Other bus just the same. I believe that business should pay equal taxes. business should pay equal one way I think more re-received. Tax merchants in return can increase th goods and by so doing r help bear the burden of the dians cannot be taxed by dians cannot be taxed, but cattle can run on crown la the pasture, and no income is received from them, but i as mentioned they would tax in an indirect wa on real estate, as not a better advertiseme intending settlers and still help there are our immigration? Let me state here the views of some of the farming class. They say this new assessment act will be a direct slap to intending immigration, because they can turn aside to a country that offers every inducement for them to homestead and become permanent citizens. Then again it will breed discontent to the man that has just homesteaded, and he in all probability will reacte his land and move elsewhere. This, Mr. Editor, is only a part of the murmur that is going its round through the country, and if the govern-ment wants to build up a country and get settlers in they must give some inducement other than high taxes. HENRY FRASER. nding settlers and still

Grand Prairie, Dec. 16th, 1903. ALL QUIET ON ISTHMUS.

United States Mayflower Arrives at Colon After a Cruise Along the Coast.

Colon, Dec. 23.-Everything is quiet along the Atlantic coast. The United States converted cruiser Mayflower has returned from the Gulf of Darien, to returned from the Gulf of Darien, to which place she went after stopping at the island of Pines. The Mayflower was sent out hurriedly on receipt of the news that Colombian troops had been landed on the island. The Mayflower made a thorough examination and found the re-port untrue. The Indians were question-ed, who said they had not seen any signs of Columbian troops The Mayflower then continued to

It was recently reported the Colombian government had sent troops by the cruiser Cartegena. Panama does not claim these islands. The United States naval authorities will take no steps to verify the rumors. It is now expected that the United States warships, which are going to Cartegena to meet Minister Beaupre, who is on his way there from Bogota. will leave Colon on December 25th, ar-riving at Cartagena on December 27th.

WILL STRENGTHEN TIES.

Chicago, Dec. 22 .- It was understood to-day at the 49th convocation of the University of Chicago, that donations amounting to \$1,850,000 had been re-ceived from John D. Rockefeller, foundceived from John D. Rocketcher, found er of the university. Hon. Geo. W. Ross, premier of On-tario, delivered an address at the uni-versity to-day on the "Political Cleav-age of North America."

age of North America." Speaking of the movement recently inaugurated by Joseph Chamberlain to federate the English colonies on the basis of Imperial protection against the world, Premier Ross said: "It requires no argument to show that the estab-lishment of commercial relations within the Empire on the basis of preferential tariff would greatly strengthen the ties which bind all the colonies, including Canada to the Empire and remove still Canada, to the Empire, and remove still further in the background whatever infurther in the background whatever in-ducements remain for closer political or commercial relations with the United States."

LOOTED BY NATIVES.

Ladrones Stole Money From Treasury in Luzon and Tortured Captive.

In Luzon and Tortured Captive. Manila, Dec. 23.—Ladrones recently looted the treasury in Luzon. They cap-tured the president and cut the tendons of his heels. The constabulary succeed-ed in recovering part of the stolen funds. The agreement for the sale of the Friar lands has been signed to take effect in six months, the time allowed for surveys and examination of titles. The bureau organized to administer the af-fairs of these lands will dispose of them when possible on long terms of payment. Three-fourths of this land is included with the populated districts which makes it a difficult proposition for the adminis-tration bureau. Governor Taff has pardoned several Filipino prisoners on the approach of the

Filipino prisoners on the approach of the Christmas festival, including the priest, Leonardo De Puzy, who was under sen-tence of death by a military court for burying alive the president of Taylay. The sentence has been commuted to penal serviting for a pecied of tracts penal servitude for a period of twenty years.

CUMBERLAND NOTES.

CUMBERLAND NOTES. Inspector S. B. Netherby was in town stat week conducting the High school en-trance examinations. Fewer candidates the senior class having entered the High school last summer. The Masonic ball on Screat preparations are being made in order the senior class may be successful. The Woodmen of the World, who came up from Victoria langer Henry F. Pullen, of the woodmen of the World, who came up of the order at Courtenay on Wednesday angle with a charter list of twenty-nine. Commander Fechner went down the to take a hand in the work. The town has fully recovered from the Bects of the late strike. The town of Thursday might Miss Mof-tatifs pupils gave a very pleasant enter-timent. The singing and reciting by the there are chairman. At the close of the acted as chairman. At the close of the acted as chairman. At the close of the whee kept the young folks a-tripping into the town bar the was tree was unloaded whee kept the young folks a-tripping into the town bar the was tree was unloaded whee kept the young folks a-tripping into the town bar the string of the stripping into the town bar the stripping into the town bar the stripping into the town bar the stripping into the stripping the stripping the stripping into the stripping the stripping the stripping the stripping into the stripping the stripping

FOSTER AT IT AGAIN.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Foster's political speech at the Canadian Club threatens a break-up of that body. Mr. Lemleux, barrister, of this city, was asked and refused to second a motion of thanks to Foster, and Lemleux was advised to do this by a number of those sitting around him.

A REVIEW O YEAR'S

ANNUAL GATHER OF HOR

Officers for the Ensuin Report Submitted of Direct

At the second annu Victoria Horticultura was held at the city following officers wer ensuing year: Hon Honor Sir Henri Joly Lieut.-Governor; pres berton; vice-presid Croft, Mrs. Frank Crow-Baker, Mrs. Dupont, E. E. Bi hon. treasurer, E. H tary, J. A. Bland; Messrs. P. T. Jame Gage, G. Millett, den, Mrs. Rebbeck an The board The board of dire year's work in the report:

The officers and di Horticultural Societ their first report s desire to refer to th of the first dens' on Friday and 9th of that y the Douglas G In making t of the show fo the Douglas G there not be tents there) th was meagre last year, Owing to the tors decided 50x25, to be m was most use, and, of course for an and a bronze me best bouquet of fi-by a boy or girl toria. Although representeu, tries were made a thenate that a b ols if the f an excellent coll gether with an bees and lucid system of bee-keeping listeners. The directors an intelligent cultivati system of bee-keeping ' valuable factor in the province, if only proj made to make the cc rules more widely know point that the director attention at our exhibi The society numbers scribing \$2 per annum the total number of show, including childre Two most interesting at the society during ti Gage, on the culture of and one by Mr. Wilkers the dahlia, whilst Mr. meeting, verbally impa information relative to begonias. Such meeting tive, and the society is

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POINT ELLICE.

The Floor System Is Now -Retaining Wall

The work of establishing type of Point Ellice brick engineer on Wednesday highly pleased with the p floor system is now hall Arm, which, in view of ut tions only began a week is quite gratifying to th is the intention to grace a fine boat landing at t which stens will descen proach. The bridge will about three feet and a hi that it will be open for one six weeks. Work in connection will of the new landing for taining wall is now in being taken from Schl's ed to the scene of constri the derick is already in intention to prosecute

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HENRY FRASER. Prairie, Dec. 16th, 1903. QUIET ON ISTHMUS States Mayflower Arrives at a Cruise Along the Coast.

Dec. 23.-Everything is quiet e Atlantic coast. The United onverted cruiser Mayflower has from the Gulf of Darien, to from the Gulf of Darien, to ace she went after stopping at d of Pines. The Mayflower was hurriedly on receipt of the news ombian troops had been landed sland. The Mayflower madel a examination and found the re-me. The Indians were question-said they had not seen any signs bina troops.

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to meet Minister Beaupre, his way there from Bogota, Colon on December 25th, ar-Cartagena on December 27th. STRENGTHEN TIES.

Dec. 22 .- It was understood the 49th convocation of the of Chicago, that donations to \$1,850,000 had been re-m John D. Rockefeller, found-Ross, premier of On-

red an address at the uni--day on the "Political Cleav-rth America."

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OTED BY NATIVES. Stole Money From Treasury zon and Tortured Captive. (

Dec. 23.—Ladrones recently e treasury in Luzon. They cap-president and cut the tendons els. The constabulary succeed-overing part of the stolen funds, reement for the sale of the nds has been signed to take six months, the time allowed for ind examination of titles. The rganized to administer the af-these lands will dispose of them suble on long terms of payment, urths of this land is included populated districts which makes populated districts which makes ult proposition for the adminis-

or Taft has pardoned several festival, including the priest, De Puzy, who was under seneath by a military court for ive the president of Taylay. vitude for a period of twenty

CUMBERLAND NOTES.

r S. B. Netherby was in town conducting the High school eraminations. Fewer candidates if presented themselves, many of r class having entered the High t summer. The Masonic ball on will be the event of the holidays. parations are being made in order uy be successful.
all Manager Henry F. Pullen, of men of the World, who came up orla last week, organized a camp der at Courtenay on Wednesday a a charter list of twenty-nime. Immander Frechner went down to take a hand in the work. In has fully recovered from the the late strike.
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A REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S PROGRESS

ANNUAL GATHERING OF HORTICULTURISTS

Officers for the Ensuing Year Elected -Report Submitted by the Board

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INCREASED RATES. Moneyed Men Ask Higher Rates in Con-sequence of the New Financial. Policy.

The result of the improved methods adopted by the McBride government in connection with taxation is already be-ing felt, and in a way which will not commend itself to those who seek to make this province their home. Those intrusted with money to loan state that the market has been upset by the new acts, and that the rates of interest ask-ed for hy those having some thousands to invest has gone up in many instances from I per cent. to 1½ per cent. Money which could have been obtained for 6 per cent. a short time ago is now unob-tainable except at rates of 7 per cent. or 7½ per cent. Officer's for the Ensuing fear Lifected Report Submitted by the Board of Directors.
 At the second annual meeting of the Victoria Horficultural Society, which say held at the city hall Monday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, F. B. Permberton; vice-presidents, Mrs. He. Permer Croft, Mrs. Frank Barnard, Mrs. E. Grow-Baker, Mrs. B. W. Pearse, Major Dupont, E. E. Billinghurst, H. Permer Stary, J. A. Bland, board of directors, Messrs, P. T. James, L. Russell, W. B. Gage, G. Millett, W. F. Burton, treasurer, E. E. Billinghurst, H. Permer Stary, J. A. Bland, board of directors, Messrs, P. T. James, L. Russell, W. B. Sherbourne, Mrs. Siddall, Mrs. Wolfenden, Mrs. Rebbeck and Mrs. Tennant.
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VICTORIA TIMES, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1903.

VANCOUVER NOTES. John A. Dowie Intends to Sail From San Francisco Instead of Terminal City.

Rev. R. M. Simmons, elder of the Vancouver branch of the Christian Catholic Church in Zion, has received the following telegram from John Alexander

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PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

A quiet wedding ceremony was perform-ed in the home of Mr. C. Beadleston on Wednesday morning last, when Mr. Thomas Reive Patterson and Anna Belle Beadle-ston were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The bride and bridegroom were supported respectively by Miss Agnes Kidd and Mr. Joseph Kidd, daughter and son of Mr. Thomas Kidd. ex.M. F. P. It is rumored the Bank of British North America, of Vancouyer, Intend to open a branch at Laduer in the near future. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the last regular meet-ing of the A. O. U. W. lodge: P. M. W., T. E. Ladner; M. W., J. Glichrist; Fore-man, W. Pybus; Fin. Sec., W. H. Smith; Rec. Sec., T. W. Kerr; Receiver, R. Moffit.

SHORTAGE OF LUMBER.

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London, Dec. 23.—Rowland Hunt, Lib-eral Unionist, and a supporter of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy, has been elected by a majority of 970 to represent the Ludlow division of Shropshire in the House of Commons, to succeed Robt, J. More (Liberal-Unionist) deceased. At the previous contested election the Lib-eral-Unionist majority was nearly 4,000. The campaign was fought exclusively on the fiscal question. TRAINING SHIP ASHORE.

PASSENGERS TELL STORY OF MISHAP

Charles D. Lane, the well known Cali-fornia and Alaska mining man, was another of the Amur crowd returning on the Farallon. He has been inspecting his mining properties on Prince of Wales Island. Lane, however, boarded the Farallon at Ketchikan. As soon as the Amur broke down he chartered a launch and put back to Ketchikan, where he awaited the Farallon, informing Capt. Nord of the mishap' to the Canadian liner. This was the first intimation Capt, Nord had of the accident. He at once decided to put in to Port Simpson and tender his assistance. Mr. Lane hav-ing informed him that some of the pas-sengers would be glad of the opportunity to take the Farallon for this port.

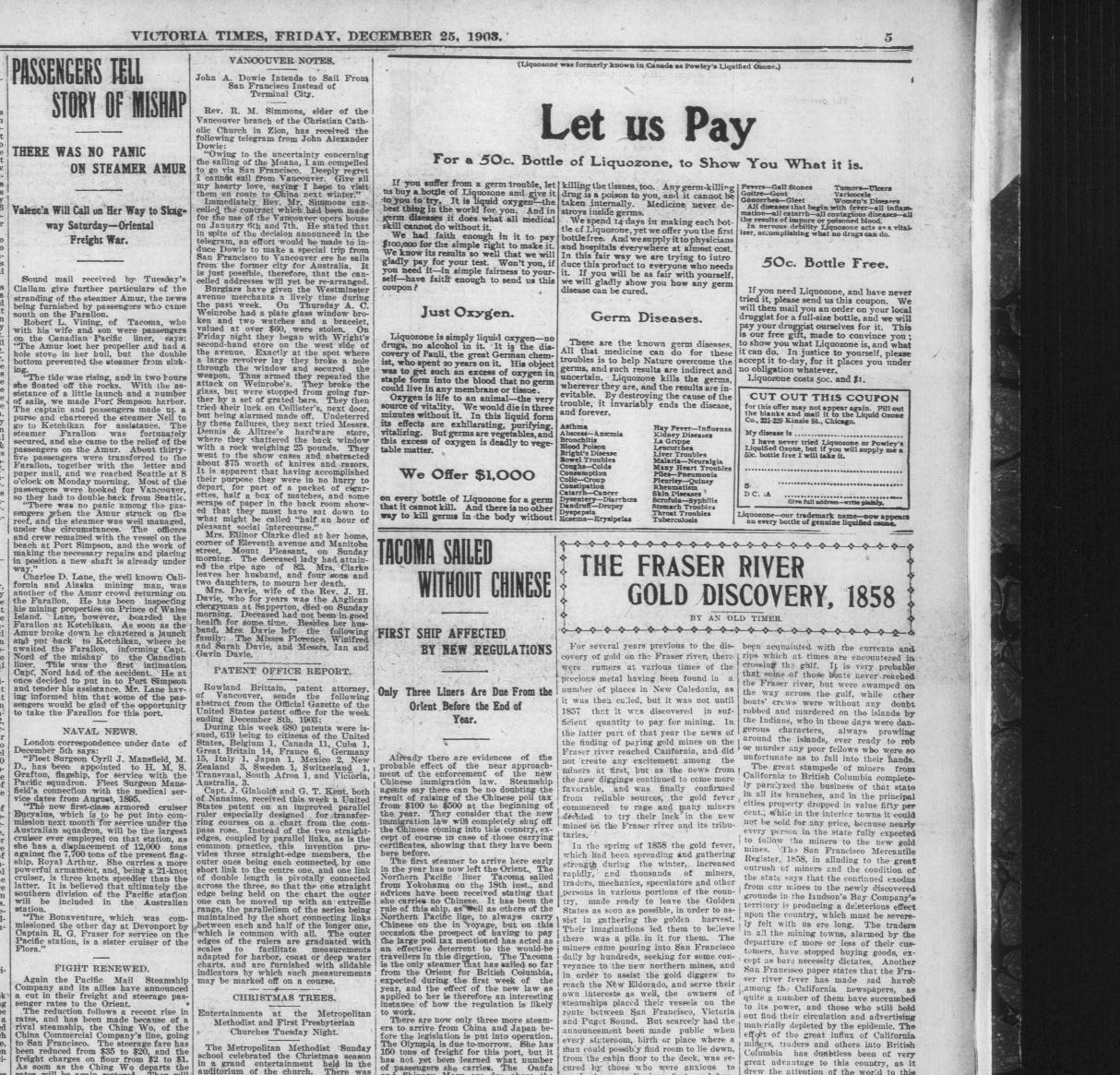
that it will be open for traine in a month or six weeks. Municipal voters' list by making the necessary declaration' at the city hall. There remain seven days in which this being taken from Schl's Point and convey-ed to the scene of construction work, where the derrick is already in position. It is the intention to prosecute this undertaking with all possible dispatch. Undertaking the necessary declaration' at the city hall. There remain seven days in which this can be done, and it is urgent that those who have not qualified should make a pligrimage to the city assessor's office before the time expires—the earlier the before the time expires—the earlier the the city hall. Last year about thirteen hundred a very considerable deposit from which

Toronto, Dec. 22.-A shortage of more than a hundred million feet of the estimat-ed lumber cut in Ontario for the season is reported, due to the shortage of choppers.

TACOMA SAILED WITHOUT CHINESE

table matter.

FIRST SHIP AFFECTED BY NEW REGULATIONS



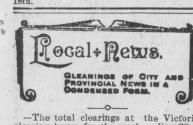
Antwerp, Belgium, Dec. 23.—The large vessel which went ashore in a fog yester-day at Nieuwerstuis, near Flushing, Helland, close to the spot where the Red Star line steamer Finland grounded on Saturday last, is a Dutch training ship. their gunwales, a risk, we feel sure, the England has 25 r miners never would have taken had they or more in length.

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England-has 28 railway tunnels of a mile

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 16th to 22nd December, 1903. 16th to 22nd December, 1903. The weather during this week has been for the most part everenst, there was onl a total of six hours bright sunshine record ed here, while rain fell upon five days, i this vicinity and upon every day of th week on the Lower Mainland. These could ditions were caused by the barometer re maining comparatively high to the south ward of this, while across Northern Britis Columbia a series of low barometer area spread eastward from the Pacific. As the centre of these storms passed considerabil Columbia a series of low barometer areas spread eastward from the Pacific. As the centre of these storms passed considerably to the northward of Vancouver Island there has been an absence of gales, both on the west coast of Vancouver Island the unjoining states. The only strong gale reported occurred on Saturday, 19th, when the wind reached an hourly velocity of 52 miles at Cape Flattery, and a fresh to high wind on the Straits of Juan de Fuca for a few hours. This storm was also accom-panied by thunder and lightning at the entrance to the Straits. Upon Monday, 21st, the high barometer area which had been hovering over Cali-fornia spread northward to this province, accompanied by fair weather, which con-tinued till the close of the week. The weather has been mild, not only on the Cost, but in Carlboo and Kootenay, and also at Dawson, the temperatures have been moderate for this season of the year. Victoria-Bright sunshine recorded was 6 hours; rainfall, .84 inch; highest tempera-ture, 49.5 on 16th; lowest, 37.2 on 18th. New Westminster-Rainfall, 2.18 inches; highest temperature, 48 on 16th; and low-est, 38 on 17th, 18th and 19th. Kamloops-No rain or snow; highest tem-perature, 40 on 16th and 20th; lowest, 24 oops-No rain or snow; highest tem e, 40 on 16th and 20th; lowest, 2 ture, 36 on 16th; and lowest, 14 or



-The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 22nd December were \$537,243.

-On Saturday evening Mr. Wm. Mc. Kay and Miss Frances Butler were unit ed in the holy bonds of matrimony. Rev. R. B. Blyth conducted the ceremony.

-There was a large attendance at the concert and comedietta in aid of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Esquimalt, which took place on Monday in the Masonic hall, Esquimalt. The entertainment was under the patronage of Rean Admiral Bickford, C. M. G., and Mrs Bickford. The programme was carried through as published in last evening's Times.

-The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital on Monday of Mahlon Cooper, one of the inmates of the Old Men's Home. Deceased was 68 years of age and a native of Yorkshire, England. He was a resident of British Columbia for was a resident of British Columbia for thirty years, and was well known among the pioneers. The funeral has been ar-ranged to take place to-morrow after-noon at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co.

-W. J. Holden, vice-president of The People's Loan & Deposit Company, with headquarters in Toronto, is in the city. This company began business on Decem-ber 1st, being an amalgamated company with a charter to do work in any part of the province. Mr. Holden will visit all the agencies in British Columbia of the Dominion Co-Operative Home Building Association, which is now amalgamated with this new company, and revive the with this new company, and revive the

-The funeral of the late Hugh Grieve took place on Saturday afternoon from his late home, 700 Cambie street, Wancouver, Rev. R. G. MacBeth officiating. The large number of floral officings gave evidence of the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held, and of the sympathy which is felt for the bereaved widow and her little girl. The funeral was largely attended. Messrs. McNeill, Atzel, Grieve, Doble. Scott and Fraser acted as pallbearers.

-The County court has adjourned until January 14th. All the cases not disposed of will therefore stand over until that date. -Steamer Ascot, laden with cargo for

Japan and China from Portland, passed out to sea Monday from Comox, where she had received bunker coal.

-On Monday word was received by James Parsons of the death on Sunday at Toronto of Miss Vera, the only daugh-ter of Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Speers. -A dividend of 5 per cent. for the year ending May 31st last has been re-commended by the directors of the Bri-tish Columbia Cannery Co., Ltd., accord-ing to advices from London, England.

-The annual Sunday school treat of the Congregational church will be held in the schoolroom of the church on De-cember 29th. A Christmas tree will be provided in connection with a musical provided in connection with a musical programme, and an enjoyable time is as-sured all who attend.

-The funeral of the late Private -The function of the late Private Dugald McMaster took place on Sunday afternoon from the mortuary, Work Point barracks, to the military ceme-tery, Esquimalt. Rev. D. MacRae, Presbyterian chaplain to His Majesty's troops, conducted religious services.

-The row of soft-voiced "centrals" without whom the telephone company would have to get out of business, will be installed in their new quarters in the Bank of Montreal building in a month or six weeks. The new switchboard is now in course of installation, and altogether quite a staff of men are employed in pre-paring for the change.

-At the last meeting of the Minis-terial Association it was decided to observe the annual week of prayer, namely, January 4th to Sth, inclusive. The use of the Congregational church has been kindly granted and the pro-gramme of speakers and subjects will be announced later. It is hoped those in-terested in this movement will remember these dates these dates. -----

-Thousands attended the lectures piven in Toronto and other Eastern cities by Rev. M. G. Pearce, the well known preacher and writer of London, England, who is now on his way West, and will visit Victoria. The subject of his addresses is Christian Socialism, and his descriptions of the work in West London districts is attracting general at-London districts is attracting general at-tention. Rev. Mr. Pearce will also speak at Vancouver and Nanaimo.

-Wednesday an Association football match took place between the St. Louis College and North Ward teams at Beacon Hill. The former eleven defeat-ed the North Ward eleven by a score of two goals to nil, Sweeney and Keappock doing the scoring. For the winners F. Baylis, J. Tocke, F. Brown, J. Robbins and McArthur played a good game. C. Carter made an impartial referee. -----

-Tuesday afternoon and evening the annual fair of the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church was held, there being a large attendance. The booths were all prettily decorated and well patronized. The programme given in the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, was much appreciated. Those in charge of the arrangements are to be congratulat-ed upon the unqualified success of the fair.

-Ian St. Clair, physical instructor for the public schools, has issued certificates to 25 boys of different schools who have passed a severe examination in swimming.

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-The regular weekly meeting of Co-lumbia lodge, I.O.O.F., was held Wed-nesday, when the third degree was con-ferred upon a member. After business the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

-German Lutherian church Christmas services will be held at the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, as follows: Friday, December 28th, at 10.30 a.m., festival services and holy communion; Monday, December 28th, Christmas tree services at 7.30 p.m.

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-Special Christmas services will be held in the Centennial Methodist church next Sunday. In the moruing at 11 o'clock there will be a grand rally of boys and girls and their parents and friends, when the pastor will give an ap-propriate address, and the choir will furnish suitable music. In the evening an extensive musical programme has been prepared by the choir of 35 voices, and an address will be delivered by Mr. Bawei, of Maoriland.

-The Amateur Orchestra Society finds it necessary, in order to provide the funds to carry on the society, that subscriptions be asked from the members. F. Watkis, the conductor, is giving his services at present free of charge, and it is be-lieved that, those composing the society will not object to subscribe to the funds in view of the instruction which will be given. The subscription fee is fixed at

-In about a fortnight's time it is ex-pected that Turkish baths will be opened in connection with the Drinrd. The entire basement of that hotel is being fitted up with lounging rooms, and the other conveniences necessary to make the baths up to date in every particular. Car-penters have been at work for the past mouth, and have practically completed the construction of dressing rooms and other apartments. The heating appara-tus is now being installed. When com-pleted there will be accommodation for both ladies and gentlemen. It is also the intention to have a barber's shop and bootblack stand in connection with the baths.

baths. —Sidney Methodist church was crowd ed at the annual Christmas treat in con-nection with the Sunday school. A very pretty tree heavily laden with choice huiding. Rev. T. H. Wright, pastor of the church, occupied the position of chairman. A good programme was ren-dered by the Sabhath school choir and scholars. Mrs. Griffin, the supertendent of the school, has done good work during the year with a devoted band of workers. A vote of thanks, moved by Mr. Shop-land, and seconded by Mr. Hewitt, was tendered the officers of the school and friends, both mover and seconder speak-ing. enjoyable programme, excellent tree and a bountiful supply of refreshments. Mr. Smith acted as Santa Claus. After purchasing presents, a balance in hand of over \$18 was reported for carrying on the school for next year.

 2 —A⁹ meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria Creanery Association will be held in the city hall on Wednesday at 12 o'clock to consider the question of re-

The funeral of the late Mrs. Bowes Harnes, of Metchosin, took place on Weddeslay from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Keligious services were cou-ducted by Rev. J. P. Westman.

-Dr. Carder, who has just resigned the position of surgeon of the R. M. S. Empress of India, has left for the East. He issucceeded by Dr. F. B. Carron, of Brockyille, Ont., who is an old McGill student, who has been surgeon on sev-eral 'Atlantic liners, where he proved highly popular with both passengers and shipmares.

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 bassed her third Lloyd's survey on the Bequimalt Marine railway, and will leave for the Sound in a day or so.
 —A resident of the Lake district has complained to the provincial police that an elderly man under the influence of liquor the other day pursued two of his children. The police will investigate the complaint.
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to r, doup, m. -Wm. Wilson is a candidate for al-derman in South Ward, the list for the mayoralty. A candidate for school trustee has announced himself in the per-son of Geo. J. Cook. -Nicholas Tregear

is being further developed. —The municipal elections in Duncans will take place in the middle of January. Alex, Herd for reeve, in the place of John Evrans, M. P. P., will be opposed by Horace Davie, J. W. Camell, council-man last rear, will stand again. He will be opposed by Harry Smith. As all are good men and a great deal of interest is manifested, a very warm election is anti-cipated. —Gideon Hicks is training a large choir the for a special musical service in the Me-tropolitan Methodist church Sunday tropolitan Methodist. Church Sunday the load are from "The Messiah." and will include the choruses. "And the Glory of the Lord" and "For Unito Us a Child is part in !"O Thou That Tellest." and the songrano, solo. "Rejoice Greatly." will be sung by Miss Jeanie. McAlpine.

-Wednesday a most enjoyable dance was need at the Assembly hall by the pupils of airs. Simpson and Mrs. Dick-son. There was a good attendance, and a pleasant time was spent by all, the floor being in first class condition and the music excellent. On Monday evening next the usual weekly class will be held, and a special dance will take place on Thursday. Refreshments will be pro-vided by the ladies. -Special Christmas services will be

-The New Zealanders who recently gave a series of enjoyable recitals in this city have been received with much favor in the country districts, large and en-thusiastic audiences greeting them night-ly. Mr. Rawei will preach at the Cen-tennial, and West Victoria Methodist churches on Sunday, December 27th. On Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Rawei will give a farewell recital at the Metropoli-tan Methodist church. New and novel items, descriptive of Maoriland and its picturesque people, will be introduced.

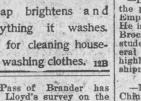
-The remains of the late Mahlon Cooper were laid at rest Wednesday af-ternoon. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co., and at 2.30 at Ross Bay cemeters. Rev. Canon Paddon conducted the religious services. There was a large attendance of friends, the inmates of the Old Men's Home be-ing present in a body. ing present in a body.

-In the advertisement columns of the Times appears the card announcing Dr. Milne's candidature for alderman in South/Wurd. The doctor has come out in response to the solicitation of a large number of South Ward ratepayers who are anytons that a citizen of his experi-

people were joyousness itself, in gay at-tire and smiling countenances. While each number of the programme was creditibly carried out, two novel fea-tures of the same were the "Kinder-garten Orchestra," a real, full band of tiny instruments, known as "Zobo" in-struments, and on which Christmas airs, marches etc. can be wonderfully played. struments, and on which Christmas airs, marches, etc., can be wonderfully played, even by the little tots, and the drama entitled a "Christmas Tea Party." Following this, the gifts were distri-buted, and many little hearts were glad-dened over the pretty dolfs and books re-ceived. The little boys' joy knew no bounds over their presents of guns, whips, horns, etc. The school will reopen on Monday, open all day, and in the evening, when electric lights would facilitate inspection White Star line steamer Majestic. He for 25 years in one small room, where he slept, dined and worked. I cannot un-derstand how he was able to do this. I derstand how he was able to do this. I

SUCCESSFULLY TREATED BY that there is a priest within call. Above

form of treatment which has yielded not left the Vatican since 1866, and who



A POPULAR MUSICIAN. A. Longfield Presented With an Address By St. John's Church Choir.

Arthur Longfield, the well-known musician and organist of St. John's church, was Wednesday the recipient of a beautifully illumined address from the members of the choir of that church. Mr. Longfield retires from the position of organist and choirmaster at the end of the present month, and the members of the choir felt that they could not let the occasion pass without expressing their appreciation of the unitring efforts put forth by him on behalf of both church and choir, and also placing upon record the great loss, which, in their opinion, the church must sustain upon his retirement.

Mr. Longfield has filled this position with great ability fo: the past six years. The address is as follows:

chickens by overcrowding them in baskets. J. M. Bradburn, who appeared for the defence, pleaded guilty and the defendants were each fined \$50 for being an inmate of a house of ill-fame.
—On Wednesday the annual Christmas tree entertainment in connection with the Centerinial Methodist Sunday school was held. There was a large attendance, and a pleasant evening was spent by all. Noab Shakespeare, the superintendent, presided. After an excellent programme Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed presents. Refreshments were also served.
—The Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders held a meeting on Tuesday evening at Labor hall. After transaction of routine business, office and other weaknesses would otherwise have enade us present but a sorry spectacle. oblige at all times have won for you a high place in our esteem. In short, dear Mr. Longfield, we feel that with your departure St. John's church will lose the services of one who combines the

In reply Mr. Longheid made a next and appropriate little speech, in the course of which he thanked the members of the choir for the honor they had done him, and referred to the pleasant relations that had always existed between the choir and himself. He said that at all times he had striven to do his duty to the best of his ability, and no man could do more.

DESCRIPTION OF CASHELL.

Circulars Regarding Escaped Condemned Murderer Have Been Received Here.

A reward of a thousand dollars is offered for the arrest of Ernest Cashell, the condemned murderer who escaped from the ustody of the Northwest Police at Calgary on December 10th. Circulars containing his picture and description have been received by the city and provincial police. They by the city and provincial police. They describe him as follows: Age, 21 years; a formationality. American; figure, erect; height, 5 feet 5/4 chaet; cities, formationality, American; figure, erect; height, 5 feet 5/4 chaet; cities, formationality, American; figure, erect; height, 5 feet 5/4 chaet; cities, formationality, American; figure, erect; height, 5 feet 5/4 chaet; cities, formationality, American; figure, erect; height, 5 feet 5/4 chaet; cities, formationality, American; figure, erect; height, 5 feet 5/4 chaet; cities, formation, forma describe him as follows: Age, 21 years:

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Extended Volunteers.

Christmas greetings are extended members of the Fifth Regiment in following regimental order issued Lieut.-Col. Hall:

need a roomy apartment. I cannot sleep alone, as Pope Leo did. I must know all, I must have air. I am fully satis-fied. The opportunities for walking in the Vatican gardens are limitless. The air suits me well. Those believing that Cancer of the internal organs, such as the stomach, bowels, liver and womb, has been most successfully treated by the Vatican official, 86 years old, who has



The Japanese Tommy Atkins and His Training.

Since the Japanese entered the list of progressive nations a comparatively few

At the colors.
At the end of this period the soldier returns to civil life, but for four years afterwards he is a member of the first-class reserve, and ray be compelled to go upon active service in any part of the Empire at any time. After the expiration of four years in the first-class reserve.
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London, Dec. 23.-Henry Norman M. P., the author and traveller, sails for White Star line steamer Majestic. He return in time for the opening of parliament

NEW YORK'S MAYOR.

ourt. There are 31,277 students in France for the scholastic year 1902-3, out of which number 1,339 are females.



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M'KAY-BUTLER-On Saturday, 19th inst., at the residence of the Rev. R. B. Blyth, Wm. McKay, of Victoria, to Frances Butler, of London, England. HARFORD-CUTLER-At Vancouver, on Dec. 22nd, by Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland, Frank Harford and Miss Mabel C. Cutler.

OUR FORELATHERS.

Buffalo Express.

Arguing on the subject that man is de proposes to investigate the question of scended from the monkey, the Boston preferential tariffs in Canada, and will Glove cries out to know what the monkey was descended from, and thinks maybe plant life is the answer. Well, then, what was plant life descended from? Might as well have this question of ancestry set tled.

THE UNREGENERATE Toronto Star.

The attention of the W. C. T. U. and other bodies who persist in praying for reporters is called to a case of conscience in journalism. Two London editors have been fired for refusing to write Joe Chamberlain editorials.

Quoits, as a game, is said to have originated with the Greeks, and to have bee first played at the Olympic games 700 B.C. The yearly loss by wear in British gold coins is £48,000.

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Willess made a star Thorn, the attorney, ar June, 1903, he told J Mrs. Hopper that he statement. He told J but he could not reme was asked concerning i told Judge Coyne he n give evidence. He had mind in that matter. had been brought ou

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Pablo. Before the ceren Dunsmuir said he was a They had gone in and whiskey, witness pouring He told of purchasin Oreole from Alexander told of the business con cerning it. Alexander also spoken of his wealth said that the more a ma worry he had. He said himself much good. It children of his brother J After dinner at Mrs After dinner at Mrs. . ander Dunsmuir asked Ja for "that paper." Witner Lowe went into another r and witnessed the signing The court then adjour morning

This Morning's Proc Upon the trial resuming vs. Dunsmuir case this m Hibbert Tupper made form



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DIED.

S-At Vancouver, on Dec. 22nd, W. Edwards, aged 64 years. Vancouver, on Dec. 21st, W. C. ged 33 years. -At Vancouver, on Dec. 20th, I. Clarke, aged 82 years.

K OF THE JULIA PLANTE.

ark night on Lac St. Pierre, of de wood scow Julia Plante n' run below... she blow lak' hurricane, bus' up on Lac St. Pierre, t from the shore.

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ras dark lak' wan black cat, run high an' fas', aptinne tak' de Rosie girl er to de mas', o tak' de life preserve, off on de lak', d-bye, ma Rosie dear, for your sak'!"

t very early, pas' two-t'ree-four-scow-an' de poor Rosie s on de shore. she blow hak' hurricane, low some more, as' up on Lac St. Pierre, rom de shore.

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THOSE READY FOR THE COMING RACE

LIST OF CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED TO DATE

Abent Sixteen Have Decided to Come Out-Some Have Not Altogether Made Up Their Minds.

The list of candidates for the approaching municipal elections is mounting higher daily and the prospect of a good fight is guite apparent. There are now in the field two gentlemen who desire to occupy the mayoralty chair, a dozen or so aspirants to aldermanic honors and four candidates for the school board.

ors and four candidates for the school board. It is generally regretted that business arrangements have rendered the retire-ment of Mayor McCandless at the expir-ation of his term it perative. He won the chief magistrate's seat after waging the most gallant battle in municipal his-tory, and during the comparatively brief period of his incumbency now drawing to a close he has achieved a very credit-able scord. But inasmuch as his decis-ion to retire is as unalterable as the adamantine canons of the Medes and Persians, the public will have to select the man who they conscientiously believe will best complete the public works un-dertaken, but not finished this year. As everybody who reads the papers knows the two gentlemen who want to preside over the destinies of this fair city for the ensuing term are Ald. Barnard and ex-Mayor Redfern. It was thought that possibly Ald Yates, who has been on an extended visit to the Old Country, world hoist his pennant and make the fight a three-cornered one, but the Central Ward city father this morning informed a times representative that such was not his intention. In fact, he said, the hardly thought he would present himself for aldermanic laurels again, so that he could devote his time and energy more asidnously to his business affairs. Should Ald, Yates retire at the close of his term he will create a fourth wayor McCandless's retirement will cause one gap, the transfer of Ald. Com-eron's law-making activities from the city hall to the more imposing parlia-ment buildings across the bay will make another, while Ald. Barnard's entry into tweamer, more will come their lowers in It is generally regretted that business

For Aldermen. North Ward-Alds, Kinsman, Gra-hame and Dinsdale and W. F. Fullerton. Centre Ward-Alds. Stewart and

Goodare, South Ward-Ald, Vincent, ex-Ald, Worthington, James A. Douglas, Thora-ton Fell and B. S. Oddy. Undecided, Dr. G. L. Milne, School Trustee. /

Trustee Mrs. Jenkins, Trustee Boggs, Wm. McKay and W. G. Eden. Undecid-ed, P. J. Riddell.

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Victoria West Sunday School Entertain-ment Monday Evening-Two An-nounced For To-Night.

CHRISTMAS TREATS.

The children of Victoria West Sunday school, of which Dr. Lewis Hall is su-perintendent, celebrated Monday night in Semple's hall. A very interesting can-tata was rendered by the children, who had been trained by Mrs. Black. At the conclusion of the cantata Santa Claus appeared and dispensed the gifts and candy for the children. The Metropolitan Sunday school hold their annual entertainment this evening. The primary department will meet with the senior members in the auditorium of the church at 7.30. The admission is free. An error was made yesterday when

An error was made yesterion, which the annual entertainment in connection with the First Presbyterian church was announced for Tuesday, the 29th. It will take place this evening at the church. All preparations for the annual Christ-To build a permanent roadway across the Centennial Methodist church, which will be held to-morrow evening, have been completed, and a pleasant evening the anticipated

while been completed, and a pleasant evening is anticipated. The annual Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will be held on Wednesday, December 30th. An appro-priate programme is being prepared by the children. TO PROTECT SEALS.

Committee of United States Senate Expected to Recommend Passage of Tawney Bill.

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this same steady improvement will con-tinue. Michel and Fernie are both busy and many local improvements are in pro-gress at both points. The lumbering in dustry is booming all through the pass.

IRRIGATION OF NORTHWEST. William Whyte and Land Commis sioner Dennis Consulting With Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

William Whyte, assistant to Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., and J. S. Dennis, land commissioner, are in Montreal making an official report E. L. Wrigglesworth, of Fernie, and Mrs. Wrigglesworth arrived in the city Tuesday evening from Fernie, where they were married on Wednesday last. They intend spending several weeks in Victoria. Mr. Wrigglesworth is manager for Wriggles worth & Co., contractors for the Crow's Nest Coal Co., for the coke ovens at Michel. His bride was Miss A. B. Fer-guson, a popular and accomplished young lady of Fernie. WATCHES FREE TO AGENTS-Wanted, gentlemen and ladies to engage in the sale of our watches. We give our agents a free sample \$10 watch to take orders success when the project is carried

Rapid growth of the finger nails is re-

DISPENSE WITH TO ROCK BAY BRIDGE

PERMANENT ROADWAY PROPOSED INSTEAD

Matter is Receiving Attention of Cfty Council - Letter From C.P.R. Hotel Architect. ,

winding bridge is one of the commence able subjects receiving the consideration just now of the city council. The bridge is becoming in need of repair, and, according to one aiderman's statement to a Times revresentative Monday, it will cost \$10,000 to put it in the improved condition desired.

condition desired. This is a large sum of money, in view of the present state of the finances of the city, and the practical men of the coun-cil have energetically advanced the plan of a permanent roadway across the har-bor that would connect with Government the the groups Bay street will meter of une ensure states scale data and or high and particular data and provide data and prov

(§gd) F. M. RATTENBURY. (§gd) F. M. RATTENBURY. The letter was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee for report. J. C. Mapleton, secretary of the Vic-toria Laborers' Protective Union, wrote drawing attention to the fact that aliens had been imported for the purpose of do-ing preliminary work on the Point Ellice bridge, contrary to the law and goodwill of the people. Received and filed, and a copy to be sent to the con-tractors asking for an explanation. A lengthy letter from Mr. Wigg re-garding the sanitary condition of a house on Elizabeth street was referred to the sanitary officer for report. Oliver Johnston asked for permission to remove two houses from Humbolt street. Referred to the city engineer and building inspector for report.

street. Referred to the city engineer and building inspector for report. C. C. Moody demanded payment of \$50 as compensation for property disposed of. Received and filed. Mrs. O. Weiler complained of the con-dition of property in her neighborhood as a nuisance. Referred to the sanitary officer, with instructions to abate the nuisance.

City Clerk Dowler reported as follows:

Gentlemen:--I have the honor to inform youthat since the last meeting of the city council the following communications have been received and referred to the city en-glneer for report, viz.: Chas. Marshall asking that the sidewalk recently laid down on Pandora street, south side, be extended easterly so as to accom-modate two houses on Pandora street own-ed by him. nodate two houses on tailing attention ed by him. D. E. Campbell et al, calling attention to the condition of Powell street, near its junction with Michigan street. Jas. Rose et al, calling attention to the necessity for repairs being made on St. Louis street. J. B. McCallum et al, asking that the sldewalk now being laid down on the south side of Pandora avenue be continued for a distance of about 400 feet. P. S. Lampman, re sidewalk Belcher

Received and filed. Employees of the Victoria waterworks petitioned the council again respecting the supply of gum boots. Referred to the water commissioner for report, Ald.

tewart and Kinsman expressing the pinion that the request, if possible, hould receive favorable consideration. The finance committee reported as fol-

Gentlemen:--Your finance committee hav-ag considered the undermentioned subject eg to report and recommend as follows: That the treasurer be instructed to rrite off the uncollected balance of the ex-enses in connection with the voting on the Septic Tank By-law, 1991, amounting to 180. That all cancelled debentures and coupons rior to the 31st of December, 1901, be

destroyed. Received and adopted. The finance committee also recommend-ed payment of accounts totalling \$6,-504.54. Received and adopted. The reconsideration and final passing of the Sewer Specification By-law was next brought up, and laid over for a week. This exhausted the business of the meeting and the council adjourned.

CALL TO A MINISTER. Phoenix Presbyterians Want Rev. E. W. MacColl, Now at Moyie, as Pastor.

At a congregational meeting of the members and adherents of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Phoenix, 'it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. E. W. MacColl, now of Moyie; to become the pastor of the church in Phoenix, Rev. J. R. Robertson, of Grand Forks, was moderator of the meeting, and with a member of the church was chosen to present the wishes to become the pastor of the church in Phoenix. Rev. J. R. Robertson, of Grand Forks, was moderator of the church was chosen to present the wishes of the church to a meeting of the Pres-bytery, which will be called at Grand Forks for the purpose of considering the call. SHIPPING NOTES, Olizabael is Causing Angion Actident

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No. 244. Brunswick. this 24th day of November nine hundred and three. (L.S.)

arious provincial live stock associa-ons which are working under the supertions which are working under the super-vision of the Dominion department of agriculture, and the meeting is called for the purpose of forming a National Live Stock Association in Canada. Rules and regulations are being prepared for the consideration of the delegates, who will also be asked to bring forward any suggestions affecting the live stock interests of their particular sections. Entertainment and Christmas Tree Saturday—An Enjoyable Pro-

A very enjoyable entertain A very enjoyable entertainment and Christmas tree was held at the Elk Lake schoolhouse on Saturday evening last, to mark the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays. At 8 o'clock the schoolhouse was crowded with parents, friends and scholars. Trustee H. E. Tanner, M. P. P., made a very accept-able chairman. The scholars, under their canable teacher. Walter Campbell, cave

ELK LAKE SCHOOL.

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FAIR WAGE OFFICER,

ODonoghue, of Department Labor, Visiting the Coast.

Fair wage officer, D. J. O'Donoghue, of the department of labor, arrived in the city Tuesday on official business. His duties are to fix what is a fair wage, and the schedule decided upon is incorpor-ated in contracts awarded for govern-ment works

ated in contracts awarded for govern-ment works. The pursuance of his duties in this connection Mr. O'Donoghue will visit Nanaimo, where additions are to be made to the post office: Sidney, where the pier is to be extended; Quatsino, where the wharf is to be extended, and various other public works. He has just returned from the Kootenays, whither he went to fix the wage schedule for the Rossland armories. He is also white on the present trip col-lecting statistics of the present statistics is being built. A blizzard overtook them, the thermometer dropping to 40 degrees below, and the trail became obliterated. To add to their troubles the driver was overcome, and Mr. O'Donoghue was able to stir him to consciousness only by the most strenuous exertions-exerctions

The equatorial diameter of the earth is greater than the Polar diameter by twenty-

BABY HUMORS .- Dr. Agnew's Ointment oothes, quiets, and effects quick and effective cures in all skin eruptions common to to the hair in cases of Scald Head, and cures Eczema, Salt Rheum and all Ski Diseases of older people, 35 cents. Sold

LICENSE AUTHORISING AN EXTRA PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." Canada:

Province of British Columbia.

No. 244. This is to certify that "The Princess Royal Gold Mines, Limited," is authorised and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia. The head office of the Company is situate at Rothesay, in the County of King's, New Demonstrate

The amount of the capital of the Company is one million two hundred and fifty thous-and dollars, divided into one million two hundred and fifty thousand shares of one Indice ach. The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, B. C., and David MacEwen Eberts, whose address is Victoria, B. C., is the attorney of the

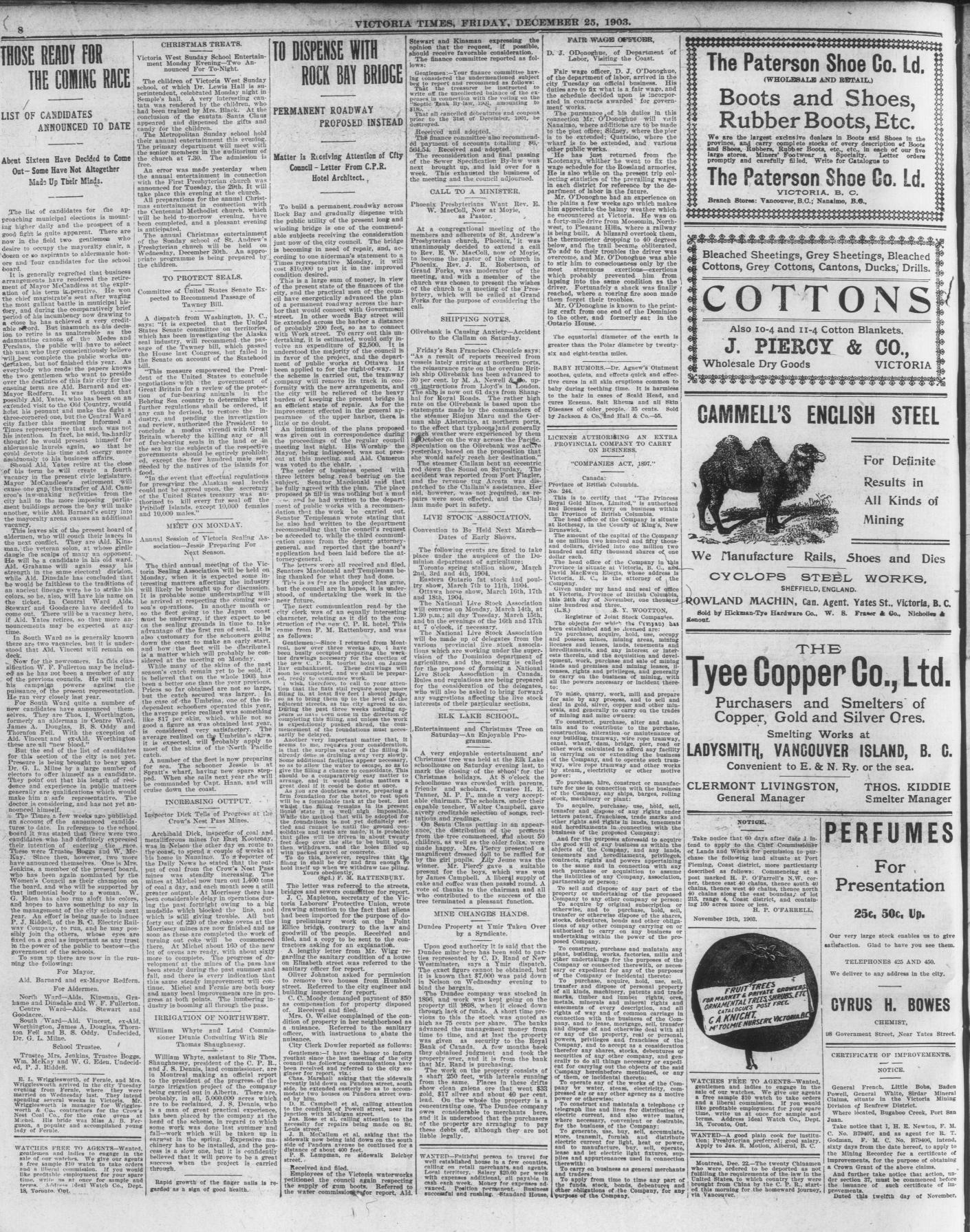
y. under my hand and seal of office aria, Province of British Columbia, h day of November, one thousand S. Y. WOOTTON.

Registrar of Joint Stock Companie Registrar of Joint Stock Comparies. The objects for which the (rmpan) has been established and so icensed are: To purchase, acquire, hold, use, occupy and possess mines, mining areas, mining licenses and leases, lands, tenements and hereditaments, and any interest or inter-ests therein, and the acquisition and devel-opment, work, purchase and sale of mining lands and premises and mining leases, li-censes, rights and privileges, and generally to carry on the business of mining, with all the powers necessary or incident there-to:

To mine, quarry, work, mill and prepare for sale by any process, and to sell and deal in gold, silver, copper and other min-erals, and generally to carry on the trades of mining and mine owners:

or mining and mine owners: To construct, purchase, alter and main-tain and to contribute to the purchase, construction, alteration or maintenance of any building, tramway, wire rope tramway, canal, wharf, 'dam, bridge, pier, road or other work calculated to afford any facility in carrying on or extending the business of the Company, and to operate such tram-way, wire rope tramway and other works by steam, electricity or other motive power:

To purchase, hire, construct or manufac-ture for use in connection with the business of the Company, any ships, barges, rolling stock, machinery or plant:



VOL. 84. FATALITIES ENGINEER AND SCAL Mayor Urquhart Re tion for Toron Railway I Montreal, Dec. the Dominion Co meeting held yester of ten per cent. yees. It was fi make it at least for the Montreal mills on short time duri summer months ow and their earnings as large as usual. they are only worl

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Toronto, Dec. was declared elected papers by Mr. Ho filed too late. For Co

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Auburn, Ont., De Conservatives have Lewis, of Goderich, the House of Co general election. Crushed

Hamilton, Dec. on, night foren iron & Steel Co town,

Barrie, Ont., man, are dead scalding receiv from their engine turned over on the snow plough runnin pulling the engine y

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Winnipeg, Dec. 24 K. C., formerly Do the interior, has be magistrate for Wint W. Baker, who has s Suicide in

T. J. Trescott co hanging to-day in th at Selkirk. He was formerly resided in V Christm The Winnipeg Ele

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At a wedding par McKay's, nine miles dancing eaused a l piano and explode, room, which was co cluding the piano an damage was about \$ slightly burned about face.

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