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Object of Company Formed in Ontario—  
The Search for Cashel Still  
Continues.

Transfer of Roads.  
The Northern Consolidated Holding Company, with a capital of eight million dollars, just chartered by the Ontario government, has been formed in connection with the transfer of a controlling interest in the Great Northern railway and subsidiary roads to Mackenzie & Mann.

Counter Action.  
Mr. Hugh Sutherland, of Winnipeg, agent for the Dominion Bank, has recently issued a writ for balance claimed on a stock transaction in the Dominion Bank, claiming \$9,000 for alleged wrongful conversion of stock.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Speaking before a meeting of the Dominion Bank, Mr. Sutherland said: "Give me one generation of people who were total abstainers, and with a few per cent. more, they would undertake to show the greatest regime of prosperity that has ever come to this country."

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The police still have nothing definite in the Cashel case, although they have been working on it since this afternoon. It is reported that Cashel's body was found in a well three miles west of the city. A man from the barracks went to Sandy McDonald's ranch, only to find that the body in the well was that of George Bacon, a young man who worked on the ranch and was a great amount of time to raise the body, as the well is a hundred feet deep, it being necessary to lower a bucket into the well while drawing water with a bucket. The coroner is investigating.

WORKING FOR PEACE.  
Report That Britain and France Redouble Efforts to Prevent War.  
London, Dec. 22.—The Times's Tokyo correspondent says that owing to the rumors of the assembling of military transports at Hiroshima, there has been a great amount of speculation.

REDMOND AND LAND BILL.  
Says Dublin Castle Legal Officers Prevent Proper Operation of Act.  
London, Dec. 21.—John Redmond, speaking at Bunnageena, County Sligo, Ireland, today protested against the decision of the legal officers at Dublin castle, which he said prevented the proper operation of the Irish Land Act in congested districts, by enabling landlords to combine in a refusal to sell grazing lands. He declared the decision was a gross violation of the government's pledge, and the Irish party would demand their amendment in the coming session of parliament.

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FOR WORK POINT.  
Company No. 58, Royal Garrison Artillery, Left Halifax on Special Military Train To-Day.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—No. 58 Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, left on a special military train this morning for Work Point barracks to relieve the Victoria company stationed there.

JAMES BAKER COMPLAINS.  
Protests Against Arrest by Troops at Cripple Creek—Laid Matter Before British Consul.  
Denver, Col., Dec. 22.—James A. Baker, of Sloon, B. C., a member of the executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners, who went to Cripple Creek last week and established a co-operation store for the benefit of the strikers, was arrested by the troops and released on his promise to leave the region.

ORGANIZER'S CHARGE.  
Acted For Bell Telephone Co. to Influence Municipal Electricians Against Local Franchises.  
Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—A labor organizer, H. A. Bryan, revealed a secret at a public meeting in Port William last night, claiming that he had been approached, and for a time, had acted as agent for the Bell Telephone Co. to influence municipal electricians against local telephone franchises. He claimed it was to credit the town's civic management, and credited abroad. Bryan said that on behalf of the labor organization he circulated a petition asking for a government audit of the municipal accounts.

THE ALTERNATIVE.  
Solemn Keepers, Bartenders and Gamblers Must Quit Occupations or Leave Ohio Old Fellow Lodges.  
Springfield, O., Dec. 22.—Grand Master Charles Payne, of the Ohio Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has issued a circular to the effect that on January 10th, 1904, all saloons, bars, taverns and professional gamblers shall either quit the order or those occupations.

BOTH KILLED.  
Two Farmers Fought a Duel With Guns.  
Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 22.—John Scott and Sam Victoria, farmers, fought with guns at Ardmore, yesterday, both being killed. The misunderstanding arose over Scott's cattle breaking into Victoria's field.

ACT AS PEACEMAKERS.  
Great Britain and France—Use Efforts Towards Preventing War in the Far East.  
Paris, Dec. 22.—Confirmation was obtained from official sources today of the reports that the British and French governments have been making representations at Tokyo with the view of averting a crisis between Russia and Japan. There is reason to believe that the representations, coming at the critical moment when Japan's reply was being handed to the Russian minister, Baron Rosen, exercised a powerful restraint. This is especially true of Lord Lansdowne, owing to Great Britain being the ally of Japan.

THE KOREAN DISTURBANCES.  
Only One Russian Warship Remains at Scene of Trouble.  
St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Of the Russian warships recently at Chemulpo, Korea, in connection with the disturbances there, only the cruiser Bryan remains at the place. All the other vessels have returned to Port Arthur.

SHOT ON WAY HOME.  
Negro, Who Disregarded the Repeated Warnings of "Whitcaps" Was Murdered in His Buggy.  
Brookhaven, Miss., Dec. 22.—Ely Hilson, a negro, living eight miles from Brookhaven, was assassinated the day before yesterday, while on his way home in his buggy. Hilson was warned by "Whitcaps" to leave the country, but he paid no attention to the warning. His home was visited in the night about four weeks ago by "Whitcaps," who fired several volleys into the house. He still disregarded the warning and remained at his home. Hilson was the second negro killed in the section of Lincoln county within the last month, and other negroes are greatly alarmed over the situation.



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THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROAD  
FACTS REGARDING WORKING OF LINE  
Earnings of Company Have Decreased—President a Believer in Future of Klondike.

New York, Dec. 22.—The annual report of the White Pass & Yukon, the most northerly railroad, is extremely interesting as affording the first official sketch of the peculiar railroad. It is noteworthy that trouble seems to sit lightly upon the men that are running the road. In 1902 they paid a regular dividend of 2 per cent, and a special stock dividend of 25 per cent. In 1903 earnings had fallen off to such an extent that the total amount available for dividends was reduced to \$354,876.

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THE CHICAGO STRIKE.  
Chief of Police Will Put a Stop to Picketing Around Houses of Mourning.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Picketing of houses from which funerals are being held is beyond the toleration of a civilized community, said Chief of Police Neil today. He declared to-night that, in his opinion, you beyond the pale of endurance, and such performances as the carrying of a coffin to the houses of the dead will not be allowed by the police. Law or no law, picketing of any kind around these houses will have to stop. I shall take my club to any funeral carried on the question if my conduct is questioned by any court.

SIX DEATHS FROM GAS.  
Although Window Was Open to Beach Room, the Result Was Nevertheless Fatal.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Six persons were asphyxiated by gas on Saturday night and the coroner concluded that the cases were all accidental. In most instances the gas was escaping, and the coroner called attention to the fact that it is popularly supposed that gas cannot enter when fresh air also has entrance.

SEVERAL MAY DIE.  
Number Injured in Railway Wreck Not Likely to Recover, It Is Instantly Killed.

Will Britain Take Part?  
Berlin, Dec. 22.—The German foreign office in estimating the probabilities of war in the Far East, has its attention at this moment on Great Britain, rather than Japan, for it is recognized that Japan is only waiting for Great Britain to place the word before beginning hostilities. A new and even more portentous element in the situation, as it is looked upon here, is the rising feeling in Great Britain that Russia must yield or Japan and Great Britain ought to fight her.

MUST AMEND ACT.  
Parliament Will Be Asked to Remove Difficulties Regarding Sale of Land in Ireland.

PUGILIST'S DEATH.  
Thomas Pendergast Died After Fight at Sacramento—The Verdict of the Coroner's Jury.

OMINOUS SIGNS IN THE FAR EAST  
WARSHIPS GATHERING NEAR PORT ARTHUR  
The Japanese Government Preparing for Transportation of Expeditionary Force—Rumors Denied.

London, Dec. 23.—Japanese warships, according to the Tientsin correspondent of the Daily Mail, are concentrated in the vicinity of Port Arthur, and the same paper is authority for the statements indicating preparation on the part of the Mikado's government for the transportation of an expeditionary force. Twenty-five steamers which trade along the China coast have been taken over by Japan, and there are reports from Shanghai and Kobe of the chartering of a certain number of transports and for the conveying of supplies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The World prints the following special from Washington: "The administration believes that war between Russia and Japan is inevitable. The beginning of hostilities within a short time would not surprise the President or Secretary Hay. Their opinion is based on the reports from Minister Conger and from other sources, which few people here see. These reports show that Russia, whose demands have lately grown more exacting and insistent, is determined to force Japan to declare war without delay."

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Mr. Uchida has always advocated war, if necessary, to secure the evacuation of Manchuria.

WU TING FANG, the well known ex-minister to the United States tells his official friends that the despair of China's future, "I can see no hope," he said, "for China. The partition of the Empire sooner or later, is inevitable."

AWAITING REPLY.  
London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to Reuters from Tokyo says: "Incessant activity prevails at the Japanese foreign office. The transport arrangements are complete. The government is calmly waiting the forthcoming reply, which it is hoped, will be forthcoming without delay."

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—A telegram from Vladivostok, under today's date, to the Westochestny Vestnik, says Admiral Komarov, the viceregent of the Far East, has been authorized to settle on the spot all questions concerning neighboring states.

TOKIO DISPATCH SAYS SETTLEMENT MAY BE REACHED IF RUSSIA ACTS QUICKLY.  
London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to Reuters from Tokyo says the Japanese government is waiting for a reply from Russia. The negotiations between Russia and Japan will terminate amicably.

TRANSPORTS CHARTERED.  
London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says it is reported that the Japanese government is chartering numerous steamers and transports, including three belonging to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, a Japanese steaming company.

TWO NEGROES SHOT.  
Killed by Marshal and Deputy While Resisting Arrest.

ASSAULTED HIS TEACHER.  
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THE PACIFIC BANK  
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SECURING PREMISES  
Prominent Bank Manager Will Act as General Manager of New Financial Institution.

During the last session of the Dominion House an act was passed incorporating the Pacific Bank of Canada, with a capital of \$2,000,000. It was stated that the head office of the bank would be in Victoria, and that the financial backing of the institution would be primarily in British Columbia.

EXTERMINATED FAMILY.  
Despondent Machinist Killed His Wife and Three Children and Committed Suicide.  
Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist, despondent over his financial affairs, killed his wife and their three children at their home here early on Sunday, and then committed suicide.

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INTERVIEW MINISTER.  
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A. Morrison, M. P., and A. B. Wood, of the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon railway, are here today on business with Hon. Mr. Fielding.

FISCAL QUESTION.  
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—E. S. Montague and H. B. Albert are registered here from England. They are studying the fiscal question and have letters from Lord Curzon and other to Lord Minto, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other ministers of the crown.

NUMBER OF VICTIMS MAY REACH EIGHTY 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 crash and a grinding noise the Duquesne limited, the fastest through passenger from Pittsburgh to New York on the Baltimore & Ohio, plunged into a pile of lumber at Laurel, Pa. Two miles west of Dawson, at 7.45 this evening, and it is estimated that fully forty lives were lost and thirty persons were injured.

God." The next instant he dropped over dead. There was not a scarp up to him. He had inhaled the steam. A story of courage and heroism seldom equalled is told of Benjamin Nichols, steward on the dining car. When the engine dragged the train whirling sideways 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.

MAY ASK FOR TROOPS.

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

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Ample police protection has been promised by the city officials in the livery 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 people of Chicago the right to bury their dead. The strikers say that men cannot be trusted to protect the vehicles of the dead.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHINESE IN BRITAIN

Has the Legislature Power to Prohibit Them Being Engaged?—Full Court Asked to Decide Question.

The Full Court Wednesday heard argument on a stated case taken before their Lordships for a decision as to the competence of the legislature of British Columbia to enact the regulation in the Coal Mines Regulation Act forbidding the employment of Chinamen underground in coal mines.

The Full Court was represented by Chief Justice Martin, Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. Justice Martin. Attorney-General Wilson was present. The argument in the case was in the hands of A. E. McPhillips, K. C., who showed a thorough mastery of the subject. Mr. McPhillips, as a member of the legislature, followed the question with the deepest interest during its repeated revivals in the House.

The decision will be given after vacation. The rule in question is that, enacted last session as introduced by Mr. W. W. McInnes, the provincial secretary. It is as follows: "No Chinaman or person unable to speak English shall be appointed to or shall occupy any position of trust or responsibility in or about any mine possessed by the province."

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BOMBARDED FORT.

Gen. Morales Defeated the Force Under the Command of Gen. Jimenez. Cape Hayti, Dec. 23.—A dispatch received here says that General Morales, with a strong force and many cannon, defeated the force of General Jimenez, on Monday after a bombardment of the fort. The troops under General Morales, after establishing their positions, returned to Santo Domingo.

WORK

"Love lightness labor," the saying runs, and in a sense it may be said that the work of the woman who is in constant suffering from inflammation, bearing-down pains or other womanly diseases. The one thing that can make work easy for women is good health, and Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the thing that will give sound health to sick women.

Dr. Pierce has so much faith in his "Prescription" that he offers to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Falling of Womb which he cannot cure. He also asks for a fair and reasonable trial.

"I suffered from female weakness for five months," writes Miss Belle Hedrick, of New Britain, Conn. "I was treated by a physician but he never seemed to do me any good. I then received your medicine, and in a few days I was cured. I had used the medicine a month, my health was much improved. It has continued to improve me. I had scarcely any kind of housework. I had scarcely any kind of housework. I had scarcely any kind of housework."

and in consequence there had been no mines in China, unless they were those opened of late years by foreigners. The Chief Justice raised the question as to regulating other branches of business. The legislature, he said, had the power to regulate the employment of Chinese in coal mines. The case was referred to the Full Court under section 98 of the Supreme Court Act, providing for such a course being taken by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council.

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JAPAN'S DEMANDS ARE JUST.

Great Britain Expects Russia to Grant Them—May Be Lull in Negotiations. Berlin, Dec. 23.—An intimation has reached the Japanese legation here that Russia will concede Japan's request in particular, as to the indemnity which it came from Tokio or St. Petersburg, brought out nothing more than that a peaceful solution is highly probable.

The British government, it is understood from another source, has represented to the Emperor the Japanese demands, and earnestly expects that Russia will grant them. This representation is supported by the utterances of the British ambassadors here, and in Paris and Vienna, who have informed the respective governments to the effect that they are convinced that Japan will give up its demands.

London, Dec. 24.—Diplomatic circles in London look for a lull in the Russo-Japanese negotiations. The Japanese legation points out that Japan's position is such that she cannot entertain somewhat prolonged consideration.

In the meanwhile a London Times dispatch from Tokyo states that the Japanese government in Japan do not share the pessimism which appears to prevail in London. The Japanese government is more hopeful than the British government, and is confident that the Russo-Japanese negotiations will be completed in a few days.

DOMINION NEWS.

Hamilton Woman Burned to Death While Lighting Fire—Child Murder at Orillia.

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

Liberal Candidate.

W. O. Sealy, of this city, was nominated by Liberals yesterday for the House of Commons at the general elections.

For West Algona.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 23.—It is announced this afternoon that the board of directors of the C. P. R. have elected White McNeill, vice-president, and W. H. Davis, second vice-president, with headquarters at West Algona.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont. Dec. 23.—West Algona Liberals yesterday nominated J. J. Kehoe, barrister, as candidate for the Dominion House at the next general elections.

Toronto Mayoralty.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mayor Urquhart, ex-Mayor Oliver, Howland and Guinness-Dolphus Hayes, Socialists, were nominated for the mayoralty to-day.

Welland Canal.

The Dominion Marine Association will ask the Dominion government next session to enlarge the Welland Canal, which they claim would result in Canada getting a bulk of the traffic now going via American channels.

Alleged Child Murderer.

Orillia, Ont., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Christina Saunders, widow, 28 years old, and Phoebe Davis, a sister, have been committed for trial on the charge of murdering the former's infant son, born on December 2nd, and named John J. Saunders was housekeeper, for concealing the birth, death and burial of the child, who has also been committed, and is at present confined to the county jail. The child had been buried in a woodshed.

SHOT BY REPEATED LOVER.

Wounded Variety Actress and Afterwards Committed Suicide. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 23.—Ethel Penny, a variety actress, has been shot and seriously wounded by Daniel O'Hare, because she had deserted him for Newman Shubener. O'Hare had beaten the woman earlier in the day, and had in vain outside the theatre, where she was employed, to get her to return to him.

SAD DEATH.

Wife of Clergyman Died on Way to Christmas Celebration at Keokuk. Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 23.—The wife of Rev. F. M. Garrison, of Austin, Man., died suddenly on way to take part in a Christmas tree celebration.

TYPHOID INCREASING.

More Than Four Hundred Cases at Pittsburg Since Beginning of the Month. Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—Typhoid 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.

FARMER'S CRIME.

Attempt to Poison Wife and Children—Informed Neighbors and Then Killed Himself. Whatcom, Dec. 23.—John Allison, a farmer living one mile from Burlington, Skagit county, yesterday, attempted to poison his wife and four children, informed the neighbors of what he had done, and then killed himself through the head, killing himself instantly.

BRAKEMAN DROWNED.

Fell Into Slocan Lake While Engaged Loading Barge With Freight Cars. Slocan City, Dec. 23.—This morning, while loading a barge with freight cars, brakeman R. O. Conley, of Nelson, aged about 24, fell into Slocan lake and was drowned. Every effort was made to rescue him with no avail. Conley was single; his antecedents are unknown.

GOING TO ROME.

Home, Dec. 24.—Archbishop Farley, of New York, is expected to arrive in Rome, to personally testify with the congregation, and to attend the general assembly of the Propaganda, several pending questions, including the promotion of auxiliary bishop of New York, and particularly concerning the consecration of St. Patrick Cathedral, New York.

ORGANIST FOR WORLD'S FAIR.

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 recital when the exposition opens, and will play the largest instrument of its kind in the world.

INTER-CITY BASKETBALL.

Nanaimo Team to Play Victoria West at Drill Hall on Saturday. The Nanaimo basketball team will arrive on Saturday afternoon, and in the evening, during the progress of the game, the drill hall will meet the Victoria West team. The game will be played in good condition and are noted for their lively work and lightning passes.

Wood's Phosphodine.

The Great English Remedy for all ailments of the nervous system. It is a powerful tonic and restorative, and is especially adapted for the treatment of all cases of nervous debility, including all forms of Neuritis, Neurasthenia, and all other ailments of the nervous system. It is a powerful tonic and restorative, and is especially adapted for the treatment of all cases of nervous debility, including all forms of Neuritis, Neurasthenia, and all other ailments of the nervous system.

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The Newark, N. J., grand jury has inquired Mrs. Catherine Ray for murder, she was charged with the death of her four-year-old niece, Margie Conding. Mrs. Ray was arrested on December 12th, and is now in the custody of the police.

FROM AUSTRALIA.

Miowen Reached Port from the South This Morning After Three-Month Absence. After a three-month absence, the R. M. S. Miowen arrived on Thursday from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii. The ship during part of this period has been engaged in the transport of delegates of every third of United States and thirty-third of United States.

CLAIMS HUSBAND'S RIGHTS.

The Supreme court at New York has decided that a woman who has been married for a long time, but who has never been divorced, is entitled to claim her husband's rights. The court has ruled that a woman who has been married for a long time, but who has never been divorced, is entitled to claim her husband's rights.

LEAD AND ZINC.

A Meeting at Sandon—The Rossland Resolution Premature. A largely attended meeting of the Associated Silver-Lead Mines of British Columbia was held in the city hall at Sandon on Tuesday, 15th inst. A resolution was passed to the effect that the meeting should be held in the city hall at Sandon on Tuesday, 15th inst.

COAL AT KALAMAZOO.

Company Formed to Near the Existence of coal in the immediate vicinity of Kalamazoo, Mich., has been known, as also has a few places small in extent. The late Dr. Dawson, in his boring might have seen and from the fact that there are rumors of boring taken in hand, but they are not yet made with an prospect for coal between Kalamazoo and the city of Kalamazoo.

CREAMERY TO BE DESTRUCTIVE OCCURRENCE.

How It Originated?—Lecture—No Water Building. Fire destroyed the creamery road Wednesday morning. The origin is a mystery, but it is believed that the fire was caused by a leak in the furnace. The fire was caused by a leak in the furnace.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

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Reached Victoria on Steamer Olympia. From ports in China and Japan the steamer Olympia arrived on Thursday, bringing 60 Chinese for Victoria, 12 for points beyond, six salmon passengers destined for the American side, six European second class passengers, ten Japanese and eight Chinese, also for United States ports.

REACH VICTORIA ON STEAMER OLYMPIA.

Among the arrivals on the ship were C. W. Harrington, chief mining engineer, and D. J. McDougall, a fishery expert, who had been over to Siberia for a valuable concession from the Russian government in that country.

SHOT BY REPEATED LOVER.

Wounded Variety Actress and Afterwards Committed Suicide. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 23.—Ethel Penny, a variety actress, has been shot and seriously wounded by Daniel O'Hare, because she had deserted him for Newman Shubener.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

erry boat American and the tor- at Winslow collected in the East New York on Tuesday. The boat was badly damaged, but the cap- tain is reaching the pier. The crew will also have to be checked for postole delegation, Washington. The word from Rome is that the general dispensation from the Pope on New Year's Day, which falls on this year. The delegation has circular letters to all the bishops, them of this fact. McLean, a farm hand, aged 14 and Herbert Dewitt, aged 12, living across the Lackawanna in Elmira when the buggy was a Lackawanna train, McLean was instantly. The other boy reaching the hospital. The Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh were given a magnificent recep- tion as the Duke and Duchess in their carriages. The horses were d and the carriage was drawn up to Broxmouth Park, the Duke and Duchess. The carriage was towed by two hundred torch M. Beach, formerly president of mens' and Citizens' bank, of N. Y., died at Danbury, N. Y., Tuesday, aged 80 years. Chicago, Albert Allen, a crowd- ing, suddenly shot and killed her wife, and then quipped himself. Jealousy is supposed to be the cause. Mrs. Wilson, aged 30 years, was killed by Mattie Lee at Dan- burg, Mont. The woman claimed to have a large sum of money. Her husband was a member of the commission. The drawing up a tariff on reform was held on January 10th. Mr. McLean has accepted the honorary rank of a ship's surgeon. Frank Henry Burns, a ship's surgeon, was placed in Brooklyn murder of Capt. Geo. B. E. the skipper of the lumber steamer, Chas. Buckley, the prisoner ad- mitted his guilt, and a written con- fession was submitted in which he said to facilitate the trial he preferred to be executed rather than in prison. The confession stated that the prisoner had pre- scribed three men. He was killed by John McEvey, of Lon- don, N. Y. Gandy for \$10,000 for as served at the Canada Atlantic embroke, Ont., on Wednesday, as leaving for a meeting at Doug- work, N. J., grand jury has in- spected Catherine Ray for murder. She is of having beaten to death her old niece, Marie Covey, who was at once arraigned before Chief Justice and pleaded no guilty. A Panama man was with the general Rafael Reyes, the Col- ombian minister, is sending to Bogota and influential followers. He is convinced that the United States will not permit a Colombian army into the territory of Panama. The court has dissolved the mar- riage of Frederick and Princess Schoenburg-Waldenburg. The who is a daughter of Don Carlos, was pretender, was reported to be with her coachman. This was her divorce proceedings. The ground of bodily injury and deprivation of her liberty. Each other of infidelity. Lee, aged 39, shot and instantly killed Florence Lee, aged 22, at his Kansas City, Mo., and then made to end his own life. Lee was a and his sister-in-law had been mar- ried. She announced her inten- tion to persuade her to marry him, the woman four times, and then broke into his own breast. When she broke into the house Lee snatch- ed her, and running into the street by half a dozen persons, dashed down. Conn. dispatch says: "Recon- sidering both the grand and the officers of the order and recon- sidering individual action along the line on were presented to a conven- tion of thirty-three Connecticut of the Ancient Order of United with every indication of their adoption."

CREAMERY BURNED TO THE GROUND

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE OCCURRED WEDNESDAY

How It Originated is a Matter of Con- jecture—No Water Available and Building Total Loss.

Fire destroyed the Victoria Creamery on Carey road Wednesday, involving a loss approximating \$100,000. It started in the engine room, but its origin is a mystery, which at present ap- pears unaccountable. There had been no fire in the furnace since Tuesday after- noon, so the blaze cannot be traced to this source. There was half a barrel of lime close by the door, but it is a question whether this was the cause. The fire was discovered by Mr. W. Webster, buttermaker's assistant. He and the buttermaker, Mr. Knight, occu- pied an apartment quite remote from the engine room, but the smoke penetra- ted to all parts of the building, and when it awakened Mr. Webster he had barely time to arouse Mr. Knight, so dense had it become. An alarm was telephoned to the fire department headquarters, and the brigade responded promptly with a chemical. It was shortly before twelve when the alarm came in. When the de- partment arrived on the scene they dis- covered that the chemical was altogether inadequate for the task of overcoming the fire king. Although the waterworks main runs alongside the building, there was no plug nor means of any kind to get water. There wasn't even a well in the vicinity. Consequently all the de- partment could do was to work the chemical for all it was worth. It was while he was playing the stream through the hole with him. The court took the upon the back of Joe Manton's right hand, severing an artery and inflicting a mortal 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- 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 conflag- ration, destructive enough, was even larger, attracting people from all direc- tions, despite the intensity of the hour. The firemen prevented the flames from spreading 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 Brown & 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 ap- pliances. The creamery is insured for \$2,500. A setter pup belonging to Mr. Knight was burned to death in the en- gine 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. "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 for 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. "That coal actually exists was proved soon after, the 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, but without any very satis- factory 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 pro- secute the work with vigor, it is hoped 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 officers were appointed: John Shields, president; A. H. Fodd, secre- tary-treasurer; J. L. Brown, manager; Cape, J. A. A. 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 Bres- lau grows on the upper lip of Herr Rot- ter. 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 Rotter was to appear the next evening "all shaven and shorn" and get the money. Rotter did not turn up. Instead the postman brought a letter from Frau Rot- ter, who said when she married her hus- band she also married his moustache, add- ing: "His moustache is my moustache. He has no right to dispose of it, and the courts will decide this law courts are open to."

The Supreme court at Jefferson City, Mo., has denied the writ of prohibition asked by St. Louis ticket brokers against the railway company to enjoin the sale of "clear-cut" tickets for the purpose of ex- tending the railway's fare. The lower court has jurisdiction in such cases. Judge Vail had a dissenting opinion which was concurred in by Judge Gantt.

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. He was a Chinese gambler, an innocent Japa- nese and four grown-up sons to mourn his loss. After a very short illness, W. C. Cook, traveller for Messrs. J. T. Meade & Sons, passed away late on Monday night at St. Paul's hospital. The body has been sent to Clifton, Ont., his old home. The de- ceased was only a few years ago appen- dix and four grown-up sons to mourn his loss. In the police court on Wednesday Pat Ling confessed that Chan Toy hired him to try and fix the murder of Charles Slag, a Chinese gambler, on an innocent Japa- nese, by telling the judge he saw the Jap come out of the murdered man's door at the time of the murder. Pat Ling was visibly frightened when he confessed in a crowded court. He told the court he was between two pieces of wood being sawed, which meant that he would get a long term of imprisonment on one side or death from Highlanders on the other. The prisoner was committed for trial. Mrs. Unchile, a Japanese, asked in the police court that Tanaka, another Japa- nese, be restrained from making violent love to her. Asked to explain, she said he caught her when alone and held a keen bladed knife over her head, while he told of his love, and urged desertion of her husband and flight with him. The court took the matter seriously, and sent Tanaka to jail to await trial at a higher court.

BARBARIC CUSTOM OF COAST TRIBE

DESCRIPTION OF A NOTORIOUS CEREMONY

The Ha Matsa Dance Now in Progress on the Koskeno Indians' Reservation.

Although different parts of the West Coast of this Island are frequented al- most daily by people going to and coming from the various mines and villages located thereon, it is perhaps not gener- ally known that among the natives there are occasionally practiced some of the most weird and picturesque customs of ancient times. The Bear fraternity, says a correspondent, who are dressed in the skins of grizzly bears, do a sort of grotesque dance, observing and punish- ing any mistakes made during the perfor- mance. The person making the error is

secret societies. The Kwakwakaits have a number of these organizations, the most important and highly prized of which is the Ha-Matsa. The startling and surpris- ing feature of the Ha-Matsa fraternity, aside from the weird and severe initia- tion, is the employment of a cannibalistic rite, which is rigidly enforced and enacted by the candidate. Just how far the present dance con- forms with tradition it is impossible to say at present, and from this distance, but the initial procedure of the native who has disappeared naked into the woods, and who, as stated, only re-appears at certain intervals, very closely resembles the most barbaric. If he adheres to the ancient custom he will have to remain from three to four months in the forest. During this period he is sup- posed to be living with supernatural cap- tivity spirits. When the time approaches for his reappearance special arrange- ments are made for his initiation. Eight songs are prepared, and these are sung to him in the woods. They are sung re- peatedly so that the Ha-Matsa may learn to dance to them and make no mistakes when he appears. A special house is selected, and the natives, congregating here hope by loud singing to induce the absent aspirant for promotion to return. The waiting assembly are clad in all kinds of dress. The Bear fraternity, says a correspondent, who are dressed in the skins of grizzly bears, do a sort of grotesque dance, observing and punish- ing any mistakes made during the perfor- mance. The person making the error is

special arrangement he rushes out into the room in a frenzied state, wearing a head-dress of red cedar bark, with hem- lock branches wound around his waist and ankles. Immediately upon his entrance he is seized by the large neck ring of cedar bark by several attendants, who try to hold him to prevent him from biting peo- ple. After wildly excoriating the fire four times, during which time there is kept up a pandemonium of song and cries, he quickly makes his exit through the cur- tain of his secret apartment and disap- pears from the building. Not long after this his whistles are heard in the distant woods. The master of ceremonies then requests the assemblage to go out and try to recapture the fugitive. Outside the new songs composed are sung by all the men, women and children of the tribe and the people as they walk to and fro in the village and up and down the beach. During this interval the candidate has appeared several times at various near- by points. One of the assembly, half- clad, is then sent ahead to act as a decoy. As soon as the Ha-Matsa sees him he rushes up and bites mouthfuls of flesh from his arm. He is then sur- rounded by the assembly and marched to- ward the dancing house, the people sing- ing on their way. At this point a female dancer appears and begins to sing her new Ha-Matsa songs, during which she moves toward the dancing house, stepping backward and facing the novice, who she desires to coax inside. Her hands and arms are extended as though she was carrying a

represents one looking for human flesh. His movements are executed in a squar- ing position, making wild and violent gestures as he proceeds. He wears a crown of red cedar bark, and is held by a large ring around his neck, so that he will not attack and bite more of the people. The female dancer, as before described. The candidate then returns to his secret quarters and gives necklaces on their cedar ornaments and throw them into the fire. This is called smok- ing the cedar ornaments out of the Ha- Matsa. For two nights thereafter the dances are kept up, after which the novice shows signs that he has become nearly pacified. The last night of the ceremony ends in a general festival, at which all the men, women and children of the tribe are invited. The candidate now appears dressed for the first time in a button blanket and a new head-dress and neck- ring. He then pays the men for the bit- tles he has indicated during initiation. The women are given a canoe for each bite, and the men are given button blankets. The cannibal pole and certain of the secret articles are pulled up and uncoiled in the fire. The new-dressed Ha-Matsa is henceforth considered a person of respect and honor, and he is accorded the magic gifts of his fabulous ancestors. It is stated that the Navittas, a neighboring tribe of Indians who live on Hope Island, is going to abandon this ancient ceremonial in consequence of the loss of their chief in crossing the strait, shortly last year, and the loss of the little girl mentioned a few days ago, and with the intention of trying to attain the Fort Rupert, have burned a lot of their Ha-Matsa paraphernalia.

the interest, the future of a nation which aspires to a place among the chief of the world powers of the future will be at stake. The name of Japan as a nation cannot be wiped from the map, but her aspirations may suffer such a blight as will permanently affect her future. All this supposing the conflict were confined to the original disputants. But Japan has one ally, and her participation in the tragic drama would be of more than passing interest to Canadians, apart from the mere fact of neighborhood. As for the "disturbance" likely to be caused by the Grand Lama, it will not agitate the world unduly. The mysti- cism of his rule will be dragged into the fierce light of modern times soon. He will be stripped of his halo and scrutinized through the glasses of the coldly curious. Terrible tales are told of the treatment of adventurers who with more real than discretion have penetrated the mountain bowknots of the sovereign of Tibet. It is not clear yet what object the British expedition hovering on the borders of the undiscovered country has in view. If it proceeds to expedite the British in- tentions of the terrible monks who guard the Lama and the secret places of Buddhism, Colonel Younghusband's mission may not be altogether discon- nected with the movements of Russia in the territory. The Muscovite is very anxious to expedite the British in- tentions of the terrible monks who guard the Lama and the secret places of Buddhism. Colonel Younghusband's mission may not be altogether discon- nected with the movements of Russia in the territory. The Muscovite is very anxious to expedite the British in- tentions of the terrible monks who guard the Lama and the secret places of Buddhism. Britain is always ready to check Russia.

THE OLD STORY.

Once more the world in the midst of the season of great joy. The tables are being prepared for the Christmas feast; relatives and friends who have been 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 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 forward to with fortitude, there is a joy too deep for utterance in the reunions of the Christmas season. If life's lessons have been wisely learned the selfishness of early youth has been driven from the 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 sacred to the pulpit. It can but, in its blundering way, strive to interpret the feelings of the average human animal at 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 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 vassal or beastly excess, have been put down, not perhaps through the efforts of particular reformers, but because man is progressive and in time becomes ashamed of doing his reason tells him are unworthy of his high lineage. To- day he is under the dominion of his reason. At the Christmas season he gives way to the promptings of his better self, and where formerly he strove to snatch a few hours of feverish excitement by over-indulgence, he now endeavors to make others happy—to ease the burden which bears so heavily upon shoulders bowed down under the world's sorrows. We think this may be safely accepted as the attitude of the average human specimen. As much necessarily depends upon circumstances, those who are ex- ceptions to this rule are unhappily de- prived of the chief joys of Christmas. Under the natural evolution of affairs, children have become the chief objects of adult solicitude during the Christmas season. Santa Claus has usurped the functions of the Abbot of Unreason. That which was wont to be spent in sel- fish indulgence is lavished upon those who take but little thought of the morrow and whose joy in the day is un- marred by vain imaginings on the diffi- culties which may be encountered in the future. Their rejoicings are free, un- censored and unconfined. May Santa Claus in the generosity of his robust nature and the kindness of his great heart deal in princely style with the children of this western country, and all readers of the Times enjoy a happy and a merry Christ- mas.

WAR'S ALARMS.

In the midst of this season of peace and goodwill the talk in the newspapers is nearly all of war. Russia and Japan are practically squaring up and vying each other to "come on," while the Grand Lama of Tibet from his im- penetrable shroud of mystery tells the soldiers of our King to "get out" while there is yet time. If they fail to take advice given with the kindest atten- tions they may never emerge from the dark place at all. So while the world is ringing with the message of the Re- deemer, while the spirit of the Nazarene is supposed to be brooding over the con- tentious sons of man, the sword is threatening to uplift in the continental cradle of Christianity. Somehow the thought will intrude itself that a great part of the world hopes for war between Russia and Japan. We are by nature savages yet, and we take the delight of savages in the spectacular. If to the spectacle be added the fascination of horror, the in- terest is intensified. A conflict in which Japan and Russia were the participants would be one of the most interesting struggles in history. The great Oriental might that at- tacked the funeral of Mrs. Hunter's uncle, the late Dr. Haighton, would like to see con- siderable men in other districts follow the example of the South warden and make the fight a merry one all round.

The mantle of charity is very broad during a certain season, and we feel fre- quently to confess at this time that even for- merly serve useful purposes in the economy of political life, provided they are kept in opposition. Canada has developed marvelously since the 18th century, and is called to power in 1896. British Columbia has gone from bad to worse under the most fossilized, reckless, corrupt form of the Toryism with which she has been encumbered nearly all her days. There could be no stronger proof of the soundness of our proposition, surely. Apropos of which we quote the following true story, told by Mr. E. Russell, "Mamma," asked a little girl of a Whig parentage, who from her cradle had heard nothing but denunciations of her father's political opponents, "are Tories born wicked, or do they grow wicked afterwards?" And her mother indignantly replied, "My dear, they are born wicked, and grow worse."

The Times sincerely hopes thoughts of the things he ought not to have done as well as of the things he should have done, but did not do, will not interfere with Premier McBride's enjoyment of Christmas. We are very much afraid there is not much joy for either the Premier or his Ministers in thoughts of the reassembling of the Legislature. We know they cannot forget the past or look forward to the future with the joy which enters into the hearts of those engaged in a worthy cause, but still we wish them as much enjoyment as is compat- ible with the equivocal circumstances of their position. A stranger who arrived in the city from the frozen regions of the East the other day was so struck with our mild climate that he immediately announced his intention of spending his "summer holidays" here. Tourist Association please make a note of.

Now the wise men of the East have as- sembled themselves together and are con- sidering measures for the extermination of the mosquito. They propose to make war upon the little pest and accomplish his end and the end, they hope, of all the diseases he spreads throughout the land with his terrible horror. The Russian bear is also gravely considering the question of crushing the Japanese mosquito, but he is rather doubtful about the length of the mosquito's bill. If the Czar possesses the wisdom for which the men of the East are famed he will advise his advisers to deal carefully with the new power. Why is it that so many estimable citi- zens are desirous of serving the South Ward in the Municipal Council? There is a great wealth of material offering in one district, while in the other the old members appear destined to encounter little opposition. The city has been well served in all the wards during the past year, but there may be room for improve- ment. The Times would like to see en- ergic men in other districts follow the example of the South warden and make the fight a merry one all round.

It is announced that at last a cure has been found for lockjaw. The jaws of a patient in New York was released from their tension after the injection of a quantity of the newest discovery in the science of medicine. So it is alleged. As the story does not come from Chicago, there may be an element of truth in it. The Associated Silver-Lead Mine owners, at a meeting at Sandon last week, adopted a resolution disapproving of the agitation for a bounty on zinc until the question had been carefully considered and the effect of a bounty was understood. The same meeting condemned the mem- ber for Sloan for some flippant talk in the legislature about the lead bounty having failed of its purpose. The lead- silver miners take a sensible view of both questions. Cyril Bate, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., left this morning for his home in Portland, Me., and attended the funeral of Mrs. Hunter's uncle, the late Dr. Haighton.

J. W. Warwick and wife, of Vancouver, are registered at the Victoria. Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disin- fects and cleans at the same time.



ANGELS ANNOUNCING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

Palpitation of the Heart Faint or Dizzy Spells and Nervousness

RELIEVED IN 30 MINUTES. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure not only cures the heart, but the nerves as well. In a trice it allays pain, in a twinkling it gives strength and vigor, and it works a quick and permanent cure as by magic. This remedy cures by a new process and is an infallible remedy for weak hearts, weak nerves, weak blood, Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills, 40 doses, 10c. 20

ing in progress among the Koskeno tribe of Indians, but owing to pressure on space more than the mere mention of it and that a native Edward was acting the role of Ha-Matsa could not be given. These people believe that they are the descendants of mythical personages, and that their great, great ancestors dropped from the sky, arose from the underworld or emerged from the ocean. They be- lieve that by following out various cus- toms of their ancestors they will have bestowed on them supernatural help and power. The magical gifts, dances, and crests of spirits are therefore all hereditary, but can also be obtained by marriage and initiation into one of its

scratched with their claws, which afford painful injuries. The singers beat their feet on pieces of pine boards, in a seated position. The square enclosure of earth is reserved for the dancing space, in the centre of which a fire is kept burning. The faces of the old men are painted black and they wear rings of red cedar bark around the neck. Eagle-down feathers are worn in the hair, and they commence their magic song and song recital, designed to charm back the novice. Messengers are sent out to report if he has been seen. Sud- denly his steps are heard on the roof, which he has ascended by means of a pole arranged for this purpose. By

body for the candidate to eat. The palms of both hands are turned upward in front of him and he keeps watching the hands of the dancer. All the assembly enter the house. After lingering an hour or so the novice goes to the rear and climbs up the pole to the roof, and descends down into the secret room. Shortly afterward he dashes out among the people and seizes the nearest man and bites his arm. He circles round the fire holding on to his victim by the teeth. This performance is repeated four times, the novice selecting a different man on each occasion. He is still thought to be out of his senses. In the first dance of the candidate he









THOSE READY FOR THE COMING RACE

LIST OF CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED TO DATE

About Sixteen Have Declined 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 quite apparent.

It is generally regarded that business arrangements have been reached at the expiration of his term in office. He won the chief magistracy's seat after a hard-fought battle in municipal history.

This leaves six of the present board of aldermen, who will couch their lances in the next conflict. They are Ald. Kinsman, the veteran son, at whose grudge the scalps of many an opponent.

Now for the newcomers. In this classification W. F. Fullerton may be included as he has not been a member of any of the previous councils.

For South Ward quite a number of new candidates have announced themselves. They are Thos. I. Worthington, formerly an alderman in Centre Ward.

But the end of the list of candidates for this section of the city is not yet. Pressure is being brought to bear upon Dr. G. L. Milne by a large number of electors to offer himself as a candidate.

The Times a few weeks ago published an account of the announced candidates to date. In reference to the school board it was stated that there were two candidates who had definitely expressed their intention of entering the race.

North Ward—Ald. Kinsman, Graham and Dinsdale and W. F. Fullerton, Centre Ward—Ald. Stewart and Goodacre.

Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Trustee Boggs, Wm. McKay and W. G. Eden. Undecided, P. J. Riddell.

WATCHES FREE TO AGENTS—Wanted, gentlemen and ladies to engage in the sale of our watches.

CHRISTMAS TREATS.

Victoria West Sunday School Entertainment Monday Evening—Two Announced For To-Night.

The children of Victoria West Sunday school, of which Dr. Lewis Hall is superintendent, celebrated Monday night in a very interesting and profitable manner.

The Sunday school held 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 the annual entertainment in connection with the First Presbyterian church was announced for Tuesday, the 29th. It will take place this evening at the club.

All preparations for the annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Central Methodist church which will be held to-morrow evening, have 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 appropriate programme is being prepared by the children.

TO PROTECT SEALS.

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

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says: "It is expected that the United States Senate committee on territories, which has been investigating the Alaska seal industry, will recommend the passage of the treaty bill, which passed the House last Congress, but failed in the Senate on account of the Statehood bill."

This measure empowered the President of the United States to conclude negotiations with the government of the protection of fur-bearing animals in the Behring Sea country to determine what further regulations shall be imposed, if any can be devised, to restore the industry, and pending the investigation and review, authorized the President to prohibit the killing of any or all fur-bearing seals in the land or in the sea by the subjects of the respective governments should be entirely prohibited, except the few hundred males used by the natives of the islands for food.

In the event that effectual regulations for preserving the Alaska seal industry were agreed upon, the secretary of the United States treasury was authorized to sell every year, in the Pribiloff Islands, except 10,000 females and 10,000 males.

MEET ON MONDAY.

Annual Meeting of Victoria Sealing Association—Jesse Preparing For Next Season.

The third annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Association will be held on Monday, December 28th, at 8 o'clock in the evening at the Victoria Hotel. The meeting will likely be brought up for discussion, it is probable some understanding will be reached regarding the coming season's operations. In another month or so the fleet going to the Japan Sea will be under way, if they expect to be on the sealing grounds in time to take advantage of the first run of seal.

The next communication read by the city clerk was of an equally interesting nature, relating to the proposed construction of the new C. P. R. hotel. This came from P. M. Rattenbury, and was also customary for the schooner going down the coast to make an early start, and how the fleet will be distributed in a matter which will probably be considered at the meeting on Monday.

While many of the skins of the past season's catch remain yet to be sold, it is believed that the whole 1903 has been a better one than the year previous. Priests so far obtained are not so large, but the catch secured was larger. In the case of the Umbrina, one of the independent schooners operated this year, the average price realized was something like \$11 per skin, which, while not so good a figure as was obtained last year, is considered very satisfactory.

Another very important matter that it seems to require your consideration, is that the surplus water of the filling in some additional facilities appear necessary, so as to allow the water to escape, so as to prevent the water from overflowing.

INCREASING OUTPUT.

Inspector Dick Tells of Progress at the Crow's Nest Pass Mines.

Archibald Dick, inspector of coal and metallurgical mines for East Kootenay, was in Nelson the other day en route to the coast, to spend a couple of weeks at his home in Nanaimo. He was interviewed by the Daily News in regard to the output of coal from the Crow's Nest Pass mines, which is steadily increasing. At Michel now turn out 1,400 tons of coal a day, and each month sees a still greater output. At Morrissey the work in the mines is being pushed in operations during the past fortnight owing to a big mudslide which blocked the line, and which is being cleared up.

William Whyte and Land Commissioner Dennis Consulting With Sir Thomas Shaughnessy.

William Whyte, assistant to Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, resident of the C. P. R., and J. S. Dennis, land commissioner, are in Montreal making an official report to the president of the progress of the large irrigation project of the company, which is being carried out in Alberta. There are, probably, in all, 5,000,000 acres which has been placed by the company at the disposal of the farmers in regard to which some work was done last summer and fall-work which will be taken up in the coming spring.

Rapid growth of the nager nails is regarded as a sign of good health.

TO DISPENSE WITH ROCK BAY BRIDGE

PERMANENT ROADWAY PROPOSED INSTEAD

Matter is Receiving Attention of City Council—Letter From C.P.R. Hotel Architect.

To build a permanent roadway across Rock Bay and gradually dispense with the public utility of the present long and winding bridge is one of the commendable subjects receiving the consideration just now of the city council.

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 council have energetically advanced the plan of a permanent roadway across the harbor that would connect with Government street. In other words Bay street will be extended across the harbor to connect with Work street.

The order of business opened with three letters being read bearing on the subject of the proposed roadway. The first was fully agreed with the plan. The place proposed to fill in was nothing but a mud flat, and he had written for the department of public works with a recommendation that the work be carried out.

The following events are fixed to take place under the auspices of the Dominion department of agriculture: Toronto agricultural show, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1904.

Eastern Ontario fair stock and poultry show, Ottawa, March 14th, 15th and 16th, 1904.

Ottawa horse show, March 16th, 17th and 18th, 1904.

The National Live Stock Association will convene on Monday, March 14th, at 1:30 p.m.; all day Tuesday, March 15th, and on the evenings of the 16th and 17th of the month.

The National Live Stock Association will be made up of delegates from the various provincial live stock associations which are working under the supervision of the Dominion department of agriculture.

Entertainment and Christmas Tree on Saturday—An Enjoyable Programme.

A very enjoyable entertainment and Christmas tree was held at the Elk Lake schoolhouse on Saturday evening last, to mark the closing of the present Christmas holidays.

ELK LAKE SCHOOL.

MINE CHANGES HANDS.

Dundee Property at Ymir Taken Over by a Syndicate.

Upon good authority it is said that the Dundee mine here has been sold to parties represented by C. D. Hurd and New Westminister, says a Ymir dispatch.

The exact figures cannot be obtained, but it is known that \$7,000 was paid down in Nelson on Wednesday evening to bind the bargain.

The Dundee company was stocked in 1896, and work was kept going on the property till 1898, when it closed down through lack of funds.

Received and filed.

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

Stewart and Kinsman expressing the opinion that the request, if possible, should receive favorable consideration.

Gentlemen—Your finance committee having considered the undermentioned subject has to report and recommend as follows: That the treasurer be instructed to write of the uncollected balance of the tax in connection with the various "Septic Tank By-law, 1902, amounting to \$1,000.

Received and adopted.

CALL TO A MINISTER.

Phoenix Presbyterians Want Rev. E. W. Macdonald to Visit, 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. Macdonald.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Olivebank is Causing Anxiety—Accident to the Clallam on Saturday.

Friday's San Francisco Chronicle says: "As a result of reports received from yesterdays arrival at northern ports, the reinsurance rate on the overdue British ship Olivebank has been advanced to 30 per cent by M. A. Nevell & Co., upon instructions from Lloyd's in London."

LICENSES AUTHORIZING AN EXTRA PROVINCIAL COMPANY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."

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This is to certify that "The Princess Royal Gold Mines, Limited," is authorized to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia.

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Given under my hand and seal of office as the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, this 24th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and three.

S. J. WOOLTON, Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

The objects for which the Company has been established and so licensed are: To purchase, acquire, hold, use, occupy and possess mines, mining areas, mining leases and leases, tenements and hereditaments, and any interest or interest therein, and the acquisition and development of such mines, mining areas, lands and premises and mining leases, and to carry on the business of mining, and all the powers necessary or incident thereto.

To mine, quarry, work, mill and prepare for sale by any process, and to sell and deal in gold, silver, copper and other minerals, and generally to carry on the business of mining and mine owners.

To construct, purchase, alter and maintain 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 tramway, wire rope tramway and other works by steam, electricity or other motive power.

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To acquire by original subscription or otherwise, and to purchase, hold, sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the shares, stocks, debentures, bonds and other obligations of any other company, association, partnership or person, and to be authorized to carry on any business or undertaking within the power of the proposed Company.

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To operate any of the works of the Company by steam, water, electricity, compressed air or other power, and to construct and maintain a telephone or telegraphic line and lines for distribution of electric current, and also water mains, where necessary, convenient or desirable, for the business of the Company.

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FAIR WAGE OFFER.

D. J. O'Donoghue, of Department of Labor, Visiting the Coast.

Fair wage officer, D. J. O'Donoghue, of the department of labor, arrived in the city Tuesday on official business.

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 pier 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 Rosland armories. He is also while on the present trip collecting statistics of the prevailing wages in each district for reference by the department of labor in the future.

Mr. O'Donoghue had an experience on the plains a few weeks ago which makes him appreciate the balmy weather which he encountered at Victoria. He was on a forty-mile drive from Moosomin, Northwest to Pleasant Hills, where a railway 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—exertions which probably prevented him from lapsing into the same condition as the driver. Fortunately a shack was finally reached, where a roaring fire soon made them forget their troubles.

Mr. O'Donoghue is known to the printing craft from one end of the Dominion to the other, and formerly sat in the Ontario House.

The equatorial diameter of the earth is greater than the Polar diameter by twenty-six and eight-tenths miles.

BABY HUMORS.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment soothes, quietes, and effects quick and effective cures in all skin eruptions common to baby during teething time. It is harmless to the hair in cases of Scald Head, and cures Eczema, Salt Rheum and all Skin Diseases of older people. 35 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co., and Hall & Co.—55.

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NOTICE. Take notice that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following land situate at Port Fleming, Coast district, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a post marked H. P. O'Farrell's N.W. corner, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence north 215 chains, thence east 100 chains, containing 100 acres more or less.

H. P. O'FARRELL. November 19th, 1903.

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WANTED—A good plain cook for Institution. Presbyterian preferred; good salary. Apply to Jas. R. Johnston, Albert, B. C.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The twenty Chamenes who were ordered to be deported as not fulfilling the requirements of the law in the United States, to which country they were brought from China by the C. P. R., started this morning for the homeward journey, via Vancouver.

FRUIT TREES FOR MARKET & PRIVATE GROWERS. ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS, ETC. CATALOGUES POST FREE. C. K. KNIGHT, 117 MOLINE NURSERY, VICTORIA, B. C.

GYRUS H. BOWES CHEMIST, 98 Government Street, Near Yates Street. CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

NOTICE. General French, Little Bobs, Baden Powell, General White, Sirdar Mining Claims, situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Renfrew District. Where located, Bugaboo Creek, Port San Juan.

Take notice that I, H. E. Newton, F. M. C. No. 37907, and as agent for B. T. Goddard, F. M. C. No. 37906, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements, dated this twelfth day of November, 1903.

EXTRAORDINARY. City of Mexico, Dec. 22.—Acting upon the request of the Mexican government, the United States has agreed to submit in the case of Charles Kraus, a St. Louis city councilman, to a hearing on the street car franchise.

FATALITIES IN CASTLE ENGINEER AND SCALD Mayor Urquhart Retention for Toronto Railway E

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Dominion City meeting held yesterday in connection with the project. It was found that the Montreal mills on short time during summer months of 1903, and their earnings were as large as usual.

It is said that he has been assistant to the Canadian Pacific in connection with the Wm. Whyte as second assistant to the president, Mr. McNeill's decision that was contained in the idea was to relieve Mr. Whyte from his heavy burdens.

Farmer Took Toronto, Dec. 22.—Laird committed suicide this morning.

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