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THE REFERENDUM VOTE IN ONTARIO

FINAL RETURNS HAVE NOW BEEN ISSUED

Meeting of Granby Consolidated Mining Company—Two New Furnaces to Be Installed.

London, Jan. 15.—Walter Herbert, who once pleaded guilty to the murder of Joseph Sifton, is now free. He was granted a new trial at the assizes this morning, a jury being empanelled from among the spectators in the court room. He changed his plea to "not guilty."

Sir W. MacDonald's Gift

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Sir Wm. Macdonald, Montreal, has made an additional gift of \$45,000 to complete the new Macdonald school at Guelph Agricultural College.

The Referendum

The referendum vote in Ontario was taken December 4th, but the final and complete returns were not received till 4th day. The vote for the act is 190,692; against it 103,482; majority for, 86,210.

Foster Law

The new poster law has been in force two weeks and seems to be working well. Besides prohibiting representations of scantily attired women, sensational pictures of bloody deeds and persons in the throes of death will be banished.

Reviewed Cadets

Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, reviewed the High and Public School cadets this afternoon at the armories. He addressed the boys, complimented them on their appearance, and said it was necessary for officers of peacetime or individual, to be able to protect themselves. To-night the minister was dined at the Rossin House by the Anglo-Saxon Association.

Ten Years

Montreal, Jan. 15.—In special session today, S. Coopers and Lysons was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary. Cooper was arrested in Portland, Me.

Iron and Steel Company

At a meeting of the directors of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company today, a statement was presented showing a surplus on open account for the seven months ending November 30th, coal lease, bond and preferred stock interest provided for of \$317,753.

Granby Consolidated

A meeting of shareholders of the Granby Consolidated Mining Company was held today, when five new directors were appointed and President Miner announced that through the sale of 125,000 shares of treasury stock at \$4 per share, the company had been practically freed from debt and that unless something out of the ordinary occurs a dividend would be paid during the present year. Mr. Miner stated that two new furnaces would be established by August next, but the full equipment would be completed by March or April following. The week before last the four furnaces had treated 10,115 tons of ore at a cost, including freight and commission, of \$2.65. Furnaces which he believed in the near future would be reduced to \$2.50. The new directors elected are: John Stanton, copper statistician; Wm. H. Nicholls, president of the Nichols Chemical Company; Jacob Langeboth, president of the American Metal Company; George M. Luther, general manager of the Nichols Chemical Company of New York; and Clement S. Houghton, financial agent.

SIX SUFFOCATED.

Lost Their Lives in Mad Rush From a Concert Hall.

Missoula, Mont., Jan. 14.—During a performance in the Exchange Concert hall at an early hour this morning, while the large hall was crowded, a gas leak shifter crossed the circuit, and two electric light wires, flames shot over every wire in the place, and a panic ensued. There is but a single exit to the place, and through this the occupants of boxes and seats rushed, crowding the weaker beneath.

Six persons were suffocated, and a barkeeper, a bartender, sustained injuries which included internal hurts and a fractured leg.

The trouble with the wires was corrected by turning off the circuit, but the walls and ceiling of the theatre had been charred and scorched in many places.

ST. PETERSBURG, JAN. 16.

The official figures show that 4,714 persons lost their lives and that 35,112 houses were destroyed as a result of the recent earthquake at Adnanjan, Russian Turkistan.

THE OVERDUE LINER.

No News Has Been Received at New York Regarding the Steamer St. Louis.

New York, Jan. 16.—No news of the overdue American liner St. Louis has been received up to 10.15 o'clock.

Clement A. Griscom, jr., of the American line, said: "It has been said that the St. Louis has leaky boilers. I do not know that she has. There are thousands of small tubes on which the flames play to heat the water. If, as sometimes happens, some of these tubes leak enough to damp the fire, it is necessary to plug them up. This does not mean there is serious damage, but it does mean that there will be less speed."

Vice-President Wright, of the American line, said "the ship's boilers, which were not in the most efficient condition for fast steaming, have been overhauled weekly ever since the ship was built. They are perfectly sound and safe. Any explanation of the delay is but a guess. While the suspense is uncomfortable, we do not think there is the slightest cause for uneasiness."

Reinsurance

London, Jan. 16.—The premium for reinsurance on the American line steamer St. Louis has risen at Lloyd's to twenty guineas. No great anxiety is felt for her safety, although astonishment is expressed at the fact that she has not been notified by passing vessels.

HAWAIIANS RESENT

Statement That There Are Many Lepers in Island Outside the Settlement.

Honolulu, Jan. 16.—There is much indignation and many protests here over the report of the Senate commission which was sent to the United States Senate last Monday. That portion recommending the establishment of a national leper settlement at Molokai and the statement that there are many lepers in the islands outside the settlement, is especially resented.

The resignation of Attorney-General E. P. Dole is accepted. Dole will go to Washington to argue before the Supreme court the Oaki Mankachil case, which grew out of the transition period and involves the application of the United States constitution to Hawaii after the passage of the resolution of annexation.

DUTIES RAISED.

New Austro-Hungarian Tariff Bill Will Be Submitted to Parliament Shortly.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—The Commercial Treaty Society has information to the effect that the new Austro-Hungarian tariff bill will be sent to the dual parliament in a few days. The bill has been confidentially shown to the German government. It provides for enormously higher duties than the existing tariff. It is understood that the increases are aimed to offset the German tariff law in the forthcoming negotiations for a commercial treaty.

THE WOUNDED EDITOR.

N. G. Gonzales Has Improved Since the Operation Was Performed.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 16.—At 8.30 o'clock this morning the physicians of N. G. Gonzales, who was shot yesterday by Lieut.-Governor Tillman, reported that he is holding his own. They expressed general satisfaction with his condition since the operation, and say there have been indications of improvement.

At noon today it was stated that the condition of the editor was more favorable than at any previous time since the shooting.

KNOCKED OUT.

Frank McConnell, a Pugilist, Was Unconscious For Hours After Fight.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—The condition of Frank McConnell, a pugilist, who was knocked out by "Spider" Welch in a prize fight last night, is extremely critical today. He has not recovered consciousness. McConnell is a sail-maker, and is said to have been the sole support of his mother and five small children.

Later—McConnell rallied, and the physicians now believe he will recover.

THROUGH THE DARDANELLES.

Censor Stopped All Messages Relating to Voyage of Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyer.

Constantinople, Jan. 16.—In accordance with the sanction of the Sultan, one of the four Russian torpedo boat destroyers traversed the Dardanelles on January 13th, bound for Sebastopol. The censor stopped all messages on the subject.

COLLECTING MONEY

To Prosecute Whitaker Wright and Others Connected With Failure of Corporation.

London, Jan. 16.—A meeting this afternoon of the supporters of the move to initiate the prosecution of Whitaker Wright and others connected with the failure of the London & Globe Finance Corporation, Ltd., resolved to raise a fund of \$25,000 for this purpose.

STILL BEYOND THE REACH OF POOR

NO REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF FUEL

It Is Impossible to Obtain Any Railroad Coal in New York City.

New York, Jan. 16.—Not a pound of railroad coal could be had in the city yesterday. Thirty thousand tons arrived, but it was all high-priced independent coal, which sold at \$10.50 f.o.b., which meant 50 cents additional cost for each ton before it could be brought to this side of the river.

The coal merchants of London have received, with indifference, the news that Congress has passed a bill for a rebate of duty on all foreign coals, says the Tribune's London correspondent. It certainly was not expected that there will be a consequence but an increased demand from the English collieries, but at the present moment, shipments to United States ports are proceeding at the same regularity as has been witnessed since the close of the coal strike. For the last six weeks, according to a rough estimate, provided by a large coal contractor, from 120,000 to 140,000 tons have been shipped each week to America from Great Britain.

No Effect on Market

London, Jan. 16.—The remission of the coal duties by the United States Congress still appears to have little or no effect on the British market. It is realized here that America never will be a permanent customer for English coal, and that shipments to the United States will cease the moment the American supply overtakes the demand. At present there are only two American orders on the Cardiff market as compared with at least a dozen a fortnight ago, and even inquiry for cargoes has slackened.

Collectors Notified

Washington, Jan. 16.—The treasury department today received a certified copy of the act approved yesterday, placing coal on the free list. Instructions were immediately telegraphed to collectors of customs throughout the country directing them to put the act into effect. The dispatch reads: "Admit all coal imported on or after the 15th inst. free of duty under the act of the 15th inst. Copy by mail."

SILVER-LEAD DELEGATES

Will Meet Three of the Ministers Tomorrow—Appeal on Behalf of Labelle.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned here at noon from Quebec today, and will attend a meeting of the cabinet this afternoon.

The Lead Delegates.

The lead delegates, with W. A. Galilher, M. P., will wait on Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. W. Paterson, and Hon. A. G. Blair to-morrow, and talk over the question of higher duties.

Appel For Mercy

Wm. Leonard, M. P., presented a petition to the department of justice to-day, asking for the mercy of the crown in the case of Labelle, sentenced to be executed at Dawson on Tuesday next. If the commutation is not granted the friends of Labelle will press for a respite of a couple of months, with a view of getting a reserved case before the Supreme court.

Commissioner at Kobe

The department of agriculture has received a dispatch from Dominion Exhibition Commissioner Hutcheon, who has arrived at Kobe, Japan. Mr. Hutcheon says: "I have arrived safely, and the Canadian building at Osaka could not be more satisfactory."

A VISIT TO OZAR.

The Crown Prince of Germany Received by the Czarevitch and Grand Duke Michael.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—The German Crown Prince Frederick William arrived here today on a visit to the Czar. The Crown Prince was welcomed at Tsarskoezelo by the Czarevitch and Grand Duke Michael, as the Czar was confined to his apartments suffering from a severe cold. A number of grand dukes, Foreign Minister Lambsdorff and other ministers and a number of high officials also were present at the railroad station, where there was a liberal display of Russian and German colors. On the approach of the train the German National Anthem was played. The Crown Prince, wearing the uniform of the St. Petersburg Life Guards, and accompanied by the Czarevitch, inspected the guard of honor, and subsequently drove to the palace through streets decorated with flags, heartily cheered by the assembled crowds.

OVER A HUNDRED YEARS.

Paris, Texas, Jan. 16.—Zulpha Dockery, a colored woman, said to have been the oldest person in Texas, is dead at Hattoville, aged 106 years.

To Subscribers.

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Seeks Share of Wealth.

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J. A. Graham Dead.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Mr. John A. Graham, local treasurer of the C. P. R., died at his residence here this evening, after a few weeks' illness. Deceased was a pioneer railroad man of the West. His sister is the wife of Mr. C. Drinkwater, secretary of the C. P. R. Co., Montreal.

Railway Superintendents.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—Rumors are afloat in official quarters that a change of considerable importance is to take place shortly among the general superintendents of the Pacific and Western divisions of the C. P. R. General Superintendent Mansel of the Pacific division, who is now in this city, is said to be making arrangements to have his division transferred. General Superintendent Leonard, of the Western division who is at Winnipeg, it is understood, is to go to Vancouver as general superintendent of the Pacific division, and Superintendent Bury is slated for position of general superintendent of the Western division to succeed General Superintendent Leonard.

FOUR MEN KILLED

In a Collision Between an Express Train and Two Freight Engines.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 16.—An eastbound express train on the B. & O. railway, which left here at 4.20 o'clock, struck two freight engines on the main track at the east end of the yard. Engineer Sims, Fireman Moran and fireman of the passenger train, and Engineer Butler, of one of the freight engines, were killed. None of the passengers were injured. A messenger boy who was in the telegraph office threw a signal without the knowledge of the operator, giving the passenger train a clear track when it should have been blocked. This caused the wreck.

STATES AND CUBA.

Deputation Will Interview Lord Lansdowne Regarding the Proposed Treaty.

Liverpool, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the Liverpool chamber of commerce today, called to consider the proposed reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba, the members of the chamber of commerce and the Liverpool and Manchester Chamber of Commerce would receive important communications from the various chambers of commerce of the United Kingdom on January 22nd for the purpose of discussing the matter. The speakers strongly criticized the treaty at present, and urged that negotiations should be abandoned.

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YOUNG CANADA AND HIS UNCLE SA MIHEL, SEVEN YEARS AGO AND NOW.

COMMITTED MEETING.

Matters in Connection With Y. M. C. A. Dealt With.

On Friday at Harmony hall a meeting of the provisional committee of the Young Men's Christian Association was held, when a report on the constitution and by-laws was discussed at length, and after some minor amendments had been made, adopted. The report will be submitted for approval and final adoption at the general meeting of the association.

Some thirty-seven members have been secured for the current year, and the finance committee was considered favorable, it was not enough to warrant permanent organization, and further efforts will be made.

The committee appointed to secure the use of the old Y. M. C. A. quarters asked for an extension of time to report.

The concert committee also reported progress. The date of the entertainment had been fixed for next Tuesday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall, and an excellent programme had been prepared.

A committee was appointed for the purpose of securing a hall for holding a general meeting to which the public might be invited in order to secure general support in the work of organization. The meeting then adjourned until next Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock at H. Siddall's office.

FELICITATED THE MAYOR.

Congratulations to Mr. McCandless—Three Victorians Honored.

The municipal elections which have recently been held in this province have resulted in the election of three Victorians to the highest municipal position in the gift of the people of the cities in which they now reside. The three gentlemen in question are Mayor McCandless, of Victoria; Mayor Dean, of Rossland; and Mayor McLennan, of Dawson.

Mayor McCandless formerly conducted a hardware store on Johnson street, while Mayor Dean was also for years a business man of this city. The three gentlemen were friends when all were residents of this city, and Mr. Dean wired his warm congratulations to Mr. McCandless immediately on learning of the latter's victory at the polls.

Mayor McCandless has also received many congratulatory telegrams from other parts of the province, and from San Francisco, while the mail has brought felicitations from Mainland cities.

Owing to some civic business still remaining to be disposed of during Mr. Hayward's tenure of office, the new mayor and aldermen were not sworn in this morning, but this formality will take place on Monday.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Officers Elected by Members of Fifth Regiment Rifle Association Last Night.

At the annual general meeting of the Fifth C. A. Rifle Association, held in the drill hall on Friday, the following officers were selected for the ensuing season: Patrons, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Mayor of Victoria and Col. J. G. Holman; P. O. C., M. D. I.; honorary president, Lieut.-Col. F. B. Gregory; president, Capt. J. Hall, O. C., Fifth Regiment; vice-president, Capt. A. W. Currier; secretary-treasurer, Serg. J. Cayen; committee, Lieut. J. A. McTavish, Quartermaster-Serg. Winsby, Co. Sergt.-Major Bailey, Co. Sergt.-Major Lettice, Serg. R. O. Clarke, Br. Crane, Br. Heathcote, Gns. Duncan, Hibben, Spofford, Scafe and Phillips.

DISORDERLY MEETING.

Lively Discussion at Session of Vancouver Trades and Labor Council.

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President Roosevelt has received from Emperor William of Germany an invitation de luxe of the work entitled "The Reform of the Higher School System in Prussia." It is a beautiful specimen, and deals with a subject in which the Emperor is deeply interested.

THE ASSOCIATION DECIDED TO HAVE THEIR ANNUAL SHOOT ON GOOD FRIDAY, AND OPEN TO MEMBERS. THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH REGIMENT MUST COMPETE IN THE FIRST CLASS. IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE A RUNNING MAN TARGET WILL BE Erected at Clover Point, which may be the means of inducing more members to turn out and take part in the shooting.

As a house for clerical work and shelter from the weather is very much needed at Clover Point, the association is taking the proper steps to have the matter attended to.

The membership shows a good increase, the figures for last year being 338, and for this year 438. The treasurer shows a satisfactory balance in the accounts.

LAWRENCE MOONEY.

Star Incurable Among Incorrigibles—Stole From a Church Last Night.

Erving Lawrence Mooney. He only regained his liberty on Wednesday after serving a month or so at the police station for vagrancy. He was employed about the place as a trusty, and being perfectly familiar with the routine, as usual gave entire satisfaction. On Wednesday he bade the jailer farewell for the time being, and sauntered carelessly off. Unfortunately, however, the air of freedom is overpowering to Larry's morals and destructive to his best intentions. He either has to steal, drink or break some other ordinance.

On Friday while passing down Figuard street he decided to take in the Mission church to see what he could see. He saw a couple of coats and hats belonging to a pair of worshippers, and immediately took possession of them. His newly-acquired property was of an direct use to Mooney, but its equivalent in cash would be, so he hastened to a speculative Chinaman and attempted to sell the hats and garments. By this time the police were on the scene, and Constable Jackson soon nailed the incorrigible Lawrence. This morning he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor. The stolen goods were valued at \$22.50. A woman, Mamie Howard, was called on the charge of being an inmate of a house of ill-fame. She didn't appear and a warrant for her arrest was issued.

HOTEL GUESTS FLED.

Fire in Manufacturing Block in Chicago Caused a Panic.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Fire destroyed a large manufacturing block today at Canal and Madison streets, causing a loss estimated in \$100,000. The guests of the Grand Central hotel adjoining were panic-stricken, and many fled in scant attire to the street, but the hotel was not injured. Among the heaviest losers are the Simonds Mfg. Co., P. F. Cump & Co., the Brevina Mfg. Co. and the Western Brass Works, engaged principally in the machinery business.

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MICHELL BLAMES THE COMPANIES

NOT SUFFICIENT CARS FOR ALL COAL MINED

Says There Is Congestion at the Collieries—His Statements Are Contradicted.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 17.—President John Mitchell, of the Miners' union, before leaving for Indianapolis, to attend the national convention of his organization and subsequently the national wage convention of the soft coal operators and mine workers, delivered to-day what he believed was his farewell address to the coal strike commission. The Scranton Coal Company, which also operates the collieries of the Elk Hill Coal & Iron Company, closed its case during the session, and was followed by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company. It was while the latter company was examining witnesses that the hour for adjournment for the week arrived, and Mitchell arose and asked to be permitted to make a few remarks. All the attorneys representing the different interests before the commission crowded around the leader of the miners as he prefaced a remark by saying that he probably he is the last session of the investigation he would be able to attend. He explained why he is called West, and said:

"I wish to take this occasion to express my satisfaction and that of the miners, whom I represent, for the manner in which the investigation is being conducted. I feel confident that by the thoroughness of the inquiry it will result in much good. There has been a large part of the commission taken up by the presentation of evidence to show lawlessness in the coal fields, and that lawlessness existed to a large extent during the latter part of the strike.

"Personally I bear no ill-will to those who came here, bear no malice to those who worked, and in stating what I am saying, I am trying to separate myself as far as possible from the special interests I represent. The non-union men who were brought here were brought here for the same purpose he was put in the mines. He was brought here for the purpose of destroying the efforts of the man who went on strike. He was brought here under the pretext of getting an advance in wages, he was deceived by a plea made that an effort would be made to secure for him an increase in wages. He came here, paid by the companies, hotel bills paid by them, and our men who went around to see them, our money was furnished to them to enjoy themselves while they were here. He came here, and in not a single instance did those who represent his interests show that it was intended to increase his earnings. The non-union men were brought here for those who proposed to take care of his interests before the commission. I want to say, too, as to the matter of lawlessness, that there is no man associated with this investigation who would condemn lawlessness stronger than I would. If I did not do it because I was opposed to lawlessness, I would do it because it militates against the success of the investigation. In the advancement of the organization, I do not believe lawlessness ever won a strike. I do not believe lawlessness, to a very large degree, deters men from working. If being lawless against all circumstances will militate against the men who go on strike, as I have said many times, I have an abiding faith in the United States people. I believe that when they understand a cause to be right they will support it, and without the support of the people no great movement can succeed. That is true of a strike. If the people of the country are not in sympathy with it, it must fail, and the sympathy of the people will never be with those who violate the law.

"There is one other question that I feel it is my duty to speak of. As the common sense of the people several days ago I addressed a communication to all authentic mine workers, urging them to co-operate with the management of the mines in increasing the output of the mines, for the purpose of relieving the suffering due to the coal famine. Since my communication was received by them I have heard from a large number of our local unions, and in almost every instance the miners tell me the production of coal cannot be increased through any effort of theirs; that in most cases the companies are willing to furnish them with as many cars as they would load. In many cases, the regular turn of cars will not amount to as much as the men are accustomed and willing to load, so that they cannot increase the output of the mines. There may be, in some few cases, and in those cases they have agreed to do so."

Major Everett Warren, of Scranton, who represents several coal companies before the commission, interrupted Mr. Mitchell and requested his withdrawal. Proof of the assertions just made, Mr. Mitchell said, had information to the contrary, and they would show that the men do not, and are not willing to load as many cars as they can be furnished with.

inpatient. They are writing every day asking if something cannot be done to secure them work in the mines. They are injured, of course, with being criminals. "It is alleged they left their jobs and all that, but if they are going to have a term of peace for some years in the antitrust fields, it seems to me they ought to stop fighting now, and that any desire to punish the men by the companies ought to cease. We are willing and anxious to get along in harmony with those who in the coal fields will do all we can to establish good relationship with them, and we hope the operators will meet us half way in doing that."

SOUTH AFRICAN COLONIES.

Mr. Chamberlain Tells of the Financial Arrangements—How Money Will Be Expended.

Johannesburg, S. A., Jan. 17.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain, at a banquet given him this evening, delivered a speech, in which he gave for the first time the details of the financial arrangements for the financing of the new colonies. He described the arrangement as "a unique and unprecedented action on the part of the Imperial government," and stated that the Imperial government representative associations which met here to-day.

The proposal, he said, was first that the government undertake to submit to the Imperial parliament a bill to guarantee a loan of \$150,000,000 on the security of the assets of the Transvaal and of the Orange River Colony, which were being united for this purpose. The loan would be raised as soon as the Imperial parliament should give its consent, the money being devoted to paying the existing debts of the Transvaal, buying the necessary expenditure for public works, and also providing for land settlements. This part of the plan will provide the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal funds to carry out the developments of the country.

The second part of the agreement provides that as soon as possible after placing the first, another loan of \$150,000,000 shall be raised. This second loan will be treated as a war debt and will be secured on the assets of the Transvaal. A number of South African financiers had undertaken to subscribe the first \$50,000,000 without receiving preferential security.

Up to a few hours previous to the banquet he had not received the authority of the Home government to deal finally with the matter of war contribution, and he declared that the reports hitherto published which purported to give details of the financial arrangements were premature, unauthorized and, for the most part, incorrect.

DISCUSSING CANADA.

Leads London Papers on Affairs of the Dominion.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—A London cable says: "The Morning Post devotes three columns to-day with a map representing the prosperity of Canada, especially in the new transcontinental railways. The editorial urges the importance of the lines in the general interests of the empire, especially in view of the reduction in cost of transport of wheat to the seaboard, thus increasing Britain's assurance that Canada is able to satisfy the entire British wheat needs."

CUP CHALLENGER.

Dunbarton, Scotland, Jan. 17.—Shamrock Hill, no competitor for the Cup, has been half-placed. Sir Thomas Lipton arrived here this morning to inspect the cup challenger and complete the arrangements for launching here.

ORGANIZING THE MINING INTERESTS

CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

In Meantime Districts Will Be Formed—Association Will Be on a Broad Basis.

Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting held in the board of trade building for the purpose of receiving the report from the committee appointed to draw up the plans for the organization of the mine owners, miners, merchants and all persons in any way connected with the mining interests in the province, and included in addition to the mining men now in the city from Atlin and Cariboo, those also from the upper country who chanced to be in Victoria and a good representation from this city. Among those present were: W. M. Loveridge, representing the Pine Creek Power Co., Atlin; R. D. Featherstonhaugh, Atlin Mining Co., Ltd. (hydraulic); Niurood Syndicate, Ltd. (quartz); Atlin; L. H. Griffiths, Pine Creek Power Co., Ltd., Atlin; J. Meenecke, Star Exploring & Mining Co., Spirit City, Hope; R. B. Skinner, Lower Spruce Creek, Atlin; A. L. Belyea, Pine Creek Power Co., and Victoria Lease, Atlin; W. W. E. Cameron, British American Dressing Co., Atlin; J. M. 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CHAPPER OF ACCIDENTS.

Thursday proved a most unlucky day for shipping. No less than five steamers met with misfortune during the day, and there are probably others of which no news has yet come in. The steamer Minola, as stated, ran ashore in Base Flats, Baynes Sound, while bound for San Francisco with a cargo of coal; the Edward III, loaded with concentrates and Japan, ran aground in the Treacher well mine, struck off the Frigate Point, the little tug Alert, which formerly belonged to this port, but has lately been towing logs for the Nanaimo sawmill, was towed to Nanaimo Thursday night by a broken shaft, and the steamer Mermid, which arrived on Friday with the freight steamer Trader in tow, ran ashore on Gabriola reef Thursday morning, sustaining injuries which necessitate her going on the ways for repairs.

PILOT EXONERATED.

Capt. Brendt, who was the pilot in charge of the collier Minola at the time of her accident, has been exonerated from blame in connection with the mishap. At a meeting of the Nanaimo pilot commissioners he went into details of the accident. When the steamer left the wharf the fog was lifted and a clear night ensued for fully a mile ahead with every appearance of better weather. The boat, however, had not been out from the wharf very long when the fog began to lower again, and the pilot finally decided to proceed a short distance further and anchor till the fog lifted. A slight miscalculation, however, was made respecting the speed of the vessel which was steaming faster than they supposed, and almost as they were preparing to lower anchor, her nose struck the flats about four miles from Union wharf.

The statement of the pilot was supplemented by a letter from Capt. Kirkwood, the master of the vessel, which completely sustained the pilot's statement. Under the circumstances and in view of the fact that Capt. Brendt's record was one of extraordinary carelessness in his discharge of his duties as pilot, never having had an accident before in his career of years as pilot in these waters, the board decided to return his papers and to exonerate him from blame in connection with the Minola misfortune.

DRAGGED ANCHORS.

Though there was no heavy wind storm here Sunday night a gale from the southwest was blowing at the rate of 52 miles an hour off the entrance to the Straits last night. Even nearer home a very heavy wind prevailed during the night. The British ship, Miltonburn, lying in the Roads, and the Lad, a narrow scow from blowing ashore. Her anchors dragged and she drifted dangerously close to the rocks at the entrance of Esquimaux harbor. The Miltonburn was chartered to load lumber at Whatcom, and will be towed over to that point as soon as a tug can be secured for the purpose.

ARRIVALS IN ROADS.

There were a couple of sailing vessels in the Roads on Friday. The Tasmania arrived from Santa Rosalia after a passage of 20 days. After undergoing inspection at William Head she passed on to Chemainus. The other arrival was the British ship Australia. She is out 104 days from Capetown, and reports an uneventful voyage. The vessel sailed January 1st has been endeavoring to make port, and eventually had to be towed in. Captain Jolliffe was surprised to hear of the wreck of the ship Prince Arthur. The latter had sailed from Victoria shortly before he left there, and off the Cape he being himself in close proximity to the spot where the Norwegian craft met disaster. At one time he was at anchor off Umattila Island, outside, in company with the Australian, but the wind had freshened up and the Vancouver, having dragged, was within a few hundred feet of the rocks just off the entrance to the Gap.

A BIG MERGER.

An Associated Press dispatch from Seattle reports that four independent canning factories of southeast Alaska have been merged at Seattle, there were four vessels all owned by Brackman & Ker, of this city, and four out of Vancouver, for the African, in the interests of a large

firm in that part of the world. The barque is due to arrive in thirty days. She will receive 2,000 tons of cargo and carry also a number of cedar doors. The Earl of Dunraven will make the second ship loading at the Terminal City for the local firm. The California, which is now receiving cargo at Vancouver, is to load 2,000 tons of flour and oats for Australia.

The American barque Bonanza, coal laden from Ladysmith for San Francisco, arrived in the Royal Roads Monday in a leaky condition. Off the Cape on Friday she encountered heavy weather, in which the ship labored heavily. After pitching about for some time the water began to leak into the vessel, and the skipper at once saw it was either a case of returning to port or continuing under difficulties. A number of the crew were detailed to operate the bilge pumps, but this would not work. Then it was found that there was no water with which to work the donkey for an extended time. There was an eight day supply on board, but the voyage to San Francisco would have lasted for some time longer. Under the circumstances the captain determined to return to port and putting about arrived in the Roads last night. He is now conferring with his owners in San Francisco and will probably be repaired here before resuming his voyage. She is still leaking a little, but the captain says that he is not obliged to keep the pumps going in order to hold the water down, there being very little coming up, and the Bonanza, he reports, has never had an accident before. She is a wooden ship, and he describes her as an able carrier.

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TACOMA INJURED.

On Saturday night the steamer Tacoma came in from the Sound to enter dock in order to ascertain the extent of her damages, if she had sustained any, though going ashore off Marrowstone Point, when on her way to Tacoma from Victoria last week. She was placed on the blocks yesterday, and to the surprise of all on board it was found that the steamer had not received the slightest injury. She was floated again this morning and immediately headed back to the Sound. As something like \$18,000 had been expended on the ship in the Kowloon dock in making necessary repairs to damages received on her last outward trip to the Orient, her hull was found to be in perfect condition. She had discharged cargo before coming to Esquimaux, and has now only to load prior to sailing again for China and Japan. The Tacoma was in charge of Pilot Gater, the well known Puget Sound navigator, at the time she struck off Marrowstone Point, and how she came to get fast there is perplexing, as the pilot claims to have been over the water hundreds of times without mishap.

THE ST. PAUL MAY COME NORTH.

Already there are indications of keen rivalry in the Alaskan trade next summer. There is a strong probability that the fine large steamer St. Paul is likely to be brought north for the purpose. Asked as to the report that the Alaska Commercial Company intends placing the steamer on the Seattle-Copper river run, Capt. Carroll, manager of the company, who has just returned from San Francisco said: "Of the business warrants it the St. Paul will be found in that trade. My people have plenty of vessels and they are only too anxious to send them wherever they can find business for them."

REINSURANCE SPECULATION.

Speculation on the overdue German four-masted steel barque Paul Rickmers, now 225 days out from Bangkok for Germany, has been enormous, and includes considerable Victoria money. The Rickmers has not been heard from since July 20th, when she passed Ajmer, not far from her starting point, fifty days out. M. A. Newell & Co., the reinsurance brokers, of San Francisco, has received a cablegram from London intimating them to offer \$1,000 for every \$100 placed on the Rickmers to arrive. The rate is surprisingly high, and indicates that the underwriters have little faith in the ship, which is a fine vessel, and should have arrived safely months ago.

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LANDED THE PROCLAMATIONS.

D. G. S. Quadra returned on Saturday afternoon after landing proclamations for the Burrard election at northern ports. Mr. Moat, returning officer, who took the proclamation north, departed at Vancouver. Owing to the inclement weather, Capt. Walbran reports that the proclamations will not reach Hazelton, Kitlasia and Skidegate. The two former places are on the upper Skeena, and travel overland is rendered extremely difficult now from the fact that snow lies three and four feet deep along the river. Skidegate was not visited owing to the rough weather.

ST. ENOCH PROBABLY LOST.

The rate of reinsurance on the British ship St. Enoch has jumped from 70 to 90 per cent, as the result of a cablegram from London announcing the finding near the Falkland Islands of a life buoy and bucket marked with the name of the overdue ship. The St. Enoch is now out 259 days from Hamburg for Santa Rosalia, and the indications are strong that she has gone to pieces. Heavy speculation continues on the German ship Paul Rickmers, on which in case of arrival \$1,000 is offered for every \$100 invested.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Senator arrived from San Francisco on Sunday about ten o'clock, somewhat behind time, owing to the fact that she left the Golden Gate three or four hours late. The sealing schooners Allie I. Algar, Captain Sinclair, and the Carlotta G. Cox, Capt. Nelson, sails to-day. The triumph, General and Casco, of the Victoria Sealing Company, have already taken their departure. The ship Ancona, which was quarantined after arrival from San Francisco in the Port Angeles last week, was towed to Chemainus on Saturday night. Her crew, however, are still at William Head.

"DE SNOWBIRD."

By Wm. H. Drummond. "O leetle bird, dat's come to us w'en stormy winds are blowing. An' ev'ry tief an' mountain top is covered w'it' de snow. How far from home 're flyin', nobody's never knowin'." For speen' w'it' us de winter tam, mon cher petit oiseau!

"PIANTÉE BIRD IS ALWAYS HIDIN' ON SOME PLACE SO WAN CAN 'EM."

For de children on de roadside, you don't seem to care for min' dem. W'en we pass on way to schoolhouse, mon cher petit oiseau!

"DEY MUFFS OFFEN KNOW EACH OTHER, NEBBER MAK 'EM FRIEN' ALSO."

For de small birds w'at sing dere, w'en we pass on way to schoolhouse, mon cher petit oiseau!

"O DE LONG AN' LONESOME WINTER, AN' NEVER COME NEAR US."

For we miss you on de roadside, an' on all de place be' dere! But le bon Dieu He will sen' you too de storm again for cheer us. W'en we pass on way to schoolhouse, mon cher petit oiseau!

DISEASES OF THE WRITING TRADE.

M. A. P. Many occupations have diseases which are more or less incidental to them, and literature is not except. The two most prevalent literary maladies are writer's cramp and swollen head. The unfortunate victim of writer's cramp is that it is never cured. The unfortunate victim of swollen head is that it never kills.

THE SOCIALIST TENDENCY.

Detroit Free Press. The people are coming to believe that organized capital sends us hourly sense of responsibility and in seeking to avoid this Charbydis of irresponsible capital they are drifting toward the Septhia of Socialism. The tendency is not to be mistaken, and in awakening to the realization of the situation men cannot afford to blind themselves to the true causes.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

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PERSONAL.

GREENWOOD.

Thomas Cunningham, provincial fruit inspector, after having spent several days in the Boundary, left on Tuesday's train en route for the Okanagan. Early last month it was reported to the provincial government that fruit inspection was somewhat lax at some points in the interior, and it was decided that Mr. Cunningham should visit the various packing stations and look into matters generally affecting fruitgrowers at Revelstoke, Fernie, Cranbrook, Nelson, Waco, Rossland, Grand Forks, Greenwood and Midway, and also across the international boundary line to Northport. Besides discussing matters with the fruit grower and the fruit packer, he interviewed merchants and others selling fruit in every town to which he went, with the object of encouraging the substitution of British Columbia fruit for that imported from the various markets in these districts supplied with it. He expressed himself as exceedingly gratified at finding the general sentiment favorable to British Columbia.

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THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.

The people of Victoria have every reason to be satisfied with the result of the elections held Thursday. They have chosen as their chief magistrate a man whose public career, whose record in business, and whose standing as a citizen are a guarantee that the affairs of the corporation will be efficiently administered, and that all pledges given the electors will be carried out.

Now that the battle is over we suppose considerable sympathy will be felt for the old servants whom it was necessary to set aside in order to make room for the new. There were some staggering blows administered yesterday. The accumulated prestige of years was swept away. The future holds out no hope for rehabilitation. Ex-Mayor Hayward was an indefatigable worker. He was unremitting and persistent in his attention to his official duties.

In one respect we are sorry the representatives of labor failed so signally to gain positions in any of the elective bodies. We regret the defeat of the labor candidates because we think the voice of the workman should be heard in all the councils of the country.

The labor element is one of considerable strength and importance, and its demands could most effectively be advanced by representatives from its own ranks. In another respect perhaps it is just as well for the workman himself and for the community as a whole that he has announced his determination to regard civic affairs from the broad standpoint of a citizen rather than from the narrow, sectional position his leaders have striven to induce him to take up.

GEOGRAPHY, OR OFFICIAL IDIOCY?

We have before us the test set under the heading of geography at the recent High School entrance exam. It, in its way, is another gem of purest ray serene. It may or may not have tested the common sense of the candidates before whom it was placed, but it surely does cast an unenviable glare on the mental make-up of the man who gave this as his conception of what the average boy or girl of thirteen or fourteen should know before being allowed to prosecute his or her studies in a High School.

We reproduce the paper in full: Educational Department, B. C. High School Entrance Examination—Midwinter, 1902.

- 1. Answer the following questions relative to the geography of this province: (a) What was the population of the province (correct as to thousands), and similarly of each of the six largest cities, according to the census of 1901? (b) What forms the southern, eastern and northern boundaries, respectively, of British Columbia? (c) What states touch this province on the south? What territories on the east? on the north? (d) What are the names of the electoral districts into which the province is divided by the Redistribution Act of 1902, and how many members does it provide for each constituency? (e) What are the names of the eighteen incorporated cities of British Columbia? (f) Give the political divisions of Europe, with their respective capitals. (g) Locate, precisely, the following cities of Europe: Glasgow, Liverpool, Belfast, Lyons, Hamburg, Geneva, Florence, Amsterdam, Lisbon, Rome.

- (c) A short description of the surface, soil and climate of Russia. 3. When was the Commonwealth of Australia formed? Name the colonies that constitute this commonwealth, with their respective capitals. Where did the first Federal Parliament meet? Who is the Premier at present? What is the Federal capital? 4. Name the British colonies in South Africa, with their respective capitals. What are the chief industries, exports and imports of these colonies? Describe, briefly, the soil and climate of any one of them. 5. Give the boundaries of: (a) The North Atlantic Ocean. (b) The North Pacific Ocean. (c) The Indian Ocean. (d) The Mediterranean Sea.

An outline map of England and Wales, marking the chief mountain ranges, and locating the rivers Thames, Severn, Tyne and Tweed, and the cities of London, Liverpool, Bristol, Oxford, Cambridge, Canterbury, Birmingham, Manchester, Swansea and Cardiff. Now, arguing from a common sense point of view, we hold that an examination test to be honest should fulfil three conditions—the questions should be reasonable, the time for answering them should be adequate, and the marking should be fair. We hold that this test in geography violates all three of these conditions.

Take the question "1 (d)": "What are the names of the electoral districts into which the province is divided by the Redistribution Act of 1902, and how many members does it provide for each constituency?" There are just 34 of these names to remember, only 34: Victoria City, Seaside, Esquimalt, Cowichan, Islands, Newcastle, Nanaimo City, Alberni, Comox, Delta, Chilliwack, Dewdney, Richmond, Westminster City, Vancouver City, Atlin, Skeena, Cariboo, Lillooet, Yale, Kamloops, Okanagan, Similkameen, Greenwood, Grand Forks, Revelstoke, Slocan, Ymir, Nelson, Rossland, Kaslo, Columbia, Cranbrook and Fernie. The small boy, it will be observed, was supposed not only to have these 34 names at his finger-tips, but must be able to attach to each constituency the number of the members it is entitled to send to the Witnagemoet of the Wise which meets across James Bay.

Then we come to the 18 incorporated cities of British Columbia, and we have a confession to make. Although our whole staff, from editor to office devil, has been diligently hunting authorities we have been able to dig out only 17, and of one of these we are not quite sure. As near as we can strike them they are: Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Nelson, Rossland, Columbia, Cumberland, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kamloops, Kaslo, Phoenix, Revelstoke, Sandown, Vernon and Wellington. We note that for the whole paper the time given was but an hour and a quarter. Why, an expert type-writer with all the data spread out before him would take fully that time to transcribe the matter.

Retired teachers and clever professional men who have passed examination after examination declare that two hours would be short enough time for them to write this paper in. Take question 6, the "outline map of England and Wales." To do this alone, with any degree of decency, would require half an hour at least, which would leave just three-quarters of an hour for the other twenty questions, for there are twenty arranged under five heads. The marking of this paper, too, was in spirit on a par with that of the spelling paper—fairly decent maps drawn under a time-pressure which would be appalling to the professional draughtsman being awarded one or two or three marks out of the possible fifteen. In question "1 (a)," although the cities might be named correctly, and in some instances the population set at the next highest thousand in round numbers to that given in the census returns, no marks were awarded.

The grim part of it all is that as a result of their inability to cope with arduous questions, insufficient time and unjust marking, more than one of our boys and girls is debarred from the privileges of a High School education. If this idiotic "exam" system of questioning is allowed to entirely crowd out common sense in our Department of Education, we may expect next June to see our 10-year-olds confronted with the demand: "How many feathers has a hen?"

A SAMPLE CASE.

How reasonable the demands of "adequate protectionists" are may be judged from the remarks of the Colonist in discussing the position of the Clergues, of Sault Ste. Marie. The people of Canada are paying those gentlemen at the present time a bonus of six dollars on every ton of steel they produce. A short time ago the works closed down. The protectionists said the suspension was due to the lack of adequate encouragement. They insisted that foreign steel should be excluded from the country and that Canadian railways should be compelled to pay whatever price the Clergues, the only manufacturers of steel rails in Canada, should choose to ask. Ultimately, of course, the taxpayers of the country would have to bear the cost of the programme of "encouragement." After the railways are completed the rate of transportation must necessarily bear a direct relationship to the cost of construction. The foreign steel rails could not do business at a lower rate

than \$33 a ton. That is, the people of Canada must be compelled to put their hands in their pockets and hand out to this firm a bonus of \$12 for every ton of steel they produce. Nor under the system so ardently advocated by protectionists is there any guarantee that such a handsome subvention would be permanently satisfactory. If a prohibitive duty were imposed the works would be at liberty to fix the price, and we have never yet heard of a trust—for a duty which would eliminate competition would create a most powerful trust—that would not take the fullest advantage of its opportunities.

Now the chief complaint of miners, farmers and manufacturers in Canada is that the cost of transportation is too great—that it is so high as to handicap, in some cases to throttle, industry, and in all cases to discourage development. Another of the grievances of the mining interests of British Columbia is the alleged excessive cost of operating their properties. We have furnished them with an illustration of the undoubted effect of the application of the principles of the extreme protectionists. An increase of at least 25 per cent in the cost of operations. The lesson has been read to all Canada, and we are thankful to say that the great majority of Canadians have profited by it.

If our resources are as great as they are represented to be, there is no reason why they should not be developed under a system which affords reasonable encouragement. The history of Canada during the last six years proves that the "happy medium" has been struck. If it be a fact that we can only make satisfactory progress by heaping intolerable burdens upon the great masses of the people in order that a few favored manufacturers may wax fat, we might as well retire from the nation-making business. But it is not a fact. The records in the case of the Clergues as well as the history of our country prove that it is not so. When the steel men found out that there was no likelihood of their demands being considered they very soon opened up their works again. They have announced that they have enough orders on their hands to keep them busy for about a year.

A POWERFUL COMBINATION.

The mining men of British Columbia are an energetic, "pushful" lot. As individuals, judging by the proceedings of the preliminary convention now sitting in this city, they are the embodiment of concentrated force. If they succeed, as there is every prospect that they will, in inducing all the representatives of the most important industry in the province to apply their shoulders to the wheel, the rusty legislative machinery may grunt and groan and protest for a time, but in the end it must either move or "bust."

Opinion in the province, and outside of it when supplemented by knowledge, is unanimous that there is no richer mining territory in the world. But we have not progressed as we ought to when the abundance of our resources is considered. Therefore it is apparent there must be some impediment to development, and it is quite as evident something should be done to clear away the obstacles that have been blocking up the paths of progress. To practical men we must look to point out the way. They have been trying to do that after a desultory fashion for a goodly number of years.

Those of us whom business and duty have compelled to attend sessions of the Legislature know—not in all cases to our edification—that the mining men have been indefatigable in their efforts to secure an amelioration of the conditions they alleged militated against their business. The results have been far from satisfactory. There must have been a reason for this. Possibly the seat of the trouble has been located by the deland which came down to Victoria in the first instance to discuss matters of almost exclusive local interest. Perhaps it was a happy inspiration that moved Mr. Hobson to suggest the formation of an organization which would embrace not only all the mining interests of the province, but every interest dependent in any measure upon the mining interest for their daily subsistence. The prospects are exceedingly bright that the movement will succeed. It is what has been aptly termed a "blanket" movement. There are few businesses or individuals in British Columbia whose fortunes are not directly affected by the strength or weakness of the mining industry. Place the miner upon the pinnacle of prosperity and the merchant will occupy an eminence in his immediate neighborhood. And so also with the farmer. British Columbia farming in all its various ramifications will some day occupy a unique position compared with the same industry in every other portion of the habitable globe. Mining, fishing and lumbering are bound within a very short time to take up a position of dominance, a position they will occupy long after the present or its succeeding generation has ceased to take an active interest in the affairs of this world. The land available for agricultural purposes is, compared with the number of mouths to feed, limited. The average farmer will, of course, be too magnanimous to take the fullest advantage of his opportunities. But with adequate means of communication provided, he will have the best paying market in the world on which to place his products. It is manifestly his duty, therefore, to cordially co-operate in any movement designed to

make the path of the miner smooth. The reasons why the deliberations of the convention are of practical import to all the interests represented in British Columbia are therefore apparent. If the representatives of the mining industry can demonstrate that their object is to secure the passage of such laws as will benefit their industry without depriving the representatives of the people of the control they should at all times retain over the natural resources of the province, we wish the movement they have inaugurated every success. If their demands are reasonable and the movement attains the proportions aimed at the Legislature will be in their hands.

THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.

With closer inspection of the recent Inquisition Educational known by courtesy as the High School Entrance Examination, our interest increases rather than decreases. It seems almost incredible that the working head of an Education Department should think an arithmetic paper of the length and stiffness of the one we append could be worked out in one hour and a half. Indeed, we have very grave doubts whether the Minister in charge of the Department, or even the august Premier himself, could complete the work in that time.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, B. C. High School Entrance Examination—Midwinter, 1902. Arithmetic and Bookkeeping. (Time, 1 1/2 hours.)

1. A, B, C, D formed a partnership with capital of \$30,000. A furnished \$6,000, B \$7,000, C \$8,000, and D the remainder. They gained 18 per cent of the joint stock. What was each partner's share of the profit? 2. Mr. Brown bought of John Burns, people in order that a few favored manufacturers may wax fat, we might as well retire from the nation-making business. But it is not a fact. The records in the case of the Clergues as well as the history of our country prove that it is not so.

3. Find how many yards of paper 2 ft. wide will be required to paper it. 4. A room 24 ft. long, 20 ft. wide, and 10 ft. high, contains 2 long, 20 ft. by 4 ft. windows, each 6 1/2 ft. by 4 ft. Find how many yards of paper 2 ft. wide will be required to paper it. 5. A note for \$200, payable 90 days after its date, the 23rd of June, was discounted at a bank on the 22nd of June at 6 per cent. Find the net proceeds of the note. 6. Divide 994578023 by 89857. (Answer to no value if not exact.) 7. What is the compound interest of \$2,400 for 1 1/2 years @ 10 per cent per annum, paid half-yearly, and at what rate simple interest would amount to the same sum in the same time? 8. Write down neatly the following statement of six weeks' cash receipts; add the total, and balance forward horizontally, and prove the correctness of your work by adding your results:

Table with columns: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat. Rows: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, Total.

Unjust and farcical as it is to test a child's working knowledge of Arithmetic by demanding this paper of him in one hour and a half, the test applied in English History is even more astounding. We reproduce the paper in full, and would ask if in all Victoria is to be found one partisan brave enough to raise his voice in defence of this "test."

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, B. C. High School Entrance Examination—Midwinter, 1902.

British History. (Time, 1 hour.) 1. Write short but comprehensive notes on the following: (a) The Holy Alliance, (b) The Charter of the Stamp Act, (c) The Act of Settlement, (d) The Gunpowder Plot, (e) The Act of Supremacy, (f) The Statute of Labret, (g) MARY II. 2. Tell what you know of the ancient Britons. In what part of the British Isles are descendants of these people yet to be found? Do they speak English? Explain. 3. Sketch the course of the Seven Years War, 1756-63. What treaty brought the war to a close? What were its chief terms? 4. What changes in the English laws, language, habits and customs did the Norman conquest bring? What Normans became one people? 5. Name in order the Sovereigns of England, beginning with Henry VII, and give the opening and the closing dates of the reign of each. 6. Sketch the history of Mary, Queen of Scots. 7. Write notes on—(a) Dunstan, (b) Tokeben, (c) Warren Hastings, (d) William Pitt, (e) John Wesley, (f) Judge Jeffreys, (g) Thomas More, (h) Harry Hotspur.

All this to be answered in one hour! We would ask what encouragement there is for either teachers or children to work in such a manner, and when the close of a public school course is confronted with such an impossible "test" as is here shown? The adult, man or woman, does not live who can answer that English History paper intelligently in one hour. This fact, we understand, was pointed out by the Victoria Board of City Principals, who, before the papers were marked, sent a written protest to the Department of Education, calling attention to the fact that the time allowed for these two papers in Arithmetic and English History was "altogether inadequate." But the Department was obdurate.

The injustice of the fact that the front door of our High School is barred by "tests" of this kind is aggravated by the further fact that the side door opens readily to admit by "private tests" those favored by the "powers that be." We submit that this whole matter needs ventilation, either before a commission or on the floor of the House.

FULLY EXPLAINED.

Mr. Robinson, Deputy Minister of Education, thinks our comment on the spelling test to which the pupils who desired admission to the High School were subjected was unfair. He says the pupils received credit for every word

THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters by Using Pe-ru-na.



MR. ISAAC BROCK, BORN IN BUCKENOM CO., N. C., MARCH 1, 1788. His age is 114 years, vouched for by authentic records. He says: "I attribute my extreme old age to the use of Pe-ru-na."

Born before the United States was formed. Saw 22 Presidents elected. Pe-ru-na has protected him from all sudden changes. Veteran of four wars. Shed a horse when 99 years old. Always conquered the grip with Pe-ru-na. Witness in a land suit at the age of 110 years. Relieves Pe-ru-na the greatest remedy of the age for catarrhal diseases.

ISAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan county, Texas, has lived for 114 years. For many years he resided at Pease Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.

They spelled correctly and that no deductions were made for errors. We are pleased at the opportunity to make this explanation, because many of the parents of Victoria were of an entirely different opinion. Where they gathered their impressions we do not know. Mr. Robinson also says the practice under which the Misses Eberts and Beaulands were admitted to the Victoria High School is quite common; that many pupils have been promoted as a result of private tests. We are pleased to receive this explanation also. The "common herd" are so prone to rush to conclusions. It will be hard to convince some of them that if their children had applied for such a privilege it would have been granted. Why not abolish public examinations altogether and promote scholars whenever their teachers are prepared to give assurances the necessary standard has been reached? There is no doubt many pupils have failed to pass examinations through sheer nervousness, brought on by the "sweatbox" ordeal. It has been intimated that the daughters of the Attorney-General and the other young lady were admitted to the High School through a side door because there was a desire to shield them from contact with the vulgar throng in the inquisitorial apartment. Mr. Robinson has explained that that idea is all wrong; that the custom is quite common. The department should be grateful to the Times for giving it the opportunity to reply to the accusations that have been so freely launched against it.

BENEFITS ISLAND MINES.

Washington Coal Dealers Fear Competition and Protest Against Removal of Duty. Coal dealers in Washington and Oregon are up in arms over the bill passed by the United States Congress on Wednesday, placing foreign coals on the free list in order to help out the dire conditions now prevailing in the East. One of the representatives of the largest coal companies on the Pacific Coast south of the Canadian boundary in speaking of the matter said: "The bill which passed the House is one of the greatest mistakes that has ever been made in Congress and will accomplish nothing but harm." "Last year, when the duty was on, the Vancouver mines shipped tons of their coal, worth \$500,000 and \$600,000 respectively. They were able to do this in competition with the Washington and Oregon mines and pay the duty. With this duty taken off their trade will be increased to what an extent no one at the present time can say. The situation is just this. At the present time the Washington and Oregon miners are making a much less profit on their coal than they were doing when they were well satisfied if it would be possible for them to dispose of the capacity of their mines at 20 cents a ton profit. Now the Vancouver and other Canadian mines will be able to discount their prices in California 67 cents a ton, and if this is done they will be able to sell in the California market bituminous coal at a less price than we can mine it in Washington and Oregon.

The result will be that we will be shut out of that trade altogether. Should this be the result it will mean that many of the Washington and Oregon coal mines will have to close down altogether, as we will have nothing but bituminous coal which cannot take the combined output of the local mines.

The bill was intended to benefit the people in the East who are badly in need of coal. The Washington and Oregon mines, or any others in the West where bituminous coal is mined, cannot ship to the East, and therefore the class of people it is the intention to benefit will not be relieved.

The effect in Washington will be badly felt if the bill passes the Senate, for it will mean the cutting of the output to a minimum and the consequent throwing out of employment of many thousands of men."

BLK LAKE NEWS.

To the Editor:—I beg to draw your attention to a very shocking incident which occurred in Lake district on Sunday last (the 10th ult), between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m. Of course it being Sunday and everything quiet, it very naturally appeared a more severe shock than it would otherwise have done. Some thought it was an earthquake, while others thought it might possibly be Mount Baker had burst out again, but to the everlasting relief of the neighborhood, towards evening they found out it was two heavy charges of dynamite blowing out stumps, and the repelling had commenced on the Cordova Bay road, between Elk Lake and Cordova Bay, which was burned out on the 9th of August last, and has been closed ever since to the great inconvenience of the district at large. The cause for this unexpected boon we learn is that one of their most prominent government supporters is building a new house, and was compelled for his own convenience to have the road opened as the only means

to get his lumber hauled; but it is an old and very true saying, "that it is a bad wind that blows nobody any good." But we must be thankful for small mercies, and we are very glad to learn that it is now progressing rapidly under the supervision of two of the most prosperous and energetic citizens of Cordova Bay.

FARMER, UNKNOWN MURDERED. Body of Italian, Stabbed in Seventeen Places, Found in Chicago Park. Chicago, Jan. 14.—The dead body of a man, apparently an Italian, was found that night in Jackson park, and the police believe that they have another Mafia case to deal with. The man had been stabbed to death with knives, there being seven teen cuts in the body. One of the hands was clenched and badly cut, as though the man had attempted to grasp the knife used against him, and it had been drawn forth his hand. Beneath the body was found a revolver, fully loaded, but bearing no evidence of having been recently discharged. There were no papers or distinguishing marks by which the identity of the man could be ascertained. No attempt had been made at robbery, as a small sum of money in the pockets had been left undisturbed. The man was well dressed and was not

This centenarian is an ardent friend of Pe-ru-na, having used it many years. In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says: "After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so. "One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper thing for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate. For 114 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States.

"I have always been a very healthy man, but of course subject to the little ailments which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds and diarrhoea.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy Pe-ru-na, I have found it to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for these ailments. It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy.

"It exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine.

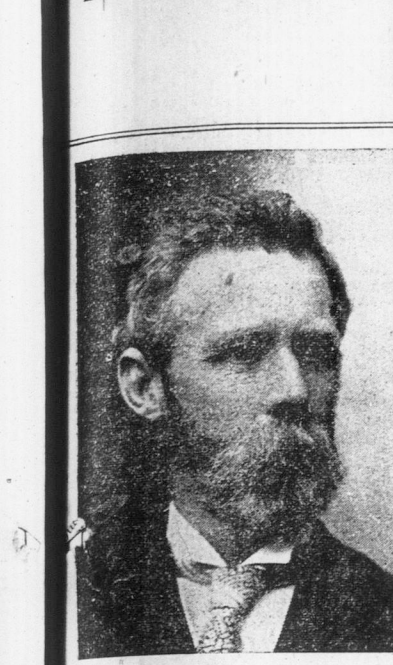
"When epidemics of the grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this disease.

"I had several long spells with the grip. At first I did not know that Pe-ru-na was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that the grippe was epidemic catarrh, I tried Pe-ru-na for the grippe and found it to be just the thing."

Yours truly, Isaac Brock.

For a free book on catarrh, address The Pe-ru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, O. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Pe-ru-na, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

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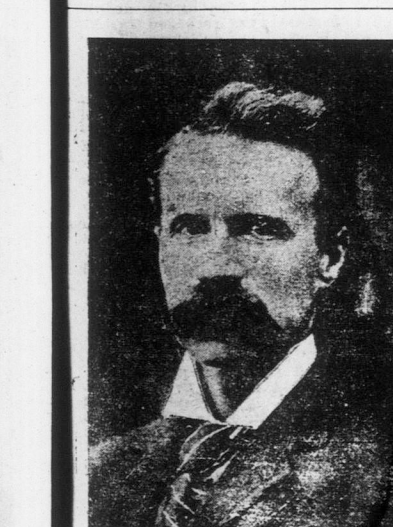
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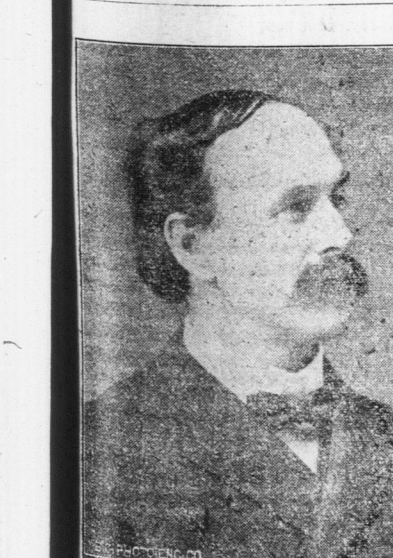
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ALD. J. STEWART YATES. (Centre Ward).

Clark pointed out was the largest ever recorded in a mayoralty election. It exceeded the vote polled in the Hayward-Reifern election in 1900 by more than a thousand. On that occasion Mr. Hayward polled 1,551 against Mr. Reifern's 629, the majority being 722. Yes-

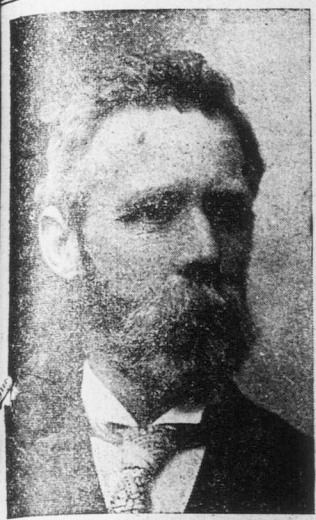


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The Choice of the Electors

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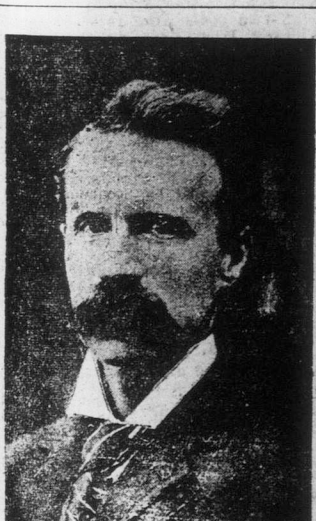
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DR. LEWIS HALL.
(School Trustee).

Dr. Lewis Hall, school trustee, was elected by a large majority. He was the only candidate in the school trustee election who was not a member of the school board. He was elected by a large majority, and his election was a surprise to many of his friends.

terday three thousand and thirty-seven ballots were cast, of which fifteen hundred and thirty-nine bore the sign of the cross opposite the name of the people's candidate. The result of the count certainly came as a rude shock to the many confident supporters of the Mayor, who were breezily predicting that their champion would carry the day by a majority ranging anywhere from one hundred to three hundred. The star prophet of the Times, although he didn't get a look at the planets, was just as confident that Ald. McCandless would triumph, and the count showed that he was right.

Doubtless the most exciting part of the contest now terminated was the very important function performed by the returning officer after the closing of the polls. This was the counting of the votes, and those who watched the operation will never forget the intense interest and excitement attached to it. The count commenced about 8 o'clock, Mr. Northcott calling off the ballots. Ald. McCandless led from the start, but only by a few votes. When the hundred mark was tallied the Mayor was neck and neck with him, and then began to draw ahead. This advantage he soon lost, and when two hundred were recorded for Ald. McCandless, the Mayor was about fifteen in the rear. From then on for several hundred the distance between the two was about the same. Sometimes there would be a run of "Haywards" somewhat alarming to the McCandless supporters, and then the tide would change and the relative standing remain the same. Four hundred votes were tallied for each candidate at one time, which will convey an idea of the exciting character of the count. Ald. McCandless reached the five hundred mark a little ahead of his opponent, but both tied at six hundred. Ald. McCandless then forged to the front, and maintained his lead until the end. At times it was a very precarious lead, and the fight was anybody's.

There were periods when fifteen votes separated the two, but gradually the people's candidate increased his lead. He had something like eight hundred and fifty-five when his opponent struck the eight hundred mark. From then on his advantage was never less than this, and at one place the majority was over eighty. The Mayor pulled up considerably near the end, but when the name of Ald. McCandless was called for the three thousand and fourth time the candidate was entitled to congratulations.

Shortly afterwards the last ballots were recorded, and the message from Ald. McCandless to the people was displayed on the Times bulletin. The count was over in something like two hours. It was a model of uninterupted regularity and smoothness, proceeding throughout with machine-like precision, due to the ability, experience and vigilance of the returning officer. Mayor Hayward was present throughout the entire count, and his victorious opponent reached the scene when the ballot boxes were about half exhausted. When he arrived the lead was over sixty.

The figures were: Ald. McCandless, 1,530; Mayor Hayward, 1,484; majority, 55.

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In South Ward, as was generally expected, the same trio of representatives, Ald. Cameron, Barnard and Vincent were returned. They only received from the electors their just deserts, because they have done excellent service for South Ward. They have worked together most indefatigably for their constituents, and in recognition of their efforts the latter gave each a substantial vote. Ald. Vincent was nearly one hundred and sixty votes ahead of his nearest rival, John Hall.

In North Ward the contest was almost as exciting as the majority fight. The field of candidates was larger, and there were several aspirants of equal strength. From the commencement of the count it was easily to be seen that Ald. Grahame would be returned, and Ald. Kinsman's chances were rosy. The great fight was for third place. There were three likely candidates in the running for this position, and at times it was a toss up between them. Mr. Bragg would periodically forge ahead, and the candidate's face would be illuminated with a gleam of confidence. Then Mr. Dinsdale would spring to the front, and the would smile triumphantly. Then sometimes Mr. Fullerton, the labor candidate, would do the pace making, and prospects would look bright for him. Near the end, however, Ald. Grahame and Kinsman were firmly re-established in that semi-circle which occupied the council chamber on Monday nights, but to the very last the fight was desperately close between Messrs. Dinsdale and Fullerton. The former won by two votes.

The three school trustees, Dr. Lewis Hall, Trustee Jay and Trustee Huggett, were re-elected. They all received substantial majorities. Dr. Hall's besting of Mr. Fullerton was a surprise to many of his friends. The votes for the other school trustees were also unusually large, and the majorities were considerable. Mrs. McCandless was



ALD. G. H. BARNARD.
(South Ward).

fourth in the race, Wm. McKay was next and T. H. Twigg last. The referendum by-law, which favors an eight hour day for corporation em-



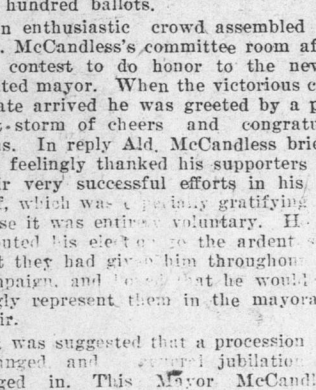
MAYOR A. G. McCANDLESS.

ployees, was carried by a large majority. A big vote was polled on this by-law, the arrangements made by the returning officer for the convenience of the elec-



ALD. ALEX. G. McCANDLESS.

tioners having ensured this. It was the first time the principle of the referendum had been municipally applied in Victoria, and will doubtless now become quite frequent. The vote cast on the by-law yesterday shows unmistakably that the desire of the electors to give direct expression of their views on public matters. The voice of the people was heard to the extent of more than two thousand six hundred ballots.



ALD. H. M. GRAHAME.
(North Ward).

An enthusiastic crowd assembled at Ald. McCandless's committee room after the contest to do honor to the newly elected mayor. When the victorious candidate arrived he was greeted by a perfect storm of cheers and congratulations. In reply Ald. McCandless briefly and feelingly thanked his supporters for their very successful efforts in his behalf, which was a very gratifying cause it was entirely voluntary. He attributed his election to the ardent support they had given him throughout the campaign, and hoped that he would fittingly represent them in the majority chair. It was suggested that a procession be arranged and a jubilation indulged in. This Mayor McCandless would not permit. Mayor Hayward had lost the fight he said, and he did not desire to unnecessarily pain him by making the report of his defeat, especially in view of his years. Speeches were subsequently delivered at the city hall. Ald. McCandless again thanked the electors for the splendid vote they gave him. He expressed the hope that at the end of the year the

electors would have no reason to regret their action at the polls. He also was pleased to see the referendum carried, and which vindicated the stand he had taken all along on this important question.

Mayor Hayward also addressed the gathering. He didn't accept his defeat very gracefully, on the contrary his remarks were in questionable taste. He stigmatized the campaign as one of personalities and misrepresentation. He attributed his defeat to Ald. Worthington, describing him as the rock he split on. (Cries of "Why don't you take your medicine like a man?") He was glad Mr. Worthington had been defeated. He hoped that Mayor McCandless would have with him on the police board men who would not hamper his efforts. If he didn't he would be in the same position as the speaker. In conclusion he thanked those who voted for him.

There will be three new figures in the aldermanic circle this year, or rather one, for Ald. Stewart and Goodacre are more veteran councillors than strangers. Ald. Goodacre headed the polls yesterday, while Ald. Stewart polled a handsome vote. Ald. Dinsdale is the newcomer on the aldermanic board. He hails from North Ward. Ald. Goodacre, Stewart and Dinsdale are all well known in the city, so they require no introduction to



ALD. F. W. VINCENT.
(South Ward).

W. G. CAMERON 697
G. H. BARNARD 664
F. W. VINCENT 546
H. M. GRAHAME 494
J. A. PARKER 175

Total ballots 868
Spoiled ballots 5

SCHOOL TRUSTEES.
The school trustee vote was:
DR. LEWIS HALL 1,755
ALFRED HUGGETT 1,677
GEO. JAY 1,494
Mrs. H. McGregor 1,120
W. McKay 827
T. H. Twigg 884

The following vote was cast on the referendum:
For the by-law 2,083
Against the by-law 630

Majority for 1,423

Last Year's Figures.
Last year's returns were as follows:
CAMERON 651
VINCENT 492
BARNARD 391
Hall 281
Full 287
Gooley 196
Spoiled ballots 6
Total ballots 770

The total number of those who were entitled to vote in South Ward last year was 1,320. This year the number was 1,374.

In Central Ward the figures last year were:
WORTHINGTON 418
WILLIAMS 371
YATES 281
Hamprey 247
Laxton 240
Bragg 188
Spoiled ballots 5
Total ballots 673

Those who were entitled to vote in the above ward last year were 1,048. This year the number entitled to vote was 849.

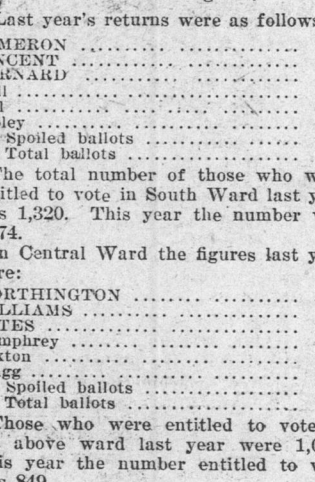
In North Ward last year's figures were as follows:
McCandless 826
GRAHAME 623
KINSMAN 461
Beckwith 401
Clarke 375
Jeewes 250
Spoiled ballots 21
Total ballots 1,177



ALD. ALEX. STEWART.
(Centre Ward).

W. Wall, Charles Barnes (the retiring members), and A. E. Planta. Three to be elected.

The vote on retaining the ward system resulted in a vote of 179 against and 171 for. There is a misunderstanding on the vote, and 31 ballots were spoiled.



ALD. H. M. GRAHAME.
(North Ward).

Two thousand two hundred and seventy were entitled to vote in North Ward at the last election. In yesterday's contest but 2,220 were entitled to vote—50 less.

The figures for last years trustee election are as follows:
DRURY 1,062
MAYSON 705
BOGGS 638
Lewis 623
Oddy 472
Roberts 385
More 383
Perry 341
Knot 338
Williams 309
Townsend 290
Spoiled ballots 4
Total ballots 1,914

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS THROUGHOUT PROVINCE.
The Returns From Various Towns Where the Polling Took Place Thursday.

Following are the returns of elections which were held Thursday:
Nanaimo.
Mayor, William Manson, jr. (by acclamation).

Aldermer, South Ward—Charles Wilson, John Graham, Morgan Harris (all by acclamation).

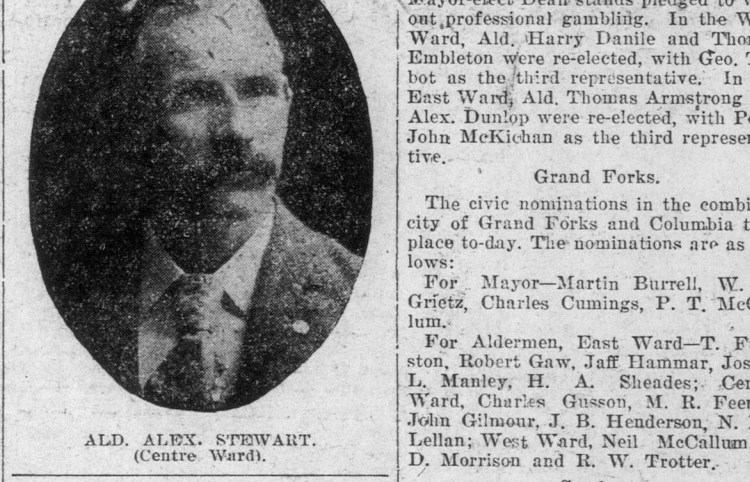
Middle Ward—Chas. Barnes, Richard Booth, James Kearston (all by acclamation).

North Ward—John Nicholson, 117, W.

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McGirr, 105; Ald. Planta, 98, all elected. The other candidate in the ward was Thos. Hodgson.
School Trustees—Edward Quennell,



ALD. ROBERT DINSDALE.
(North Ward).

Mayor—James Hargrave Scholfield. The following councilmen were returned by acclamation: James Patterson Bryers, James Dawson, William John Furnell, Alexander Hector, Francis Geo. Morin and George Arthur White.

School Trustee—J. D. Anderson.
Kamloops.
Mayor—J. R. Michel (by acclamation). Aldermen—J. Milton, C. S. Stevens, J.

Richmond.
The reeve and full council were returned by acclamation as follows:
Reeve—J. Tuttle.
Councilmen, Ward 1—William Nicols; Ward 2, Robt. Gordon; Ward 3, Capt. Atcheson; Ward 4, Rice Reese; Ward 5, William Scatchley.

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Reeve Schou, re-elected.
Councilors Byrne again represents Ward 1; Councilor Giff, Ward 2; Councilor J. Carter Smith, Ward 3; Councilor Stude, Ward 4, and Councilor Sprett, Ward 5.

The directors of the Mexican Light & Power Co. passed a \$12,500,000 corporation which Canadians are financing for the purpose of supplying the City of Mexico with power, etc., was named in Montreal on Thursday with J. Ross as president; J. H. Plummer, of Toronto, vice-president; directors, E. S. Pearson, Halifax; Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, E. S. Clouston, P. C. Wanklyn, Montreal, and F. R. Wood, Toronto.

Prince Mitchell Balfour and Mr. Assen Chamberlain are now the only unmarried men in the cabinet. No British prime minister has ever before acted as best man, and none except Mr. Balfour, since the days of Pitt, has been a bachelor.

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Local News.

The British ship Brablock, loaded with 1,761,000 feet of lumber for Calcutta, is still lying at Chemunias awaiting the Lorne to tow her to Victoria.

—Eliard Tetu, formerly of this city, died on January 9th at his daughter's residence, South San Francisco, San Mateo county, California. He was 81 years of age.

—The annual ball of the local Aerie of Eagles will be held on Thursday, the 19th of next month. Sub-committees have been appointed to take charge of the arrangements.

—The results of the recent examinations for entrance scholarship to the Collegiate school conducted by Rev. W. P. Barker, M. A., followed: Wall, 70 per cent.; Wall, 66; Appleby, 62; Walker, 59; Courtney, 40; Perry, 44; Hanham, 40; Cook, 38.

—Sir Thomas Smeathman, president of the C. P. R., has replied to the representations made to him for a tourist hotel here. He suggests that Victorians exert every effort towards maintaining the hotels already here at the high state of excellence so strongly desired.

—Arrangements are under way for a grand concert in the Victoria theatre on February 4th in the interests of the Columbian Wisconsin College of New Westminster. The very best local talent will take part, including a fifteen piece orchestra under the direction of J. M. Finn.

—At the sale of lands for unpaid taxes held Friday at the parliament buildings, very fair prices were realized for farming lands in the districts surrounding this city. In many cases the lands were fully covered the amount of taxes due and the costs. In some of the outlying districts, Queen Charlotte islands and Port Simpson the bidding was slow, and few sales were made.

—The hon. secretary-treasurer of the Victoria musical festival states that part practices will be held as follows: Sopranos and contraltos, Monday afternoon, January 19th, at Wain's hall, at 3 o'clock; tenors, Saturday, January 17th, at E. H. Russell's house, Boyd street, at 8 o'clock; basses, Saturday, January 17th, at 24th, at A. Longfield's house, 248 Cook street, at 6 o'clock.

—The Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold an exhibition in this city on February 4th. Entries for the show will be received up to Saturday, January 31st. All information will be given by the secretary, G. D. Christie. A very complete programme has been arranged and a good number of special prizes have been donated by business men in the city.

—At a meeting of the Inland Empire Horticultural and Floricultural Association in Spokane last week it was decided to take radical steps to stamp out the codlin moth and the San Jose scale. The meeting was a grand success and the report was agreed upon by the Washington fruit growers. This will be welcome news to the British Columbia growers, who have hitherto had to fight these pests single-handed.

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—A petition is being circulated requesting the Mayor to call a public meeting next week to discuss the question of a railroad to the northern end of the Island. It is expected that this meeting will result in the circulation of petitions all over the Island asking the Dominion government to give a subsidy for the road. In the event of this provincial assistance being given, Hardy Bay is spoken of as the terminus at the north end of the Island. Work on the construction of the wharf at this place will be commenced at once. Geo. Jones and a gang of men having left on the Tees yesterday to begin operations. A scow pile driver and the heavy timbers will be taken from Alert Bay.

—On Thursday the annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church was held in the church hall. Rev. Dr. Campbell presided. The affairs of the church were shown to be in a most prosperous condition, and entirely free from debt. The total revenue from all sources had been \$4,351, and there was a considerable balance on hand. Messrs. J. J. Gillis, D. F. McCrimmon, R. B. Losee and J. A. McIntosh were re-elected on the board of management for the ensuing term of three years. It was announced that arrangements had been made for a thorough renovation of the church building. The cost would be about \$2,500. A new organ will also be installed during the coming month.

—The Laborers' Protective Union held a meeting in Labor hall Friday evening, when officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, A. Johnson; vice-president, T. Cox; recording secretary, G. Jackson; treasurer, G. Goldstar; trustees, Wm. McKay, J. C. Manlyton, T. M. Campbell, delegates to trades and labor council, Wm. McKay, A. Johnson, J. C. Manlyton, Leo O. Cheriton and J. Cox. The labor candidates in the recent municipal election gave cheerful assurances, expressing the determination to succeed next time. E. Brazz thanked the union for their efforts on behalf of the labor party. T. H. Twigg spoke in a similar strain, and Messrs. Felton and McKay also thanked the union for their support.

—A meeting of the leather workers of the city was held in Labor hall Friday evening, when local union was finally organized under the International Brotherhood of Leather Workers. The chair was occupied by T. H. Twigg, organizer of the A. F. of L., who was assisted by W. McKay, vice-president of

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—Private advices received in the city yesterday announced the election of Robert Lowe to the Yukon Council from White Horse. Figures are not available, but it is stated that his opponents Sutger and Dixon lost their deposits.

—Adj. Andrews, who is travelling on behalf of the social work, will conduct special meetings in the Salvation Army barracks from January 17th to 21st. On Monday night, he will give a lecture on his vice entitled "Almost Wrecked." All are cordially invited to attend.

—Tenders are being called by T. Woodgate, officer in charge of the navy works at Esquimalt, and will be accepted up to January 30th, for the supply and delivery of lime, sand and gravel, drain pipes, gullies, etc., timber, rafts, galvanizing iron, water pipe and fittings, dynamite, detonators and fuse, purchase of empty cement barrels (in bond) and horse and cart hire.

—A new bank bill for \$100 is now in circulation, having just been issued by the Bank of Montreal. It is double the size of the ordinary bill of this denomination, and bears vignettes of Lord Strathcona, president of the board, and Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, vice president.

—On Friday night the relatives and friends of Richard Casleton celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in British Columbia, at a social gathering at his residence, First street. He and his wife left the Old Courthouse on August 16th, 1852, on the H. B. Co.'s ship Norman Morrison, the passage occupying five months.

—The weekly concert given by the band of the Fifth Regiment in the drill hall on Saturday evening was enjoyed very much at the attendance. The programme was quite up to that usually given. In addition to this there was a basketball match between teams from the Fifth Regiment and the Work Point. In many cases the match was very close, and the game was well played.

—It seems like taking coals to Newcastle to bring fish into British Columbia. Yet that is what the British Columbia Cold Storage Company has done. They are fish fish, too, from Lake Winnipeg. Old Manitobans are so fond of the white beauties that a carload will scarcely satisfy them.

—Mrs. Mary E. Hitchcock, the well-known authoress, contemplates conducting a party of tourists on a visit to British Columbia, Alaska and the Yukon. The secretary of the Tourist Association, in response to her request, furnished complete information, including a programme for a two weeks' stay in Victoria. A first class ticket is available from Mrs. Hitchcock states that she had not yet decided what route to take, but the party would make a tour from the Atlantic to Pacific and the Yukon.

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NEW PART ISSUED FOR WEST YALE

THE FORMER ONE IS DECLARED CANCELLED

Announcements in the Official Gazette Last Week - Companies Incorporated and Appointments.

The Provincial Gazette contains notice that the writ of election for West Yale, dated November 25th, has been cancelled, and that a new one has been issued.

The polling places for the election in West Yale are fixed as follows: Odd Fellows' hall, Agassiz, court house, Hope; school house, school house, Sparzani; school house, North Bend; school house, Keefer; school house, Lyton; old post office, Spence's; school house, Savona; Marcus Woodward's store, Lower Nicola; McCollough's store, Otter Valley; Smith's cottage, Coutice; E. P. Cook's store, Granite Creek; court house, Princeton. David William Rowlands, of Ashcroft, is appointed returning officer.

William M. Robson, of Mayne Island, is appointed assessor and collector for the Pender Island Assessment District, vice Evan Hanson, resigned.

Assayers' certificates are announced as having been granted to the following, under section 2, sub-section (1): Barko, Antoine Charles, Rossland, B. C., Langs, James Goulet, Victoria, B. C., Turner, Howard A., Vancouver, B. C. Under section 2, sub-section (2): McNab, Alexander John, Trail, B. C.

The board of examiners for the Nanaimo mine for the year 1903 is as follows: Appointed by the owners, Thomas Budge and John Newton; alternates, James Malpas and James Dudley; appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, J. P. Planch, secretary; elected by the miners, George Johnson and William Neave; alternates, James Frame and Arthur Spencer.

For the Wellington (Extension) mine the following have been appointed by the owners, James Sharp and Alex. Bryden; alternate, Alex. Shaw and John John; appointed by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, Wm. G. Simpson, secretary; elected by the miners, Benjamin Bevan and Samuel K. Mottishaw; alternates, Wm. Anderson and Martin Dunsmuir.

New school districts have been defined as follows: Majuba Hill School District, in township 19, New Westminister district, no change; the International Boundary line and Sumas Lake; Sumas Upper School District, including all that portion of township 19, New Westminister district, no change; the International Boundary line and re-defined as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of lot 49, Nanosee district; thence due south to the southern boundary line of said district; thence west along the southern boundary line to the southwest corner of said district; thence north to the seashore; thence easterly, following the shore line, to point of commencement.

A certificate of incorporation appears for the Ashlona Smelter, Limited, with a capital of \$2,000,000 divided into 2,000,000 shares.

The Cusson Non-Fouling Composition Company of Canada, Limited, is also certified to as having been incorporated. The company is capitalized at \$100,000 divided into 500 shares. Its object is to acquire certain inventions and patents for invention in relation to an anti-fouling or non-fouling paint or composition for the protection of the bottom of ships, and such other uses as may be put to, with a view to the manufacture and sale of the said paint.

The certificate of incorporation for the Denoro Mines, Limited, with a capital of \$1,500,000 divided into 500,000 shares, appears. The object of the company is to operate the Oro Denoro claim in Summit Camp and Eastern King, Western King and K. & C. L. W. fraction, in Trail Creek Mining Division.

The incorporation of the Victoria Clothing Company, Limited, is also noted with a capitalization of \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares.

Notices are given that all provincial taxes are due in the assessment districts of North Nanaimo, South Nanaimo, Nanaimo City and Revelstoke.

The amendment to that Morrison & Co., of Anaham Lake, have assigned to William H. Little, of Alexis reek.

ORGANIZE DRIVING CLUB. Movement on Foot to Open Exhibition Track and Hold Regular Races.

There is a movement on foot among those interested in horse racing, both driving and riding, to reopen the exhibition track, on local and outside horses may be used and races held at various times during the year. At first these events will probably be held on but once or twice a month, but the promoters' object is to make this sport so popular that regular driving seasons may be held in the next steps.

The first step to be taken is the organization of a Victoria Driving Club, and all canvasses are out looking for prospective members. The club will consist of a number of 150 members at \$5 each for the club is organized. Those who are interested in the project of the club should write to the secretary, Mr. Little, at his residence, 1111 Commercial street, Victoria.

Driving clubs have been organized in Vancouver and to most of the Sound cities everywhere have met with unqualified success. The Victoria Driving Club, as well as to make such a movement not only popular locally, but to attract outsiders as well. The matter is already in progress, and with an expenditure of about \$500 can be made one of the best on the coast in this city. It is estimated that there are some 1000 horses in the city, and there are six local horse men who will train for the spring races, and if the track is opened they will not have to go away for that purpose.

WANTS A BETTER SERVICE.

Merchant of Bella Coola Tells of the Growth of Norwegian Settlement.

B. Brynildsen, a merchant of Bella Coola, who was a passenger from the north on the steamer Amer, is in the city. He goes from here to Vancouver, and back to return north. He hopes to secure some promise of an improved mail service. At present the Bella Coola settlers have a monthly service and fortnightly in the summer time. With this they are dissatisfied, and they hope to obtain a frequent service as other portions of the northern coast more favorably located on the regular steamboat route. In other words they want their mail fortnightly at this season of the year, and weekly during the summer months. "Bella Coola's population is increasing," said Mr. Brynildsen this morning. "We have now 750 settlers in the valley. The settlement extends 15 miles inland. Agriculture is the principal industry. Lands are now being cleared, and more will be under cultivation next year. Last year quite a lot of potatoes were produced, and a number of good-sized shipments were made during the season. A new wharf 45 feet by 110 feet is under construction, and settlers are now at work on the approaches. A short piece of road connects with this, and you can say that the shipping facilities are in a first class condition. A trail connects with the Chilitin country, over which Indians travel on their way to and from Barker's and Quesselle, trading. There is a cannery, also two public schools, a Lutheran church, a Methodist mission and an Indian school, supported, and by the Dominion government and the Methodists. There is also a resident physician."

Mr. Brynildsen feels satisfied that R. C. McPherson, of Vancouver, the Liberal candidate in the Burrard election, will be victorious.

ROUTES DEFINED.

Grand Trunk Gives Notice of Application For Incorporation to the Federal Parliament.

Notice is given in the Canadian Gazette of an application which is to be made to parliament for an act to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. The notice states the purpose to be "to construct and operate a line or lines of railway from a point or near either Gravenhurst or North Bay in the province of Ontario; thence in a northwesterly and westerly direction through the provinces, districts and territories of Ontario, Keewatin, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Athabasca and British Columbia, or any other province, district or territory of British North America; to the Pacific Ocean at or near Fort Simpson, or at or near Bato Inlet, or such other point as may hereafter be determined by way of the Peace river or Pine River Pass, or such other pass as may be found most convenient, or by such other more feasible route as may hereafter more clearly defined; with power to construct, equip and operate branch lines to Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Dawson City in the Yukon Territory, and any other point within the said provinces, districts or territories, and to acquire, lease, amalgamate, connect with, or otherwise make arrangements for the use of the line of any railway or lines of railway, or to build, purchase, or otherwise acquire and operate upon any navigable waters in any of the said provinces, districts or territories, or from any point in the Dominion of Canada to any other point or points in or beyond the same, steam or other vessels and ferries for the purposes of the company."

TRUMPETS OVER ELEMENTS.

Messages Transmitted to England Through a Hazy Storm.

The first real news transmitted by wireless telegraph across the Atlantic, was sent by Marconi late on Tuesday night from Table Head station to the London Times during a violent storm. At 11 o'clock it began to snow hard and a north-easterly blizzard was rising at Table Head station. The snow came down thick and fast, and there were intermittent flashes of lightning and faint rumbling of thunder. When the storm was at its height Marconi decided that he had an opportunity to test the power of the wireless telegraph under the most adverse conditions. Like all the young Italian's undertakings, this one was a complete triumph. He transmitted conclusively that the elements, gales and lightning could not in the least interfere with the wireless telegraph. The message was sent to the London Times. It read: "Times, London.—Please insert following birth column: Third January, wife of R. N. Vyryan, chief electrician, engineer, Marconi Canadian station, of daughter. (Signed) Marconi.

The message sent was to Mrs. Frawley, mother of Mrs. Vyryan. It was: "Frawley, Weymouth, daughter born, 2nd January, both well. (Signed) Vyryan."

Both messages went to the station without the slightest hitch and Marconi declared that not the slightest difficulty will be encountered sending messages during storms. There was also a severe storm raging in England at the time.

MUST ANSWER FOR IT.

Proceedings to be Instituted Against Assaultants of Chinese Boy.

Proceedings will be instituted against the boys who assaulted the young Chinese domestic, employed by Mrs. Janion, last night. The boy was forced onto the car track when the car was passing and received injuries which necessitated the removal of his left leg below the knee. The police have been notified and the responsible party is being sought for damages on behalf of the injured boy. This is not the first time Chinese domestics have been assaulted by the boys who invariably outnumber their victims five to one.

MOVING AGAINST PRETENDER.

Four Columns of the Sultan's Troops Sent From Fez.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 16.—Four columns of troops have left Fez for Taza. The Sultan's brother commands one of them. The Sultan's general Menekbi, is in command of another.

STEAMER FLOATED.

Cape Henry, Va., Jan. 16.—The Spanish steamer Novemore stranded last night on the rocks near Cape Henry. She was floated to-day by a revenue cutter and proceeded on her voyage uninjured.

LEAKING BOILERS CAUSE OF DELAY

STORY OF VOYAGE OF STEAMER ST. LOUIS

Passengers Held Indignation Meeting and Adopted Resolutions Censuring the Shipping Company.

New York, Jan. 17.—The American line steamer St. Louis, of which news has been anxiously awaited since Monday and which was sighted off Nantucket last evening, was off the Sandy Hook lightship at 8 o'clock this morning. She had been delayed the greater part of a week by leaking boilers, but there had been no further trouble and no accidents, and she had declined assistance from at least one passing steamer. The St. Louis made slow progress coming into port. Although she was sighted off Fire Island at 6 o'clock, it was not until 9 o'clock that she passed Sandy Hook. She reached the quarantine station at 9:47, and is not expected to berth before half past eleven o'clock. The marine station at Sandy Hook signalled "Welcome" as the ship came in, and the St. Louis replied "Thank you." A large crowd gathered at the pier during the morning to welcome the delayed passengers.

The steamer Pennsylvania, which had sighted the St. Louis at sea, brought into port thirteen seamen who were taken off the disabled Norwegian steamer of Fire Island at 8 o'clock. The St. Louis was bound from Sydney, C. B., for Newhaven with a cargo of steel bill. On January 10th she lost the propeller and became unmanageable in the heavy sea. A fire starting 100 miles off shore during a period of five days, in which time five steamers were sighted and signalled without reply, the Pennsylvania was in sight. The St. Louis left Cherbourg on January 4th at 1:00 a.m., and arrived at Sandy Hook light at 8:24 this morning. She was in the water 13 days, 5 hours and 20 minutes, an average speed of 9.74 knots. Her days run were 347, 289, 332, 312, 200, 196, 125, 130, 183, 225, 236, and 273. Total distance, 3,043 knots.

During the first three days the ship made fairly good progress for her ability in the prevailing weather, which was very rough, with high cross seas. The speed then became so slow that the passengers began to discuss it, and between the rough, stormy weather and the ship's inability to make speed they became so impatient that meetings were held. Resolutions were adopted censuring the steamship company for permitting the passengers to embark on a steamer whose condition was so pitiable. It was decided that these resolutions should be typewritten on arrival on shore, and given the press for publication. Many of the passengers expressed great indignation.

On January 9th, the steamer's boilers commenced to leak badly and continued to do so until yesterday. The St. Louis encountered unusually stormy weather throughout. On January 11th and 12th it blew a whole gale from west-northwest to northwest, accompanied by violent squalls and snowstorms. On the two days the ship logged only 125 and 130 knots. On January 10th, when the saloon passengers earned of the condition of the steamer's boilers and engines they held an indignation meeting in the smoking room and adopted resolutions. On a majority vote the Navigation Company for sending the St. Louis to sea in her dangerous condition.

A copy of these resolutions was handed to Capt. Passow, demanding that the ship's course be headed for Halifax or some passing east-west-bound steamer if that was the only way to save the passengers. The latest discovery is that of osmidium in the black sands found in conjunction with the placer gold. A sample taken from the black sand was analyzed by the provincial mineralogist, W. F. Robertson, who sent the following letter in connection with his assay of the contents of the vial sent him: "Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., I beg to say that you sent me some specimens of black sand which contained eight-tenths of an ounce of osmidium, of which I retained as a sample one-tenth of an ounce. The remaining seven-tenths of an ounce I have refined and got gold, 0.05 ounces; try; platinum, 0.05 ounces; try; osmidium, 0.02 ounces; try."

The assay figure out in percentages: osmidium, 3.1 per cent; making a total of 81.2 per cent; platinum, 7.1 per cent; gold, 7.1 per cent; making a total of 95.4 per cent. The value of the osmidium is not known at present, but will take means of ascertaining. It is known that within the last year it has

CARIBOO'S BLACK SAND.

Immense Values Found Among the Alluvial Gravel in That District.

The mineral wealth of British Columbia has truly, as the mining men now gathered here from various parts of the province announce, been touched. From time to time fresh discoveries are being brought to the attention of the public, and camps thought to have been almost exhausted are found to contain riches infinitely greater than was at the first contemplated.

The mining district of Cariboo, which attracted such an influx of gold seekers in the sixties, has periodically since that time become the promised land for prospectors. The latest discovery is that of osmidium in the black sands found in conjunction with the placer gold. A sample taken from the black sand was analyzed by the provincial mineralogist, W. F. Robertson, who sent the following letter in connection with his assay of the contents of the vial sent him: "Referring to your letter of the 6th inst., I beg to say that you sent me some specimens of black sand which contained eight-tenths of an ounce of osmidium, of which I retained as a sample one-tenth of an ounce. The remaining seven-tenths of an ounce I have refined and got gold, 0.05 ounces; try; platinum, 0.05 ounces; try; osmidium, 0.02 ounces; try."

IT'S DISGUSTING! IT'S REPULSIVE!

IF YOU HAVE A COLD OR CATARRH, CURE IT FOR YOUR FRIENDS' SAKE. DR. AGNEW'S CATARRH POWDER RELIEVES IN 10 MINUTES.

One drop of the breath through the blower supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder diffuses this cure into the nostrils, and the relief is instantaneous. It is a powerful and delicate to use. It cures all kinds of catarrh, whether the nose, throat, or chest. It cures catarrh, hay fever, cold, headache, sore throat, tonsillitis and deafness. Sold by Dr. Agnew, Live Pills. 40 doses 10 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—19

PIRATES SHOT IN EFFORT TO ESCAPE

THRILLING ENCOUNTER ON CHINESE COAST

Siamese Suffering From a Reign of Terror—Peasantry in a Desperate Condition.

The Kinsidul Maru brings news that information having been received in Canton that a certain band of freebooters had been making depredations on vessels and villages on the North river, the provincial government of Canton dispatched the Kwong Yuen, one of the Alpha gunboats, to investigate the matter.

"On arriving at one of the villages," the Hongkong Telegraph says, "Captain Lum, of the vessel, was besieged with petitions from the villagers against the ravages committed by the pirates, and praying that the commander of the gunboat seek out the robbers and punish them. For about five days there was perfect tranquillity in the surrounding villages, and on the morning of the 28th ult. the vessel was in the act of returning to Canton, when news was brought to Capt. Lum that the night previous the robbers, accompanied by a steam launch and four or five snake-boats, had held up two junks at a small creek. With commendable energy, the captain proceeded to the spot indicated, but found that the pirates had gone away. On the beach, however, were discovered four corpses, presumably members of the crew of the junks.

The pirates, seeing that the game was up, then tried to escape by means of the snake boats, but so searching were the shots, that not a single boat reached the water. One of the boats was captured, and the crew were found lying in pools of blood, and badly wounded. Among the effect were found no less than 2,000 teels besides arms in the shape of Winchester rifles, shotguns, and revolvers. The three pirates were instantly shot, and the launch taken in tow to Canton."

OSMIDIUM NEWS.

Successful Entertainment Last Evening—Splendid Singing and Dancing.

On Thursday in the Temperance Hall, Cedar Hill, the local amateurs gave a very successful entertainment. The hall was crowded, very many having to be turned away for lack of accommodation. The singing, dancing and sketches were all enjoyed, and the local gazette enthusiastically applauded. The proceeds go towards payment of a fine unpaid long since purchased by the boys, who had presented the instrument to the hall for the general use of the district.

The same entertainment will be given at Seaside on some evening next week; the boys will be from Cedar Hill, returning after the show. For an entirely local entertainment the success is distinctly a credit to those who so ably and tirelessly directed the affair.

GENERAL ACT. (FORM B) CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE.

"General Warren" and "Tax" Mineral Claims, situated in the Victoria Mining Division of British Columbia. Where located, Bugabo Creek, Gordon River, F. M. C. B72436, and as agent for R. A. Newton, F. M. C. B72438, 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 12, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements. Dated the 27th day of November, A. D., 1902.

THE TERMINAL RAILWAY.

Work on Mainland Branch to be Commenced Immediately.

"The Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company is to commence immediately the construction work on the line between Cloverdale and the mouth of the Fraser," says the Vancouver World. "The road will be completed by the first of May and will be in operation in plenty of time to comply with the terms of the Victoria by-law passed some time ago. The newly acquired ferry steamer Victoria, after undergoing the necessary alterations to make her suitable for the purpose, will ply between the terminal point of the Cloverdale branch and Sidney, on the Victoria & Sidney railroad. All the preliminary engineering work is practically accomplished, and large construction gangs will soon be on the scene of operations. A considerable number of laborers will be required to carry the work to completion. Full supplies of rails and other requisite materials will soon be on hand, the former having already been purchased. The by-law under which the route is to be built, provides that the road should be constructed within the distance of one mile from the terminal point selected below Ladner, and the Delta soil bearing heavy crops of every description. The country is extremely large and flourishing ranches, which promise considerable traffic for the new line. The road will be in operation in plenty of time to comply with the terms of the Victoria by-law passed some time ago. The newly acquired ferry steamer Victoria, after undergoing the necessary alterations to make her suitable for the purpose, will ply between the terminal point of the Cloverdale branch and Sidney, on the Victoria & Sidney railroad. All the preliminary engineering work is practically accomplished, and large construction gangs will soon be on the scene of operations. A considerable number of laborers will be required to carry the work to completion. 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