

**ROYAL**  
  
**BAKING POWDER**  
 Absolutely Pure.

Believe in the efficiency of spraying now they were being educated. The Board of Horticulture was in deferring action in the matter of the people were sufficiently educated when it should be enforced. The following resolution was moved by Mr. A. C. Wells and carried. That the meeting express its opinion that the fungus and insect pests be destroyed.

J. R. Anderson then brought a question of the great number of fairs being held in the province, asked for an expression of opinion on the matter. Earl said that in his opinion the large fairs of the province should be held here and at New Westminster, by exhibiting at these large fairs would greatly advertise the products of the province, which the fairs did not do.

Kipp thought that the time was ripe for so many small fairs should be withdrawn and the fairs aided until the province was densely advanced to warrant the expense. C. Wells, while not advocating the wholesale slaughter of small fairs, advised to those that did not, and made effort to pay their prize list. Earl opposed to a government grant given to the small fairs, which would be used mainly for the purpose of paying a secretary's salary and for a dance or horse races.

R. Anderson said that as the fairs were held under an act, amendment the only thing they could do was to ask for the repeal of the act. Hutcherson said that he could agree that there were too many fairs, although there were some very poor ones. Exhibitions are for educational purposes. If a resolution was passed crowding the small fairs, the larger ones a great many would be deprived of attending. Earl thought that if they were continued it would be a better advertisement for the province, as more people would see the exhibits.

An adjournment was then taken until when the association reassembled by evening the following papers were read by Mr. Alexander Campbell Tolmie:

**PRACTICAL HINTS.**

to Fruit Growers as to Planting Trees.

Nature of the Soil—One of the considerations in selecting land, of suitability; secure that which is adapted for growing all the different kinds of fruit that this climate affords. Such land may best be distinguished by a deep loam with a good drainage. This will save you more than a natural shelter exists against prevailing winds, a shelter belt or light to be planted.

Location—The nearer you are to a market will be an advantage to you all, and needs only my addition.

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**LONG WAIT IS ENDED**

Butler the Australian Murderer Landed in Jail This Morning.

He Had No Idea that Detectives Had Been Waiting for Him.

Law Officers do not Give Him Any Chance of Cheating Justice.

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The custom house boat Hartley, which had been placed at the disposal of the police, was boarded in haste by six detectives, four newspaper men and four revenue officers, and the little vessel steamed rapidly away to the Swanhilda, which was met off Fort Point. The detectives remained concealed in the cabin while the revenue officers went on board the Swanhilda to see if Butler had been put in irons. They reported that he had not and the detectives then went on board the ship. Butler was pointed out and a search was made. He denied he was Butler, but he was positively identified by Detectives McHattie and Conroy, who came here from Australia for that purpose. The suspected murderer was taken on board the Hartley, which soon landed him at the wharf. A patrol wagon was waiting and he was hustled off to prison. Although the arrest was a complete surprise to the suspected man he maintained remarkable coolness and calmly puffed a cigarette as he went ashore.

Captain Fraser, of the Swanhilda had an interesting story to tell. He said Butler shipped with him as a seaman under the name of Lee Weller, one of his victims. All went well on the trip across the Pacific and it was not known that a notorious murderer was on board. Yesterday when it was known that the vessel was near San Francisco, Butler approached Captain Fraser and asked when the pilot appeared to slow up he expected letters from Australia. When the pilot came aboard Butler approached him and asked "Well, is it for or no?" The pilot did not know but the man gave no explanation. Captain Fraser was informed by the pilot that it was supposed that Butler was on board under the name of Lee Weller and told of the arrangements for his capture. Captain Fraser agreed to do all in his power to help the police. A dispatch was said to Butler and the ship was brought into port. It was agreed when the crew lined up for inspection, Captain Fraser was to stop in front of Butler. When the police came aboard and the men lined up Butler stepped forward and the men in front of him at the same time Sergeant Bond of the local police, covered him with his pistol. Butler's hands went up like fish. Irons were slipped over his wrists and one of the most notorious criminals of modern times was a prisoner. Detectives McHattie and Conroy, who knew Butler in Australia, Conroy being narrowly escaped being on his heels, were disgusted when they learned that Butler with the crimes attached to him he professed utter ignorance and denied that his name was Butler. On board the Hartley he was removed and SIR Butler presided not to know his captors.

On the voyage from Newcastle Butler worked as an ordinary seaman. In his cabin were found garments bearing different marks, which corresponded to the initials of some of his victims. Extraordinary papers have already been secured

and unless some unforeseen accident happens Butler and his custodians will sail for Australia on Thursday by the Monowai.

**POLICY OF DELAY.**

London Papers on American Treatment of Arbitration Treaty.

London, Feb. 2.—The Westminster Gazette, touching upon the delay in the passage of the arbitration treaty through the United States Senate, remarks: "If there is any doubt of its passing, we frankly hope the treaty will be withdrawn. As great as and striking as would have been its ratification as a contribution to the cause of peace, its proposed rejection would certainly be a correspondingly serious set back."

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THE KOOTENAY MINES.

In his latest report, just issued, Mr. Carlyle, the provincial mineralogist, gives a great mass of interesting information regarding the Slovan, Nelson and Ainsworth districts.

THE WAR EAGLE SALE.

People who feel inclined to invest in the shares of mining companies incorporated in Washington state for operation in this province would seem to have an object lesson in the sale of the War Eagle.

PLENTY OF PROMISES.

Some very strong assurances in regard to the coming session of the legislature are offered by the Vancouver World, which professes to enjoy special confidential relations with the government.

the government agents, to whose judgment the determination and carrying out of this work is entrusted, are already fully employed by their other necessary duties.

"Well directed assistance in this line is money well spent, as the more rapidly this country is made the more rapidly will be its certain development, as not only are the prospectors and miners better able to reach their finds, and to spend the slight capital they can command in actual work on their claims.

It would be curious if "the miners' license law had been on the books all these years and the opposition never have discovered how wicked a thing it is until just now."

The Globe says: "A manufacturer of Middletown, Conn., proposes to establish a factory in Quebec for the manufacture of cotton hammocks, which is a reduction of the duty on webbing cloth can be obtained.

SEALERS THANK COUNSEL.

A deputation of the sealers having claims before the Behring Sea Claims Commission which has just finished its labors in Victoria waited upon the British counsel and Mr. R. N. Venning of the fisheries department at the Driad hotel yesterday evening and to show the way in which they have appreciated the services rendered them.

Merit Talks

"Merit talks" the intrinsic value of Hood's Sarsaparilla. Merit in medicine means the power to cure; Hood's Sarsaparilla possesses actual and unequalled curative power and therefore it has true merit.

D. Warren, Chas. E. Clarke, James J. Gray, C. Spring, Hon. Mr. Peters, Mr. Belue, Q.C., Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, and Mr. E. V. Bowdell replied expressing pleasure at appreciation of their services.

Dear Mr. Venning: We cannot allow you to depart from Victoria without expressing to you our very high appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered to the province during the period of nearly ten years, in connection with the Behring Sea question.

We know that many responsible duties have been committed to your charge, and we know that also those duties have been zealously and faithfully performed.

Mr. Venning replied, and in a few words thanked the sealers for their acknowledgment of the services rendered by him.

The counsel on both sides left for home yesterday evening by way of San Francisco, save Sir Charles H. Tupper, who went by way of the C.P.R.

CANADA UNDER LAURIER.

The "Thunderer's" Views Upon Our Dominion Affairs.

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Study Economy... Everybody considers it a luxury to use Johnston's Fluid Beef, and so it is, but when it can be bought in 16 oz. bottle for \$1.00 it is also economical.

ANGELES STEEL WORKS.

Col. Coolican Arrives from the East With Some Workmen.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—Col. Coolican, the president of the Port Angeles board of trade, with headquarters at St. Paul, and the advance agent of prosperity as far as the interests of Clallam county are concerned, arrived in this city yesterday from the east.

We assure you that your very valuable services will not be forgotten by us, and that our cordial friendships will last as long as life.

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rather regarded as one of the
best specimens of Ionic architec-
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d on an eminence almost in
of the city. The main struc-
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ancouver, B. C., Oct., 1896.
Williams' Medicine Company,
skville, Ont.
men-I have derived so much
from the use of Dr. Williams'
Pills, as the following brief state-
of facts will show, that the failure
part to make public the facts of
would be a neglect of duty. I
others of my sex who are suffer-
ing the same complaints as I
made life a burden to me. I
of age I suffered from anemias
all the attending evils. The fami-
sian and two other doctors con-
in turn failing to afford me any
At the age of twenty-two I
from England to Oregon, and ac-
der the advice of friends, con-
a specialist of high repute in
ad in that state, after having
two other practitioners in East-
without any beneficial result. I
ed the treatment of the Portland
for some months with no
in my condition being notice-
cepting that I was rapidly los-
sh and sinking day by day into
of lassitude. I was reduced to
ands in weight, and was assured
less some change for the better
obtained I could not live six
s. At this crisis my friends had
a burden to me and I had hard-
length enough to move around,
a told me of the benefit she had
from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills,
as a forlorn hope, having at one
or another tried remedy after re-
(so called), I consented to give
a trial. Even with the first box
nge for the better was notice-
ble was sufficient to induce me to
ere. I bought six boxes more,
that they were finished I was de-
by own housework and had gained
ten pounds in weight. With the
ishment of the normal functions
w more cheerful, active and in-
ted. That the cure was of a
neral nature is evidenced by the
that now after a year has passed,
then, and I have taken but two
of pills since that time, I weigh
ounds, and can attend to my nec-
household duties. I can say with-
less than that I believe Dr.
ams' Pink Pills saved my life, and
nounced them to everyone suffer-
g similar complaints to mine as the
medicine I know, and after the best
strains I tried during a period of
years, my knowledge of such is
limited.

HELEANOR H. HAWSON.
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a spe-
cial for the troubles which make the lives
of many women a burden, and speed-
ily restore the rich glow of health to
the pale and sorrow stricken. Sold by all
druggists, or sent by mail postpaid, in a
box, or six boxes for \$2.00, by re-
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hall was packed and hundreds were un-
able to find entrance. Hon. William
Mulock, postmaster-general, was met at
the station by the band. An imposing
procession was formed and the hono-
rable gentleman was escorted to the hall
amid the greatest enthusiasm. The first
speaker was Mr. Malloy, grand pres-
ident of the Patrons of Industry organ-
ization, who made an appeal to the
delegates. The speech of J. L. Haycock
was also loudly applauded. When the
postmaster-general rose to speak he re-
ceived an ovation. For over an hour he
held the attention of his hearers as he
arranged the late administration and
showed the record of the Liberal govern-
ment since it took office.

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prevailed in connection with the North
Ontario election to-day. The weather
is fine and so keen is the interest that
every available vote will be polled. At
1 p.m. the vote at this place was sup-
posed to be in favor of McLeod, al-
though the Liberals are confident the
constituency will return Duncan Gra-
ham.

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North Ontario gave Graham, Liberal-
Patron, 57 majority over McLeod, Con-
servative.

Montreal, Feb. 4.—Hon. R. B. Doherty
has just returned from England and ex-
presses satisfaction at the feeling in Eng-
land in regard to Canada. Speaking of
the government's plans, he said: "We
are about to do all in our power to de-
velop trade with England. There is the
fast line of steamships. I will stake
my reputation that before long Canada
will have an express service that will
be the first in the world. Let us not
hurry the question. Canada will be
served with a type of vessel which will
be superior to any of the foremost trans-
atlantic liners, and then there is the
fact that Mr. Laurier is premier. The
feeling in England toward Mr. Laurier
is not merely one of satisfaction, but
cordiality. If he should go over for the
Queen's jubilee he would be given a
wonderful ovation." Speaking of the
Canadian premier, not excepting the late
Sir John A. Macdonald, the tone of
the Canadian press touching the election
of Mr. Laurier to the supreme place
"Canada's greatest honor" has been noted
and great hope is felt that under his ad-
ministration the country will prosper.

FROM THE CAPITAL.
Over Twenty-Five Thousand for the
National Famine Fund.
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 4. (Special)—Hon.
Mr. Pledging left for Montreal this after-
noon for the purpose of addressing the
Hon. Mr. Laurier returned this morn-
ing. The national famine fund has reached
\$25,000. Burland & Co. gave \$200, Wm.
Gibson, M.P., \$100, and Hon. Mr.
Dawson, minister of marine, gave \$50.
Applications for samples of seed
must reach the experimental farm
the March 1.
The Atlantic steamship companies
told the government to pay half the
cost of fitting up their steamers with
cold storage appliances.
His Excellency the Governor-General
has received the following message
from the Earl of Elgin, Viceroy of In-
dia: "The prompt sympathy shown by
Canada is warmly felt here. The fam-
ine committee consider that money
is more useful than grain or other sup-
plies."

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at stake being the bill for the under-
taker's services at the funeral of the
late Hon. Sir John Thompson, pre-
mier of Canada. The original bill for
\$12,000 was presented to the federal
government by Gourden and Keath, of
Halifax soon after the funeral in De-
cember, 1894. The government refused

to pay the full amount on the grounds
that the charges were excessive and
referred \$7,233 to the firm. Messrs.
Gourden and Keath demanded the full
amount of the bill. The latter brought
suit against Her Majesty the Queen in
the Exchequer Court of Canada. The
case will be brought to trial after the
commission, which is now securing evi-
dence, has reported. The commission
is visiting many of the oldest cities for
the purpose of having the bill submitted
to undertakers for their estimates on the
cost of the articles furnished at the
funeral and the value of the services
rendered. The commission is now in
this city. Accused undertakers who
examined the bill it is about 50
per cent in excess of what it should be.

A QUEEN OF SONG

Madame Albani Delights a Crowded
House With Her Match-
less Voice.
She is Assisted by a Company
All of Whom are Gift-
ed Artists.

Time appears to deal less harshly
with Albani than with ordinary man-
kind, for her voice has much the same
strength, flexibility, sweetness and fresh-
ness as it had in her younger days when
she thrilled thousands with matchless
music. Madame Albani has also suc-
ceeded herself with artists who mat-
erially assisted in making last night's
performance the great success it un-
doubtedly was.

Although Mr. Braxton Smith has been
on the stage only for a comparatively
short time, it was certainly not because
of any defect in his tenor voice that he
did not make his appearance in the
musical world sooner. Blumenthal's
"Good Night" as sung by him last ev-
ening had enhanced sweetness and a
deep meaning. Blessed with a wide
range, marked flexibility and a clear-
ness, having perfect enunciation and
a good stage presence, he stirred his
audience into rounds of applause.
He responded with "I'll sing you a
song of Arab."

It is a matter of opinion whether
Lemierre's Principle can be properly class-
ed as a basso, but there can be no doubt
as to the fine quality of his higher
notes. His lower register does not ap-
pear so strong. The Toreador song from
"Camille" was suited for his splendidly
full, rich voice, and he threw the spirit
of the fight into his words. His re-
sponse to the encore was "Drinking,"
which he rendered admirably.

Every one was there on the qui vive
for the Queen of Song. She came on the
stage with a smile for each and all of
her expectant auditors. The audience
was not only applauded but cheered.
Madame Albani's selection was "Ah, que
leul," from Verdi's "Traviata." If the
applause was great before she sang it
was redoubled after the selection was
concluded. The ushers went to the
stage laden with flowers from her Vic-
toria friends. Albani, laughing and
backwards and forwards across the
stage carrying the flowers to the rear
and the applause still continued. Mad-
ame Albani responded with the old but
ever new "Home Sweet Home," singing
it as it had never been sung before in
Victoria. The audience was not yet
satisfied, and was rewarded by the re-
appearance not of Albani but of Mr.
Smith and Miss Robinson. Their first
one was of the genre of the evening. The
second part was made up of scenes from
two acts of "Faust," but while they
were handicapped by lack of scenery
and other necessities to the correct in-
terpretation of "Faust," nothing could
mar the strength and sweetness of the
voices of the performers.

To-night Madame Albani and her
company will be heard in popular bal-
lads and light operatic airs. The price
of admission to the gallery will be only
fifty cents.

COWARDLY OFFICERS

Alaska Posse, After a Fight With
Desperados, Leave a Comrade
to Freeze.
"Slim Birch" and Companions Play
Havoc With the Men Sent
to Capture Them.

They Were Finally Captured by Two
Unarmed Men While Sleeping
in a Haul.

Part Township, Feb. 4.—The steamer
Alki brings news of a bloody chapter in
the career of "Slim Birch," the notori-
ous young desperado of Juneau, who
while awaiting transportation to serve a
three year's sentence at San Quentin
prison, California, was released by his
accomplices, who visited the jail, over-
powered the jailer, locked him in the
cell and accompanied the escaping pris-
oner. No tidings were received of Birch
until the closing day of January when
Indians brought news to Juneau that
Birch and his companions were stop-
ping in a cabin a few miles from
Juneau on an island. Deputy Marshall
Hale at once chartered a steamer and
making up a posse comprising Deputy
Marshal William Watts, Jailer Lind-
quist, Guard Baysee and an Indian
policeman, started in pursuit. The cabi-
n was located next day after a tortu-
ous trip over a rough, snowy country,
amid terrible cold. By bad generalship
two inmates of the cabin escaped to a
rocky eminence between which and the
cabin the posse was situated. A terrible
battle then began, Watts being shot
twice, Hale once seriously and Baysee
wounded in both legs. Ten minutes
later all the posse except poor Watts
started back from the scene of the fight
to where the boat was anchored. Watts
was left at the mercy of the outlaws.

The steamer made all haste back to
Juneau with the wounded men and a
posse of twenty men started out. Return-
ing next day they found Watts frozen
in the snow where his cowardly com-
panions left him. A search was con-
tinued for two days without success, un-
til the desperado were finally located
by Indians lying asleep in a dense under-
brush. Word was carried to two Hercu-
lean fellows named Cheney and Olsen
in Gannoy, who made the capture in a
picturesque style. Cheney they found
ed a ledge twelve feet above the sleeping
and heavily armed pair of bandits and
at a given signal jumped down upon
them. Both men were manacled after
a short resistance. Birch's lone com-
panion is also an old offender named
Anell, who robbed the Treadwell works
some years ago. Both are in jail at Sit-
ka. Cheney and Olsen get \$5,000 offered
for Birch's capture.

CROW'S NEST PASS

Minister of Railways Has Decided
Upon the Government
Ownership.
Canada Will Have a Compete-
tive Trans-Continental
Railroad.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—The Telegram this
afternoon says: "While no official
announcement has been made it is certain
that the Crow's Nest Pass railway will
not be built by the Canadian Pacific
Railway company. Hon. A. G. Blair,
minister of railways in the Laurier cabi-
net, has been looking into the Crow's
Nest question and has come to the con-
clusion that the government had bet-
ter build the line. The object of Mr.
Blair is to secure for Canadians the
benefit of a competing line to the Pa-
cific Coast, and it is fair to the West
that this initial step should be made.
At first, for a few years, perhaps, the
Crow's Nest railway, as built by the
government, will benefit only the dis-
trict which it is built to benefit, but
after the arrival of the expected pros-
perity that Canada is to have, it is to
be extended to Lethbridge and then
connect with James Bay. Thus Canada
will have the benefit of a competing
train to the Pacific slope for it is un-
derstood that the minister is of the
opinion that much good will be done by
allowing the Grand Trunk to secure
running privileges over the line. Al-
though it seems a roundabout way to
reach the Pacific Coast, a glance at the
map shows that via the Grand Trunk,
James Bay, Lethbridge and the Pacific
route freight would not be more than
twenty-four hours longer in transit;
while passenger trains might be run on
an equality of time with the Canadian
Pacific service. Mr. Blair has another
idea and one that will be carried out:
The Intercolonial Railway, whose west-
ern terminus now is Lewis, is to be
given running privileges on the Grand
Trunk as far as Montreal. Here again,
Mr. Blair proposes to go against the
Canadian Pacific."

A Record Maker.

Over Twenty-One Thousand Names
in 28 Days.
UNHEARD OF SUCCESS.

According to official figures, fully au-
thenticated the Family Herald and
Weekly Star, of Montreal, is running
away ahead of anything of the kind on
this continent. It is given as fact of
beyond dispute and universally admitted
that the Family Herald and Weekly
Star is making the record for this con-
tinent.

That paper received in 28 days over
fifty of twenty-one thousand sub-
scribers. Just think of it. We give the
figures by days.

Subscriptions by Mail.
Tuesday, Dec. 1.....\$37
Wednesday, Dec. 2.....41
Thursday, Dec. 3.....45
Friday, Dec. 4.....49
Saturday, Dec. 5.....53
Sunday, Dec. 6.....57
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Thursday, Dec. 24.....129
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Sunday, Jan. 31.....281
Total.....2,100

BUTLER RETICENT

The Alleged Australian Murderer
Has Little to Say.

Evidence Which Goes to Show That
He Killed Four Men
at Least.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Butler, the
Australian murderer refuses to make
any statement as to his identity further
than that his name is Eagan. He ad-
mits having shipped under the name of
Lee Weller. He refuses, however, to
give any reason why he assumed Wel-
ler's name, and declines to admit that
he even knew Weller. He says a man
is innocent until he is proven guilty, and
says he will make no statement regard-
ing any portion of his past history.

Butler appears undisturbed by his po-
sition, and sits unconcernedly facing his
questioners with contemptuous glance.
He affects to be rather amused than
otherwise at his predicament. He is
below medium height and is highly in-
significant in appearance. He has a
malevolent expression, but hardly looks
like a confirmed criminal. He is ap-
parently about 27 years old.

DOUBLE MURDER.

Two Residents of New Hope Murdered
by a Saloonkeeper.
Stockton, Cal., Feb. 4.—After a des-
perate struggle Sheriff Cunningham and
posse arrested Charles Kleupfer, the
murderer of Charles Dodge and Alex.
Borland, in cold blood at New Hope.
After killing his victims Kleupfer held
up the arresting constable, forcing the
road to a saloon kept by Henry Arwe,
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Kleupfer started to make trouble and
Dodge and Borland led him out of the
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of religion is simply a form of drunkenness,
no more worthy of respect than the
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After reading Dr. Jordan's statements
at the Tremont Temple revival meeting
Mr. Moody proceeded to exhortate the
California instructor, and at the same
time got in a thrust at the Golden State.
Among other things he said:
"Let the president of Stanford university
has set up a man of straw and I see no
necessity for the knocking of it down.
I suppose that Mr. Jordan would say
that Paul was beside himself, but the
letters of Paul are read long after the
words of college presidents are forgotten."
"If men and women were losing their
reason and self control during the re-
vival season in the city of Boston, I
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A FATAL ACCIDENT

James Abrahams Killed by the Fall
of a Stone at the Post Office
Building.

An Inquest Held as to the Cause
of the Death of the Unfor-
tunate Man.

A few minutes before the men em-
ployed at the new postoffice building
left work yesterday evening a fatal ac-
cident occurred to one of their number,
James Abrahams, who was in charge
of the work of loading and unloading
the trucks which carried the stone under
the saws, is now lying dead, as a result
of that accident, at Hanna's undertak-
ing parlors.

The stone is loaded on trucks by a
derrick and run into the shed under the
saws, where it is sawn, run out again,
and distributed to the bankers of the
stonecutters to be cut. A huge block
of stone had just been sawn, the saw
cuts being completely finished and Ab-
rahams and William Scott, his helper,
were standing beside the stone, one at
each corner of the block, talking. The
bed on which the stone was resting was
perfectly level, having been previously
sawn, and it seemed to be so easily re-
sting on the truck. After it was sawn
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shore underneath. He then turned his
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"I watched Butler carefully for the
rest of the trip, but his conduct al-
though was that of a model sailor. He
never got into any trouble and seemed
rather religiously inclined. He would
not mix much with his shipmates, pre-
ferring to work alone whenever it was
possible. The men in the forecastle all
thought well of him. I knew, of course,
that the police on this side would be
waiting for him, and I was not at all
surprised when we were boarded by the
detectives."

What may be evidence of another
murder committed by Butler came to
light to-night when a young woman
called at the police station with a story
that will keep the police busy for some
time to prove or disprove. The young
woman said she was the daughter of
James P. Dixon and had arrived here
three months ago from Australia, leav-
ing her father there. She has not heard
from him since, and alarmed by the
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Butler, she called at the police station
to make inquiry. This immediately
called the officers to work, and starting evi-
dence was produced. Several shirts
marked James P. Dixon, were found
among his effects, and the police and
the young woman believe that the shirts
belong to the latter's father, who has
met death at Butler's hands. The
young woman thinks she has some
shirts in her possession bearing her
father's mark and will compare them
with the shirts found in Butler's posses-
sion to-morrow.

A FATAL ACCIDENT

James Abrahams Killed by the Fall
of a Stone at the Post Office
Building.

An Inquest Held as to the Cause
of the Death of the Unfor-
tunate Man.

A few minutes before the men em-
ployed at the new postoffice building
left work yesterday evening a fatal ac-
cident occurred to one of their number,
James Abrahams, who was in charge
of the work of loading and unloading
the trucks which carried the stone under
the saws, is now lying dead, as a result
of that accident, at Hanna's undertak-
ing parlors.

The stone is loaded on trucks by a
derrick and run into the shed under the
saws, where it is sawn, run out again,
and distributed to the bankers of the
stonecutters to be cut. A huge block
of stone had just been sawn, the saw
cuts being completely finished and Ab-
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IRRIGATION CASES.

An Important Judgment Delivered by the Hon. Justice Drake at Vancouver.

Decision Against Plaintiffs in the Case of C. P. R. v. Parke and Pinchard.

The following judgment has been handed down in the case of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company vs. Parke and Pinchard, by Mr. Justice Drake:

The defendants are the present owners of lot 561, group 1, Kamloops division of Yale district, but no crown grant has yet been issued. This land was taken up, partly under the land act of 1870, by Wm. R. Puckett. Under both acts a pre-emptor upon a grant of a certificate of improvements could sell, mortgage or lease his land.

On the 3rd of September, 1872, a certificate of improvements was issued to Wm. R. Puckett.

By section 30 of the act of 1870, and this section has been continued in all subsequent land acts down to the present time, every person lawfully entitled to hold a pre-emption, and occupying any land unappropriated water, upon obtaining the approval of the commissioner of the district, and a record is made thereon specifying certain particulars required by the act, and the act further declares that no one should have any exclusive right to the use of such water, whether the same flow naturally through or over his land, except such record should be made. Section 33 gives a right of entry over the land of others for carrying water upon payment of compensation and subsequent acts have extended and defined the water rights.

On the 21st of November, 1868, W. R. Puckett recorded 300 inches of water from McCallum's creek. This is stated to be the first right. On April 10, 1871, Puckett made a second record of 300 inches of water from the same creek.

On 3rd September, 1872, Puckett transferred to James Robinson his pre-emption claim, and Robinson was recorded as pre-emptor in the Land Office books.

On 21st July, 1884, Robinson transferred to E. G. Kirkpatrick, and Kirkpatrick was recorded as pre-emptor. Kirkpatrick subsequently assigned the same pre-emption to the present defendants.

By section 49 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1888, Cap. 66, all assignments of any pre-emption rights, where the same are permitted by law, shall be deemed to have conveyed all recorded water privileges in any manner attached to, or used, in working the land pre-empted or conveyed; and, by Sec. 50, all water records honestly made prior to 8th of April, 1888, shall be deemed valid and effectual, so far as the making and entry thereof is concerned.

The defendants have cultivated their pre-emption claim and used the water so recorded, in irrigating their fields. The evidence is conclusive that without irrigation the farm of the defendants is worthless, owing to the arid character of the soil, and the height at which it is situated.

According to the terms of Union between the province and Dominion, by section 11, the provincial government agreed to convey to the Dominion government certain public lands along the line of a proposed railway connecting British Columbia with the existing railway system of Canada, twenty miles in extent on each side and it was provided that the lands under the pre-emption or crown grant, within the limits of the twenty mile belt, should be made up to the Dominion government out of contiguous public lands.

In pursuance of this clause, the province on the 19th December, 1883, made the grant to the Dominion government of twenty miles on each side of the railway where finally located.

The railway was finally located in 1881 and runs along the east bank of the Thompson river, contiguous to the land of the defendants. The defendant lands are on a bench many hundred feet higher than that of the railway. The railway line itself is about sixty feet above the water of the Thompson river.

The defendants irrigated about thirty four acres of the land on the high bench above the railway, with water brought by a ditch capable of carrying 100 inches of water. An inch of water means 2,400 gallons in twenty-four hours, or 1,728 cubic feet.

The soil which the defendants irrigated was proved to be of a very porous quality, consisting of many feet of gravel underlying a slight deposit of sandy loam, and below the gravel was a large bed of what is called dirt, a mineral that absorbs water rapidly, and when its saturation reaches 78 degrees, it is converted into liquid mud. At a point on the banks of the Thompson above and below the plaintiffs' line, a large slide has been formed by water percolating through the soil and causing the earth to slip. This slide is generally moving towards the river, and forcing the rails out of position, and frequently large masses of more or less liquid mud, carrying away the road bed drop from under the line. This slide is now about sixty acres in extent, and continually increasing.

The jury found after a trial extending over many days that the substantial cause of the injury done to the plaintiffs' railway, was the water brought on to the lands by the defendants for irrigating purposes; and, on finding that the plaintiffs were in judgment, asking that the defendants be restrained from further damaging the plaintiffs' line by irrigating the lands in question.

The effect of such an order will be to prevent the defendants carrying on farming operations on the lands in question.

The right of the defendant to divert and use unrecorded water for agricultural purposes, is a statutory right in derogation of the common law right of riparian ownership, but the statutory gives no greater right to the owner of water privileges than if as riparian

ISLAND COAL FIELDS

An Appreciative Article in the San Francisco Mining Journal.

Something About the Undeveloped Coal Fields of Quatsino Sound.

In the last number of the San Francisco Mining and Scientific Press appears the following article on Vancouver Island from the pen of a special correspondent:

A good deal of interest has been directed to Vancouver Island recently on account of its great mineral wealth, the island being rich in copper and coal, particularly the latter. A large percentage of the coal used by the steamers running north, by the cities and towns in British Columbia and by the city of San Francisco comes from the coal mines at Nanaimo and Comox, the former having been worked for many years and having produced an enormous amount of very fine coal. The Comox coal fields are of more recent origin, but of excellent quality and great extent.

Vancouver Island lies between north latitude 48.15 degrees and 60.53 degrees and longitude 123.12 degrees and 128.23 degrees west from Greenwich. It is 290 miles long and its greatest width is 79 miles, but both on the north and on the south long canals or sounds run easterly far inland from the Pacific ocean, Alberni canal, for instance, running inland for 15 miles, with a depth of water ranging from 66 to 624 feet, and connected at its upper end by Stamps river to two lakes, the Kleocot and the Great Central lake, the latter being 18 miles long, 3 miles wide and having a depth of water ranging from 300 to 900 feet.

Pretty near the north end of the island is another of these great canals, called Quatsino sound, which runs a little north of east for 25 miles, makes a turn of nearly a semicircle and runs north of west for 25 miles farther. There are two arms, one 17 miles from the entrance, runs south by east for 17 miles, and another, 22 miles from the mouth, runs 7 miles east. The depth of water is from 100 to 400 feet throughout. Twenty-two miles up the sound from the Pacific ocean is a beautiful harbor called Coal Harbor. It is 2000 feet wide at the mouth, widening out to a diameter of 400 feet, with fine anchorage in water from 40 to 90 feet deep close to shore.

The waters here abound in salmon, halibut, herring, and the woods in bear, elk, deer, and smaller game, while duck and geese are abundant in season.

The climate, under the influence of the warm currents flowing from the west, is mild and agreeable. Snow sometimes falls to the depth of one foot but melts off rapidly. The rainfall is seasonal and not excessive. Great quantities of cedar are found on Vancouver Island, this part of the island, the cedars reaching a large size.

The hills in the vicinity of Coal Harbor are not very high, generally not exceeding 100 feet, although on Vancouver Island there are numerous mountains over 6000 feet in elevation, but the presence of such an abundance of timber and the insulating character of the hills makes the country a fine field of exploration. While the south end of the island as far as Alberni, is pretty well known, but little is known of the region in the vicinity of Quatsino sound.

Within the past year quite a number of Scandinavians have been attracted to this locality and are well pleased with it, believing in the future development of the country. The region is plenty of fish, game and wood assuring them of a living. But until their arrival a few months ago this part of Vancouver Island was inhabited only by Indian tribes, and at the time of the visit of Mr. A. S. Halliday, in October, 1895, there were neither horses, cows, pigs, sheep nor chickens there.

The island of Quatsino Sound is not very wide and deep water runs up Coal Harbor, which is only nine miles west of Hardy Bay, on the east coast, and where there is an excellent harbor, with good anchorage, being 2 feet deep at low tide, and 10 feet at high tide. Hardy Bay being situated on the island passage from Puget Sound to Alaska.

Across this narrow neck the Government is building a wagon road, which will connect Coal Harbor and Hardy Bay, and will give Coal Harbor splendid shipping facilities on both sides of the island, and when the great coal measures of this district are developed, will enable coal to be delivered directly on board the largest ocean ships at Coal Harbor on the west and Hardy Bay on the east of Vancouver Island.

As early as 1872 Mr. John L. Seale, an English mining engineer, made an extensive examination of the coal and other minerals in the vicinity of Coal Harbor, and reported the coal field as covering 5,000 acres and the amount of coal computed to exist, based upon his actual exploration, to be 88,000,000 tons, or 900,000 tons yearly for a period of 55 years. There are five veins, the largest being 2 feet 8 inches, 3 feet 6 inches, 1 foot 10 inches, 2 feet 6 inches and 4 feet 6 inches respectively.

Since then Mr. M. B. Silver has made further exploration and discovered fresh seams, one of which is 12 feet wide. Mr. Landale reports analysis of these seams as containing:

Table with 2 columns: Element and Percentage. Carbon: 80 to 77; Hydrogen: 11 to 12; Nitrogen: 1.10 to 1.75; Oxygen: 4.55 to 13; Sulphur: 0.5 to 0.9; Ash: 12.50 to 25.

Mr. Robert Brown, in a paper on "Coal Fields of the North Pacific Ocean," translation of Edinburgh Geological Society, 1898, gives an analysis of the coal of one of the above veins

GREATER THAN EVER

Annual Victories Over Disease and Death.

The Grandest Record Ever Attained in One Month.

Paine's Celery Compound the Acknowledged King of Medicines.

The Kind the People Need in Order to Restore and Preserve Health.

The acknowledged king of medicines in the world to-day is Paine's Celery Compound. Its marvelous cures during the month of January made up a record far surpassing the work of any previous month in past years.

It is a great source of interest to the geologist, botanist and general tourist, and innumerable inlets on the rugged west shore that cannot fail to interest those visiting that comparatively inaccessible and virgin country.

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STUDY ECONOMY

Everybody considers it a luxury to use Johnston's Fluid Beef, and so it is, but when it can be bought in 16 oz. bottle for \$1.00 it is also economical.

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DARING MAIL ROBBER

Alexander Mackenzie Leitch, Well Known in Victoria. Robbed Fort Steele Mail.

He is Arrested and Committed for Trial. Destroyed all the Mail.

For the Fort Steele Prospector are learned particulars of the daring mail robbery in that locality on Sunday morning, January 24. The robber is not Alexander Mackenzie, as was at first reported, but Alexander Mackenzie Leitch, who is well but unfavorably known to many Victorians. Leitch is a barber by trade. He came here from Portage la Prairie some years ago and followed his trade for a time, after which he entered the real estate business. It was not long until he was arrested for forgery, was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. He served his term and left for Rossland. Certain shady transactions were credited to him there, with the result that he found the place too warm for him and he moved to East Kootenay. His latest exploit, the robbery of the Fort Steele mail, was of a daring description and shows that he has developed into a criminal of the most desperate kind.

The Fort Steele mail leaves Golden on the C. P. R. and has to pass through Wassa before reaching Fort Steele. Alfred Doyle, the mail carrier, arrived at Wassa about five o'clock on the evening of Saturday, January 23rd, stopping at Hansen's hotel during the night. He retired about midnight and the mail was all right then. About 7:30 next morning he saw that the wagon had been tampered with. The mail sacks were thrown out on one side, and the Fort Steele mail bag was missing. A search party was at once instituted. The sack was found about a mile from Hansen's. It had been cut open, the parcels were scattered in the snow, but the letters had been taken. Tracks of a man wearing overboots were found in the snow in the vicinity of the mail sacks, and also those of a horse having only half a shoe on the right hind foot. The party followed the horse's tracks to Fort Steele, and the horse with the half shoe in Leitch's stable. The robbery was then reported to Constable Barnes of Fort Steele. It was found that the horse had been ridden by Leitch. His house was examined and three were found the tracks and hairs of the letter sack and a wiff. In the stove was a fire, the ashes looking like charred paper. Leitch was arrested and \$100 was found on his person, while secreted in his house was also found about \$1000 in bills.

Further investigation showed that late on Saturday night Leitch stole a horse from the stable of Charles Leitch, of Fort Steele. He rode to Wassa, took the mail pouch from the wagon, returned to Fort Steele and then turned the horse loose. He then took the mail pouch to his house and took his letters from it at his leisure. After each letter was opened, the money, if any, was extracted, and they were then thrown into the fire. He succeeded in getting about \$1000 in all. It is supposed that he destroyed not only letters, but also checks. Inclosed in the amount of cash was \$1000 sent by the Bank of British Columbia in this city to a resident of Fort Steele, who was desirous of closing a mining deal.

Postoffice Inspector Fletcher has instituted an inquiry into the matter. If the mail was left outside in the wagon during the night of the robbery, as is reported, the man who has the contract for carrying the same will be prosecuted. Although no particulars have yet been received from Golden, from where the mail is dispatched for Fort Steele, it is estimated that the stolen pouch contained fully \$7000 in cash and checks. The checks of course will be replaced.

On Monday, Jan. 25th, Leitch was brought before Messrs. Gairbairn, Norbury and McLean, J.P.'s. The evidence of Constable Edwards and Barnes and others was strong against Leitch and he was committed for trial at the first court of proper jurisdiction either at Donald or Kamloops.

The offense with which he is charged is a very serious one, the maximum punishment being imprisonment for life. Mrs. Leitch, the wife of the accused, is still a resident of Victoria.

A FAREWELL DINNER. Hon. Don M. Dickinson's Dinner at the Grand Hotel.

At the Grand Hotel last evening Hon. Don M. Dickinson, senior, counsel for the United States, gave a farewell dinner to his friends, including Messrs. Leitch, J. H. and Mrs. Turner, Senator, Mr.

and Miss Macdonald; Mr. Justice and Mrs. King; Mr. Justice and Mrs. Patnam; Hon. Col. and Mrs. Baker; Hon. D. M. and Mrs. Eberts; Hon. C. P. and Mrs. Miss Pooley; Hon. Col. Prof. M.P. and Miss Prior; Mr. Euse; Hon. F. Peters; Mr. Beique; Mr. and Mrs. Miss Lansford; Mr. C. B. Warren; Mr. E. V. Bodwell; Mr. C. P. Anderson; Col. and Mrs. Peters; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hall; Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker; Captain Mrs. and Miss Richardson; Mr. P. A. E. and Mrs. G. E. and Mrs. C. and Mrs. Gaffney; Mr. A. J. and Mrs. Martin; Mr. G. E. and Mrs. Miss Powell; and Miss Loewen. The decorations of the dining room and tables were exceedingly tasty, roses and flowers being used to the best advantage. The menu card was kept by each guest as a souvenir. It was hand-painted, the provincial arms being on top and in the center, and the table was covered with a blue cloth. The dinner itself was the result of the best efforts of the Grand Hotel chef and steward. The speeches which followed were all in a happy vein, many references being made to the kindly feelings entertained by Victorians towards the visitors from the United States. The Fifth Regiment band was in attendance.

GOLDEN TEXADA. Mr. Blewett is Very Enthusiastic About Its Future.

Ralph E. Blewett, the well known mining expert, is at the Grand Hotel, just returned from Texada Island, where he is heavily interested in the Van Anda and other properties. In speaking to a Times representative today Mr. Blewett stated that he believed Texada would yet be one of the richest mining camps in the province. People might think this was exaggeration, but the ore was there, generous in quantity and rich in quality, and it was his firm opinion that it would make one of the best mining camps in the province, although others thought other mines were richer because they were further from home. Mr. Blewett has about 40 men employed on the Van Anda. They will have between 50 and 100 tons of ore out in a few days, and this will be sent to the smelter at Everett. Considerable development work is being done on other claims on the island, prospectors and capitalists are going in and every day has a live appearance here. One of the city leeches was brought into requisition and broke the ice around the ship, while four big tugs stood ready to lend a hand to tow her to her destination. In the last moment it was seen that to go there was to go to the Horse Shoe was fraught with great difficulty and perhaps danger. Then it was that Captain Cook asked the pilots, Captain White and Captain, two of the most careful and experienced, two of the most careful, if the ship could be taken down the river. They replied in the affirmative and said that safe anchorage could be obtained at Horse Shoe. The steamer was so loaded that she could not take it. The miners are buying their supplies in Vancouver, and unless a Victoria steamer is placed on the route that will give a regular service to these northern mining camps Vancouver will secure the whole of the trade.

Wore Goggles Seven Years. John Simon, master of the A. S. Ont., had Salt Rheum so severe that for seven years he wore greased gloves. He writes: "I used a quarter of a box of Chase's Ointment. It cured me. No trace of Salt Rheum now. Chase's Ointment cures every irritant disease of the skin, always itching instantly, and is a sterling remedy for piles. Avoid imitations. 50c. per box."

ROGERS WANTS A MATCH. Worcester, Mass. Feb. 3.—Jas. Rogers, champion of the United States, now living in Worcester, challenges the world to a single scull race, three miles, bearing only Jake Gault, champion of Toronto, champion of the world.

WEST INDIAN CABLE. Negotiations Proceeding for Construction of British One.

London, Feb. 1.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in the house of commons today reported on a motion relative to the construction of a cable under negotiation with the West Indies and negotiations on the subject were proceeding. He was unable to say what they would be completed and admitted he was aware a French-American company recently laid a cable which would compete with the proposed British cable.

TREATY OF ARBITRATION. Opinion of London Papers on Senate Committee's Report.

London, Feb. 2.—Commenting editorially upon the Anglo-American arbitration treaty, and the prospects of its adoption by the senate of the United States, the Times this morning says: "It would be a great mistake to associate ourselves with the vigorous language employed by the New York papers with reference to the treaty, as amended by the foreign affairs committee of the senate of the United States. The Englishmen, however, will care to dissent from the substance of their remarks. Our faith in the senate has been sorely tried of late years, and should they succeed in rejecting the treaty by an empty count it would be all the more to be regretted because it would retard the general adoption of arbitration throughout the world of the Anglo-American world. Perhaps Lord Salisbury will be willing to ratify a more abortive convention, but we fear for the result, despite the belief of the people of the two countries in the policy

BROOKLYN ASHORE

Pride of the United States Navy Strikes a Rock in the Delaware River.

Considerable Damage Done to the Hull of the Big Warship.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—The U. S. S. Brooklyn, the latest pride of a peevish navy, calculated to withstand the fiercest onslaughts of shot and shell, lies almost entirely helpless because of a narrow ledge of sunken rock in the Delaware river, above Marcus Hook, Pa., on which she struck heavily Saturday afternoon. Her lower double compartments, forward, were closely stove, and it was only by the merest good fortune that the big vessel did not sink. This fact that the big vessel did not sink would undoubtedly have been the world's greatest naval mystery, had not her watertight compartments withstood the shock. As it was, she was pulled out by the rocks, and is now lying on the big stone ice breakers at Marcus Hook, protected from the heavy ice gorges in mid-river, and it is impossible to say when she will be able to get into active service. At present she is in no danger of further damage.

The exact place where the vessel struck was on Schooner Ledge rock, between the ledge and the shore, about 1:45 o'clock. What makes the accident even more deplorable was the fact that it was the first time the ship had been handled by the present officers since going into commission in the early part of December. Since then she had been lying at Long Island navy yard, and certain repairs had delayed her sailing. By the early part of the past month, however, all arrangements had been completed for her going to sea, when the cold snap set in and was followed by the piling up of ice in the river, and particularly at the bend in the river immediately below the navy yard, known as the Horse Shoe. The city leeches managed to keep the channel clear of ice, but on the sides it piled up from two to six feet.

The Brooklyn was held in tight and fast by the freezing weather, and it was deemed advisable to postpone sailing until a clearer sea. This did not come and the cold weather continued and the ice began until it was believed the position of the boat was perilous. The ice was surging around and about her and her officers felt she must be moved or the heavy foes would force her ashore.

It was evident, however, by the tugging at her chains, that a safer berth should be given her, and so it was decided to take her to Cramp's yard yesterday, where one had been provided for her. One of the city leeches was brought into requisition and broke the ice around the ship, while four big tugs stood ready to lend a hand to tow her to her destination. In the last moment it was seen that to go there was to go to the Horse Shoe was fraught with great difficulty and perhaps danger. Then it was that Captain Cook asked the pilots, Captain White and Captain, two of the most careful and experienced, two of the most careful, if the ship could be taken down the river. They replied in the affirmative and said that safe anchorage could be obtained at Horse Shoe. The steamer was so loaded that she could not take it. The miners are buying their supplies in Vancouver, and unless a Victoria steamer is placed on the route that will give a regular service to these northern mining camps Vancouver will secure the whole of the trade.

Wore Goggles Seven Years. John Simon, master of the A. S. Ont., had Salt Rheum so severe that for seven years he wore greased gloves. He writes: "I used a quarter of a box of Chase's Ointment. It cured me. No trace of Salt Rheum now. Chase's Ointment cures every irritant disease of the skin, always itching instantly, and is a sterling remedy for piles. Avoid imitations. 50c. per box."

ROGERS WANTS A MATCH. Worcester, Mass. Feb. 3.—Jas. Rogers, champion of the United States, now living in Worcester, challenges the world to a single scull race, three miles, bearing only Jake Gault, champion of Toronto, champion of the world.

WEST INDIAN CABLE. Negotiations Proceeding for Construction of British One.

London, Feb. 1.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in the house of commons today reported on a motion relative to the construction of a cable under negotiation with the West Indies and negotiations on the subject were proceeding. He was unable to say what they would be completed and admitted he was aware a French-American company recently laid a cable which would compete with the proposed British cable.

TREATY OF ARBITRATION. Opinion of London Papers on Senate Committee's Report.

London, Feb. 2.—Commenting editorially upon the Anglo-American arbitration treaty, and the prospects of its adoption by the senate of the United States, the Times this morning says: "It would be a great mistake to associate ourselves with the vigorous language employed by the New York papers with reference to the treaty, as amended by the foreign affairs committee of the senate of the United States. The Englishmen, however, will care to dissent from the substance of their remarks. Our faith in the senate has been sorely tried of late years, and should they succeed in rejecting the treaty by an empty count it would be all the more to be regretted because it would retard the general adoption of arbitration throughout the world of the Anglo-American world. Perhaps Lord Salisbury will be willing to ratify a more abortive convention, but we fear for the result, despite the belief of the people of the two countries in the policy

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Although the Coaches Were Aver-
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Seattle, Feb. 2.—The Great Northern
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about 10:30 night before last by the
spreading of rails and the entire train

Having a desire to please and entertain
the young, the manufacturers of
Diamond Dye will send the following
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JORDAN ON REVIVALS.
Says They Are a Species of Insanity or
Moral Drunkenness.

Berkeley, Cal, Feb. 2.—Dr. David
Starr Jordan has declared that revivals
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VANCOUVER.

The Caplano came in on Sunday night from the northern bank with 10,000 pounds of fish for the New England Fish Company.

The Union Steamship Company have returned to them again the bonds they put up for the release of the steamer Coultman when she was seized by the British court.

A large lynx was shot by Thomas Ingle, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. Ingle, of Tynehead, Surrey. He has presented it to the public library museum.

Work has been commenced on the new wharf which is to be built for the Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co. Her dimensions are: Length over all, 62 feet; breadth of beam, 12 feet; depth of hold, 10 feet.

The funeral of the late Robert McCallum was held at 11 a.m. from the parlors. Rev. Dr. Campbell officiated.

The death of Mrs. J. E. Schubert on last has been reported from Vancouver, who was a daughter of Mr. Campbell, leaves many friends here in her death.

The provincial police court yesterday, Rants and Gunner James, R.M.A., were charged with an offence of the same act. Both were fined \$1 and costs.

The evening provincial board of health the closing session of their reports of the different officers were considered and a number of suggestions from the board forwarded to those officers.

\$24 in gold. It is reported that a large body of rich ore has been struck in the shaft which is being sunk on the Sunshine by the Horn-Payne Company.

It is also said that they have struck soft ore in the bottom of a shaft that is being sunk on the Broadview, and that the ore contains large quantities of gray copper.

Mr. G. W. De Beck, who has just returned from Lillooet, reports that the water is very severe in that district and a number of cattle have perished.

The iron colt has made a big discovery in excavating near the shaft for a foundation for its machinery plant, a large body of fine looking ore was uncovered.

The customs collections at the port of Nelson for January were \$1,971.47, made up as follows: Rosland, \$11,054.22; Trail, \$10,261.80; Kaslo, \$1,061.55; Nelson, \$3,710.54; Waneta, \$899.95; Rykerts, \$40.

Yesterday the workmen in the St. Paul tunnel struck a ledge of white quartz which assayed \$16 in gold. The ledge was not on the programme as the tunnel had been run to tap the main ledge at a distance of 250 feet.

The shaft on the Long Lake camp was down 50 feet in splendid ore last Tuesday. More men will be put to work to develop the property.

A strong lead 5 feet wide between well defined veins was discovered last week on the 36, near Boundary creek, and that a drift is being driven both ways from the shaft on the ledge.

Horseyly, Cariboo, Jan. 24.—This has been at the start a severely cold winter on Horseyly. The cold led up for a little while, but it soon returned with renewed and merciless vigor.

There are but very few of the miners entering here this winter, as every miner was able to go to work in the winter set in. Prospecting on Horseyly has developed nothing for years, except that the Horseyly Hydraulic Mining Company, who have been operating for some time last fall, are claiming to have developed rich drift dirt, and will now abandon hydraulic and put in a stamp mill, as a hard crust of cement overlies the pay dirt, and which water has no effect.

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what the cost of supplying these to the pupils would be. The motion was carried and Trustees Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Grant appointed as the committee.

Trustee Mrs. Grant then stated that she had considerable complaints as to the ventilation and heating of the South Park school. Trustee McMicking said he had also received many complaints on the same subject.

Chairman Hayward was of the opinion that the complaints arose from the teachers or janitors not complying with the regulations. A fire in the school on Saturdays and Sundays, he considered, would remedy the evil.

Trustee McMicking then announced that he would visit the school and look into the matter. Referring to the appointment of an inspector, as suggested at a previous meeting, Trustee McMicking said that he thought one inspector could cover the work of the four cities of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo, and he moved a resolution that the secretary be instructed to communicate with the boards of those cities to ascertain their views regarding co-operation.

Trustee McMicking then said that he had received a complaint from Mr. Salt who complained that the principal of the North Ward school had taken a knife from his son, who was a pupil in that school. Trustee Mrs. Grant explained that the principal had taken away knives from several of the boys who were in the desks. The boy Salt had been one of the number to have a knife taken away from him which knife was the property of his father, the complainant.

Trustee Dr. Hall wanted to know what had been done in regard to raising the standard of general education in the city schools, a matter which, in his opinion should be proceeded with at once. The board, he agreed on the matter, could confer with the other school boards of the province and bring it before the council of public instruction and not getting any satisfaction from them, bring it before the provincial legislature.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Business Transacted by the Board at Yesterday Evening's Meeting.

Trustee Dr. Hall Wants the Standard of General Education Raised.

A meeting of the board of school trustees was held yesterday evening at the secretary's office, all the members of the board being present except Trustees Belyea and Yates.

The following communications were received: From Peter Hansen, offering to supply one hundred cords of wood at \$2.75 per cord. Referred to the supply committee with power to act. From W. J. Dowler, city clerk, acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the estimates brought down by the board at the last meeting, which he said had been referred to the finance committee of the city council.

From Miss Sprague, a teacher in the north ward school holding a 7th division appointment who asked that the same rate of salary as paid to the teachers of the 4th division be paid to her, as she is teaching that division. Mr. Angus (Galbraith, of the same school) wrote asking, as he was doing the work of a second assistant, if he was entitled to the salary paid to the second assistants. These two letters were received and laid on the table.

City Clerk Glover, of New Westminster, wrote asking for information as to the changes that had been made in the salaries of teachers. The information asked for was sent. Bills amounting to \$42.00 were received and referred to the finance committee with orders to pay them if found correct. The supply committee's report, showing the supplies furnished to various schools, was received and adopted.

Trustee Dr. Hall then moved a resolution that a committee be appointed to inquire into the system of supplying ink and pens now in vogue and to ascertain

VENEZUELAN TREATY.

of the Treaty Sent by Mail to Caracas.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—A copy of the Venezuelan arbitration treaty will be sent by mail on the steamer sailing New York to-day. It will be in force in a week, leaving sufficient time for an arrangement of all details connected with the submission to be completed before the latter convenes on the instant. The Venezuelan government is fully informed as to the exact nature of the document, as Minister Anselmi by the preceding mail advised of the document complete in all respects save the names of the arbitrators. There is nothing now to prevent the ratification of the treaty by the Venezuelan congress, of which no doubt is entertained here.

A rich body of ore has been struck in No. 3 tunnel of the Great Northern which assays 430 ounces of silver and

Your anxiety is for your delicate child; the child that in spite of all your careful over-watching, keeps thin and pale. Exercise seems to weaken her and food fails to nourish. That child needs Scott's Emulsion with the Hypophosphites—not as a medicine, but as a food containing all the elements of growth. It means rich blood, strong bones, healthy nerves, sound digestion. No child refuses Scott's Emulsion. It is pleasant and palatable.

