



will no longer be entertained. There was a clause in the original concession under which China was to have the right to purchase the entire line and its rolling stock after a term of years. It is said that with full control of the country China will buy the road.

"IT'S AN ILL WIND."

Russians Take Advantage of Stormy Weather to Improve Their Defences.

Paris, March 4.—The Temps to-day published a dispatch from St. Petersburg which says the Russians have taken advantage of the stormy weather, which has prevented further operations on the part of the Japanese fleet, to improve their defences.

OFFERS ACCEPTED.

Number of Nurses Will Go From St. Petersburg to Attend Wounded.

St. Petersburg, March 4.—Major-General Pflug, chief of the staff of Victory Alexieff, telegraphed to the Japanese recommending that gifts to the troops take the shape of cigarettes, tobacco and soap. He says warm clothing is not required. Offers of the number of women attending medical lectures here to go to the front as nurses have been accepted.

JAPS POURING INTO KOREA.

The Position of the Retzivan Prevents Battleships Leaving Port Arthur.

Vladivostok, March 2, via St. Petersburg, March 4.—According to information received here forty Japanese battleships are now in the bay. The Japanese navy fleet have been landing troops in Korea at Pusan and Chemulpo. It is estimated that several hundred thousand men have disembarked, and it is supposed that an immediate advance into North Korea is contemplated. From the fact that the Japanese fleet is thus employed it is felt that no immediate attack upon Vladivostok or Port Arthur will be made. The reported landing of 245,000 men at Suiguchi on the east coast of Korea, has been confirmed.

RUMORS OF LOSSES.

London, March 5.—Little change in the Far Eastern situation is reported this morning. It is generally believed the Japanese are busily engaged in transporting their forces into Korea, and this work, being facilitated by the enforced inactivity of the Russian navy.

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CONCENTRATING TROOPS.

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CHINESE MISSING.

Paris, March 4.—Telegraphing from Harbin, a correspondent of the Martin says a special vessel has started for Lake Baikal to meet General Kouropatkin.

The concentration of Chinese forces west of Mukden has aroused suspicion in spite of the repeated declaration of China's neutrality.

Cossacks are advancing from Korea, where the attitude of the natives has started them is very variable. Colonel Tatsuev and five other Japanese officers, who were arrested in Korea, have been taken to Inso Yang.

The people here believe that Port Arthur was mined a long time ago by the Japanese, who are now trying to send there a few men who know the place well to blow it up.

The Russian cruisers Bayan and Diana received slight injuries during the recent engagements with the Japanese.

Quoting from a correspondent who wrote him from Port Arthur under date of February 17th, the Harbin correspondent of the Martin goes on to say that General Stoessel, the commander at Port Arthur, has issued a general order directing officers who wear the uniform some time in useless criticism of their superiors and threatening those who did so with severe punishment.

A letter from Port Dalny, dated February 18th, brings the statement that the population had been reduced from 1,500 to 1,000; 700 men were sick in hospitals and would shortly be removed to the north. All the bays in the vicinity of Dalny were still icebound.

BOMBARDING PORT ARTHUR.

New York, March 5.—There has been a three days' bombardment by the Japanese of Port Arthur, according to a Herald dispatch from Tientsin, timed at 8:30 this (Saturday) morning.

The attack was kept up at intervals on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Japanese ships attacking the town were in action first at a distance of nine and three-eighths miles from the forts, then they drew closer, their range being four and a quarter miles.

WITHOUT NEWS.

Russians Not Surprised as Authorities Are Proceeding Deliberately With Their Plans.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—3 p. m.—The continued death of war news from the front does not occasion surprise here, as the Russians are proceeding deliberately with their plans, serious land operations not being expected for several weeks.

London, March 4.—The Times Paris correspondent says: "One of the correspondents of Le Journal, writing from Port Arthur, states: 'I conclude that from the beginning of February more than 200,000 Russian soldiers are between Port Arthur, Vladivostok, Churyovsk and Blagoveschensk, but this estimate is not based on actual evidence. In Manchuria everybody talks of the great Russian army, but to one has seen it. The Russian officers at Port Arthur are ignorant of the number of the reinforcements which have reached the front and the officers of the north know nothing of what is going on at Port Arthur. To-day the officers of the Russian squadron at Port Arthur are anxious and restless and even a little nervous. I fear that these brave men have less confidence in their ships than in themselves.'"

ANXIOUS TO FIGHT.

Madame Poupse Anxious to Be Allowed to Join a Cossack Regiment.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—The Gazette this morning attributes the less unfriendly attitude of the United States and Great Britain toward Russia to the fact that the reports of the war will cost a tremendous lot of money, and that Japan will not have the walk-over anticipated.

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The writer denies the story that the officers of the Russian fleet were ashore, and that the Russian fleet was in the Japanese made use of false lights.

He asserts that at 11 o'clock at night a practice drill to repel torpedo attack was executed, and that the Russian fleet was in the harbor, the Russian torpedo boats, which simulated the enemy, headed back towards Dalny, from which place they had come.

LOADING AT SEA.

Russians Have Placed Orders For Apparatus With American Firm.

New York, March 5.—A Russian order has been placed with an American firm for apparatus used in coaling warships at sea. It is reported that the forty-five Russian war vessels in home waters will be in a position by June to proceed without running foul of the regulations at neutral ports regarding coal.

SUEZ CANAL.

Story That It Will Be Closed to Bulgarians Laughed at by Officials.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—A report that the Egyptian government has decided to close the Suez canal to the belligerents, although discussed seriously here in the newspapers, is laughed at in official circles, where it is pointed out that the international regulations are of cast iron and cannot be changed by Egypt.

FAVOR JAPANESE.

Why Bulgarians Would Like to See Their Arms Victorious.

St. Louis, Mo., March 5.—Although the people of Bulgaria are grateful to Russia for the service she has rendered in the century ago, the general sentiment concerning the present war in the Far East is in favor of the Japanese, says P. J. Matshou, the Bulgarian commissioner-general to the World's Fair, who has arrived here.

As a result of the Turkish-Russian alliance of twenty years ago, Bulgaria is now an independent government," he said. "It is true that we never could have overthrown the rule of the Tsar, had it not been for the support of the Tsar. Still Russia's attitude towards us since that time has been such that we have fought continually against being absorbed. The same feeling which caused Bulgaria to fear Russia causes Bulgarians to sympathize with Japan. The people of Bulgaria are now in the East is pursuing the same policy in the Orient



WHAT'S THE HOUR? Received From the Emperor of Korea by Japan's Ruler.

Tokyo, March 5.—The Emperor of Korea has sent to the Emperor of Japan a personal message assuring the former that war with Russia was desired solely with the view of securing permanent peace, and expressing the sincere wish that the protocol recently concluded between Japan and Korea will increase the intimacy of these two countries. The Korean ruler appears to be determined to maintain friendly relations with Japan.

The British minister at Seoul is pressing the Korean government to define the extent of the district included in the opening of the port of Wiju, on the Yalu river, to the commerce of the world.

WILL HOLD PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Recognize That Protection of Railway is Most Difficult Phase of Problem.

St. Petersburg, March 5.—Although almost four weeks have elapsed since the Japanese first attacked Port Arthur, here the war is considered hardly to have begun. Heavy land fighting, upon which the fate of the campaign depends, is not expected much before the end of April. By this time Russia will have in the field, besides the army of 200,000 men, a cavalry division and an artillery brigade. All happenings until these forces are in the field are considered merely a prologue by the Russians.

While the crippling of the Port Arthur fleet is considered of relatively small importance from the standpoint of the main strategy of the war whether Port Arthur stands or falls, it is held that it will constitute a potential menace against Japanese operations and the Russians are determined to defend Port Arthur as heroically as they did Sebastopol. No large garrison will be retained there; 10,000 men are as good as 100,000 in the more months to come. There are enough provisions now to last for eight months.

In addition there will be a division of Cossacks with mountain batteries on the peninsula, to oppose the landings and harass the enemy if they invest the city. Victory Alexieff is commending his headquarters at Mukden through which the main armies will march. All the troops landed at Chemulpo, Mokpo and Chinnampo must use the "Pekin road," consequently the landings at Plaksin bay and other places on the east coast of Northern Korea are not considered important. The absence of the Russian fleet sharp fighting may occur between the advance parties, but nothing of a decisive nature is anticipated.

The Russian plans do not contemplate that the Japanese will be able to enter in ferocious numbers. By sheer weight of numbers they will be repulsed.

In the good old days the station announced the death in the community by a stroke on the church bell for every year of the life that was expected, then, to live to one's age, and speculation at the first tap of the bell took a narrow range including only those who had lived the allotted time. There is no reason why people should not have the same expectancy of age to-day, except for the neglect and abuse of the one organ on which all the other organs depend—the stomach. The earlier Golden Medical Discovery enables men and women to be strong and healthy, by curing diseases of the stomach (and other organs of digestion and nutrition), which prevent the proper nourishment of the body.

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men and guns, Russia counts on overwhelming the Japanese and rolling them back through Korea. It is realized that the vastness of the theatre of war will make the protection of the railroad, the sole means for the transportation of troops and supplies from Europe, one of the most difficult phases of the Russian military problem.

With the Japanese in command of the sea, there is always the possibility of their landing small bodies of men in unexpected places to destroy railroad and telegraph lines. Adequate measures to guard against this are believed to have been taken.

Russians do not underestimate the process of their advances. They admit the fine marksmanship of the Japanese and their marvellous ability in determining routes, yet the Russians do not believe that the Japanese can face successfully the legions of the Tsar. On the men of the empire have perfect faith, born of the numerous experiences with the pagan Russian tribes, and the fatalism inherent in the Russian character. They believe that Asiatic cannot meet Europeans in battle array; that a yellow race cannot triumph over a white.

THE JAPANESE SQUADRON.

Cruisers Were in the Vicinity of Port Arthur on Friday Night—Sailed on Saturday.

London, March 6.—Only Russian reports of the bombardment of Vladivostok has been received, and there is no indication as to whether the Russian squadron is still there.

According to reports from Tokyo, the squadron was seen off Wonsan, Korea, last Thursday, but on this point there is no reliable information. Speculation, however, mostly inclines to the belief that the Russian squadron is not in port at Vladivostok, as neither the officials nor the other reports of the bombardment mention Russian battleships.

Port Arthur dispatches of Saturday and Sunday say that everything is quiet there. The Japanese cruiser squadron was seen reconnoitering off Port Arthur on Friday night during a heavy snow storm.

The Daily Telegraph's Chefoo correspondent says the Russians are still employing thousands of coolies at Port Arthur and Dalny on entrenchments and new forts, and that they are also mounting over 100 guns to protect the neck of the isthmus.

The correspondent of the Standard at Tientsin gives a rumor that 30 Russian soldiers were caught in an attempt to escape from Port Arthur, and that they were shot the same day.

THIRTY RUSSIANS KILLED.

Intruders Attacked by Korean Soldiers—One Body of Troops Driven Beyond the Yalu.

Seoul, March 7.—The Russian soldiers operating in the vicinity of Anju are committing all manner of excesses, mistreating the native women, or perpetrating robbery upon every opportunity.

Korean soldiers attacked a body of the invaders on Friday last, the 4th instant, and succeeded in killing thirty of them.

It is reported that as the result of a collision between Russian and Korean soldiers at Kang Ge, the Russians were driven beyond the Yalu river.

TO CHECKMATE JAPS.

Russians Will Try to Stop Advance Towards Hunchun.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Advices from Vladivostok say that the 2,500 Japanese troops who landed at Plaksin bay, on the east coast of Northern Korea, are advancing toward Musan, 218 miles from Wonsan, with the intention of ultimately reaching Hunchun, on the left bank of the Russian bank. In order to checkmate this move, the Russian outpost, 100 strong, which crossed the Tumen, is advancing to occupy Kyang-Hueng, on the Tumen, a walled city commanding the trails along which the Japanese must pass.

STILL IN VICINITY.

Seven Japanese Ships Sighted Off Vladivostok This Morning.

London, March 7.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg says telegrams received from Vladivostok that seven Japanese ships approached that port at 10 o'clock this morning. The vessels were sighted by the Russian entered Ussuri bay at about noon, and after some manoeuvring steamed out seaward.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

There Is No Change in the Situation at Russian Stronghold.

Port Arthur, March 7.—There is no change in the situation here. The day is fine.

THE RUSSIANS IN KOREA.

It Is Believed Strong Force May Fortify Position on the Tumen River.

Tokio, March 7.—A number of trophies from the Russian cruiser Varang, including one gun, have reached the navy department and have been forwarded to the Japanese Imperial court. The Crown Prince will accompany the Emperor when the court removes from Tokyo to Kyoto, after the adjournment of the Diet.

It is believed that the Russian Vladivostok squadron is now in the vicinity of the mouth of the Tumen river, engaging in covering the movement of troops from Fossie Bay to the valley of the Tumen.

Russian scouts are reliably reported to have penetrated south as far as Kiung Sung.

The earlier Russian movement into Northwestern Korea was regarded as a diversion, but it now appears that a considerable force participated. It is thought that the Russians may occupy and fortify some strong position on Tumen river.

Reports regarding Russian movements in Northwestern Korea are meagre and unreliable. The force north of the Yalu is being increased, but it is doubted if any considerable number of Russians have crossed the river.

THE WAR LOAN.

Subscriptions Now Amount to Over Thirty-Nine Million Dollars.

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FAENCH POLITICS. is, March 2.—The Flegro this morning up by the interview it published. Yes, by Premier Combes upon the re- that the cabinet is likely to fall soon, the report of a lengthy conversation seen a member of the cabinet, who- erty is not divulged, and an intimiste d. This minister said there was a absence of cordial relations among cabinet members, who avoided ex- gress elsewhere than at the official meet- ings, and who even then did not discuss, but simply accepted the proposals by Combes. He added that all the bers would be glad when the cabinet returned, but that none was willing promise his colleagues by taking the tive by resigning, and declared the ber of deputies would at once reverse ably if it could vote secretly, but the deputies feared the accuracy of the- ously to the cabinet if they did not sup- port the government's anti-clerical policy.

Estimates For Changing New York and Ottawa Railway Being Prepared.

New York, March 5.—The Tribune this morning publishes the following dispatch from Glenfalls, N. Y.: "Returns to the effect that the New York & Ottawa railway is like a piece of converted into an electric railway this General Manager (Gays), who says the estimates for the proposed change are prepared. This is an important upper lake in the heart of the Adirond- acks to Cornwall bridge, a distance of sixty-five miles, crossing the St. Law- St. Regis. Many Gays says that by the use of electricity it is expected that will be increased and a greater speed maintained."

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THE TOWN AND HARBOR OF VLADIVOSTOK.

### NO AGREEMENT.

Operators and Miners Fail to Decide on Scale of Wages.

Indianapolis, March 5.—The joint conference of coal miners and operators of the central competitive district adjourned to-day without reaching an agreement as to the scale of wages for the year beginning April 1st. This is the second failure to agree. The operators are leaving for their homes. The 300 miners' delegates will meet on Monday in national conference, when a statement of the miners' position will be made. The final disagreement and adjournment came after a day devoted to consideration of the ultimatum which was that a two-cent scale be signed at a reduction of five and one-half per cent. from the present scale. This had been made to the joint sub-scale committee, which today reported it to the joint scale committee which brought it before the joint conference.

Addresses urging the acceptance of the proposition were made by leading operators, who said the conditions necessitated concessions by the miners. At an exclusive session of the miners, President Mitchell, Vice-President Lewis and Secretary Wilson advised the acceptance of the operators' proposition. A test vote showed that the miners would not accept this advice. At a joint conference later the operators voted for the proposition by states, and the miners voting by states, declared against.

On the announcement of the vote, President Mitchell moved that there be a postponement of a strike. This was carried, and Mr. Robbins, of the operators, and President Mitchell consulted, the result of which the sub-scale committee met but neither side would make a concession and the conference adjourned sine die. F. Robbins, of the operators, declined to state if he and President Mitchell had consulted with a view to reopening negotiations. He would not discuss the probability of a strike. President Mitchell also declined to discuss the matter.

### VALUABLE PRIZES.

Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars for Winners at Greater New York Race Meetings.

New York, March 5.—Twin trotting meetings in the grand circuit at Empire City park and Brighton beach are assured by arrangements just perfected, which will place both tracks under one management so far as harness racing is concerned. James Butler, who controls the Empire track, has entered into an agreement with W. A. En- geman, owner of the Brighton course, and control the grand circuit meeting at will be two weeks of continuous trotting in Greater New York next summer, with beginning on Monday, August 8th, and the second at the Coney Island course, beginning one week later. For each are to be opened next week, the entries closing April 4th.

### WILL USE ELECTRICITY.

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New York, March 5.—The Tribune this morning publishes the following dispatch from Glenfalls, N. Y.: "Returns to the effect that the New York & Ottawa railway is like a piece of converted into an electric railway this General Manager (Gays), who says the estimates for the proposed change are prepared. This is an important upper lake in the heart of the Adirond- acks to Cornwall bridge, a distance of sixty-five miles, crossing the St. Law- St. Regis. Many Gays says that by the use of electricity it is expected that will be increased and a greater speed maintained."

### FIRE AT PRINCETON.

Hotel and General Store Destroyed—Heavy Losses.

Kamloops, B. C., March 5.—There was a big fire at Princeton on Thursday, the 3rd instant, at 5 p.m. The Tallamien hotel and contents, owned by George W. Aldous and valued at \$5,000, was burned. It was insured for \$1,000; the stock was destroyed the chief general store and contents. The store was owned by A. E. Howse and was valued at \$2,500, and insured for \$1,500; the stock was valued at \$8,000; insured for \$3,500. Princeton is the chief town situated on the Similkameen river, near Vermilion Forks, South Yale. The news of the disaster was brought to Kamloops, 132 miles from Princeton, yesterday.

### JAPS AND CANAL.

Representatives of Mikado Say It Means Much to Their Country.

Chicago, March 5.—S. Minekishi and T. Sakura, representative of the Japanese government, have arrived at Chicago on their way to Washington. They are sent to inquire into the conditions relative to the construction of the Panama canal. "The opening of the canal means much to the Japanese," said Mr. Minekishi. "It will increase our commercial interests, and the government wants full information as to prepare for the enlargement of the harbors and the shipping facilities of our ports." Mr. Minekishi believes the war with Russia will not continue longer than two years.

### EARTHQUAKE.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 5.—A report from Sevierville, twenty-seven miles south, is to the effect that a distinct earthquake was felt there at 7:30 o'clock last night. It lasted about eight seconds and was generally along the Appalachian mountain range. The shock travelled in a north-easterly direction, and reports of it in a mild form come from other towns.

### TUGBOAT RELEASED.

San Domingo, March 5.—The training ship Hartford, which has arrived here from San Pedro de Macoris, reported that the tugboat Burrow, belonging to the Clyde line of New York, which was recently seized and armed by the insurgents at San Pedro De Macoris, is again in the hands of her owners. The Hartford has left here for Guantanamo. The city is quiet.

### THE KING'S HEALTH.

London, March 5.—The King will not accompany the Queen and the Prince of Wales to St. Paul's on the occasion of "Bible Sunday." This absence of His Majesty is not regarded as an indication that his cold is worse; on the contrary, it was announced after the visit this evening of Sir Francis Lakin, physician-in-ordinary to the King, that His Majesty was making splendid progress, and probably would be able to go out early next week.

### SKELTON OF MASTODON

Found in the Yukon—Is in an Excellent State of Preservation.

Seattle, March 5.—The complete form of a mastodon has been discovered at Hillsdale, on Quartz creek, according to a dispatch received by the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson, Y. T. It was embedded 38 feet in the earth when found, and the use of a steam thawing plant was necessary to unearth the immense animal. The hair and skin of the beast are in a perfect state of preservation, although the flesh is somewhat decomposed, and the big tusks, which remain fastened to the skull, are in good condition. It is estimated that the skeleton was worth about \$50,000, as there is but one or two of them in existence in as good a condition. It is estimated that the skeleton was covered buried in an old channel, well in the zone of almost perpetual frost, which accounts for its excellent preservation.

### TWO FIRES IN EAST.

Loss at Halifax Amounts to \$25,000 and at Montreal to \$75,000—Sudden Death.

Halifax, March 5.—Fire on an early hour this morning completely destroyed the three story wooden building occupied by H. C. Carrolls, fruit and commission merchant, and damaged the British American hotel, and the premises of Donovan & Bromann, plumbers; James Leary, grocer; and the Commercial hotel. The loss will be about \$25,000. During the fire Patrick Schellery, an old man about sixty, an old-time fireman, dropped dead near the scene of excitement. Montreal, March 5.—Fire this morning did damage to the extent of about \$75,000 to the cheese stock of D. A. Macpherson & Co., William street. Several firemen were injured by falling through the floor and others from suffocation.

### FLOODS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Many Families Driven From Their Homes—Great Destruction of Property.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 5.—The Susquehanna river to-day was 23 feet above low water mark and was still rising. At Middletown the low lands are submerged and the electric light plant is ruined. The town was without light last night, and many families have been compelled to leave their homes. A large district of South Harrisburg is inundated. Traffic is still demoralized on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad owing to the tracks being covered by water in and below station. The plants of the Pennsylvania Steel Co., the Central Iron Works and other industries are closed.

### TRAIN DERAILED.

Accident West of Carleton—One Passenger Killed and His Body Partly Cremated.

Ottawa, March 5.—A train from Winnipeg to Montreal, except the engine, rolled down the embankment twenty miles west of Carleton to-day. The cause of the wreck was a broken rail. One passenger, a shattman, in the second-class car, was killed and his body partly cremated, the car taking fire. Some other passengers were injured, but none seriously.

### APPEAL GRANTED.

Decision in Favor of Allowing a Revision of the Will of Alfred Dreyfus Trial.

Paris, March 5.—The criminal branch of the court of cassation to-day granted the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for a revision of his trial at Rennes.

### WILL NOT FORECLOSE.

Toronto, March 5.—It is understood the New York Life Insurance Co., which threatened to foreclose the mortgage it holds on the board of trade building, has agreed not to take this action, providing certain specified conditions are fulfilled.

### CONTRACTORS PAID.

Settlement Made Yesterday in Connection With the Building of Government House.

Friday payment was made to Contractor Drake and to all the sub-contractors in connection with the extras in the building of Government House. The total amount was \$19,498. This covers the sums allowed by the board of arbitrators to whom the matter was referred. The arbitrators, Thos. Hooper, A. Maxwell Muir, of Victoria, and W. Dalton, of Vancouver, still remain unpaid for their services. The actual cost of building has by the payment of these claims for extras been met however. The decision of the board of arbitrators according to the agreement entered into by the government and the contractors was to be final, so that no dispute could arise in connection with that. When the subject was referred to a select committee of the House it was only upon the question of alleged reflections cast upon Architect Battenbury. Envelopes were invented in 1623, but they did not come into general use in this country until 1839.

### LONG LEASE OF LIFE.

Ore Discoveries at Rossland During Past Six Months Have Had Remarkable Effect.

"Recent developments in the Rossland camp, covering a period of say three or four months, have added ten years of life to the mines," says the Rossland Miner, "emanated from a practical miner who makes it his business to keep in touch with the progress of matters, in all the mines, and it voices a sentiment that is becoming recognized in the city and district, and elsewhere as was evidenced a few days ago when P. G. Blackstock made the statement that in Ontario the feeling with respect to Rossland and the Kootenays was appreciably better. In London, too, the reports of the Le Roi and Le Roi 2 Company have had the effect of turning the eyes of London and English investors toward British Columbia and Rossland in particular.

The statement as to the increased life of Rossland is probably not in size than anything yet developed in the big mine, almost ready for stopping, while the subsidiary operations are contributing largely and constituting by themselves an important reserve. In the Josie mine reports are to hand about unusually important ore discoveries. In the Jumbo mine, which is being developed in the direction of opening up the great ore body on the first level and in tracing it downward sufficiently to get the dip correctly. The Jumbo's shipping operations, while substantial, have been a side issue, and the stopping of the ore extracted for this purpose has been entirely subsidiary to the main object. When the mine secures the railroad connection now being arranged its shipping operations will be deepened and constitute a large scale. Deep level developments in the White Bear are reported to have opened up big ore bodies, especially on the 330 level, where the width of the ore is placed at 30 feet. In the Spitzee mine the developments in respect to new ore bodies have been exceptionally satisfactory, while in the War Eagle and Centre Star mines the tonnage of ore, especially of milling grade, is very great.

The ore discoveries specified have been made under conditions that point to additional discoveries as development is pursued. If the camp, has gained ten years in life by the results accomplished to date there is no reason to disbelieve that the future work along the similar lines will not result in additional discoveries that will prolong the productive life of the mines many decades. In fact the natural inference is altogether in support of such a supposition.

### LINER REPORTED.

New York, March 5.—The American line steamship New York, from Southampton for New York, is reported as having been in communication by wireless telegraphy with the Nantuxet lights at 5:40 o'clock this morning.

### TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

Lucan, Ont., March 5.—William Hill, head cooper of the Lucan Milling Co., committed suicide by taking carbolic acid last night. The act was premeditated. Domestic troubles are supposed to have caused the deed.

"Then you have no sympathy for the deserving poor," said the charity worker. "Me?" retorted the self-made man; "why, sir, I have nothing but sympathy."—Ottawa Daily News.

When wash-dry grass dishes or pots and pans, Leaver's Dry Soap (a powder), will remove the grease with the greatest ease.

### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Princess Alice of Bourbon, the divorced wife of Prince Frederick of Schoenburg-Waldenburg, has joined the Russian Red Cross and started for the camps in the Far East.

The steamer St. Paul, which has sailed from Liverpool for New York, took a score of Japanese officers, who had been ordered home on account of war.

The session of the Japanese Diet opening on March 18th, will last only ten days. During the session the war credits will be submitted. Following the adjournment the Mikado will leave Tokio for Kyoto.

Admiral Evans telegraphed the United States navy department that the annual record of target practice of the battleships and cruisers of the Asiatic fleet has been completed. The best single scores are as follows: In 11 minutes and 20 seconds, the best 13-inch gun of the Wisconsin made nine hits, the Oregon six hits and the Kentucky five hits. The best five-inch gun of the Kentucky made eleven hits in two minutes.

King Edward has approved the selection of Hon. Charles Harding, assistant under secretary for foreign affairs, and Viscount Harding, to succeed Sir Charles Scott as British ambassador at St. Petersburg. Sir Charles retires at the end of April. Sir Eldon Gorst, financial adviser to the Egyptian government, will replace Mr. Harding in the foreign office.

The lower branch of the Newfoundland legislature has passed unanimously the Anglo-French modus vivendi respecting the French shore fisheries for the current year.

There are fifteen dead, fifteen known to have been injured and three persons reported missing as the result of the collapse of the unfinished Darlington apartment house, New York, on Wednesday.

Daniel Cushing, aged 32 years, a prominent and wealthy man from Columbus, Miss., was kidnapped by unknown persons on Wednesday night at Devil's river, Texas, where he had gone for his health. A note in his handwriting was found pinned to the door of the railroad station, stating that he had been kidnapped by four men and would be held for a ransom of \$10,000.

John Keenan, well known in the days of the famous "boodie" board of aldermen of New York, as the "Bismarck of the county democracy," died on Thursday at his home in Holle, N. Y. John Keenan was the head and front of the boodie conspiracy by which the board of aldermen of 1884 was belted to give the Broadway railroad franchise to Jacob Sharp. He was the man who heu the bribe fund and appropriated the money to the members of the board. He was one of the famous "boodie" colony in Canada, where he fled just before his indictment.

The London correspondent of the Echo de Paris has telegraphed an interview with a certain person in London who, although his identity is not revealed, is obviously Paul Cambon, French ambassador to Great Britain. According to the correspondent this person declared that the beginning of hostilities came as an absolute surprise to Great Britain, which has done its utmost to prevent the war. The spreading of the conflict will be avoided easily if France and Great Britain, keep cool, but the greatest vigilance is necessary to frustrate the aims of the individuals who are interested in creating a quarrel between the two nations.

St. John, Que., was the scene of a disastrous conflagration on Thursday night. A number of the leading business houses were burned out, and the loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Somewhere between Lewiston, Montana, and Lumbard three trains, one freight and two mixed passengers, have been buried in the snow drifts for two weeks. Snow ploughs with big gangs of men have been bucking the drifts night and day, but snow falls daily. The two mixed trains carry about twenty passengers.

There were 144 German domestic servants last year who were awarded the servants' golden cross for having lived 40 years with one family. Only one was found in Berlin.

## STEAMERS OF JAP LINE WITHDRAWN

### RED CROSS NURSES WILL LEAVE ON IYU

### Queen City Brings Live Stock, Ore and Fish Shipments—Sealers Secure Crews—Notes.

Nine nurses from Philadelphia, under the guidance of Dr. Anita Newcombe Miles, went to succor the sick and wounded of the Japanese army, will leave on the steamer Iyu Maru on Wednesday. They have tendered their services, although on previous trips the nurses are Misses Ella V. King, Minnie Cooke, Adelaide Mackersleb, Elizabeth Krutz, Adele Neoh, Philadelphia; Miss Sophia Newall, New Jersey; Miss Genevieve Russell, New York city; Miss Mary Gladwin, Boston, and Miss Alice Kenner, Indiana. The party's expenses are to be borne by the Philadelphia Red Cross Society. The ladies will be the first corps of nurses to cross the Pacific from British Columbia or Puget Sound since the outbreak of war.

The Iyu's outward voyage will probably be her last trip for some considerable time, for before she left the Orient it was pretty generally understood that all vessels of the line would be impressed in the transport service. Their withdrawal places a large extra traffic on the steamers of other lines, for belonging to the Nippon Yusen fleet were five or six passenger and freight ships, second only in their accommodations to the ships of the Empress line. No more steamers of the Japanese line are looked for until after the war closes.

### QUEEN CITY RETURNS.

A seven-ton shipment of ore from Anderson's lake, a consignment of twelve hogs from Alberni, some twenty boxes of fish from Euculest, and four horses from Quatsino, made up the cargo of the steamer Queen City on her return on Monday from a special trip down the coast as far as Quatsino. On this voyage no lumber was brought from Quatsino, although on previous trips the steamer had considerable. The ore represents a sample shipment from a new prospect and is being sent to a smelter for testing purposes. The fish is to be forwarded to Vancouver, the shipment being among the first received from that port.

There was little news gathered by the officers of the steamer on the voyage just ended, which was somewhat disappointing. The weather was unfavorable. The sealing schooner Umbria had sailed from Kyugnot; the Carrie C. W. Dora Siewer and Zillah May were at Clayquot and favorable prospects of securing Indian crews, and the Eva Marie, Capt. Victor Jacobson, was in at Dodge's Cove getting hunters. Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer was M. Tregear, who has been down to Clayquot examining a mining property.

### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

A notice to mariners just issued by the department of marine and fisheries says: "A wooden spar, painted red, has been placed on the top of the steel conical buoy (marked R. B. No. 1, on chart No. 338) moored off Reef point, Baynes Bay, near the mouth of the Fraser river, in foggy weather."

A wharf has been erected by the government of Canada at the upper end of the wharf, Vancouver Island, three cables to the northward of the entrance to the small inner harbor or right at the extreme bottom of the bay.

The wharf built of piles, consists of an approach 120 feet long, with a tee 100 feet long by 40 feet wide at its outer end. Its deck is 5 feet above high water. There is a small warehouse on the wharf. The depth along the front of the wharf is 27 feet, deepening rapidly outwards to 40 and 60 feet.

The wharf is easy of approach at all stages of the tide, and can be seen in ordinary weather on entering the bay.

### MARINE NOTES.

It is announced that the Alaska Steamship Company's new steamer Jefferson will be launched at Tatona on April 2nd. The company's steamer Dolphin will be on hand for the occasion with an excursion of Jefferson county citizens from Port Townsend.

San Francisco, March 5.—The steamer Panama on her way north to Esquimalt. She had been scheduled to call at that port on April 2nd.

D. G. S. Quadra left for Nanaimo on Monday for coal. On her return she will take supplies to some of the light-houses.

The ship Castle Rock, now at San Francisco, has been chartered to load British Columbia lumber.

### ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION.

Vancouver, March 7.—F. L. Lawrence, a member of the Manitoba legislature and a prominent farmer, stated here to-day that he had tried to purchase 20 carloads of lumber and shingles in Vancouver for Manitoba, but was refused on the ground that he was not a member of the Retail Association of Dealers in the Northwest.

### BOUGHT TIMBER LIMITS.

Vancouver, March 7.—Thos. Merrill, a millionaire lumberman of Sagnaw, has bought R. P. Ritchey's large limits on Valdez island and vicinity. This is crown granted timber.

### SHOWS AT CAPITAL.

Ottawa, March 7.—The National Canadian Stock Brokers' Association's fat stock show, the poultry show and horse show are all going on this week here.

### READY FOR SESSION.

Ottawa, March 7.—Sir Elbert Dupper has arrived here for the session of parliament.

## BIBLE SOCIETY CENTENARY.

Rev. Dr. Campbell Spoke on the Holy Book Sunday Morning.

Rev. Dr. Campbell at First Presbyterian church Sunday in reference to the Bible and the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, said: "This is an epoch making day, for the Bible was first printed in the year 1485. It is the best; if not, it is the worst. It has been demolished, and out to pieces, and destroyed thousands of times by critics and bitter opponents, but there it majestically lies on the sacred desk as complete and unaltered as ever. The hour writes against the Bible would make a pyramid as high as the spire of this church, but they had no effect on the Word of God, for it has God at the back of it, and in it, and around it, and is sent to the world to stay, and stay it will till its work is done, and then it will fold its wings and return to the great, sympathetic heart of Him who gave it by inspiration, and destined it to be profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect and thoroughly furnished unto good works."

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It has been written by 35 men, living in different countries, and extending over 1,500 years, and yet the 66 books which constitute the Bible are a unit in concord and harmony, which shows that it was dictated by one mind, and that the mind of the great I Am, and given to us, as the Bible itself states: "Holy men of old wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." The effect of this book is that which no other book produced—to change the hearts of men. No book on science, or philosophy, or astronomy changes the heart of any man, but the Bible did that of Saul, the bloodthirsty tiger of Tarsus, and myriads of others.

"God commanded us to send the Bible to the whole world. He could do this without us, but he wants us to be co-workers with Himself for the honor and good it will do us."

"The spread of the marvelous book to all the world is the aim of the British and Foreign Bible Society. It circulates the Bible without note or comment, leaving each church and individual to interpret for themselves. Its constitution is such that all Christians—churchmen and dissenters, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and others—can stand on its platform without compromise of personal convictions or ecclesiastical principles. The society knows no church nor denomination. Before the Reformation only those countries in Europe had the Bible in the language of the people, England, Germany and Bohemia. But through the work of this society every country in Europe, many in Asia, some in Africa, Australia and the islands of the sea now have the scriptures in their own language." It has been the means of bestowing on men the gift of tongues more widely than that of Pentecost.

"In the hundred years of its existence it has issued 180,000,000 copies of the Bible in 570 languages. It spends \$3,500 every day the work and publishes 2,000 copies of the Word every hour. But what has been done is only a drop in the bucket compared with what remains to be done. Will you do to help the work along? The Bible Society will be to you what the Bible itself is to man. If you appreciate the one you will help the other."

### FIRE ON BRITISH ISLAND.

Outbreak on the Simla, Now Loading Lumber at Port Blakeley—Damage \$20,000.

Seattle, March 7.—The British ship Simla took fire about four o'clock this morning at Port Blakeley and was damaged to the extent of \$20,000. The flames started in the fore-cabin, cause unknown. She is loading lumber for Sydney. The Simla is owned at Liverpool. The freight Squamish, which went to her aid, has just returned.

### SHOCKING MURDER.

Sectionman Hacked His Wife to Pieces With an Axe.

Ottawa, March 7.—Joseph Menard, sectionman of Brook, twenty miles from Ottawa, on the short line of the C. P. R. to Montreal, hacked his wife to pieces with an axe and then tried to cut his own throat with the axe.

### A RUBBER OF WHIST.

A good whist story was given to the world some years ago by Dr. Charles Mackay, the hero of which was Sir John Easthope.

"Sir John was staying," said Mackay, "at the Balus de Trovill in Paris, where I also happened to be a guest. He invited me to his private room in the evening for a rubber of whist."

"My partner was Lady Wyatville, the widow of a celebrated architect. She was then over eighty years of age, sharp, active and intelligent, and still showed the traces of a beauty which must in her youth have been remarkable."

"The lady revoked, and being accused of it, vehemently denied the fact, and treated the proofs of it with haughty disdain, and not very polite contradiction."

"Sir John lost patience with her, and abruptly rising in his chair, said—Madame, you are a cheat."

"The lady's eyes flashed with almost preternatural fire, she rose in her chair, and took a step or two toward Sir John, as if she would have inflicted summary punishment upon his face with her nails."

"Sir John, still standing, said—'Yes, madame, I repeat it! You cheat abominably! And in the course of the night,' he added, laying his hand upon his heart, 'I have invariably found upon his handsome a woman in the more she cheats at cards!'"

THE TIMES COMPANY.

The reincorporation of the Times Printing & Publishing Company, Limited, which was rendered necessary by the expiration of the time for which the original company was incorporated, has been completed. No limitation has been placed on the existence of the new company, which may now go on forever publishing the news of the world to a large and constantly increasing number of readers. The capital stock of the Company has been increased to \$100,000, of which \$75,000 in fully paid up shares has been issued. The directors, appointed at a meeting of the shareholders held Friday, are: W. Templeman, John Nelson, Hugh R. McIntyre and Robert Dunn. The directors subsequently appointed W. Templeman, President; John Nelson, Managing Director; and Hugh R. McIntyre, Secretary.

SIR JOSEPH TRUTCH.

The present generation of active British Columbians has probably little knowledge of Sir Joseph Trutch, who paid the final tribute of mortality Friday. He was one of the pioneers of the country, and as an engineer was associated with the construction of most of the first development works. Like all his contemporaries who heved their way into prominent places in the colony, Sir Joseph must have been a man of great energy and force of character. There were giants in those days, if we credit the stories told by survivors. We are afraid such traits of character would not fit in with the conditions of these modern times. Strong men in small communities are apt to be arbitrary and domineering, if not actually despotic in their rulings. It is well known that there were some in British Columbia's infantile days who would not brook opposition or even suggestions. Now that we have donned the garments of adolescence and insist upon having a voice in the disposition of our affairs, leaders are compelled to defer to the prejudices of the multitude. There are differences of opinion as to the comparative merits of the old system and the new. The pioneer still insists that there were no time like the old times, and that these are degenerate days. He lives in the past; we look forward to the future, and all admit that there can be no turning back.

Still it is meet that we pay tribute to the fathers of the province as they pass from amongst us, that we note their works, and hold them up as an example to those who must in the course of time assume the responsibilities of government, of development and of business.

ABOUT EXHIBITIONS.

Now let our business men and all and sundry interested in the good name of Victoria and in her reputation for enterprise prepare to look pleasant. The Mayor has an important project on his mind—something in which we are all interested. As the orphans have all been generously provided for, the W. W. C. T. U. is apparently in easy circumstances, the Willing Workers and Irresistible Cannaversers from the other side of the boundary line have no scheme of benevolence in view, we submit that the over-heralded people of this no mean city should be prepared to excel themselves.

Our representatives are setting their house in order for the annual autumnal exhibition. They are commencing this early because there is reason to believe the measure of success which attends this year's show will have an important influence upon the location of the Dominion Exhibition which, it is assumed, will be held in the extreme western part of Canada in the fall of 1905. This show will be held at Winnipeg during the present year, it carries a very handsome vote of Dominion funds with it, and if Victoria should succeed in carrying off the prize she could afford to pick a very fine feather in her cap.

New Westminster is hot upon the scent of the Dominion exhibition also. Our neighbors are active and aggressive, and very proud of the fame they have gained for their fall fair. Vancouver's citizens look upon this show as practically one of their own institutions. They will cordially co-operate with the West-minsterites in their movement. Thus it is obvious that we must work hard and contrive generously if we hope to attain success. But Victoriana have carried more difficult positions than that on which they are now moving. Their exhibition is now firmly established and in many respects is the most important held west of Winnipeg. If we but forget Assessments Acts, the demands for education, the municipal rates, income taxes, and all the various forms of taxation that beset the modern man from the cradle to the tomb, and come down handsomely, there is little doubt that the Dominion exhibition of 1905 will be held in Victoria. Without a worshipful supply of funds we fear His Worship and his fellow-workers will not be able to land the prize.

MORMONS AND OTHERS.

These Mormon fellows must possess genius for management after all. While we must confess that they appear to be rather selfish in persisting in the maintenance of harems full of contented wives under thousands of their neighbors in other states are obliged to try, and try, and try again, with the assistance of convenient divorce courts, before

they finally join hands with their affinities, the fact that divorce is not rampant in Utah from all we can learn—would indicate that there may be something to be said in favor of their apparently abhorrent system.

The present head of the Mormon Church, a blood descendant of the "apostle" who received the direct revelation from God ordering the practice of polygamy, says he prefers defying the law of the United States to deserting his five wives and proportionately large families. This loyal, true-hearted gentleman might do his full duty by his several families with the aid of a couple of "poor tools." Some idea can be formed of the impracticable nature of "Farmer's" ideas by his comparison between keeping picks and mattocks sharp and the necessity of a carpenter working with sharp tools. In the former case, the workman is probably ten miles and more from a blacksmith shop, while the carpenter generally has a workstone at his elbow, if not a grindstone.

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maintain a greater degree of efficiency than has yet been possible. At the same time, passing in Manchuria through a country largely hostile, it must be defended by an immense army. Russia will not solve the military problem in Asia by its railway. It has probably only increased the difficulties. The sea is the seat of power.

Sir Hibbert Tupper has been telling the people of Toronto that the late by-elections indicate unmistakably the present trend of public opinion and the doom of the Laurier government. Sir Charles Tupper has gone to Great Britain with the determination, he says, of appearing on the platform in advocacy of the preferential trade, which originated with the Laurier government, and was vehemently denounced when it was proposed in Parliament, which he said was not practicable in the face of certain treaties, and which if it were practicable would mean the ruin of Canadian industries. Is it any wonder the people refuse to take the Tupper seriously? The whole of the Tory party is now supporting preferential trade, in a year or two the whole of the Laurier party will be supporting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway project, in a little while the whole of the Tory party will be supporting every measure that originated with the Laurier government. Witnessing the prosperity of the country, they will not be able to help themselves.

The winter on Vancouver Island has not been exactly what it would have been had we had anything to do with the selection, but it has not been such an extreme departure from the ordinary that there is any necessity to apologize for it and declare to strangers that the conditions for the past several months have been abnormal. Some of our Eastern contemporaries have been busy for weeks explaining to strangers within their midst that it is not usual for snowbanks ten or twelve feet in depth to pile themselves up along principal highways, for trains to take nearly a week to complete a trip twenty miles in length, for the thermometer to hover in the neighborhood of zero for weeks, or for the frost to penetrate so far into the ground as to freeze waterpipes embedded in six feet of earth. We have been obliged to submit to some inconveniences, but they have all been tolerable, and not so solid as a happy bridegroom.

A twenty bridegroom, a resident of Seattle of course, when applying for the license was stricken with dismay on discovering that he had forgotten the name of his blushing bride. The newspaper which gleefully published the circumstances of the incident did not state whether the confusion of mind was due to dilapidated condition of the matrimonial field or to the unalloyed bliss of a first experience.

The appeal of Dreyfus has been granted, and there will be a new trial or one of the most notorious cases in history. The French people, however, have now recovered from their hysteria and there will be no suggestion of a retrial.

The letter from "One of the Choir" should have been sent to the Colonist, at a point at the terminus of a branch of the Manchurian railway, and some distance south of Harbin. Unless the Russians have sadly bungled things, the colonial contents, they should be able to hold Port Arthur or Vladivostok for a year, regardless whether the railroads are cut or not.

Though the matter has been shrouded in almost absolute secrecy, it is understood that the Ottawa Car Company is installing a most complete plant for the manufacture of gun carriage wheels, and the general repair of field guns. There is said to be at present no place in the Empire outside of Woolwich where this work can be done. A broken gun carriage wheel must be replaced at Woolwich, and for anything in the nature of general repair the whole gun must be sent to the great Imperial arsenal. The Ottawa Car Company is one of the several enterprises founded by Ahern & Cooper, of Ottawa Electric railway fame. It has a vice-president and manager W. W. Wylie, one of the best practical master mechanics in Canada, and under his supervision the installation of the new plant is said to have gone on to the great satisfaction of the militia headquarters staff. The nature of the agreement between the militia department and the car company is not ascertainable. It is possible that no such agreement exists, but the name of prominent Eastern artillerymen of South African experience are mentioned in connection with the enterprise. It is known that the plant has been inspected by several officers in the confidence of the militia department, and heartily approved, and it is possible that an official report can be done. The military establishment of a plant which will save a very considerable cost in the re-fitting of field guns in Canada.

The R. E. Quadrille Club held one of the most enjoyable dances of the series inaugurated by them, last Thursday evening. There was a large attendance. The music provided by the Selk-Banty orchestra was excellent in every requisite to success apparent.

The warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club will hold a social at the Elbow Court, Work Point barracks, at 5 o'clock next Tuesday evening.

Major Bruce Carruthers, of Kingston, has been appointed inspector of signaling in the military district Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11, the latter being British Columbia.

Major Carruthers is a dashing officer who covered himself with glory in the

witfully closing his eyes and understanding to the scandalous manoeuvre inaugurated by the government and endorsed by the Colonist to introduce into Esquimalt some of the Tories' Toronto methods? The first step has certainly been taken in the removal of independent foremen and the substitution of political hacks. Can it be possible that "Farmer" is the individual whom rumor says was requested to feel and pave the way for such schemes which will

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Local News.

—Mr. Johannes Asger Lindal and Miss St. Lesote Julius were united in holy wedlock Thursday by Rev. Wm. Heinecke at the pastor's residence.

—In Chambers on Friday an application was made to Mr. Justice Drake for the probating of the will of Mrs. J. G. Galtrey. The application was allowed. All other applications were allowed to stand over.

—There was one lone offender in the police court on Friday. His name was given as Ah Yet, and he was charged with infraction of the streets by-law, having driven over Rock Bay bridge at a pace faster than the law allows. He was fined \$5, or in default ten days.

—A benefit concert for the wife and family of P. Peatt, who was injured in the Point Elliot bridge disaster, is to be given in the Victoria theatre on the 14th. The reserved seat plan is at M. W. Waitt & Co's.

—Andrew Becktel, of the Victoria Machinery Depot, has been called to Butte, Montana, through the death of his father in that city. He left on Thursday. The late Mr. Becktel had upon different occasions visited in this city.

—Arrangements are being made for a lecture to be given by Dr. Newcombe before the board of trade. The doctor has very valuable information on the manners, history and customs of the aborigines of British Columbia. He is admirably qualified to give a most interesting lecture.

—T. B. Hall, provincial assessor, will hear appeals against assessment on March 10th. In addition to a list of complaints against assessments being too high, Dunsmuir & Sons claim exemption under the Railway Assessment Act for the steamers Joan and City of Nanaimo, and also for scow No. 1.

—Steps are being taken by Secretary Fisher, of the Y. M. C. A., to arrange a championship shuffle tournament among the members. Entries are being called and as soon as a sufficient number have responded a series of games will be arranged. All interested are requested to submit their names as soon as possible.

—The Times has been requested to state that the body of John A. White, who lost his life by drowning whilst duck shooting at the Gorge on the 28th February, was recovered by a party of the unfortunate young man's friends, composed of Messrs. Fuggie, Landrey, Whitefield, Young and others, and not by the provincial police as stated in Tuesday's issue.

—There are two notices of motion on the city hall bulletin board. One is by Ald. Grahame, and states that at the next meeting of the council he will move for leave to introduce a by-law relating to the management and expenditure of the revenue belonging to the corporation for the year 1904. Ald. Vincent has indicated his intention of initiating a reform in regard to wood sawing on the streets. He will ask for leave to introduce a by-law relating to this matter at Monday night's meeting.

—Diver McHardy Thursday made a search for three valuable shotguns lost by Messrs. Hinton, Moody and Booth near the Gorge rapids last Sunday. Although Mr. McHardy was down ten minutes or more he could find no trace of the lost firearms, which have evidently been washed ashore by the rise and fall of the tide. The circumstances of the loss of these guns have already been referred to in these columns. The gentleman mentioned was returning after a day's duck hunting, and attempting to run their boat through the Gorge rapids, it was capsized. So far all attempts to recover their property have been unsuccessful.

—The funeral of J. A. White took place on Thursday afternoon from the family residence, No. 5 Putnam street. There was a very large attendance of friends, the funeral being one of the largest held in this city. There was also a large number of floral designs showing that the deceased was held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of friends. Services were conducted by Rev. E. G. Miller at the residence and afterwards at the grave. The Organists' Union, No. 211, of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body. The following were the pall-bearers: H. Hepworth, R. Pollock, J. D. Hepworth, C. Behusen, J. Hepworth and J. Finerty.

—An error was made in Thursday's Times in reference to the announcement that Lord Dundonald on his recent trip north on the steamer Quadra presented this crew with \$25. The matter was drawn to the attention of Capt. Hackett, master of the steamer, when reading a ridiculous letter signed "watcher" in the Colonist on Friday. The facts of the presentation are that Lord Dundonald came to Capt. Hackett on the voyage and asked the latter what form he thought a present to the seamen would be best appreciated. Capt. Hackett suggested cash, and the suggestion was immediately acted on. As to the propriety of publishing the news item referring to this incident and to the receipt of the

cigars a few days ago Capt. Hackett had nothing to do. "Watcher" may know some things, but certainly exhibits a poor concept of news and a poor appreciation of acts of men in public life, particularly in a position such as Lord Dundonald holds.

—Advices were received from the north Saturday of the death of Jas. Rummell, who was burned to death in a fire which destroyed Scott Holbrooke's store on Chicken creek, or about the 13th of last month.

—The King's Daughters of Victoria and adjacent districts find there has been a confusion of ideas in regard to the convalescent home in which they are interested, and wish to state that the home, which is to be in Duncan, will be entirely under their management, and not in any way connected with any hospital.

—A deputation consisting of B. Hesterman, T. M. Henderson, W. B. Oliver, J. Wilson and Secretary Cuthbert, representing the Tourist Association, waited upon the city council Friday evening in order to lay before the latter body the claims of the association.

—R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., has returned to Vancouver from a trip to California. With Mr. Marpole were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Marpole, Master R. Marpole, Miss Holmes, of Victoria, Miss Brignall and Master Rhys Hamer.

—The secretary of the "Made in Canada" fair has had a letter from a firm in Hamilton who did not exhibit at the "Made in Canada" fair held there because of trouble and expense, and who now wish to exhibit in Victoria. They now see their mistake, and are willing to send almost 3,000 miles to exhibit what they could have shown in their own city. This speaks for itself.

—J. P. Babcock, fishery commissioner, is to deliver a lecture before the Natural History Society on Monday evening. His title "Salmon Propagation and Methods." The standing which Mr. Babcock has as an expert and his ability as a lecturer has led to a number who are not members of the society requesting the privilege of attending. Those wishing to be present may do so by being introduced by a member.

—As a souvenir of the convention of the Provincial Mining Association J. B. Hobson, first vice-president of the organization, generously remembered the press representatives who reported the proceedings. He presented each with a beautiful nugget scarf pin. These were taken from the Cariboo hydraulic properties, and mounted by Challoner & Mitchell. In addition to their intrinsic value they are esteemed very highly by the recipients on account of the circumstances connected with the presentation by Mr. Hobson.

—J. B. Hobson, manager of the Consolidated Cariboo Hydraulic Company, is preparing to leave for Bullion. With the heavy fall of snow in Cariboo and the fact that the company is in connection with the proposed water supply, Mr. Hobson is anxious to get on the scene. Everything points to a good season, and with characteristic energy he wishes to be on the ground and take full advantage of the opportunities. He will probably leave about the middle of the week. Mrs. Hobson will accompany him.

—The Laborers' Protective Union last night decided to contribute \$10 to the fund now being raised by the Victoria directors, the various unions, and the Labor Council to furnish a room in the new Strathcona wing of the Jubilee hospital as a memorial to organized labor. The council sent out notices, and the various unions and the Laborers' Protective Union have responded with admirable promptitude. It is likely they will be emulated by the other organizations, and that no difficulty will be encountered in securing the amount necessary for the accomplishment of the worthy object in view.

—It is altogether likely that Rev. W. J. Hindley, pastor of the Pilgrim church, Spokane, will succeed Rev. K. E. Blyth in the pulpit of the First Congregational church in this city. The board of managers of the church have recommended this reverend gentleman to the mission board, which makes the appointment. No word has yet been received in this regard, but there is little doubt that the recommendation of the managers of the church will be acted upon. Rev. Mr. Hindley is very able and popular. He officiated at the opening of the new edifice here, and at that time created a very favorable impression. Previous to occupying the pastorate of the Spokane church he resided in Vancouver.

—Of the late John Manmooring, who died at the residence of his nephew, G. Fuggie, on Sunday last, a dispatch from Moscow, Idaho says: "Mr. Manmooring came to Moscow in 1880 and bought the Moore flouring mills, which he operated until they burned in 1891. About eight years ago his son died. The son's death was soon followed by that of Mrs. Manmooring, which left him without relatives in this country. After living alone here for seven years, he went to make his home in Victoria. Mr. Manmooring was born in England in 1822, and came to the United States in 1849. He first settled in Georgia, remaining a subject of England. During the civil war all his property was destroyed and he fled to the sea. Sherman's army on its march to the sea, Mr. Manmooring successfully prosecuted his claim against the United States, through the English

government, for property destroyed. But not until about ten years ago did Mr. Manmooring get a final adjustment of the claim so that he could take out citizenship papers in this country. The body has been shipped from Victoria to Moscow."

—The district meeting of the International Sabbath School Union will be held in this city in a few weeks.

—No. 4 company, Fifth regiment, will hold a business meeting after drill on Wednesday. A full attendance is requested.

—The Shipmasters' Association will hold a smoker in Pioneer hall on Wednesday evening. At this gathering the marine engineers will attend as guests of the captains.

—The death occurred at San Francisco a few days ago of Mrs. J. H. Palmer, relict of the late Digby Palmer. Deceased had been sailing on the Polaris. She leaves to mourn her loss an only son, Charles Palmer, of Victoria.

—The regular monthly meeting of the school board will be held on Wednesday evening next. It is quite likely that among the subjects to be discussed will be the character of the additional school seats by those familiar with the district by-law now in preparation be endorsed by the ratepayers.

—On Saturday afternoon at the J. B. A. gymnasium a handball match was played between R. D. Quay and R. Power, resulting in a victory for the latter by a score of 21-18, 18-21, 21-17. The contest was close and interesting. Power returning considerably better than his opponent. Quay's strong point was his several occasions. P. Davis acted as referee and B. Pettinell was scorer. Entries for the J. B. A. double championship tournament closed to-day.

—Victorians have found on the shores of Youngs lake, some very valuable deposits of mineral, containing the properties necessary for the manufacture of paint. There are two farms on which the deposits have been found, and it is not at all unlikely that the district that alongside a creek flowing out of the lake is a twenty-foot bank, in which the same mineral peculiarities are found. The paint has already been tested. It has been used on a number of fences and on one or two houses, with the best result, and now it is proposed to send a sample to New York for advertising purposes.

—A pretty wedding took place at the St. James' Episcopal church on Wednesday, when Miss Mabel Alice Brown and Mr. Richard Albert Murant were united in holy matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Sweet, and the bride was given away by her father, Miss H. Emery and Miss R. C. Wood acted as bridesmaids. The newly married couple were the recipients of a large number of handsome presents. A wedding supper and reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Kingston street. Mr. and Mrs. Murant have left for the South and, after an extended honeymoon tour, will take up their residence in Victoria.

—Court Victoria, A. O. F., held a very interesting meeting last Wednesday evening, the occasion being a fraternal visit from the members of Court Northern Light, who were received with the honors of the order. During the evening a number of applications for membership were received, and a number of applications for initiation were given full power to arrange for a concert to celebrate the institution of the court. A smoking concert was held after business, the brothers contributing songs and recitations. Bros. Carter, Tazg, Cooper, Beaton, Kettle, Wilkerson, Fahy, Greenwood, Hancock and Fullerton took part in the concert. The visit was a fraternal visit to Court Northern Light next Wednesday evening, members to meet at a. p. of hall at 8 p. m.

—There was an exciting runaway from the front of the Crown hotel on Friday. The bus of the hotel was left standing in front of the building, preparatory to taking a number of passengers down to the E. & N. railway depot. Four passengers, Mrs. W. B. Blyth, Innes, two children and maid, had already got in and the driver had returned to the office for a few hand grips when the horses started with a violent start. As they were on Douglas street Mrs. McInnes and one child jumped out and fell heavily to the ground. They were fortunately not badly hurt, and were able to walk back to the hotel. The other passengers stayed in the bus and were also uninjured. The horse ran to McNeill's stable on Johnson street, escaping a telephone post en route by a very narrow margin.

—After an absence of more than a year the Pollard Opera Company left for their Australian home on the Mowra Friday. They started out a year ago last January and since then have been constantly on tour, playing in the Orient before crossing the Pacific to this country, where they arrived last June. The youngsters are all anxious to get home, but strangely enough they are not satisfied to remain there. After two or three weeks' relaxation they are ready to start out again. In fact they beseege the management with queries as to when they will take to the stage again. The idea is to reorganize the troupe for the next season. Some of the

members of the present organization are nearly old enough to graduate into a senior company. It is interesting to learn that not one of the children is a Polari. Willie, who was with the company last year, is a son of Mrs. Chester, one of the owners, whose maiden name was Polari. When the troupe started out this time Mrs. Chester left Willie in college, but after arriving here she sent for him, and he accompanied the company through California, also spending a few days with friends in this city.

—The annual meeting of the Friendly Help Association will be held in the committee room, city hall, on Saturday, March 20th, at 2.30 o'clock. All members of the association, subscribers and friends are cordially invited to attend.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association was held on Monday evening, Rev. A. Ewing was appointed president in succession to Rev. R. B. Blyth, who, through ill-health, has been obliged to seek another climate. During the meeting Rev. J. P. Westman read a paper on the "Pastor's Relationship to the Sunday School."

—The social and entertainment announced to be given by the Royal Templars, of Temperance on Tuesday evening has been postponed for one week, and will be given in their rooms, A. O. U. W. hall, on Tuesday evening, March 16th. The change of date has been arranged on account of the rendering of "The Creation" at the Metropolitan church.

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—Before Mr. Justice Drake in Chambers several weeks ago, the case of Sanston vs. Cook, for an affidavit of documents, A. Martin appeared for plaintiff, and W. J. Taylor for defendant. An order was granted that affidavit to be made within twenty days. An application by J. H. Lawson for probate was also granted in the case of F. W. Wise deceased. An application was also granted in the Cariboo consolidated vs. Pemberton. C. E. Pooley appeared for the plaintiff and H. Aikman for the defendant.

—On Wednesday morning the work of depositing the flats along the line of Government street is nearly complete. The causeway will commence. All the track laying necessary has been completed by the E. C. Electric Railway company. The cars will be used for carrying the filling from Spring Ridge to the flats. One of these is now being constructed at the company's sheds, and another arrived from Vancouver on Saturday. These cars will be capable of carrying ten cubic yards. They will be run in pairs, two trips being made every hour. Once started the work will be completed as soon as possible.

—The Fifth Regiment band concert on Saturday evening at the drill hall was well attended. As usual the entertainment opened with a musical selection, which was followed by a league basketball game between the J.B.A.A. and Y.M.C.A. teams, an account of which will be found in another column. "Dance Sammy," a march, a selection from "The American Millionaire," and "The Lobster Parade," a two-step, were rendered by the band. Each was accorded appreciative applause. The concert for next Saturday evening will be a match for the provincial championship between the Victoria West and Nanaimo teams.

—John Stevens, a newcomer to Victoria, was arrested by Constable O'Leary on Saturday night, charged with indecent assault on a girl under 12 years of age. The man was taken into custody by the officer at the Western hotel. In the police court on Monday the case was called, and remanded. It is understood the accused will retain counsel. Wm. Russwurm was called for appearance, but not appearing, a warrant for his arrest was issued. Sam, a Chinaman, was fined \$5 and \$2 costs for an infraction of the fire prevention by-law. He paid the fine. A hack driver was fined \$5 for driving over one of the bridges at a pace faster than a walk.

—The Law Society met on Monday with H. D. Heinecke, K. C., presiding. Various reports were presented, the financial statement showing a surplus of \$10,000. Suggestions were made in the view of this surplus towards reducing the annual fee and the expenses. Another suggestion was made that the Dominion and provincial statutes should be furnished at a lower rate to members, and a recommendation that the price be \$2 was made. The question of unqualified persons in connection with the profession was introduced, and the benches asked to investigate. The right of unqualified clerks appearing in Chambers applications was referred to. Among other matters the question of accommodation for members of the bar in the Full court room was discussed.

—If a flower pot is laid on its side the stalk of the plant growing in it will gradually curve upwards until it assumes a vertical position.

SIEGE CONDUCTED BY THE SHERIFF

VERY UNUSUAL CASE COMING INTO COURT

Geo. J. Cook Locks Doors on Officials Whose Mission is to Seize His Goods.

(From Monday's Daily.) It must not be thought that because the Far East is now in the throes of a Titanic conflict, it has a monopoly of strategical manoeuvres, nor that Port Arthur is the only locality which has an important enemy at its doors. There are sieges and sieges, and during the past week a very determined one has been in progress in serene Victoria. The scene of the local operations is the store and abiding place of Geo. J. Cook, on Fort street, adjoining the Palladium hall and the climax of the situation occurred with the thunderbolt suddenness of most climaxes on Saturday afternoon when Mr. Cook was gathered into custody at the instance of Sheriff Richards, charged with the theft of goods under seizure. The case is an extremely unusual one and possesses many humorous features and side-lights.

Last Wednesday in the Small Debts court, Geo. Morphy, on behalf of Messrs. Turner, Beaton & Co. secured judgment against Geo. J. Cook for the sum of \$1,000, the neighborhood of forty-seven dollars. Armed with a warrant of execution Sheriff Richards hastened to the premises to seize the stock. But the owner had become apprised of this move and on a bicycle in great haste to his place, arriving there a very short time in advance of the sheriff. Leaping from the bicycle he dashed into the store and it is alleged secured the doors. Just then the sheriff appeared on the scene, and seeing the wheel outside proceeded to seize it.

It is alleged, however, realizing its peril emerged from the building and grasped one end of it. A struggle ensued, which resulted in favor of the officer of the law and the seizure of the stock. But the owner had become apprised of this move and on a bicycle in great haste to his place, arriving there a very short time in advance of the sheriff. Leaping from the bicycle he dashed into the store and it is alleged secured the doors. Just then the sheriff appeared on the scene, and seeing the wheel outside proceeded to seize it.

When Sheriff Richards found that he could not enter the building he instituted a state of siege. He stationed men on guard day and night, with instructions to prevent the removal of any goods from the premises and also to take advantage of any opportunity to enter peacefully and take possession. He secured a number of articles in a shack at the rear of the house, and the watchmen were as vigilant as possible under the circumstances, but they were under the disadvantage of not being familiar with the position of those who were practically invisible. Mr. Cook appeared to have no difficulty in entering and leaving the house. At one time he would be seen gazing tranquilly out of the window at the sentinels, and a few minutes afterwards he would accost them pleasantly from behind.

Once a watchman detected an opening and swiftly as a thought he took advantage of it, but the occupants of the house were quicker. The door was partially ajar, and the watchman dashed at it, but vainly his hope. Mr. Cook and others, it is said, blocked the opening and succeeded in closing the door and locking it. There was one means of access which the besiegers learned of too late for any practical use. It was through an out-house. The besieged, however, aware of this strategical weakness, it is said, strengthened it by a barricade of coal cans and other impediments. Once it is alleged, the sheriff received a painful of water—not from the clouds—when on one of his visits of investigation and inspection.

Mr. Cook was not disposed to permit this state of affairs to interrupt the transaction of business, so the following little instruction was posted on his front window: "If you want anything and the store is closed, kindly ring the side door bell and we will serve you cheerfully, G. J. Cook." On Saturday he paid the amount of the debt into the hands of the sheriff. But this did not mitigate the situation as far as the siege was affected because the sentinels continued to pace back and forth, sticking faithfully to their posts. The

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sheriff says the satisfaction of the debt is not sufficient, and that the costs of the seizure, involving the wages of the watchmen, are part of the judgment. Mr. Cook contests this interpretation of the law.

Saturday afternoon saw the latter's arrest. Constable O'Leary was walking up Fort street on another mission, and passed Mr. Cook bound down. The officer noticed the sheriff's signal in Cook's direction, so he called to him. When he came up he was placed in the officer's custody by the sheriff on the charge of stealing some harness under seizure. It is alleged that Mr. Cook removed the set from a stable at the rear of his premises. The accused claims that it is not his harness, and that he was merely about to clean it. He was detained at the police station for a short time, being eventually released on bail to the amount of \$400. The case will be heard in the police court on Wednesday morning. Watchmen are still mounting guard on Fort street.

OUT FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS. Committees Soliciting Support of Citizens For the Annual Fall Exhibition. (From Monday's Daily.) To-day the first active steps were taken towards collecting subscriptions for the annual Victoria exhibition. No time has been lost by the new executive, which comprises Mayor Barnard, Ald. Fell and H. B. Thompson, the city's representative, and Dr. Tomlin and M. Baker (appointed by the association), in inaugurating a thorough canvass of the city in the interests of the fall fair.

As already stated, the management finds itself with \$1,000 less capital than in previous years on account of a decrease in the provincial grant. It will therefore be necessary to collect that much more in subscriptions in order to insure an unqualified success. Canvassing committees started out this morning as follows: P. Brown, J. Paterson and H. Kent, Government street; R. Mowat, G. W. Anderson and W. T. Handaker, Douglas street; Wm. Mable and Ald. Beckwith, Johnson street; Steve Jones, John Cochrane and J. E. Smart, Yates street; C. E. Redfern, Geo. Carter and L. Conner, Fort street.

A. B. Fraser, jr., Richard Hall, M. P. P., and John Piercy, district north of Johnson street, west of Government to Rock Bay bridge; D. R. Kerr, Luke Fisher and P. B. Thompson, district west of Government street and south of Johnson; Ald. Godacre and Geo. Wynne, district north of Yates, east of Government and west of Douglas; G. Harnage, A. H. Mitchell and C. H. Lugin, district south of Yates street and east of Government; M. Baker and R. B. McMicking, James Bay; L. Tait and Wm. Mable, Victoria west.

It will be seen, by the above, that the intention is to make the show a success. Last year, through careful and efficient management, the deficit was brought down to a very low figure, and Secretary Swinerton is confident that, with the support of the public, the balance will be on the right side this year.

WAS MARRIED IN SAN FRANCISCO

MISS ANITA GOODWIN WEDS A CALIF. Quiet Ceremony Surprised Friends Though Wedding Would Place in May.

On Wednesday last in San Francisco, California, the daughter of H. D. Heimlich, of this city, in marriage to Mr. Walter H. of the California metropolis. Francisco Examiner of Thursday reports the happy event: "The element of suddenness, supposed to be confined to the feature of the wedding of Miss Goodwin and Walter H. Crowell, with the distinguishing that instead of the shock of affecting one of the active and friends."

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FIRE INSURANCE. Toronto, March 5.—Agents of certain and Western Fire Insurances held a conference yesterday to advancing rates in Canada, the losses sustained by them in Rochester and Baltimore fires.

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WAS MARRIED IN SAN FRANCISCO

MISS ANITA GOODWIN WEDS A CALIFORNIAN... Quiet Ceremony Surprised Friends Who Thought Wedding Would Take Place in May.

On Wednesday last in San Francisco Miss Anita Goodwin, daughter of Mrs. H. D. Helmenke, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter H. Crowell, of the California metropolis.

It was originally intended that the wedding should not take place until the summer months, but owing to the illness of the bridegroom...

REGIMENTAL ORDER

Several Additional Members Enlisted in the Fifth Regiment—Gallery Practice Matches.

GRAND FORKS

It is stated on good authority that the Kettle Valley Railway Company has ordered their surveyors to make immediate preparations to complete a survey of the proposed north fork branch...

ROSSLAND

The shipments for the week ending Saturday night from the Rossland mines were as follows: Le Roi, 248 tons; Centre Star, 1,080 tons; War Eagle, 780 tons; Kootenay, 180 tons; Jumbo, 280 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 300 tons; Le Roi No. 2 (mill), 840 tons; 8,480 tons; total for the year to date, 82,690 tons.

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made of pure fats and oils and contains no dangerous ingredients... It is pure soap that gives absolute satisfaction.

A MERCANTILE CHANGE

Robert Ward Retires From Firm Bearing His Name... The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Last week marked an important change in the personnel of the well-known firm of Messrs. Robert Ward & Company, Limited, commission merchants, shipping, insurance and financial agents, of this city and Victoria, when Robert Ward, the founder, who for the past seven years, has resided in London, England, sold his controlling interest to R. V. Winch, who has been so intimately connected with the salmon canning industry for many years, in this province, and on Puget Sound."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

VANCOUVER. A largely attended meeting of the Chinese Contractors' and Caney Workers' Association was held Thursday, between 250 and 300 being present, including delegates from Victoria and New Westminster.

At the annual meeting of the Employers' Association of the province, which was held in Victoria on Monday night, the following officers were elected: President, J. G. Woods (re-elected); first vice-president, Colin P. Jackson (re-elected); second vice-president, W. Farrell (re-elected); treasurer, A. E. Goodman.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Brockton Point Amateur Athletic Association it was decided to proceed with putting the new grounds in shape. The sum of \$1,500 has been appropriated for the work, and it is thought that this amount will fully cover the expense of putting the grounds in shape.

The Lytton correspondent of the Sentinel says: "The new Lytton has been suddenly thrown into the deepest mourning by the untimely death of Mrs. Smith, wife of Francis Smith, the popular engineer at Fraser River Gold dredging company. It is only just over a week ago since Mr. Smith was united in the bonds of matrimony, his bride having come all the way from New Zealand."

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SPORTING

RUGBY FOOTBALL. GAME DECLARED OFF. The match announced to be played between H. M. S. Flora fifteen and a combined Victoria senior and intermediate players on Saturday at the Caledonia grounds was declared off owing to the condition of the grounds.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. MATCH POSTPONED. On account of the inclemency of the weather, the provincial league match that was scheduled to be played on Saturday between the Victoria and Garrison teams at Work Point was postponed. The game will take place on the first Saturday convenient for both elevens.

HOCKEY. THE STANLEY CUP. The Ottawa club will retain possession of the Stanley cup. According to a dispatch from Montreal, the Wanderers, of that city, have decided not to go to Ottawa for the purpose of playing the second of the championship series of games. They claim that the match played on Wednesday at Montreal should be replayed on account of the inefficiency of the referee. This was not allowed. The coveted trophy therefore remains in the hands of the Capital City seven.

HANDBALL. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY. As stated in these columns a few days ago, a championship tournament for doublets is being organized among the members of the Victoria Amateur Association. It has been decided that all entries must be in by the 7th inst., and each pair play two games a week. The arrangement in this case has already been pointed out, it is that each couple must play all other pairs entered, those obtaining the greater number of points at the finish to be declared the victors.

LACROSSE. VANCOUVER'S TEAM. "The annual meeting of the Vancouver Lacrosse Club will be held in the month of the next few weeks, when the club will organize for the season, says the News-Advertiser. "The officers of the club are of the opinion that Vancouver will be represented by a champion twelve this year, and judging by the enthusiasm shown by the players in general, there will be many new candidates for the position. Of the old team, Mart Barr will be out of the game this season, and Fred Murray and Sandy Cowan are both out of the club, but it is expected that these will be the mainstays of the team. Of the new players, there will be Frank Wright, 'Chick' Gouley, 'Billy' Brian, George Matheson and Cliff Cox, while several of the intermediates will be anxious to chance to show their prowess in senior company. Bob Cameron is one of these, and he should be given a good show this year, and has an abundance of speed."

ANNUAL MEETING. Next week the annual meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will be held. The association, according to Secretary Mellis, is a chivalrous and energetic body, and support given by the public to the local twelve last season.

Yesterday Mr. Mellis, in conversation with the News-Advertiser, stated that lacrosse is allowed to drop it will mean the loss of a valuable medium for advertising the city. There could be no better advertisement for the Canadian nation game of baseball. One thing I would like to say in this connection. By patronizing the American pastime they are contributing to the support of the Victoria twelve. The dollars being carried from the city each season. On the other hand, lacrosse attracts crowds from neighboring cities who spend their money here. A portion of the gate receipts go into the coffers of the club and the remainder goes towards paying for the lease of the grounds. All the money, therefore, is spent in Victoria.

Referring to the proposed organization of a southern circuit, consisting of teams from Washington, Oregon and California, and a northern circuit the Brit Columbia league, the winning teams to play for the Pacific Coast championship, Mr. Mellis expressed himself in favor of the scheme. It was, however, a question whether it could be carried through successfully.

BASKETBALL. TO PLAY VANCOUVER. "Arrangements have been completed to have the James Bays basketball team of Victoria play in this city on Saturday next, when they will meet the Sixth Regiment team in a scheduled match in the provincial league series. In connection with the match, two local ladies' teams will play an exhibition game for trophies."—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

VICTORIA VS. VANCOUVER. A match will be played in the near future between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams. The latter have now played two games with the New Westminster girls, and won both. They will therefore even with the local five in the struggle for the provincial championship. The standing of the league follows: Victoria, 2 2 0 4; New Westminster, 4 0 4 0.

SPORTING

FRIDAY'S GAME. "During the first half of the basketball game on Friday night between Victoria West and Nanaimo, the local boys seemed to be somewhat dazed," says the Nanaimo Herald. "The visitors simply played right through them, and while it is certain that the Nanaimo team did the best they could, it had the appearance, from an onlooker's standpoint, as if they were only half trying. At the end of the first half the score stood 8 to 0 against the Nanaimo boys."

There was a fair attendance at the drill hall on Saturday evening, when the James Bays and Y. M. C. A. teams played one of the city league series of games. The result was a win for the former by a score of 20 points to 10. The match was not exciting, it being apparent from the start that the J. B. A. boys had no very difficult task.

Early in the game the James Bays forwards commenced scoring and continued to do so with monotonous regularity, in the first half the Y. M. C. A. boys had their yards and defenses, and even then they could not hold back Peden, Hughes and Smith. As a result, at the end of half time the Bays had piled up a good lead. The second half was marked by desperate efforts on the part of the Y. M. C. A. five, who were unable to make any progress, but for some time could not score. Finally a free shot brought the first point, and from then their shooting improved considerably. Play became faster on both sides, and when the game ended the score stood as stated above.

Finlayson and Pettigall, at guard for the Bays, made an effective defense, while Smith, Hughes and Peden were at times irresistible in their attacks. Their combination and shooting was as good as any witnessed this season. "Ed. Whyte, at centre for the Y. M. C. A., was undoubtedly the most prominent of the amateur players. He worked hard and took every opportunity to get into the shoot. His efforts were ably seconded by Lovelidge and McCracken. At guard, Northcutt and Lorimer watched their checks closely.

Stanley Porter acted as referee. Since he has acted in this position the league matches have been most successful. Free shots are not awarded unless some flagrant breach of the rules is committed. For the most part the play was of a high order, and many involuntary fouls that occur in any contest were stopped and the play thrown up between the two men directly concerned. This it has been shown makes a faster game and is just as effective.

FOUR B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP. It is announced that the Victoria team has consented to play a match here with Victoria West for the provincial championship as soon as convenient to the local five. The game will be arranged for Saturday evening that the drill hall is available. The local five understands the necessity of being in the pink of condition for the contest, and will practice regularly during the interval between now and the time the game is played. A fast and exciting struggle is therefore anticipated.

COAL SHIPMENTS. Tonnage Sent From Extension and Nanaimo During Month of February.

During the months of February the foreign shipments of coal from the Extension and Nanaimo mines were 39,589 tons.

Ordered From Church. The Hungarian journal have lately made merry at the expense of Count Tisza, the Premier, who, although a Liberal, is not free from the follies of his caste.

THE PASTOR'S PITY.—A prominent pastor of a Durham, Ont., church writes: "I suffered recently from Indigestion Rheumatism. Just one bottle of South American Rheumatic Cure healed me. I pity those who suffer so much and do not know how they are to be cured. I feel like proclaiming it from the house-top." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Tall & Co.—138.

