







THE LONDON FIRE

It is Officially Stated Over 150 Large Warehouses Have Been Completely Gutted.

An Estimate of the Drainage is Placed at About Five Million Pounds.

London, Nov. 19.—The great fire broke out in a large block of buildings lying east of Aldgate street and between that thoroughfare and Red Cross street, at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The flames were fanned by a strong wind, and fed by highly inflammable stocks of Christmas fancy goods and flimsy dress materials of all descriptions which filled every floor of the six-story building in the old street.

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CANADIAN NEWS.

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NANAIMO NOTES.

Docks at Departure Bay—The Steamer Farrallon in Distress.

Mr. James Dunsmuir passed through to Wellington by the noon train today. While at the depot a Free Press representative learned that it is the intention of the E. & N. Railway Company to proceed at an early date with the construction of docks at Departure Bay, at the East Wellington wharf site, for the shipment of the product of the Alexandria and extension mines.

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THE DEAL HAS BEEN MADE.

Smith and Buzzard Sell Their Vancouver Island Mine.

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Advertisement for Castoria, featuring the text 'SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA' and an illustration of a bottle.

Advertisement for Thanksgiving Dinner, listing items like 'Loose Muscatell Raisins, 3 lbs. 25c.' and 'Seeded Raisins, 1 lb. 25c.'

Advertisement for 'THE LIBERAL PLATFORM' with the text 'We publish in another column the platform formulated by the Liberal convention held recently at New Westminster.'

Advertisement for 'A Bicycle or a Gold Watch?' with the text '12 STEARNS BICYCLES AND 27 GOLD WATCHES ARE GIVEN AWAY EVERY MONTH.'

Advertisement for 'No Gripe Hood's Pills' with the text 'When you take Hood's Pills, the big old-fashioned, sugar-coated pills, which tear you all pieces, are not in it Hood's. Easy to take and easy to operate, is true of Hood's Pills, which are up to date in every respect.'

Advertisement for 'The Prospector' with the text 'The Prospector extends its hearty congratulations to Hon. Templeman on his elevation to the office of Premier.'

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SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF CHAS. H. HITCHCOCK IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

Castoria is put up in one-size bottles only. It is not sold in bulk. Each alien agrees to sell you anything else on the plan or price that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See too that you get O-A-S-T-O-R-I-A.

Thanksgiving Dinner. Which Will Have It? Come and see us and get the materials for yours. We have run high prices up a tree and can get you out of a bad box.

Just in—Jap Oranges, Sweet and Juicy. Loose Muscatel Raisins, 3 lbs. 25c. Seeded Raisins, 1 lb. Carton, 2 for 25c. Cleaned Currants, 3 lbs. 25c. Fine Table Apples, per box, \$1.00. Boiled Gider for Minos-meat. Morgan Oysters.

Dixie H. Ross & Co.

backed by a majority of the people, and with all the strength and influence which such a fact insures, and the certainty that the administration of provincial affairs will then be in accordance with popular demands, as the latter are freely expressed in the different constituencies through the electors at the polls.

(The Colonist.) The whole platform is not worth the fuss and mystery that has been made over it. It is trivial throughout, a sort of cheap-John, catch-penny affair. In no place does it rise above the level of demagogic mediocrity. Its tone is pharisaical throughout. It is a curious medley of platitudes and puerile abuse.

You may eat cheap food and not be seriously hurt by it; but you cannot take cheap medicines without positive injury. If you use any substitute for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, you do so at the peril of your health, perhaps of your life. Insist on having Ayer's, and no other.

READY WITH HIS CHALK. A Tailor's Quick Reply to a Dissatisfied Customer.

When Poole, the famous tailor, was an old man he was at Brighton on a vacation, and one afternoon went out to walk upon the pier, says Tit-Bits.

"Now, you wouldn't take that good-looking man for a tailor, but he is. Just listen while I take him down a notch or two. I'll tell him my coat, which I have just had from him, doesn't fit."

As he spoke Poole approached and politely acknowledged the salutation of his customer, who walking up to him, said: "Here, Poole, now do take a look at me. Does this coat fit?"

Poole took in the situation. "It certainly does not fit," said he, and pulling out a piece of French chalk he proceeded liberally to mark and cross the coat all over, and then observed with the utmost urbanity, "Now, if you will kindly send that coat to my shop the alterations shall be attended to."

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR. London, Nov. 19.—A dispatch from Paris to the Daily Mail says that Count Waldeck's friends are confident that Count Waldeck is innocent of the crime of treason by which he has made a false confession.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

Chas. H. Hitchcock

Provincial Press

(Fort Steele Prospector.) The Prospector extends its most hearty congratulations to Hon. William Templeman on his elevation to the senate of Canada.

(New Westminster Columbian.) "The Sumas municipal council condemns the provincial government for not building railways as public works. This means that a few gentlemen, how many we are not told, entertain an opinion contrary to the prevailing opinion of mankind."

So says the Columbian, and yet this quiet, civilly expressed, and yet this quietly arrogant way of "sitting upon" an expression of public opinion is quite characteristic of the monopolistic oligarchy. It is also very conservative. It saves the fact that those who are inclined to accept the dictum are saved the trouble of following an argument and sifting facts; and, as for those who are not willing to accept the dictum, they are not even so elaborately argued as the Columbian is wise in its generation. We are impelled, however, even at the risk of appearing to be impertinent, to quote the "Columbian" when it has been in the confidence of "mankind" with respect to its opinion on the subject? Is it aware that a few European governments, who can scarcely be excluded from "mankind," do not have less than fifty-four of the governments of the earth own their steam railroads and operate them? The "few gentlemen" of Sumas appear, when one looks into the facts, to be rather in the wrong company, after all. The horrid suspicion will even intrude itself that they know more of the history and temper of our own time than the Columbian. No doubt, when facts happen to run the way for the interest of monopoly, the Columbian will be willing, like the Frenchman of the story, to deprive the facts; but that will not deprive them of their force.

(Kamloops Sentinel.) If it be to alienate vast tracts of valuable lands to enrich a Heinze or a Dunsmuir, if it be to appropriate an enormous sum for unnecessary public works, or to enrich some schemer to the detriment of the bonds of monopoly on this province, the Turner government can act promptly and effectively. But when there is a chance to do something for the whole people, something that will do no particular individual at the expense of the many, then the Turner "agglomeration" are at their wits' end to know which way to turn.

Time is passing by, trade is being directed into the hands of a few, the richest land in the northern districts are being cornered by speculators and friends of the government, yet we have no intimation of a single practical move on the part of the administration to seize the opportunity now offering to ensure the speedy development of the richest and greatest portion of the province. Fearful of incurring the hostility of the Dunsmuirs, Heinzes and other "big game" players, the government ignore the just claims of Central British Columbia and will content themselves with bouding some monopoly controlled route, through American territory, into the Yukon.

The Victoria Colonist is doing its utmost to misinform the public and so prepare the way for the perpetration by the government of some entirely impracticable scheme, the details of which will be to unload at boom prices a lot of worthless real estate and to drive the Yukon trade into the hands of Seattle and San Francisco. The Colonist charges the Seattle Post-Intelligencer with lying about the customs duties charged upon American outfits going into the Yukon. That charge may be well founded, but the Colonist has very little regard for the truth when it designates the Steickeen route as the all-Canadian route. The Colonist never will be it nothing of its sort and never will be it nothing of its kind. It is an all-Canadian route and, if it has given the matter the least intelligent consideration, knows that the Kamloops to Klondike route is in every respect practicable and that the route which would cost considerably less than \$5,000,000, must be prosecuted in the winter. Hence it is imperative that the Dominion government should be regulated at once to investigate the situation and, if the facts are as stated above, provide for the work being commenced not later than January of next year. This matter must be dealt with at once.

We are informed that the expenditure of a comparatively small sum in the construction of wing dams would make the North Thompson river navigable to the mouth of the Clearwater for six or seven months in the year. If during the spring and summer months steamers can take passengers and freight up North river the distance of 90 miles to the Clearwater, whence there is a good trail into the Forks of the Quenelle, Kamloops will then have another admirable route into the Yukon country. We learn that this work, which would cost considerably less than \$5,000,000, must be prosecuted in the winter. Hence it is imperative that the Dominion government should be regulated at once to investigate the situation and, if the facts are as stated above, provide for the work being commenced not later than January of next year. This matter must be dealt with at once.

There are numerous complaints of the manner in which the best lands in Cassiar are being gobbled up by speculators. It would be interesting to know who these parties are and what their relations are with the Klondike mining companies of which Premier Turner is a director. We pointed out last week the extreme probability of Premier Turner using the official information at his command to get the agents of his mining and trading companies as to the best bits of land to snap up before spring. The Gazette is crowded with applications for lands now-a-days, most of which are located in the vicinity of talked-of routes from the Steickeen to Teslin Lake. These routes are to be bouded

by the government, so that Premier Turner and President of the Council Pooley have excellent opportunities for securing "early and reliable information" which will prove of "solid" profit to the Dawson City (Klondike) and Dominion Trading Corporation.

Yesterday morning the Colonist came up smiling, though somewhat disgraced, for a bait with the Columbian, and proceeded to sail into this paper in great style. It is true that its sparring is not very scientific, but its "staying power" seems to be a flight. Recognizing that it was a little too candid for the other day, it now musters courage for the direct assertion that the expenditures of the government did lead to the great discoveries of mineral wealth in Kootenay (in a year or two, if it survives, it will claim credit for Klondike also); but it mixes up railway and public works grants in a way that is not quite "straightforward." Then it talks about the "statesmanlike foresight" of the government and the "bitter" and "ignorant" opposition of the Columbian and its political friends to the railway policy which was the result of the statesmanlike foresight as aforesaid. After five paragraphs, being, perhaps, intoxicated by the exuberance of its own verbosity, it forgets what it has said about "bitter and ignorant" opposition, and declares that the Columbian government is a grand party. Then it asserts that we tried to defeat the public works loan. (Which of them?) Then it asserts that we persistently insisted that the provincial revenue was declining. Then it declares that it defended the mortgage tax; declares that there is no mortgage tax; and immediately proceeds to defend it again! And it devotes the remainder of the article to a good word or two for the "coal barons."

Now, while we hold that an "agglomeration" like the government should be judged by its record, and that it is right to review that record, however far back it may go, we insist that things should be dated. We did at one time say that the provincial revenue was declining. Some of the hottest skirmishes of the general election of 1894 raged round that very point. Mr. Turner declared on every platform in the country that the statements made of declining revenue were false—that the revenue was increasing, but when the figures were published they showed a slump in the revenue of 20 per cent. We do not know that it hurt the credit of the province very much, but it was quite fatal to Mr. Turner.

But this is getting ahead of the story. A good deal of the Colonist's article is mere assertion; a good deal is reiteration of its former arguments; very little can be called new matter. Under that head, however, we may class the assertion that the high hopes of prosperity which are largely based upon the richness of Kootenay are to be the expenditure of the government upon public works and railways. This is an answer to our criticism, is doubly disingenuous. In the first place, our criticisms of the reckless expenditures of the government did not cover any expenditure upon railways, or any work worth mentioning, and, in the second place, there is an attempt to snatch a verdict in favor of the whole wasteful policy of the government because their lamp expenditure includes some money spent upon useful works.

Let us look into the figures. For the last four years for which these have been published the total over-expenditure in excess of revenue has been rather more than \$2,740,000. At the same time the total development expenditure in Kootenay has been rather more than \$240,000. There is, therefore, a little margin of two and a half millions of money earned and expended which this work in Kootenay will not account for. The Colonist may succeed in persuading some people that the borrowing and expenditure of eleven quarters of millions of money is to be excused or justified because one-quarter of it was devoted, in a more or less judicious way, to the development of a rich section; but such people, evidently, will be anxious to be persuaded.

We have said that the importation of Kootenay railways into a discussion of expenditure is disingenuous; and it is, since no actual expenditure of provincial funds has so far been called for on account of these railways (the loss on guarantees having so far been met out of the Dominion subsidy), if our information is correct. Promises have been made the fulfiling of which may require expenditure, but of such things we were not speaking when we criticized the reckless financial policy of the government. As a matter of fact, the whole attitude of the Colonist on this subject of railway construction is one vast quibble.

In the first place, those who are at all behind the scenes know that the government's anxiety has been to take advantage of the demand for railways in order to help its friends to a good thing that to aid the development of the country; and, in the second place, those who have any knowledge of men and things know that the Columbian and its political friends have been earnest advocates of railway building. They have fought for a straight-forward, business-like policy of development, which would give the country the advantage of good means of communication, while preserving the other interests of the people unimpaired; but the government has simply taken advantage of the intense popular desire for the speedy opening of the country in order to foist upon the province a lot of monopolistic concerns which are big with the threat of infinite trouble in the future. They have, in fact, aided the enemies of popular rights and good government to entrench themselves and acquire strength.

(Vancouver World.) The projected public works which are to be undertaken by the Dominion and provincial governments, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and other corporations have exercised a powerful influence upon several well-known land grabbers, who are desirous of procuring for speculative purposes extensive areas of the public domain in the neighborhood of Glenora and Telsar Creek on the Steickeen river. In view of the knowledge which the governments are

now possessed of as regards the future possibilities of that section of the province, in the best interests of the people it is to be hoped that a flat and emphatic refusal will be given to every application looking to the locking up of the public inheritance. That there will be a sharp advance in the price of property in the section of the country where we have named cannot be doubted, and as it will be necessary to expend a large sum of money in making necessary improvements in transportation, and other purposes the most should be made out of the inheritance in land and timber resources which we possess in the far north of the province. It is to be hoped that no glomerator or palaverer will be allowed to receive the slightest consideration at the hands of the government. 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GRAND JURY REPORT

Presentment Made to the Chief Justice at the Close of Yesterday's Session.

Continuation of the Evidence in the Case of John Aitken Charged With Murder.

Last evening before the adjournment of the assize court the grand jury made their presentment, which follows:

To the Honorable Theodore Davis, Chief Justice of British Columbia: May it please Your Lordship, We the grand jury do hereby present to Your Lordship the following report: Rush to the Yukon via Victoria. We believe that the benefit to the city and province from this source will be immeasurable but we must insist that the benefits to accrue to the city of Victoria will be but transient unless the municipality of the occasion, it seems to us that in the present condition of things tens and hundreds of people who, in passing through the city and seeing its natural beauty and unspoiled surroundings, might be tempted to return here and settle, or arrange for a coming to the city, and if they themselves spend their summers in the North, would be deterred from doing so by the condition of our streets, our sewerage and drainage. It also appears to us that a little energy on the part of the municipal authorities would very soon remedy these things. It being unwilling to use the powers given them by the government to enforce connections with the sewers, owing to their dislike of pressing some of the poorer property owners, could they not apply to the government for power to raise the necessary money to do the work, and charge it against the lands and improvements of those unable to find the money to do it themselves? When the sewerage system, as at present laid, could be connected in two months after the said power was obtained. Then, again, we consider the disgraceful condition of the Johnson street ravine, and the connections of closets with box drains, evils that the authorities could instantly put a stop to, were they to use the powers given them by the municipal act.

We are entirely in accord with Your Lordship's views as regards street improvement, and think it imperative that means should be taken to apply more to the people to furnish the funds for this most important work. With the streets and sidewalks in their present condition our town can never be regarded as a desirable place either to inhabitants or new-comers. If this work could be put in hand contemporaneously with the sewerage system, and all sewer connections, we should no longer see the tearing up of roads which have just been repaired.

We should urge the extreme necessity of the immediate repair of the water works at Beaver Lake, which have now been so long in an unimpaired state, and on which the citizens have expended money with lavish hand, and have not received as yet in return therefor one gallon of water from the new filter bed.

Bridges.—We are also of opinion that some definite steps should be taken to place permanent bridges in the city in place of the present ones and fast decaying wooden ones, more especially in view of the extra traffic we are anticipating they will be called upon to bear. We would also urge that during the coming year the Dominion government will, as agreed with the city council last year, remove the bridge at Point Ellice if a structure of a permanent nature to connect Esquimalt with Victoria be not commenced in the meanwhile. We call attention to the fact that the Victoria bridge in its present condition is a disgrace to the city, and that it is a disgrace to the Dominion government, as agreed with the city council last year, to remove the bridge at Point Ellice if a structure of a permanent nature to connect Esquimalt with Victoria be not commenced in the meanwhile. We call attention to the fact that the Victoria bridge in its present condition is a disgrace to the city, and that it is a disgrace to the Dominion government, as agreed with the city council last year, to remove the bridge at Point Ellice if a structure of a permanent nature to connect Esquimalt with Victoria be not commenced in the meanwhile.

Wharves.—We should also suggest an examination to be made of the wharves on the water front of the city. One slip gave way during the Jubilee celebration, and we have reason to believe that others are not as safe as they ought to be.

Fire Arms and Ammunition.—We call the attention of the responsible parties to the danger attending the use of fire arms in streets and public places, especially during the summer months. We think some means should be devised to lessen any risk of loss of life through fire. Having seen many of the prisoners with iron shackles riveted on their legs, which are not removed by night, we are of opinion that an enquiry should be held as to whether there is a necessity for what appears to us to be an extreme measure.

Jubilee Hospital.—We also visited the Jubilee hospital, and found its condition excellent, and were especially struck with the new operating room, built and fitted in accordance with the best ideas. We hope that ere long some satisfactory solution of the drainage difficulty at this valuable institution may be found.

As many grand juries have already expressed their opinion on most of the matters contained in this presentment, and as apparently there has been no notice taken of their presentments, we desire to express our hope that some means may be found to prevent the want of successive grand juries from being rendered nugatory by the

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A MYSTERIOUS FIRE

Fire in Four Different Places in a Residence—Furniture Saturated With Kerosene.

Firemen Think an Incendiary Has Been at Work—No Connection Between the Fires.

Just before the city hall clock struck the hour of three this morning the fire department were called to a fire at the late Aitken's. The angry mood continued all the next day, the morning of which he threatened to kill Mrs. Aitken and then to kill her husband.

The charge of murder against John Aitken was continued until 7 o'clock last night when an adjournment was made until this morning. Mr. Aitken in a short and neat opening to the jury said they would show that on the day before the shooting there was an unprovoked and brutal attack by Brown on Aitken in which Brown threatened to kill Aitken. The jury angry mood continued all the next day, the morning of which he threatened to kill Mrs. Aitken and then to kill her husband. Mrs. Aitken testified that the night before Brown came to the house, hammered on the door and threatened to kill the prisoner who in self-defence fired the fatal shot through the door. Mrs. Aitken testified that the night of the shooting Brown was heard outside making threats and hammering on the door, which was giving way before his great strength. Then the shot was fired. This morning the prisoner gave evidence which tallied with that of his wife. He is a good looking young man who, while seeming to thoroughly appreciate his grave position still retains a great composure and told his story nicely. George Scumalis, an whose ranch near Aitken and John Foster, a farmer of Metchoin, gave the prisoner a good character. They characterized him as being quiet and anything but quarrelsome. James Baker who had no hat after the shooting. On cross-examination he said the Brown children came to his house after the row the night before the shooting and said Brown had licked Aitken. On a previous occasion young Sullivan Brown had said his father had cleaned his rifle and swore he would shoot Aitken.

After luncheon Mr. Powell addressed the jury on behalf of the prisoner. He stated that the fact of the quarrel between the two men the night before the shooting, and from every indication Brown was in a fury at the time and his anger had not subsided the next day. If any juror being any doubt about the nature of the affray, could he tell why Mr. Brown and the children left the home and walked nine miles through the dark and cold? He greatly regretted to speak harshly of the prisoner, but he would not demand plain statements, even concerning a dead man, and this was one of them. Brown, he claimed the evidence went to show, carried a gun the night of the shooting and it was with it he struck Aitken. In conclusion he asked them to judge the whole thing as reasonable men and asked them what they would have done had they been in Aitken's place when the door was about to crash in under the weight of an iron man of 210 pounds and six feet two inches in height, and who was threatening to kill him. Mr. Smith commenced his address by telling the jury it was not their acts or the words of the witnesses for the defence, but the facts of the case which were in a conviction was obtained—it was Aitken's own acts.

GAZETTE NOTICES. Several New Companies Incorporated—Another Cassiar Railway.

The government has accepted the resignation of John L. Retailack as a member of the board of licensing commissioners for Kaslo.

The offices of the Columbia-Cariboo Gold Mining Company, Limited, are to be removed from Trail to Vancouver.

A license to carry on business as an extra provincial company has been granted to the Waverley Mfg. Co., Ltd., of London, capital, £100,000. The head office of the company is at Albert Canyon, and the attorney is Mr. John Grant, managing director of the company. Mr. J. D. Graham, gold commissioner for the northern division of West Kootenay, has resigned his position to act as general manager for the Waverley Company.

The organization of a Farmers' Institute has been authorized. The first meeting will be held on December 1st. Mr. H. E. A. Robertson will apply at the next session of the legislature for a charter for a railway from a point at or near Revelstoke by way of the Columbia and Crows rivers to Tete Jaune Cache and thence by the Fraser and Parsnip rivers to Dease and Teslin Lakes, or from the Parsnip river to the northern boundary of the province at a point on the Liard river.

George Ratcliffe Naden has been appointed a member of the boards of licensing and police commissioners of Greenwood; Isaac Hallet to be magistrate of Greenwood; James Thompson to be coroner for the county of Nanaimo; Edward Ellwell to be a clerk in the office of the government agent at Fort Steele.

Notice is given of the incorporation of the following new companies: Kaslo Rink Co., Ltd., capital, \$5,000, and headquarters at Kaslo, the object being to carry on business as a curling and general commercial business in connection with the Yukon; the Robtasy Shipping Company Ltd., with headquarters at Vancouver and a capital of \$50,000, and registers its office at Vancouver, will outfit miners and do a general commercial business in connection with the Yukon; the Robtasy Shipping Company Ltd., with headquarters at Vancouver and a capital of \$50,000 will do a general shipping business.

DROWNED AT UNION. Brief Dispatch Tells of the Drowning of Richard and William Anderson.

Mr. James Anderson last evening received a despatch from Union containing the sad information that his brothers Richard and William, had been drowned. No particulars were given. The two men were carpenters and had been working at Union.

Whatever may be the cause of premature gray hair, it can be restored to the same color as in youth by Hall's Vegetable Sulfur Hair Renewer.

NANAIMO NOTES.

The preliminary surveys for the contemplated improvements to the New Vancouver Coal Company's loading wharves have been made. Plans for the work are in course of preparation, and as soon as the details are decided upon the work will be commenced. The large Austrian steamer now on the way from Suer to Vladivostok, thence to this port, will arrive about the middle of next month, and will go to the route between Nanaimo and California ports as a coal carrier. This steamer, in connection with the company's collier, Peter Jebeon, will give Nanaimo at least one steamer a week. Improved facilities for discharging the coal at Suer Francisco will be used, which it is stated will reduce the time two days on each trip, so that in the near future these steam colliers will make the round trip in from ten to twelve days.

The heavy rainstorm that visited our city and district during the past two days exceeded the record for quite a while past. From 9 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday until 10 o'clock this morning the rain poured in torrents. The water level in the harbor was raised to a height of 11-100 inches. As a consequence of this down-pour the streams are swollen, and the rush of muddy water from Nanaimo river has discolored the harbor water.—Free Press.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS. Grand Chancellor Evans Pays a Visit To the Victoria Lodges.

The joint session of Victoria and Far West lodges, K. of P., held last evening for the purpose of meeting the Grand Chancellor, J. B. Evans, was very largely attended and proved most interesting. The Grand Chancellor spoke at some length in regard to the Order in British Columbia, and he was listened to with rapt attention. Following the address reports were received from the Deputy Grand Chancellors of the various lodges, maintaining a good stand. Jewels significant of their offices were presented to Master of the Exchequer J. T. Pearce and Past Chancellors E. Dickinson, J. W. Walker, W. P. Allan, A. Anst, J. J. Randolph, C. E. Jones and A. J. Cole. Mr. E. P. Nathan presented a silver mounted jewel to Victoria lodge.

The recipients of the jewels made appropriate responses, after which the lodge business was closed and the members joined in a social dance, given in honor of the visitors. Refreshments were served at midnight, and again the festive program was continued. The address of the pleasant in the history of pythianism in Victoria.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE. The British ship Lebu, Capt. Sanderson, arrived this morning after a passage of sixteen days from San Francisco. She was towed in by the Port Townsend tug Sea Lion, but that vessel being an American bottom she was obliged to drop the Lebu at the wharves. The ship is now waiting there until the Lorne returns, when she will proceed to Stevenson to take on her cargo of salmon. She is to load on account of Evans, Sheehan, best national costume, lady, Miss Stuart; and the best Klondike costume, Mr. Fletcher. The judges on whom fell the most difficult task of selecting the prizewinners were Mr. H. Heincken, R.C. M.P.P., and Mrs. Heincken and Lt.-Col. Gregory. Mrs. Heincken presented the prizes to the winners.

After the prizes had been awarded the dancers filed into the dining room where two long and heavily laden tables awaited them. Needless to say, full justice was done to the appetizing spread prepared by the ladies. Then the dance proceeded and the giddy whirl went on until daylight was beginning to strip the clouds from the darkness. The hall was handsomely decorated with burning evergreens and flags.

The steamer Willapa returned early this morning from Vancouver after completing her season on the Longshore route in the place of the steamer Rainbow, which was undergoing repairs at Victoria. The Willapa will sail for Nsaw and way ports on Sunday evening.

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Commencing Sunday, the 21st inst., a considerable change will be made in the C.P.R. time, affording a great saving in time between Coast and Kootenay cities, which will be appreciated by the traveling public and those having business in the Kootenay. There will be no change in the trains arriving at and departing from Vancouver, but train No. 1, which leaves Vancouver at 4 o'clock, will arrive at Revelstoke at 8:20, instead of 9:50 as heretofore. Close connection will be made at Revelstoke with the steamers at Arrowhead, bringing passengers into Sandon at 10:35, Nelson at 12:30, Trail 2:30, Rosland 4:30. This change in running time gives a 25-hour service between Vancouver and Sandon, and between Vancouver and Nelson and Vancouver and Trail, 35 hours between Vancouver and Kootenay will not run beyond Robson, passengers and freight being transferred over to the Columbia and Western rivers.

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THE BAL MASQUE

Sons and Daughters of St. George Hold a Masquerade in the A. O. U. W. Hall.

Good Large Crowd of Dancers—Many Costumes—Splendid Floor and First-Class Music.

The masquerade ball held yesterday evening by the Sons and Daughters of St. George furnished amusement and enjoyment for as many as could be crowded into the hall. Long before the ball was opened the galleries were black with spectators and it was a question if another one could have been crowded in when the grand march began. In consequence of the large number of spectators who attended, the management were compelled to allow many of them to sit at the rear of the dancing hall. The grand march began soon after 9 o'clock and a great number of dancers took part, the spectators admiring and speculating as to the identity of the characters. Of these characters there were many sorts and conditions, all types being represented, from the prosaic hobo to the haughty Knight Templar and the medieval nobleman. There were clowns and jokers, a sight to be held. Among the ladies the flower girls and angel characters as usual predominated. There were Topsy and other "unlucky pussions," Chinese women—who no doubt had been practicing for some time prior to the ball on their robbing habits—Queens of all sorts and kinds, rope girls, card girls, fish girls, Columbiads, all were there in all their glory. After about half of the well-selected programme had been danced the prizes were distributed and then came the masquerade. Then the spectators and dancers enjoyed themselves, and everybody was saying to the other, "I told you so." "I knew it was her," and so forth. Those who won the prizes, which were presented by Mr. H. D. Heincken, were: Best dressed lady, Miss A. Bridges, who was dressed as a fairy, with silver crown and white gauzy wings; best dressed gentleman, Mr. Robert Maynard, who represented a medieval nobleman; best sustained lady character, Miss Draut, as a Chinese woman; best sustained gentleman character, Chinaman, Harry W. Young, a member of the Lindley Comedy company; best historical character, the Knight Templar, Mr. Mortimer Bridges; best historical character, lady, Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. J. Oliver; best national costume, gentleman, Russian, Mr. D. Sheehan; best national costume, lady, Miss Stuart; and the best Klondike costume, Mr. Fletcher. The judges on whom fell the most difficult task of selecting the prizewinners were Mr. H. Heincken, R.C. M.P.P., and Mrs. Heincken and Lt.-Col. Gregory. Mrs. Heincken presented the prizes to the winners.

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