

WIRES WORK ONCE AGAIN TELEPHONE CABLE TO MAINLAND RESTORED

Times Now Getting Its Full Leased Wire Telegraphic Service.

(From Monday's Daily.) Though the Vancouver News-Advertiser announces that a second cable to Victoria will shortly be in operation by the B. C. Telephone Company, R. B. McMicking, the local manager, says he knows nothing about it...

The break in the cable, which runs from Telegraph Bay on this island to Andrew's Bay, on San Juan Island, caused a great amount of inconvenience, to say nothing of the monetary loss to the telephone company...

The Restorer commenced on the work of picking up the telephone cable on Saturday, the 18th inst., and thus worked for seven full days before accomplishing the purpose in hand.

"EXPEDITIONS" FAIL TO DISCOVER COOK Scientists and Journalists Are Unable to Locate Brooklyn Physician.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Judging by the number of "expeditions" undertaken today by scientists and journalists in search of Dr. Frederick A. Cook...

New York, Dec. 27.—Charles W. Wake, of this city, Arctic explorer, heretofore one of the staunchest supporters of Dr. Frederick A. Cook...

Although loyal for several days after the adverse decision of the university of Copenhagen, Wake now says that he was deceived by the explorer.

"Cook has had ample time to express himself since the records were examined," said Dr. Wake, "but he has not done so. So long as I live I shall never forget the degree of nonchalance with which he waved his hand toward the beautifully engraved degree and the handsome gold medal that had been conferred upon him by the university of Copenhagen, and said: 'There is the evidence.'"

It is not known who is caring for his children in a New York boarding school, but I presume relatives are doing it. How much money he made upon his trip and what settlement he has made I do not know.

PRESIDENT TAFT IS IN QUANDARY

STANDARD OIL CASE IS CAUSING TROUBLE

Difference of Opinion Regarding Proposed Federal Incorporation Act.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Serious consideration, it is announced today, is being given by President Taft and his advisers, who want him to be given in congress to the question of attempting to enact a federal incorporation act in advance of a final decision of the Standard Oil dissolution case.

There appears to be an important difference of opinion between Mr. Taft and his advisers, who want him to withhold the message which he has announced he will send to congress.

It is understood Mr. Taft fears business generally will suffer if the Supreme Court affirms the finding of the Circuit court in the dissolution case and that he strongly favors what might be termed, "vaccination of the body corporate by the administration of legislative remedy before the evil appears."

On the other hand, congressional leaders fear such a course would merely supply ammunition to opponents of the administration by giving them an excuse to charge that the force of the anti-trust act given by the Circuit court decision in the Standard Oil case.

While the president's view is shared by congressional leaders, they recognize that serious opposition will arise against any legislation apparently calculated to narrow the scope of the Sherman law. They believe this opposition is so strong that there would be no possibility of a majority in the Senate until that it would be the near wisdom, therefore, to await the decision of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Taft, it is said, has reviewed personally the evidence in the Standard Oil case, with the result that he believes the decision correctly interprets the law. If so, he presumably expects the decision will be sustained by the Supreme Court.

MURDERER LYNCHED BY INFURIATED MOB

Guards Are Unable to Save the Life of their Prisoner.

Hurley, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Following the killing here on Christmas eve of Samuel Baker and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by Baker's old enemy, Henry Pennington, a mob of one hundred citizens late yesterday took Pennington from jail, where he had been taken under heavy guard, and hanged him.

Pennington, who had been drinking, flocked quarrels with Baker and shot him when the latter was on his way to a Sunday school Christmas tree with his wife, his two children and a friend, Wyatt Meadows. Seeing that he had killed Baker, Pennington started to run away. Mrs. Baker called after Pennington and implored him to help her take the body home.

The ruse worked and Pennington went back to the spot where his victim lay dead. Bent upon avenging the deed, Mrs. Baker grabbed Pennington's revolver from his pocket and shot twice at him. Her aim was bad. Pennington recovered possession of the revolver and then shot the woman and attempted to kill Meadows and the two children.

TWO CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Mother Makes Futile Effort to Save Little Ones From Flames.

Loveland, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Two small children of S. M. Surrency, of this city, were burned to death early today in a fire that destroyed their home. Mrs. Surrency escaped from the burning building in her nightgown, after making ineffectual efforts to save the lives of her little ones. The children were in their bed in a room adjoining that occupied by Mrs. Surrency when the fire was discovered. Their father was not at home. After making frantic efforts to arouse the children, Mrs. Surrency was compelled to abandon them and flee for her own life. Neighbors arrived too late to help her in her hopeless fight to save the children or to prevent the house from burning to the ground.



THE MORNING AFTER

MADRIZ RULES WITH FIRM HAND

ZELAYA'S SON-IN-LAW THROWN INTO JAIL Is Accused of Misapplication of Funds—Former Minister Also Arrested.

Managua, Dec. 27.—The new president of Nicaragua, Joe Madriz, is taking hold of affairs with a strong hand. Zelaya left him the legacy of an empty treasury, and soon after President Madriz had publicly announced, in effect, that the country was practically on the verge of bankruptcy, the arrest of Joaquin Passos, Zelaya's son-in-law, and Ernesto Martinez, Zelaya's last finance minister, was ordered.

They are now in the hands of the authorities, charged with misapplication of funds, failure to register government bonds and the circulation of unsigned paper money.

Francisco Baca, who has replaced Dr. Julian Irias as minister-general, is preparing a decree establishing a commission to revoke franchises under which a score of monopolies, given to individuals by Zelaya, have been operated. These monopolies poured into Zelaya's purse vast sums of money.

While they were ostensibly in the hands of others, it was to the former president that the greater portion of the returns were transferred. Passos is looked upon as the creator of these monopolies and the dummy utilized by Zelaya to cover his large stock interests therein. His arrest has been enthusiastically received.

Santos Ramirez, Zelaya's chief telegraph, also has been arrested. He is charged with having sent a telegram in the name of President Madriz ordering the government troops to abandon their strong positions.

May Bring Zelaya to Time. Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—All indications today strengthen the belief that is general here that the state department is unmistakably skeptical concerning the reform programme proposed by Jose Madriz, the new president of Nicaragua.

It is rumored that former President Zelaya may yet have to answer to this country for the summary execution of two of his subjects, Leonard Grove and Leroy Cannon, during the days of his dictatorship. It is stated, apparently upon authority, that the United States was in no position to interfere with the former president's hurried flight from Nicaragua. When the new Nicaraguan government, whatever it eventually will be, is firmly established it is hinted that efforts may be made to bring Zelaya to trial on various charges.

TEST OF CIVIL SERVICE ACT

PROMOTION OR PLACE FOR A PARTY FRIEND? Interest in Succession to Office of Provincial Assessor.

(From Monday's Daily.) There is a good deal of interest being taken at the parliament buildings in the vacancy which will soon arise in the office of provincial assessor, as to whether the government will follow the spirit of the new civil service act and fill the office by promotion or bring in some one from outside.

J. K. Worsfold, whom falling health has compelled to tender his resignation of an office which he filled to general satisfaction, will be retiring as soon as the cabinet acts on his letter. The matter was taken up before the ministers separated for Christmas, but was allowed to lie over. It is likely that nothing will be done until the superannuation act has been passed, when Mr. Worsfold will be retired on allowance.

There is a rumor that instead of promoting officials now in the service, party services will be rewarded by appointment to this office, which carries a salary of \$1,800 now, a sum which will be increased considerably under the new act. Rumor even goes so far as to mention the names of two or three gentlemen, who rendered good service to the government during the recent campaign.

NEW AUTO RECORD.

Barney Oldfield Sets New Time for Fifteen Miles on Circular Track. Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—Barney Oldfield established a new world's record for fifteen miles on a circular track yesterday at Ascot Park. Driving his 120-horsepower Benz racer, Oldfield went against the record of 18.71, made by Ralph de Palma in a Fiat Cyclone at Grand Rapids, Mich., and succeeded in clipping 14.6 seconds from the record. Oldfield's time for the fifteen miles was 12:42.5. His fastest mile was in 58.85 seconds.

The fastest mile made yesterday was done in Oldfield's try for the world's record in which he failed to set a new mark. His time was 52.3 seconds. Oldfield was an easy winner in the five-mile race with Ben Kercher, driving a Darracq, his time being 4:47.

LAND SETTLEMENT. London, Dec. 27.—At a conference of headmasters Dr. Gray, headmaster of Bradford, proposed a resolution pledging their support to the public schools league for imperial land settlement. The resolution was enthusiastically carried.

The Marquis of Anglesey has offered to give Burton-on-Trent a lease in perpetuity of the principal recreation ground of the town at a nominal rent of 15 per annum. The grounds include a beautiful piece of river scenery.

HOME RULERS ARE NOT SATISFIED

ASQUITH'S STATEMENT IS TOO INDEFINITE Irish Leaders Regard Condition Imposed by Premier With Suspicion.

Dublin, Dec. 27.—It is apparent to-day that Ireland is not entirely satisfied with what the Liberal party, through its leader, Premier Asquith, has promised in the way of Home Rule for this island. In a speech at Albert Hall, London, on December 10th, opening his campaign, the Premier declared that the solution of the Irish problem could be found only in the adoption of a policy "which, while explicitly safeguarding the supreme authority of the Imperial parliament, will set up in Ireland a system of full self-government in regard to purely Irish affairs."

The Irish leaders regard the condition imposed in this statement with suspicion. The continued and unassailable supremacy of the Imperial parliament, would have little or no voice in foreign, colonial, or financial affairs.

It is believed here that the condition that may be placed upon the Premier's declaration may be used as boomerang campaign material by his opponents and the more rabid Home Rule partisans profess to see in it no further step toward the fulfillment of their desires.

FIVE HUNDRED PERISH IN FLOODS

SUFFERING IN DEVASTATED DISTRICTS IN SPAIN

Serious Havoc Also Wrought in Portugal—Aid for Destitute.

Madrid, Dec. 27.—Incomplete returns to-day from the flood-swept provinces of Spain indicate that the minimum death list is from five to six hundred. There is a possibility that the complete story will greatly swell this number.

This distress and suffering is intensified by the cold weather. Many towns cannot be reached on account of the damage to the railroads.

Reports received to-day say that the banks of the Guadalquivir river are strewn with corpses.

The heavy losses of live stock and the damage to the crops will necessitate the importation of food stuffs as well as stock.

Dispatches from Portugal say that the damage there is almost as heavy as in Spain.

King Manuel of Portugal has assumed personal control of the flood district.

The cabinet has decided to grant financial relief to sufferers.

Lighters Swept to Sea. London, Dec. 27.—Dispatches to Lloyd's from Orporto, Portugal, say that in addition to several steamers previously reported aground in the river in dangerous positions, one trawler has disappeared and all of the lighters and barges have been swept to sea.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Chatham Boy Is Shot While Hunting Rabbits. Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27.—Albert Miller, 11 years old, was shot and almost instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hand of Wm. McNorgan, on Christmas morning. Miller, his brother, William, and McNorgan were on their way to hunt rabbits when in crossing a ditch William Miller and McNorgan fell, and the gun was discharged. The bullet hit Albert Miller with fatal effect.

CANADIAN NORTHERN EMPLOYEE

Killed in Yard at Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Walter Doskoch, car inspector in the employ of the Canadian Northern railway, was crushed to death under the wheels of a freight car in the Canadian Northern yards last night. There was no witness of the accident, and the man was dead when discovered lying on the tracks. He had apparently fallen when crossing the tracks and had been caught by a train of cars which was backed on to a siding.

The deceased was 35 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

FARMERS PROSPEROUS.

Calgary, Dec. 27.—The prosperity of the farmers resulting from the 1909 crops and increases in the values of their holdings is evidenced by the Christmas business of Calgary merchants. Another evidence of prosperity comes in the marked improvement in real estate, both city and farming property being in great demand. This is especially significant in view of the fact that this is generally conceded to be the slack season in real estate circles.

PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL FAIR

Committee Formed at San Francisco to Prepare for Exposition. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 27.—Men prominent in business, finance and the professions are numbered on the committee of 200, announced to-day as the ways and means body that will have charge of the Panama-Pacific international exposition to be held in San Francisco on the completion of the Panama canal.

This committee will be resolved into sub-committees at an early date, and the master of publicity, the participation of other nations and states and federal participation will be taken up.

KILLED BY SPY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Official investigation has determined that Colonel Karpoff, chief of the secret police, who was assassinated here, was the victim of a revolutionist who had been employed as a government spy. The theory that Karpoff was preparing bombs when killed was completely disproved.

STORM SWEEPS EASTERN STATES

OVER SCORE OF PERSONS LOSE LIVES

Two Thousand Made Homeless by Tidal Wave—Blizzard Now Raging.

Boston, Dec. 27.—News filtering slowly into Boston to-day over wrecked wires, apparently make it certain that at least a dozen lives have been lost and property damage amounting to more than \$1,000,000 has resulted from the heavy snow and winds which prevailed throughout New England on Christmas Day and yesterday.

Over 3,000 persons are homeless to-day at Chelsea as the result of the tidal wave which swept that town and drowned Cornelius Harkins and his wife in their bed. Michael Callahan, an aged man, died of the shock while being taken from the second story of his flooded home. Half-a-dozen others are missing and are believed to be drowned.

It is impossible as yet to estimate the loss along the coast. From Portland down to Rhode Island every coast town has a tale of ruin. Many of these places have not been heard from at all as yet on account of the crippled condition of the wires.

Fourteen Perish in New York. New York, Dec. 27.—It was estimated to-day that 14 persons lost their lives as the result of the blizzard that has swept New York since Christmas Day. The storm swept down upon the city from the northeast. At times the gale registered a velocity of 60 miles an hour.

On the east side the suffering was intense. Practically all the deaths reported to have occurred in the city were in this district. Charity organizations are finding it impossible to care for even a small proportion of the destitute.

As fast as delayed traffic conditions will permit food, fuel and clothing are being taken to the tenement district on the East Side, where the conditions are most acute. It is certain that many lives have been saved by the ministrations of representatives of various societies.

Trains from the south and west have been delayed many hours by the storm, and local traffic is demoralized. River craft suffered severely from the storm, and comparatively few vessels are moving to-day.

SUFFERING IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Street car traffic was partially resumed to-day after the complete tie-up due to the blizzard that swept the city for two days, blowing down wires and covering the tracks with ice and sleet.

The railroads are still badly crippled, and it is doubtful if train schedules will be in order for several days. All the overland mail from the west are from 5 to 25 hours late, many of the trains being snowbound at points outside of the city.

Suffering among the poor is said to be great, and many charitable organizations are called upon for financial aid. No deaths have been reported.

Traffic Delayed. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—After being partially paralyzed since early yesterday by the worst storm Western Pennsylvania has known in years, the railroad systems resumed operations to-day, but little was done to move trains and thousands of passengers delayed by the storm remained at their hotels without braving the storm to get to railroad stations. The predictions of more snow and colder weather blanketed the hopes of the railroad off to speak to-night. The railroad has known in years, the railroad systems resumed operations to-day, but little was done to move trains and thousands of passengers delayed by the storm remained at their hotels without braving the storm to get to railroad stations. The predictions of more snow and colder weather blanketed the hopes of the railroad off to speak to-night.

Wire communication from the East is slow. Due to the uncertainty of train dispatching it is not known just how many trains from the East are stalled.

BLIZZARD RAGES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—All trains are very late as a result of the blizzard which has been sweeping the Atlantic seaboard for the last 48 hours. President Taft decided not to start for New York, where he had intended to speak to-night. The railroad has warned him that he was not likely to arrive on time, as it is practically impossible to send a train through on time.

SEVENTY MILLIONS INVOLVED.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—All of J. Pierpont Morgan's Chicago traction interests have been purchased by a Chicago company, according to an announcement made here. The deal involves more than \$70,000,000, and is said to contemplate a merger of all surface and elevated lines under the name of the Chicago Connecting Railways.

RUSSIA'S NAVY. Defence Committee of Douma Rejects Credit for Proposed New Battleships. St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The national defence committee of the Douma has rejected by a large majority the credit for new battleships.

DEAD OCCASIONS
NEAR DEATH

Hardship From Fort Person.

Dec. 24.—Bishop T. O. Church of St. James arrived here, accompanied by Mrs. MacKenzie. The bishop and Mrs. Johnson, on his way to the head of the river, emptying into the bay. The party was partly frozen, and it took five days for the men to walk only five miles, where there were frozen moccasins and furs. The men were compelled to eat the moccasins and furs, and when they reached the bay, they were so weak that they were unable to walk.

BARONESS.

Dec. 24.—The court favor of Baroness de la Roche, who has been placed upon the late King of the late King to seize the residence by their father's claim of ownership.

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PIONEERS CELEBRATE DIAMOND JUBILEE
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander Have Seen City Grow From Tent Field.

While the merry Christmas season was at its height a most interesting event was celebrated at "Rockabella Garden," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander, this happy old couple having attained their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Four generations were represented. The merry family partook of a sumptuous dinner in the spacious dining room of the "old home," and after the usual well wishes were tendered to the aged hosts, returned to the recent home, "Rockabella," which was prettily decorated for the occasion, where a reception took place from 2 until 5 o'clock p.m. During that time many friends tendered their warmest congratulations and best wishes for the future welfare of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander. Among those present were: Mr. H. Dallas Holmcken, K. C., Miss D. McTavish, Mr. D. McTavish, Mr. and Mrs. James Maynard, Miss B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Preece, Mr. and Mrs. James Todd (Cedar Hill), Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Alderman Nicholson (Cedar Hill), Miss H. C. Woodhouse, Miss Cooper, Mrs. and Miss O'Brien, Mr. Rowden, Mr. G. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer, Mr. A. Alexander, Mrs. R. M. Palmer, Mr. A. Rowden, Mr. Wm. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. F. Saul, Mr. and Mrs. Service, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bull, Mrs. and Miss Hicks.

The old couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable Christmas gifts which showed the love and esteem of the donors. Among these were the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. Bull, cheque; Misses Hilda and Hazel Alexander, brilliant comb; Harvey Alexander, handkerchiefs; Mrs. and Miss Williams, cheque; Mrs. Palmer, dressing jacket; Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer, fowls; Mr. H. D. Helmecken, beautiful cake plate and fruit cake; Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, silk handkerchiefs; Mr. and Mrs. Preece, pot plants; Mr. and Mrs. James Maynard, slippers; Mr. and Mrs. Todd, cut flowers; Mrs. and Miss Hicks, cheque; Mr. R. Hicks, cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Saul, cheque; Mrs. Newcomb, cheque; Alderman Nicholson (Cedar Hill), cheque; Mr. and Miss McTavish, china.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander are pioneers of the city who have seen Victoria grow from a tent-covered field, and Hudson's Bay Company trading post into a beautiful city. They took back and compare the stump-covered fields of Victoria in 1858 with the lovely streets and parks of the present time. They were residents of St. Louis for a long time. Mr. Alexander having been and operated a grist mill in that city for 16 years.

Hearing of the gold discoveries in California, the young husband decided to leave St. Louis and try his luck in the mines. Leaving there in 1875, accompanied by his wife, two children, four friends and a guide, they crossed the plains in a van drawn by a five-wheeled horse-drawn wagon. They reached the Pacific coast at the mouth of Sweet Water river, Pacific springs, Salt Lake road and Humboldt river. Many creeks and streams were crossed on a raft. During this long and dangerous journey Mr. and Mrs. Alexander encountered many hardships, and had narrow escapes from Indians. The natives robbed the party of their cattle and other belongings. Mr. Hullback, one of the party, found it necessary to shoot twenty-two Indians. This act quieted them for a while.

After reaching California they and footsore from their four months' journey, Mr. Alexander worked in the mines for a while. Becoming dissatisfied he left California on the steamer Oregon, on July 1, 1853, and arrived in Victoria, then an infant city, reaching from James Bay to Bastion Square. Mr. Alexander tried his luck once more in seeking for the beautiful yellow metal in the Fraser River mines in 1861, and there met with success. Turning to home and family, he worked at his trade as a carpenter and received the wages of \$8 a day. After a while Mr. and Mrs. Alexander went to live in South Fork of the Columbia that district for thirty-three years. Later they returned again to that portion of Victoria known as Swan Lake district, where they have resided for seventeen years. They are highly respected by all who know them. Mr. Alexander is 85 and Mrs. Alexander is 75 years of age. They are the parents of twelve children, six of that number having crossed the divide. Six children, twenty-nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren are living to comfort the old couple in their declining years.

PHOENIX, Dec. 22.—The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, owning the Trail smelter and operating the Snowshoe mine at Phoenix and several other properties, have acquired the No. 7 mine in Central camp, about six miles south of Phoenix.

ELITE STUDIO
 46 PORT STREET, Opposite Royal Hotel.
 DEVELOPING AND ENLARGING FOR AMATEURS.
 Portraits, Post Cards, Lantern Slides. Photos copied and colored.

Fished Up His Son's Watch.

Chester, Penn., Dec. 27.—While fishing in Darby Creek, James Zell dropped his gold watch and chain overboard and, after trying to recover them, gave them up for lost. Recently Mr. Zell's father went fishing at the same spot. "When ready to go home, he felt a tug at his line and when the hook came into sight, there were the missing watch and chain. Lost health is not so easily recovered. The easy way and the right way to keep well is to guard your health while you have it. "Fruit-a-tives" Tablet every night at bed time will keep the Liver active, the Bowels regular, the Stomach sweet, the Skin clear and the whole system in the best and most vigorous condition. If you are not feeling, or sleeping, or eating as you should, take "Fruit-a-tives," the famous medicine made from fruit juices and tonics. "Fruit-a-tives" are sold by all dealers at 50¢ a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial size, 25¢—or will be sent, postpaid, on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

BURGLARS BUSY AT VANCOUVER
Two Safes Blown Open With Nitro-Glycerine—Robbers Flee Without Booty.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Two safes in the city were blown open with nitro-glycerine early Saturday morning, but so far as is known, not a single dollar was taken by the burglars, although in both instances bills were lying within easy reach. The first case was at the office of the Chew Lumber Company, at the corner of Sixth avenue and Laurel street. About 3 o'clock in the morning Watchman Matthews, while on his rounds through the yards, heard a shot, apparently in the direction of the office. He ran to the scene and saw three men running down the street. They were too far away for apprehension, so he telephoned the police. Detectives worked on the affair for hours, but the men had got safely away. The contents of the safe were disturbed, but none of the money had been taken, although there was a considerable amount of it there in view. The craftsmen were doubtless frightened by the rapid approach of the watchman when the shot went off. The other safe which was cracked was that in the office of the Cascade woodyard on Paice Creek. This burglary happened during the same night. There were valuable papers and a considerable quantity of cash in the safe, but nothing was pilfered.

PRETTY WEDDING ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT
Miss Bell and Mr. George Roland United in Matrimony.

A very fashionable wedding took place on Saturday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Edmonton road, when Miss Ida Gertrude Bell, the youngest daughter of Mr. W. Bell, and Mr. George Roland were united in marriage by Rev. T. E. Helling. Both are well known in this city, having lived here for some time. A large number of friends gathered to witness the ceremony and after congratulating the young couple. The bride looked very charming in a dress of white net over white silk trimmed with pearls. She also wore a pretty veil. Miss Floesie Baker, who acted as bridesmaid, was dressed in pink satin and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Mr. Shaw, of Vancouver, acted as best man. The decorations were carried out with white streamers, which were arranged very artistically. The table was decorated with white carnations, and what must have been most gratifying to the guest was the almost whole household turnout of his neighbors of Camp Slough and Rosedale, says the Chilliwack Progress.

MYSTERIOUS STABBING CASE AT VANCOUVER
Man is Taken Into Custody Charged With Attempted Murder.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—As a result of a stabbing affray in the Manitoba hotel early Saturday, Raymond Miller is in St. Paul's hospital with a knife wound in his back, and Eugene Cullity is in the city jail facing the charge of attempted murder. Early on Saturday morning the police received a call to the Manitoba hotel, and Constable Jewett found the man Miller lying on the bed in a pool of blood, with one leg spouting blood in his back, one on the left side and the other two on the right. On another bed in the room he found W. A. Poole, apparently in a state of intoxication. Frank Gates was also present and evidently under the influence of liquor. The story he told the constable was that a stranger had suddenly entered the room where the three were, and drawing a long knife, had attacked Miller viciously. Acting on the information given, the policeman went to room 304, where he found the man Cullity basely engaged in removing traces of blood from his person, while a blood-stained garment lay on the floor. He was at once arrested and taken to the police station, where a charge of attempted murder was preferred. While Miller's wounds are reported to be serious, ultimate recovery is hoped for.

"What does your wife want for Christmas?" "Something that I can't afford," as usual.—Detroit Free Press.

MEMBERS OF THE CABINET CONFIDENT
SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS OF CAMPAIGN

Chamberlain Writes on Tariff Reform—John Burns Makes Protest.

London, Dec. 27.—At present there are not wanting signs that the materialists, from the Premier and the Chancellor of the Exchequer downwards, are quite satisfied with the progress of the election fight. But, of course, a vigorous New Year campaign by the Conservatives, with Mr. Bal-four leading, may change their confident demeanor. It is officially stated that the writs will now issue from the Crown Office on January 10th, thus corresponding with 1906, and giving the Radicals what they claim to be the advantage of a Saturday poll in the earlier constituencies.

Mr. Chamberlain is making up for his enforced silence by a series of telling letters, in one of which he says: "It does not find any difficulty in answering those who profess to believe that tariff reform will make food dearer. In Germany, if it has not raised the cost of living, I do not see why it should do so in this country. On the other hand, we may arrange matters so that goods imported free are raw materials and not finished manufactures."

At Newport, Lord Tennyson read a letter from Mr. Chamberlain, stating he hoped this election would be the end of the system which had made possible all we complain of, especially unemployment. Lord Milner, speaking at Cardiff, said the present duty of the people was to consider the relative position of both parties and disentangle it from irrelevant matters, which had been raised to the prejudice of one party. People had to consider the financial proposals of the government against what was really the true interests of the country.

John Burns, speaking at Nine Elms, complained that the placards and cartoons of Unionists were scandalous. They were issued in the interests of the food taxer and trusts, which would get a footing through the tariff and bring about the moral degradation of people as well as political corruption. It was monstrous that London should be subjected to grotesque exaggerations which hid the facts from the people. Mr. Macnamara declared in a speech that the Conservative party had handed itself in for a second defeat. So far as he could see they knew it, they knew they could not face the constitutionalism raised by Lord Lansdowne's motion, and therefore rushed frantically from one expedient to another. The result of a plebiscite taken at Gateshead in order to prevent a three-cornered contest was as follows: In 19, 133 post cards were sent out and 701 were returned, the result being Elvers-ton, Liberal, 3,617; Jonson, Labor, 2,325; Doyle, Unionist, 1,069.

C. W. MUNRO IS GUEST AT BANQUET
Former Member Presented With Address and Hall Clock.

About 350 of Mr. C. W. Munro's friends and supporters answered to invitations, and gathered on Tuesday evening to do honor to a man who had represented them in the provincial legislature for the past eleven years. There were present friends from the extreme bounds of the constituency, and what must have been most gratifying to the guest was the almost whole household turnout of his neighbors of Camp Slough and Rosedale, says the Chilliwack Progress. The banquet was held in Henderson's hall, which was most artistically decorated with flags and banners and garland hangers. The Chilliwack Dance Orchestra was present and well provided with a collection of harmonizing music that did much to further the spirit of good feeling that prevailed. At the conclusion of the dinner the president of the Liberal Association, Mr. J. A. MacLeod, proposed the toast of the "King," which was responded to by the singing of the national anthem by the entire assembly. "He then proposed the toast to the "guest" of the evening, Mr. E. Darrow, in a well worded address, spoke of the worth and sterling qualities of Mr. Munro, as a man and a neighbor. During the course of his remarks, a beautifully framed and illuminated address was handed to him by little Miss Frankie Kipp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kipp, and on behalf of the committee presented to Mr. Munro. Accompanying the address was a presentation of a beautiful hall clock, which at the proper moment was unveiled by little Miss Ada Nelems, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Nelems, and disclosed to the astonished gaze of both Mr. and Mrs. Munro as well as the larger number of people present. Along with this a bouquet of carnations and roses was presented to Mrs. Munro by the same charming little lady, amid a storm of applause from the entire assembly. Mr. Munro responded most manfully to the words of praise and the tokens of affection presented to himself and Mrs. Munro.


The secretary of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home, Wm. Scofield, gratefully acknowledges the donation of \$21, the proceeds of a concert held at Sidney recently by the Sidney basketball club.



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WRECK CAUSED BY BROKEN RAIL
List of Those Injured in Accident on C. P. R. Near Chappleau.

Fort William, Dec. 27.—Latest reports show that 31 persons were injured when part of the Toronto-Winnipeg express was derailed thirty-seven miles west of Chappleau. The cause, as far as yet ascertained, was a broken rail, the engine having passed over safely. Among the injured were:

- Mr. Comstock, aged 32, Norwood, Ont., scalp injured, not serious.
- Geo. Karkon, aged 46, Millbrook, Ont., scalp wound, not serious.
- Theo. Moline, aged 50, Amsterdam, N. Y., back injured, not serious.
- James Gilmore, aged 72, 93 Borden street, Toronto, shoulder injured.
- Miss Gilmore, 32 Borden street, Toronto, back injured, not serious.
- Mrs. Arthur Bruce, Francis, Sask., ankle sprained, not serious.
- H. Ingram, locomotive foreman, C. P. R., Nakusp, B. C., cut over eye and bruised jaw, not serious.
- T. Nelson, Pilot Mound, Man., arm injured, not serious.
- E. Priot, Emerson, Man., finger nail torn off.
- D. A. McLean, Moosomin, Sask., internal injuries.
- Mrs. Lewis Melon, Halbrite, Sask., internal injuries.
- Mrs. Hugh McMahon, Newdale, back and side injured, probably serious.
- C. Ward, 233 Panton street, Fort William, scalp injured, not serious.
- Mr. G. E. Laine, 134 Osington street, Toronto, right side bruised.
- B. Campbell, aged 35, Lethbridge, Alta., head slightly cut, not serious.
- Mrs. W. McElroy, age 38, Frobisher, Sask., neck and shoulder hurt, not serious.
- Mrs. D. W. Turnbull, 250 Austin street, Winnipeg, badly shaken up.
- Mrs. S. Dickson, age 33, 117 Demur street, Winnipeg, hurt about body pretty badly.
- Mrs. E. Saunders, age 35, Crossfield, Alta., leg hurt, badly.
- Mrs. A. Gow, age 30, Carberry, Man., back hurt, not serious.
- J. H. Comstock, age 36, Norwood, Ont., head cut slightly.
- Miss McMahon, head slightly cut, side hurt, not serious.
- George Vale, age 35, Govan, Sask., back sprained, not serious.
- Mrs. J. D. Watson, age 31, Moosejaw, Sask., hip hurt, not serious.
- Mrs. W. Glendenning, aged 30, Saskatoon, Sask., badly shaken up.
- George Patterson, aged 30, arm hurt, not serious.
- Mrs. J. E. Millburn, age 33, Sellen, Sask., right eye bruised, not serious.
- Mrs. J. H. Towdsale, age 25, bruised hand and wrist, not serious.

NO SUCH LUCK.
 He looked in a store window and saw "Hats reduced." "Heavens!" said he to himself. "What was their original size?"—Lippincott's.

QUARRYMAN KILLED ON TRACK AT KOKSILAH
Run Down by a Work Train—Had Travelled Much of World.

David Bennett, who had travelled over a considerable part of the world, was run over and instantly killed by an E. & N. work train shortly before midnight on Thursday near Koksilah station. Bennett had been employed for the past few months at the C. P. R. stone quarry at Koksilah. On Thursday evening he was in the Koksilah hotel, where he had several drinks. About eleven o'clock he left for his lodgings and walked down the track. It is supposed that he was killed by a work train which passed through at 11:30. The body, badly mangled, was found next morning between the rails. Provincial Constable Morton had the body taken to Duncan, where an inquest was opened to-day. Burial took place at Duncan this afternoon.

The provincial police here have been unable to get any trace of any relatives or friends. From papers found on the body it was found that Bennett had travelled a great deal in Europe, the United States, South America, Australia, South Africa and other countries. About a year ago he spent a short time in Victoria on first coming to the province.

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ACCEPTED THE CALL.
 Rev. N. G. Melvin Comes to Revelstoke From Glasgow.

Revelstoke, Dec. 23.—Rev. W. L. McRae, moderator of the Presbytery of Kamloops, has received a cablegram from Glasgow, Scotland, announcing the acceptance by Rev. N. G. Melvin, B. A., of the appointment to St. John's Presbyterian church at Revelstoke to commence duties early in January. Mr. Melvin has a number of friends in this vicinity who will be glad to learn of his appointment. He was formerly stationed at Arrowhead, but has recently

been taking a post-graduate course in Theology at Glasgow.

KILLED IN MINE.
 Fernie, Dec. 23.—Joseph Hewitson, aged 25 years, engaged as driver in No. 1 mine, Coal Creek, was killed while making a trip of coal cars out of the mine. The horse became unmanageable and the deceased jumped from the string and was crushed between the cars and the timbers, having his back broken and dying before he could be brought to the tunnel mouth. He had only been employed for about two weeks, coming from Cumberland, England. He was unmarried.

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NAVAL SUPREMACY.

The alleged German menace is now doing duty for political purposes on both sides of the great waters which divide the British Empire on two hemispheres. Or rather an attempt is being made to equip this mythical menace for duty in Canada and in Great Britain. The attempt in Canada is doomed to failure because the forces which are trying to utilize it are hopelessly divided, one section shouting that the Canadian naval programme is totally inadequate because it does not provide for an immediate contribution of at least two Dreadnoughts in addition to the provision of a home fleet; another demanding direct contributions and no fleet in Canada because to construct, man and work warships is beyond our capacity; while another proclaims its conviction that a Canadian navy will be totally out of harmony with the conditions and traditions of this continent, which is now and must be for all time beyond the outer run of the vortex of war.

The last element it would be comforting to think upon tenable ground; but it is to be feared the millennium has not yet dawned even upon this peacefully inclined portion of the earth. War, like an event predicted by the greatest of all the prophets, generally comes as a thief in the night. Canada is attaining the proportions of a nation, and must be ready to assume national responsibilities.

These obligations, when assumed, will supply the answer to the arguments of the second class of objectors, that Canadians are an inferior people, incapable of building and operating naval vessels. Surely it will not be held that we are inferior to the people from whose loins we sprang. At any rate we are going to endeavor to establish the fact of our equality if we can, because Canada will assuredly meet her imperial obligations by proceeding with the work of constructing a navy of her own.

Experience has already demonstrated that direct contributions to the British navy will not meet the requirements of the situation even if it promised a permanent solution of the defence problem. Australia tried the system for a few years, stipulating as a condition of the contributions that a certain number of warships should be maintained in Antipodean waters. This condition proved such a source of irritation on account of differences of opinion respecting the strength of the squadron to be maintained that the arrangement was withdrawn, and Australia adopted the plan, with modifications suited to her circumstances, which has been approved by the Admiralty and the government of Canada. The fact that the scheme of Canada has been sealed with the approval of the British Admiralty seems to be persistently overlooked by the Toronto News, a heady loyalist, as it avers that when the situation demanded prompt action, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has shown himself sadly wanting.

It is strange the variety of cases to which this "German menace" can be made to apply. The Tories in Great Britain are working it overtime just now, but they need it. It will hardly save them from the doom the noble lords have prepared for them. What is the truth in regard to this alleged menace? We have it before us from an independent source, the Scientific American. It is taken from a table of the United States naval department, and bears out fully a statement made the other day regarding the ability of the British fleet to maintain the inviolability of the Empire.

The statement for the present year, says the Scientific American, which shows the relative standing of the navies on November 1st, possesses special interest because it gives an authoritative statement as to the present strength of the navies in ships of the "Dreadnought" type—a subject regarding which the public has been treated during the past few months to overmuch literature of a sensational and misleading character.

Of battleships of the "Dreadnought" type, Great Britain has afloat and completed four, Germany two, and the United States two. France, Japan, Russia, Italy, and Austria have not as yet completed a ship of the "Dreadnought" type. Of "Dreadnoughts" under construction, Great Britain possesses seven, Germany six, the United States four, Japan two, Russia four, and Italy one. France and Austria have no "Dreadnoughts" under construction.

Of armored cruisers of the "Invincible" type, Great Britain possesses three, and has two under construction; Germany has none completed, and three under construction; and Japan has one completed and one building.

Adding together the totals for ships armed entirely with big guns, both "Dreadnoughts" and "Invincibles," we find that Great Britain has seven completed of 125,450 tons displacement, and nine under construction of 181,000 tons; Germany has two completed of 35,000 tons, and nine under construction of 183,000 tons; the United States has two completed of 32,000 tons, and four under construction of 83,460 tons; Japan has built one of 14,600 tons and is building three of 52,200 tons total displacement; Russia has none completed and is building four of 92,000 tons total displacement; Italy has none completed, and one of 18,600 tons under construction; France and Austria have nothing either afloat or on the stocks of the all-big-gun type.

Of battleships of the first class, other than "Dreadnoughts" (in which enumeration the navy department includes all battleships of about 10,000 tons displacement or over that are less than twenty years old, unless they have been reconstructed and re-armed since 1907) Great Britain possesses forty-nine of 714,750 tons displacement; Germany, twenty-four of 232,424 tons; the United States, twenty-five of 324,146 tons; France, seventeen of 215,270 tons; Japan, twelve of 174,888 tons; Russia, five of 165,000 tons; Italy, ten of 122,690 tons; and Austria, three of 81,800 tons. Great Britain, Germany, the United States and Italy are building no battleships of this class, but France has six, Japan one, Russia four, and Austria three under construction.

Of armored cruisers other than the "Invincible" type, Great Britain possesses thirty-five of 415,500 tons displacement; Germany, nine of 68,683 tons; the United States, twelve of 157,145 tons; France, twenty-one of 192,882 tons; Japan, eleven of 180,900 tons; Russia, seven of 70,200 tons; Italy, eight of 59,000 tons; and Austria, three of 18,800 tons.

In the class of torpedo-boat destroyers, Great Britain leads with 148, followed by Russia with 97, Germany with 78, Japan with 56, France with 56, the United States with 37, Italy with 17, and Austria with 6. Great Britain has 20 torpedo boat destroyers under construction, the United States 19, Germany 15, France 16, Japan 3, and Austria 6.

The following table gives the relative order of warship tonnage both at present and when all the ships now under construction are completed. It will be noted that the only change in relative standing in the second list is that Germany will take the second position at present held by the United States.

Nation.	At Present.	When Completed.
Great Britain	1,758,850	2,045,872
United States	627,715	785,587
Germany	489,700	829,682
France	602,920	766,906
Japan	286,368	489,704
Russia	239,283	412,250
Italy	274,838	327,818
Austria	114,897	197,297

It is here that the careful observer of naval development must look for an explanation of the feverish haste with which Germany is building a fleet of "Dreadnoughts." The short-sighted policy which led to the mounting of the 9.4-inch gun as the principal arm in her first two squadrons of battleships, left her navy in a very serious condition when, the absolute superiority of the 12-inch gun was demonstrated in the battle of the Sea of Japan. Her present lavish expenditure on battleships must be regarded rather in the light of an effort to retrieve a disastrous error than as a distinct challenge to the supremacy of the British or any other navy.

THE LORDS' GRIEVOUS ERROR.

Why should the forces of political reaction in Great Britain be disturbed in mind because in the face of a real constitutional crisis, when a pernicious precedent is sought to be established, the various wings and divisions of the armies of progress should unite and act in concert for the purpose of achieving a common end? The vital principle of whether an elective or a hereditary body shall control the finances of the nation is at stake. That is a matter of fundamental importance which may affect deeply the future of the great body of the people. Could anything else be expected than that all who profess the Liberal faith, although they may not all occupy the same ground, should sink their sectional opinions and advance in a common body to meet a common enemy? There is nothing unusual in such a development. Precedents for it may be cited from the works of any of the historians. When the moment had come for Wellington to strike the final blow at Waterloo, the command was for the whole army, which had been on the defensive all day, to advance.

That is the position of the Liberal forces in Great Britain to-day. They have been battered and hammered and hampered by the opposition for four years, and in some instances have shown evidence of disintegration from within, but the lords by their actions leaving proved their determination to stem the tide of social and political progress by killing all measures deemed to be of fundamental importance, have aroused the true spirit of Liberalism in the hearts and the understanding of the British people and united the great body of the electors in a stern determination to uphold the threatened

rights of the Commons. Could any other time have been looked for under such conditions? When the liberties of the people are menaced, the natural thing is for all who value liberty and independence to unite against the menacing foe.

There is a rather surprising thing to note in connection with the present struggle in the old Isles whose people have led the whole world towards the great light of political liberty and freedom. That is that the Tory forces on the eve of battle are cleft asunder by several schemes. The leader of the party, Mr. Balfour, is not a convinced tariff reformer. In that respect he probably represents the inward conviction of a majority of Conservatives. It is no trifling matter for a party of men of such settled convictions as the British Tories are, men who have been politically nurtured on free trade principles, to swallow their inherited and reasoned convictions and shout for protection.

Then a considerable number of Tory peers are convinced, and have publicly recorded their views, that the Lords made a serious mistake in rejecting the budget and placing in the hands of the government such an effective weapon with which to beat a resounding tattoo on coroneted heads. The Liberal leaders are not hesitating to make the most out of the situation. No reverence for hereditary privileges like the tongues of men like Merrick Asquith, Chancellor Lloyd George, Burns, Churchill or Haldane.

Probably public opinion in this country may be that the Established Church of England is one factor which can be counted as a unit in support of the position of the lords. Such is not the case, if one may be considered safe in founding an opinion on the expressions of the leading Church paper of the United Kingdom. There is no question as to the weight of authority exercised in Anglican circles by the Church Times. It has a wide circulation and as wide an influence. The speeches of the Archbishop of York and of the Bishop of Hereford have already been quoted. They were considered of sufficient importance to telegraph across the ocean. We shall give a portion of the observations of the Church Times on the action of the Lords, which the organ treats convincingly from a constitutional point of view:

"The House of Lords, theoretically considered, is a rather absurd institution. No inventor of Constitutions would dream of anything so fantastic; it is an odd survival from a state of things long past and it does not represent what we logically consider in its original formation. It is not an assembly of magnates, but a fortuitous collection of individuals. The majority of its members are obscure persons known without weight or authority. The methods by which it is recruited are often suspicious, and sometimes scandalous. It should be overwhelmed with ridicule. But nothing of the kind happens. On the contrary, this theoretically absurd institution has real power, real influence and authority in the country; a power, influence, and authority which we see steadily increasing. Among all the anomalies of English politics this seems to be the most conspicuous."

"The weight and influence of the House have been sufficiently evident at all times. Not least are they proved by the futile attempt of the Conservatives, as long ago as the year 1884 Mr. Gladstone sounded the trumpet for an attack. Nothing came of it. Three years ago the House of Commons, on the motion of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, adopted a resolution involving a specific threat. Nothing further has been heard of it. The House of Lords has taken charge of government bills—its Lord Cresswell's pathetic complaint—and has modified them out of recognition; some have been lost in consequence, some have been passed in a chastened spirit of compromise, others, again, have been summarily rejected. And now, to crown all, the House of Lords has refused to pass the Finance Bill of the year—has, in effect, 'refused Supply.' The House of Commons might well resolve in a historic words, that the power of the House of Lords 'has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished.'"

NATIONAL PROGRESS.

The small increase in the public debt of Canada notwithstanding the important public works which have been undertaken, principally for the purpose of increasing transportation facilities and preparing the way for the great armies of settlers now pouring into the country, is a matter of astonishment to almost all critics in the world except Hon. George E. Foster.

As Mr. Fielding pointed out in his financial statement, the national debt, from a per capita point of view, is steadily decreasing. It is not necessary to tell Canadians that they are a very much wealthier people than they were thirteen years ago. They know that from their individual experience. But if it were necessary to convince them by statistics, as Mr. Foster used to attempt to do when he was custodian of the finances, an examination of the statements of the postoffice savings bank and of the statements of the chartered banks of the country would supply the most convincing evidence.

The growth of the trade of the Dominion, also, is another of the wonders of the times. The case of the United States when at a similar stage in her career as a nation did not supply an effective parallel to it. Indeed the case of the United States at the present time, notwithstanding the marvellous wealth of that nation and its equally marvellous annual growth,

does not furnish a parallel at the present time.

The trade returns prove that Canada in proportion to population is producing a greater volume of wealth than any country in the world does at the present time or ever did. The fruitful lands of the prairies are at the present time the principal source of this wonderful production and the consequent prosperity. And the circumstances will probably continue for a good many years, because the settlement of the new provinces has only begun. The stream of population from the old world and the southern part of the new has not by any means reached its maximum head. But there will be a reflex movement which will affect every part of Canada, British Columbia probably more directly than the manufacturing centres of the East. The effective exploitation of one source of wealth leads to the development of wealth in other forms. Our lumbermen and lumber manufacturers are the chief beneficiaries of the growth of population in the prairies. The experience of the heads and the workers in these important industries will be the experience of our fruit growers and agriculturists in due time. Canadians do not yet fully realise what is meant by the phrase, "this is our growing time." The era of doubt and misgiving has passed away forever. The tide of prosperity may experience a slight ebb occasionally, according as the seasons prove unfavorable, but the tendency will be in the direction of a steady flow.

ELIAS CASTLEY DIED FROM INJURIES

Respected Resident of Duncan Passed Away at Hospital on Christmas Day.

(From Monday's Daily.)

As the result of an accident which befell him last week, Elias Castley, of Duncan, passed away at St. Joseph's hospital on Christmas morning. He was employed by the B. C. Telephone Company for several years as a lineman, making his home at Duncan.

While at work on the telephone line near Duncan a few days ago a defective rope caused a pole to fall, which badly crushed him. He was immediately brought to Victoria on the train and an operation performed. It was, however, impossible to save his life, he having succumbed to his injuries. Deceased was born in Westmoreland, England, and was in his 88th year. He was well known both in this city and in Duncan, and his loss will be sorely felt by his numerous friends. The late Mr. Castley was a valued member of the I.O.O.F. at Duncan, where he was secretary of the lodge. His remains were forwarded yesterday morning by the C. P. Railway to the funeral home of Mr. C. C. Furness, the Undertaker, for interment. There was a large turn out from the local lodges of Odd Fellows, who accompanied the remains from the station to their care of the children. The pallbearers were as follows: P. A. McLean, J. Wilby, P. Davey, A. Henderson, W. J. Wrightsworth and J. Dillabough.

PIONEER CITIZEN DIES VERY SUDDENLY

John Emery, Well Known Tobaccoist, A Victim of Heart Disease.

The death occurred very suddenly Thursday afternoon of John Emery, the well-known cigar and tobacco dealer, of Government street. Deceased had been enjoying his customary health and was about town most of the day. In the afternoon, while paying a business visit to the office of P. R. Brown & Co. on Broad street, he was seized with a sudden illness and had to be sent to his home, where he passed away an hour and a half later. Heart disease is said to have been the cause of his death. Deceased was widely known and highly respected. He had lived in Victoria for nearly twenty years. He was a native of North Hatley, Quebec, and was 67 years of age. A widow, three sons and four daughters survive him. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family. The circumstances are rendered additionally sad, owing to the fact that only a few weeks ago a son died father suddenly.

DIES SUDDENLY.

United States Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi, Expires in His Library.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 24.—United States Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly Wednesday night of heart disease at his home in Brandon, Miss. The fatal attack seized Senator McLaurin while he was seated in a rocking chair in front of the fireplace in his library. He fell forward without speaking a word, and was dead when members of his family reached him. The sudden death followed within a few moments of a remark by Senator McLaurin that he was feeling better than he had felt at any time since his illness, resulting from ptomaine poisoning. The appointment of his successor may be made immediately by Governor Noel.

King Alfonso of Spain has a unique museum consisting of a collection of articles by which his life has been endangered. Amongst them is to be found the skin of a horse which was killed by a bomb flung at his Majesty.

RAILWAY SERVICE SOUTH OF FRASER

Conference Between Royal City Board of Trade and G. N. Officials.

New Westminster, Dec. 23.—Another conference was held between the officers of the New Westminster board of trade and the Great Northern railway officials with respect to a better train service on the Great Northern south of the Fraser river and as a result it is expected that a greatly improved service will be instituted in the near future.

The conference was held for the purpose of considering an alternative scheme proposed by the Great Northern Railway Company by which a tri-weekly service would be installed on the line between Cloverdale and Huntingdon instead of a daily service as suggested. This plan was strenuously opposed by the representatives of the Westminster and Surrey boards of trade and eventually a scheme was drafted which will be submitted to the officials of the company at Seattle for their approval.

This scheme provides for a daily train service to New Westminster from Port Gulch on the west and Huntingdon on the east, arriving at New Westminster about 9 a. m. and returning to leave here either at 3.30 or at 5 o'clock. If at the former time the train will be a freight with a passenger coach attached or at the latter a straight passenger train. It is suggested that there should be a tri-weekly service from Hazelmore on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on market day having a box car attached to the train for carrying small market produce. In consequence of the recent heavy rains it will be two or three weeks before the proposed service will be put into effect, but once it is approved by the officials of the company it will be pushed forward without delay.

The Great Northern railway now has a daily schedule between Port Gulch and New Westminster. It is supposed to arrive at New Westminster about 10 o'clock and leave here about 3.30. There is no service between Huntingdon and Cloverdale, while there is only a train on Sunday from Cloverdale to Hazelmore.

CEDAR HILL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Entertainment for Pupils Next Week—Closing Exercises.

Gordon Head, Dec. 21.—On Friday evening, the 17th inst., the annual Christmas concert in connection with the Cedar Hill school was held in the Cedar Hill Temperance hall. A large crowd was present and the first part of the programme, which was given by the pupils, was greatly appreciated by all. After the programme it was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Rev. H. A. Collison, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the teachers of the school for their care of the children. C. E. King proved himself an able chairman and the following programme was rendered: Chorus, "Fire Brigade" by the school; recitation, Leslie Deacon; Xmas drill by eight girls; Mother Goose pantomime, twenty boys and girls; chorus, "Merry Christmas," by the school; song, "Good Night," five little girls; dialogue, "Wanted a Servant," girls in Division I.; song, with banjo accompaniment, W. E. Hammond; recitation, Miss Meacock; song, Miss Marion Ofterhaus; song, Rev. H. A. Collison; recitation, Sidney Williams; duet, Misses Ofterhaus. The proceeds from the concert will be devoted to an Xmas tree for the pupils, to be held on the Wednesday after Christmas.

The North Dairy and Gordon Head schools also held their closing exercises on Friday. At the former the pupils presented their teacher, Mr. Thomas, with a fountain pen. At the latter a good programme was prepared, which was greatly enjoyed by the large number present.

The contract for carrying the mail from Gordon Head to Victoria has been awarded to Mr. Williamson, who will commence his duties on January 1st, 1910.

Mr. Henry Lewis, who has been visiting friends in Drinkwater, Sask., has returned to his home at Mount Toimie.

H. E. Marchant has purchased the residence formerly owned by P. Gosling at Mount Toimie.

Mr. H. Lester and family, from Newfoundland are visiting Mrs. Bradshaw and intend spending the winter in the district.

Mr. Macaulay, who recently purchased G. Watson's residence in Gordon Head, has arrived with his family from Moosejaw and is residing in his new home.

BRAKEMAN INJURED.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Guests at the Barnard hotel at the corner of Campbell avenue and Powell street heard deep groan about 8.30 Saturday night and when they traced the sounds they found a brakeman lying unconscious on the C. P. R. tracks in front of the hotel. He was taken at once to the General hospital and there it was learned that his name was Arlington Musselman, from Bellingham, Wash., and that he had been a brakeman on the incoming Seattle train last night. It is the supposition that he fell off the cars while the train was in motion, although he himself has no idea how the accident happened. The man's chief injuries are to his back. He will be able to attend to his duties within a few weeks.

BLOCK BURNS.

Winipeg, Dec. 27.—An entire block of stores, banks and business offices at Altona, in the southern part of Manitoba, near the boundary line, in the centre of the Mennonite reserve, was destroyed by fire this morning.

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RESCUES FIVE FROM BURNING BUILDING BY MAIL TRAIN

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 27.—A special train from Odeasa, Wash., says: "The eastbound Great Northern mail train struck the buggy of John Schimke on Sunday, seriously injuring John Roussart and Ruth and Talbert Schimke, aged 3 and 6 respectively, the latter two children of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Schimke, of Odeasa. The accident occurred at a crossing just east of the station, where warehouses obstruct the view of the track for several blocks."

The horse made a dash and got out of the way, but the buggy was broken into splinters and the occupants thrown upon the engine, where they remained until the train was stopped and brought back to the depot.

"The little girl has not regained consciousness, and but little hope is had for her recovery. The driver was badly hurt, his skull being fractured and practically split open on the right side."

At the rear of the house two unknown women were frantically appealing for help from an open window and were about to leap to the street below when Bowland appeared with his ladder. He warned them to stay where they were and was soon going to their rescue. He carried one of the half-fainting women to the sidewalk in safety, and was within 12 feet of the bottom of the other when the ladder broke and Bowland and his burden were precipitated to the pavement. They landed on a bundle of clothes that had been thrown from the window by the woman and were unhurt.

PROBABLY MURDERED.

Loveland, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Mystery surrounds the death of Lemuel Sunnycalf, eight years of age, and his brother Russell, a year younger, whose bodies were found in the ruins of the Sunnycalf home which was destroyed by fire early to-day. Each boy's skull was crushed. Their charred bodies were found near the spot where their bed had stood. The coroner is investigating the case.

Form No. 11
LAND ACT.
FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District.
Take notice that Gilbert Oswald Smith, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of Gall Creek, about 3 miles westerly from the head of said Gall Creek, thence following shore line easterly 190 chains, thence southerly 20 chains, thence following shore line 20 chains distant therefrom westerly 100 chains, thence to point of commencement.
Located Nov. 28th, 1909.
GILBERT OSWALD SMITH.
December 23th, 1909.

Form No. 11
LAND ACT.
FORM OF NOTICE.

Range 1, Coast Land District.
Take notice that Murray C. Potts of Cracraft Island, occupation, rancher, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the shore and extending easterly end of Felix Bay, Call Creek, thence running easterly 30 chains along shore line, thence to point of commencement.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS PASSED IN CITY

AFTER BUSY SEASON ALL ENJOYED HOLIDAY

Y. M. C. A. and W. C. T. U. Looked After Those Away From Home.

After a holiday trade which was acknowledged to have been the heaviest in the history of the city the business men of Victoria enjoyed a well-earned rest on Christmas Day. Of all the holidays in the calendar Christmas is one that is spent in the various homes, and so it was observed in most of cases.

A week or more of ideal weather for shopping preceded the holiday and enabled everyone to get this necessary feature of the festive season carried out without discomfort. Business men all testify to having done a record trade and owing to the steadiness with which it was done no trouble was experienced in giving satisfaction to all.

The optimistic spirit which prevails throughout the city had its effect in making the season one of increased happiness. The approaching new year will be entered upon by Victorians with the fullest assurances of prosperity.

Christmas morning broke with a light covering of snow, a most unpropitious omen for those who have lived in the eastern provinces feel that the weather was reasonable. This light covering, however, disappeared in a few minutes after day broke, and a delightfully pleasant day followed more in keeping with Pacific coast ideas.

In addition to the happy home gatherings in the city provision was made locally for those who were away from home and departed from that pleasure which is recognized as the greatest of all at this season of the year.

In the Hospitals.

At the Royal Jubilee hospital and at St. Joseph's also the patients and nurses were made to feel that it was the season of good will to all. Decorations were well carried out and the utmost done to make all happy.

Y. M. C. A. at Home. The dinner given on Christmas Day at the Y. M. C. A. was a most successful affair. Those who promoted it were delighted to see so many young men present, some 90 gathering to participate in this enjoyable dinner. R. C. Horn, vice-president of the association, presided. In his opening remarks he welcomed all those who were present and wished them "A Merry Christmas." Mr. Horn also stated that he did not see how those who were present could but enjoy the Christmas dinner which was such a bountiful feast before them. The menu was an elaborate one.

For several days members of the association had worked hard decorating the hall for this Christmas occasion. The decorations were indeed well in giving the old room a new appearance. The table was also artistically decorated.

After the dinner an impromptu programme was given and many of those who were present and had musical voices were called upon to give a selection. The afternoon passed in a most pleasant manner and an invitation was extended to all who were present to partake of supper together in the rooms. As a result 50 sat down to a supper which was nearly as elaborate as the dinner. The evening was pleasantly spent.

At the W. C. T. U. Great credit is due to the matron and men of the W. C. T. U. mission on the grand display that they made at the Mission hall on Christmas Day. The decorations were very tastefully displayed and everything went off exceedingly well. Some seventy men partook of dinner, which consisted of turkey, ham, etc., and last but not least, the usual Christmas pudding. The tables looked very tempting indeed for those who were present, and it was indeed a most enjoyable dinner. The tables were cleared of the tables speaks volumes as to the quality of the viands provided. Plenty of willing helpers were kept busy during the whole day and the men again and again gave thanks for the splendid feast that had been prepared.

During the afternoon and evening programme selections were given, and then the men sang at intervals, and all seemed to have had a very happy Christmas.

RETURNED UNOPOSED.

Orangeville, Dec. 27.—John A. Best, of Mulmur, has been elected by acclamation as member of the Dominion House from Dufferin. The seat was formerly held by Dr. Barr, who died suddenly recently. No Liberal candidate was nominated.

Take a Vapor Bath In Your Own Home

Far better than the ordinary bath from a health standpoint and just what you need after the nerve-racking Xmas festivities!

BATH CABINETS
Each, \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$13

The come of simplicity and safety. Come in and let us tell you about them. Ask for circular FREE.

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CHEMIST,
128 GOVERNMENT ST.

COMPLAINTS HEARD AT STREETS COMMITTEE

City Engineer Topp Reports on a Number of Matters.

Aside from the discussion relative to the Wharf street pavement, reported in another column, the business to come before the streets, sewers, and bridges committee Thursday evening was purely of a routine character.

E. T. Rudlin, of Rudlin road, complained that his premises had been damaged by the recent floods. He held the city responsible and would claim damages. The city engineer reported that in his opinion the city was in no way liable.

H. T. Gravin and others of Hultain street protested against the city putting down boulevards there. The city engineer reported that he had looked into the matter and found that there was no intention to do boulevarding on that street.

City Engineer Topp reported on the two complaints of George Jeeves which had been forwarded to him. He agreed with Mr. Jeeves that the rails of the Victoria & Sidney railway along Blanchard avenue were above the line of the street, and that the matter should be attended to. He had some time ago taken the question up with the railway company, but nothing had been done. In regard to Mr. Jeeves' complaint about the drains at the corner of Kings road and Quadra street, the trouble appeared to be with faulty catch basins. These had not been repaired and he did not anticipate any further trouble.

The residents of Maclure street, between Vancouver and Cook, asked that the street be improved. Cement sidewalks had recently been laid. On motion of Aid. Henderson it was decided to accede to the request.

Justin Gilbert, who lives on Douglas street, adjoining Beacon Hill Park, at a point close to the western boundaries of the larger artificial lake, complained that owing to lack of adequate drainage facilities water flowed over the bank and ran across Douglas street to his residence. The matter was, on motion of Aid. Henderson, referred to the city engineer with power to act.

E. Warwick, superintendent of sidewalks, asked what he should do with a small maple tree which would come in the way of a cement sidewalk improvement on the corner of Vancouver and Humboldt streets. The board decided that the tree should be cut down.

COL. CURRIE CONVEYS HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Drill-Season of Fifth Regiment Begins Early in January.

Regimental orders issued by Col. Currie, commanding the Fifth Regiment, are as follows: The following man, having been granted his discharge, is struck off the strength of the regiment, Gar. H. Godfrey.

The following man is suspended in accordance with the terms of regimental order No. 11, para. 1, 1909, Gnr. A. W. Best.

The officer commanding has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the band, to be acting sergeant, Gnr. W. Fairall.

The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength of the regiment, and will assume the regimental numbers opposite their names, and are posted to companies as under: To No. 1 Co., Gnr. Alfred Cockburn; to No. 2 Co., Gnr. Victor Zala.

The officer commanding desires to convey to all ranks his best wishes for the coming Christmas and New Year.

The regular drill season will commence on January 10th, 1910; the company drill nights being as heretofore: Mondays, No. 3 Co.; Tuesdays, No. 1 Co.; Wednesdays, No. 2 Co.

Recruits will parade on Wednesday evenings, commencing January 13th.

Office will be held as usual on Wednesday evenings.

In accordance with the usual custom the drill hall will be closed from December 28th to January 1st, both inclusive.

EXPLOSION ON OIL TANK STEAMER

Three Men Are Injured and One Will Probably Die.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 27.—Three men, one dying and two seriously burned, were brought to this city to-day and placed in the Downing hospital as the result of an explosion on board the oil tank steamer Roma at Olcum late yesterday.

The dying man is Manuel Silveira. The two seriously burned victims are Lewis Tyler and Sam Knutson.

The men were burned when an electric light that they had lowered into the hold of the steamer exploded and ignited oil gas which filled the tank of the Roma.

FATAL RESULT OF QUARREL

Milton, Ont., Dec. 27.—Wm. Hillson, who kept a boarding house at the limekilns, near here, is dead as a result, it is claimed, of a fight in his house on December 19th. It is alleged the trouble started over a game of cards among some of the boarders. Hillson interfered and in the fracas which followed was thrown against the wall with such violence that he was badly cut about the head and lost a large quantity of blood.

DEATH ROLL OF STORM INCREASES

FIFTY PERSONS PERISH IN EASTERN STATES

Property Loss Estimated at \$10,000,000—Suffering Among Poor.

The property loss on Saturday and Sunday in the blizzard that swept the Eastern and New England states is estimated at \$10,000,000.

At least fifty lives were lost, due directly or indirectly to the storm.

Trains in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and New England are seriously delayed by drifts. Freight traffic is practically abandoned. Wire communication is wrecked throughout the storm belt.

Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Pittsburgh are seriously inconvenienced by delayed street car traffic.

Further snow and wind, though not so violent as yesterday, are in sight, according to the weather bureau.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 27.—This city today is face to face with the prospect of being utterly without light, heat and transportation facilities as the result of the blizzards that have been sweeping this section for the last two days.

Officials of the local electric companies that supply the city with light, announced to-day that within 24 hours its supply of fuel would be exhausted, unless traffic conditions, demoralized by the storm, are restored so that more fuel may be rushed to Rockford.

At the end of that time, it was stated, the local plant will be forced to close down. The company also furnished power for the local street car lines.

Little fuel of any description remains in the city. The inadequate supply that is left is being distributed among the poor, who are suffering acutely.

All trains into the city are snow-bound. Railroad officials declared that every means is being exhausted to relieve the blockade so that fuel may be brought from Chicago and other places.

(See also Page 1.)

FEW PASSENGERS AND LIGHT FREIGHT ON TRIP

Umatilla Arrived From San Francisco Christmas Night.

The steamship Umatilla, Capt. Reilly, from San Francisco, reached the outer wharf at 10:30 Christmas night, bound for Seattle. She brought a large cargo for Victoria and a full consignment for Seattle, with some for Vancouver.

The cargo consisted of fruit for the Hudson Bay Company and F. R. Stewart & Co., and Patterson Bros. The remainder of the Victoria cargo consisted of machinery for the Ramsey Machinery Company and general trip outfit for other consignees.

Captain Reilly made a fast trip up the coast in good weather and brought eighteen passengers, three of whom were for Victoria—A. E. Clark and wife and S. J. Burford of the U. S. Immigration office. The remainder of the passengers were booked for Seattle. There were also four second class passengers.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT GOLDSTREAM SCHOOL

Scholars Give a Concert Which is Greatly Enjoyed.

(From Monday's Daily.)
A very enjoyable Christmas tree and concert was held by the pupils of the Goldstream school a few evenings ago. An excellent programme had been arranged and all who took part in it acquitted themselves admirably. There was a very large attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves. On the tree were gifts for the teacher and scholars. The full programme was as follows: Chorus—"Welcome Song"; Scholars Recitation—"Xmas Carol"; Eva Payne Song—"Silver Threads Among the Gold"; Mary Irving Recitation—"When I'm a Man"; Duet—"Bells of Dreamland"; ... Eva Payne and M. Burnett Recitation—"Jolly Old Christmas"; ... Elizabeth Brown Song—"Miss Fogarty's Xmas Cake"; ... Miss F. Payne Song—"Smarty"; Edith Irving Song—"Queen of the Earth"; W. Wilson Recitation—"It's"; Clara Brown Trio—"Will You Love Me When I'm Old"; Lucy Brown, Petrel Payne, Eva Payne, Recitation—"Jolly Old St. Nicholas"; ... Lily Woodruff Song—"Fou the Noo"; J. McKenzie Encore—"Loss of Drummong Castle"; Song—"Broncho Buster"; Edith Irving Song—"Mona"; W. Wilson Dialogue—"King Santa Claus"; School

FOUND DROWNED

(Special to the Times.)
Brantford, Ont., Dec. 27.—William Zarn, a farmer of Townsend township, was found in Watford pond on Christmas evening after he had been missing a week.

BENECIA BATTERED BY WINDS AND GALES

Put Back En Route to Honolulu and Goes Into Dry Dock.

The American barquentine Benecia, Captain Hayes, is going into drydock on the Sound to-day for a thorough survey and repairs. The Benecia sailed for Honolulu from Willapa, but had to put back on December 13th, being badly buffeted and battered by gales of the coast, which kept the crew working night and day at the pumps to keep her afloat. She has arrived at Seattle in a badly crippled condition. In her bad condition she was towed to Hadlock, where her cargo of lumber was unloaded, when it was first possible to ascertain the full extent of her damages.

The Benecia is badly strained both above and below the waterline, while many of her seams are yawning or just ready to open. At Seattle caulkers were put to work on her top sides, and in drydock she will receive the necessary repairs.

Further snow and wind, though not so violent as yesterday, are in sight, according to the weather bureau.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY WRECK

B. C. Company Ready to Let Judge Settle Claims Arising Out of Fatal Accident.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—A. C. Beck, solicitor for the British Columbia Electric Railway, has issued a statement as follows: "From time to time statements have been made in the city press by correspondents that as a result of the interurban accident of November 10th last, some of the bereaved and injured are in immediate need of assistance; that offers have been made by the railway company of small sums with sinister motives; the conduct of the coroner impugned and the jurors censured, although they, at personal loss listened patiently to the testimony of forty witnesses, and now the promoters of recent benefit concert have been asked, 'What have you done with the money?'"

"To these insinuations, none of whom I am satisfied are the real sufferers, I would state that in order to facilitate a speedy settlement of all claims, probably 25, made or to be made against the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, this company is willing to submit itself to the arbitration of any one of the judges of the province without the formality of legal proceedings, with its proverbial delay and expense."

"In the event of it being found impossible for all the claimants to join in one arbitration, then this offer is open to any one willing to adopt such a procedure, and I give the further assurance that the company is willing to pay within 24 hours thereafter."

"This method is not without precedent, as the writer as sole arbitrator satisfied in this manner 50 claims arising out of the Point Ellice bridge disaster of 1904."

"I repeat this method will accept without delay such a submission, as soon as any judge may be found by the claimants or any of them, willing to accept arbitration of their claims, and under the circumstances such acceptance, with all due respect, would be commendable, without need or apology for this public suggestion."

SETTLERS COME FROM OREGON TO BANFIELD

Large Party Coming to the Island—Much Literature Going Out.

C. Michelsen has arrived in Victoria as the pioneer of a colony of settlers which will come from Oregon and take up land at Banfield.

Mr. Michelsen and his friends will come here as a result of the work of the Vancouver Island Development Association, between 800 and 400 acres of excellent land have been purchased by Mr. Michelsen and clearing will commence at once. Mr. Michelsen returns to Oregon in a few days and will be accompanied on his return by a large number of settlers.

The league is distributing a quantity of its literature in Eastern Canada and the Old Country, both by mailing it to individual addresses and distributing it through such agencies as the agent-general's office in London. The secretary of the league will be pleased to forward literature to any addresses he is sent by residents of the island who wish it sent to friends.

DEATH OF A. C. POFHAM

Member of Local Business Firm Passed Away on Saturday.
(From Monday's Daily.)
The death occurred on Saturday last of Arthur Charles Popham. Deceased was born in Devonshire, Eng., and was 45 years of age. He was a baker by trade and was a member of the firm of Popham Bros., Victoria.

The deceased had been a resident of Victoria for about twelve years.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his brother, F. J. Popham, Mary street, Victoria, West.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

London, Dec. 27.—Sir Robert Perks leaves for Canada early next year to devote his undivided attention to the Georgian Bay canal. He estimates the cost at \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000.

BIG INFUX OF SETTLERS OF COLONIZATION WORK

G. S. DENNIS SPEAKS IN CITY ON A BRIEF VISIT.

J. S. Dennis, C.P.R. land commissioner, is in the city, a guest at the Empress hotel. Mr. Dennis is here on some departmental business and returns to the Mainland this morning. To the Times to-day Mr. Dennis speaks of the influx next year of the year's business being done by the company in disposing of its irrigated land in Alberta, Mr. Dennis mentioned that the receipts at the Calgary office for the past six months have averaged \$1,000,000 per month. Settlers were pouring into Western Canada at a very rapid rate, and there was every indication that the influx next year would assume even greater dimensions.

As indicating at once the immensity of the Canadian West and the huge problem of peopling so far a land, Mr. Dennis mentioned that while the company have thus far disposed of a little over 1,000 acres of irrigated land, they have over two million acres left. The company also owns alternate sections of land in another district of Alberta, and this, with the irrigated section, makes about four million acres of land, which the company has yet to dispose of.

E. R. continued Mr. Dennis, is building up an elaborate system of colonization bureaus in various parts of the world. The company has, for instance, over 1,000 agents in the United States and is sending a special work on behalf of the land office in Canada.

These agents visit sections of the country likely to supply desirable settlers and give the latter every information possible regarding conditions in the Dominion. The company has about 250 agents in England and shortly will have a large number also in other portions of Europe.

Mr. Dennis has no connection now with the administration of C. P. R. lands on Vancouver Island, and therefore knew nothing about local colonization projects. Mr. Marpole is in charge of the lands within the E. & N. belt. Mr. Dennis said, however, that during the past season the company had expended a considerable sum of money in advertising British Columbia in the United States. The work was done mainly as an experiment and the results were very satisfactory. A very large number of inquiries were received from prospective settlers but the company experienced difficulty in locating people owing to the fact that there is little land available for colonization.

The C. P. R. is clearing a tract of land at Jarra in East Kootenay, with a view of closely estimating what it will cost to clear large tracts. Stumping machinery is being used and it is hoped that as a result of the experiment some scheme may be formulated which will result in opening up larger tracts for settlement than are at present available.

Mr. Dennis said he noted signs of great progress both at Vancouver and Victoria since his last visit. He was certain that a great future awaited both places. In this connection he mentioned the Panama canal, which when completed in a few years would entirely alter the problem of transportation in this section of the world.

There would be developments of a tremendous nature on the opening of that waterway connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and the growth and development of the ports on the British seaboard, which would have the handling of ocean-borne traffic, would be equally tremendous.

DISASTER OVERTAKES CANADIANS IN CUBA

Plantations of Colonists Swept by Hurricanes—May Sell Their Land.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Canadian Trade Commissioner Kirkpatrick in Cuba says the condition of the Canadian colony at Ocean Beach is as bad as possible. The colonists have ground beneath two municipalities, both of which insisted upon the right to collect taxes. Recently the plantations were swept by three hurricanes which have greatly added to the misery of the colonists. The only hope of the colonists, Kirkpatrick says, is that an American syndicate will purchase their land and give them a chance to go home.

WILL FIGHT INDICTMENTS.

Woman Placed on Trial Charged With Receiving Stolen Money and With Blackmail.
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 27.—Charged with having received stolen money and with blackmail, Mrs. Jennette Stewart-Ford was placed on trial here to-day. Charles L. Warriner, convicted treasurer of the Big Four Railroad Company, in whose accounts there was a shortage of \$48,000, is scheduled to be the star witness. Warriner, who last Wednesday pleaded guilty, was sentenced to a charge of embezzlement.

Mrs. Stewart-Ford, both individually and through her counsel, had announced that she will fight to the limit the indictments against her.

COBALT SHIPMENT.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Cobalt ore shipments last week totalled over 512 tons.

NING CHOW HERE FROM THE ORIENT

To Unload Three Hundred Tons of Cargo Here on Wednesday.

The steamer Ning Chow, Capt. Allen, Dodds & Co., agents, arrived from Yokohama yesterday with freight for Victoria and Washington state ports. The Ning Chow docked yesterday at the morning wharf, and will unload the cargo on Wednesday.

The Ning Chow will return here Wednesday and unload three hundred tons of freight for the Victoria wharf. Captain Allen reports a good passage from Yokohama, which port was left on December 11th with a full cargo. The freight for Victoria, to be landed here Wednesday, consists of general merchandise.

The Ning Chow brought ninety Chinese passengers for Victoria, all but thirty-seven of which were returning after a visit to China.

NEW STEAMER FOR HALIBUT FISHING

The Roman Purchased by B. C. Packing Association in Liverpool.

New Westminster, Dec. 25.—By next spring a new fishing steamer will be running into New Westminster each week carrying halibut from the fishing banks to the Columbia cold storage plant here. This will be the steamer Roman which has been purchased by the British Columbia Packers' Association in Liverpool and will be brought out here this winter by Captain Barney Johnson. It is expected to arrive here during the latter part of March.

The B. C. Packers have in the past operated chartered boats on the banks in connection with the halibut fishing industry, but they have now determined to purchase a steamer to replace the Flamingo which carried halibut to this port in the past. Captain Johnson was accordingly sent to the old country to bring out the vessel secured. The fishing steamer Roman was purchased for this purpose and is scheduled to sail from Liverpool on Sunday next for New Westminster. She will make the trip in 75 to 80 days, coming by way of the Straits of Magellan.

The Roman is practically a new steamer. She was built two years ago for fishing on the North Atlantic fishing banks. She is 145 feet in length, and has a speed of 12 knots. According to the plans of the B. C. Packers' Association the Roman is the first of what will ultimately be a fleet of several vessels owned and operated by the association in halibut fishing on the Pacific coast.

STEAMER SANK AT DOCK AT SEATTLE

Rammed by Steam Schooner and Goes to Bottom in Five Minutes.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—Driven in by a strong tide, the steam schooner Tiverton rammed and sank the steamer Columbia, which operated on the Bellingham-La Conner run, as she was moored alongside the Standard Oil wharf late yesterday.

The Columbia, an oil burner, had replenished her fuel supply and was waiting for the completion of the loading of oil drums upon a scow she was to tow, when the accident occurred. The Tiverton, whose registered tonnage is \$88, had come over from Port Ludlow to load 200 barrels of oil. She attempted to berth on the south side of the pier, on which side the Columbia was moored. The landing was made difficult by the position of the steamer Columbia, which was lying alongside the face of the wharf. Carried by the tide, the Tiverton rammed the Columbia amidships, punching a hole below the water line. Water soon filled her hold and she sank in five minutes. Only her upper works remained visible, but as the tide came in she was entirely covered, with the exception of her mast and funnel.

The Columbia has a tonnage of about 120, and is owned by Captain Goode, of Portland. During the summer she was on the Everett-Wildby Island run in competition with the Island Transportation Company's steamers. At present she runs between Bellingham and La Conner, and is subsidized by an organization of Bellingham merchants.

FLIGHT OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF NICARAGUA

It is Believed Zelaya Will Go to Belgium After Visiting Mexico.

Mexico City, Dec. 27.—The Mexican gunboat General Guerrero, with former President Zelaya on board, arrived off Salina Cruz last night. The vessel did not attempt to enter the harbor, but anchored outside.

That Zelaya intends to go eventually to Belgium was the belief expressed by Minister Castro, Nicaraguan representative in this city. He said the former president probably would come direct to Mexico City, where he would doubtless be the guest of President Diaz, after which he would proceed to Belgium, his wife's native land.

Secret Understanding?
Mexico City, Dec. 27.—In government circles it is reported to-day that the United States and Mexico had a full, but secret understanding concerning the flight from Nicaragua of former President Zelaya. Whether the two governments agreed upon permitting the former dictator to find refuge away from his turbulent country with the understanding that his departure was equivalent to a self-imposed exile, is causing much discussion.

Another report has it that the United States may, in the future, take steps to bring Zelaya to task for the alleged indictments to which he subjected certain Americans in Nicaragua. The officials at the foreign office refuse to discuss the case.

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SHIPPING

Victoria, Dec. 27.—Cobalt ore shipments last week totalled over 512 tons.

TURN ATTENTION TO METROPOLIS

LIBERAL LEADERS TO SPEAK IN LONDON

Elections in Number of Boroughs Will Take Place on January 15th

(Special to the Times.)
London, Dec. 27.—The result of the issuing of the writs for the general elections on January 15th will be that a great many of the borough polls will take place on Saturday, January 15th. The Conservatives hoped that the first elections would be on January 14th, but excepting in a few cases, when a writ is received before sunset on the tenth, an election on the fourteenth would be impossible. After the results of the polling on January 15th are announced a fair guess can be made as to how the elections are going.

The Liberals recognize that London is not certain, so their leaders will address meetings in the metropolis. Mr. Gerald Balfour is not yet a candidate, and there is rumor that he has been unable to find a safe seat. Efforts to induce two Tory candidates in East Hamlet to retire in favor of Mr. Balfour have been unsuccessful. The Unionists claim that they have a good chance of winning in the north of London and the southeast, and in parts of the east, which have not been touched by the influence of Labor members.

The split between Liberal and Labor members in Bow, Bromley, Shore-ditch and North and Central Hackney gives the Tories hope of success. The Tories also claim Mile End. The squabbling of the two Conservative candidates in Marblebone, the Unionists fear, will lead to disaster.

SCHOONER AND TWELVE MEN PROBABLY LOST

The Doris Palmer Believed to Have Foundered off Massachusetts Coast.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—The belief is general here that the four-masted schooner Doris Palmer, which sailed from Newport News for Boston on December 21st, sank with Captain Keown and eleven sailors during the terrific Christmas day storm off the Massachusetts coast.

A wreck resembling the Palmer was sighted off Point Allerton on Harding's Ledge this afternoon. From its position, with hull submerged, the name of the stranded vessel could not be made out. But its outlines resemble those of the missing vessel.

Many vessels arrived here to-day relieving the anxiety felt for their safety since the storm struck the coast, but the safety of the Cunarder Sylvia and the Warren liner Sacard, both from Liverpool, is questioned. The liner Arkansas and Lexington from Philadelphia, and the Ontario from Norfolk, are still overdue.

GREETING!

May Christmas joys belong to thee,
To thee and thine;
May this New Year a glad one be:
From sorrow may it'er be free;
Our wish—
"For Auld Lang Syne."

THE "BON AMI"

These Ads. Are "Closing Deals" That Never Would Have Been Made Without Their Help

DAY & BOGGS Established 1896. 620 FORT STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

We publish "Home List," which contains a description of all the best Farms that are for sale on Vancouver Island. NEW COTTAGE, Mears street, close to tram; modern in every way. Price \$6,000.

THE COAST LOCATORS ROOM 20, 618 YATES ST. PHONE 1483. F. A. THOMPSON, W. J. GILLILAND.

8 ACRES, Shoal Bay, sub-divided into 16 large lots; this is one of the nicest pieces of residential property on the market to-day, and is a splendid investment at \$400, on terms.

HINKSON SIDALL & SON New Grand Theatre Building. P. O. Box 177. Phone 869

LARGE LOT WITH HOUSE—Craighover road, Lot 123 feet frontage in Craighover road and is nicely situated. Price, \$2,500.

CURRIE & POWER REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE. 1214 DOUGLAS ST. PHONE 1468.

2 1/2-ROOM HOUSE, modern, Mendoc street, 1 minute from car; \$900 cash and balance \$20 every 2 months at 5 per cent.

C. C. PEMBERTON. Room 3 1214 GOVERNMENT STREET.

QUATSINO. HOUSE, FURNITURE, BOAT, 126 Acres of Land, 4 Acres Good Fruit Gardens. FOR SALE CHEAP.

L. U. CONYERS & CO. 650 VIEW STREET.

THE CHEAPEST BUY ON THE MARKET

A well-built, cosy cottage, containing 6 large and airy rooms, splendid foundation, bath, h. and c. water, electric light, up-to-date in every respect, together with large lot in garden 60x120 (adjoining lot held at \$1,600.00). THIS IS AN A 1 BUY; DON'T MISS IT.

SECURE THIS PROPERTY AND WATCH YOUR INVESTMENT GROW. MONEY TO LOAN AND FIRE INSURANCE WRITTEN.

GEO. L. POWERS Room 6 BOWNASS BUILDING.

LOTS IN ROCKLAND PARK—Price \$300 up; terms. LOT 4 Blk. 3, 50x120, Fernwood Gardens, \$145.00. 5, 9 and west 1/2 of 10, Blk. 67, Michigan street, full sized lots \$750 each; 1/2 lot 1/2 ac.

B. C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY, LTD. 222 GOVERNMENT STREET.

QUEBEC STREET—Full-sized lot and cottage only \$2,100 (lot worth money alone.)

\$3,500—MODERN LITTLE BUNGALOW and splendid lot on one of James Bay's best streets. Terms, \$1,000 cash, balance 7 per cent.

JAMES BAY—\$1,600 will purchase new 6-ROOMED COTTAGE; \$900 cash, balance on time.

\$250 CASH and \$40 per month will purchase modern 7-ROOMED DWELLING in first-class shape, centrally located, only 10 minutes' walk from postoffice.

\$2,300 WILL PURCHASE 6-ROOMED DWELLING on Second street on very easy terms.

\$2,100—6-ROOMED DWELLING on Carline, Niagara street; half cash, balance at 7 per cent.

\$2,600—MENZIES STREET, 7-ROOMED DWELLING with modern conveniences; terms.

\$3,000—QUEBEC STREET, MODERN 7-ROOMED DWELLING, newly painted and in good order; easy terms.

\$2,600—TWO-STORY DWELLING and lot 54x145. Well situated in James Bay; on terms.

FARMS AND FRUIT LANDS. Ask for Printed List.

PEMBERTON & SON REAL ESTATE. 614 FORT STREET.

A DOUGLAS STREET BUY EASILY HANDLED.

VACANT LOT NEAR KINGS ROAD, close to two car lines and at the intersection of several streets.

This is a splendid buy at \$2,625.00, on which terms can be arranged.

A. COLQUHOUN HOLMES Room 8, Northern Crown Bank Chambers, 2186 GOVERNMENT ST.

FOR SALE.

VIEW ST.—60 ft. lot, improved, \$4,750, terms.

FORT ST.—Corner lot, 60x120; \$10,000, terms.

BUSINESS FOR SALE—Price \$350. Particulars on application. "There are others."

EMPIRE REALTY CO. REAL ESTATE AND FINANCIAL AGENTS. 618 YATES STREET. Phone 2251.

DO NOT PROCRASTINATE. BUY TO-DAY.

YATES STREET, Close to Vancouver Street, LOT 60 x 120, With Cottage thereon with a revenue of \$15 monthly.

PRICE \$5,500. EASY TERMS. The above price holds good for this week only.

THE CAPITAL CITY REALTY CO. ROOM 21, 618 YATES STREET. Phone 2162.

ONE OF THE NICEST HOMES on Pandora street, 2 parlors, dining room, kitchen, double hall, 5 bedrooms, and hall upstairs, bath and clothes closets. Extra well finished; full sized basement. The beautiful home can be bought for \$5,700, with good terms.

4 GOOD LOTS facing on Fort street and Leighton road, with 8-room house, fully modern; close to 2 car lines. Price \$6,200, good terms. Let us show you this valuable property.

MITCHELL & GREENWOOD REAL ESTATE AND TIMBER. 575 Yates, next door to Bank of B.N.A. Phone 1425.

CHOICE LOTS ON EASY TERMS. Less than 1/4 mile from City Hall.

TERMS OF \$10 CASH And \$10 Monthly. \$500 and \$550 EACH.

E. A. HARRIS & CO. 618 FORT STREET.

DOUGLAS ST.—Corner lot; \$5,000.

YATES ST.—Corner Lot; \$3,500.

DOUGLAS ST.—Near in; 30x120; brick building; good rentals; \$21,000.

JOHNSON ST., west of Cook, one lot; \$3,000.

CORNER NIAGARA and South Turner, one lot, 78x86; \$2,500.

MEDINA ST.—One lot; \$1,450.

TOLLER & GRUBB 1232 GOVERNMENT ST.

FOR SALE.

56 ACRES fronting on Elk Lake; large new house, barn and stables; an ideal spot; land partly cleared; also if required an additional 25 acres; \$5,500.

\$150 CASH and \$15 per month will buy house of 6 rooms; new, large flower and vegetable garden; \$2,100.

2 ACRES cleared land, Mount Tolmie; \$1,600.

HOUSE of 1 1/2 story, large lot, close to tram car; \$1,300.

BURNSIDE ROAD—7-roomed house; easy terms; \$3,000.

50 ACRES—Metochin district, stock and implements; \$4,000.

HODGSON REALTY 1214 GOVERNMENT STREET (Upstairs).

2 LOTS, 60 x 120 each, Herald Street, close to Government, \$15,000.

LOT, Store Street, 35 x 60, \$5,000.

LOT, Chatham Street, next to corner, 60 x 120, \$10,000.

COTTAGE, Cook Street, near Johnson Street, \$1,500.

APPENDICITIS DID NOT STOP WEDDING

Kamloops Couple Married in Vancouver General Hospital.

Cupid and appendicitis had a battle royal Wednesday at the Vancouver General hospital; Cupid was an easy winner, says the Vancouver Province.

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J. STUART YATES 22 BASTION STREET, VICTORIA.

FOR SALE.

80 ACRES—Sooke District, just inside Sooke Harbor.

TWO LOTS—On Victoria harbor, with large wharf and sheds and 2 large warehouses in good condition, on easy terms.

THREE LOTS—On Yates street, with 10 stores, bringing in good rentals.

TO RENT—Large wharf at foot of Yates street, rent \$120 per month.

5 1/2 ACRES—On Colquiza river, Victoria District, cheap.

For further particulars apply to above address.



PUBLICITY EFFORTS OF PRINCE RUPERT

Good Work Being Done by People of the Northern City.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 25.—The report of the executive council of the Prince Rupert Publicity Club, read at the last meeting, was a most comprehensive and encouraging one. The meeting was well attended, by-laws were read and adopted, nominations took place, and different matters of timely interest were discussed.

Over 4,000 prospectuses of the city of Prince Rupert, a copy of which was sent to all residents of Prince Rupert, have been distributed by the club, 10,000 have been shipped to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, and 10,000 additional copies ordered, specially by about twenty of our business firms for their own use, and at their own expense, are now in press.

The club is in a good financial position at the present time. The assets over the liabilities, and new members are coming in very rapidly, forty having joined since last November. The council expects to begin an active campaign of publicity through different sources, all of which will tend to increase our population and our membership in the club.

The council has decided that the most appropriate form of an emblem to be worn by members, would be a small flag button, bearing only the slogan of the club, G.T.P.R., with the accompanying letters, so as to read "Go To Prince Rupert," and a committee having this matter in charge have ordered, with the approval of the executive council, 250 buttons to be distributed to members free of charge, 50 royal gold buttons to be sold to members or their friends at \$1 each, and 50 brooches for ladies' use at the same figure.

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LEE & FRASER Real Estate and Insurance Agents. 613 TROUCE AVENUE.

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PORT STREET. 184 ft. 10 in. by 186, splendid proposition for building purposes, \$9,500.00.

THIRTEEN LOTS. Well situated, can be had at a bargain if sold quickly, \$5,000.00.

TWO HOUSES AND LOT on View street, will rent, \$6,300.00.

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S. A. BAIRD REAL ESTATE, FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE AGENT. 1210 DOUGLAS STREET.

DUNEDIN STREET—Seven-roomed modern bungalow; good basement; lot 60 x 120. This is a good dwelling and can be had on easy terms.

NORTH PARK STREET—Five-roomed cottage with all modern conveniences; good barn; fruit trees; lot 50 x 140. Price \$3,500. \$500 cash, balance on monthly payments.

CORNER of North Park St. and Cook St., building containing brick shop and good corner for grocery store, with living rooms above. There is also a good stable in the rear. This will be sold at a reasonable figure, and is now producing a good rental. Price and terms on application.

BUSINESS LOT on Yates St., just above Vancouver St., for \$6,000; \$2,500 cash, balance to be arranged.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE JACQUES, LATE OF VICTORIA, B. C., DECEASED. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," to all persons claiming to be creditors of the above-named deceased, or having goods in his hands for repair or otherwise, to deliver to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January, A. D. 1910, full particulars of their claims verified by statutory declaration. After said date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

START THE NEW YEAR WITH ONE OF THESE.

McPHERSON & FULLERTON BROS. 618 TROUCE AVENUE. Phone 1377.

BEAUTIFUL 8 ROOM BUNGALOW, new, just completed, paneled hall, pressed brick fire places, closets off every room, bath room, scullery, toilet, pantry. This is a model house, has a fine view of the sea from large veranda and windows; the ceilings are high and airy and the rooms are large; it is heated with a new furnace, just installed, situate in 2 lots, cleared, one block from the street car, in Hollywood Park. This place is worth easily \$5,000, but in order to have it occupied at once we will sell for \$4,500—Terms, \$500 cash and the balance at \$50 per month.

BUSINESS PROPERTY—Situate on Johnson street, close to Government street, lot 32x120; improvements worth \$5,000; rented on 5 years' lease to pay 10 per cent. on \$15,000; price \$18,000; terms, 1-3 cash, balance arranged.

BRECHWOOD AVE.—2 cleared lots, one block from car, fine view of sea, all cleared, on terms \$75 cash and \$20 per month; price \$900.

6 ROOM BUNGALOW, on good, clean street, boulevards, etc., stone foundation, full basement, cement tubs, furnace; price \$6,500, easy terms.

NOTICE.

"NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT"

Notice is hereby given that the Cameron Lumber Company, Limited, having its registered office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in that part of the waters of Victoria Harbor known as Selkirk Wharf, between Point Ellice and Halkett Island, being on the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and known, numbered and described as Lot "D," Garbally Estate, and has deposited the area and site plans and the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicate thereof with the Registrar-General of Titles in the Land Registry Office, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter of the said application will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in the Canada Gazette.

Dated this 14th day of December, A. D. 1909. CAMERON LUMBER COMPANY, LIMITED. Per D. O. CAMERON, Secretary.

E. WHITE Real Estate 604 BROUGHTON ST. Phone 1877.

IF YOU WANT TO BUY YOURSELF A RESIDENCE, which is first-class at the price, and is in a desirable locality, close to city, practically on two car lines, you had better investigate my proposition at \$3,500. Terms \$700 cash, balance monthly, on nice lot 60x120.

HARMAN & APPLETON 634 YATES STREET.

All particulars of Gordon Head properties. If you are looking for a good fruit ranch give us a call.

170 ACRES Cowichan Lake, 3/4 miles water frontage, good land, stream through property, \$40 per acre.

CENTRAL CITY HOTEL, Surburban Grocery.

CLOVERDALE AVE., 6-roomed new bungalow with bath and every latest convenience, large attic (unfinished), cement foundation, large basement, half an acre garden, terms if required, \$2,500.

FIFTY ACRES, all good level land near Saanichton, \$30 per acre. Offers wanted for two of the best pieces of central city properties.

WILLIAM C. HOLT Contractor and Builder, 489 GARRALDI RD. PHONE 11443.

FOR SALE.

NEW 6-ROOMED HOUSE, cement foundation, furnace and all modern improvements. Two minutes' drive Douglas street car, Burnside road and Dunedin street.

Price, \$2,800—Terms. Buy of the builder and save money.

S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar-General of Titles, Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., the 20th day of December, 1909.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof to issue Duplicate Certificates of Title to above Lots—Issued to Wynne Thomas Ogilvy Hanley, on the 23rd November, 1871; 11th December, 1873; 7th March, 1877; 3rd May, 1885; 14th February, 1886; and 22nd March, 1888, and numbered 381A, 360A, 1214A, 4174A, 5283A, and 6226A respectively.

Various small advertisements on the right edge of the page, including 'Wanted', 'Professional', 'Houses Built', 'D. H. Bale', 'Wood and Coal', 'NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT', 'Y. M. C. A.', 'Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Co.', 'CLEARED LANDS', 'S. Y. WOOLTON', 'Ring', and 'Victor THE T'.

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Bookkeeping VICTORIA SCHOOL OF BOOKKEEPING, 1222 Douglas street. Pupils receive attention to cases of neglected education.

Business College VICTORIA BUSINESS COLLEGE-Pit Street, near the waterfront. Typewriting, shorthand, bookkeeping, etc.

Dentists DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewell Block, cor. Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Telephone Office, 537; Residence, 122.

Land Surveyors THOS. H. PARR, British Columbia Land Surveyor, Room 8, Five Sisters' Block, Victoria.

Legal C. W. BRADSHAW, Barrister, etc., Law Chambers, Bastion street, Victoria.

Medical Massage MR. BERGSTRÖM BJORNELF, Swedish Massage, Turkish bath, 821 Fort Street, Victoria, B. C. Phone 1536.

Music BANJO, MANOLIN AND GUITAR taught by W. G. Flower, bookkeeping and the Alexander Mandolin and Guitar.

Art Glass ROY'S ART GLASS, LEADED LIGHTS, etc. for churches, schools, public buildings and private dwellings.

Blasting Rock ROCK BLASTING and well sinking, R. Ross, 2821 Cedar Hill road, city.

Blue Printing and Maps PRINTS-Any length in one piece, six cents per foot. Timber and land maps.

Boat Building VICTORIA BOAT & ENGINE COMPANY, LTD., boat and launch builders.

Boot and Shoe Repairing NO MATTER where you bought your shoes, bring them here to be repaired.

Builders & General Contractors CARPENTRY-Jobbing, roof repairs, receive prompt attention.

Chimney Sweeping CHIMNEYS CLEANED-Defective flues fixed. Wm. Neal, 1018 Quadra St.

Cleaning and Tailoring Works GENT'S CLOTHES CLEANED, repaired, dyed and pressed; umbrellas and parasols made, repaired and re-covered.

Fish WM. J. WRIGLESWORTH-All kinds of fresh, salted and smoked fish in season.

Junk WANTED-Scrap brass, copper, zinc, lead, cast iron, sacks, and all kinds of bottles and rubber.

Landscaper E. J. LAING, Landscaper and Jobbing Gardener. Tree pruning and spraying a specialty.

Merchant Tailors FRASER & MORRISON, successors to J. McCulloch. Highest grade of serges and worsteds.

Optician OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY'S EXPERIENCE and fine, modern equipment is at the service of my patrons.

Painter and Decorator OSTLER & IMPEY, Painters and General Decorators. Rooms papered and painted on the shortest notice.

Patents FOR PARTICULARS about patents, send for booklet. Ben. B. Pannett, Ottawa, Ontario.

Pawnshop MONEY LOANED on diamonds, jewelry and personal effects.

For Rent-Houses FOR RENT-5 roomed modern cottage, 1618 Amphion street, rent \$15.

For Sale-Acreage AN XMAS PRESENT-100-acre farm, Salt Spring Island, close to three miles from Victoria.

For Sale-Articles FRANKLIN WOOD HEATER, good as new, cheap. 2391 Spring road.

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For Sale-Lots A DRAWING for lot 60 x 120 with 2 cottages on Frances Ave., will take place January 15th.

For Sale-Lots A SNAP-Douglas street, 120 x 120, near Frances Ave., \$1000. Terms, apply Tel. 1152.

For Sale-Lots INVESTORS-We have several good buys in Chinatown, large rental and prime investment sites for investors.

For Sale-Lots PRIOR STREET-Four lots, fronting on two streets, a beautiful building site overlooking the entire city and Strait.

For Sale-Lots VIEW STREET-Near Vancouver street, 60x120 ft. lot, price \$3,000.

For Sale-Lots YATES STREET-Between Vancouver and Douglas streets, four 60x120 ft. lots.

For Sale-Lots EMPRESS AVENUE-Two lots between Vancouver and Quadra streets.

For Sale-Lots QUEEN'S AVENUE-One lot facing new City Park, price \$75.

For Sale-Lots DOUGLAS STREET-Near Dundas street, one lot, price \$500.

For Sale-Lots AMPHION STREET-Lot near Oak Bay Ave., price \$500.

For Sale-Lots SHOAL BAY-Large lot, 30x225 feet, between Shoal Bay and Oak Bay car line.

For Sale-Lots SNAP-Full size lot in Central Park, on Princess avenue, near new City Park.

For Sale-Lots FOR SALE-Block of 8 beautifully situated lots adjoining reservoir.

For Sale-Lots FOR SALE-Fine lot, Oak Bay avenue, 60x120, near junction. Price \$600.

For Sale-Lots WANTED-Two girls in manie room, Victoria Steam Laundry.

Wanted-Miscellaneous WANTED-Comfortable home for two young men; central location preferred.

Wanted-Miscellaneous WANTED-Business property, must be centrally located, as we have several clients both in the city and in Alberta.

Wanted-Miscellaneous CLOTHING WANTED-Highest prices for all kinds of second-hand garments.

Wanted-Miscellaneous WANTED-An office boy. Apply Eberts & Taylor.

Wanted-Miscellaneous ANOTHER DARING HOLD-UP ON NANAIMO Robber Assaults Victim and Relieves Him of Thirty-Eight Dollars.

Wanted-Miscellaneous ROOMS AND BOARD TO LET-Furnished room, modern, car, 223 Menzies.

Wanted-Miscellaneous FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET-Facing Beacon Hill park, all modern conveniences.

Wanted-Miscellaneous GORDON HOUSE, 808 Blanchard street, modern rooming house, latest conveniences.

THE TIMES HAS THE NEWS

IMMENSE VALUE IN SILK GOODS

EMPRESS OF INDIA WEALTH OF ORIENT

Commercial Man Tells of Increasing Trade Prospects in China.

About a Thursday night the steamer Empress of India arrived from Hong Kong, Yokohama and other ports bringing seven saloon passengers and 249 steerage. The wealth, however, was in the hold, there being nearly 4,000 bales of silk, both raw and manufactured. This was valued at about \$500 a bale, so the consignment would be worth approximately \$1,900,000. There were also some fine line goods and other articles, making a total of 2,616 tons.

Prominent among the passengers was J. P. Montague, manager for the lumber department of the firm of Arnold & Karberg, of Tientsin and Pekin. This firm are the Oriental agents for the Dollar Steamship Co. Mr. Montague reports business improving. The China Import & Export Lumber Co. is being formed at Tientsin, and the firm he represents are the shipping agents for this big syndicate.

Mr. Montague was in Pekin at the time of the assassination of the Emperor and the Empress Dowager, and following that event business was very slack for a long time. No one had sufficient confidence in the stability of the country to invest there, but now that that is changed, business is improving and the future looks bright. Mr. Montague is on his way to San Francisco for the Christmas holidays and expects to return to China soon.

O. Ritz, a German engineer, was returning from making inspection of the new bridge over the Yalu river at Tsiniau. He likes China and the Chinese, and he enjoyed the few months he spent in the country. He was in Pekin at the time when the three photographers were tried for photographing the funeral procession of the late Empress. They were found guilty or less majestic, and were sentenced to imprisonment for two years. It was to the opinion that the differences between Germany and Britain were largely newspaper talk, but that in reality there was a bond of sympathy between the two countries. It was to their advantage to do business together. Any rivalry was largely a matter of business.

Other passengers on the steamer were Mark Bagallay, a tea merchant; Rev. M. B. Madole, of Ohio, who has been engaged in missionary work in Japan at Sendai; S. Yamada and Wm. Thompson, bound through to England.

The Empress brought five hundred sacks of American mail, an immense quantity of overland going by C.P.R., and eleven sacks of local. After discharging this she left for Vancouver.

JEALOUS MINER'S CRIMES

Kills Three and Then Turns Revolver on Himself.

London, Ky., Dec. 24.—A triple murder and suicide occurred at Pittsburg, a mining village in the county, when William Murray, a miner, 35 years old, shot and killed Elbert Cole, Mrs. Murray, wife of the slayer; Mrs. Murray's mother, and then killed himself.

Murray's objections to the alleged attention of Cole toward Mrs. Murray are given as the motive.

Murray entered a store where Cole was manager and opened fire, killing him almost instantly. He then went to his home and shot his mother-in-law as she was leaving the house, and then opened fire on his wife, who was returning from a neighbor's. His wife fell just outside the yard, and he pulled her inside and preserved her another shot through her heart. Murray lived an hour after he shot himself. He refused to make any statement.

BY-ELECTION

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The bye-election for the House of Commons for Lunenburg to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. K. Maclean, who became attorney-general of Nova Scotia, has resulted in the election of J. D. Sperry, Liberal, with a majority of 266 over Dr. C. S. Marshall.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Attempting to hop on the pilot of a freight train so that he could get to the bush and cut a Christmas tree, Percy Codgins, an 11-year-old boy, fell under the wheels yesterday and was instantly killed.

APPOINTMENTS ARE GAZETTED

Deputy Registrars of County Court—School Districts—New Companies.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The current issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains the appointments of the following appointments:

Deputy registrar of the county court for Nanaimo district—Nathaniel A. Morrison, Ladysmith.

Deputy registrar of the county court for Esquimalt district—Frederick Mummery, Trout Lake.

To be notaries public in and for the province—H. W. Wightman, J. A. Murray, A. W. Goodrich, W. H. MacInnes, H. T. Harries and J. W. Walworth, Vancouver; John Lott, North Vancouver.

The Prince Rupert Power & Light Company will ask for a private act at the coming session to confirm their incorporation and the powers they already possess. They specifically seek a declaration "vesting in the company all water records heretofore obtained or held by the company; and confirming and ratifying all orders-in-council heretofore passed in connection with the company; and conferring on the company the right to store water, and to construct and operate waterworks, and to supply water for domestic and industrial purposes to municipalities and others." Barnard & Robertson are acting for the company.

The owners of some valuable dredging leases on Willow creek, or tributary of the Fraser, will apply for an act consolidating their leases. Wilson & Bloomfield are representing them.

A new assisted school district to be known as Oyama has been formed, with boundaries defined, and the bounds of Mirror Lake assisted school district are also defined.

A great many new companies have been granted letters of incorporation, as follows:

B. C. Lumber Manufacturers' Agency, Ltd., Bitter Creek Mining Co., Ltd., Marmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Decker Lake Land Co., Ltd., East & West Lumber Co., Ltd., Fraser River Sand & Gravel Co., Ltd., Graham Hill and Land Improvement Co., Ltd., J. Z. Hall & Co., Ltd., Maple Leaf Lodge, K. P. Mushroom & Produce Co., Ltd., Port Alberni Syndicate, Ltd., Port Alberni Contracting Co., Ltd., Sidney Mfg. Co., Ltd., and United Service Chain, Ltd. Licenses have been issued to these extra-provincial concerns: The British Canadian Securities, Ltd., Dodswell & Co., Ltd., Henry Dinson & Sons, Ltd., and the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co.

The Gazette contains notice of Dominion orders-in-council, granting a reserve of lands surrounding Coquitlam, in the preservation of New Westminster's water supply and authorizing the Burrard Power Co. to build a dam at the lower end of Lillooet lake.

ALBERTA LAND SALES

Over Twenty-Six Thousand Acres in Irrigation—Block Sold—Farmers Going From Washington.

Calgary, Dec. 24.—Two of the largest land sales of the year in the Canadian Pacific irrigation block, southern Alberta, have just been closed by the Canadian Pacific Irrigation & Colonization Company.

The first was a sale of 14,000 acres to syndicate of farmers from the state of Washington, who intend first thing in the spring putting an extensive plant in the way of steam ploughs, at work breaking up large areas for wheat culture. They are very optimistic regarding the future of land values in the Bow River valley, and speak of a large movement of people from their state to this valley, which they confidently look for next year.

The second sale comprises an area of 12,000 acres south of Basano, in the central section of the irrigation block. This sale was made to George Lane, a well known stockman, who has been grazing some 12,000 cattle in that district, and finds it necessary, owing to the rapidly extending settlement, to acquire land to enable him to carry on his ranching and farming operations. Mr. Lane carried off all prizes at the Seattle exhibition with his Percheron horses.

—Robert E. Cravens, aged 18 years, of Seattle, who was married here recently, under license obtained from the sheriff in the usual way, to Florence Simpson, also of Seattle, has applied under writ of habeas corpus for the custody of his wife, from whom he was separated by the girl's parents directly they returned to Seattle. Appearing before Judge Mitchell Gillham, Cravens said he was earning \$2.50 a day, and was well able to maintain a wife. The hearing was not completed.

WILLIAM KANE HAS NO FAITH IN POLICE

One Young Thief Goes to Jail and the Other to Reformatory.

(From Friday's Daily.)

William Kane, with no belief in the police and three months in jail ahead of him, exploded another bomb in the police court this morning by accusing Detective Carlow of kicking and beating him up yesterday morning while taking him to the cells from the police court where his case had been remanded.

Kane was charged with vagrancy and remanded yesterday so that he could have an opportunity to obtain witnesses. This morning, he said, while on the way to the police court, Detective Carlow kicked and beat him up. Kane said the detective had pulled his hair out of his head and made him bleed and had kicked him in the groin. Kane said he had kicked three big ones out of the detective and he had made a break for liberty. He had taken hold of him and later had been compelled to bundle accused up the steps as he refused to follow him.

The chief of police said that Kane was producing his tie which was torn in three places—and pointed to a damnable piece of evidence. He said that Detective Carlow had reported to him yesterday that Kane refused to have his photograph taken. Detective Carlow said accused had made a kick at him on the sidewalk and had a tussle with him. Kane was taken to jail this morning, complaining he had been unable to get out of jail to find them. He received three months.

The chief of police said he came to town with \$50 and spent it around the Johnson street saloons in six days, was sentenced to three months on a vagrancy charge.

The two youths, against whom were five charges at the recent sessions, were dealt with. The younger lad, who was two years ago allowed out on suspended sentence for three convictions on theft charges, was sent this morning to the London board and sentenced. His father was in court and concurred that the magistrate's action was about the best thing for the lad.

The elder boy received a month's imprisonment, he being over sixteen years of age and not qualified for detention at the reformatory. When the charge of stealing \$11 from the store of D. C. Chugranes was read, the younger lad said: "Excuse me, sir, it was only \$3.00." The magistrate said the boy was divided up. The lads both elected to be tried by the magistrate, and the mother of the elder boy thanked the magistrate for the leniency extended to her children.

H. W. R. Moore, city prosecutor, at the opening of the court, extended the compliments of the Christmas season to the bench, and Magistrate Jay fittingly replied, and the prisoners in the dock looked hopeful just for the moment.

DISCUSSED HOSPITAL IN SECRET SESSION

At the close of Thursday's meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee of the city council some of the aldermen were preparing to leave the room when they were stopped by Mayor Harcourt. "I want to see you all privately just as soon as the room is cleared." As there were no strangers present save the reporters, the latter took the hint and retired. The mayor had no report of the meeting is available.

It is ascertained, however, that the question which engaged the attention of the board at its secret meeting was the abolition of the hospital and its affairs. A number of the aldermen expressed themselves as favorable to asking the resignations of both the matron and the medical health officer, in view of the inability of the two officials to work harmoniously, but that such a step would not prevail and, in fact, no decision was come to, though the matter was pretty thoroughly threshed out. It is believed that the question will receive further consideration at another meeting of the board to be held on Monday evening.

The claim of Mrs. Augur, who recently fell into a trench on Hillside avenue, sustaining injuries for \$250 compensation, was left over for further consideration.

CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATION AT SOOKE

Santa Claus Makes Little Ones Happy by Distributing Presents.

Sooke, Dec. 21.—The annual gathering for the Christmas tree celebration was held in Charter's hall, and was a most enjoyable affair. Mr. French directed the programme, which included recitations and an original reading by Mr. BMCoyne. The children were dressed as Santa Claus in an Aero plane in the Year 1928. Amusements followed, into which old and young entered with the utmost zest, and glee. Santa Claus, in fitting costume, distributed and distributed the presents from the decorated tree to the unbought delight of the juveniles and expectant tots. The children fittingly voiced their appreciation to Mr. Fenwick for his very efficient services as teacher. Refreshments were served, followed by dancing.

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RELATIVE APPEARS AFTER YEAR AND HALF

Harry Blake Claims to Be Brother of Man Washed From Schooner.

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WILL ADD TO ROLLING STOCK

SIX CARS ORDERED FOR THE B. C. ELECTRIC

Are of Pay-as-You-Enter Type—Three Delivered in May.

Six large new, handsome double-track street cars are to be placed on the Victoria system of the B. C. Electric railway early next summer, according to an announcement this morning by A. T. Goward, the local manager, who has just returned from a conference with the heads of the company at Vancouver. Three of the cars will be delivered in May and the others later.

The cars will be of handsome type than those now in use on the local system. They will be constructed on the pay-as-you-enter principle, though it is improbable that this method of collecting fares will be adopted here for some time. It is the popularity of this class of cars in Montreal and other cities where they have been tried, the company thought it well to provide for the inauguration of that system when constructing them. The new cars will have windows which can be dropped during hot weather. In the large cars at present in use the windows have to be taken out entirely when warm weather sets in. This is a disadvantage, inasmuch as on chilly days the windows sit in a draft. On the new type the windows can be manipulated to suit all sorts of weather.

Mr. Goward says the car shops of the company are being worked to their fullest capacity in order to cope with the tremendous demand for new rolling stock. This demand coming from mainland points served by the company rather than from Victoria where development, though none the less sure, is slower.

The car-building programme decided upon at the recent conference at Vancouver will mean an expenditure of close on half a million dollars. There will be 100 freight cars and more than that number of trams. The programme is outlined to be submitted at once to the London board and provided a favorable answer is received, as is expected, the work of construction will begin immediately, as well as the placing of orders for those cars to be secured from eastern firms.

EXCITING CHASE AFTER BURGLAR

Man Caught Hiding in Woodshed—Two Accidents at Duncan.

Duncan, Dec. 23.—Elias Castley, manager of the local telephone exchange, the victim of a serious accident on Tuesday. A pole about 20 feet high was being placed near the municipal fire station, and Mr. Castley was at the top when the guy ropes gave way and the pole fell, carrying him with it.

The previous day a Japanese met with a nasty accident and was sent yesterday to the Chemsmins hospital. At a point about a mile south of Duncan the roadway crosses below the railway track. The Japanese was driving a load of wood under and failed to reckon on the small amount of head room. He leaned forward to get under the track, and his body was crushed between the timber and his wood.

On Tuesday evening Wm. Dobson, while passing Colv's butcher shop, saw a man crawling along the floor and raise his hand to the cash register. Mr. Dobson gave the alarm and the townpeople took up the hunt across back lots and around houses. Finally Constable Morten found the fugitive in the wood.

The entertainment given to the pupils of "The Cliff" school was most enjoyable. The play, "Our Toys," was very good. The musical part of the entertainment was followed by supper and a dance.

The remains of Carol Livingston were interred in St. Peter's churchyard, Quismichan, on Tuesday, by Rev. J. A. Leakey. Mr. Livingston was the son of the late Clermont Livingston. He leaves to mourn his loss two sisters, Mrs. Whitman and one sister in England, and one brother, Douglas Livingston, living in Mexico. The deceased was well known in Cowichan, having lived here all his life until the past few years, and his loss is keenly felt by his many friends.

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POST 1268 NEAR YOUR TELEPHONE

New Number for Fire Alarm Calls Only Has Been Installed.

Any person wishing a hurry fire alarm call by telephone can get the quickest attention by ringing up 1268, which will put them in direct communication with the fire station immediately. Fire Chief Thomas Davis said on Friday a new telephone had been installed at the station for the express use of people wanting to send in alarms of fire. The department's business telephone is 538, while the chief's office is 472. These phones, however, are often in use, but 1268 will be used only for sending in fire alarms, and callers will never be compelled to wait except when there is another fire alarm being sent in at the same time. The chief advises that all telephone users should have the number 1268 posted by their phones.

NOVEMBER RECORD MONTH FOR MINES

Granby Shipments Greatly Increased—Year's Figures Nearly Million.

Phoenix, Dec. 23.—The shipments of Granby mines for the month of November made a new record, totalling 112,783 tons, and there are good indications for this month exceeding the November tonnage. The only month which approached this tonnage was March, 1908, when about 110,000 tons were shipped.

Granby's total shipments for the year have now passed the million mark and before the year closes will exceed the record output of 1908.

The ore receipts at the smelter for the month of November amounted to 115,261 tons, 112,783 tons from Phoenix and 2,498 tons from foreign properties, as follows: Snowstorm, Idaho, 1,811; Belcher, Republic, 158 tons; Bon Hur, Republic, 322 tons; Lone Pine, Republic, 23 tons; Arlington, Slocan, 64 tons.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATES

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Mayoralty candidates nominated yesterday were: H. C. Crocker, journalist; G. R. Geary, C. E. McEwen, accountant; accountants; R. B. Noble, Thomas Davies, gentlemen, and J. M. Briggs, broker.

UNION OFFERS OLIVE BRANCH

HANDS A "DIGNIFIED" SOLUTION TO LEAGUE

Vancouver Football Men Have Officially Refused to Affiliate.

The Victoria branch of the B.C.A.A.U. held a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday to take action on soccer men whom the secretary had announced last Saturday night were suspended. The action taken was the passing of a resolution as follows:

"Resolved, that the B.C.A.A.U. suspend taking any action regarding the suspensions that were declared against the soccer players who played in last Saturday's match and league matches, until after a meeting to be held in Vancouver next month between the B.C.A.A.U. and the football association."

This carried, so as no action can be taken on the suspensions, the men are therefore suspended. The meaning of the resolution, however, was that all the soccer men could have the permission of the union to play in the league series without fear of trouble occurring.

Mr. O'Sullivan's contention was that the football men of the Mainland and the Vancouver branch of the B.C.A.A.U. were not to be taken into consideration until the question there. The Vancouver District Association Football League, however, met Wednesday night at Vancouver, and the following from Thursday's News-Advertiser is the result:

"The Vancouver District Football Association has definitely turned down the B.C.A.A.U. Last night, after considerable discussion, the tenor of which was unanimously along the line that the association need not pay any attention whatever at the present time to the dictates of the union, a resolution was passed instructing the secretary to write to the latter body to the effect that 'all players in the association and affiliated bodies are amateurs in the true sense of the word, and we do not see that there is any necessity for present affiliation with the B.C.A.A.U.'"

In the face of this there does not appear to be any possibility of peace between the parties in Vancouver.

There are seventeen organizations affiliated with the Victoria branch of the B.C.A.A.U., and but six of these were represented at last night's meeting at the Y.M.C.A. The meeting soon resolved itself into a discussion between the secretary and president on one side and the representatives who were there appearing for soccer clubs on the other side. D. S. Tait took up the gauntlet and told the B.C.A.A.U. officials that the way they conducted or proposed to conduct, the sports of the city was immoral, unbusiness-like and irregular. If the same tactics were used in business he said the business would get a bad name, in fact he said there are laws to provide for the handling of men who conducted their business in the manner the B.C.A.A.U. is conducting sporting affairs. Victoria, said Mr. Tait, was being used as a big stick to whip Nanaimo and Ladysmith into line and force them to go into the union. He held the soccer clubs were affiliated with their own ruling bodies, and if the B.C.A.A.U. wanted them it would have to get the parent organization affiliated, when the affiliation of its affiliated bodies would necessarily follow. After the amateur definition had been discussed and the question asked, "Why should Frank Baylis be forbidden to play across next summer?" as he is, under the B.C.A.A.U. ruling, because he has become a professional runner, the secretary put the resolution which ended the meeting. He thought the motion could be put without the union taking back water, that it would be a dignified way to settle the matter for the present. The resolution was carried, with audible smiles for the soccer men present were aware, before they went to the meeting, that the B.C.A.A.U. officials intended taking such action, as the word had gone round yesterday morning "that the men would be allowed to play without interference."

The basketball protest, which concerns the five I.B.A.A. players, it was announced, would not fall through. The meeting then disbanded.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The Sand Heads lights having been dragged into a dangerous position by tug with a boom of logs will be temporarily withdrawn, pending re-mooring in its proper place.

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JAILED ON CAPIAS, BUT RELEASED BY JUDGE

Alleged Debtor Escapes Spending His Christmas in Detention.

(From Friday's Daily.)

John T. Shatforth will not spend Christmas in jail, as seemed likely on Wednesday night, when he was placed in that institution on a capias. This was sworn to by Matthew H. McCabe, of the Royal Hotel, who alleged that Shatforth owed him \$106.60 for board and lodging.

The matter came before Judge Lampman yesterday afternoon, when McCabe was unable to figure out that the debt amounted to the \$100 required to justify imprisonment, and Shatforth denied that he owed the money at all. His Honor ordered Shatforth to be released and enlarged the case until Tuesday.

The Christmas vacation in the law courts begins today and ends on January 8th. There will be no chambers held but should any urgent matters arise there will, of course, be several judges in the city to whom an application may be made.

—Damage to the amount of \$25 was done to the roof of A. C. Bagshaw's residence, 1034 Richardson street on Thursday, when sparks from the chimney kindled the dry shingles. The brigade responded promptly and had the fire out in short order.

—Stephen Georgon, the Turkish priest who was deported from Victoria after being held for some time by the police, is serving a sentence in jail in Turkey for impersonating a priest. After his deportation considerable correspondence passed between Turkey and Canada and the United States of America, the copies of which have been sent to Dr. Munn, local immigration officer, Georgon here was exposed by E. David Acres, of the post office, who laid a charge against him.

—To accord with the Christmas season, the programme last Tuesday evening of the Men's Own Club of the First Congregational church was of a Christmas character, and consisted of a series of readings from Dickens' famous "The Christmas Carol." The power of Dickens to inspire his readers with the thought of how to spend Christmas and how to help others, while having a good time themselves, was fully brought out, and one and all of those present went away with the idea of spending as far as possible a real good old-fashioned Christmas, such as Dickens tells about. Mr. Finnity was in the chair.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT"

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Section 88, Pongre District, put in by John Kirby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to above lands, issued to Henry John Kirby on the 20th day of September, 1897, and numbered 4178.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
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Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., this 19th day of November, 1909.

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(From Friday's Daily.)

John T. Shatforth will not spend Christmas in jail, as seemed likely on Wednesday night, when he was placed in that institution on a capias. This was sworn to by Matthew H. McCabe, of the Royal Hotel, who alleged that Shatforth owed him \$106.60 for board and lodging.

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