

WARLIKE ACTION IN CARIBBEAN

DUTCH CRUISER SEIZES COASTGUARD SHIP

Venezuelan Captain Stuffs His Country's Flag in His Pocket.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 14.—The following detailed story of the capture on Saturday last of the Venezuelan coastguard ship Alix, by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland, was obtained this morning from an officer of the cruiser. At 6 o'clock on Saturday morning the Gelderland was steaming slowly a short distance off the Fort at Puerto Cabello. She noticed the Alix coming in, and after taking up a position that prevented the passage of the smaller boat, she ordered her to stop and sent a boat to search the Venezuelan vessel.

It was discovered that the captain of the Alix had hidden his Venezuelan pennant in his pocket, and he pretended that his vessel was a merchant steamer. A passenger on board the Alix, however, declared to the Dutch officer that the Alix was a coastguard vessel. A search was then made. The flag was found in the captain's pocket, and six rifles and a small quantity of ammunition also were discovered. The rifles were in bad condition.

The crew of the Alix were given their choice of coming to Curacao or going ashore at Puerto Cabello. They preferred the latter course, embarked in one of their own boats and pulled into the harbor.

The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, was at Puerto Cabello, and the officer of the Gelderland could see her setting up steam. Smoke was pouring from her funnel. The Gelderland stayed outside Puerto Cabello for several hours, waiting to see if the Restaurador would come out, but she did not venture forth. The Gelderland manned the Alix with an officer and several marines and towed her into Curacao, arriving yesterday. The Alix is now anchored in the harbor bay.

Venezuela, via Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 14.—Foreign Minister Paul today sent a note to the members of the Diplomatic Corps here protesting vigorously against the "gratuitous violation of the territorial rights of Venezuela," by the three Dutch warships that have been cruising in Venezuelan waters since December 10.

GERMANY TO MAKE OVERTURES TO CANADA

Wants Improved Trade Relations—Modus Vivendi May Be Found.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The German government is awaiting the result of the debate in the French senate in regard to the proposed Franco-Canadian commercial treaty. Should the senate ratify the treaty, then there is little doubt Germany will try and come to similar arrangements with Canada.

It is believed that negotiations by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the present Canadian cabinet will find a modus vivendi, which would be acceptable to the commercial interests of Germany.

MURDER MYSTERY.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Esther Brandt, widow of a former prominent physician of Lewellyn, near here, was found on the kitchen floor of her home on Saturday stabbed to death with a butcher knife. The case is shrouded in mystery, as the home bears no evidence of having been robbed, and the wound is of such a character, the knife having entered the throat and emerged at the back of the neck, that it is not thought it could have been self-inflicted.

The woman was 68 years of age and resided by herself, her sole means of support being a government pension of \$12 per month.

ROCKAFELLER IN CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Dec. 13.—Unexpected and unheralded, John D. Rockefeller arrived in Cleveland on Saturday from New York. The oil magnate went to his town house, and then for the first time in years strolled about the oil works at East Thirteenth street and the Nickel Plate tracks, where he first set up business as an oil refiner, rode in a street car to Forest Hill, his East Cleveland estate, tramped about the plant for two hours with the caretaker, and returned to his town home to pass the night.

MRS. EDDY'S HEALTH. Christian Science Leader Reported to Be in Usual Trim.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Reports that Mrs. Baker-Eddy, of the Christian Science church, was ill, were denied by Mrs. Eddy's attendants today, who said that her leader was in her usual health. Mrs. Eddy was said to be attending to her usual and other engagements to-day as usual. She took her daily drive on Saturday in spite of stormy weather and was planning to do the same this afternoon.

BALCONY COLLAPSES.

Spectators at Moving Picture Show Buried in Debris—Audience in a Panic.

New York, Dec. 14.—An audience of 500 persons was thrown into a panic on Saturday night, and a score were injured, several seriously, when the balcony in a moving picture show house on the Lower East side collapsed. Firemen and police reserves were rushed to the scene of the accident, and a dozen of the victims who had been buried in the debris of the collapse in the gallery were dug out and attended to by surgeons.

Thirty of those in the gallery were precipitated to the floor of the building when the section just back of the railing gave way. There was a rush for the stairs by those remaining in the gallery, and in the jam several persons were slightly injured.

B. C.'S REPRESENTATION IN DOMINION CABINET

Sir Wilfrid Anxious to Meet Views of Mining Men Throughout Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—British Columbia's two Liberal members, R. Smith and W. Sloan, are in the city consulting with the Hon. W. Templeman and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, respecting the cabinet representation of the province. Mr. Smith arrived on Saturday and Mr. Sloan this morning.

Nothing definite has been decided as yet as to what will be the outcome of the present situation, but it is understood the premier is desirous to arrange, if possible, to meet the general desires expressed by the Liberals of the Pacific coast and by the mining interests generally throughout Canada, that Mr. Templeman retain the port folio of Mines and Inland Revenue.

The present difficulty of a seat for Mr. Templeman during the coming session can be satisfactorily overcome, as it is believed here that the result of the protest entered in Victoria will mean the re-opening of that seat, and in the by-election next year the election of the minister would be practically certain.

Mr. Smith leaves for home again on Wednesday.

KING EDWARD AGAIN IN NORMAL HEALTH

London, Dec. 14.—King Edward arrived to-day in London greatly improved in health. He held an audience at Buckingham Palace, during which he walked briskly about the rooms and conversed freely and animatedly with those present.

Upon the advice of his physicians the King has given up his visit to Lord Burton in Derbyshire, because of the inclement weather, and returns to Brighton to-morrow.

SCHOOLGIRL TRAGEDY.

Fourteen-Year-Old Lella Sigmund Chooses Death Rather Than Go to School.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—Lella Sigmund, 14 years old, ended her life with arsenic acid at the home of her stepfather, Fred Teeple, 423 Twenty-third avenue, on Saturday night. The girl drank an ounce of the poison just as Teeple, who is foreman for George W. Albee, walked on the porch of his home. That she had intended to leave a note explaining her act, but was frustrated by the arrival of her step-father, was indicated by pen, ink and paper set out on a table in the room.

AEROPLANE TRIAL.

Hammondspont, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The aeroplane built by the Aero Experiment Club, made four flights early this morning. The balance and control of the aeroplane proved satisfactory during the flight.

TAFT TO SMOOTH OUT PANAMA TANGLES

Roosevelt Approves Proposed Visit of President-elect to Isthmus.

Washington, Dec. 14.—William H. Taft, president-elect, contemplates a visit to Panama before his inauguration. This visit is approved by President Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

While it has not been finally determined upon, Mr. Taft announced on Saturday night that it was his intention to go. Should this be his final decision he will leave Charleston, S. C., probably in the last week in January for a trip which will occupy approximately twenty days.

CASTRO KEEPS MISSION SECRET

MYSTERY SURROUNDS HIS PRESENCE IN EUROPE

Leaves Paris for Berlin—No Communication With French Government.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Following President Castro's criticism of France's attitude towards the Venezuela government in his interview with a representative of the Temps here last night, the French government to-day issued a semi-official note explaining its position. The note states that Castro was informed when he disembarked at Pauillac last week, that no opposition would be made to his landing and also that if as reported from Port de France, Martinique, the distinguished visitor desired by his own personal intervention to re-establish diplomatic relations, the French government was willing, provided he refrained from any declarations calculated to disturb public order.

At the same time, Castro was notified that eventually negotiations would be conducted through the regular diplomatic channels, and that any departure from the above conditions would be followed by expulsion. The note says Castro made no reply to the government, but at Paris informed Foreign Minister Pichon, through his physician, that he was leaving for Germany. The government will be questioned in the Chamber of Deputies to-day by a colonial deputy regarding its attitude toward President Castro, and it is understood that M. Pichon will make a statement in reply.

Interviewed by Woman.

Paris, Dec. 14.—A woman newspaper writer succeeded in getting an amusing interview with President Castro on Saturday by sending up to him a letter in Spanish asking him to deliver a lecture on Venezuela before the Latin-American league.

When the Venezuelan president appeared he was very ungracious at first but finding that she was not a Spanish woman but a Parisienne, cheered up. He asked her with a glance at the window, "Is it always cold in Paris?" The lady pointed out that it was winter now, and said that if he went to Berlin for an operation he would find it much colder there. "Operation," exclaimed President Castro, "I am no more sick than you are." Asked why he did not go to the Riviera, he said he had heard of it. The interviewer, seeing an opening to introduce politics, remarked: "Perhaps you would not be permitted to go there."

"I do exactly as I wish," said Castro, emphasizing his words with a thump on the table with his fist. He asked the other questions with clumsy compliments, concluding by smilingly saying that it was the brightest hour of his stay in Paris.

Going to Berlin.

Cologne, Dec. 14.—President Castro, of Venezuela, arrived here yesterday evening from Paris and spent the night at a hotel. Early this morning he started with the members of his party for Berlin. The president looks very pale and seems to be a sick man.

UNRELENTING CRUSADE AGAINST "NIGHT RIDERS"

Gang of Ten to Answer for the Murder of Captain Rankin.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Late today ten men, alleged leaders of the "Night Riders" band, of Reelfoot Lake, will be placed on trial for their lives charged with putting to death Captain Quentin Rankin, a prominent attorney of Trenton, Tenn., the culminating act of a series of outlawry so high-handed as to call for the mustering of the soldiery of the state to aid the civil authorities in the hunting down and prosecution of the members of the clan.

When the court meets to-day Judge Joseph E. Jones will preside at the trials, and will announce his decision in regard to the contention of the defence that the plan suggested by the state for selecting the jury veniremen, not by the usual method at random from among those eligible for serving, but personally by Judge Jones, is irregular. Then will begin the summons of jury veniremen. Both state and defence will be allowed 24 peremptory challenges.

The investigation of the deprecations of the night riders' clan began within two days of the killing of Captain Rankin on the night of October 19th. Since that time, under the personal direction of Governor Patterson, an unremitting crusade has been waged, and resulted in the arrest of several hundred men. The circuit court was convened in special session, and as fast as secured the evidence was presented, and more than 150 indictments have been found charging varying degrees of lawlessness. The present is the second term of the court, the first term, the legality of which was questioned, ending a week ago.

K. C. INSULTS JUDGE.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 14.—N. F. Hagell, K. C., one of the best known lawyers of Winnipeg, insulted a judge here and was locked up for several hours. He kicked in the door of the court before being released.

JAPS TO COMMENCE OCEAN RATE WAR

London, Dec. 14.—The Edinburgh Scotsman understands the Japanese are about to commence a rate-cutting against the C. P. R. on the Pacific with the object of driving them off the ocean, as they have already driven the American lines.

VANCOUVER LADY LOSES \$15,000 NECKLACE

Misses Diamonds After Reaching 'Frisco on Route to Los Angeles.

(Special to the Times.) San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14.—Mrs. A. M. McKillop, of Vancouver, B. C., wife of a wealthy business man of that city en route to Los Angeles for the winter, has reported to the police the loss of a diamond necklace valued at \$15,000. The police, after rigid investigation, are inclined to believe the gems were stolen or lost during Mrs. McKillop's journey from Vancouver.

The loss was not discovered until Mrs. McKillop opened her trunks at the hotel here. Mrs. McKillop thinks the necklace was stolen at the time the baggage was examined for customs duties while the train crossed the line from British Columbia. She says the line was passed about midnight and that she gave the keys of the trunk to an attendant, who saw them through the customs routine.

The railroad officials and government authorities at the line have been notified.

SKIDOO MAN SAYS 'TIS GREATEST SPORT EVER

Appears in Airship and Scatters Largesse to Crowd of 2,000.

(Special to the Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—E. Oscar Hart, of Skidoo, Cal., a mining man, yesterday afternoon scattered largesse from Roy Knabenshue's airship for twenty minutes to two thousand scramblers below. Hart appears periodically from Skidoo with pockets full of largesse, but hitherto has scattered it to the crowds from an automobile. He says "it's the greatest sport ever."

YACHT CLUB MURDER TRIAL OPENS TO-DAY

Thornton J. Haines Charged as Accessory in Slaying of William Annis.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The trial of Thornton J. Haines, author and seafarer, charged with being accessory to the murder of Wm. E. Annis, an editor who was shot and killed at the Bayside Yacht Club last summer by Capt. Peter C. Haines, Jr., will commence this afternoon before Justice Crane, in the supreme court. The old town of Flushing has not had a murder trial of such major interest for many years, and long before the hour for the trial there was quite a gathering of people in front of the town hall, where the case will be tried. The small hotels are filled to overflowing with 300 talemsen, from which Justice Crane, General Peter Haines, U. S. A., retired, father of the brothers now confined in Long Island jail for the Annis murder, and his son, Major Haines, came up from New York city to-day to attend the trial.

Justice Crane convened the court at 10 o'clock in order that the roll of talemsen might be called. The 100 talemsen drawn on the first panel, which has been protested by the defence on the ground that it was improperly drawn, were sent to a room below the court chamber while the roll of 190 talemsen drawn on two subsequent panels was called.

District Attorney Darrin announced that the prosecution of Haines would be conducted by himself, assisted by special prosecutors, Elmer I. White and V. A. Dayton, together with Assistant District Attorneys Fish and McKenzie. Detective John Buller, of the Flushing police station, has charge of the witnesses and talemsen. After the roll-call Justice Crane adjourned the court until 1 o'clock, when Thornton Haines will be brought into court.

"BLACK HAND" CRIMES. Three Italians Arrested for Dastardly Attack on Two Men.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 14.—Following the receipt of a threatening "Black Hand" letter John Onelli and Atonia Rogers were attacked and terribly injured at Hastings, Pa., last night. Onelli was stabbed in the spine, causing paralysis, and Rogers' eye was gouged out with a knife. Three Italians were arrested early to-day and identified as the assailants by Onelli.

ELEVEN DEAD; FIFTY INJURED

DYNAMITE CATASTROPHE ON PANAMA CANAL WORK

Bodies Buried Beneath Debris—Casualties May Exceed Present Estimate.

Colon, Dec. 14.—A giant blast of dynamite, all ready prepared for firing, was prematurely exploded in the workings at Bas Obispo on Saturday. Eleven men were killed and fifty injured. It may be that others have been killed, for the debris is piled up in all directions.

Bas Obispo is about thirty miles from Colon, and the shock of the explosion was distinctly felt here. Numerous reports are current as to the cause of the accident, but the official version from Culebra, which gives an estimate of ten killed and fifty wounded, states that during the blasting of the last hole of the blast, the dynamite in this cutting was discharged and the remaining twenty-two tons were exploded by concussion. The holes had not been connected electrically, and the discharge was set for 5 o'clock. The last hole was being loaded under the supervision of one of the most efficient powder men in the employ of the commission.

A passenger train had just passed when the explosion occurred, but it was not in any way damaged. The majority of the victims are Spanish. Relief trains were sent to the scene of the disaster, and one which returned here several hours later, brought back the report that forty-five of the injured had been sent to the hospital. The officials on the train stated that eleven dead had been found, while more others in the gang of a hundred and twenty who were employed on the cut were missing.

It was also reported by the trainmen that the explosion was due to a passing steam shovel, which hooked the wire leading to the immense charge of dynamite.

Two Americans Dead.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Official advice shows that there were two Americans killed in the explosion at Bas Obispo. These are John J. Reidy, a foreman, from Indianapolis, Ind., and James H. Hummer, of Dummellen, N. J. The brief message from Chairman Goodrich to Capt. Fozz, chief of the Washington office of the commission, gave no details.

STREET CROSSING FATALITY.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—One man was killed and several other passengers escaped with slight injuries yesterday, when a Michigan Central freight train ran into a street car at a crossing in Chicago Heights.

U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 14.—Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte on Saturday indicated that he would not be a member of President Taft's cabinet when in response to an inquiry on the subject he said that after March 4th next he would positively retire from public life.

POSTHUMOUS TITLE FOR TSZU HZI AN

To Be Called "Filial and Admirable Empress of the Heavens."

Pekin, Dec. 14.—An edict was issued yesterday conferring upon the late Dowager Empress Tszu Hzi An, the posthumous title of "Filial and Admirable Empress of the Heavens," equal and bright and practicing holiness.

The edict orders that special ceremonies be carried out in connection with the conferring of the title.

PUBLIC WORKS IN ALBERTA.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 14.—John Stokes, deputy minister of public works of Alberta, reports that work in charge of his department is now in course of actual construction as follows: Bridge at Taber over Belly river; bridge at McLeod over Old Man river; bridge at Red Deer over Red Deer; Wetaskiwin court house, nearing completion.

Provincial telephone warehouse in this city, almost finished. Work has been suspended on the Calgary land titles office owing to shortage of supplies. The second floor of the parliament building at Edmonton will be completed by the end of January. Mr. Stokes expects that these various works will be continued right through the winter months.

CALGARY'S NEW LIBRARY.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 14.—The Calgary library board will take immediate steps to push forward the construction of the new library for Calgary. All the stone will be got out at once, and the work of excavation will be commenced in a few days.

MONTREAL SNOWBOUND.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 14.—Thirty hours' continuous snowfall in Montreal and throughout a large portion of Quebec province is giving the railroad and municipal authorities a severe battle to keep open the lines of transportation. In Montreal it is costing more than \$1,000 an hour to keep the streets open, without counting the expense to the street railway company.

BANQUET OF DEATH.

(Special to the Times.) Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 14.—Mrs. August Rose, another victim of the poisoned meat served at the Prometheus banquet, is about to die.

BANKING ABSORPTION.

Uxbridge, Ont., Dec. 14.—The private banking business of Isaac T. Gould & Brothers, of this town, has been taken over by the Sterling Bank of Canada.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERY AT SAULT STE. MARIE

Deputy Postmaster Sandbagged—Thieves Escape With \$2,500.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Dec. 14.—Three unknown men entered the post office here last night while Deputy Postmaster Frank Higgins was making out a payroll, knocked him senseless with a sandbag, and then escaped with \$2,500. The thieves are supposed to have gone to Canada. Higgins recovered consciousness early to-day and crawled out of the building and gave the alarm.

GERMAN NAVAL INTENTIONS.

Remored Acquisition of Berlinga Islands as Base Is Denied.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The Lisbon correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, says in a dispatch that he is authorized to deny the story from Paris that Germany is about to acquire the Berlinga Islands, off the coast of Portugal, with the idea of establishing a fortified coaling station there.

ADMIRAL CERVERA RETIRES.

Madrid, Dec. 14.—Vice-Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet in the battle of Santiago, was retired from the active list of the Spanish navy to-day at his own request.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS ARE BANQUETTED

Stockholm, Dec. 14.—Dr. Leflo, the well known mathematician, gave a luncheon on Saturday in honor of Prof. Lippman, of Paris, and Prof. Rutherford, of Manchester (the latter formerly of McGill University, Montreal), two of the Nobel prize winners. Covers were laid for 120 guests representing the scientific world. M. Tolle, minister of foreign affairs, welcomed the guests of honor. Referring to Professor Rutherford in a cordial speech, the minister said he was a young explorer in the realm that was new and marvelous in science, which was neither physics nor chemistry. In view of this fact, he ventured to hope that he might again welcome Professor Rutherford there as another winner of the Nobel prize. He (the chairman), drank the welfare of French and British sciences.

PRINCE CHUN'S SALARY.

Will Receive \$105,000 Yearly for Administering Chinese Affairs.

Pekin, Dec. 14.—Statutes fixing the official status of Prince Chun, the regent, were published to-day. The Prince is given an annual salary of 150,000 taels (about \$105,000), and is made commander-in-chief of both the land and sea forces of the Empire. The edict provides also that a palace be built for him near the site of the Dowager's winter residence.

CEYLON ENTERTAINS AMERICAN ARMADA

Admiral Sperry is Given Good Reception in British Dependency.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14.—Rear-Admiral Sperry landed to-day from the battleship Connecticut to pay his official visit to Sir Henry Edward MacCallum, the governor of Ceylon. A crowd of honor 120 had been assembled and there was a big crowd on the waterfront composed of natives and Europeans.

The admiral was cheered as he stepped ashore. He at once inspected the guard of honor from the 9th Infantry Regiment, which was drawn up on the pier. After the ceremony the admiral, with the members of his staff, drove to the governor's residence. Later in the day the governor returned the call, and was received on board the Connecticut with the usual salutes.

During the stay of the sixteen battleships at Calamba—they arrived yesterday from Manila—Admiral Sperry will be the guest of the governor, while Rear-Admiral Schroeder will be entertained by General Lawrence. The first batch of sailors, consisting of 28 bluejackets and two officers from each ship, came ashore in the morning and took a train for Kandy, the capital of Ceylon, where they will spend the day as guests of the government. There will be similar excursions each day during the stay of the fleet until all the men have thus been entertained.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 14.—George Hinds, of Creore, was killed at the O'Brien mine by dynamite which exploded through the heat of his hands. He leaves a wife and family.

BULL-FIGHTING TRAGEDY.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—Rodolfo Gaona, a famous Mexican bull-fighter, was fatally injured in a fight in Puebla yesterday. He was caught by the fifth bull, the horns of the animal penetrating the abdomen.

LABOR'S AWFUL DEATH ROLL

OVER THIRTY THOUSAND DEAD; 2,000,000 INJURED

U. S. Statistics for 1908 Reveal Excessive List of Casualties.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—Between 30,000 and 35,000 deaths, and 2,000,000 injured is the accident record in the United States during the past year among workmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued to-day by the bureau of labor.

Of those employed in factories and workshops, it is stated that probably the most exposed class are the workers from iron and steel. Fatal accidents among electricians and electric linemen and coal miners are declared to be excessive, while railway trainmen were killed in the proportion of 7.46 deaths per 1,000 employees.

The bulletin declares that much that could be done for the protection of the workmen is neglected, though many and far-reaching improvements have been introduced in factory practice during the last decade.

MACFARLAND WINS SIX-DAY GRIND

Five Feet Separate Leaders After Desperate Finish—Record Beaten.

Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 14.—Floyd MacFarland, the veteran bicycle racer of California, won the sixteenth international six-day race for the team of MacFarland and Moran at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, and set a new distance record. Rutt, of the Rut-Sto, German-Holland team, finished second, and Demara, of the Demara-Hill combination, the former of California, the latter of British Columbia, finished third. The final sprint of the miles was between the representatives of these three teams, which were on equal terms as to distance covered, the others withdrawing to give them a clear track. The three teams that took part in the final dash covered 2,737 miles, 1 lap, in 142 hours, which is three miles, seven laps ahead of the record set by Miller and Waller in 1899.

Following is the standing of the eight teams that finished the race, in the order named: MacFarland-Moran, 2,737 miles, 1 lap; Rut-Sto, 2,737 miles, 1 lap; Hill-Demara, 2,737 miles, 1 lap; W. Root, 2,737 miles; Collins-Mitten, 2,736 miles, 9 laps; Galvin-Wiley, 2,736 miles, 8 laps; Anderson-Vanonia, 2,736 miles, 8 laps; Palmer-Drobach, 2,123 miles, 4 laps.

The former record was 2,733 miles, 4 laps.

EFFORTS TO HUSH UP STEINHEIL TRAGEDY

Influential Parisians Said to Be Mixed Up in Murder Mystery.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Another startling political crime is being covered up to prevent the exposure of influential citizens. This is the opinion of a majority of those who have followed the investigation of Madame Steinheil, who is suspected of being involved in the plot that resulted in the murder of her husband and mother on the night of May 21st.

The threatened collapse of the investigation that Magistrate Andre was seen conducting for two weeks, just at the time when it seemed that it would bear abundant fruit, has convinced most Parisians that powerful influences have intervened to check the prosecution and that justice will be thwarted in the attempt to solve another of France's political murders.

It is asserted by many of those who know the "inside history" of the infernal room in the Palace of Justice that Andre did not follow up a number of splendid "leads" that he obtained in the early examinations of Mme. Steinheil, which at one time seemed would result in a complete breakdown of the star witness.

The "reconstruction of the crime," a test that is usually applied in cases of such importance, was not resorted to with Mme. Steinheil. The public is convinced that had the double murder been re-enacted before Mme. Steinheil during her highly nervous state the whole truth of the crime would have come out.

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**WANT TREATY
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Addresses Delivered on Asiatic Question at City Hall Last Night.
 (From Friday's Daily.)
 The Asiatic Exclusion League held an open meeting last evening in the city hall, which drew an audience of one hundred.
 Mayor Hall, at the request of the organization, occupied the chair, and several speeches were delivered. The following resolution, which formed the basis for the speeches, was carried: "Be it resolved by this meeting of citizens of Victoria that the Dominion government be requested to abrogate the treaty with Japan and to pass such legislation that will effect the total exclusion of all Asiatics."
 The first speaker, G. H. Barnard, M. P.-elect, said he would not have attended the meeting but for his promise, owing to his inability, to attend a bad cold. He could not, however, find any fault with the resolution as offered. There was, he felt, very little to say to it that had not been said many times before. He thought, however, that the people of the province were in accord with the resolution proposed. During his recent trip to the interior he had ascertained the feeling of the people on this matter. "They are strong for total exclusion," he said, "and it is apparent that great interest is taken in the matter. I consider the general wish of the people of the province is for Japanese exclusion, and I am sure you that the question of Asiatic exclusion will be brought up at the next session of the House of Commons at Ottawa. We are prepared to advocate the total exclusion of Asiatics in British Columbia. Other Conservative members are with me. The matter will be put forcibly and with eloquence. Japan is a country of limited area and the only Asiatic territory on which to settle." He said British Columbia must be an enormous temptation to the government of Japan and concluded with the remark that working men and capitalists alike should nail the question and put their feet down for a white British Columbia and a white Canada.
 Mr. Barnard also went into politics and discussed the recent political campaign at length.
 Upon Mr. Barnard having concluded his address, a member of the audience said, "Will Mr. Barnard ask the Dominion government to employ the immigration office employs two Chinese to sweep off the sidewalk on Broughton street opposite the offices." The same questioner said that Grant & Lineham were selling gravel to the city and were employing Chinese to load the wagons. He said the city should insist on white men being employed on all city contracts.
 The Mayor, replying to the speaker on the gravel matter, said he was not aware that the city had a contract with Grant & Lineham. The questioner, however, said he was aware of the fact that Grant & Lineham were employing Chinese to load the wagons. He said the Mayor could stop the employment of Chinese on city work.
 At a later stage of the meeting the Mayor again referred to the matter, saying that according to the rules of the corporation, Asiatics could not take part in any of the city contracts. "It is being done I will stop it in twenty-four hours," he concluded. Another speaker interjected: "John Haggerty is doing the same thing."
 The Mayor, in speaking to the resolution before the meeting, said the country needed a white population and Canada should be for white races only. He said the meeting was held under the auspices of the Asiatic league and the question was one which came home to everyone. He thought the resolution would cover the Asiatic question if it could be carried out. The object, he thought, was to test the wishes of the public on this matter. He explained that the resolution would be handed to Mr. Barnard for presentation to the government at Ottawa.
 William Blackmore, in the course of his address, said: "It is well to proceed we must display that spirit of fairness and we will assuredly win, as we have right on our side. There has been a considerable influx of Asiatic labor in British Columbia, and it extends to commercial and industrial pursuits. Japanese and Chinese cannot assimilate the civilization of the white races in the white man's country. Lord Milner has told us many times that white man's country, and but for the stand taken last year there would have been many more Asiatics here now than there are. If we can hold the Japanese immigration where it is we will do well for there is not enough of it here to hurt us. We do not wish to hold up the Dominion government or to precipitate trouble. What has been done on this question in New Zealand, Australia and Natal can be done here. It is for the Dominion government to negotiate the terms, but it is our duty to petition the government and now here should be an end of talk and a beginning of action. The great wealth of Canada should be kept for the millions the Dominion will have to support in years to come. The Dominion government has done the best for immigration, but of the numbers that have come here I see no reason why they should not have been Irish, Scotch and English rather than Doukhobors and Glasgows. The speaker was accorded loud applause at the conclusion of his address.
 Mr. Waters also spoke, saying Canada should be a white man's country. He urged the passage of the resolution which Mr. Barnard could then present to the government. He had found last summer several mills where Japanese and Chinese labor was employed, and had seen white men turned away when applying for work.
 James Porter said Mr. Barnard showed bad form and a lack of etiquette appearing at a public meeting to speak and take instructions from the gathering. At the same time Mr.

**AMERICAN TRIBUTE TO
 DOMINION GOVERNMENT**

British Columbia Waters Like Brilliantly Lighted Street, Says Seattle Newspaper.
 British Columbian shipping men have often been slow to realize all that the Dominion government has of recent years done for them in the way of aids to navigation. There have from time to time been murmurings when a buoy went astray or a light did not work properly. Many people consider that the government has done nothing but its duty in the matter. That may be, but to do its duty is what is required of a government. It remained for a foreign publication to write an appreciation of the work. The following is from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer of Thursday:
 "Steamship owners, who operate to Alaskan waters, are united in the campaign for additional aids to navigation in northern waters. Suitable memorials, petitions and facts are being forwarded to representatives in congress in an effort to rouse the government to the needs of shipping.
 "In stating the difference between Canadian and American waters, one steamship official says that when a vessel crosses the international boundary line into American waters it is like leaving a brilliantly lighted street in the heart of a large city and passing on into the darkness of a forest.
 "Mariners are unanimous in expressing the opinion that the Canadian government has taken good care of shipping in British Columbia waters. In marked contrast the United States government has done little for shipping. In American waters probably as much money has been expended, but it has been done in such a careless or extravagant manner that the results have not been obtained.
 "In preparing arguments for the congressional committee to consider Marcus Talbot, assistant manager of the Alaska Coast Company, in connection with the masters of this fleet, has drawn up a long list of needed aids, including light houses, gas buoys, beacons and fog signals along the coast in the inside passage, and also from Cape Spencer to Cape Hinchinbrook.
 "There are about 100 places where aids would be appreciated by navigators. In Mr. Talbot's list are thirty-seven points where it is considered absolutely necessary to place lights or signals. It is shown that lighthouses ought to be established at the entrance to Congress narrows, on Ship Island, on Rocky Island, the junction of Lynn canal and Icy strait and at Ocean cape. The other points require gas buoys, beacons or fog signals. Mr. Talbot recently made his first trip to Alaska, and his eyes were opened to the needs of the coast.
 "Alaska steamship men are in earnest in their campaign for additional aids. Their demands are reasonable in that they ask the government to establish automatic gas buoys and whistles wherever these comparatively cheap signals would be of service. Until congress at a later date is willing to appropriate sufficient to build lighthouses. The Alaska coast is regarded as extremely dangerous, especially in the winter, and the illuminants which have been run north will willingly testify that the conditions have not been exaggerated in the least."

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The following notices to mariners have been issued by the department of marine and fisheries:
 Trial Island.
 The temporary fixed white light shown from Trial Island lighthouse, Juan de Fuca strait, has been replaced by a double flashing white light of the fourth order, showing a group of two flashes with a short interval between them every 30 seconds. The lighthouse is surmounted by a circular metal lantern, painted red.
 Sandheads of Fraser River.
 The combined gas, whistling and bell buoy, heretofore moored off the extreme western shoulder of Roberts bank, has been replaced by a combined gas and whistling buoy, moored in the same position. The buoy is of steel, cylindrical, painted red, surmounted by a red pyramidal steel frame, supporting the whistle and lantern. The light is a white light, automatically occulted at short intervals. The illuminant is acetylene, generated automatically. The whistle is sounded by the motion of the buoy on the waves.
 Burrard Inlet.
 A gas-lighted beacon has been established by the government of Canada on the western shore of the west end of the First Narrows, Burrard Inlet. Latitude N. 49 degrees 18 minutes 50 seconds, longitude W. 123 degrees 8 minutes 34 seconds. The beacon consists of a red steel pile foundation, supporting a steel and cylindrical tank standing on a steel framework, and surmounted by a pyramidal steel frame supporting the lantern. The light is a white light, automatically occulted at short intervals. It is elevated 25 feet above high water mark, and should be visible 30 miles from all points of approach. The illuminant is acetylene, generated automatically. The light is unwatched.
 Prince Rupert Entrance.
 Without further notice the trees will be cleared off Coast Island, in the entrance to Prince Rupert harbor, so as to allow the front range light to be visible from all points of approach by water. Latitude N. 54 degrees 12 minutes 43 seconds, longitude W. 130 degrees 13 minutes 33 seconds. The light will also be screened from the southeast side in such a way that it will not be visible over the bank off Kitson Island. Entering Prince Rupert harbor from the eastward, as soon as the light is opened it may be steered for clear of Kitson bank.
 Vancouver.
 The storm signal mast at Vancouver, Burrard Inlet, has been moved from the foot of Howe street, near the Canadian Pacific station, to Brockton point, where it will in future be operated.
 Nanaimo Harbor.
 On or about last January, 1900, the light shown from Alloway point beacon, south end of the entrance to Nanaimo harbor, will be changed from an occulting red light to an occulting white light.
 Seaforth Channel.
 The platform buoy, which formerly marked the north end of the channel, has been replaced by a combined gas and whistling buoy. Latitude N. 52 degrees 12 minutes 57 seconds, longitude W. 123 degrees 11 minutes 5 seconds. The buoy is of steel, cylindrical, painted in red and black horizontal bands, and is surmounted by a pyramidal steel frame supporting the whistle and lantern. The light is a white light, automatically occulted at short intervals. The illuminant is acetylene, generated automatically.
 Dixon Entrance.
 1. Steinhouse shoal, Brown passage, consists of a small rocky head with 6 feet of water. It is marked by a red buoy. Latitude N. 54 degrees 20 minutes 15 seconds, longitude W. 130 degrees 56 minutes 30 seconds. Uneven ground with a least depth of 10 fathoms. A red buoy is placed northward of this shoal, but elsewhere it is steep-to. Vessels should pass southward of this shoal. From the shoal, Western Hammer rock bears N. 77 degrees 10 minutes 40 seconds, 4.10 miles, and Butterworth rock bears S. 14 degrees E. 2. A rock, which dries one foot, lies southwestward of Connel islands. Latitude N. 54 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds, longitude W. 130 degrees 57 minutes 15 seconds. From the rock, Coast Mount bears N. 39 degrees E. distant 6 3/10 miles, and Butterworth rock bears S. 21 degrees E. 1/10 miles.
 Japan.
 On 9th October, 1908, a fog siren was established at Noshappuzzi light station, province of Nemoro, Hokkaido, Japan. The siren will, during thick or foggy weather, give one blast of 5 seconds' duration every 35 seconds. In the event of a gale the bell maintained at this station was withdrawn.

**CANADIANS SAVING
 MONEY RAPIDLY**

Too Fast for Banks to Find Investments for Their Deposits.
 Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A very remarkable condition of affairs is disclosed by a Canadian government's bank statement for October recently issued. It is shown that the people of this country are saving money at a very much faster rate than the banks and business men of the Dominion can dispose of in profitable investments. The result of this condition of things is that deposits in Canada increased during October to the extent of \$1,879,775, while the business of the country absorbed only \$3,322,014 more than during the previous month. When it is remembered that the crop movement began very early this year, and that the government was paid for their wheat and other products promptly, it will be understood that several million dollars of increase for a month deposits may be due to the plentifulness of money in the rural districts of the Dominion.
 Whatever the cause, however, the bankers of Canada are confronted with the fact that they have to earn interest on \$60,000,000 of capital and \$67,000,000 of deposits.
**TARIFF REVISION
 WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED**
President-elect Taft Has Taken Firm Attitude on Subject.
 Washington, Dec. 11.—That President-elect Taft sees the possibility of the prolongation through the entire summer of the proposed extra session of congress to revise the tariff, developed yesterday when he declined to attend the next session of the trans-Mississippi congress, which is to be held in Denver from the 16th to the 21st of next August.
 Mr. Taft said last night that it was his belief that the House of Representatives would make up its mind and through revision of the tariff, at the extra session, which he is to call for that purpose upon his inauguration as president. This belief he bases on a conference he had with Speaker Cannon and on a meeting yesterday of the Republican members of the ways and means committee of the house. Mr. Taft said he had not as yet consulted with members of the senate on the subject.
 When the suggestion was made that the senate would undoubtedly have something to do with the tariff bill after the house had passed it, he replied with no uncertainty that his determination was to call a later date until congress at a later date is willing to appropriate sufficient to build lighthouses. The Alaska coast is regarded as extremely dangerous, especially in the winter, and the illuminants which have been run north will willingly testify that the conditions have not been exaggerated in the least."

**ARMED FANATIC
 TERRORIZES CITIZENS**

Seized by Religious Frenzy, He Attempts to "Shoot Up" Town.
 Edgewater, N. J., Dec. 12.—Proclaiming himself "John the Baptist come to save the world," an armed fanatic, wrought up to a high pitch of maniacal fury, terrorized this village for a full hour late yesterday, appearing on the main street, waving a big revolver, holding up the proprietors of several stores, exchanging many shots with a hastily formed posse and at last being wounded himself when the police and a mob of citizens ran him down.
 In all the fracas no one was hurt but the fanatic himself, and his wounds are not regarded as dangerous, and although the reign of terror the fanatic instituted was apparently based upon a religious impulse, his raid possessed very little of the features of a wild western exploit. In the midst of the excitement, the madman commandeered a horse and wagon and struck a reckless gallop out of town. It was from behind the improvised bulwark which he made of this vehicle when he alighted from it near the Falls, that he was finally picked by the shots of the pursuing posse.
 After he had been taken into custody, the man, gray-whiskered and apparently about 35 years of age, said he was Arthur S. Fomoroy, that his home was in Nebraska, but that he had been an inmate of a private sanatorium in Stamford, Conn. When it was found that his wounds were slight, he was ordered to be taken to the asylum at Morey's Plains, where he will be detained pending other proceedings.

**MRS. WALTER WINSBY
 RECEIVED HER FRIENDS**

Pretty Post-nuptial Reception Held by Victoria Bride.
 Mrs. Walter Winsby held her post-nuptial reception Thursday afternoon in her pretty bungalow on Alfred street, which was decorated for the occasion with red carnations and asparagus ferns.
 Mrs. Winsby received her guests in her wedding gown, a beautiful white chiffon with embroidered panel and yoke, with lace garnitures, made Empire style over white pinnette silk. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Winsby, senior, who looked very handsome in a rich black silk gown with old lace. Mrs. E. H. Hiscock also assisted.
 Tea was served from a table, effectively decorated with pretty dainties and the showy poinsettia plants. Mrs. Robinson, in a most becoming blue Empire gown, poured tea and was assisted by Miss Sarah Spencer in a pretty all over lace Empire gown worn over pink silk, and Miss Sophie Hiscock in dainty blue crepe de chene.
 The following are a few of those who were present: Mrs. D. B. McCannan, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven, Mrs. J. W. D. York, Miss Ard, Mrs. R. Howitt, Powell, Mrs. Arthur Longfield, Mrs. J. B. Lovell, Mrs. R. Bennett, Miss Bennett, Mrs. Nicholles, Miss Nicholles, Mrs. Albert Wilders, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. White, Mrs. S. M. Hartman, Miss Simpson, Mrs. W. T. Pidcock, and Mrs. S. W. Roberts.
FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.
 Paris, Dec. 12.—The exchange of signatures to the new Franco-American treaty of extradition will take place in Paris in a few days. Ambassador White has been authorized to sign for the United States. This treaty is substantially identical with the one negotiated in 1897, the modification whereof, by the American senate, however, France declined to accept. The existing differences now have been composed.
60 YEARS IN BUSINESS.
 Montreal, Que., Dec. 12.—James Williamson, founder and president of the James Williamson warehousing company, is dead. He had been in the business in Montreal for the past sixty years. He was born in 1848.

**CHINESE PUZZLE
 WHICH GAVE TROUBLE**

Identity of Oriental Was Difficult Thing to Establish.
 (From Friday's Daily.)
 What looked to be the provincial revenue collector like an attempt to evade payment of the tax by devious Chinese methods is the case of Lee, of 226 Herald street.
 When Lee appeared in the police court yesterday in answer to a summons issued by Collector Carter he produced a receipt issued to Low Ming, 1316 Douglas street, as proof that he had paid the tax. The case was adjourned to allow Mr. Carter to investigate.
 The collector stated in court this morning that when he went to collect the tax the Chinaman gave him one name, but he did not understand it. Another feature of the case was that when a constable went to serve the summons Lee denied that he was Lee, and it was necessary for the collector to go down to identify him as the right man.
 Mr. Carter explained further that the tailor business of Low Ming, at 1316 Douglas street was out of existence, and the men out of the city, some in Nelson and some in Vancouver. He knows Low Ming, in whose name the receipt was given.
 However, as the collector was not prepared to produce evidence that the receipt was not properly in Lee's possession, Magistrate Jay had to dismiss the complaint, and Lee walked off smiling as Low Ming and Lee. According to the collector the man claims to have three names.
FIFTY MILES OF ICE.
 Menace to Ships in the South Atlantic.
 A remarkable story of an ice island in the South Atlantic was told by Captain Yore, of the Glasgow barque Dee, on arrival at Queenstown, from Talcahuano, say mail advices just received from London. He reports that some time after rounding Cape Horn, on September 4th, in latitude 49 south and longitude 50 west, the ship sailed into what appeared to be a sea of ice. One berg alone was at least 50 miles long and about 200 feet high. It took the ship 16 hours to pass it; and while she was going through the bergs a partially damaged barque was sighted. The Dee bore down on her and asked if she wanted assistance. She proved to be the Norwegian barque Fratager, bound from Lobos de Afuero, with guano, for Hamburg. Several of her spars were gone, and the bulwarks were stove in, as a result of impact with the ice. Her captain said he would try for Buenos Ayres.
 The Dee passed in all 150 bergs, some of which were from one to five miles long. The temperature of the water was 38 Fahr., and of the air 42 Fahr. The whole sea of ice is drifting east, and is a great menace to passing vessels. Captain Yore thinks many vessels will have met an ugly fate in the ice, as it was not possible to detect its presence until ships were right into it.

AMERICA'S PHILANTHROPIST.

Rockefeller's Will Devotes \$5,000,000 For Education of Oriental Nations.
 Chicago, Dec. 12.—The Record-Herald says that according to a professor of the University of Chicago, John D. Rockefeller's will, as reported several months ago, devotes \$5,000,000 to the promotion of education in Oriental lands. According to the story, Mr. Rockefeller will first award the reports of Prof. Ernest Burton and Prof. Thos. S. Chamberlin, who have been commissioned to investigate conditions in the Orient. Prof. Burton is now in India, and Prof. Chamberlin and his son Rollin will start for China next month. President Judson of the university refused to confirm the report.

**HIGH GALE RAGED
 ON WEST COAST**

Hurricane Recalls Loss of H. M. S. Conдор Just Seven Years Ago.
 (From Saturday's Daily.)
 Early this morning one of the fiercest storms that has been known here for some time was raging on the coast of Vancouver Island and adjacent waters. At times the wind at Cape Flattery blew at the rate of eighty miles an hour, a regular hurricane. By morning the force of the wind had somewhat abated and when the wireless report was received at 8 o'clock it had subsided to a little over fifty miles an hour.
 Now and then during the day fierce gusts with frequent rains made moving about out of doors very unpleasant. There is little shipping on the coast just now, so that the loss is not much less than of any disasters being reported. The wire to Carmanah is down so that no messages have been received from that point, but the Dominion wireless recalls the fact that it was just seven years ago that the sloop of war Conдор went down. On December 3rd she sailed away from Esquimalt bound for Honolulu and the south seas, accompanied by H. M. S. Wasp, which was returning to England. On the tenth of the month there was a severe gale, but whether or not that was the one which wrecked the war vessel will never be known. Later in the day the ship's boats drifted ashore and a life belt also was thrown up on the beach, but that was all that ever came back to tell the tale. The lifebelt may be seen today hanging over the brass door in the little Anglican church at Esquimalt.

BRITAIN'S CATTLE TRADE

London, Dec. 12.—Earl Carrington has refused a request made on behalf of the Scottish chambers of agriculture that ports should be closed against live cattle from the United States and Canada. He said it would not be wholesome to have only a dead meat trade.
CALGARY CHURCH-GOERS.
 Calgary, Dec. 12.—The city's churches have not for several months past been able to accommodate the large congregations caused by the rapid increase in population. This statement is borne out by the fact that the Catholic church finds it necessary to build a new edifice early next year. The same condition of affairs applies to practically all the denominations in Calgary.
**CHARMER'S COLLISION
 BEING INVESTIGATED**
Captain Gaudin Commenced Preliminary Inquiry at His Office This Morning.
 (From Friday's Daily.)
 The preliminary investigation into the crockett Point between the steamer Charmer and a scow in tow of the tug Bernuda, was commenced this morning before Captain Gaudin, in the marine and fisheries building. It is not improbable that a public investigation may follow the private inquiry. Captain Gaudin will report the result of his investigation to the department at Ottawa, and they will decide whether a public inquiry should be held. So far neither of the parties interested has asked for an inquiry.
 There will probably be no public investigation into the ramming of the Fukui Maru by the Princess Beatrice.
**INCREASE IN CANADA'S
 TRADE WITH MEXICO**
 Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A. W. Donley, Canadian trade commissioner in Mexico, reports to the department of trade and commerce that although for the last fiscal year there was a falling off in Mexican trade of eight million dollars, Great Britain and Canada were not sufferers to any great extent. United States imports dropped from seventy-three to fifty-eight million, while those from Great Britain increased from twelve to sixteen million, and from Canada from \$228,900 to \$408,000.
 United States exports fell three millions, British two millions, and Canadian from \$228,000 to \$92,000.
 The shortage in the exports to Canada was due almost entirely to the falling off in the quantity of Mexican sugar sent to this country.

ENGLISH SALMON MARKET.

The following letter was received a few days ago by the Commercial News, San Francisco:
 Liverpool, Nov. 8, 1908.
 Editor Commercial News: Our markets for salmon continue to be very quiet, which is to an extent usual at this time of the year, when dealers are absorbed in dried fruit and Christmas necessaries, so that we do not look for any life in this particular market until after the turn of the year.
 Alaska red tails, 1908 pack, are being held for 22s ex-store, overland shipment, association pack. To arrive by steamer or sailer, A. P. A. brands can be purchased on the market at about 20s 9d ex-quay, and outside packs have been sold by dealers in wholesale quantities at 20s 3d ex-quay.
 In British Columbia there is some little demand for best sockeye 1-pound talls, and really best flats, which are exceedingly light in stock, the value of the former is about 20s 6d ex-store, latter 29s@30s per case, ex-store, respectively. Choice sockeye half-pound flats can now be obtained at the low price of 18s ex-store, which must show a loss to the importer.
 The statistical position of salmon continues to be in favor of firm markets. The stocks in public warehouses, on the 1st inst. total 217,808 cases, and in general trade about 100,000 cases. In 1908, A. P. A. brands in price owing to the strong statistical position is checked by the want of demand from the country, and this is due to continued dullness in general trade notwithstanding that the Lancashire cotton strike is now over, no improvement to speak of seems to have been felt. There are evidences, however, that we are on the brink of an improvement. In general trade conditions, and we hope next year this will prove to be a fact.
 JAMES GILBERTSON & CO.
FELL INTO TRENCH.
 Team of Horses Were in Serious Predicament This Morning.
 (From Saturday's Daily.)
 A team of horses belonging to the Canada Transfer Co. fell into a water main excavation near the corner of Douglas street and Pandora avenue shortly before ten o'clock this morning, and one of the horses sustained a bad cut on one of the legs.
 The team was attached to a large wagon which was delivering meat to the Douglas Meat Market, and were standing in front of the store. In some way the outside animal got into the trench and pushed the other one down. As the excavation is fortunately not a deep one and no bones were broken, little difficulty was experienced in getting the horses out.
 When the injured one tore itself on the jagged rocks in the side of the cutting it emitted a cry which was heard for a long way up and down the street and quite a crowd was attracted. The teamster was unable to get into the trench and although blood was flowing freely from the wound, when Captain A. J. Dallan, president of the S. P. C. A., happened to come along and he insisted that the injured horse should be attended to then and there. He telephoned to Dr. Robert Hamilton, who came over and put in several stitches.
 Several thoughtless members of the crowd seemed to think that the president of the S. P. C. A. was "tutting in" when he refused to let the horse be led away without having attention. The teamster said he could not afford to get a doctor, so it is evident that if Captain Dallan had not taken the steps he did, which were such as common humanity would prompt, the wound would have got but rough and ready treatment. The society will have to bear the expense of the doctor's services in all probability.

**REPAIRING OF STREETS
 GIVES COUNCIL TROUBLE**

Proposed to Pay for Work Out of Water Revenues.
 (From Saturday's Daily.)
 There will not be a very lengthy meeting of the city council on Monday evening, so far as present indications go, the only motions of which notice has been given, being the granting of contracts for meters, lead pipe, galvanized fittings and brass goods, all for the waterworks department, and the laying of an agreement with the E. Wilson Company.
 The latter deals with the laying of a salt-water main for the convenience of the cold storage plant which the company is undertaking construction on the block between Herald and Chatham streets. The Victoria-Phoenix brewery also wish to avail themselves of this main. By the agreement which the aldermen sanctioned last evening, the company is given permission to lay a main on Store street and Chatham street, continuing across Government street to the brewery, on undertaking to put the street back into the same condition as they found it.
 The streets, bridges and sewers committee will recommend that the waterworks department be compelled to put the roadway where mains have been laid into repair. Some of them will require the expenditure of a lot of money to make them as good as they were, owing to the earth not having been properly tramped down in the filling of the trenches. This matter is really one of book-keeping and means that the work would be done out of the waterworks loan instead of from ordinary revenue. As a matter of fact there is very little money left for road work out of the year's appropriations. Some by-laws will be considered and one will be introduced for submission to the ratifiers in January, providing for raising \$50,000 by way of loan, for sewer purposes.

**RUNNING FROM TORONTO
 TO NEW YORK**

Canadian Athlete Making Attempt to Lower His Own Record.
 Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 12.—G. McAughy, the Canadian distance runner who is trying to lower his last summer's run between Toronto and New York, arrived here at 7:10 o'clock this morning. He rested until 8 o'clock this afternoon. McAughy made the run from Toronto to Buffalo in 49 hours and 10 minutes, as against three days last summer. The Canadian is making a straight run to New York. He expects to reach his destination in seven days. He made the run last year in 11 days and 20 hours, resting on Sundays.

"CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE."

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 12.—In an address before Queen's political science club yesterday on waterways and water power, G. C. Gibbons, K. C., chairman of the international waterways commission, made a plea for "Canadian independence." "We should be daughter in our mother's house," he said, "but mistress in our own."
47 CASES OF SMALLPOX.
 Peterborough, Ont., Dec. 12.—There are forty-seven cases of smallpox in the lumber camps north of Peterborough county. Active steps have been taken to stamp out the disease.

**SUBSIDY FOR
 OVERSEAS MAIL**

**BRITISH GOVERNMENT
 GIVES C. P. R. CONTRACT**
**Sum of \$220,000 Involved—
 Time of Transit Is Lengthened.**
 London, Dec. 11.—The terms of a contract, dated October 12th, between the Postmaster-General and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the conveyance of the mails between Liverpool and Hongkong have been published. The agreement is for three years, and expires on April 6th, 1911. The yearly subsidy is \$45,000 per annum. The agreement provides for a small service once in every three weeks during the summer, and once in every four weeks during the winter, in each direction. The mails are to be taken from Liverpool to Hongkong or from Hongkong to Liverpool within a total period of 818 hours, when the conveyance is by way of Quebec or Rimouski, and within 853 hours when the conveyance is by way of Halifax or St. John. The masters, officers and three-fourths of the crews of the mail ships employed on the Atlantic must be British subjects, but this requirement does not apply to the mail steamers between Vancouver and Hongkong.
 The company is put under an obligation, in regard to the conveyance of persons and goods by mail ships, to give no undue preference to traders or other customers or persons outside British possessions. During the continuance of the contract the Admiralty is to have power to purchase or charter the mail ships, and the company is prohibited from selling, leasing or letting them upon hire without the consent of the Admiralty and the postmaster-general.

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 The streets, bridges and sewers committee will recommend that the waterworks department be compelled to put the roadway where mains have been laid into repair. Some of them will require the expenditure of a lot of money to make them as good as they were, owing to the earth not having been properly tramped down in the filling of the trenches. This matter is really one of book-keeping and means that the work would be done out of the waterworks loan instead of from ordinary revenue. As a matter of fact there is very little money left for road work out of the year's appropriations. Some by-laws will be considered and one will be introduced for submission to the ratifiers in January, providing for raising \$50,000 by way of loan, for sewer purposes.

**RUNNING FROM TORONTO
 TO NEW YORK**

Canadian Athlete Making Attempt to Lower His Own Record.
 Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 12.—G. McAughy, the Canadian distance runner who is trying to lower his last summer's run between Toronto and New York, arrived here at 7:10 o'clock this morning. He rested until 8 o'clock this afternoon. McAughy made the run from Toronto to Buffalo in 49 hours and 10 minutes, as against three days last summer. The Canadian is making a straight run to New York. He expects to reach his destination in seven days. He made the run last year in 11 days and 20 hours, resting on Sundays.

"CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE."

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 12.—In an address before Queen's political science club yesterday on waterways and water power, G. C. Gibbons, K. C., chairman of the international waterways commission, made a plea for "Canadian independence." "We should be daughter in our mother's house," he said, "but mistress in our own."
47 CASES OF SMALLPOX.
 Peterborough, Ont., Dec. 12.—There are forty-seven cases of smallpox in the lumber camps north of Peterborough county. Active steps have been taken to stamp out the disease.

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PATRONAGE.

The culminating point in effrontery is probably reached in the assertion that there is no partisanship in the administration of affairs by the McBride government of British Columbia. The proof of the truth of this naive contention is said to be found in the fact that with the advent of the present government there were no dismissals of Grits from office. It would indeed have been a hard task for the government to dismiss Grit officials from the service of the province when all the circumstances of the case are considered. British Columbia has been administered by Tories, practically, for a generation, although it is true that up to the time of the formation of the McBride government party lines were not rigidly drawn. The civil service consequently reflected more or less accurately the political opinions of the members of the government and the supporters of the government. Under the circumstances it would have been a task of considerable difficulty and of great delicacy for the Premier to have adopted the methods of Premier Whitney of Ontario and to have cleared the offices in order to make places for the personal friends and supporters of the new regime. But of such opportunities as it has had the government has taken the fullest advantage. There is no question whatever of the fact that the present government conducts its business upon strictly partisan principles. There is no province in the Dominion in which the vicious "brin-clip" that to the victors "belong the spoils" is more inflexibly applied. In fact, seven-eighths of the strength of the McBride government lies in its effective distribution of patronage for the purpose of purchasing support. Every job, from the conduct of important or petty legal business in the courts to the farming out with a view to bringing advantage to the party. Nor is this hidebound practice confined now to provincial affairs. The machine is brought into active play in federal affairs also. Officials drawing handsome remuneration from the provincial government spend a great portion of their time going up and down the country canvassing and cajoling electors into supporting candidates of the Dominion Conservative party. There is no question whatever of this fact. The candidates of the Liberal party were brought unpleasantly face to face with it in the late elections in Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay. The Revelstoke Mail-Herald bears testimony to it as follows:

"John Bangs, of Fire Valley, was one of the best Liberals whatever in the late campaign in Kootenay. Harry Wright went into Fire Valley with all the pap and campaign funds of the McBride government behind him and canvassed every voter, scattering around judicious promises of a fat job here, and a favor there, and a general distribution of slick McBride campaign methods. He left the valley believing all was serene and that there was another sure majority for Goodfellow."

The situation therefore is that the revenues of the province, or funds which ought if honestly administered to be turned into the coffers of the province, are unscrupulously and dishonestly applied for the enhancement of the glory and the advancement of the ambitions of Premier McBride. There is no doubt whatever that the honorable gentleman has in view the prospect of some day bursting forth into splendor as a federal politician, of becoming a member of a Conservative government—possibly of being chosen the leader of such a government. If he could, by the adoption of the system outlined, deliver a solid Tory British Columbia into the hands of his federal allies, his chances of advancement would be that much the brighter. That is his supreme ambition; for that reason he has employed his tool the leader of the so-called Socialist party and the provincial resources which have been very unwisely placed at his disposition.

Mr. McBride, however, is more candid than his organ. He does not, and will not, deny that his administration is partisan. He does not intend to make the most of the influences in his hands for partisan purposes. The patronage list is in existence in this province in connection with every department of the public service. The Premier will admit this, and will further declare his intention to keep it in existence as long as he has any say in the matter. He confessed its existence to a Mayor of Victoria in a declaration that not even the license or the police commissioners of this city could be appointed except upon the recommendation of the members of the Legislature representing the city. The Premier accordingly understands that it is true

that seven-eighths of his power lies in the effective administration of patronage. Shear him of that and he would be in a worse position than Samson of old when shorn of his locks through the treachery of a courtesan. The organ which attempts to deny this is simply making itself ridiculous in the eyes of all who know and understand the facts. The last thing he would think of doing, or any Tory would think of sanctioning, either in British Columbia or elsewhere, would be the abolition of the patronage list.

The Times has already pointed out that greater cities than Victoria do not consider municipal advertising beneath them. A press-dispatch says the action of the St. Paul city council in including in the new city budget a large appropriation for city advertising places the saintly city in the lead of American municipalities in recognizing advertising as a progressive agency in city development. St. Paul is one of the first American cities to make direct public appropriations for this purpose, and takes this action after a rigid investigation by a special joint committee composed of representative men from its council, ex-Mayor Robert A. Smith and Joseph Stronge, a leading merchant. The city funds will be expended under the direction of the city's advertising business men, and supported by them for a year. The city and its business men will handle the expenditure of the funds jointly, the business men supplementing the city appropriation by a like amount of money raised among themselves. The city funds will be disbursed by a commission composed of Mayor D. Lawler, President Frank J. Huber of the common council and President. Frank Young of the assembly, with whom Comptroller Bots will act. These men have been elected directors of the Consolidated Publicity Bureau and the city money and money raised by the business men will be expended under the direction of this board of directors, the city commission retaining the amount to be paid by the city. Practically all of the money appropriated by the city will be expended in advertising, for the purpose of building up St. Paul's manufactures, industries and population. Expenses of organization, maintenance and similar disbursements will be paid from the funds raised by the business men.

The Colonist on Sunday celebrated its Jubilee by issuing one of the largest editions ever printed in Canada, if not in the British realm. The work is not only of magnificent proportions, however. It is of great value, from whatever point of view it may be regarded. It contains in condensed form the history of Vancouver Island from pioneer days as well as many special features which ought to prove a valuable advertisement for the province. The edition is a credit to all connected with its production, and exemplifies practically the wonderful progress the art of printing and engraving has made in the last fifty years.

The Dutch are taking a mean advantage of President Castro's absence from Venezuela. One of the republic's warships has been seized by Wilhelm's fleet. The remainder of the fleet is bottled up, and the country, doubtless in general may be subjected to like treatment until some one in authority acknowledges the justice of Holland's claims. The little war is not likely to prove a sanguinary affair, however. Castro's illness developed at a convenient time. He is reported to have "bottled up" sufficient fine gold to make him independent of the consequences of his high-handed acts.

King Edward has been in indifferent health for a few weeks. The announcement that His Majesty is greatly improved, physically will therefore be received with thankfulness throughout his dominions. The King has taken up his gun again. That is a sure sign that he is fully recovered.

No matter what Sir Wilfrid said about Asiatic exclusion, no matter how effectively or how imperially he has handled a dangerous question, the agitation and misrepresentation will go on while they can influence a single benighted vote in the interests of unscrupulous politicians.

Christmas shoppers ought to consider the comfort and convenience of employees in stores by making their purchases early, thus avoiding the rush at the last moment. If that is not sufficient inducement, let them consider that the early shopper has the widest choice of goods.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 14.—State Comptroller-elect Charles Gauss announced today that on January 1st he will appoint Otto Kelsey state superintendent of insurance, to be his first deputy. Mr. Gauss wrote to Superintendent Kelsey on December 7th asking him if he would accept the position, and to-day received an affirmative reply.

To-night's 7.30 Specials

7.30 Sale of Women's Coats

\$12.50 to \$20.00 Coats for \$6.75
 A quantity of WOMEN'S COATS on sale to-night. These coats are the correct style—that is, the semi-fitting style, made of tweeds and some plain cloths, in different shades and colors. These garments are splendidly tailored, some of our best makes. Regular \$12.50 to \$20 coats, to-night, 7:30 **\$6.75**

7.30 Sale of Pictures To-night

75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 Pictures, 50c
 About three hundred to sell, covering all kinds of subjects; some are of the comic variety, others serious, many are reproductions of some of the world's greatest religious pictures; in fact an assortment large and varied enough to please the most particular person. This price would not buy the frames alone. Regular 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 pictures, to-night, 7:30. **50c**

7.30 To-night Sale of Boys' Books

3c HENTY BOOKS FOR 25c
 HENTY BOOKS, nicely illustrated and well bound. A large number of titles, including Among the Uslay Pirates, Rajab the Juggler, Colonel Thorndyke's Secret, The Golden Canon, The Boy Knight, Sturdy and Strong, A Hidden Foe and many others. Regular prices 35c. **25c**
 7:30 o'clock to-night

35c ALGER BOOKS FOR 25c
 ALGER BOOKS, well bound and illustrated; a fine lot of titles, including Adrift in New York, Only An Irish Boy, Paul the Peddler, Tom, the Bootblack, Tin Box, Wait and Hope, Jed the Poorhouse Boy, and many others. Regular price 35c. **25c**
 7:30 to-night

7.30 Sales on the Third Floor

Undressed Dolls
 Worth up to \$2.50
 Bisque Bodies, all jointed
TO-NIGHT, 7:30 P. M., \$1.00

Kindergarden Sets for Girls
 Pieces of Work partly done
 Worth 50c to \$1.00
TO-NIGHT, 7:30 P. M., 25c

Furniture Values From \$6.50 to \$22.50 at \$4.90 to \$16.85 To-night

The first of our Christmas Furniture Sales at 7:30 to-night. We offer a new lot of handsome Music Cabinets, the very latest designs, just to hand for Christmas trade. These cabinets are offered at substantial concessions. They are particularly suitable for gifts, being new and handsome. The styles are as follows:

COMBINATION MUSIC AND BRIC-A-BRAC CABINETS, 7:30 to-night **\$16.85**
MUSIC CABINETS with mirror in back, 7:30 to-night **\$13.75**
MUSIC CABINET, with mirror in back, 7:30 to-night **\$11.40**

OPEN MUSIC CABINETS, on sale at 7:30 to-night **\$6.00**
OPEN MUSIC CABINETS, on sale at 7:30 to-night **\$4.90**
MUSIC CABINETS, without mirror, 7:30 to-night **\$8.75**

Leather Handbags Sale To-night

\$1.50 to \$2.25 Bags for \$1.00
LEATHER HAND BAGS, black seal leather, leather lined, metal framed and inside purse; color, black. Regular \$1.50 to \$2.25. 7:30 to-night **\$1.00**

\$3.50 to \$5.00 Bags for \$2.50
LEATHER HAND BAGS, best seal leather, leather lined, metal frames, black and colors; inside purse. Reg. \$3.50 to \$5. 7:30 to-night **\$2.50**

Men's House Coats, up to \$7.50 for \$3.90
 To-night a sale of HOUSE COATS for men; certainly a most timely offering as there is nothing that the average man would appreciate more for Christmas than a coat he could use for lounging about the house and for smoking. These coats are made of nice qualities of plain cloths with plaid linings; also a few designs in fancies. Regular \$6.50 to \$7.50. 7:30 to-night **\$3.90**

Women's 50c Gaiters for 15c
WOMEN'S BLACK GAITERS, seven button-lengths, made of good cloth. Reg. price 50c. 7:30 to-night **15c**

Wallpaper on Sale To-night
 Some very handsome pressed WALL PAPERS in shades of cream, green and two-toned effects. Some of our very handomest lines that sell regularly at \$3 per roll. 7:30 to-night, per roll **\$1.75**

Orchestra Concert To-night EIGHT THIRTY O'CLOCK

Fine China Attractively Priced for To-morrow Morning

CHOCOLATE SETS, \$15.75, \$11.25, \$9.75, \$6.25, \$5.50, \$4.25, \$3.50 and **\$2.25**
TEA SETS (5 o'clock) \$5.75, \$3.75, \$3.50, \$2.25 and **\$1.75**
TEA SETS (39 pieces), prices ranging from \$13.50 to \$2.50 **\$4.50**
CHINA DINNER SETS (100 pieces), prices ranging from \$75 to **\$15**
BON-BON, prices ranging from \$2 to **25c**

CELERY TRAYS, prices ranging from \$3 to **50c**
BISCUIT JARS, prices ranging from \$2.50 to **75c**
HAT PIN HOLDERS, prices ranging from **1.75** to **50c**
SALAD BOWLS, prices range from \$5.75 to **25c**
FANCY FERN POTS, prices ranging from \$2.50 to **75c**
PUFF BOXES, prices ranging from \$1.25 to **50c**
BERRY SETS, prices ranging from \$9.50 to **85c**

To-morrow Morning Specials

Holiday Furniture at Special Prices

A gathering together of all Leather Furniture, Easy Chairs, Couches, etc., and marked at special prices for selling to-morrow. These are good furniture gifts for those who naturally want the best value obtainable. We have just unpacked a car of novelty pieces, and besides these we will place on sale all pieces of leather upholstered furniture. Visit the Furniture Store to-morrow morning. It will be worth while.

Men's Dressing Gowns, \$3.75

MEN'S DRESSING GOWNS and BATH ROBES, made of the best quality of Velour Flannelette in very attractive designs and colorings. It would be hard indeed to over-estimate the comfort and usefulness of one of these garments. Every man should have one. They make a splendid Christmas present, and to-morrow we make it easy for you to buy one. These gowns and bath robes are a special offering for to-morrow at **\$3.75**

Children's Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes

DRESSING GOWNS WORTH \$2.25, TO-MORROW, \$1.25
CHILDREN'S DRESSING GOWNS or BATH ROBES, made of heavy Velour Flannelette, in shades of pink, blue and red, in very attractive designs. These gowns are trimmed with cashmere of contrasting colors, and made just like the same garments are for adults. Very nice for Christmas **\$1.25** gifts. Reg. \$2.25, Special to-morrow morning at **\$1.25**

DRESSING GOWNS WORTH \$3.50, TO-MORROW, \$2.90

THESE GOWNS are made on the regulation model, being exact copies of the kinds worn by adults, and are finished with girdles. They are made of extra heavy Velour Flannelettes in shades of red, pink and light blue, the designs being very attractive. The sizes range from four years to sixteen years. Certainly an ideal gift for a girl of any age. Reg. **\$2.90** value \$3.50. Special to-morrow morning **\$2.90**

Jardiniere Stands at \$1.00

A fine lot of JARDINIERE STANDS on sale to-morrow morning. A very attractive lot of stands, about forty in the lot. The values range from \$1.50 to \$2.50, and as a Christmas special we will sell them, while they last, to-morrow morning at **\$1.00**

Women's Handkerchiefs 12½c

WOMEN'S UNLAUNDERED LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, with initials made of the best Irish linen, but unlaundered, just as they come from the maker. You get the best quality and save a lot on the price by buying them this way. Special for to-morrow morning 2 for **25c**

Real Lace Handkerchiefs at Half Regular Value

Just think of it. Real Lace Handkerchiefs, just at the time when everybody is buying them, and at half-price. Nearly every woman likes to have real lace handkerchiefs, but most women do not like to have to pay the price for them. They think them luxuries, and while they welcome them as gifts, they think quite a while before buying them themselves. Here's a chance to make your lady friends happy and at half what it would usually cost you. The regular prices of these goods range from \$2.50 to \$35.00. On sale at exactly half-price. Prices start at **\$1.25**

Sale Christmas Linen

Every year more linens are bought as gifts. Every year more women are made happy by receiving something in the linen line for Christmas, a Tablecloth or some Napkins, or a set of Tablecloths and Napkins to match. And what could be nicer? Every woman is proud of her stock of table linens, and nothing that you could buy here would please her half so well as something nice in linens. These are some items that may help you to decide. The sets are particularly good value and handsome goods.
LINEN DAMASK TABLE SETS, handsome Damask Table Cloth, border all around, 2 x 2½ yards, and one dozen 27 inch Napkins to match. Per set, special **\$9.50**
DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, border all round, size 2 x 2½ and 2 x 3 yards, one dozen Napkins to match, per set, special **\$11.50**
SATIN DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS, border all round, size 2 x 2½, one dozen Napkins to match, ¾ size. Special, per set, **\$16.50**
DOUBLE SATIN DAMASK PATTERN CLOTHS, size 2 x 3 yards, one dozen 27 inch Napkins to match. Special, per set **\$22.00**
UNBLEACHED BREAKFAST CLOTHS, size 60 x 70 in. Hemmed ready for use. Special **75c**

BOWLING TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN ARRANGED

Series of Matches Between Teams Has Been Drawn Up.

The entry list is closed and the schedule drawn for the big tournament which will commence the 15th inst., and each night until January 29th, each night a tournament of local and purely a tournament of local and the biggest of its kind to be staged in by the locals. Suitable will be awarded the first and teams, while the bowler making highest average, captains throughout the tourney, will be given a prize. The teams drawn are: Captain J. Asklund, W. B. H. W. Burnett, E. E. Heath, A. Bell, Captain W. Fairall, Jas. Bell, Wards, H. Pottier, E. E. Gre, Captain T. J. Hick, F. C. Dill, J. Penfrew, G. Barton, F. B. bold, Captain A. Mudge, T. Renfre, McCarter, G. F. Anderson, J. F. Captain C. W. Holden, Thompson, S. Cooper, W. Dunc Wilson, Captain H. Aaronson, H. Clie McLaughlin, A. Lewis, H. Edw, Captain J. H. Davie, R. Ran, G. Ganner, G. McInroy, F. B. bold, Captain T. D. Wilson, D. B. bridge, T. R. Cusack, E. Sch Pauline.

Children's Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes

The drawings are as follows:
 Dec. 15—Asklund's team vs. team.
 Dec. 16—Hick's team vs. team.
 Dec. 17—Holden's team vs. team.
 Dec. 18—Davie's team vs. team.
 Dec. 21—Asklund's team vs. team.
 Dec. 22—Fairall's team vs. team.
 Dec. 23—Holden's team vs. team.
 Dec. 25—Aaronson's team vs. team.
 Dec. 29—Asklund's team vs. team.
 Dec. 30—Fairall's team vs. team.
 Jan. 5—Hick's team vs. team.
 Jan. 6—Holden's team vs. team.
 Jan. 7—Asklund's team vs. team.
 Jan. 8—Fairall's team vs. team.
 Jan. 9—Aaronson's team vs. team.
 Jan. 12—Mudge's team vs. team.
 Jan. 13—Asklund's team vs. team.
 Jan. 14—Hick's team vs. team.
 Jan. 15—Mudge's team vs. team.
 Jan. 18—Fairall's team vs. team.
 Jan. 20—Asklund's team vs. team.
 Jan. 21—Fairall's team vs. team.
 Jan. 22—Mudge's team vs. team.
 Jan. 25—Hick's team vs. team.
 Jan. 26—Asklund's team vs. team.
 Jan. 27—Fairall's team vs. team.
 Jan. 28—Mudge's team vs. team.
 Jan. 29—Mudge's team vs. team.

Women's Handkerchiefs 12½c

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BOOKBINDERS MEET

President Glocking, of Toronto, Victoria, a Visit.
 (From Saturday's Da the office of the In Brotherhood of Bookbinders ever visited Victoria. is Robert Glocking, of Toronto the best known and most po men in eastern Canada. Me resched the city yesterday evening he met the mem local bookbinders' union at on Johnson street.
 He had a great deal to tel bers of the progress of the over the continent. The un brotherhood are in a flour dition generally. In Canada 3,000 bookbinders, connect local unions, and in the U 12,000 out of the 16,000 wor trade are affiliated with During the past year a gre been done in the directio the eight-hour day adopte Mr. Glocking, who was years head of the Ontario labor bureau, is returning season of the American F Labor at Denver and is west at the request of t unions. He goes from here and will continue on thro via Texas, Oklahoma and ern states west of the Mis of the matters which the had to present to the feder reference to the sending libraries to England by firm, to be done at a ra much below the union ra continent. Library boards councils in the east are the International Brotherhood stop to this.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

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Captain W. Fairall, Jas. Bell, A. Edwards, H. Potter, E. E. Greenshaw. Captain T. J. Hick, F. C. Dillabough, J. Renfrew, G. Barton, F. E. Archibald. Captain A. Mudge, T. Renfrew, J. Y. McCarter, G. F. Anderson, J. Evans. Captain C. W. Holden, A. W. Thompson, S. Cooper, W. Duncan, Jas. Wilson.

The drawings are as follows: Dec. 15-Asklund's team vs. Fairall's team. Dec. 16-Hick's team vs. Mudge's team. Dec. 17-Holden's team vs. Aaronson's team. Dec. 18-Davie's team vs. Wilson's team.

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It is the opinion of W. F. Glover, who is instructor at the Elite alleys, that quite a few of the bowlers here entered will qualify to hold their own with the crack Vancouver and South City followers of the game, and it is with this object in view he is working hard to put a team up that will be able to bring back the Province Cigar cup to Victoria, which was won by the Empire, of Seattle, Nov. 21st, and lost again to Vancouver in Beltingham, Dec. 4th. The proprietors are strong believers in tournament work for the advancement of the under bowlers, and will keep something new in line before patrons of the alleys, and will arrange a series of games with intercity teams in the near future.

BOOKBINDERS MEET.

President Gloeking, of Toronto, Paid Victoria a Visit.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The first officer of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders who has ever visited Victoria, is President Robert Gloeking, of Toronto, one of the best known and most popular labor men in eastern Canada. Mr. Gloeking reached the city yesterday and last evening he met the members of the local bookbinders' union at their rooms on Johnson street.

He had a great deal to tell the members of the progress of the craft all over the continent. "The unions in the brotherhood are in a flourishing condition generally. In Canada there are 3,000 bookbinders connected with the local unions, and in the United States 15,000 out of the 16,000 workers in that trade are affiliated with the union. During the past year a great deal has been done in the direction of having the eight-hour day adopted.

Mr. Gloeking, who was for several years head of the Ontario government labor bureau, is returning from the session of the American Federation of Labor at Denver and is touring the west at the request of the western unions. He goes from here to Seattle and will continue on through California, Texas, Oklahoma and the southern states west of the Mississippi. One of the matters which the brotherhood had presented to the federation was in reference to the sending of work for libraries to England by a Brooklyn firm, to be done at a rate of wages much below the union rate on this continent. Library boards and city councils in the east are assisting the International Brotherhood in putting a stop to this.

ASSAULTED EMPLOYER.

Livery Stable Driver Fined in Police Court for Striking Proprietor.

George Varty pleaded guilty in police court on Saturday to having assaulted W. B. Lees last evening at the latter's livery stable on Fort street. In mitigation he claimed that when he asked for leave of absence for the afternoon Mr. Lees treated him in a sneering manner and that as a result of further words between them in the evening he had struck his employer.

J. A. Alkman, who asserted that the young man had been punished sufficiently by being in the cells for three or four hours last evening. Mr. Lees' story was somewhat different from Varty's. He asserted that Varty, and also the other drivers, were getting into the habit of thinking they could do as they pleased, but they must recognize that he was master. Mr. Lees' contention was that there was no provocation to justify the assault and imposed a fine of \$5.

BRADSTREETS TO HAVE AGENT IN THE CITY

Information Received by the Secretary of the Board of Trade.

Definite information has been received by the secretary of the local Board of Trade that the Bradstreet Co. will place an agent at this point. Some years ago this company had an agent in Victoria as well as an agency, but both were withdrawn in 1906. Recently the Board of Trade have again been interested in this matter, as they claim it is in the interests of the city to have a representative at this point, with the above happy result. The appointment will be made in a few days. It is expected that the agency will likely follow the example and place a representative here also.

NEWFOUNDLAND PAYS TRIBUTE

To the Grand Work Dadd's Kidney Pills Are Doing.

Fishermen Regard Them as a Boon to Mankind - Mr. Frank Banfield Tells How They Cured His Backache.

Garnish, Fortune Bay, Nfld. Dec. 11.-(Special.)-Among the fishermen here, who through exposure to wet and cold are subject to those pains and aches which come from diseased kidneys, Dadd's Kidney Pills are looked upon as a positive boon to mankind. They are never tired of telling how their Backaches and their Rheumatism vanish before the great Kidney remedy. Among many others Mr. Frank Banfield, after years of suffering, has found relief in Dadd's Kidney Pills, and here is what he is telling his friends: "I had Dadd's Kidney Pills the best medicine for Backache I have ever used. I only used two boxes and they cured me of Backache I had had for five years. It started through a strain. My father's back also bothered him, and he got some relief from one pill I gave him. They were too precious to give him more. All persons suffering from Backache should use Dadd's Kidney Pills. Why do Dadd's Kidney Pills cure Backache? Simply because Backache is Kidney ache, and Dadd's Kidney Pills positively cure all Kidney aches and ills. This has been proved in thousands of cases in Canada. If you haven't used them yourself ask your neighbors.

TIME IS OPPORTUNE TO BUILD HOMES

Prophecy Is Made That Prices of Lumber Will Go Up.

"With large interests in both Canada and the United States, and constantly moving from one centre to another, A. C. Dutton, managing director of the C. C. Dutton Lumber Company, Springfield, Mass., and John Penderson & Co., Sayabec, Que., is afforded unusual opportunities of feeling the pulse of the business world," says the Canadian Lumberman. "Of keen perception, he is thus able to forecast trade conditions with more than ordinary accuracy. To a representative of the Lumberman he recently remarked: 'Already conditions have improved very perceptibly, and I predict that during the next two years prices of all commodities, including lumber, will advance to the highest point yet reached.' Whether Mr. Dutton's anticipations may be realized in their entirety is a question which time alone can answer, but he doubtless gives expression to the sentiment which now prevails throughout Canada and the United States. With \$67,000,000 of deposits in our Canadian banks, a plentiful supply of money will be forthcoming for the development of our natural resources, which means greater activity in every branch of commerce.

"Referring particularly to lumber, Mr. Dutton said that for some weeks past the increase in orders had been very noticeable, evidence that buyers are not only in the market, but are forestalling in some measure the inevitable rise in price. Spruce timbers have already advanced materially in the Eastern States, and spruce boards will doubtless follow in their wake. As prices now stand, they should stimulate the production of timbers, with the natural result of causing a shortage in the supply of boards, which in turn will advance in price."

The words of Mr. Dutton, if they have any force, should be a strong inducement to those who contemplate building operations to do so now. Locally prices of lumber have dropped within the past few weeks and an opportunity should exist for those who contemplate such a move to begin operations at once. Danish lighthouses are supplied with oil to pump on the waves during a storm.

CLEVELAND'S STREET CLEANING EXPERIENCE

Sanitary Flushing Machine Has Proved Great Success.

When Tom L. Johnson was first elected mayor of Cleveland, O., he thoroughly reorganized all departments, placing competent and reliable men at the head of each. It fell to the lot of Gus H. Hanna to take charge of the cleaning department, says the Canadian Municipal Journal. He found a dirty, unsanitary city and an inadequate and antiquated equipment. His first step was to eliminate politics from the department. He gave each man to understand that the only way he could retain his position was by doing an honest day's work, for the city was to employ a political pull could call for his immediate discharge.

When he took charge of the department the street cleaning was being done under the contract system, the prices ranging from 30 cents to two dollars per great square. The higher price was only paid at the time of the spring cleaning, when the mud and filth were several inches thick, representing the accumulation of the previous winter. Even the lowest price was an exorbitant charge and might well be placed in the "grafting" class. Under the contract system the streets were never thoroughly cleaned and the city had long been classed among the dirtiest in the country.

By the time the contracts for street cleaning had expired Mr. Hanna had a well equipped department ready to take up the work.

Although he had obliged the contractors to perform their work more faithfully, a radical change was noticed when the city was enabled to set its own well organized department at work upon the streets.

While machine brigades and the patrol system were used with good effect early in the reorganization of the department, subsequent experiments demonstrated the advisability of adding twenty-four flushing machines to the organization. Hence, it became necessary to redivide the city, providing for flushing and pick-up districts.

If Mr. Hanna had not been permitted to reorganize his department with out regard to the political influence of any of its members, failure instead of success would have crowned his efforts. In no other American city has the value of the elimination of politics from the control and operation of a department been so radical and so favorable. The inspectors and foremen in the department are given police power. They are all uniformed men and when necessary make arrests for the violation of any street ordinance. While the department is not on a civil service basis, it is governed by a set of rules that are founded on common sense and efficiency.

In service. The violation of any of these rules is followed by a reprimand or a dismissal from the department, according to the flagrancy of the violation. Mr. Hanna is given the power to select and the power of discharging his men without regard to any civil service regulation, and no amount of political pull can secure the reinstatement of a discharged man.

As a result of this reorganization and equipment of the street cleaning department of Cleveland it can safely be said that it is exceeded in cleanliness by no other American city of any size. This is generally conceded, not only by visitors, but by officials of other cities and those who are experts in civic conditions in America. Mr. Hanna speaks very strongly in favor of the use of the sanitary flushing machine. To quote him exactly, he said: "I believe that the reason why Cleveland has much cleaner streets than the average American city is because it has adopted the flushing, or wet cleaning system. We now have twenty-four flushing wagons and it is altogether likely that some will be added as occasion requires. We find by actual experience that the flushing of streets not only removes the dirt, but also the fine dust which ordinarily is blown into buildings. The merchants inform us that prior to the adoption of the flushing system they sustained annually a damage of several thousand dollars to their goods. This, however, is of slight importance as compared with the health of the Community.

There can be no doubt that the dust from paved streets is laden with disease breeding germs and any system which will remove these or at least reduce them to a minimum is worth a great deal to the inhabitants of any city and should therefore be given as much consideration as is ordinarily given to other sanitary regulations such as a proper sewage system, furnishing of pure water, etc." Notwithstanding the fact that the streets of Cleveland are so thoroughly cleaned, the total expenditures are not exorbitant, being only \$181,595.94 for the year 1905. The average cost of cleaning per square of 10,000 square feet was as follows: For machine sweepers and pick-up gangs, \$0.39. For flushing, \$0.47. For "White Wings" or "Blockers", \$0.22. VANCOUVER POLICE TAILOR.

FRASER LAKE SETTLERS WANT NEW WAGON ROAD

Finest Farming Country in British Columbia, Says M. McNeven.

(From Monday's Daily.) M. McNeven, who arrived in town last week from his ranch at Fraser lake and is staying at the Dominion hotel where he will make his headquarters for the winter, says that the Fraser Lake country at the present time badly requires improved transportation facilities and a saw mill. The transportation facilities have been promised to consist of a wagon road over the country from Quesnell to Fraser lake, by the government. The residents of the district, who have been expecting the road to be pushed ahead, are this winter hoping it will be completed. The construction of the road this winter means that many settlers will go in during the spring and summer, says Mr. McNeven, as where they have to use pack horses now, with the proposed road completed wagons will be able to go over the road. There is seventy miles of road to be completed, he says, and it will pass through some of the finest fruit and farming land in British Columbia. Twenty-seven miles west of the lake is an area of five miles by twenty-five miles of first class virgin land, lightly timbered. Mr. McNeven points out this area as one of many in the Fraser Lake district that are suitable for settlement, and which are equal for the purpose to any land in the province. In the Fraser Lake exhibit at the Westminster fair were specimen potatoes weighing between one and two pounds, while the other exhibits were equally high in quality. Mr. McNeven says the exhibit was brought in from the fields by Chinese in the employ of settlers. The selection was made in the ordinary way.

A sawmill badly needed in the district, says Mr. McNeven, who considers that the pioneer in this direction at Fraser Lake would reap a big profit from his outlay. The G. T. P. survey having been completed, it is expected there will be a large demand there for timbers of all kinds. Meantime the settlers require sufficient to keep a good portable mill working throughout the season.

Prospects for next year are good in Fraser Lake district. The number of settlers has this year been about doubled. With the completion of the G. T. P. survey of which passes along the lake shore, the Coast railway for the winter will be opened up, and what is not used for home consumption will be in demand at Prince Rupert and other points.

VALUABLE HORSE KILLED IN COLLISION

Furious Driving Held to Have Been Responsible for Accident.

(From Monday's Daily.) The police have not yet discovered the identity of the person whose furious driving resulted in the death of a valuable horse on Saturday night. Mrs. Charles Chislett was driving on Tolmie avenue, near the brickyards, about 7 o'clock that evening when a horse and buggy, with lights and crashing furiously along Douglas street, crashed into her horse. A shaft penetrated the animal's chest, killing it. The driver made no inquiry and did not stop to see what damage had been done, but continued on at the same furious rate.

Mrs. Chislett's vehicle was on the proper side of the road and was provided with lights. The horse was a valuable one. The police are determined to put a stop to the practice of driving without lights, which some drivers persist in doing in spite of the by-law.

DEATH FROM PARALYSIS.

Toronto, Dec. 12.-Rev. Dr. Galbraith, Methodist, died yesterday as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

MUSICAL RECITAL.

Pupils of H. Bantly Give Concert Programme at Studio.

On Thursday evening H. Bantly gave his Christmas recital for the benefit of his pupils in his studio. The limited accompaniment was given by Miss Nellie Fugie. The programme was as follows: Duet-Spanish Dance..... Moszkowski Misses Nellie Fugie and Kitty Fraser. Sonata-C Minor..... Beethoven I. Allegro. II. Adagio. Miss Florence Marvin. III. Finale. Miss Mary Adams. Nocturne in A Flat..... Leybach. Miss Maria T. Garesche. Romanza..... Rubinstein. Andante from 2nd Concerto..... de Beriot. Sonata in A Flat with Variations..... Beethoven. Miss Nellie Fugie. Nocturne-Op. 32, No. 1..... Chopin. Fantasia in C Minor..... Mozart. Miss Lotus Griffith. Concerto, No. 1..... de Beriot. Miss Gladys Spencer. Sonata for Piano and Violin-No. 14, in B Flat..... Mozart. Mrs. D. R. Harris. Concerto for Piano in D Minor, McDowell. Mrs. D. R. Harris.

NEW MEAT COMPANY EXTENDING BUSINESS

Douglas Street Market Found Insufficient to Meet the Demands.

(From Monday's Daily.) The Vancouver and Prince Rupert Meat Company, which only recently opened its first retail store in the city, has found business such as to warrant the placing of a branch in the James Bay district. This is being opened on Niagara street near the junction with Menzies street. The object of the new store is to serve the district in which it is placed and relieve the situation in the Douglas street store. The James Bay branch will carry a full line of every kind of meat, so that patrons may be served just as well as at the main store on Douglas street. Work is being pushed forward on what is the central depot for the company in the city, the store on Johnson street. It will be ready for Christmas, and from that on it will be made the headquarters in Victoria. The wholesale trade will be done from there, but it will also do retail business in common with the Douglas street and the James Bay branches.

Mr. Sprot, the local manager, is well satisfied with the results in Victoria, and says that Victorians have not been slow in common with citizens in other cities of the coast, to accord patronage to them. In Vancouver there are six branches, one in New Westminster and Victoria will soon have three. Some of the leading ranchers of British Columbia are members of the company, and it is from provincial ranches that the meats are obtained. To-morrow a carload of poultry.

ROBERT CROFT PASSED AWAY SATURDAY

Well Known Resident of Victoria Died at His Residence.

At the family residence, 1905, Blanchard street, Saturday, the death occurred of Robert Croft. The deceased has been a resident of this city for many years, and made a large circle of friends.

For sixteen years he was connected with the Bank of British Columbia, now amalgamated with the Bank of Commerce. Later he engaged in business on his own account. For some years he had been in failing health. He is survived by his widow and a family of one son and four daughters. His only brother, H. A. Croft, resides at Kendall, England.

A day or two ago twenty mongolian pheasants were imported to this city from England to be divided among Challoner & Mitchell, A. C. Plummer and T. W. Paterson. The birds did not arrive in very good condition and five or six have died, but the others will probably survive. The idea of the importers is to raise a number of birds in captivity and then to turn out the young ones. These birds are larger than the common ring-necked pheasant and the colors are brighter.

WHAT SHALL IT BE FOR CHRISTMAS?

Here are three of the finest suggestions from the old country. In their particular line, they cannot be equalled anywhere—dollar for dollar they represent the biggest value. The folks at home are buying them this Xmas—have done for years—they enjoy them so well that they recommend them to their kin across the sea. May your Xmas feast be an enjoyable one—it will be if you buy

CADBURY'S Cocoa and Milk Powder. A delicious compound of Pure Cocoa and fresh rich Milk. Just add boiling water and serve—no sugar required. Its toothsome flavor gives zest to the appetite. 'Tis a nourishing food beverage of extraordinary quality. Ask your storekeeper for a 1/2 lb. tin.

INDIANS OF NORTH FACE HARD TIMES

Hunters in Vicinity of Lesser Slave Lake Have Had Poor Season.

John S. Mooney and W. McKenzie, of Lesser Slave lake, are on a business trip to Edmonton having come down by dog train and stage via Athabasca landing, says the Edmonton Bulletin. "The Indians and half-breeds have a poor outlook for winter," said Mr. Mooney to a Bulletin representative. "The fur trade is very slack and will give the hunters very small returns this winter. In a distance of one hundred miles along the trail I saw only two martens and a few foxes. There are a good many raccoons, but their fur is of little value on the market this year. Freighting Difficult.

"Besides trapping considerable money was formerly made in freighting goods up from Edmonton and Athabasca landing. This year, however, money is rather scarce and business is not so active as formerly. The consequence is that there will not be much freighting to do. Then again the river froze early this year and when the water fell later on the ice dropped to the water level and has left a very uneven surface. This will make what freighting there is very difficult."

"How about the fishing operations on the lake this winter?" "The Imperial Fish Company has ceased business for the present at least, but there will be three or four small fish companies freighting fish to Edmonton throughout the season."

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

"The department of public works has been doing some work in the Lesser Slave district this season?" Mr. Mooney was asked. "Yes, a bridge was built across Willow creek, which is the longest bridge in the north, and fully as long as the bridge across the Saskatchewan at Edmonton. It is built entirely of timber and took three months to erect. There is another large bridge at Prairie River. The department has spent a lot of money in the Peace river and Prairie river districts in the construction of good roads."

"The telephone will be used on the lake before long, judging by the preparations that are being made for it. The tenders have been let for the poles, for the 75-mile distance from Athabasca landing to the mouth of the Slave river. I understand the contract for the poles from Edmonton to

ATHABASCA LANDING WILL ALSO BE LOST SOON.

"What have been the crop returns for the year and what is the outlook for agriculture?" "The farmers in the district have had rather light crops this year. A drought followed shortly after seeding and the crops became dried up. The potatoes and all kinds of vegetables had a most prolific growth. There is a good opening in the district for dairy farming and for the poultry business. Butter sells at 50c. per pound all the year round and eggs at 50c. per dozen. Dressed poultry is about the same price as in Edmonton."

Mr. Selby, a Dominion land surveyor, who has spent the summer surveying in the east end of Lesser Slave lake and Swan river, came down with Messrs. Mooney and McKenzie.

WORKINGS OF PAROLE SYSTEM.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—Up to the present time, eleven hundred criminals have earned their liberty under the operation of the parole system. Of these seven hundred are still reporting to the Dominion Parole Officer Archibald.

EX-POLICE CHIEF IN JAIL.

Brockville, Dec. 12.—Geo. Brown, aged 65, for many years police chief at Athens, is in jail here on a charge of criminal assault on Miss Emma Scott, aged 35.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—At yesterday's cabinet council it was decided that parliament shall open on Wednesday, Jan. 20. HON. W. S. FIELDING HONORED.

LOADING ENGLISHMEN.

London, Dec. 14.—Commenting on the emigration to Canada, the London Globe says "The 'mainly the Scot' who makes for Canada, because the energetic 'Scot' takes to pioneering as the Englishman takes to loafing."

The death occurred in Vancouver last Friday of Frederick Stoddard, son of Geo. A. Stoddard, Boleskine road. Deceased was a native of England and was 38 years of age. He was one of the cooks on the steamer Ophir.

TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns: Date, Time of High Water, Time of Low Water, Height of High Water, Height of Low Water. Data for Victoria, B.C., December 1908.

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 12th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

Advertisement for Cadbury's products: Cadbury's Cocoa and Milk Powder, Cadbury's King Edward's Chocolates, Cadbury's Milk and Nut Milk Chocolate. Includes text: 'What shall it be for Christmas?' and 'If your storekeeper asks "What shall it be for Xmas?" say Cadbury's of course. Agents: W. H. MALKIN & Co., Ltd., 57, Water Street, Vancouver, B.C.'

Vertical advertisement on the left edge of the page, partially cut off, mentioning 'Chairs, dining to napped-up place on the white', '3.75', 'Robes \$1.25', '2.90', 'Hand 12c', 'UNDER-NDKER...', 'at', 'the time Nearly but most n. They as gifts, themselves. d at half of these \$1.25', 'men', 'near more line of Table', 'BREAK-ize 60 x 75c', 'ng \$1.75', '50c', '25c', '50c'.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF LOCAL W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Jenkins Tells of Beginning of Work in This City.

(From Friday's Daily.) The meeting of the W. C. T. U. held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. T. Reid, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the local union, proved most interesting and instructive.

Monthly Bible readings were held in the W. C. T. U. mission, and from these help and inspiration were drawn. A room back of the hall was cheaply but comfortably furnished, and here the weekly meetings were held.

On Sunday mornings street services were held, members from the different churches assisting. At these of these services the saloons were visited and the men found there invited to come to church.

Two petitions were taken around by the W. C. T. U. women, one for the franchise movement and the other for Sunday saloon closing. In connection with this, which happened to be at a time when there was a snowfall in Victoria, one of the petitioners was told by the man to whom she presented it for signature, that she ought to be home darning her husband's socks instead of musing around the streets.

At a fair held at Beacon Hill, the W. C. T. U. women, although not being able to prevent a man from obtaining a license to sell liquor, ran opposition with a refreshment stand, and were successful although they themselves did not make much, for their own fee was large and other expenses heavy, they yet had the satisfaction of reducing their opponents' profits to a minimum. In those days of course there were no street cars or telephones, and cab fare was high, and when the W. C. T. U. women wished to get anywhere they usually walked.

On one occasion, after they had paid for a bus to take them to Esquimalt, they found the door of the schoolhouse locked on their arrival. However, at the suggestion of the navy, an open air meeting was held in a delightful sheltered and picturesque spot near the sea, which was largely attended by men from the barracks and dock yards. On New Year's day a reception was held from 11 to 5 in the Temperance hall, which was crowded to the doors.

In concluding her remarks the speaker said that although from year to year for a quarter of a century the work accomplished appeared to be small, yet, taken as a whole, it had made the work of to-day possible by paving the way for it.

Mrs. Clyde then sang with much feeling and sweetness a temperance solo, and Mrs. Spottedford followed with an eloquent plea for a united stand, shoulder to shoulder, of the temperance women all over the province in the coming fight for local option. Their opponents, she said, were organized and the preparation for warfare, which had been going on for 25 years, would now be proved for—the battle was on! Hard blows would be given and received on both sides, friendships would be severed, but still, if they were to win, there must be no flinching in the ranks, no internal disputes as to why this should be done, or that left undone—temperance workers must stand together as one body and sweep on to victory.

The temperance movement was in the air, she said, and could not be held back. Business men and professional men all over the province were taking hold of the local option movement, aggressively, not passively. The speaker concluded her spirited address by saying that the momentum of the temperance question had grown so great that nothing could stop it.

The roll call for charter members was then read, and many new members proposed and accepted, after which refreshments were served and a pleasant social time spent.

MAY RAISE RIFLE COMPANY.

People of Chilliwack Are Taking Steps to Organize Corps.

Chilliwack, Dec. 11.—The people of this valley are again making an effort to have established here a company of two or three rifles. In a letter received on the subject, Col. Holmes of Victoria, district officer commanding, speaks most encouragingly. He cannot see any reason why Chilliwack should not be identified with some branch of the Canadian militia. He advised the drawing up of a petition signed by as many of the ratepayers and citizens of the place who were anxious that a unit should be raised here and also get as many signatures as possible of those who would be willing to join a corps should it be formed. This has been done. Petitions and temporary service rolls have been in circulation and have been signed by a great many of the people.

If the thing is pushed the requisite number of names procured and presented through the member elect for this district there is not a doubt but that it will come. A drill hall has been practically promised, and with the raising of a corps will be built. Then there is the advantage of military training and rifle shooting.

BELMONT AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Council and Property Owners Will Confer Once More on Proposals.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The matter of the improvement of Belmont avenue is proving a difficult problem for the owners along that thoroughfare and for the city council. There have been a number of propositions made and several conferences have been held between the council and the owners.

Another joint meeting is to be called and the latest proposition submitted for the consideration of the owners. This was decided on as a result of a further discussion of the matter by the streets, bridges and sewers committee last evening.

The original proposal was for the ordinary street improvements, including sidewalks, but some of the owners thought it would be a good thing at the same time to straighten the street between Gladstone and Milne streets. Some difficulty was found in the way of this, as it was necessary to purchase strips of land from owners, while other strips would be thrown back out of use, unless adjoining owners chose to purchase them, which would become in time an unsightly spot. Besides this, the consent of the two of the first owners are widely scattered.

Some of the owners are going ahead with the improvements without straightening the street, while others suggest that the street be opened out in a straight line and a roadway along the same, as well as the present roadway be improved, and that the portion of land which would be left between the two roadways, be laid out as an ornamental plot, much in the same way as it is proposed in the parks board to treat upper Pandora avenue. The committee considered this proposal last night. It would cost \$4,000 or \$5,000 more than the improvement of the present roadway and before deciding on any plan the council desires to have the consent of all the owners to whatever scheme suits them best. A conference will be held some time next week.

CASTRO ON HIS WAY TO FRENCH CAPITAL

Bordeaux, Dec. 11.—President Castro of Venezuela left this city for Paris at 10 o'clock this morning. He is due at the capital at a quarter past six this evening. Apartments have been engaged at the Hotel Orsay. The president's physicians are anxious that he shall reach Berlin as soon as possible in order to undergo his operation, should specialists consider this necessary. Consequently Castro's stay in Paris will be short.

EARTHQUAKE RECORDED

Sismograph at Meteorological Office Shows Disturbance Which Shook Skidgate.

A report from Skidgate, Queen Charlotte Island, of a severe earthquake shock felt there on November 30th is verified by the records of the local meteorological office. At 1.42 that afternoon the sismograph registered a distinct shock of a severe character, lasting about seven seconds.

The town of Skidgate felt the "quake at 1.30, according to the reports received here. The only damage was the shaking down of two Indian shacks, which were old and tumble down, and did not need much help to come down.

During the earthquake the ground rocked in a most alarming manner, and every house, so shaken that occupants tumbled out into the streets in fear lest the buildings should be brought down about their ears. The Indians were much more alarmed than the white people. Not even in Indian tradition is there anything to indicate that the islands ever before were visited by an earthquake, and the shock was something the aborigines were at a loss to account for.

PURCHASE PROPERTIES AT PORTLAND CANAL

C. H. Dickie and His Associates Have Acquired More Claims.

Portland Canal as a mining camp is still in the public eye. Perhaps no one is better acquainted with the resources of the district than C. H. Dickie, of Duncan, one of the first to enter it and one who has steadily followed its development. He has shown his faith in the district recently by investing in other properties there. Yesterday the Portland Canal Mining Development company, of which Mr. Dickie is president, made the final payment of the \$25,000 bond on the Little Joe and the Lucky Seven mines. The properties were taken about eighteen months ago. The original owners included Fremont King, J. McGrath, and the estate of J. Griffin.

The properties are silver-lead producers and are located just back of Stewart. The acquisition of these by Mr. Dickie's company will be followed by the installation of machinery including a concentrator plant and an aerial tramway. Glacier Creek will furnish the power.

JUDGE DECIDES THAT NOTICE IS NECESSARY

Interesting Case Brought Up in County Court To-day.

(From Friday's Daily.) The right of an employer to notice of an employee's intention to leave his services was once more affirmed in a decision which Judge Lampman gave in the county court this morning.

The case was quite an unusual array of millinery and feminine charms in the proscenium of the court, and the proceedings were followed with interest by a number of spectators. Miss Nellie Youlden used Charles Turk, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, for \$11 for wages earned. The defence was that plaintiff left her employment in the middle of the month without notice.

After Mrs. Turk had been heard there was a brief exchange of compliments between her and Miss Pollock which was stopped by the judge. In rendering judgment his honor pointed out that in the case of persons employed by the month or year the employer was entitled to notice. Even if there was an understanding, as alleged by the plaintiff, that an employee might have to go home at any time, the employer must be notified each time. An employee could not walk out at any time she liked.

ELOPED FROM SEATTLE TO BE MARRIED HERE

Charles Lynch and Miss Mable Zwiight Wedded Yesterday.

(From Friday's Daily.) Having eloped together from their homes in Seattle and come to Victoria on the Princess Royal yesterday, accompanied by Miss Kellogg and Mr. J. W. Hunt, Mr. Charles Lynch and Miss Mable Zwiight, both of Seattle, who had been well known and have a large circle of friends, called on Sheriff Richards and obtained a license to wed. They were married during the afternoon by Rev. W. Leslie Clay and afterwards registered at the Dominion hotel as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lynch. The secret, which they endeavored to keep locked between the four, leaked out, and the happy couple were the recipients of many congratulations and smiles during the evening. They attended the performance of "Arizona," at the Victoria theatre last night, and left for Seattle again on the Princess Royal.

Mayor Hall on Friday looked into the complaint made by a speaker at the Asiatic Exclusion League meeting Thursday that Chinamen were lading gravel for city use. He found that Grant and Lineham were not employing any Chinamen. It was stated Thursday that a teamster who was working for them had a couple of Chinese employed loading gravel which was being sold to the city. The men were dispensed with in favor of white labor as soon as he made objection.

Invitations have been issued by the management and employees of the Empress for the Christmas ball and entertainment to take place at the hotel December 24th. Altogether about four hundred invitations have been sent out.

Thos. Deasy formerly, chief of the local fire brigade, has resigned his position as chief of the Nelson department. At the last meeting of the Nelson Council he tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1st. Mr. Deasy, while expressing his appreciation of the treatment accorded him at all times by the members of the council and citizens generally and tendering his thanks for specific reasons for resigning. The resignation was on motion adopted, and it was decided that the mayor be authorized to give the chief a proper letter of recommendation, expressing full satisfaction at the services rendered by him to the city.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

Case Involving Claims Dating Back Years is Concluded.

A case was set down for hearing in the county court Friday afternoon, but before the hour of commencement out of court was effected. The case was that of the Victoria Machinery Depot, Limited, against John Quatro, master of the steamer Delta. The matters in dispute were back for some years, a claim of \$155.04 being made for work done and material supplied and the defendant counter-claiming that he had left some machinery for the plaintiff, for which he had not had any accounting. An amicable settlement has been made of all the matters in question, Sydney Child was engaged in the case on behalf of plaintiff, and R. C. Lowe, of Moresey & O'Reilly, for defendant.

PROFITS OF ROSSLAND MINES INCREASING

L. A. Campbell Says Camp Has Entered New Lease of Life.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Rossland has entered a new stage of its existence. The camp is now down to a solid productive basis and the days of wildcaters and stock promoters have vanished forever, according to Lorne A. Campbell, general manager of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, who is in Vancouver.

"All the mines are improving at depth and the ore reserves have thoroughly established the permanency of the camp," said Mr. Campbell. "The monthly payroll is not far from the \$100,000 mark. While the present tonnage may have exceeded at certain former periods, the net profits have never been larger than at present. The confidence of eastern investors in the various enterprises is now fully restored. Quite recently the shares of the Canadian Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company owning the 'War Eagle, Centre Star, the Trail Smelter and the St. Eugene at Moyie, have advanced from \$70 to over par, or \$100. Sales at \$106 have been recorded. The Le Roi and the Centre Star group have each attained a depth of two thousand feet, and I understand that the Le Roi Two Intends sinking to the same level.

The West Kootenay Power & Light Company is now supplying 16,000 horsepower to the mines and smelters of Rossland and the Boundary. It has 39,000 horsepower developed hydraulically and 24,500 horsepower of waterwheels and electrical machinery in operation."

NEW MILL MACHINERY IS PUT IN MOTION

Equipment of J. A. Sayward's Works is Now in Use.

Friday afternoon the new machinery installed in the big lumber mill here, that by reason of illness an employee might have to go home at any time, the employer must be notified each time. An employee could not walk out at any time she liked.

CAPITOL CONSPIRACY CASES.

Four Defendants Are Refused a Fresh Trial.

Harrisburg, Penn., Dec. 11.—A new trial was refused to four of the defendants in the Capitol Conspiracy Cases to-day by Judge Wood. The case was tried before which the men had been convicted. The defendants are John H. Sanderson, Philadelphia, contractor for the furnishings and decorators in the \$15,000,000 capitol; James H. Shuman, Johnstown, who was superintendent of the public grounds and buildings during the period of the furnishing of the building; Wm. E. Sprinzy, former auditor general of the state and Wm. L. Matsus, former state treasurer. The men with G. M. Hueston, Philadelphia, the architect of the building were charged with conspiracy to cheat and defraud the state in connection with furnishing and decorating the capitol, but Hueston secured a severance and his trial has not yet come up. The four defendants were tried last spring and were convicted as charged. Several other defendants of whom there were 14 in all remain to be tried.

An oyster supper was given to the winning side in this recent boy's membership contest on Thursday in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. About eighty boys were present and all enjoyed themselves to the utmost. At 7 o'clock a dinner was served by R. W. Clark, in which he promised to give to the boy bringing in the most members until the end of this month, a subscription to next year's Boys Own Journal.

The will of the late Peter Oakes has been probated, and disposes of an estate valued at \$20,533.75. To the widow is left \$4,000 in cash and the enjoyment of the home free from all taxes and other charges. A farm at Langley Prairie, worth \$5,000 is left to Mrs. Worrell, a sister, and \$1,500 to her daughter. The balance of the estate goes to sisters in England. Frank Higgins acted as solicitor in the matter. The will of the late Mary S. Doods leaves an estate of \$500 to be divided among immediate relatives. Wootton and Goward were solicitors.

Miss Margaret Fox, who has been making an extended visit with relatives here, left recently for her home in Winnipeg.

LAND CASE NOW GOES TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Full Court Grants the Appeal of F. Augustus Heinze.

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—A number of judgments were rendered by the full court to-day, F. Augustus Heinze, the Butte millionaire, won and Sir Thomas Shacknessy lost in the appealed suit over the division of 80,000 acres in the Columbia & Western provincial land grant, a case which the C. P. R. will now carry to the Imperial Privy Council. Justice Clement decided at the trial in favor of the C. P. R., that Heinze must at once select his half of that land grant, but to-day the full court agreed with the contention of Hon. W. J. Bowser, K. C., on behalf of Heinze that under the terms of the agreement by which he sold his line to the C. P. R., he cannot now be forced to submit to a partition of the lands, and that he has several years in which to select his half of the grant. Referring to one phase of the involved case, the Chief Justice said: "It has been suggested that Heinze is seeking to dodge taxation. Suppose that to be so, the matter between the crown and Heinze."

The court also gave the following decisions: Barry vs. Desrochers, appeal allowed; Glazen vs. City of Rossland, appeal dismissed; Anglo-American Lumber Company vs. McLennan, appeal dismissed; Buckworth vs. Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway, appeal dismissed; Gordon vs. Horne, appeal allowed; Harrigan vs. Granby Mining & Smelting Company, appeal dismissed; Forrest vs. Smith, appeal allowed; Wilson vs. Ward, appeal allowed; Lilly vs. the Johnston Fisheries Company and A. R. Johnston, written judgment deferred.

The latter is the important case in which the full court a few days ago orally decided that a limited liability company not registered in this province could not make use of our courts to collect an alleged debt, thereby setting aside the judgment of \$10,000 in Lilly & Co., of Seattle, had obtained in the court below and also in Seattle against the Johnston Fisheries Company and A. R. Johnston of Victoria and Nanaimo.

PROSPECTS POOR FOR NEXT SEASON'S SEALING

Several Schooners May Go to the Otter Grounds.

The first fur sales of the season will commence on Tuesday next and the result will to some extent influence the owners of sealing schooners in regard to sending their schooners out next season. It is thought that the prices will be much the same as they were last year, but that is far from certain, and the vogue for furs has grown somewhat and the furs may sell for even higher prices.

Just what will be done by local owners is very uncertain. They claim that there is not much money in sealing but there is nothing in letting the schooners lie idle. It is not improbable that the company may send two of their boats down the California coast in January and it is practically certain that several vessels will go to the otter grounds to try to emulate the Thomas F. Bayard which last year managed to get 28 skins. Captain Peppert will send out the Peschava but he is as yet uncertain about the Umbria. Last season the Peschava lost her owner a good deal of money with the result that there is not much encouragement for this season's work.

PAVEMENT LATED WELL ON FORT STREET

Blocks Have Been in Use Over Ten Years on City Thoroughfare.

Those who do business on Fort street, between Government street and Douglas street, rejoice Thursday when a gang of workmen came along with picks and shovels and began to tear up what remains of the wood-block pavement. The re-paving of this busy thoroughfare has been in contemplation for a long time but was postponed in favor of other work. The original concrete base is found to be in good condition so that time will be saved by not having to lay a new foundation. Concrete treated blocks will be laid and it is expected that the new pavement will be completed before the end of the year. The work will cost \$10,000.

This year's work on the pavements laid in the city with wood blocks and has lasted its full life time, having been put down a little over ten years ago. It is of course, very badly worn in places on the surface but has never given any trouble, although laid with untreated blocks. The method of laying was the one almost universally followed in England where it has been long used, and allowed for the expansion and contraction of the blocks in varying weathers.

Building permits have been issued to Mrs. M. Dempster, Figuard street, for a dwelling to cost \$2,100, and to J. Young, Harbinger street, for a dwelling which cost a similar amount.

Alexander Haggart, while on the way down from Hazelton, on the Princess Beatrice, was taken ill with typhoid fever, and on the arrival of the boat Thursday afternoon it was met by the ambulance and Haggart removed to the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. W. Fraser, of Calgary, who have been spending some time in Victoria, were recent guests in Duncan and vicinity.

VERNON HAS WATER PROBLEM.

City Council Investigates Two Schemes for Increasing City's Supply.

Vernon, Dec. 11.—At a special meeting of the city council Wednesday night, the reports of Engineers Meredith and Tracy on Long lake as a source of water and power supply, and of Mr. Galt on the comparative merits of the B. X. creek and Long lake schemes, was fully gone into. According to the best expert opinion, it appears that the cost of the complete Long lake project, for both waterworks and power, an undertaking that would provide ample water for domestic purposes for a population of 5,000, and furnish 300 to 350 h. p. would be \$26,000.

Ald. Glover took a very strong stand in favor of going in for the larger scheme, of developing power at Long lake, so that the city might be in a position to foster industries by offering cheap power. He claimed that the city had made a great mistake in not taking the matter up four or five years ago.

Ald. Costerton believed that it would not be wise to add unduly to the present indebtedness of the city, stating that although the cost of the cost of a storage project on B. X. creek sufficient to provide a permanent supply was \$75,000, a partial construction of the proposed dam could be carried out so as to supply all needs for the next two or three years at a comparatively slight cost.

It was finally practically agreed that a plant involving the expenditure of about \$25,000 on B. X. creek was the most feasible, the suggestion being that the Long lake scheme might be dealt with later on. In any case, the B. X. system would always be required to supply the higher levels of the city and for fire protection. The committee will make a definite report at the next meeting of the city council.

STUDENTS MUST NOT OFFICIATE AT MARRIAGES

Remit From General Assembly Vetoed by Westminster Presbytery.

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Theological students and catechists will not be allowed to officiate at marriages in remote parts of Canada, where the people are too poor to maintain a regular minister. This was decided at the quarterly meeting of the Westminster Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, held in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday afternoon.

Rumors have come to the ears of the Presbytery that the ordinances of the church and the performing of marriage services were being conducted in these places by the said students. The proposal that the students be allowed to perform these services was one of the nine remits received at the meeting and those present voted the sentiment that they should not be allowed to do so, unless the performing of the ordinances of the church and the right to conduct marriage services by students were made the equivalent of ordination. After a great deal of discussion the remit that they be allowed to officiate, was vetoed.

There were nine remits altogether presented, one of them dealing with the proposed severance and regulation in respect to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund. One of the ministers said that the business principles in connection with it were so unsound that the Secretary in the East must have turned the matter over to an actuary and said that it was a disgrace to the church.

A remit as a request issued by the general assembly and is a matter of legislation, which, before it becomes law, must have received the approval of the majority of the Presbytery. None of them was granted.

THEORY HOW CATTLE DISEASE REACHED U. S. A.

Washington, Dec. 11.—That the outbreak of foot and mouth disease, now prevalent in several states, was due to the importation into the United States of either biological products or such material as straw with merchandise, or the clothes or effects of immigrants, is the opinion of the Secretary of Agriculture, Wilson. He gave this as his most plausible explanation in an appeal yesterday to the House for an emergency appropriation of \$50,000 needed by the department of agriculture, to fight the disease.

"It now seems clear that the present outbreak had its origin near Detroit," added the secretary, "and that infection in the other states came through that source. In view of the strict quarantine on animals it does not seem possible that it would have been brought in with live animals."

Great interest is being taken in the Cinderella dance which is to be given at Government House under the auspices of the Daughters of City, on the evening of the 28th. Dec. Those who were present at the dance given there under similar auspices last year stated that nothing could have exceeded the manner and courtesy of the Government House party, in making their guests feel at home.

In preparation for the cricket club's ball in the A. C. T. W. hall this evening, the electric machine has been put in use and the floor is now in the best of shape, so that no objections will be possible. The ball should therefore be one of the best given during the season.

ALDERMEN WORRY OVER MATTER OF FRACTIONS

Striking a Tax Rate to Raise Five Hundred Dollars.

The city council held a short special meeting on Friday, the object of which was to advance some by-laws further a stage so as to permit of their final passage through council at next Monday's meeting. One of these, dealing with the regulation of sub-divisions and street lines, was not ready, and in the long run the council was little more ahead.

For some time the aldermen wrestled with fractions, which a bit of school boy doggerel used to say set one mad. In connection with the repaving of Government street and the assumption by the city of the ratepayers' share of repayment for four years, a supplementary by-law has been made necessary by the fact that the actual cost has been about \$2,000 more than the estimated cost, which has already been dealt with in a by-law. The ratepayers have to pay, roughly, \$2,000 of this, of which sum the city relieves them to the extent of \$485.

After having figured out on Monday the individual sums on each lot the council last night approached the subject of raising the \$485, and this is where their troubles began. The omission of one naught in the official draft of the by-law made it appear that a rate of twenty-four one-hundredths of a mill would have to be levied next year. A little calculation revealed that this would produce \$5,000. Eventually it was discovered that the rate should be twenty-four one-hundredths of a mill, and when everyone had become convinced of this the by-law was put through committee and the civic arithmeticians felt happy.

A letter was read from E. G. Prior & Co., who were awarded the contract for the water works department at Monday night's meeting, protesting against their tender for brass goods and galvanized iron fittings being split up. "We do not think the council is justified in cutting this tender up, and we must protest against this being done," the firm say in asking for a reconsideration of the matter.

Another letter was read from the Robertson, Gordon Co. Ltd., of Vancouver, through A. Sheres, their agent here. This firm got the contract for the galvanizing iron fittings. Having learned that the Prior company intended to protest they pointed out that if the tenders for the two classes of goods were to be considered together, the joint tender was \$115 lower than the Prior tender, and therefore the whole contract should go to them. They made no protest themselves, however, as the splitting of it up.

Ald. Henderson explained that the purchasing agent had recommended the lowest tender for each class of goods, and on motion of Ald. Gleason it was decided to inform the Robertson, Prior & Co. that the council could not accept the Prior company's recommendation of its officials.

The council then went into committee on streets, bridges and sewers, and the press had to withdraw.

CLAD IN PYJAMAS HE HOLDS UP BURGLAR

Wife of Los Angeles Man, Robbed in Nightgown, Runs for Help.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 11.—While her husband, grasping a big gun and shivering in his pajamas, held a burglar at bay in his back yard on Mission road in the suburb, early yesterday morning, Mrs. Phillip Putnam ran clad only in her night gown to a neighbor's and telephoned to the police.

Awakened by a noise, Putnam ran into his yard with a big revolver in hand and almost bumped into the burglar as he came out of the store room. Covering him with his gun, Putnam ordered the man to throw up his hands and then called to his wife to send for the police.

It took the patrol wagon about half an hour to reach the scene, and the officers found Putnam nearly frozen, but pluckily holding the man with his hands still up.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Slayton and two children of Fort Townsend, are spending a few days in town.

Miss Ella, who has been for some weeks a guest at the Adams Hotel, Vancouver, returned home this week.

Advertisement for Steedman's Soothing Powders, containing text about children's health and a small illustration of a child.

Vertical advertisement on the left margin for various goods and services, including 'HIM', 'HER', 'BOWES', and 'DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS'.

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CASTRO SAID TO BE VERY ANGRY FRENCH GOVERNMENT IGNORING HIS PRESENCE Dutch Warships Keeping Close Guard on Venezuelan Coast.

Paris, Dec. 12.—President Castro, of Venezuela, who arrived in this city yesterday evening from Bordeaux, had made no official advances to the French government up to noon today.

The conditions upon which the government is willing to open negotiations have been communicated to him. These conditions are, beyond prohibition, President Castro from making any political declaration, is not known, but it is believed they involve a formal apology.

The Hague, Dec. 12.—It was stated in official quarters today that the seizure on the high seas of Venezuelan merchant ships, or the stopping of other vessels trading between Venezuelan ports, is not contemplated in the present instructions to the Dutch warships now on duty in Venezuelan waters.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 12.—The Haytien resident minister arrived unexpectedly at Port de Paix last night.

Varsities Play to Draw at Rugby London, Dec. 12.—The annual rugby football match between teams representing Oxford and Cambridge universities was played at Queen's club today.

Find No Obstacle to Church Union Toronto Conference Will Now Submit Scheme to Supreme Court of Churches.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 12.—There is no obstacle in the way of church union. This was the decision reached last night by a committee representing the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches of Canada.

The finding of the committee will now be submitted to the supreme court of the churches concerned, and from them to the individual congregations, which will be asked to vote upon it.

The committee has replied in the following terms to the question of the "historic episcopate," as embodied in a communication from the Anglican church.

U. S. Fleet in Indian Ocean. Battleships Will Arrive at Colombo on Sunday.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 12.—The following wireless dispatch has been received from the United States Atlantic battleship fleet.

The Georgia left the fleet at 10 p. m. of Dec. 9th for Colombo at a speed of 14 knots, having on board a case of smallpox, which, however, is not serious.

Barque Stork on Overdue List London, Dec. 12.—The Hudson Bay Company's barque Stork is overdue and 20 guineas per cent. has been paid at Lloyd's.

Tariff Reform Will Be Issue British Parliament to Discuss Matter Premier Asquith Says No Dissolution at Present—Budget Problem.

London, Dec. 12.—The government's determination that there shall be no immediate dissolution of parliament, but that the ministers will meet parliament at its next session with an important programme, of which the budget will be the leading feature, was announced by Premier Asquith at a banquet given him by the National Liberal Club last night.

In a speech justifying the legislative work which the Liberals already had accomplished, Mr. Asquith invited the party to treat the veto of the House of Lords as the dominating issue in politics, but he declined to dissolve parliament, he declared, at the dictation and caprice of the upper chamber.

The government would, therefore, choose its own time for dissolution of parliament, Mr. Asquith said he was unable at this stage to specify the details of the programme that would be forwarded, but he declared that it would not be a colorless list of non-contentious measures.

Yukon's Mother Lode. When Discovered the World Will Be Started by Its Imminence.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 12.—Rev. Dr. Pringle, of Yukon notoriety, declared the Yukon's mother lode, which he said would be discovered and the world would be started by its imminence.

Kansas Fanatics. James Sharpe and Associates Charged With Murder in First Degree.

Kansas, Mo., Dec. 12.—James Sharpe who has been captured, and three of his followers, including his wife, will be given a formal hearing this afternoon before Justice Romley charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of policeman T. O. Dalbow in a revolver fight last Tuesday.

No Politics in Civic Affairs. Brockville, Ont., Dec. 12.—Brockville residents have decided to continue the principle of non-political administration of town affairs, which has been in vogue for the last five years with good results.

Returning to Canada. London, Dec. 12.—Hon. R. Lemieux is a passenger on the Amerika not on the Campania as he had intended.

Overseas Mail Contract. London, Dec. 12.—The House of Commons has approved the contract with the C.P.R. for the conveyance of the mails between Liverpool and Hong-kong.

Fined for Infraction of Manitoba Grain Act (Special to the Times).

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 12.—For the infraction of the Manitoba Grain Act in not giving cars to farmers in the order on which the entries appeared on the book at Staveland, Alberta, the Canadian Pacific railway was yesterday fined \$500.

Bogus Cheques. London, Dec. 12.—A man claiming he had authority, placed an order for an eight-oared boat for the Winnipeg Rowing Club, to cost £80 with Sims, the boat builder.

German Steamer Ashore. Harburg Wrecked on Long Island Coast.

New York, Dec. 12.—While nosing her way along the Long Island shore through a dense fog early today, the little German freight steamer Harburg ran aground half a mile from the Belfort lifesaving station.

Heroism on Sinking Cruiser Engineer's Effort to Close Air Port Devotion to Duty of Two Men Aboard U. S. S. Yankee While Vessel Founders.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Warm praise for heroic work on the part of Engineer Witherspoon and a French-Canadian named Micot, aboard the cruiser Yankee, while an effort was being made to tow the vessel to New Bedford after she had been cleared off Spindle rock, is given in a report to the navy department by Capt. Charles C. Marsh, of the destroyer.

The nights of December 4th and 5th, while the vessel was under tow, Capt. Marsh says, were much the worst since her grounding, the wind blowing with such force that had the ship been on the rocks, she would very likely have been fatally damaged.

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Montreal, Dec. 12.—A daring diamond robbery was committed last evening on Notre Dame street, almost opposite the city hall and the central police station, when a man smashed the window of a jeweler's store of O. Turcotte and ran off with \$2,000 worth of diamonds.

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Inquiry at the local office shows that for the present week the increase in business as compared with the same dates a year ago is very marked. On Monday the money orders issued amounted to about \$7,000, or about \$2,000 above the same date of last year.

Local Union Wins Appeal Full Court Decision in Graham vs. Knott Workmen May Prescribe Conditions for Admission to Their Associations.

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Woodstock Forged Case. Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 12.—David Malcolm, a young farmer from East Zorra, has been committed for trial on a charge of having forged his father's name to joint notes for over \$3,000.

Calgary's Electric Bonds. Calgary, Dec. 12.—This week \$30,000 of electric light bonds were shipped to the London market.

Bygone Days Some

Vancouver is not an old city, compared with its bygone days. But it has its pioneers and its bygone days.

At the time of the coming of the train, Vancouver was simply a hole cut in the side of a dense forest, in speaking of the bygone days and close proximity of big timber to a splendid timber limit.

Police Discover Fortnight Old Murder Ghastly Crime in New York Flat—Young Woman Done to Death.

New York, Dec. 12.—With only the bloody finger prints of the murderer to assist them the police today are scouring the city for some trace of the man who committed what now appears to be one of the most heinous crimes in the city's criminal history.

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"The Statue"

By Eden Phillpotts and Arnold Bennett

CHAPTER VII.—(Continued.)

Three old men were grouped at the large oval table under the central window. They were Mr. Isidore Antonio, manager of the bill-discounting department, Mr. Augustine London, manager of the underwriting department, and Mr. Jabez Harris, manager of the South American department; the trinity whom the deposed Slade Beakbane had made a practice of patronizing. Each seemed to wait for his companions to speak.

The Queen Anne clock over the wide arch of the chimney-piece struck six. "I am half an hour late," said Maurice, who had shut the door behind him, but who had not advanced beyond the edge of the Persian carpet into the apartment. He looked excessively young as he faced the aged trio.

"Not at all, Mr. Maurice," said one of his audience, lamely.

"And I cannot stop now. I have to return to the country instantly," he proceeded. "I had meant to talk with you to length, as no doubt you gathered from my telephone message. But I must be content simply to announce to you that I am, under my father's will, the sole proprietor and director of this house, and that I intend to retire at once. The business is to be wound up with the least possible delay. Kindly take the necessary steps. I shall be with you to-morrow to arrange details."

"It is to be sold?" Antonio tremulously inquired.

"No. Wound up!" said Maurice.

"But—"

"I will show you to-morrow that my dictionary, being an expurgated edition, does not contain the word 'but'."

"About the Morocco loan, Mr. Courlander?" hazarded Mr. Augustine London.

"The papers are ready to be—"

"The Morocco loan will not go through—that above all things," replied Maurice, quickly. "I have communicated with Berlin."

"Does Mr. Beakbane know?" asked Harris.

"Mr. Beakbane does not know. Mr. Beakbane has left my service."

And Maurice quitted them abruptly as he had quitted Beakbane.

The De Dion car was awaiting him in the street.

He sat silent and contemplative in the tonneau as Dubois guided and urged the rapid car through the northern skirts of London past Barnes into Bedfordshire. In somewhat less than an hour they were within a mile of the east lodge of Tudor Hundreds, and on the left hand the sun hung red and low over the weald. He tried to arrange his thoughts, and he could not arrange his thoughts. The truth was that he had not yet begun to act from reason; he was still acting in obedience to the profound and imperious instincts. The terrific issues involved by his father's death, the manifold ordeals of the inquest, the secret and disturbing appearances and disappearances of Sibthorpe and Carfax, the enigma of the threatening statue, the statue, the suspicions, the mysteries, and the perils of the unique situation; these things mingled together in his mind like a morose and heaving slate-colored sea at twilight of a winter day. And atop on the insecure surface of the sea was a pale, intangible, writhing—wraith—the wrath of Norah's love for him. This it was that had brought him back with such swiftness from London. He had not seen Norah. Norah had escaped him, had baffled every effort on his part to meet her. He had fled to London, persuading himself that he hated her, or at least that he despised her for her inconstancy, her infantile capriciousness. He had fled away from London full of consciousness that he was more than ever under her magic spell, and that he was determined to see her that night, if not by guile then by force. He was sure that she had remained under her father's roof.

As the car came to the cross-road which led to the garden of Crampiron's home, he told the chauffeur to stop.

"Wait here," he said. "And if I do not return in half an hour, go on to the Hundreds."

And he struck off to the right.

No sooner had he done so than he saw in the distance a hatless figure approaching him at a run. It was the figure of Norah.

He hurried forward to meet her, and they faced each other in silence.

"Is it you?" he murmured in a hard voice.

"It is I!"

"Yes, Maurice."

She burst into tears. He noticed that her hair was disarranged and that her appearance showed other signs of deep emotion.

"What do you want?" he asked gently.

"You," she replied in a whisper. "I was coming to you."

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CHAPTER VIII.

Norah.

On the morning of the discovery of the corpse at the foot of the statue, Abraham Crampiron, to the surprise of the servants at living Park, came downstairs to breakfast fifteen minutes later than usual.

The servants at living Park had had other surprises that morning. In the first place a letter had arrived by special messenger for Miss Norah from Tudor Hundreds and had been delivered into her hands in her bedroom at an hour strangely early.

And in the second place Miss Norah was the most capricious and the least calculable fragment of humanity that the servants at living Park had ever encountered. But her caprices and her inconstancy did not begin until after Abraham Crampiron had departed to catch the nine-thirty train for town. There was no trifling with her father's breakfast instead of being like the first act of a comedy, as a breakfast should

be, that breakfast was like the fifth act of a tragedy—a dull tragedy. Norah's role in the tragedy was to dispense three cups of tea to her father, and to dispense them with the accurate tact of a chemist. He had been known to fling cup and all into the fireplace when the tea's temperature was lower than his fancy dictated. Not that he was a monster of cruelty! He loved his daughter; but he had been nurtured in a sub-tropical school of manners in which the flinging of a full cup of tea into a fire-grate was a sign of mere temporary irritation. These things are a question of habit simply.

The butler observed not the slightest peculiarity in Mr. Crampiron's demeanor as he entered the breakfast-room. And yet immediately afterwards the butler suffered a fourth and supreme surprise. Mr. Crampiron, according to his code, to have been rendered furious by the absence of his daughter from the tragic board. He ought to have dispatched a messenger to her apartments. What he actually did do was to sit mutely down and glance with a curiosity almost benevolent at the paper, ignoring his letters.

"Pour my tea out," he said in a neutral tone to the butler.

And the butler obeyed, baffled.

Another servant put a discreet but highly perturbed head and there in that instant caught the butler's attention. And the butler, having served the tea, hurried to the other servant in the hall. Incredible news had suddenly got abroad in the house, and it had apparently escaped from Miss Norah's bedroom.

The butler returned to his master, and clearing his throat and disarranging his white whiskers, said:

"Pardon me, sir. Have you heard?"

"Heard what?" Abraham Crampiron demanded, steadily stirring his tea.

"They say that Mr. Courlander has been found dead at the Hundreds."

"Dead?"

"Yes, sir. Murdered! I thought you would like to know, sir."

"Oh, you did, did you?" said Crampiron, grimly. "Well, I must look into that. Get me my hat."

Whereupon, without further questions, or of emotion, without a word of any sort, the impressive Crampiron, in his house, and walking at a moderate pace in the morning sunshine down the drive passed out of sight. This behavior on the part of his master somewhat reassured the butler, who was certain that the butler would have expected from him, whereas the singularities of his conduct in being late for breakfast, and in not exploding at the absence of Miss Norah, were excessive. The truth was that he had not yet begun to act from reason; he was still acting in obedience to the profound and imperious instincts. The terrific issues involved by his father's death, the manifold ordeals of the inquest, the secret and disturbing appearances and disappearances of Sibthorpe and Carfax, the enigma of the threatening statue, the statue, the suspicions, the mysteries, and the perils of the unique situation; these things mingled together in his mind like a morose and heaving slate-colored sea at twilight of a winter day. And atop on the insecure surface of the sea was a pale, intangible, writhing—wraith—the wrath of Norah's love for him. This it was that had brought him back with such swiftness from London. He had not seen Norah. Norah had escaped him, had baffled every effort on his part to meet her. He had fled to London, persuading himself that he hated her, or at least that he despised her for her inconstancy, her infantile capriciousness. He had fled away from London full of consciousness that he was more than ever under her magic spell, and that he was determined to see her that night, if not by guile then by force. He was sure that she had remained under her father's roof.

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Most men train their brains and almost entirely neglect their bodies. They do not seem to realize that keenness of judgment and clearness of thought depend as much on the body as on the brain itself. Any man can prove this to his own satisfaction by attempting to decide a weighty business problem while suffering with an acute attack of indigestion or a violent spell of biliousness.

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immortal souls in the shapes of servants engaged at a registry office. This accomplished, he had shown no further interest in the house or in the grounds. It was a negative, unpretentious kind of a place, of mediocre Palladian architecture, and the furniture had a respectable ugliness which did not offend the eye.

But he did not comprehend what a home ought to be. Living Park resembled less a home than a rather large dwelling hired for six months by American pilgrims, arranged entirely according to her private fancy, were a refuge to her. But they were in the nature of an oasis rather than an integral portion of living Park.

And now, climbing the central stairway, with its faded Axminster, he carried himself towards those rooms. A tremendous crisis had supervened in the joint career of himself and his daughter—a crisis whose significance she alone perfectly estimated. He groined, but not for any of those reasons which he had thrown down the gage. He picked it up with instant and fierce decision. Having reached her door, he caught suddenly to have knocked; he did not knock. He would not knock. He could not bring himself to knock. He was her father; and since he always thought of her as a child, a child she was. So he seized the white cord which opened the door and turned it violently. The door was bolted on the inside.

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PLEA FOR AN ALL RED CABLE

HON. R. LEMIEUX SPEAKS AT LONDON MANSION HOUSE

Prominent Men Pass Resolutions to Urge Scheme on Government.

London, Dec. 11.—An influential meeting was held at the Mansion House to-day in support of the movement in favor of state-owned cables and cheaper rates. Lord Mayor Truscott presided. Among those present were the Duke of Argyll, Lords Strathcona, Milner and Jersey, Sir Edward Sassoon, Hon. W. S. Fielding, R. Lemieux, Sir Fred. Borden, Hon. S. Fisher and the agents-general of most of the colonies.

There was some objection to state-owned cables expressed in word. "So-called," but Sir Edward Bigham emphasized difference between Socialization and Imperialization.

Mr. Lemieux, who was warmly received, claimed that the cause of cheaper communications between the Mother Country and colonies had never received such influential support as now. He surveyed Canada's record in this regard and incidentally paid a tribute to Sir Sanford Fleming.

Then he asked: "Should we lay out our money to buy cables? Or should we try to get the component parts become more fully acquainted?"

Judging from what he had read in the daily press of the United Kingdom, Mr. Lemieux said there was very little information concerning the Dominion beyond the fact that the British opinion and aspirations of our fellow subjects in both hemispheres should cease to be what it practically is to-day—a closed book.

Continuing, Mr. Lemieux said he was more particularly concerned with the state-owned cable service across the Atlantic, as it would be a logical sequence to establish a Pacific cable. This one step would be of incalculable importance. It was a feasible scheme and one that could be worked on a paying basis. Figures showed the Pacific cable was not worked at an annual yearly loss. There had been an excess of earnings over expenditure ranging from \$125,000 to \$275,000 a year which was regularly employed in paying off the original capital expenditure. The twentieth century was Canada's, and "was it not well to give the telegraphic communication to both countries?"

He welcomed the help given by the United States, but said that it was to be achieved at no distant future he claimed that Great Britain and her premier colony should accomplish it. State-owned cables across the Atlantic were immediately lower the charges by fifty per cent. This would immediately bring down the charges for messages between England, Australia and New Zealand to half or less than half the present exorbitant rates. It would be the harbinger of the pan-British cable and telegraphic system encircling the globe. "Can that be accomplished? I think it can. I believe it will. I have searched in costly telegraphic word 'impossible' in the latest edition of the English dictionary."

The Duke of Argyll, Lord Milner, Hon. W. S. Fielding and others also spoke in support of the movement.

Resolutions in support of the movement and calling on the government to convene a conference were carried.

Premier Asquith also requested to receive a deputation of the movement.

Hon. R. Lemieux called for home this afternoon by the Campania.

MANY CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN SEATTLE

There Will Be Fifty-nine Big Gatherings in That City Next Year.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 11.—Fifty-nine conventions, ranging in size and importance of a reunion of State University graduates to national gatherings of the American Institute of Banking, the National Editorial Association, Epworth League and similar organizations, will be held in Seattle during the summer of 1909.

Reports on the expected attendance of delegates and members of the various organizations show fully 85,000 persons will be brought to Seattle next year by these conventions alone. They will begin arriving for national and northwestern meetings in June and throughout the time the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is open the influx of convention attendants will be steady.

Although based on the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition new round trip rates announced by the Transcontinental Passenger Association will broaden the field from which convention delegates and visitors next year will be drawn. The passenger association announces that a round trip of \$62 could be made from Chicago, \$60.15 from Peoria, and \$58.35 from St. Louis, a \$60 rate from St. Paul and common points had been announced previously. The low round trip rates will be applicable after the 23rd and tickets will remain on sale until September 1st.

Through the sale of work held recently by the junior members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the entertainments given by the boys in Christ Church cathedral the handsome sum of \$184 was realized. One hundred dollars will be used to pay for a horse for Harold Edwards, in his arduous work as a catcher in the neighborhood of Islay, Alberta, while a handsome Morris chair, costing some \$25, will be presented to Mr. Edwards as a Christmas present from the boys.

The "Imaktur," a Finnish stone, is used as a barometer. It becomes white before the approach of wet weather, and dark when storms are at hand.

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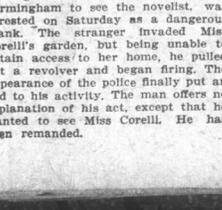
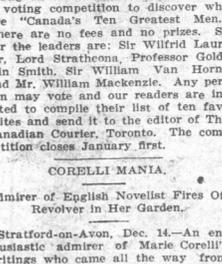
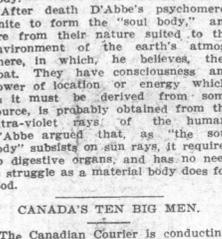
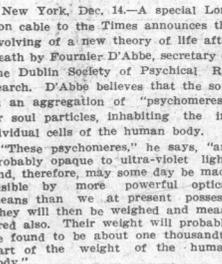
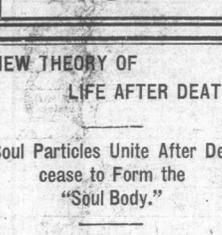
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- WHITE CHINA SILK BLOUSES, prettily tucked and trimmed, buttoned black, long sleeves, regular \$2.25. Special Sale Price \$1.50
BLACK MERVY BLOUSES, also white china silk blouses, very smartly tucked, buttoned front or back, latest style three-quarter and long sleeves, regular \$2.75. Special Sale Price \$1.75
DAINTY ECRU LACE BLOUSES, most attractively trimmed and finished, regular \$4.50, a great bargain. Special Sale Price \$2.75
HANDSOME BLACK TAFFETA SILK BLOUSES, also mervy, silk blouses, tucked and trimmed in the latest and most prepossessing styles, front or back buttoned, three-quarter or long sleeves, an extremely fine selection, regular \$5.00. Special Sale Price \$3.75
CREPE DE CHINE BLOUSES, also white and ecrú lace, the very daintiest blousewear, regular \$6.00. Special Sale Price \$4.50
A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT of the most fascinating and latest styles in cream silk, black and white check, blue, brown, black taffeta, ecrú and white lace, most fashionable models, perfect in every detail, regular values range up to \$3. Special Sale Price \$2.00
MODEL ECRU and WHITE LACE BLOUSES, beautifully built out of the finest real lace, regular up to \$5.00. Special Sale Price \$3.75
CREAM MERVY SILK and ecrú and lace blouses, very exquisite productions, regular \$10.00. Special Sale Price \$7.50
ELABORATE SILK and CREAM LACE BLOUSES, magnificent creations, the very perfection of the blouse-maker's art, very seldom reduced in price, regular \$12.75. Special Sale Price \$9.75

AN INVITATION

We cordially invite you and yours to visit our show-rooms and inspect the superb assortment of most suitable, attractive and useful Christmas gifts.

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CARRIE NATION EJECTED FROM SCOTTISH PUBS

Accosts Clergyman Whom She Meets Smoking a Cigarette.

London, Dec. 14.—"All nations are welcome here except Carrie," is the legend which the public houses of Dundee, Scotland, are now decorated. By way of enforcing the announcement two of the public house keepers threw the reformer from their premises without ceremony or tenderness.

Carrie was not dismayed by this treatment but made tracks for the next bar. En route she met a clergyman smoking a cigarette. Take that, vile thing from your mouth," she exclaimed, but the offender bestowed a smile on her and walked on. Carrie has been shocked to find tea drinking so common in Scotland, where, indeed, an amazing quantity of beverages is consumed at all hours. She classes tea drinking with the morphine habit and has added it to her crusading repertoire.

CRICKET CLUB GIVES ENJOYABLE DANCE

Pleasant Time Spent at A. O. U. W. Hall Last Night.

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VON BUELOW SOUNDS NOTE OF WARNING

Declares There is Real Danger in Empire's Financial Position.

WHY ROOF YOUR BUILDING WITH AN INFERIOR MATERIAL WHEN YOU CAN PURCHASE FROM US VULCANITE ROOFING

B. C. HARDWARE CO., LTD.

MONUMENT TO OSCAR WILDE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next Session thereof, for an Act to incorporate a Company to be named "The Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Company," with all powers, rights and privileges necessary and expedient for the construction, equipment and operation of a line of railway from Victoria, by way of Outer Point and San Juan Islands, to a point on Barclay Sound near Sarita River, such railway to be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

IN THE MATTER of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 1 and Eastern 1/2 Foot of Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Suburban Lot 1, Victoria, B. C.

S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar-General.

TEACHER WANTED—For Pender Island public school, duties to commence Jan. 4th, 1909; salary \$50 per month. Apply to A. H. Menzies, Pender Island, B. C.

WANTED—A few good sheep for breeding purposes; also good butchers; state price and particulars. D. S. Times Office.

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The hostesses were Mrs. George Gillespie, Mrs. A. E. Irving, Mrs. J. H. Gillespie and Mrs. T. B. Tye, all of whom were charmingly groomed, and most attentive in looking after the comfort of the guests. Mrs. A. E. Irving wore a most becoming black gown; Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, a very dainty pink; Mrs. T. B. Tye looked very smart in a beautiful pale blue Empire gown with touches of white; and Mrs. George Gillespie was very handsome in a grey gauze trimmed with silver, and pink roses.

Decorations of the hall were carried out most effectively in flags, kindly loaned by Captain Parry, of the Egeria, and put up by the sailors. The supper room, which was under the special charge of Mrs. J. K. Gillespie and Mrs. T. B. Tye, presented a very beautiful appearance. Great quantities of ivy, smilax, holly and crimson bells decorated the walls and ceilings, while on the table red and white drapings of crimson ribbon were used with splendid effect. The centre of attraction on the table, however, was the silver challenge cup, which was by the Victoria cricketers last summer.

Some very pretty gowns were noticed. Mrs. George Gillespie wore a most becoming pale blue, with touches of black; Miss Paula Irving, white satin with gold bands; Miss E. Mason, white satin; Miss Pitts, white satin trimmed with pale blue; Mrs. Judge Lammpan, a handsome black; Miss Gillespie, a very dainty and becoming black; Mrs. Irving, blue silk; Miss Genevieve Irving, white silk; Mrs. Bromley, a lovely rose colored gauze; Miss McKay, a very pretty white brocade; Miss Pooler, white lace; Mrs. Capt. Parry, a pretty blue.

Among those present were noticed: The Rev. Mr. G. H. Gardiner, Mr. M. R. Powell, Mr. George Johnson, Mr. B. Bell, Mr. Templeton, Messrs Helmecken, Wetherby, Drake, Judge Lammpan, C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. M. G. Coles, the Misses Keast, Ellis, Page, Savage, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. York, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. MacKenzie, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Cullen, Hon. E. Dewdney, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dewdney, Miss Blackwood, Miss Zupp, Miss Mounth, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Butchart, Messrs. Raymer, Barton, Bailey, Miss Cambie, the Misses Lugin, Mrs. Shaw, Messrs. Bland, Julian, Miss Peck, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Cambie and many others.

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