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CANADIAN NEWS.

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TORONTO, Dec. 10.—The Dominion Millers' Association considered a telegram from Newfoundland announcing that in consequence of the imposition of a tax on Canadian furs landed in the maritime provinces, a tax of 20 cents per barrel on all Canadian furs would in future be imposed. This, it is stated, the association communicate with the Dominion Government, by deputation or otherwise, to secure a remission of the threatened taxes.

Quelch Wants a Grant.

GUELPH, Ont., Dec. 10.—At a meeting held here, yesterday, of the Agricultural and Arts' Association a resolution was passed asking that, in view of the necessity for selecting stock and other products for the World's Fair, in 1893, at Chicago, the Ontario Government grant \$5,000 to the association for the purpose of holding a fair next year.

Died From Corrosive Poisons.

RIT FORTAGE, Dec. 10.—The coroner's jury, late on Wednesday night, returned a verdict that Christina McLeod died from the effects of a corrosive poison, supplied or obtained from some unknown source.

With Intest to Injure.

HAMILTON, Dec. 10.—At the Hamilton Industrial Works, Charles Carroll, an employe, threw his helper, a boy named John Welsh, on a revolving saw drum. The lad was frightfully injured. Carroll drew his wages and skipped.

Langvina's Election Sustained.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The petition against the election of Sir Hector Langvina for Richelieu county on the ground of corrupt practices was yesterday dismissed. Sir Hector immediately handed in his resignation for Richelieu county, having chosen Three Rivers, for which he was also elected.

Election Voided by Agents.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—E. A. Dier, Conservative member for Bromie county, has vacated his seat by filing an acknowledgment of corruption by his agents.

Mill's Election not to be Contested.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 10.—It has been learned that the petition against the return of Hon. David Mills, as member of Parliament for Bothwell, has been dropped.

THE N.W. LEGISLATURE.

Opening of the Second Session—Speech from the Throne of Meant-Governor Royal.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 10.—The first session of the second Northwest legislature opened at Regina, to-day, with a full attendance of members. Lieut. Governor Royal, in his speech from the throne, congratulated the members upon the abundant harvest of the past year, stating that it was satisfactory to learn that their wheat standards produced excellent crops. The ranchman had also good reason to be thankful for the high state of property that has met his efforts and the investment of his large capital.

Since large sessions on a large section of country has been opened up by rail, and the Canadian Pacific company were to be congratulated on their immigration efforts in the endeavor to fill up the Northwest. The importance of the dairy interests in the Territories was referred to His Honor, calling attention to the fact that by virtue of an act passed last session by the Parliament of Canada, it is enacted that the legislature shall, subject to certain provisions

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AMERICAN NEWS.

Fishermen Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Information was received, this afternoon, that two fishermen lost their lives a short distance from the Cliff House by capsizing their boat. The names of the unfortunate men could not be learned. It is believed they were attempting to fix a sail, when a heavy breeze sprang up and, before they could unship the mast, the boat went over.

Price Shipping.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The Barkentine Tropic Bird, which arrived from Tahiti this afternoon, brought word that the Norwegian bark Margenroden, loaded with cocoa and cotton, caught fire and had to be sent to sea. The barkentine Malaya, bound from this port to Callao, with railroad ties, sprung a leak and had to be put into Papete. She was taking water at the rate of four feet per hour, and had to be condemned and sold.

At the Mercy of the Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The steamer Argo, which arrived from Coos Bay, this morning, encountered exceedingly heavy weather during the passage. Last Monday, in company with the Arcata and the steam schooner Maggie Ross, she passed out, and from that time up to Monday night the crew and vessel had a terrible battle with the elements. The gale came up from the southwest and the sea was soon running very high. The force of the waves broke in the dead lights and flooded the forecastle. The weight of water put the vessel down at the nose, and the men dared not go forward to pump her out. Another wave carried away part of the bridge and stove in every window in the cabin. A third sea was shipped and flooded the engine room. The elements kept on coming, and the fires could be kept alight. To make matters worse the cargo shifted, and many of the crew thought their last hours had come. They were all together on the raised deck amidst the pumps, and for hours did a desperate battle to the main deck, owing to the heavy seas that were constantly coming on board. Some of the sailors tried to reach the forecastle, but were thrown violently against the house. Two of them received severe scalp wounds, and one had a badly bruised leg. The sailors clothes were all washed out of the forecastle and thrown overboard.

CABLE NEWS.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" Urges the U. S. to be Magnanimous with Chili.

The President's References to the New Orleans Massacre Satisfactory to Italy.

How to Deal with Chili.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Pall Mall Gazette, commenting upon that part of President Harrison's message, which deals with South American affairs, urges the United States Government to be magnanimous in the treatment of Chili, for conciliation is better than coercion in Chili, as it is elsewhere.

The Zollverein Discussed.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The Reichstag, to-day, after debate, carried by a large majority a motion fixing to-morrow as the day for the debate on the question of the ratification of the new commercial treaties between Germany and Austria, Germany and Italy, and Germany and Belgium. Captivi expects to secure the ratification of the treaties before Christmas. Von Caprivi, referring to French attacks on the Zollverein, said they were only serving to cement the league of peace.

He avoided questions about the pending reciprocity agreement with the United States, but conveyed the impression that he thought the favored nations clause under the Clay treaty were not valid now without a free agreement based on mutual concessions. German Conservative organs condemn the Zollverein. The post urges the desirability of a cautious policy. The idea that Prince Bismarck will appear in the Reichstag to oppose these measures has been dismissed. The Hamburger Nachrichten advises an cautious examination of the treaties in committee. Bismarck definitely states that he will not attend the debate.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Standard's Vienna correspondent says: Here public regard for the Zollverein shows less enthusiasm than the press. It is recognized that Italy will profit most by the agreement next to Germany, and then Hungary.

Italian Relations with the United States.

ROME, Dec. 10.—A local committee is at work preparing for the representation of Italian industries at the Chicago World's Fair. Notwithstanding the announcement of the Government that Italy would take no part in the fair, the committee proposes to call for government aid in the enterprise, and it is believed that the application will not be without success. The tone of President Harrison's message on the New Orleans lynchings gives general satisfaction here. Premier Rudini, replying in chamber, to-day, to Signor Caprivi remarked that he had noted the friendly expressions in the message, and was contented with the question as to how far the Zollverein would be extended to America would semi-officially promise Italy to modify the constitution, so as insure absolute protection to foreigners living in the United States, and the Zollverein would be willing thereafter to consider the lynching case closed.

Chili Gets Heavy Cannon.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Herr Krug is said to have received an order for heavy cannon from the Chilean Government.

The Spanish Treacher Trial.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 10.—It is difficult to get information as to the spread of the revolutionary movement. While the government does not interfere with private private dispatches, the authorities are not communicative, and affect to view the insurrection as trifling. Mass was yesterday celebrated in several of the churches for the late Don Pedro's son, who was killed in the other than monarchist criticize the lack of respect shown by the government to the memory of the former ruler. It is said that the pension of \$120,000 a year voted to Don Pedro will not be continued to his family. Much excitement prevails in the city; although order is maintained by the troops and police.

His Holiness' Fiancings.

ROME, Dec. 10.—The Pope is turning the securities of the Papal Treasury into money. His Holiness has sold to the Roman bank, for nine million lire, credit shares amounting to the nominal value of twenty millions.

Excited Frenchmen.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—During the debate in the Chamber of Deputies, to-day, on the question of Church and State, there were several disorderly scenes. M. de Baudry, d'Asson and de Berri abused M. Floquet, president of the Chamber of Deputies, and affairs reached a climax when Paul de Cassagnac, enraged at the utterances of the president, sprang to his feet and deliberately called him a liar. Oaths, insults, threats, challenges and defiance filled the air. All present seemed determined to quarrel, and a long time elapsed before order could be restored. M. Floquet ultimately challenged M. de Cassagnac to withdraw the term he had applied to him or meet him on the field of honor. M. de Cassagnac positively refused to retreat, and the result is that both gentlemen have chosen seconds, who are making arrangements for a duel, which, if it takes place, will be fought at an early hour to-morrow morning somewhere in Belgium, near the French frontier.

Gladstone on Rural Reform.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The National Liberal Federation conference, opened yesterday, in Memorial Hall, Farringdon street, and this morning, had the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone as their guest at breakfast. After breakfast Mr. Gladstone said he thought the time had come for a renewal of the efforts to bring about rural reform. The labor question, he said, had a wide range. Home Bids was part of the labor controversy, as all of those in whose behalf that cause is being pushed are laborers or small farmers. The condition of the rural laborers was most unsatisfactory. The proof of this statement lay in the constant migration of these laborers. Every endeavor ought to be made to keep the laborers at home. He hoped to see the labor candidates for seats in Parliament in-

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Fighting Begun Between the British and Natives Near the Pamir Frontier.

Is This Preliminary to a Bloody Controversy Between the Slav and Anglo-Saxon?

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Official dispatches received here, this evening, from Calcutta state that there has been fighting between the British forces and the tribesmen in the vicinity of Gilgit, near the Pamir frontier, and not far from the new boundary line recently claimed by Russia. In short, the British troops are now face to face with frontier tribesmen in arms, who are claimed to be under Russian protection, and most serious events may result from this clash of arms. At Gilgit there is a British garrison, garrisoned by some Kashmiris, Indian Ghoorkas and a battery of artillery. According to the latest advice received from the front the tribesmen of Hunza and Nagara, two towns on the river Indus, and almost opposite to each other, have for some time been threatening the Chaf fort, held by a detachment of Kashmiris. This caused Col. Durand, the British Adjutant at Gilgit, to make an advance on the fort for the purpose of relieving the garrison. The advance of the British troops was made early during the present month, for on November 29th Col. Durand wired the Commander-in-Chief that he should move upon the enemy on December 2nd, unless he was previously attacked by the tribesmen. It was reported to be assembling in large numbers, and to have been instigated in their action by Russian agents. Col. Durand also telegraphed the same, that he feared that a serious conflict was inevitable, although he had done every thing possible to prevent it. The Nithina river flows a few miles from the fort threatened by the Indo-Russian tribesmen. Later, other dispatches just received here from Calcutta announce that Fort Chaf was captured on Dec. 2nd, and that seven Sepoys were killed and twenty-six wounded. Col. Durand, the despatch adds, and Capt. Aylmer, and Lieut. Badcock were seriously wounded. Several other officers, including Lieut. Gordon and others, were slightly wounded. Captain Aylmer, and Lieut. Badcock and Lieut. Gordon, continues the despatch, displayed extraordinary gallantry. Capt. Aylmer most gallantly led a storming party, carrying a gun cotton petard, and in the face of a shower of bullets he dashed up to the gate of the fort, fixed the petard, lit the fuse, and retreated a short distance, and then had the pleasure of hearing a report. The next moment the gallant captain saw that the petard had blown the gate off the fort. These officers, followed by a handful of Sepoys, then made a dash for the gate, and were met by a force of fighting men, who were captured and killed. The British and Sepoys also captured nine prisoners, the remainder of the rebel tribesmen flying leaving a number of dead inside and outside the fort.

The news of this engagement on the Pamir frontier, is not quite clear on one point, that is what became of the original Kashmiri garrison of the fort: it is presumed, however, that the rebel tribesmen captured the fort previous to the arrival of the British troops, and that it has now been retaken. Reports of a conflict on the Pamir frontier reached this city in time for them to spread to the clubs and theatres. The result was a feeling of considerable excitement, and there were many old Indian officers who gravely shook their heads on hearing the news, saying that it was the most serious that had come from India for many a day. The younger officers naturally were elated and were loud in their expressions of hope that the news expected was that Russia was come at last, and that the British lion and the Russian bear were to engage in the long anticipated struggle for supremacy in the east, and for the possession of India, the richest prize in the world. The excitement increased rapidly, and the general opinion is, at midnight, about the clubs and such places, that war with Russia is looming up on the horizon in India. In any case, the Pamir question will have to be taken up in a deadly earnest.

A constant exchange of despatches is going on between high government officials, here. Some of the officials of the India office who are apparently going to pass the night in that building, refuse to furnish any other information to enquirers: than those already given above. One officer, of high rank, who has recently returned from India, says that he has no doubt that affairs on the Pamir frontier of the Pamir district had reached a most delicate and dangerous stage. The chief made by Russia, he says, will be greatly modified before any real negotiations can be established by the three nations concerned, Russia, Great Britain, and China.

MORE CHINA.

The Struggle for the Pamir Frontier.

CRUSHING DEFEAT.

The government forces are following up their victories, and the complete annihilation of the rebels is expected in a few days. Notices are received here from Rangoon, a town of India and the capital of British Burmah, stating that serious trouble is apprehended, as the Chinese across the river are strengthening their posts. The authorities have dispatched reinforcements.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The North China Herald, of October 16, just received here, reports that the Manchou rioter at Ching-king, seventeen in all, have been taken in a gunboat at Nanking, where they will be tried. Five of them had banded together and committed numerous crimes. The Vienna and the Tattler General said memorials for permission to have the culprits beheaded.

THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

References in the President's Message to Issues Between the Two Countries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The following points in the President's message are of interest: "In view of the reports which had been received as to the diminution of the seal herds in the Behring Sea, I deemed it well to propose to Her Majesty's Government in February last that an agreement for a closed season should be made pending the negotiations for arbitration, which then seemed to be approaching a favorable conclusion. After much correspondence and delays, for which this government was not responsible, an agreement was reached, on the 15th of June, by which Great Britain undertook, from that date and until May 1st, 1892, to prohibit the killing by her or the United States, during the same period to enforce its existing prohibition against pelagic sealing, and to limit the catch by the fur seal company upon the islands from 700 to 500 stuns. If this agreement could have been reached earlier, in response to the strenuous endeavors of this government, it would have been more effective, but, coming as late as it did, it unquestionably resulted in greatly diminishing the destruction of seals by the Canadian sealers.

In my last annual message I stated that the bases of arbitration proposed by Her Majesty's government for the adjustment of the long-pending controversy over the seal fisheries was not acceptable. I am glad now to be able to announce that terms satisfactory to this government have been agreed upon and that an agreement has been reached. It is all that is necessary to the completion of the convention. In view of the advanced position this Government has taken on the subject of international arbitration this renewed expression of our adherence to this settlement of disputes, such as have arisen in the Behring Sea, will, I do not meet with the concurrence of congress.

Provision should be made for a joint demarcation of the frontier line between Canada and the United States, wherever required by the increased border settlement, and especially for the exact location of the water boundaries in the straits and rivers.

DEFEAT OF THE CHINESE REBELS.

Execution of Rioters—Attacks on Christians. Indirect Outrages on the Government.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 10.—The report that the Mongolian rebels have suffered another defeat is confirmed. They were followed up closely by General Nieh, after the battle of Chao Sang, that they made another stand in desperation, and were again driven, with great slaughter, before the Imperial troops. The particulars of the fight have not yet been received. Europeans here express the opinion that the rebels would have surrendered or dispersed but for their knowledge that no mercy would be shown them. Information from the rebel forces is to the effect that certain Mongolian tribes were initiated in rebellion by the increased exactions and greater rigor of the Chinese authorities. The Chinese have lately been establishing a stricter administration in the portions of the empire adjoining Russian territory, and the Mongols have been brought more closely within the Imperial jurisdiction. The motive of this is to present a compact defense to possible aggression by Russia. Li Hsun Chang has ordered the punishment of all who have engaged in the massacre of Christians at Tien, and several rioters have been executed. The Emperor has granted leave for the leading in all such cases. It is believed that the rebels are caused, in their hatred, to bear the brunt of the blame.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Dreadful Wind-Storm.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—The windstorm of last night did considerable damage in the country just North of here, and was the severest experienced for years. At Glendale two or three small houses were blown down. Some tin roofs were taken off and a number of outbuildings were demolished. A story and a half frame building, which was blown down, caught fire from an overland coal oil lamp and a Mrs. Brown perished in the flames. A great many oranges were blown off the trees in the orchards, while the Western Union Telegraph Company had a number of poles blown down near Tropico.

Criminal Malpractice.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Mary P. Moran, a young married woman, died this morning from malpractice. The physician who performed the operation is unknown.

Held for Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Wm. Flays, who, it is alleged, killed Alfred Sparks to death during a saloon brawl, was held for trial to-day for manslaughter, bail being fixed at \$10,000.

They Drove 2,100 Miles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The World's Vine-land, N. J., special says: D. M. Dore and his wife and three children arrived, a few days ago, from North Dakota, where he has a small farm. His crops failed and his house was burned in a prairie fire. Mr. Dore decided to return to his old home to live. Nearly six months ago the family started in a covered wagon, and after many hardships, reached home and old friends. They drove 2,100 miles.

Honors to Don Pedro.

MADRID, Dec. 10.—The Government gave orders that as soon as the train bearing the remains of the ex-Emperor of Brazil from Paris, entered Spanish territory every honor due the deceased should be paid. At all the principal stations along the line the soldiers were arrayed on the platforms, the train passed past them, flags were dipped and the residents gathered their heads.

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In Chambers.
 PACIFIC ASPHALT CO. vs. MCGREGOR and JEVES.—To sign judgment under order XIV. Judgment for amount paid in; leave out of account the sum of \$1,000,000 for plaintiff, Geo. Jay for defendant.

Lawyer v. Bowker.
 In this action the following motion was made to have the motion to the Chief Justice, yesterday, but his engagement in the Zambesi case prevented. It will, no doubt, be tried at a later date.

Big Blaze at Seattle.
 One of the most destructive fires which has occurred in Seattle, late, was that of Thursday night last, by which the greater portion of the city was destroyed. The fire started at a lumber yard, where a stove, containing a load of \$75,000 worth of lumber, was burning. The fire spread rapidly, and in a few minutes it had reached the city. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Flying Dutchman Back in Port.
 No Rafting Done this Time.
 ALONG THE WATER FRONT, Dec. 18.—The Flying Dutchman, a schooner from San Francisco, arrived in port this morning. She was carrying a large cargo of lumber. The vessel was damaged by a fire in the hold, and had to stop at Seattle on her way to Victoria.

THE SECOND HEARING.
 Of the Case of Reg. v. Keene—New Evidence Submitted.
 The second hearing of the case of Reg. v. Keene, upon which the jury failed to agree, last week, opened in the Assize Court, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Crease, and will be again taken up at 10:30 this morning.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.
SPRINTING.
 The Gibson-Luffing race for \$25 a side was held at Northfield, on Saturday, the 19th instant. The first deposit had been placed in the hands of the Naanimo Free Press, which paper has been agreed upon as final stakeholder.

THE CHILLIAN CONVENTION.
 LONDON, Dec. 11.—A despatch from the London Times from its Valparaiso correspondent, says that the portion of President Harrison's message relating to Chile is in accordance with the usual impression; that the American colony is indignant at the action of the American representative in Chile, declaring it is based on personal motives, and stock gambling.

THE DISABLED WHALEBACK.
 Rescued by the Union liner Zambesi, and Towed into Astoria.
 Capt. Edwards, of the Upton s.s. Zambesi, which rescued and towed the disabled whaleback steamer C. W. Wetmore into Astoria, in conversation with a reporter, said: "We left here for the Columbia River on Monday morning. At 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning, when off the mouth of the Columbia, we sighted a singular-looking steamer, and steering down found it was the whaleback propeller, Charles W. Wetmore, flying signals of distress."

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.
NANAIMO.
 At a meeting of the Council of the Nanaimo Board of Trade, held Thursday evening, a communication was read from the Nanaimo Police Commissioners, asking for the Board's sanction to erect a lighthouse on Sharp's Point, and asking the endorsement of the Board of Trade. The secretary was instructed to communicate with the Marine Department, and also to ask the Board of Trade to erect a lighthouse on Sharp's Point.

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CABLE NEWS.

A Leeds Murderer Sentenced to Be Hanged—A Commutation Expected.

RUSSO-Turkish Alliance Talked of as Being Within the Near Probabilities.

The Pope Complains That His Liberties are Becoming More and More Curtailed.

Questions of Tariff. PARIS, Dec. 16.—The Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, adopted the bill for the reduction of import duties on petroleum; also the budget by a vote of 394 to 41.

London, Dec. 16.—It is reported that Turkey and Greece are willing to open negotiations with a view to joining the Zollverein. The Standard correspondent, referring to the reciprocity arrangements between Germany and the United States, says: "The reduction in the duty on American corn and the removal of duty on German sugar was effected by a simple exchange of notes, parliamentary sanction not being needed."

A Russo-Turkish Alliance. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—The Novosti publishes an article urging an alliance between Russia and Turkey. The paper declares that the Russo-Turkish war resulted, in fact, in the liberation of slaves. It recommends an alliance between the two powers, proposing removing all pretext for new conflicts.

The Cheong-ang Troubles. LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Times, yesterday, publishes a dispatch from Singapore, which contains China advices to December 11. A party of cavalry destroyed a hill robbers' village in the absence of the chief and killed all the members of the household, except a concubine, who was delivered to a magistrate. Afterwards, while the cavalrymen were inspecting the scene, they captured Choy Ang, killed the magistrate, liberated the woman and held the town.

The Pope's Complaints. ROME, Dec. 16.—The Pope, in his allocution at the consistory, said the enemies of the Roman Church, not content with displaying hatred in words, proceed to acts of violence against peaceful foreigners, who come to Rome actuated by filial piety and the desire to communicate with the Holy Father. The Pope is not content with being daily becoming more and more curtailed, and the situation more difficult.

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GDON & HEALY. LONDON, Dec. 6.—Surprise is expressed that John Morley should accompany the Rt. Hon. Mr. Gladstone to the South of France, and give rise to comment in various quarters. The Tories circulate a report that it has been thought necessary that Mr. Morley should assist his chief in drawing up the new Home Rule bill for Ireland.

WESTMINSTER. LONDON, Dec. 16.—A number of W.C.T.U. members appeared in the Licensing Court, to-day, and objected to the transfer of Thomas Lewis's license from one part of the city to another. The court sustained the objection and the license was cancelled.

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CHAMOISIST WOOD FIGHT. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Betting on the Chamoisist-Wood fight, which takes place at the Pacific Club, to-morrow night, is two to one in favor of Chamoisist. A jury was completed, this evening, by Judge Joseph Wallace, for a \$20,000 bet for the murder of W. H. Rice, Dec. 2.

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CAPITAL NOTES. Premier Mercier and His Colleagues Dismissed From Office by the Lieutenant-Governor.

A Coalition Administration Possible With Hon. C. B. Boucherville as Premier. (From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 16.—The greatest excitement prevailed here, when the news arrived that Premier Mercier had been dismissed, although it was fully expected that would be the case.

Rescued From Drawings. SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—The steamer Premier coming from Port Townsend, last night, rescued two drowning men, clinging to an overturned skiff, about two miles off Port Townsend. The Premier started for Seattle at 9:45 o'clock, when the skiff was seen in the bay.

Gas Works Burned. KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 16.—The Kingston Gas Company's works were damaged by fire last night to the extent of \$9,000 and \$10,000.

A High Priced Yearling. WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 16.—A yearling colt, sired by Imp. Dante Diamond, owned by W. H. Millman of this place, has been sold for \$10,000 in New York.

FOOTBALL. VICTORIA V. VANCOUVER (RUGBY). On Saturday afternoon a large crowd of people assembled at Hastings to witness the game of football between the Victoria and Vancouver teams.

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WELL SKILLED MESSENGERS Sent Forth From the Hallowed Wards of the Hospital, Laden With Blessings.

Inauguration of the Nurses' Training School—Address by Hon. Dr. Helmecke. NURSING in the close of the nineteenth century had become a recognized profession; and the nurse is everywhere looked upon as playing almost, if not quite, as important a part as the doctor in the practice of the healing art.

HOME RULE. Davitt's Address to the Electors of Waterford—Lively Scrimmage at Knuts. PARNELLETS AND McARTHURIES at Each Other in Earnest—The Clan-na-Gael's Programme.

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VICTORIA MARKET REPORT. BUTTER—Portland roller 6.25. Salmon 1.90. Snowed 1.80. Hungarian 5.90 to 7.00. Wheat, per ton 40.00 to 45.00. Oats, per ton 33.00. Middlings, per ton 30.00 to 32.00. Bran, per ton 27.00 to 29.00. Oil Cake, per ton 35.00 to 40.00. Potatoes, per 100 lbs. 2.00. Beans, large white, per 100 lbs. 5.00. Onions, per lb. 12. Hops, per lb. 1.00. Apples, per lb. 1.00. Oranges, per case 3.75 to 4.00. Lemons, California, per case 4.50 to 5.00. Green peppers, per lb. 1.25. Eggs, 3 lbs. 2.00. Ham, 10 lbs. 18.00. Bacon, California, per lb. 16.00 to 17.00. Shoulders, per lb. 14.00. Meat, per lb. 12.00. Lard, per lb. 10.00. Sides, per lb. 12.00. Fat, per lb. 12.00. Pork, fresh 1.00. Corned, per lb. 1.00. Venison, 1.00. Chicken, per lb. 1.00. Turkey, per lb. 1.00. Beef, 1.00. Hides, per lb. 1.00. Sheep, each 1.00. Skin, per lb. 1.00. Fish, per lb. 1.00. Cakes, per lb. 1.00. Cheese, per lb. 1.00. Butter, per lb. 1.00. Flour, per lb. 1.00. Rice, per lb. 1.00. Sugar, per lb. 1.00. Tea, per lb. 1.00. Coffee, per lb. 1.00. Spices, per lb. 1.00. Dry goods, per lb. 1.00. Hardware, per lb. 1.00. Miscellaneous, per lb. 1.00.

THE STRIKE OFF. An Amicable Settlement Arrived At in the Steamer Strike, Yesterday Afternoon. ALONG THE WATER FRONT, Dec. 16. It was good news to all concerned, yesterday afternoon, when a telegram was received here informing the Union Pacific people that the steamer strike had been declared off, and that the boats were to be returned to their posts immediately after the conference, and all the steamers concerned left the harbor blowing their whistles and with a great demonstration.

ENTERED. St. Islander, from Vancouver. "Shomo" from Port Townsend. "City of Kingston" from Port Townsend. "Active" from Nanaimo. "Chinook" from Roche Harbor. "Daisy" from Chemainus.

ELIZABETH PEARSON ESPLIN. Assignment for the benefit of Creditors. Pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" notice is hereby given that all creditors and persons having claim upon or against the estate of Elizabeth Pearson Esplin, the wife of Charles Esplin, deceased, are required to send the particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of January next, or before the date of the first meeting of the creditors.

THE WORLD ENRICHED. The facilities of the present day for the production of everything that will contribute to the material welfare and comfort of mankind are almost unlimited and when Syrup of Figs was first produced the world was enriched with the only perfect laxative known, as it is the only remedy which is truly pleasing and effectual to cleanse the system gently in the Spring time, or in fact, at any time.

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The Colonist.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1891. VANCOUVER'S MAYOR.

We are sorry to learn that the state of Mr. David Oppenheimer's health is such that he is unable to accept the invitation of his friends and admirers to be again put in nomination for the office of Mayor of Vancouver. This we consider very unfortunate for that city. It is not easy in any city to get a man of Mr. Oppenheimer's ability, public spirit, enterprise and experience, to perform the onerous duties of Mayor. This position requires of the man who fills it efficiently the sacrifice of much time and money, and the performance of a great deal of hard work; and its occupant is, besides, subject to many annoyances and worries. Mr. Oppenheimer has been for four years Mayor of Vancouver, and he has served his fellow-citizens faithfully and laboriously. He has performed the many and efficient duties of his office cheerfully and willingly, and he has borne its disconcerting and its trials philosophically. He has placed the inhabitants of Vancouver under a deep obligation to him, and we are pleased to see that by far the greater number of them value his services very highly. It is not often that the first magistrate of a city has it in his power to do so much for it, as Mr. Oppenheimer has been able to do for Vancouver. He has watched over its infancy—as, as it were, superintending the laying of its foundation. He has fostered its growth, which has been unprecedentedly rapid, and has very materially aided its wonderful development. Such supervision as he has exercised, required, in order to do it well, all the best qualities of an able man of business, and Mr. Oppenheimer has done it well. It is fortunate that Vancouver that it was able to avail itself of the services of such a man as David Oppenheimer at the most critical stage of its existence. It will take time for even its citizens fully to appreciate all that he has done for them and for their city.

AN ILL-CONSIDERED ACT.

It is very difficult to understand on what grounds a license was granted to Messrs. Close & Berry to sell spirituous liquors in the Oak Bay Pavilion. A saloon is not wanted in that neighborhood. It is a delightful resort in summer for ladies and children, whose pleasure and comfort will be in a great measure spoiled by the opening of a saloon near the beach. We are not at all surprised that the principal property owners and residents in the vicinity patrolled against the license being granted.

Commissioners should be more careful in granting licenses for mere drinking places. Those who frequent the beach can have no pretext for indulging in strong drink. They do not need it for refreshment and they should not be able to get it for the purpose of dissipation. A more proper place for a saloon can hardly be imagined. It is certain to be a centre of demoralization; and the beach, within easy reach of the city, should be kept carefully free from all injurious influences. A saloon at Oak Bay can be nothing more than a trap for the weak and a nuisance to those who visit the beach for the sake of rest and innocent enjoyment. The Commissioners when they granted that license had not the good of the community at heart. Oak Bay, since it has been connected with the City by the electric railway, may be said to be part of Victoria—a very important part—and the Commissioners when deliberating upon the advisability of granting the Pavilion a saloon license, should have taken into consideration the influence which such a place would have upon a large part of the city's population. License Commissioners have an important duty to perform, and grave responsibilities rest upon their shoulders, but it is very surprising to see how rashly and inconsiderately they sometimes act. We do not know that there is any good of undoing the mischief which the magistrates have done in this instance, but if there is, the proper measures should be resorted to promptly and energetically.

UNCLE SAM'S SHIPS.

The United States is making good progress in building its navy. We see by the Secretary of the Navy's Report, that thirteen new vessels have been placed in commission since March, 1889. Four of these were finished during the past year. The whole number of war vessels that have been completed, since the above date, is fifteen. The number still to be completed is twenty-five, making forty ships in all. These consist of monitors, cruisers, gunboats, harbor defence rams, torpedo boats and one practice cruiser. The whole fleet will be completed in the year 1894. There are also three tug boats in process of construction.

The United States fleet, when completed, will be respectable if not formidable. There is, of course, a chance of some of the vessels and their armament becoming obsolete before they are completed. So many changes are made in guns, in armor and in engines of war in these days, that the vessel which meets all the requirements of this year may next year, or the year after, be lamentably defective. The armaments of these ships of war are fully up to the science of the day, as is their armor, machinery and equipment. American ships of war, therefore, are in no greater danger of becoming obsolete than are the ships of the great maritime nations of the world.

THOSE CRITICS.

The Times has, at last, quoted the testimony of its witnesses to the unworkableness of the school act. The quotation proves what we suspected, and a little more. It shows that at least one of the Westminster candidates for the majority knows no

thing about the school act, and it also shows that the Times, in citing what he said as evidence, is quite as ignorant. This, according to the Times, is what candidate Walker said: "He complained of the School Act. The ratepayers should elect the trustees as a whole. At present the Government elected three trustees and the ratepayers an equal number, and the city council was to give this body what money it wanted, and could not say nay. He had come to the rescue. He had elected four aldermen to the school board, and they controlled its expenditure."

Now, if Mr. Walker was competent to pronounce an intelligent opinion on the school act, he would not have said that at present the Government elected three Trustees and the ratepayers an equal number, for, according to the law, the Government appoints three Trustees and the City Council appoints four, and one of these four is—also by the Council—appointed Chairman. The editor of the Times should have detected this blunder, and he should have also seen that in the same passage Mr. Walker had arrogated to himself powers which, according to his own showing, the law does not give him, for he boasted of having elected four aldermen to the school board, having, a moment before, asserted that the ratepayers have at present the power of electing only three members to that body. This contradictory muddle which proves nothing but the ignorance of both the speaker and the editor, the Times adduces as proof.

As the subject is important, and as it is not generally very well understood, it may be no harm to show how, under the amended school law, the Board of Trustees is constituted. The Government, which is entrusted with the administration of the law, and which pays one-half the teachers' salaries appoints three of the seven Trustees, and the City Council appoints the other four, designating which of them shall be chairman. This gives the representatives of the ratepayers a majority on the Board; and as the chairman appoints all the committees it gives them a majority on each of them also. The law therefore places the power of the Board pretty much in the hands of the representatives of the ratepayers. The Government appoints, as the reader sees, can be outvoted both at the full board and on each of the committees. The power of the Government minority is consequently small, and to a great extent merely advisory. On a Board in which the majority represents the interests of the city there is no fear of the Government exercising undue influence or of—within the sphere of the jurisdiction of the Trustees—acting to the prejudice of the ratepayers.

There is, however, no need of antagonism in the matter. It is expected that the whole Board will keep the interests of the schools in view and work harmoniously together for their good. There is no reason whatever for the city being against the Government in school matters, or the Government against the city. At any rate, our readers can readily see that the Board of Trustees is so constituted as to give ample protection to the rights and the interests of the ratepayers.

The second witness of the organ, Mr. Townsend, contents himself with merely denouncing the school act as a most "iniquitous measure." He did not go into particulars, and therefore did not expose his ignorance. This was evident in Mr. Townsend, and if the Times had been equally prudent it would not have quoted the bundle of misrepresentations contained in the report of Mr. Walker's speech as evidence of the unworkableness of the school law.

RETALIATION.

Newfoundland and the Dominion of Canada are waging a commercial war upon each other. Canada interfered to prevent the carrying out of a reciprocity treaty between Newfoundland and the United States; Newfoundland, by way of reprisal, denied to Canadian fishermen the privilege of buying fresh bait within its territory; Canada retaliated by putting in force a law levying duties on Newfoundland fish and fish oils, that had been allowed to remain inoperative for many years; Newfoundland tries to get even with Canada by imposing duties on Canadian productions. And so the war goes on, not merely by any means, but vigorously and with considerable bitterness. This is the most unprofitable war that can possibly be waged. It cannot result in good to either of the countries engaged in it. Forbearance in such matters is a thousand times better than retaliation, and kindness greatly more effective than vindictiveness.

The Toronto Empire, commenting upon this trade strife, says: "Canada is protecting the interest of her fishermen on the Atlantic coast by invoking the law—long left in abeyance—imposing a duty on Newfoundland fish. This means a heavy loss to Newfoundland, and is the only possible measure of protection we can adopt to check the ill-adviced, vindictive and illegal policy persistently pursued by the Island authorities toward Canadian fishermen.

This is no misunderstanding or quarrel between the people of Newfoundland and the people of Canada. Both peoples are perfectly friendly—members of the same Empire with interests in common. It is due to the narrow course of the politicians in power at St. John's, who have been poisoning the British Minister at Washington, it gave American fishermen valuable privileges while securing a very poor bargain in return. The destruction of such a one-sided arrangement was not a loss to Newfoundland, but a boon.

We hardly think that language like this is calculated to bring about a better state of feeling between two colonies.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

When we said, yesterday, that the Times did not quote the statements relative to the unworkableness of the school act, which that paper asserted had been made by two candidates for the mayoralty of New Westminster, we said what was strictly true. What the Times said in the article on which we commented was: "It is only a few days since two out of three candidates for the mayoralty of New Westminster stated most emphatically that the Act did not work well in that city, and we feel bound to accept their verdict in preference to that of the Colonist." This and nothing more. Not a syllable of quotation, not even an intimation that the statements alluded to had appeared in the Times. We wonder if the Times knows what "to quote" means? If it does it would have known that no one who understands English could honestly question the accuracy of our statement.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Columbia will celebrate the anniversary of its independence, July 20th, by opening an exposition on that date in 1892. The exposition will continue until the end of October, and will embrace an extensive showing of the resources and products of the country, and also a historical, archaeological and ethnological exhibit. At the close of the exposition the whole collection, or the greater part of it, will be sent to the World's Fair at Chicago, as part of the exhibit from the Republic of Columbia.

Dr. Edward Bodoe, United States consul at Amoy, China, who has been an active promoter of the interests of the World's Fair, writes to Chief Handy that in all English-speaking circles in China, there is one great and growing interest in the Chicago Exposition. In addition to other work, he has secured promises from eight friends to send in the collection of Chinese and bric-a-brac in 1893, and hopes to obtain most interesting collections from Amoy and from Formosa.

The World's Columbian Exposition headquarters with an enthusiasm which opens a splendid exhibit from that country. From Guatemala newspapers it is learned that fully 100 guests, including the members of the cabinet and other prominent dignitaries, will be assembled by invitation on Saturday evening, Sept. 12. The rooms were handsomely decorated with pictures of the Exposition buildings, lithographs illustrating the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Publicity and Promotion, and engravings out of the illustrated papers of the United States. There was plenty of hunting, the flags of Guatemala and the United States being interwoven. Leon Rosenthal acted as master of ceremonies.

Dr. F. De Leon, the Secretary of State, made the opening speech, in which he described the magnitude and importance of the Exposition, and the advantages that could be derived from it by the government and people of Guatemala. Dr. Guzman, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners appointed by the government of Guatemala to represent it at the Exposition, responded in an appropriate manner. Leon Rosenthal reports that the display from that country will certainly surpass expectation.

Prof. Ward, the well known mineralogist and scientist, who is acting as Director-General Davis, a few days ago, and offered to send his entire collection of geological specimens to the Exposition. His collection represents the expenditure of a great deal of money and the work of several years, and is one of the most complete in this country. At the Centennial Prof. Ward was allotted space 120x130 feet. If he can secure it he will fill considerably more space at the Exposition of 1893.

One of the unique features of the Mexican exhibit at the Fair will be the celebrated Pandure family, consisting of five persons, who are probably the largest family in the world. The family will be sent to Chicago by the State of Guadaluajara. It is the intention to provide a Mexican home for them to live in during the fair, in a part of the grounds where their work may be inspected.

The World's Fair committee of the American Jersey Cattle Club has addressed a circular letter to every breeder of Jersey cattle in America, for the purpose of securing his aid in securing for the Jersey breed a creditable representation in the live stock department of the Exposition and in the dairy tests which are to be made. This committee is composed of J. J. Richardson, of Iowa, W. J. Webster, of Tennessee, John Boyd, of Illinois, and F. E. Shaw and J. P. Cogwell, of New York—all of whom are well known cattle breeders. In their circular letter they say that it has been decided to show at the Fair a herd of 50 Jersey cows in milk, and that the association will bear all expenses of transporting, caring for and feeding them. The breeders are asked to furnish one or more of their finest cows to this herd. The letter gives also the terms of the proposed milk and butter tests, and suggests most encouragingly that all of the chief breeders of dairy cattle will be represented by herds of 50 exceptionally fine animals, and that the tests will be so successfully conducted that the results will be quoted as standards of authority for years to come on the question of the relative merits of the respective breeds.

COURT OF APPEAL.

(Before Mr. Justice Cross, Mr. Justice Walker, and Mr. Justice Drake.) MARVIN vs. TILTON and SPEARS.—An appeal from an order of Mr. Justice McCroskey, refusing to set aside a judgment by default. Objection was raised that the appeal was brought to the wrong Court. Decision reserved. Brydone-Jack for appellant, C. Wilson, for respondent.

LAWRENCE vs. SHAW.—An appeal from an order of Mr. Justice Drake giving judgment in favour of defendant. Judgment with costs. Thornton-Jill for appellant, Eberts & Taylor for respondent. The Chief Justice Reserve, Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Cross, Mr. Justice Walker and Mr. Justice Drake, the case of the Queen vs. Davies for perjury was heard, and the conviction quashed, on the ground that the person who had been sworn as a witness at the County Court, New Westminster, (Mr. Cambridge), had no power to administer it. It is known as the "case of the witness."

IN CHAMBERS.

Before Mr. Justice Drake. White vs. Patterson.—To sign judgment under order XIV. Allowed to defend upon bridge, perjury, and the bitter of within one week after service of the order. Bowdell and Irving for plaintiff; Corbould and Jemms for defendant. Irving vs. Bursell, jr.—To sign judgment under order XIV.; Drake. Drake, Jackson and Helmeck for plaintiff; Eberts and Taylor for defendant. Farry vs. Vine.—To examine defendant; to sign judgment under order XIV. Drake, Jackson and Helmeck for plaintiff; C. E. Pooley for defendant.

FACES ARE DECEPTIVE.

Broad Shoulders and a Broken Nose Don't Make a Rowdy. "I had a big surprise coming up town in an elevated train," said a frail, portly little man to a New York Recorder reporter. "A Houston street fellow came in and took seat next to me. He was big and brawny, and such a face as he had! He was undershot, like Harper, the bench-show bulldog; his eyes were set askew, his nose had been broken, and his ears showed marks of conflict. He had hands like hams and of much the same color. Altogether, he was about the toughest looking specimen I ever set eyes on. As soon as he got seated he crossed his legs and began to wipe his left foot on my trousers. I edged away, but he reached out farther and gave me another wipe. He never looked at me, but kept on talking to a friend who sat on the other side of him. It was pretty plain to me that he was trying to bully me into showing fight, but I didn't want any of it. Well, he kept on scouring his shoes on me until I was a sight. People in the car began to be interested and laughed.

"That settled it. The notion of having one of these parva reach out and transfer me to the other end of the car made me sick and faint.

"I touched him on the elbow, and I guess my voice shook. I was as meek as Moses; I was ashamed of myself for being so, but I said: 'Will you kindly be a little careful? You're getting on all my nerves. Then I shut my eyes and listened for the crash. There was a hustle, and the big fellow had whipped out a handkerchief, and was cleaning off the mud spots. Talk about nervous relaxation! When that white spoke I nearly fell off the seat. 'I beg your pardon, my dear sir,' said he, and he had a voice that was soft and as nearly inlaid as a curate's. 'I was so busy talking that I didn't notice what I was doing. I am very sorry, indeed, sir.'

"The laugh was on me, and everybody within view was in a broad grin. I had started for Twenty-eighth street, but I got down at Fourteenth street and took the next train. I couldn't stand it."

A MONKEY'S MISTAKE.

He Appropriates a Cigar and Becomes Demoralised. Some years ago, says a writer in the London Telegraph, I was bringing two monkeys home from the West Hill, which had just been taken from "The Bazaar," a brown monkey about the size of a fox terrier, whilst Jill was smaller, and of a sort known as "white-faced." One day Jack was indulging his curiosity by diving into my pockets, and, among other things, fished out a cigar.

He smelt it, and before I could stop him bounded off to his cage with his prize. Jill rushed after him to see what he had got, and he considerably allowed her a smell and no more. Then he took it up and began to chew it and presently worked himself up into an ecstasy of delight, taking the half-chewed cigar from his mouth and gnawing it as he went, like a dog with a man's satisfaction.

Jill sat at the while at the other end of the cage regarding her lord and master with wondering interest, but afraid to disturb his revels, though she once or twice crept cautiously up to obtain a nearer view of the cause of all this excitement, and to make a slight attempt to snatch a bit of it. Jack's excitement began to get too much for him, and he rolled about his straw and twisted himself into all sorts of contortions in uncontrollable delight, and at last fell down in a helpless state of intoxication. Thereupon Jill carefully covered him over with straw and mounted guard, and him, energetically resisting any attempt on my part to see how he fared. She remained steadily at her post until he awoke from his covering, looking very, very seamy, sick and sorrowful.

A SHORT CHAPTER ON HEADS.

According to a New York Hatter They Are Growing Larger. "The heads of men are growing larger," said a Broadway hatter to a New York Times reporter, as he sold a 7 3/4 hat to a small man. "First year ago," he continued, "when I thirty years ago into business the average size ranged from 6 3/4 to 6 5/8. Of course there were plenty of men with larger heads, but that was the average size. Most of our customers wore hats of ordinary size, ranging from 7 to 7 1/2, and the men thirty years ago seemed to have just as much brains as the men of to-day. The most singular thing about the hat trade is the ability of a first-class salesman to judge of the nationality of his customer by the shape of his head. We Americans have long narrow heads. It used to be that when an American head came in for a hat, if it was long enough for him it would be very likely too wide at the sides, or if it fitted at the sides it had to be pulled out at the ends. But we now have hats for heads of all nationalities, and I can tell you that the heads of Englishmen are irregular in shape, notwithstanding the conservatism of the nation. Irish heads are the most easily fitted. They are oval in shape. Most small men wear large hats, and there are a great many large men who wear small ties. It is a noticeable fact, however, that as the world grows older the heads of English-speaking people are growing more and more alike, and the shape is tending towards the long-headed American head, all reports to the contrary."

TASTE IN THE SEXES.

From some experiments made at an American university it appears that the average person can taste the bitter of quinine when one part is dissolved in one hundred and fifty-two thousand parts of water. Salt was detected in water when one part to six hundred and forty of the liquid was used. Sugar could be tasted in two hundred and twenty-eight parts of water, and common soda in forty-eight. In nearly all cases men could detect a smaller quantity than women.

THE ENGLISH HIGH HAT.

From Youth to Old Age the Britisher Wears a Stove-Pipe. A tall hat is an essential part of every Englishman's dress, says the Philadelphia Times. It is far more to him than the tall hat is to an Irishman, even at a St. Patrick's day parade in New York. It is even more than the kilts to a Scotchman. To the Englishman the tall hat means dignity and respectability, even if occasionally combined with a certain amount of festivity. According to the shape and newness of the tall hat the style and characteristics of the Englishman can usually be ascertained. With the average Englishman a tall hat is the first thing he buys when a sudden windfall arrives; consequently it is not an uncommon sight to see a ragged-edged pair of trousers containing up to a brand new tall hat. On the other hand, there are Englishmen, usually literary men of note or noblemen of very high rank, and a few poets and bankers, who pride themselves on the antiquity and complete shabbiness of their tall hats.

A poet who wore the most disreputable tall hat I have ever seen wrote: "The length of his whiskers defines the hat. And a man you can tell by the style of his hat."

But I do not agree with that poet. For instance, his verses were generally better than his hat; had they been worse, the poet might have been regarded otherwise.

The Englishman hunts. Now, I should say that the most unsuitable head-gear possible for a man—even an Englishman—on the top of a horse-going over fences, rushing under trees, tumbling over five-barred gates and other things, is a tall hat. But no; it has been definitely decided that only one hat can be worn with "pink"—the tall hat. "You see, suppose you fall on your head, you know," explained a fox-hunting judge to me yesterday. "many a fellow's neck has been saved at a Saturday morning's ride in the old work, from the judge's point of view, is a strong plea."

But, oh dear! How funny it looks to see a small boy of seven or so with a tall hat as long as his little body; and yet no young English gentleman who wishes to be regarded as "a young Englishman" ever dreams of creeping like a small, unwillingly, to school, unless he is wearing a tall hat. Go to Dean's yard, Westminster, and watch the boys at play. They are spinning tops, climbing poles, and even kicking the foot-ball in tall hats. At Christ college, another public school known as the "Bluecoat," the boys do not wear any hats or caps at all, which is presumably the other extreme of the tall hat mania.

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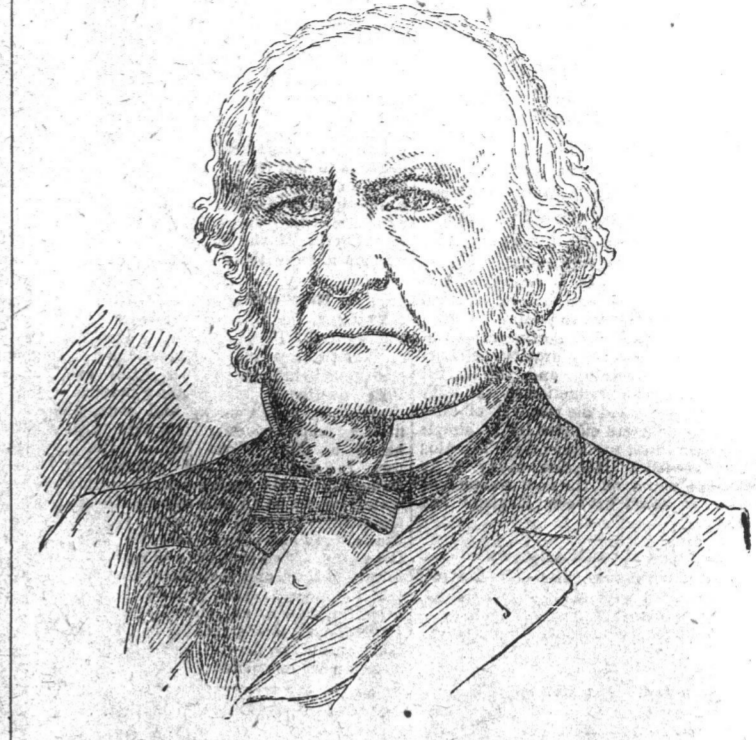
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THE GRAND OLD MAN.



For San Francisco. The following passengers... Gun Accident. J. H. Rudd, son of J. W. F. vest Island, was brought to day, for medical treatment, being, on Monday morning, he had accidentally blown off... shattered that it is feared am be necessary.

Christmas Number. Messrs. T. N. Hibben & Co. the editorial table copies of the numbers of the Illustrated and Graphic. Both published up to the high standard of excellence has been the rule with these.

Nurse's Training School. The training school for nurses with the Province Hospital will be formally opened on Monday afternoon, when a delivery by the President... Davies; Hon. Dr. Helmeck...

Another Wash-O. The Wellington train did station here, yesterday morning ten o'clock, in consequence of... out on the line, not many miles. The damage was repaired so as to permit of the... over the line. Men were engaged matters right, yesterday afternoon's northbound train was until 10.15.

A Seasonable Entertainment. The Christmas anniversary of with the Methodist church West, will be held in the... Craigflower road, on Monday 21st. In the afternoon, a... held by the Ladies' Aid, at a display of all lines of Christmas fancy work, dolls, books, toys... will be shown. In the eve entertainment, consisting of a... Christmas tree, will be given a bath school, commencing at 8.

Funeral of Wm. F. P. Patton. The funeral of the late Wm. Patton, whose death was due to the scaffolding on which he was... the new residence of Mr. Jam... took place, yesterday afternoon attending. At the house... street, Rev. Mr. Mordaunt, vicar of the Methodist church... body was conveyed to the... cemetery, where the interment... The pall-bearers were: F. Chislett, H. Dowsett, H. Catter, and J. Collins.

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