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Misses Mills Re-organization. Dec. 30.—At a meeting of English holders of the shares of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Co., today, the plan for the re-organization of the company was unanimously approved. This practically assures the re-organization, and the plan needs only the approval of the creditors, from whose committee it originally came.

Franchise for Women. Albany, N.Y., Dec. 30.—For the purpose of securing "the national, state and local franchise for women," the National Franchise Society, with principal offices in New York, filed a certificate of incorporation today with the secretary of state. The proposed constitution provides for the establishment of a national headquarters as may seem desirable, and maintain public relations, hold meetings and distributing printed matter. Among the directors are: Mrs. Chas. P. Aked, Wm. M. Evans, Chas. Sprague, John B. Stanchfield, Harriet Stanton Blatch, Margaret Aldrich and Elsie Goulet, all of New York.

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High Prices for New Corn. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The English acreage which has been made at the Canadian branch of the Bank of Montreal gold mine is being sold by the directors of the company at a price much smaller than the price at which it was sold last year. The price is now 100 cents per bushel, and there are less than 100,000 bushels of new corn in the hands of the company.

Short in His Accounts. Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Jas. B. Hinds, for sixteen years a trusted employee of the Case Electric Co., was found in his rooms in the Touraine block at noon yesterday with a bullet hole in his back. He was instantaneously killed. He is said to have been short several thousand dollars in his accounts.

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Fourteen Years for Rust. San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Rust was sentenced to fourteen years in prison for the murder of a woman.

Attoll Knocks Out Mackay. New Orleans, Dec. 29.—Attoll retained the featherweight championship by knocking out "Big" Mackay in the eighth round, before the West Side Athletic club.

Cobbett's Ore Production. Toronto, Dec. 29.—Cobbett's ore shipments for the year will exceed ten million dollars. Last week's total was 400 tons. Total for the year, 13,000 tons. Last year's total was 14,000 tons.

Earthquake Recorded. Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The earthquake in Italy was well recorded at the Dominion observatory here. The first preliminary tremor was felt for 11 hours 13 minutes 4 seconds on December 27.

Canadian Northern's Link. Ottawa, Dec. 29.—It is understood that the Canadian Northern railway will bring forward parliament next session, the one of greatest importance is that for the construction of a line from Port Arthur to Sudbury, to connect the Mackenzie and Main interests in eastern and western Canada.

Fire at the Sealt. Sealt Ste Marie, Ont., Dec. 29.—Another disastrous fire visited the Canadian Soo yesterday morning by which the handsome Hussy block in the west end of the city was completely destroyed, and the coronation block, adjoining badly damaged. The loss is placed at \$20,000. One man, Alexander Kemp, aged 65, is believed to have perished in the flames.

Hawkesbury Tragedy. Hawkesbury, Ont., Dec. 29.—The town was thrown into excitement by a double shooting in which J. M. A. Sully, a wealthy Syrian merchant, was fatally wounded, and a woman also a Syrian, was shot. The shooting was done by Salem Assaly, a brother of the merchant, and Edward Boyer, a son of the merchant. The shooting was done in the street, in the centre of the downtown wholesale district. The names made rapid progress. A general alarm had been turned in.

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TENDERS RECEIVED FOR WINNIPEG WORK

Eastern Contractors Who Offer to Construct City's Power Plant

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—Tenders amounting to one million dollars for construction of the city power plant were opened at noon today. A large number of tenders were put in, among those from eastern Canada being: For the general work, Henry Quinlan and Robertson, Montreal; transmisson cables, E. T. Phillips, Montreal; Dominion Wire Manufacturing Co., Montreal; Northern Aluminum Co., Shawinigan Falls; Steel towers, Canadian Bridge Co., Walkerville, Ont.; Goid sheet piling, The Fraser and Co., Hamilton; Klemm, Montreal; Canada Foundry Co., Toronto; erection of transmission towers, R. Mackenzie and Co., Hamilton; President Wm. Mackenzie of the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway and Power Co., who is in the city today, spoke freely concerning the municipal power scheme, and expressed the opinion that it would not be a profitable venture for the city.

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Work on Irrigation Ditch
Mr. E. B. Knight, of Vernon, the superintendent of the White River Valley Irrigation canal, is staying at the Dominion. He states that about sixteen miles of this extensive ditch have been constructed during the present season, making with the six miles of last year some twenty-five miles of ditch. The ditch is a large one in structural purpose than anything now done, but the object of the farmers is to have a climatic and meteorological effect which we are justified by what has been done in the Eastern Hemisphere, and when it is completed, will irrigate the Greenhow and O'Keefe properties, and the Commons in addition to a number of smaller places, making a total acreage of some 30,000 acres that will be directly benefited. This ditch will discharge its surplus waters into the Okanagan lake near the Okanagan landing, and in the near neighborhood of Vernon. The capitalization of the constructing company approaches half a million. This ditch is perhaps the most important enterprise of this description in the province, and will be of immense advantage to that important portion of the rich Okanagan valley.

Soap has been in use for 3,000 years. To cleanse the streets of the city of London nearly 80,000,000 gallons of water are annually required.

THE VICTORIA COLONIST

TARIFF REFORM WILL COME IN ENGLAND

Capt. Tatlow Thinks British Public Has Changed Its Mind

That it will not be long before some measure of tariff reform is passed in England is the opinion of the Hon. Capt. Tatlow, who returned on Sunday night from a three months' visit to the Old Country. Capt. Tatlow says that so far as could be judged the people of England are very tired of the present Liberal government and will demand them from office directly they get an opportunity. He could see no sign of popular indignation at the action of the House of Lords in declining the Licensing Bill, and is inclined to the opinion that the Lords did "exactly what the people were hoping they would do."

Another factor which Capt. Tatlow thinks will help the cause of tariff reform is the unemployed question. Under a free trade system the number of unemployed in England is increasing every year and the people are beginning to think that it may be the fault to some extent of the tariff system. The tariff reformers hold out promises of increased employment and it would seem likely that they will get a chance of making their promises good. Business generally in England is not very lively just now. Capt. Tatlow was in the House of Commons when the Licensing Bill received its third reading and heard the speeches of Premier Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law and other prominent statesmen on that occasion. He says it was most interesting that the level of the debate was very high.

W. E. Scott of Salt Spring Island is still in England and arrangements have been made whereby he will deliver a series of lectures on British Columbia during the month of January. The fruit exhibit, as already announced, was a great success, as were the cinematograph views. These are still being shown and are attracting a great deal of favorable comment. Capt. Tatlow was accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Tatlow, and they both thoroughly enjoyed it. They had excellent weather all the time they were in the Old Country, with hardly a day's rain. While in England he arranged for the Agent General's office to be on the ground floor of Salisbury house in Fimbury Circus instead of upstairs. Salisbury House is one of the magnificent new office buildings which have been erected in recent years in the financial districts of London.

DEATH LIST WILL REACH OVER 200,000

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sector, but it is impossible to send in supplies because of lack of means of transportation.

Montefiore in a heap of ruins. The local prison collapsed, and all the convicts, to the number of 1,000, lost their lives. A gathering of travelers who were at the railroad station awaiting the arrival of a train, were crushed under the debris of the building. It is not known whether the prisoners were among them. All the railroad stations within a radius of twelve miles have been destroyed. The station at Santa Vecchio for Reggio, loaded with provisions, but has had to turn back on account of the bad weather.

King and Queen at Work

Catania, Dec. 30.—When King Victor Emmanuel and his wife arrived at Messina today they at once disembarked and made their way into the ruined city. Many terrible stories were told to the king in connection with the work of rescue. His Majesty, however, lost little time in hastening to the harbor, where he immediately joined a rescue party and labored as unremittingly as the others. He personally extracted three children from the ruins. The queen followed her husband's example. She devoted her attention principally to little children. She rescued with her own hands a little boy, three years old, bleeding from many cuts and wounds, and herself carried him to the dock, where she handed him over to members of the hospital corps.

All the docks were crowded with small boats sent in to take the wounded out to the ships in the harbor. Every available steamer in the port was fitted up as a temporary hospital.

People wept from emotion when they saw the King and Queen of Italy coming ashore. The women threw kisses to Her Majesty. Both were practically carried up the pier in the arms of their subjects. The presence of the King has acted as an inspiration to the people.

An old man, who had been abandoned, had a life revived for a moment at the sight of the royal pair. He stretched out his hands and raised his head long enough to call out: "Now I can die happy. Long live the King!" He then fell back and expired.

Work of Suitor

The latest news from Messina sets forth that some progress is being made in the work of succoring the wounded survivors, but no attempt is being made to remove the wreckage. The troops and sailors have been obliged to shoot down robbers caught looting. All the funds of the Messina branch of the bank of Italy, some \$2,000,000, have been saved, and are on board an Italian warship.

The rescuers at Messina are rapidly becoming exhausted. The fires have not yet been put out, and there is no water with which to combat the flames. Many of the people will refuse to leave the ruins of their homes. Force often is necessary to gather them to the ships, and there are many, however, large numbers of persons in the suburbs of Messina who will not come back into the city for fear of a recurrence of the shocks.

A despatch from Deputy Deice at Messina says: "The volunteers are now on food, for we are dying of hunger. A number of the survivors are begging today for Catania. It is the duty of every family in Catania to shelter a family from Messina."

Only two members of the municipal council of Messina survived the disaster. The blue-jackets from Russian warships at Messina have performed valuable service. They risked their lives recklessly in the work of extricating the wounded from the ruins.

Hospitals have been improvised in the railroad station, which is partially standing, and another building on First September street and on board the steamer Reina Margherita, but they already are full.

Well call the eighty-ninth regiment of infantry reveals that the regiment has ten survivors.

Was Unbearable
Naples, Dec. 30.—Time only confirms the unspeakable horrors of the overwhelming catastrophe in Southern Italy, for each day the number of the claimed thousands of human beings, and the flames mercilessly consumed the remains of the devastation.

Naples, vibrant with the memory of Vesuvius, is prostrated anew by the misery and woe from Messina confided to her care. The homeless, hotel and homes are crowded with refugees, and the people are vying with one another in aiding the stricken. Those who have expert knowledge of the subject agree that the centre of the cataclysm was the strait of Messina, which also is the centre of the volcanic zone; the highest peak of which, Mt. Aetna, is now silent. From this base, the disturbance extended, abating little by little, northerly as far as Cape Vaticano, and southerly as far as the Bay of Catania, ravaging the western region of Calabria and the eastern coast of Sicily for a distance of nearly a hundred miles. It is impossible to ascertain the extent of the mortality, but it is certain that the beauty of one of the most charming sections of Sicily has been irrevocably despoiled. Vineyards are no more, waving rows of lemon, orange and olive trees have been torn up, and the eastern coast nations are hurrying warships to the scene to offer assistance. The ambassador at Rome, the ambassador at Catania returned late this afternoon from the foreign office, where he went to make inquiries regarding the disaster. It is not believed that there were any American citizens in Messina, with the exception, of course, of American Consul Cheney and his wife. There may have been some Americans at Catania, but no casualties have been reported from that point.

Fond Du Lac, Wis., Dec. 30.—Miss Margaret MacMillan, of Fond Du Lac, Wis., daughter of C. A. MacMillan, mill-lumberman and furniture manufacturer, of Fond Du Lac, is believed to be a victim of the earthquake which struck the city of Messina, Sicily, on Christmas day, and was leaving Dec. 29th for Tortura.

Deaths by Slow Torture
Catania, Dec. 30.—One of the Messina survivors gave a vivid account this afternoon of the horrors of the disaster. He said that only a small proportion of the total population escaped. "Thousands of persons are still living in the ruins where they are suffering slowly by tortures."

The flames are still making their way slowly over the devastated area in an inexorable advance. Impoverished and plighted human beings, unable to extricate themselves from the ruins, are dying of their injuries, while others are dying of starvation. The streets are filled with confused masses of blind and maimed, bearing furniture, chimneys and other articles of household goods. In many cases they appear as enormous piles of great, grotesque, twisted, and fantastic shapes.

The celebrated aviator, Falasmat, who flew the sea-rocket to the island, is impassable. All the monuments and structures have disappeared. All the water-pipes, sewer and gas-pipes of the city have been flooded by the sea. The first destructive shock Messina was absolutely without organized relief, for the reason that the municipal authorities, including the police, doctors and nurses by the aid of my ropes.

The first work of rescue was performed by volunteers from ships which came to the harbor and groups of volunteers, who at great labor and personal sacrifice rescued many persons pinned beneath the wreckage.

Doctors, nurses and firemen are being hurried into the wrecked city. The lack of food and water makes the work almost insupportable. The British and Russian warships at Messina have sent crews ashore to assist in the work of rescue. The vessels themselves have been turned into hospitals. The hospitals in Catania are crowded, and even the schools have been transformed into hospitals. The less fortunate survivors of Messina are being dispatched by the docks to Palermo, the capital of Sicily. Palermo has arrived with the assistance of the British and Italian police, who have organized several corps of volunteers for relief work.

Slight Shock Causes Panic
Palermo, Dec. 30.—A wrecking train, dispatched toward Messina in the hope of relieving the stricken city, was forced to return here, being unable to go further than within about ten miles of the stricken city, on account of demolished tracks. The engineer said that all his houses along the route were the hundreds from the devastated city.

MISSING AMERICANS

Washington, Dec. 30.—Many Americans were in the Messina hotels that were destroyed, and Italians say Americans are co-operating in the quest for information regarding the missing, as reported by dispatches to the United States department today from Ambassador Griscom at Rome. The ambassador stated that he had received no word from the American consuls at Messina and Palermo. He has asked the governor of Calabria and that office, and the consuls at Catania and Reggio, and army and navy officers to obtain immediate news. The British consul at Messina reports that he has received information that some of the guests escaped. The foreign office reports that several nations are hurrying warships to the scene to offer assistance. The ambassador at Rome, the ambassador at Catania returned late this afternoon from the foreign office, where he went to make inquiries regarding the disaster. It is not believed that there were any American citizens in Messina, with the exception, of course, of American Consul Cheney and his wife. There may have been some Americans at Catania, but no casualties have been reported from that point.

INDIAN CENTENARIAN

PIONEER PASSES TO HER LAST REST

Late Mrs. Gray was One of the Earliest Women Immigrants

Another of the pioneers, a fast sailing ship, crossed the great divide at an early hour yesterday morning at the aged woman's home, when Mrs. Gray, who has found a refuge in this comfortable institution since the 17th of May, 1863, quietly breathed her last in her 84th year, the cause of death being senility.

Mrs. Gray was born in 1824 in the pleasant old English town of Weldon, in Staffordshire, and came out to British Columbia via Cape Horn in the month of March in the year 1860, with the H.M.S. Helmecken and eighty other immigrants in the Hudson Bay company's sailing vessel the Norman Morrison, Capt. Wishart.

She was then a married woman and 34 years of age, and was accompanied by her husband, Mr. Parsons, a millwright, while Dr. J. E. Helmecken was the surgeon of the ship. All the immigrants, practically all of whom were under engagement to the Hudson Bay company, landed at Esquimalt, and almost immediately afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Parsons went up to the Hudson Bay company's great flouring mill, which was at that time situated upon what was then known as Rose stream and now as Mill stream, a short distance above Parson's bridge, so named in commemoration of these very immigrants. They lived at this place until five years, the usual term of service with the company, had expired, and thereupon leaving the service, the mill, to borrow the expressive phrase of a pioneer, "went to the devil," while they opened a public house at the approach to Parson's bridge, which was for a long period a favorite place of resort by residents of Victoria, Esquimalt and vicinity.

Sometimes subsequently, however, Parsons, who was a millstone cutter, went down to the Columbia river to follow his trade, his wife remaining here, and died there. While not long afterwards his widow remarried, Mr. Gray, a carpenter by trade, and an old friend, as he came out to this country with them on the Norman Morrison. They remained in Esquimalt, where her second husband possessed considerable property, and not many years afterwards Gray died, in turn, his widow lived in one of the houses which he left her, until the 17th of May in the year 1903, when she concluded an arrangement with the management of the Aged Women's home, and made her final change of residence. Under this arrangement she transferred nine lots at Esquimalt, upon which there was an encumbrance of \$700, and the management agreed to make suitable provision for her for the balance of her life.

All the immigrants who came to Esquimalt in 1860 were of the English race, with the exception of one, a Highlander, some of whom advanced the intricacies as well as the transcendental beauties of the Gaelic language to their fellow countrymen.

There were four sons and one daughter, but this immigrant dying during the trip was buried at sea. After three weeks' sojourn at Esquimalt, she was sent away from Scotland for the purpose of saving the expense of a return ticket at home. This gentleman presented two small and interesting pictures to the ship's surgeon, Dr. Helmecken, which were as old as the oldest relics of a past age are still in existence.

By many of the older residents of this city Mrs. Gray was supposed to have been the first white woman to arrive in this province, but it appears that she was not the first. Her husband, Mr. Gray, not long previously, preceded her. Nor was Mrs. Parsons the only woman in the company to overtake the land, as three or four others being fellow-immigrants.

CAPT. HACKETT MAY FIND RIVALS DIGGING

Local Treasure-Hunting Expedition Will Find Competition in the Enterprise

When Capt. Fred Hackett, who is making arrangements for another trip to Cocos Island in search of the buried treasure, arrives at Esquimalt, it is probable that he will find rival treasure hunters at work. A despatch from New York, dated yesterday, says that a party of three, headed by a British schooner which had turned pirate. Eleven boardloads of other gold was discovered there in 1838 by the crew of the barkentine Mary Dyer. Part of Roger's information consists of a statement made to have been made by a sailor named Keaton, one of three survivors of the Mary Dyer's crew.

"The Roger party," it is thought, consisted of hardy men and take along with them a blasting machine. Numerous attempts to find the Cocos Island treasure have been made. The schooner Helena returned from San Francisco in 1903, after an unsuccessful expedition.

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HART—On December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Wilson, 811 St. Charles street, a daughter.

MARRIED.
RNDLER-GERRARD—On December 24, 1908, George Charles Gerrard, of Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, to Elizabeth Gerrard, of Rockberry,eshire, England.

DIED.
SON—At the family residence, Oak Street, on the 24th inst., Annie Nelson, the beloved wife of the late Frank Sylvester, a native of New York, aged 71.

DEPARTED.
WESTER—At the family residence, 16 Fisgard street, on the 26th inst., Charlotte West, aged 52, a native of New Yarmouth, Tananaki, New Zealand.

DEPARTED.
NTED—Teacher for North Vancouver school, (male teacher preferred); salary \$40 per month. Apply to J. J. Kerzman, secretary, Salt Spring Island.

MORE TROUBLE ON THE ISLAND RAILWAY

Slides at Waugh Creek Cause Some Inconvenience to Officials

The heavy wind and rain of the past few days is causing the E. & N. railway officials not a little inconvenience. It was thought that the damage done by the boat of trees which were torn from their roots and tossed on the wires and track between Victoria and Chemainus on Christmas Day would be all the trouble encountered for a short time, at least. But it was not so. Shortly after the gangs of men dispatched to different points along the right-of-way reported all was well, a telegraphic communication was obtained through to Nanaimo, word was received at headquarters announcing that there had been a slide at Waugh Creek, near the station. Hurriedly workmen were sent to the scene, but it was impossible for them to clear away three or four feet of mud which was piled on the track in time to allow Saturday night's south-bound train to be in on scheduled time. However, the delay wasn't great, and passengers forgot to complain, being thankful that they weren't stranded on the road.

Realizing that there was considerable danger at this point, because of the tendency of the heavy rainfall to loosen the blue clay of the precipitous cliffs, men were stationed there. Yesterday word was received that another slide had taken place. This time the company, being in readiness, was in a better position to handle the situation and the debris was soon cleared away, the regular train being able to run through without delay.

It is possible that the steam shovel will be brought down to Waugh Creek from the track and to excavate on either side of the right-of-way, so that in the event of another fall, there will be little chance of its interfering with the operation of the system.

STEEL BRIDGES FOR CHEMAINUS AND COWICHAN RIVERS

E. & N. HAVE ARRIVED

The two steel bridges which will soon span the Chemainus and the Cowichan rivers, in the wooden structures that have been in use for years, have arrived. They reached Ladysmith from the East a few days ago, and it is understood, will be installed as soon as it is practicable to begin the work.

Throughout the past summer gangs of men were employed in the laying of concrete foundations for these bridges. Before operations commenced the preliminary work was practically completed so that it is only necessary for the new structures to be put together over the comparatively minor foundations they are destined to cross. This is not expected to take more than a month or so once it is well under way.

The Cowichan steel bridge is en route West and should reach here before the end of the month. It will be put in place at the same time as the other farther north. As the foundation work at Cowichan is ready, little delay is looked for in the completion of this project.

No word has yet been received as to the amount of the C. P. R. appropriation for the E. & N. If it is sufficiently large, it is understood that some action will be taken toward the replating of several of the wood trestles between Victoria and Shawnigan lake.

Canadian Trade Commissioners
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The following changes have been made in Canadian trade commissioners: W. A. Mackinnon, District Commissioner for the E. & N. If it is sufficiently large, it is understood that some action will be taken toward the replating of several of the wood trestles between Victoria and Shawnigan lake.

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CARIBOU HEADS COME FROM GRAHAM ISLAND

Curator Kermodé Pronounces Them to Be a New Species

F. Kermodé, the curator of the provincial museum, has received a number of caribou heads from Graham Island which were shot not long ago by Indians near Masset, Queen Charlotte Islands, beyond all question a distinct species of caribou. They differ in many particulars from any species of caribou so far discovered, although it is probable that the differences are largely the result of excessive inbreeding.

The trophies received by Mr. Kermodé consist of the heads of two bulls, and their skulls, antlers and horns. The animal, however, are lacking so it is of practically no value. Judging from the specimens received, the Queen Charlotte caribou is a small specimen of the genus, the full grown animal being about the size of a mule deer and weighing about 350 pounds. The antlers present marked divergences from the ordinary type. They are absent, the antlers generally are much less palmed than usual, and there is a very peculiar form of the tines. In fact, the whole antler is smaller and less massive than on the mainland caribou, but the horns are very white and with only a little brown showing, which is also a result of excessive inbreeding.

One of the bulls is an old animal as his teeth show. The incisors are gone and the molars worn down. Only one antler, the missing antler has not been broken off, an examination of it shows that it is the fact that it never had one. This again is a result of excessive inbreeding, and finally of the introduction of fresh blood from the mainland. It is expected that according to Curator Kermodé by introducing new strains of caribou, the ultimate extinction of the newly discovered species.

Long Suspected
The existence of caribou on Graham Island has long been suspected and as vehemently disputed, as the Indians have been known to hunt and kill the deer tribe on any of the islands of the group. Many years ago a specimen was still in the provincial museum. It was said to have been shot in 1882 and was shown to a naturalist immediately after his arrival in the province. He got busy, and from the skull and one antler promulgated a description of the caribou, which was named Rangifer Dawsoni, after Dr. Dawson, the great geologist. This description is now to be found in the provincial museum. It was, of course, pure guess work, and now unfortunately turned out to be almost entirely wrong. The caribou was not Dawsoni, but the Rangifer Thompsoni, as the name of the head which he saw also had one antler.

However, no more were found until the solitary skull mentioned was actually shot in Masset, many authorities thought that it was a new species, and it was accordingly named Rangifer Thompsoni, after Mr. Thompson, a well known settler in the province. The name of the caribou was not Rangifer Thompsoni, but the Rangifer Thompsoni, as the name of the head which he saw also had one antler.

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NEW PRINCESS REACHES PORT

Latest Addition to C.P.R. Fleet Completed Voyage From Glasgow Yesterday

The new liner arrived at William Head quarantine station during the night and anchored until daylight when Dr. Watt came on board to meet the ship. Captain Buckman brought her up to the outer wharf, where Capt. J. W. Troop, superintendent of the British Columbia coast steamship service, Mr. McGowan, superintendent engineer and others, awaited the new Princess. When she was moored at the wharf, the big Blue Funnel liner Titan at the outer dock, Capt. Troop and a number of other boats were present, and the new Princess was welcomed with a salute from the wharf. The ship was then towed to the inner harbor, as she came into the channel, the tug Princess passing out ahead of her. The whistle of the British Columbia coast service whistled a salute to which the new liner replied as she went by towards the C. P. R. wharf. On the Pithers & Leisep building, Board of Trade, Empress Hotel and other places, flags were raised in salute, and on the causeway, and on Government street people gathered to watch the arrival of the best of the interport ferry liners. There was a gathering on the wharf as the lines were thrown out and all day people came and went, and looked through the new steamer and all were loud in their expressions of delight concerning the latest addition to the local fleet.

Year Away Boarding
No time was lost in tearing away the barricading built to protect the windows during the ocean voyage. J. Clark and his squad were throwing the planking on the wharf within an hour of the steamer's arrival. When the steamer leaves the B. C. Marine railway slip the new Princess will go to Esquimalt to be cleaned and painted, and made ready for service. The port steward, Mr. Byron, will begin the work of putting her furnishings in order at once, and it is expected that the new liner will be ready for service by the middle of next month.

Her Present Officers
Capt. C. Troop, formerly master of the C.P.R. Atlantic liner Mount Royal, brought out the Princess Charlotte. He is a native of Yarmouth, a relative of the well known shipbuilding firm which has the Howard D. Troop, Mary Troop and other Troop ships. The other officers were: J. Duck, chief officer, who was transferred from the Empress of Ireland for the voyage; Second Officer, O. E. Parker, who was transferred from the Empress of Britain; Third Officer, A. Morrison and Fourth Officer, R. Edgall, came from the Empress of Ireland. Chief Officer Duck acted in that capacity with Capt. Cooper when they brought out the Princess Dunfermline from Liverpool. Mr. Parker's parents are residents of this city and he with Mr. Edgall, may remain here, and the other officers returning to their respective homes. Mr. Morrison is second, and J. Burdick is third. He left a Blue Funnel liner, the Empress of Britain, and the Princess Victoria to join the steamer.

Leaving Glasgow on November 22, the Princess started on her long voyage to Victoria, which was marked with dirty weather, and fresh breezes were experienced after the change. On clear next day, general rough seas being encountered to Tennerick, which port was reached on November 7. After leading coal in the Azores the steamer had good weather until when nearing Montevideo, a strong gale was encountered. This was the first experience with the steamer in a heavy sea, and the manner in which she acted aroused enthusiasm on board. At Montevideo 178 tons of coal was taken on board and two days after arrival she reached the Strait of Magellan, where the steamer anchored for the night at

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INTERESTS IN COMMON.

No two provinces of Canada have more and greater interests in common, and there are none whose interests are less divergent than British Columbia and Alberta.

ANNEXING THE YUKON.

Senator Macdonald favors us with a letter this morning in which he proposes that the Yukon Territory shall be annexed to British Columbia at the time the boundaries of Manitoba and Quebec are extended.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

The accident on Saturday evening, which resulted in the death of a man and the injury of a woman, was caused by the carelessness of the driver.

THE INTERCOLONIAL.

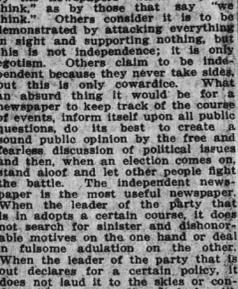
The Colonist has already expressed the opinion that the people of the Eastern Maritime Provinces would protest against the proposed railway.

INDEPENDENT PAPERS.

The Cranbrook Herald says that the Liberal candidate at the last Dominion election, its claim to be an independent newspaper has been called in question.

WARM COMFORTERS AND BLANKETS—SPLENDID VALUES

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TOURIST TRAGEDY Toronto, Dec. 28.—J. Roy, of Morse street, shot and killed his wife in a hotel room and then tried to commit suicide by jumping into Ashbridge Bay. He was pulled out and arrested.

NOVA SCOTIA LUMBER DEAL Halifax, Dec. 28.—The properties of the Alford Lumber Co. in Nova Scotia, have been sold to an English syndicate headed by Sir Thos. Trowbridge.

VETERANS OF 1866 The Veterans of 1866 Association, Toronto, Ontario, are about to petition the next Dominion parliament in the interests of the men who served during the Fenian raid of 1866.

FOR RAILWAY TERMINALS Heavy Purchases of Land for Hill Roads at Head of False Creek, Vancouver

CANAL COMMISSION FINDS ENOUGH LABOR All Agencies for Employment of Workers Are Closed Except Two

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—With the early arrival in Washington from Paris of the canal commission, there will be signalled an epoch in the construction of the canal.

EDMONTON OUTPLAYED Match for Stanley Cup Won by Montreal Wanderers by Score of Seven to Three

THE CHANCES OF THE WESTERN TEAM were considerably weakened by injury to Phillips, who, near the end of the first half, during which he had played brilliantly, was injured.

LOST IN WOODS A Nainaimo Indian Disappears—Joss House at Coal City Destroyed in Heavy Gale

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FERRY SEEDS Ferry boats have been busy ever since the first of the season.

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Madras, Dec. 28.—The Indian national congress was opened in this city today with 2,000 delegates in attendance. Eloquent approval of the reform plans for India, advanced by Lord Morley, the Indian chief secretary, was expressed.

TOURIST TRAGEDY Toronto, Dec. 28.—J. Roy, of Morse street, shot and killed his wife in a hotel room and then tried to commit suicide by jumping into Ashbridge Bay. He was pulled out and arrested.

NOVA SCOTIA LUMBER DEAL Halifax, Dec. 28.—The properties of the Alford Lumber Co. in Nova Scotia, have been sold to an English syndicate headed by Sir Thos. Trowbridge.

VETERANS OF 1866 The Veterans of 1866 Association, Toronto, Ontario, are about to petition the next Dominion parliament in the interests of the men who served during the Fenian raid of 1866.

FOR RAILWAY TERMINALS Heavy Purchases of Land for Hill Roads at Head of False Creek, Vancouver

CANAL COMMISSION FINDS ENOUGH LABOR All Agencies for Employment of Workers Are Closed Except Two

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—With the early arrival in Washington from Paris of the canal commission, there will be signalled an epoch in the construction of the canal.

EDMONTON OUTPLAYED Match for Stanley Cup Won by Montreal Wanderers by Score of Seven to Three

THE CHANCES OF THE WESTERN TEAM were considerably weakened by injury to Phillips, who, near the end of the first half, during which he had played brilliantly, was injured.

LOST IN WOODS A Nainaimo Indian Disappears—Joss House at Coal City Destroyed in Heavy Gale

NANAIMO, Dec. 28.—A Nainaimo Indian named Wm. Quatman, has been lost to the woods near Dean's Bay since Tuesday last.

FERRY SEEDS Ferry boats have been busy ever since the first of the season.

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er a bluff, as some of his friends might have happened, the governments that have raged throughout a district the past few days would doubtless go hard with him. The Chinese joss house, a new building in course of erection in the Chinese quarter of this city, was demolished by the heavy gale on Friday afternoon. The prospective joss house now lies a sorry wreck, to the great infinite dismay. Two weeks ago, when the Chinese had this building up to the height of two stories, it happened for some unknown reason, to the citizens of the Spirit Kingdom hastened to counteract the work of the "devils" and by Xmas Eve had accomplished the raising of the third story. Their efforts were doomed to failure in Friday's blow, which brought the uncompleted structure down with a crash.

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THE SAILORS YULETIDE FEAST

wanted to run for some office tomorrow, and the sailor vote could elect him, he would have a regular walk-over.

For two days before Christmas every man with any spare time on his hands was out collecting boughs and holly to decorate the mess-rooms for Christmas dinner. Each mess vied with every other mess for the honors, for at dinner on Christmas Day the skipper, with a party of friends, including ladies, would pass through on "rounds," and then the best would not be good enough. The ward-room inside the big gate of the navy-yard was festooned with flags, bunting and greens. Inside the brick barracks on the hill was a veritable bower of holly and fir, with Union Jacks and parti-colored streamers draped about at all the artistic angles the sailor man could imagine. The ship was also decked out proudly. The mess-room there was gay with flags and greens, but the captain's cabin was given especial attention, for there a party of fourteen friends of the captain were to take Christmas dinner. Naturally, every effort was made to grace this event, for the honor of the ship and of the captain.

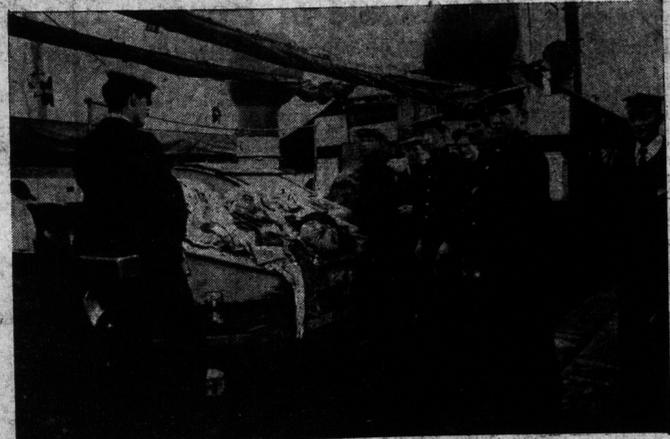
"Christmas rounds" was, of course, the great event of the day. The visit of the captain to the men's quarters at Christmas dinner is a yearly event that no true sailor would miss. It is chiefly for this that all the decorations are put up, all the "extra gear" in the mess-room cleared away, and, last but not least, the costumes donned by the mummies. Christmas mummies are not so well known now as they once were, but the navy holds to that tradition as to all others. No "Christmas rounds" can be complete without its mummies.

At exactly half past twelve on Christmas Day an automobile drives up to the gates of the navy yard, with Captain Parry and his friends, some ladies in the party. The sentry at the gate salutes respectfully, the long line of sailors and marines do likewise, and then—

A hardy bluejacket escorts on his arm a blowsy lady who walks with mincing step, the while holding a flimsy cotton skirt high enough to reveal beneath the bell-shaped trousers of the sailor. Another lady of sorts parades along right womanfully, forgetting, or not knowing,

ever, from each mess, for that is part of the ceremony. When he has finished the "rounds" he departs as he came, followed by hearty cheers. The ship is then inspected, and the official ceremonies are over.

There are all kinds of sports carried off on



"THE PATHOS CHRISTMAS BRINGS"
Auction of the Effects of Sailors Deceased During the Year.

that her "bustle" is in place on one side only. And the music! They bring their own band—with them, these mummies! Tin pans, tin pails, tin lids, copper kettles, cow-bells, and Chinese gongs are the instruments. There is no air, no motif, but only noise.

Christmas Day, although the dinner is the principal "duty." Two football games were played by the men of the Egeria on Christmas Day, teams being chosen from the various watches.

Another, but less pleasant feature of Christmas, was the annual sale of dead men's effects. The kits of the members of the company who died during the year are kept to this season and auctioned off.

THE CHURCH AND CITY LIFE

The congregation of St. James' Cathedral have set themselves vigorously to support a need which has long been felt, by the erection of a new parish house on the site of the old schoolhouse which has stood at the corner of Church and Adelaide streets for more than half a century. The first building was admirably suited for its original purpose; but all the conditions of church work and life have changed so much during the last fifty years that it became entirely inadequate and out of date. In the new parish house, of which a cut appears herewith, the manifold activities of the church, on its social side, will be amply provided for. Besides the usual accommodation for Sunday school, Bible classes, etc., there will be a gymnasium, club rooms, and recreation rooms, together with the necessary vestry offices and quarters for the caretaker. In the social way, suitable accommodation is provided for both sexes, and it is hoped that the parish house will prove a real boon to many whose homes are in the neighborhood and to many others who have no home except the boarding-house. The total cost of the building, including all furnishing and equipment, is estimated at \$60,000.—Toronto Globe.

CAPETOWN TO BULAWAYO

Railway traveling in South Africa is, says The Standard of Empire, rapidly approaching that pitch of comfort and convenience which is supposed to be attained only in long-settled and thoroughly developed communities. For example, presuming the traveler to have arrived at Capetown or one of the other seaboard towns, a daily train composed of com-



The Roast Beef and Plum Pudding of Old England. Jack's Christmas Dinner.

well, what follows is difficult to describe. A group of weird figures, mostly ungainly ladies, red of face and shapeless of body, with ratty wigs and many-colored ribbons and plumes, close in on either side of the automobile. At the same time a burst of rude music, barbaric as the tomtoms of the Asiatics, assails the ear. The mummies are there.



A Bel' of the Forenoon

In these strange figures you would never recognize the alert sailor laddies who drill on the deck of the Egeria on ordinary working days. Fantastic clowns, ladies of all the world in exaggerated pinks, blues, crimson, and other hues, padded and rouged, bewigged and bewooped—these are some of the types.

"England expects every man to do his duty."

THIS is the motto that flaunts each day and every day in letters of gilt above the after deck of H.M.S. Egeria, the survey ship that just now represents His Majesty's navy in Esquimalt harbor. Each and every day the members of the ship's company read the motto and endeavor to carry out its spirit, and Christmas Day is no exception. Only that day they have no routine, no "duty" in the official sense of the word, and so they define it according to the traditions of their kind. For that reason December 25 was a red-letter day in the ship's calendar, a day of Jack Tar originality, a day of duty loyally performed to turkey, plum pudding, and all that goes to make up Christmas cheer.

To the wanderer far from home and kindred Christmas Day is sometimes a gloomy feast. It recalls, sometimes with sadness and regret, the days of long ago, the family gatherings before the blazing hearth, all the merry routs and pastimes that belong by tradition to Yuletide at home. The sailors of the Egeria are all English boys, banished by the terms of their service to the westerly confines of the Empire, thousands of miles from the Christ-

ing in northern waters, the Egeria has been laid up for the winter in the Esquimalt navy yard. Captain Parry is living in his house ashore, and the majority of the ship's company have taken up their quarters in the barracks at the yard, leaving only about a score of men aboard the vessel. So the Christmas festivities were a little divided. Merriment prevailed everywhere, of course, but there was more merriment in the barracks for the simple reason that there were more sailors there. Like the "rooters" at a game of football, Jack Tar revels in numbers, and grows uncomfortable when he finds himself in a minority.

Not every skipper is like Captain Parry. I tell you this because the crew said it to me, "privatum et seriatum." As a rule the men are given Christmas Day for a holiday, with perhaps the half-day preceding, to enable them to do a little decorating and lay in their Christmas supplies. But Captain Parry was determined to give his men full advantage of the holiday, and so he relaxed the routine as much as possible. From Thursday at noon until tomorrow morning duty was declared off, as far as possible. Men could go in and out of the navy yard gates at will, the marine Cerberus in trance reserving his challenge for civilians in that interval, the strict programme of the day was practically given up, and everybody



"JACK AT PLAY"
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mas scenes of their early youth. But with the sailor banishment does not spell gloom. Adaptable to a fault, he fits himself easily to his environment, and has two main objects in life, to do his duty, and to be merry. If you would see merriment in its merriest phase, broad face, and a range of it as wide as all the world, just go to see the Christmas doings on board H. M. S. Egeria.

"On board" is not precisely correct. Returned from her seven months' cruise survey was given to understand that he was free to enjoy Christmas at will, so long as he behaved himself moderately well.

But that was not all. As a rule the Jack Tar provides his own Christmas cheer. The sailor does not mind this, and is quite capable of attending to his own tastes. But Captain Parry decided to give the ship's company a real Christmas dinner, with turkey, plum pudding and all the trimmings. Perhaps that did not cause some enthusiasm! If Captain Parry



Christmas Cheer Afloat. Breaking Out the Store of Good Things

ing a corridor in the centre. Each mess is shut off from its neighbor by draperies of flags. The whole room is gay with green branches and bright colored bunting, but each mess has adopted its own distinctive scheme of decoration. Some of these schemes are judicious, many are overdrawn, but all are original.

The captain passes down the line, stopping to take a taste of turkey here, and some plum pudding there. He must take something, how-

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| CARRIAGE, good style and finish. Price \$18.00 | No. 760—FOLDING GO-CART. Price \$8.50 |
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| GO-CART, nicely upholstered, price is \$18.00 | "TEDDY" FOLDING GO-CART, without hood. Price \$11.25 |
| | "TEDDY" FOLDING GO-CART, with hood. Price \$14.00 |

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| DEN TABLES, Early English, at \$7.00 and \$6.00 | MUSIC CABINETS, birch, mahogany, at \$7.50, \$15.50, \$9.00 and \$6.00 |
| BUFFETS, Early English, at \$92.00, \$84.00, \$50.00, \$46.00 and \$37.00 | STANDS, mahogany, at \$7.00 and at \$6.00 |
| PARLOR CABINETS, Mahogany, at \$33.00, \$32.00, \$21.00, \$15.50, \$12.00, and \$10.00 | PARLOR TABLES, golden oak and birch mahogany, at \$11.00, \$10.50, \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$3.25 |
| UMBRELLA STANDS, Early English, at \$9, \$5.50 and \$4.00 | WOMEN'S DESKS, Early English, at \$14.50 |
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London Times Base Conclusions on Loner's Address

TRADE WITHIN THE

What the Dominions May Infer From So cent Event

London, Jan. 2.—The I reprints lengthy extracts editorially dealing with of tariff reform, save recent by-elections is no Dominions over the sea waiting now upon the very in this country. So far from regarding ain's adhesion to free trade, the Times the Dominions may take this view to show that when at last faith is shaken, as it is in free trade, they may confide the triumph of which imperial causes will be well, meanwhile, within the empire, and former at home, would the statement of the which a series of Canada lately been privileged to only need of natural co- enable them to meet the petitors, but not to butt districts which can only shelter of a protective should be as free as possible provisions. "That without violence, we show imperial channels, and ditions are unfair we them fair."

The Times adds that definition of the purpose arrangements as a trade from its natural keep it in an imperial than another, even upon has a bearing even upon aspect of tariff, and should be to defend suc- tries as "requires it."

Manitoba Legis-
Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—Legislature called for dispatch of business on

Penny Post
Washington, Jan. 1.—postage rate between States and Germany be today.

Immigration
Fredericton, N.B., Jan. Wilmot, of Lincoln, has Immigration for work by the provincial

Toronto Civic E
Toronto, Jan. 1.—Last turns: Oliver, for ma- forty. License reduced by 740 majority. Boas members, Geary, Hood, Spence.

Philadelphia, Dec. today destroyed the v Howard-Boyer Wood South 2nd street, in wholesale district and ed the adjoining buld- are estimated at \$100.

Marvin Hart
Lexington, Ky., Jan- tion to visit Austr Johnson was received vin Hart, by telegraph Hart is offered \$10,000 the purchase of Hart to friends he said that than likely go. Hart Johnson.

Died of Inj
Ottawa, Jan. 1.—A laborer of Hull, result of injuries rec day. He was work house for J. R. Boon moving stones his- The horse and he way some 25 feet were killed, but De with internal injuri

Whang Chang
San Francisco, Whang the Korean w Durham White Stev last March, was to twenty-five years in tary at San Quantia for clemency was ma neys for the defenda Samuel Kniant, who the Japanese gover prosecutor. It is n case will be appeal

Milwaukee Ro
Seattle, Dec. 31.— general counsel for road, will have s other Milwaukee of will have consider the immediate futu ington state. T was made a few Milwaukee road, trains through to and that the full e would probably be date which Presi nounced, would be through traffic.