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FORMAL OPENING OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT

Speech From Throne Is Optimistic In Character--- Progress Of National Transcontinental Railroad---Future Legislation Is Outlined.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—The formal opening of the first session of the eleventh parliament of Canada took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon with the usual brilliant ceremonies.

Honorable gentlemen of the House of Commons, in welcoming you to the performance of your duties at the first session of a new parliament, I desire to acknowledge with devout thankfulness the abundant harvest with which Divine Providence has blessed us.

The honoree conferred by the gracious presence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, representing His Majesty, marked an epoch in the history of the Dominion.

The rapid settlement of the new provinces calls for new lines of transportation. The construction of the transcontinental railway has been vigorously pressed forward during the last year.

Mr. Templeman's Position. Ottawa, Jan. 21.—(Later).—In the Commons this afternoon in reply to a query from George Eulas Foster, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said an announcement respecting the position of the minister of mines and inland revenue in the House.

The Hague, Jan. 21.—Certain allegations recently published in Paris to the effect that there existed a secret understanding between Juan Vicente Gomez, the actual president of Venezuela, and Cipriano Castro his predecessor who is now in Berlin, aroused suspicion here and Jose De J. Paula, the special commissioner of President Gomez to the States of Europe, was questioned on the subject to-day.

Representatives of Canada participated lately in the permanent establishment and organization of the International Institution of Agriculture, with its headquarters at Rome, an event of interest to our colony in the economic system of which agriculture plays so great a part.



A "FIRST DAY" WORRY The Premier—"Ladies! ladies! This is a parliament opening—not a millinery opening!"

FIFTY DEAD IN CRIB DISASTER MEN IN SHAFT MAY STILL BE LIVING Victims Succumb to Fire, Water and Suffocation at Lake Michigan.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 21.—Efforts were resumed at daybreak to-day to ascertain whether any workmen were still living in the shaft between the crib, a mile and a half out in the lake, where fifty or more men were killed yesterday.

PROGRAMME OF C.P.R. IN CANADA'S WEST (Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 21.—Wm. Whyte announces that all the western programme has been adopted by the Canadian Pacific executive. An important new line runs from Weyburn on the Soo Line to Lethbridge, a distance of 400 miles, and it will be completed this spring.

FISHERY TREATY STILL UNSIGNED CANADA UPHOLDING NEWFOUNDLAND'S WISHES Effort to Prohibit Americans Operating in Inlets of West Coast.

London, Jan. 21.—It is understood that the whole question of the fisheries treaty now rests with Newfoundland. Canada has gone into the question of arbitration in deference to the wishes of Newfoundland.

HOPES FOR SUCCESS OF FRANCO-CANADIAN TREATY Mr. Fielding to Sign Supplementary Convention Renouncing Privileges

CASTRO-GOMEZ COMPACT DOES NOT EXIST Venezuelan Envoy Gives Formal Denial to Paris Allegations.

ASIA MINOR SCENE OF DAMAGING EARTHQUAKE Six Hundred Houses Destroyed at Phocaea—Turkey Sends Relief.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Mr. Fielding, the Canadian minister of finance, in conjunction with the British ambassador, hopes to sign a supplementary convention with the French government whereby Canada renounces certain of the privileges granted by the original treaty.

SUFFRAGETTE SAYS MURDERER IS SANE Woman Lawyer Seeks to Secure His Release From Matteawan.

New York, Jan. 21.—If Miss Mary Coleman, lawyer and suffragette, can convince Judge Tompkins, of Poughkeepsie, that her client, John B. De Tierre, an inmate of the Matteawan Insane Asylum, is sane she probably will be the first woman in the United States to defend a man accused of murder.

QUAKE SURVIVORS COST \$100,000 A DAY Italy Confronted by Grave Problem—Disorders Follow Charity.

Released Waters of Mountain Lake Cause an Inundation.

Manila, Jan. 21.—A dispatch received to-night from Lucena, in the Tayabas province, confirms the reports of volcanic disturbances there, and states that the greatest damage was done in the fields under cultivation.

STREET WORK LOOKED AFTER

IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN EXPEDITIOUS WAY Causeway and Belleville Street Shows Results of New Order

A new order of things appears to have been put into effect with respect to street work with the beginning of the new civic year. The James Bay causeway is being cleared of water and mud and the crossings kept passable.

Another long-pending work was started sharp as the whistles blew for 1 o'clock on Monday afternoon. This is the permanent sidewalk on the north side of Michigan street.

FLOOD CONDITIONS IN COLUMBIA RIVER Traffic Blocked and Considerable Damage is Already Accomplished.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21.—Alarming flood and ice conditions prevail in many parts of the Northwest, Spokane is isolated from the Sound and Portland, The O. R. & N. branches in Oregon and Washington are practically all closed to traffic.

ITALY CONFRONTED BY GRAVE PROBLEM—DISORDERS FOLLOW CHARITY.

Rome, Jan. 21.—The gravest problem which Italy now faces is that of providing for the 200,000 refugees, made homeless by the recent earthquake, who are congregated in Naples or scattered throughout Calabria and Sicily.

LEGISLATURE OPENED TO-DAY

HIS HONOR'S SPEECH IS A SHORT ONE Little Forecast Given to Legislation That May Be Introduced.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The legislature was formally opened this afternoon with the usual ceremony. An overcast sky took away somewhat from the scene and prevented some who would otherwise have turned out and taken part in the function from doing so.

The scene, however, in the chamber was as usual one of brilliancy. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor read the speech, which was a short one. He was attended by his aide-de-camp Capt. E. R. Tyrwhitt Drake, the naval and military officers and his secretaries, Messrs. Musket and Bromley. The speech follows:

It affords me much pleasure, in meeting you at the opening of another session, to be able to congratulate you upon the prosperity which has prevailed throughout the province during the past year, and the indications of continual progress which are manifest on every hand.

Lord Strathcona ON VIRTUES OF CURLING Scottish Game as Link Between Classes—Canadian Team Banquetted.

London, Jan. 21.—Lord Strathcona, speaking at the Royal Caledonian Curling Club dinner to Canadian curlers at Edinburgh, in connection with Imperial defence, said he hoped there would shortly be a temporary interchange between the historic Scottish and Canadian regiments.

PORTAGE SENSATION. Reflections on Moral Character of Clergymen Appear in Press.

Portage la Proule, Man., Jan. 21.—This city has been agitated for some time over a statement made and letters appearing in the press here reflecting on the moral character of Rev. A. E. Smith, of the Methodist church. The board of the church yesterday issued a signed statement challenging Messrs. Wood and Palmer, two writers of the letters appearing in the daily press, to put their statements in such a way that an action for criminal libel may be taken against them.

MAY THE DOORS CONSIDERS FOR PUBLICITY

Streets Committee to Carry on Campaign.

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PUBLICITY IS ABSOLUTE NEED BUSINESS MEN POINT TO ACTIVITY OF RIVALS

City Council Asked for a Grant to Carry on Campaign.

Although the city council guaranteed to finance the Tourist Association...

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Will Ask for a Grant.

C. H. Lugin moved that the association begin a campaign of publicity...

At the request of the meeting Mr. Nelson consented to act as secretary...

In order to have a discussion between the executive and the council an effort is being made to arrange a meeting for Monday afternoon.

How Matters Stand.

A report on the present position of the association was presented by the honorary secretary, John Nelson...

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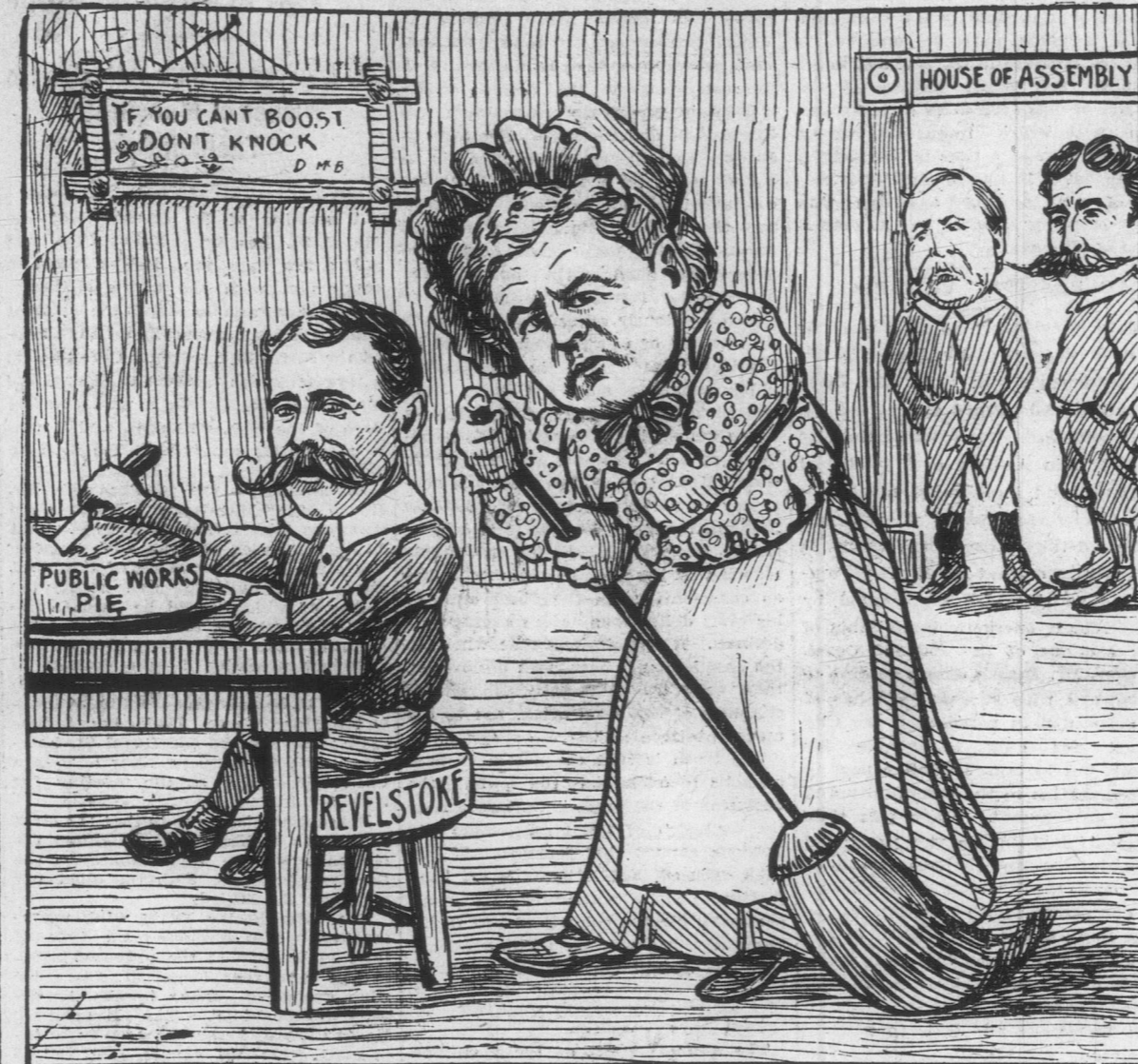
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THE WORRIED HOUSEWIFE. The Head of the House—"I just dread having all those noisy boys in the House again. I suppose there will be a bedlam with Price and Albert, over Tommy's pie."

DAMAGING CLOUDBURST IN PHILIPPINES Phenomenon Was at First Thought to Be Volcanic Eruption.

Manila, Jan. 20.—Late dispatches today from Tayabas province, in the extreme southwestern part of Luzon, express the opinion that what was believed to have been an outburst of the volcano of Laganas last night was not an eruption, but merely a great cloudburst over Mount Banahal.

Messina IS AGAIN SWEEPED BY FLAMES

Messina, Jan. 20.—Messina was swept by fire again yesterday. For many hours soldiers and sailors worked heroically to keep the flames from destroying the last remains of the town, and eventually they succeeded.

RUINS STILL SMOLDERING.

Messina, Jan. 20.—The area swept yesterday by fire, which broke out among the ruins left by the quake, is still smouldering today, smothering the whole town with the smoke and the smell of burning debris.

MEXICAN VOLCANO IS IN ERUPTION

Mexico City, Jan. 20.—The volcano near the City of Colima is in eruption. It is throwing a great quantity of ash and pumice stone.

U. S. A. AS COMPLAINANT AGAINST NEWSPAPER

New York, Jan. 20.—The veil of mystery which for the past few days has enveloped the secret examination before the federal grand jury here of newspaper men and others believed to have knowledge regarding the publication of alleged libellous matter concerning the purchase by the United States of the Panama canal company, would seem to have been lifted last night by the issuance of a subpoena, in which for the first time the names of both the complainant and defendant are made public.

WARSIPS ASSIST IN EXTINGUISHING OUTBREAK AMONG THE RUINS.

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LAKE SHIPPING MEN MAY ADOPT 'OPEN SHOP'

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 20.—Shipping men from all over the Great Lakes to the number of about 100 were present today when President Wm. Livingstone, of Detroit, called to order the annual meeting of the Lake Carriers' Association. Officers of the association stated before the meeting that while the usual amount of business was to be transacted, one of the most important matters to come before the members is the "welfare plan" made public by the executive committee several weeks ago, which embodies the enforcement of the "open shop" principle on the ships enrolled in the association.

LORD NORTHCOTE ON YELLOW IMMIGRATION

London, Jan. 20.—The Royal Colonial Institute welcomed Lord Northcote at a banquet last night, at which the Earl of Crewe presided. Lord Northcote remarked on the necessity of viewing the yellow immigration question from the Australian viewpoint. He declared Australia was increasingly protectionist and urged the necessity of British emigration.

C. P. R.'S IRRIGATED LAND.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 20.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Irrigation and Colonization Company, Limited, have obtained a temporary injunction against Burton D. and George H. Nichols, of the Chicago land firm of Nichols Bros. The railway firm and its ally assert that the Nichols in a fit of pique distributed broadcast a circular which endeavors to persuade immigrants not to buy any of the Canadian Pacific's 3,000,000-acre tract, lying between Bow River, Calgary, High River and Medicine Hat.

NARROW ESCAPES AT FIRE.

North Chelmsford, Mass., Jan. 20.—The Brooksides worsted mills and Moor's scouring mills here were practically destroyed by fire last night. Hundreds of operatives were in the mills when the fire started, and many of them had narrow escapes. An estimate by mill officials places the total loss at \$50,000.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. Halifax Board of Trade Discusses Subject at Annual Meeting.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 20.—The Halifax Board of Trade at its annual meeting elected J. A. Johnson president. A resolution was introduced to put the board on record against allowing the Intercolonial railway to pass from the ownership of the government to that of any corporation.

EXECUTION AT KENORA. Murderer Dies in Act of Singing 'Just as I Am.'

Kenora, Ont., Jan. 20.—George F. Johnson, who killed Mrs. Ackerman in her brother's home here last July with a boltermaker's hammer, was executed this morning. He died repentant, singing 'Just as I Am' before the drop was pulled by a man named Thompson from Owen Sound. Radcliffe was unable to be present. The murderer was a Canadian Pacific shop employee, and committed the deed while drunk.

ATTITUDE OF U.S.A. TOWARDS JAPAN

KOMURA CONFERS WITH AMBASSADOR O'BRIEN

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DISASTER ON LAKE MICHIGAN

MANY DROWN ESCAPING FROM BURNING CRIB

Probably 20 Lives Lost—Tug Brings 26 Injured Ashore.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 20.—It is reported that 20 men were drowned in attempting to escape from a fire which destroyed one of the intake cribs in Lake Michigan, off 73rd street today.

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LIGHTING PLANT IN GOOD SHAPE

NEEDS TO BE INCREASED TO MEET ALL DEMANDS

Supt. Hutchison Makes Satisfactory Report on His Department.

An efficient street lighting plant working to its capacity is reported by the city electrician in his annual statement to the council...

During the past year the plant at the lighting station has operated throughout without interruption of any kind...

Boiler plant consists of four return tubular boilers of 30-horse power each, the working pressure allowed under government inspection being 95 pounds per square inch...

Another Engine Needed. The engine upon which the operation of the entire service is dependent was installed in 1886 and has undoubtedly given good service...

Dynamo plant in regular service consists of three direct current generators of 60 lights capacity each...

From the above it will be clear that general repairs in each case carrying fairly full load...

Circuits.—The city is at present divided into separate lighting districts to each of which lines are run direct from the lighting station...

Extension of system.—In my annual report of 1907 I made reference to the fact that the present equipment was inadequate to meet the demand for additional street lights...

In order to meet the demands it is essential that the capacity of the plant be considerably increased...

of the long burning feature, that is, the possibility of lamps remaining out of action for several nights in succession unless same is reported and in this matter residents can do a good service by reporting by telephone to the lighting station the failure of any lamp so that immediate attention can be given...

In conclusion I would respectfully recommend the following matters to the incoming council for consideration: 1. That the capacity of the plant be increased by the addition of equipment having capacity for at least 500 lights...

CHAMBERLAIN GOES TO U. S. SENATE

(Special to the Times). Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—Governor George E. Chamberlain was elected United States Senator on the first ballot in both houses and the senate, all keeping their pledges.

FARMERS OF ISLANDS ELECT OFFICERS

Reports Submitted at Annual Meeting of Institute Show Successful Year. Pender Island, Jan. 17.—The annual meeting of the Islands Farmers' Institute was held here on the evening of January 14th...

Another gold brick was brought last week from the Nugget mine at Sheep Bay Island...

Nelson, Jan. 18.—The recent cold spell considerably affected the ore shipments for last week...

The election of officers for the coming year followed. In appreciation of his service for the past year, Mr. Gray of Samuel Island, was unanimously re-elected as president...

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A new floor of Australian mahogany is being laid in the post office building by Contractor Dineale. The wood is very hard and has great wearing qualities.

G. C. Cross, of Cleveland, Ohio, will deliver a lecture on Wednesday evening in the school room of the First Presbyterian church.

3200,000 FIRE. LONDON, Ont., Jan. 19.—The factory of the Globe Casket Company has been destroyed by fire. The loss is \$200,000.

"CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE."

Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—In a speech here last night G. E. Foster, the advocate of Canadian independence, claiming it meant national suicide.

CANON BEANLANDS ON MENDEL THEORY

There was an unusually large attendance at the regular fortnightly meeting of the Natural History Society, held Monday in the Carnegie library room.

The experiments were originally conducted with plants, but observations among men and the lower animals, the speaker thought, tended to show that the same theory held good there.

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NUGGET MINE SHIPS ANOTHER GOLD BRICK

Fourth Block of Bullion Turned Out Since November—Ore Shipments.

Nelson, Jan. 18.—The recent cold spell considerably affected the ore shipments for last week, but all the mines and smelters which closed down a week ago for want of electric power, caused by ice interfering with the West Kootenay Power & Light Company at Bonnington, are now running as usual.

Table with columns: Boundary, Week, Year. Rows: Granby, Snowshoe, Mother Lode, Oro Donoro, Other mines, Total.

Table with columns: Week, Year. Rows: Basland, Centre Star, Le Roi, Le Roi No. 2, Other mines, Total.

Table with columns: Week, Year. Rows: Sloan-Kootenay, Queen, Milled, White-water Deep, Bluebell, Kootenay Bell, Second Relief, Nugget, Other mines, Total.

REV. DR. CAMPBELL TALKS ON EARTHQUAKES

Delivers Interesting Address at Meeting of First Presbyterian Club.

Rev. Dr. Campbell on Monday gave an interesting address on earthquakes, to the First Presbyterian Club, in the lecture room of the church.

Science knows less of the nature of the earth than of most subjects. The word seismic is made up of two Greek words, and means earth-shaking, or earthquake.

The horizontal is much more destructive than the vertical. No place is exempt from this phenomenon. The least liable places are northeast of North America, east of South America, north of Asia, and the continent of Africa.

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WOMEN IN SEARCH OF OFFICE DELUDED

Indignant Applicants for Position Cannot Find Advertiser.

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The Young People's Society of the First Congregational church will hold a business social next Monday evening, at 8 o'clock.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Naomi Evans took place Monday afternoon from her son-in-law's residence, 849 Fort street.

BULLDOGS FOR BATTLESHIPS.

Lord Charles Beresford's Presents to Vessels Under His Command.

London, Jan. 18.—Four battleships of the British navy have received New Year's gifts in the shape of bull pups presented by Admiral Charles Beresford.

"I have not yet named the bulldog pups, but am calling them by the names of the battleships. The breed and pedigree of those pups will be sent to the ship's company and the officer of the ship has refused £2,000 for him."

Every British navy officer firmly believes that German navy officers regularly drink to the toast "The Yip," which means the day on which German ships will pulverize Britain.

The entertainment opened with a well rendered piano solo by Miss Polson. Mrs. Higgins, who was to have addressed the meeting, was suffering from a severe cold and unable to be present.

Suddenly the magistrate, who was to act as returning officer, observed: "This is nomination day, and by the way it's about the hour when I must instruct the constable to stir up the electors."

The constable was soon away, and the magistrate, an exceedingly quick spoken person, began to speak in such a rate as must have baffled the most ardent enthusiast of "broken records" to follow.

It was a fine exhibition of speed, and just as he was fairly finished the constable returned with two half puzzled looking voters, explaining that these were the only two he could induce to come out.

Mr. Moore's account of the trouble caused the miners by the Yale Indians, was most interesting. This trouble was greatly augmented by the arrival of Capt. Taylor with a bunch of wildkickers, which he sold to the Indians at \$5 per bottle.

Mr. Taylor contributed two songs in his customary catchy style, which were enjoyed by Mrs. Brown, who was always amusing story of the Cremation of Sam McGee, now good effect.

The speakers of the evening were tendered a most hearty vote of thanks, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a pleasant evening to a close.

COMPANY MUST PAY UP POLICY

FISHERMAN'S DEATH WAS DUE TO ACCIDENT

Full Court Rejects Claim That it Was Not a Casualty.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) An interesting full court judgment was rendered yesterday afternoon on the appeal of the defendant company against a judgment on a life insurance policy in Young vs. Maryland Casualty Company of Baltimore.

Chief Justice Hunter briefly reviewed the facts, which were that Young was drowned while fishing from a dam in a small stream. No one saw the accident but the body was found below the dam lying in 27 inches of water.

The jury were confronted by four explanations—death from heart failure, an attack of fainting, shock from the impact with the water, or being stunned by his head striking on a log which was close to where the body was found.

Mr. Justice Irving thought the appeal should be allowed on the ground that there had not been enough evidence to warrant the case being given to the jury. The onus was on the plaintiff to prove that her husband's death was due to an accident irrespective of any fit or fainting spell.

The death occurred Monday at the family residence, Saanich, of James Bell. The deceased was 77 years of age and a native of Scotland.

Commencing on the 26th inst. the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's vessels will not call at Port Townsend, passing outward.

Steedman's aim. To make children Happy & Healthy.

Steedman's SOOTHING POWDERS contain no poison. They prevent fits and convulsions, and relieve feverish heat.

Steedman's THE DOUBLE BEE YOUR GUARANTEE.

