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ARMENIAN PATRIARCH.

Colonial Cable Conference—Drought in India Broken by Rain Fall.

Panic in the Paris Bourse—Socialist Intrigue to Embarrass the French Government.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Constantinople says: "The irade confirming the election of the new Armenian patriarch will probably not be issued until to-day. Mgr. Ormanian has declared his policy to be one of conciliation with honor. His efforts will be devoted toward healing the breach separating the Turks and Armenians. As he puts it: 'The Turks are the stones of which the grand edifice of the empire is built, and the Armenians are the cement.'"

The Times, referring to the colonial cable conference sitting in London, expresses the belief that both the Pacific and Atlantic steamship service projects are well on the way towards realization. In noting the tendency in South Africa and Canada in the direction of free trade, rather than protection, the Times says: "These signs of the times are deserving of careful consideration, and give occasion to pause before too hastily associating Imperial sympathy with the acceptance of principles of fiscal protection."

A dispatch from Allahabad, India, to the Times on the breaking of the drought, says: "A heavy rain fell over the Western Provinces, which reached the western parts of the Northwest provinces on Friday. There was a good fall at Meerut and fair rain at Agra. This will be of the highest value, as Agra was suffering severely from the drought. There are signs that the rain will extend further. Here clouds have been banked up for the last few days but only a few drops have fallen. It is thought here that there were showers on Saturday night further north."

The following is an accurate view of the position in the Northwest provinces and south. The first area, where there is the greatest failure of crops, has 25,000 square miles, with a population of 13,000,000. Here the famine may be acute. The second area where there is a severe failure covers 30,000 miles and the population is 14,000,000. The third area where there is considerable failure covers 25,000 square miles and has a population of 12,000,000. The divisions which are worse off are Allahabad, Lucknow and Ferozabad, with a portion of Agra, which are not protected by irrigation. The balance of the provinces, which are protected by canals, do not depend so much upon the rice crop and there has been little failure, though the rice prices bear heavily upon the poorest classes in Khalif. The crops in Meerut division are excellent, and probably the best on record.

As for prospects, an inch and a half of rain within the next fortnight would reduce the difficulties by one-half or three-fourths. Favorable rains at the end of the year would relieve from four to eight per cent. of the population.

The government is preparing for the worst. Should the drought continue till the end of the year, the cost would be enormous, but the Lieutenant-Governor does not apprehend a complete failure of supplies next summer, as the local stocks will be supplemented by imports. A significant indication of famine conditions is that in certain areas prices of fine and coarse grains are closely approximating. So far the relief organization is equal to the demand.

The chamber of deputies resisted an attempt by M. Huges, reactionary, to raise a discussion on the Protestant conference at Lyons, with a view of establishing an analogy with the clerical congresses at Rheims.

The Paris papers announce an association has been formed under the auspices of the Marquis of Dufferin, the recently retired British ambassador; Philip Stanhope and others, to improve the relations between France and England. As a sequel to the Dreyfus affair there will be a duel between M. Millevoye, editor of La Patrie, and Dr. Goldman, correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung. The latter has some difficulty in finding a second.

The recent tremendous panic, only lasting a few minutes, on the Paris bourse on Friday over a rumor of the death of Alphonse Rothschild. It is supposed to have been started by an organized gang. People rushed to sell at any price until the truth was discovered. The police have opened an inquiry to discover the origin of the rumor.

At a meeting of the municipal council, the railway committee reported in favor of six electric lines of one meter gauge, including a direct line across Paris, from the Porte Maillot to Vincennes, and a circular line passing by the outer boulevards.

Nobody expected M. Hanotaux to give a precise explanation of the relations between France and Russia in his speech in the French chamber on Saturday. Therefore nobody was really disappointed at the reception given M. Millerand's interpellation. It was a Socialist intrigue to embarrass the government and having successfully met it, the cabinet may be said to have passed the critical stage.

The Bishop of Orleans having declined the post, Pere Olivier has been appointed to succeed Mgr. Hulst in the pulpit of Notre Dame.

The distinguished actress known as Mademoiselle Baret, whose name is Jeanne Julia Regnault, is seriously ill. She was born in Paris in 1854 and entered the conservatory in 1871, making her debut in 1872 at the Vaudeville. She made her debut at the Theatre Francaise in 1880, and almost immedi-

ately afterwards replaced Mme. Bernhardt as Queen of Ruy Blas.

The aeronauts Besancon and Farman, who made a balloon ascension with the purpose of staying up as long as possible, descended after sixteen hours.

A Standard dispatch from Madrid says the rumor that Capt.-Gen. Weyler is retiring from Pinar del Rio to Havana has created an unfavorable impression there, though there is no official confirmation. Military authorities suppose Gen. Weyler has found his forces insufficient to effect a check on Maceo.

Ex-Queen Isabel of Spain and the mother of the king, in an autograph letter to Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, expresses deep sorrow over the abduction of his daughter, Princess Elvira, who has written her father, imploring pardon and declaring that since his second marriage to Princess Kohan in 1834 her home life has been miserable. Don Jaime, brother and heir to Don Carlos' pretensions, threatens to shoot the abductor, Folch, a Roman artist if he appears in any territory. It has developed that Folch is a brother of the Pope's private secretary. He belongs to the Italian aristocracy and lost a fortune in the financial crisis and took to painting for a living. He met Princess Elvira in the city engaged in decorating Don Carlos' chateau. The fugitives are now at Barcelona.

MRS. SCOTT-SIDDONS.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—French newspapers state that Mrs. Scott-Siddons, the famous dramatic reader of years ago, died there last week, and that her body was shipped to New York on Tuesday. She had lived abroad in the latter years of her broken health. Mrs. Scott-Siddons was a great-granddaughter of the great Sarah Siddons. She began her career on the stage in London in 1867, giving readings from Shakespeare and plays of the day over Square rooms, and later on made her first appearance upon the regular stage at the Haymarket theatre in the character of Rosalind, in "As You Like It." Her youth and beauty, and influential friends in the press all helped to make her success, and for some time she enjoyed considerable popularity, both in London and in the provinces. She first visited the United States in 1868, when she read in the United States hall, New York, after which she acted in the Fifth Avenue theatre. She then returned to London and acted in "The Lady of Lyons" and several Shakespearean characters as well as in a number of romantic plays.

In late life Mrs. Siddons travelled extensively in the British colonies and received considerable popularity in Australia, but advanced years robbed her of much of her beauty and the gradual loss of her power of public utterance. She paid her final visit to the United States a year or two ago, but her appearance on the stage then ended in disastrous failure. She was a woman of good intelligence, but not of high intellect, and lost more than she gained by the celebrity of the name which she bore. By those who saw her in the days of her prime, she will be remembered as one of the loveliest women that ever appeared before the footlights.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Morning Post says it is reported that Mrs. Scott-Siddons died of congestion of the lungs. The Chronicle, Daily News and Daily Telegraph contain obituary sketches of Mrs. Siddons, but give no details as to her death.

"WE ARE BETRAYED!"

MONTREAL, Nov. 24.—(Special)—Le Monde owned by Hon. G. A. Nantel, one of the ministers of Quebec, says: "We are betrayed—betrayed by those in whom the Catholics of French race repose all their confidence, betrayed by people who still dare to bear the title of Catholic and French Canadian." For nearly two columns it continues in the same strain, in fact, even hints at a rebellion. Referring to an article by L. O. David, condemning Sir George Cartier for want of energy in the New Brunswick school case, it says: "Ah! if ever there was a shadow of conviction in the mind of Mr. David he would cry 'to arms' to-day. What does it matter if a few thousand dollars are authority in comparison with the ancient rights of constitution, law and the rights of conscience? If ever a people had a right to rise in rebellion against their oppressors, it is indeed when they wish to rob them of the souls of their children."

U. S. COMMISSIONERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Throughout the United States the office of United States circuit court commissioner is shortly to be abolished. By a recent act of congress it was decided that on June 30 next the position would be declared out of existence. Upon that date all circuit court commissioners will deliver into the hands of the district attorneys of their respective districts all the records and paraphernalia of office at that time in their possession. It will then become the duty of the district judges to select the names of proper persons in each district to be presented to the attorney-general for appointment, who will thereafter be designated simply as United States commissioners. The selection will also in all probability be submitted to the various district attorneys for consideration, who in turn will join in the recommendation of the appointments. During the interim that must of necessity elapse before the appointment of such a large number of federal officials all the work formerly performed by the deposed circuit court commissioners will devolve upon the various district judges.

OTTAWA, Nov. 21.—Application will be made at the next session of parliament for an act to incorporate a religious body to be known as "The Holiness Movement" or church, and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal a constitution and make regulations for enforcing discipline in the said church.

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SECRETS DISCLOSED.

Effects of the Bismarck Revelations—The Emperor is Furious but Completely Helpless.

Demonstration Against Military Privileges—The Dueling Debate—Elopement.

BERLIN, Nov. 21.—Public attention during the week has almost been absorbed by the reichstag debate, and the politicians are convinced that the statement of Prince Hohenzollern and Minister for Foreign Affairs Baron Marquis von Bismarck on the foreign policy of Germany may have had an excellent effect, and have removed the suspicions of her allies.

Count Herbert Bismarck's denial in the Reichstag that he has given an interview to newspaper men during the past five years is hardly credited in Germany, and there is some official authority for saying that he did give an interview containing some of the recent revelations in the Schoenhause. The Count went to Friedrichshagen immediately after Monday's session of the Reichstag, and made a full report to his father on the present attitude of the Emperor and the government regarding the revelations and it is stated that a plan was agreed upon to continue the newspaper disclosures. As a result the Leipzig Neueste Nachrichten has published a statement that Italy entered into a secret agreement with Russia in 1891, similar to the Russo-German alliance, and the Bank of British Columbia and the Westminster and Vancouver Tram Co., allowing the plaintiffs judgment for \$16,000 with interest, to come ahead of that of the bank. This case involved a priority of judgment of the tram company.

Rev. P. C. L. Harris, who is to preach in the Congregational church, Victoria, on Sunday, is supposed to be the hero of a gag of bullfighters who terrorized Vancouver before the advent of the highwaymen, has been arrested by the police and evidence is being secured against him.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

First Through C.P.R. Train—Important Privy Council Decision—Burglar Arrested.

Death of a Pioneer Publisher—Badly Frozen—News From the Mines.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 23.—By the bursting of the water pipes above E. Tisdell's store \$400 worth of goods were destroyed on Sunday morning. The goods were done on a bench and off the channel so that all prospects of the yield are likely to be more than realized. In one little service Foreman Jack Sweeney took one day last week about \$50 worth of gold. The Consolation is more than a bonanza. The returns for the winter's work will assume large proportions and are well deserved.

Lafont's pack train of about twenty-five animals, in charge of Pete Leveque and J. Neilson, was met Tuesday by F. G. Kiegler about seven miles this side of Gold Stream. The last bit of feed had been eaten up the night before. This want of feed stuff may result in the death of the animals unless some can be got to them right away. A relief party has been organized to relieve the distressed train, and will take up a cargo of hay and oats on the boat Big Bend.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

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Ainsworth for \$20,000. He is said to be after a certain townsite in Yale.

The Consolation placer on French creek, with four men at work, is taking out about \$250 to \$300 per week. The gold is not very coarse but some nuggets go about \$15, which are at present the largest obtained, the average size being \$5 and \$6. At present the work is being done on a bench and off the channel so that all prospects of the yield are likely to be more than realized. In one little service Foreman Jack Sweeney took one day last week about \$50 worth of gold. The Consolation is more than a bonanza. The returns for the winter's work will assume large proportions and are well deserved.

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VERNON.

Application has been made to incorporate the Silver Queen Mining Co. as a joint stock company, and 400,000 shares are being put on the market. The claim is situated on the summit behind the B. N. S. The ore is a heavy garnet mixed with iron pyrites, and carries silver and gold. The ledge appears to be solid and well in place, and a recent assay gave results of over \$80 per ton. A considerable amount of stock has been subscribed in town, and it is the intention to continue work all winter. Mr. A. J. McMullen having secured a contract to sink the shaft another 25 feet at once. A number of other claims have been staked off in this camp, which lies about 15 miles northeast from Vernon. Indications all point to a successful camp, which may yet rival some of the silver producing Kootenay centres.

The Morning Glory Mining Co. have their shaft down about 35 feet in fine looking rock. They have a five-ton smelter on the road, and as soon as it reaches Vernon it will be at once taken to the mine and erected. There are now about 200 tons of what is considered very fine ore on the dump, and a force of eleven men are steadily employed. A good deal of stock has been sold to local parties, and several good sized blocks have been disposed of in the East.

Capt. W. E. May has located a promising mineral claim, which he names "Hic Jacet," on his ranch near Okanagan Landing. He has stripped the ledge in several places. It shows up strong in copper and iron, and though no assay has yet been obtained, from the appearance of the ore it looks as if it might carry gold in considerable quantities.

Charlie O'Keefe, eldest son of Mr. C. O'Keefe, was riding along the road towards home, when, becoming cold, he dismounted and tied the halter shank around his waist in order to free his hands so that he could restore the circulation. His horse, frightened by the horse, which pulled him off his feet. He was dragged for about 300 yards along the hard road, and when the horse was stopped by his brother he was nearly unconscious. He sustained several severe bruises around the head and some nasty cuts on the face.

Michael Hagan, the well known pioneer newspaper publisher of the interior, died last week at Kelowna, at the age of 65. He came west when the railway was building and established the Inland Sentinel at Yale, afterwards removing to Kamloops. After selling out to Mr. McCutcheon he became superintendent of the Indian industrial school at Kamloops, leaving the position to take up a farm near the Okanagan Mission.

Samuel Morrow was given a dose of carbolio acid in mistake for medicine, the two bottles having been left close together. He is recovering, but his mouth and throat are severely burned.

ROSSLAND.

A meeting of the Novelty Gold Mining Co. was held in Spokane on Tuesday for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The following were the officers elected: John A. Finch, president; Clarence J. McQuig, vice-president; M. R. Galusha, treasurer; E. C. Gove, secretary. The following gentlemen comprise the board of trustees: John A. Finch, Charles S. Warren, M. R. Galusha, E. C. Gove, J. B. Jones, of Spokane; Clarence J. McQuig, Montreal; and Phillip Aspinwall, of Rossland. J. J. Moynahan is in charge of the work.

Work has been again begun on the Deadwood. The New R. E. Lee Co. has ordered a complete equipment of machinery for the mine. Some very fine looking ore is being taken out of the shaft on the Iron Col. J. J. Moynahan says he is going to put a saddle on it pretty soon. The Palo Alto shaft is down over 70 feet. It shows a strong body of mixed and about 8 inches of solid clean ore. Two samples taken last week ran \$24.80 and \$35.20 in gold respectively. The Ida Queen Gold Mining Co. is working eight men on the Ida on Look-out mountain.

The Kohnor-Co. has started work on its prodigious holding on Lookout mountain. Ore has been found on the surface and one of the claims which assays \$17 to the ton in gold and silver. During the last seven days the May-

flower has shipped three carloads of ore to the smelter.

A company has been formed in Spokane of which John A. Finch is president, for the purpose of working the Big Iron and surrounding claims on the reservation, about 18 miles from Rossland. This property shows an immense outcrop of iron ore carrying a high percentage of that metal and where capping has been pierced carries gold, silver and copper as well.

The Crown Point group is being worked for all it is worth. A new shaft is being sunk some 200 feet west of the old one and the crosscut tunnel on the Crown Point ground and the tunnel on the Tiger ground, both being driven ahead with the aid of power drills. The agent of the Kansas City Smelting company of Argentine, Kansas, has bought a claim on the North Fork of Salmon river on which 12 men have been put to work and will be kept at work all winter.

MIDWAY.

So thoroughly convinced are the people of Anaconda of the future consequent upon the development of the No. 7 mine, that they are preparing a means of ingress to the camp direct from their town, by the building of a first class trail. Each business man has a representative on the work, and no doubt it will soon be gotten through with. The connection with the camp is now by way of Boundary Falls, and the Anaconda people look upon both circuits. The shaft on No. 7 is now down about 150 feet, and the ore being taken out might easily be classed with the best shipping ore in British Columbia.

On the 20th ult., a bill of sale was recorded showing that the Greyhound claim, Deadwood camp, had changed hands for \$10,000, the parties being W. J. Harris and F. Watson, of Rossland, the party purchasing being Mr. T. H. Ambery, of London, England.

For some years it has been the practice of Indians living near the international line to make periodical visits into British Columbia territory for the purpose of slaughtering and carrying away the larders of the settlers of this country.

KAIBLOO.

The Blackwater district is coming to the front. A road is being constructed from Howe Sound to tap that district, and when completed will be within one hundred miles of Vancouver. The road is now in about fifty miles. Clarence Miller and associates have a fine lead of gold, silver and copper, which measures 230 feet and is traceable for a long distance. Mr. Miller went to the coast a few weeks ago and has succeeded in making a satisfactory deal, and a contract will be put to work on the ledge and do development work, and will sink a shaft about 200 feet.

Wm. Bromfield Brought, secretary of the Cariboo Gold Fields Mining Company, arrived in town Wednesday evening. He spent several weeks in Cariboo looking after the company's large interests on Williams creek. The company have things in pretty good shape, and as soon as all the pipe is in place will be able to get down to work, which will be about July. The water right of Williams creek, of which they need all. About the only work which will be done this winter will be on the drain tunnel, which they expect to drive about 400 feet.

The company has a contract let for the delivery of their pipe at Quenelle, of which considerable is leaving Ashcroft every week. The length of the ditch work of this company extends about 9 miles, and the ground owned by this company covers about 15 miles, which is undoubtedly rich, as several thousand feet of bedrock never before touched will be worked, and the tailings of the early mines, out of which much of the 1900,000 have been extracted, are still rich. They have a good proposition and time will tell what can be done in the modern days of mining.

IN FAVOR OF PROTECTION.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Nov. 23.—The Tippecanoe Club, one of the leading Republican organizations of the state, celebrated the victory of November 3 on Friday night by a banquet in the city hall. Senator Chandler's letter, which was peculiarly worded, referred to his position on the money question. Among other things he said:

"We rightly based our arguments against Mr. Bryan upon the unwisdom of the immediate free coinage of silver by the United States alone; but I much fear upon that issue alone we should have lost votes enough in the Mississippi valley to have defeated McKinley. We, then, saved the right? Simply the tariff issue. In 1894 those states made up their mind they would break the power of the Democratic party and secure all needed protective tariff laws. That resolution they clung to in spite of all efforts to change it, and the voters thus influenced saved Bryan assailed the tariff, and helped to us the election."

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This is Thanksgiving Day. Have Canadians as a people anything to be thankful for? They have. Peace and plenty have been vouchsafed to them.

The blessings of plenty are many and great, and we Canadians enjoy a very large share of them. The harvest has been abundant and the great body of the people have either directly or indirectly participated in its benefits.

Our country is, in spite of all the croakers say, prosperous. The people of Canada are not sluggards. They are, on the contrary, industrious and energetic.

Individually people have their troubles and their losses, their sorrows and their bereavements, but when they think over their condition by far the greater number of them will gladly admit that they have much to be thankful for.

THE ADMIRALTY HOUSE.

The Grand Jury directed attention to a matter of great public interest when it recommended the erection of an Admiralty House. Such a house must of necessity be in Esquimalt.

The Province undoubtedly derives many advantages from having one of its ports made a naval station, but it would, we think, be altogether unfair to ask the Province to take upon itself the whole burden of the construction of the Admiralty House.

The city, which doubtless derives the greatest number of direct advantages from having the naval station in its vicinity, should contribute its share towards making the Admiralty of the squadron comfortable while on the Pacific Coast.

that if the Province, the city of Victoria and the Dominion Government each did its part as promptly and cheerfully as it ought, a suitable residence for the Admiral would soon adorn the shores of the harbor of Esquimalt.

THE KAISER AND KRUGER.

It now appears that the congratulatory telegram sent to President Kruger by the German Emperor, on the occasion of the defeat of Dr. Jameson's raiders, had no hidden significance. It was what it appeared to be—a message congratulating the President at having defeated an invader and escaped what at a distance appeared to be a great danger.

CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR:—A clerical error appears in the second line from the top of page 432, of my History of British Columbia, relative to the land grant to the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway.

DUFFERIN AT BELFAST.

Lord Dufferin was entertained on Wednesday at a banquet by the Lord Mayor and citizens of Belfast. In responding to the toast of his health he alluded to the repeated occasions on which he had enjoyed the generous hospitality of the city, and said the present was "positively his last and final appearance" on the stage of official life.

"I do not hesitate to assert that as a race we are undoubtedly a genial, kindly, and benevolent community. (Hear, hear.) Indeed, it is our humanitarian enthusiasm that proves such a stumbling block to the foreigner. Our natural instinct is to regard our countrymen with a laudable kind of good will, to be rather glad than otherwise at their well-being, and to sympathize very kindly with their calamities and to saluate their excellencies with ungrudging applause.

Every well educated Englishman appreciates and admires the civilization of France (hear, hear), the amiability, the wit, the gaiety, and the eminence in the fields of literature and art of the French people (hear, hear); and between the Irish and the French there must always exist the sympathy born of their ethnological affinity. ("Hear, hear," and laughter.) Then the Germans—for years past we have been taught to regard them almost like our own kith and kin, possessors of the same burly, genial, beer-loving laughter, industrious, practical nature as ourselves, Austrians and Englishmen always get on together, as we do also with the Hungarians, our common love of horses and sport invariably proving a never-failing source of sympathy and comradeship.

To provide a site for such a building as the Grand Jury suggests would not, we think, be a very difficult business. The difficulty and the delay would commence after the site is obtained. Who is to erect the building and make it suitable for the residence of a gentleman occupying the high position of Admiral? If Her Majesty's Government would take upon itself the expense there is no more to be said. But in comparatively small matters like this Her Majesty's government is at times wonderfully economical. We cannot help thinking

the salvation of the Armenians cannot be found in any special geographical region to be applied to them alone, which would be a physical impossibility; but in such reforms as would protect their lives, liberties, and property of all the Christian subjects of the Porte, as well as those of their Moslem and fellow-countrymen.

This state of things Lord Dufferin attributed in part, with Mr. Curzon, to our detachment from the anxieties and political problems which trouble most of the continental states, and partly to the sudden impulse towards expansion which had brought France and Germany into collision with our claims and interests at various points. In spite of this prevailing tone of angry and distrustful denunciation, we might console ourselves with the comfortable assurance that Europe, however little she might like us, could not help respecting us as a steadfast, truth-loving, humane, and inflexible people, and when our detractors affected to sneer upon our loss of prestige, we knew better than ourselves that they were talking arrant nonsense.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

For the man of limited income there have been many unpleasant changes in the markets this week. First and foremost flour has advanced fifty cents on certain brands, and gives promise of a still further rise; all creamery butter has gone up ten cents in the scale of prices; hay is becoming scarce and expensive, and the same upward tendency is noticeable in all feed stuffs.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Wheat, Oats, Corn, and other goods.

DEATH FROM SUFFOCATION.

Almost a Fatality But for Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart—Strange Story of a Northwest Lady. A death to be dreaded is that from suffocation, and yet that is one of the usual phases of heart disease.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

The Countess of Aberdeen in Vancouver—A Missing Man—Accidentally Shot.

Cold Weather Up Country—That Highwayman—Among the Mainland Miners.

VANCOUVER. VANCOUVER, Nov. 24.—H. A. Jones left for Kootenay to-day. He will embark in the real estate business there.

Mr. John Crane and Miss Lizzie Thomas were married yesterday in the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Police Magistrate Russell has decided that William Currie, arrested on suspicion of being the ubiquitous highwayman who has been causing so much consternation here, and said by Mr. Tait, one of the parties held up, to be the man in question and it is a capital and taken identity. Currie is a 'longshoreman of good character.

A. C. Stewart, a well known school teacher of Mount Pleasant, was accidentally shot yesterday and may die.

Mr. Stewart was in Bickett's tobacco store on Cordova street and was talking to the proprietor about the recent hold-ups, and the conversation naturally turned to revolvers. Mr. Rickett reached for his revolver and was about to explain how he would use it on a highwayman, when Mr. Stewart said "Take care, it might go off." Rickett then cocked the revolver and, as he thought, emptied all the cartridges with the ejector.

A letter was read at the city council last night from the Northern Pacific road saying that the company would not assume the contract between their road and the projected B. & F. V. road.

NEW WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 24.—Kamloops jail is so full of prisoners that it has been decided to transfer five of them to Westminister, two of them being in for murder.

By-law granting free water and exemption from taxation to the project of the Antigonish and G. Company has been passed by 158 majority.

The Royal City Opera Company will produce "The Little Duke" at Herring's opera house on Wednesday and Thursday.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Nov. 25.—The Fall Court of Assize was opened before Mr. Justice Walkem yesterday.

Judge Harrison drove out to Alberni on Tuesday to hold a Court of Revision there.

The following claims have been returned from Texada Island, Magdalen Rodum, located by Mr. W. C. Creighton, of Vancouver; and the Great Copper Chief and Gladys, located by Mr. J. C. Lessard and three others.

GOLDEN. (From the Golden Era.) Hon. Col. Baker arrived from Ottawa on Friday of last week on his way to Victoria. In the evening he addressed a meeting of his constituents in the Queen's hotel.

The largest snowfall in the history of the country took place the latter end of last week, these being over three feet on the level.

CARIBOO. (From the B. C. Mining Journal.) About three feet of snow is on the ground at Quesnelle Forks and work still continues at the big dam.

Hugh Keefer and Robert Skinner from Vancouver have been up Cayoase creek and seem favorably impressed with mining prospects. Capt. Tatlow was also up Cayoase creek looking after some claims he owns, doing assessment work.

About fourteen men have been working on the Golden Cache trail, but will have to quit on account of the heavy snow fall. It was expected that machinery would be brought in for this mine this winter.

The ice in the Fraser river above Soda creek is solid and has given the steamer Charlotte considerable trouble. Unless a thaw comes she will have to be tied up for this season.

J. D. Prentice, manager of the Canada Western Hatching Company, arrived in town Monday evening, with over 800 steers to be shipped to the coast.

Sydney Williams, surveyor, has returned from a successful trip to the Chilooten, combining business and sport. He secured four big horns and a couple

RUGBY FOOTBALL JERSEYS—Just to hand. MACKINTOSHES—Warranted Waterproof. OVERCOATS—Best Make and Finish. UMBRELLAS—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and upwards. B. WILLIAMS & CO., 27 JOHNSON STREET.

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of deer. The largest specimen of the big horn measured fifteen inches. Last week the remains of Dan McDonald, a carpenter and resident of this place for some years, were buried in the cemetery at Quesnelle. He had been at Alexandria on Sunday, and was returning late at night, when near the house of Mr. Andre he stumbled over a trough by the roadside and fell headlong a distance of four feet. Next morning Mr. Andre found his lifeless body lying face down. Dan McDonald was much respected, and it is said he came to this country from Owen Sound, Ont.

WHITE STAR BAKING POWDER. THE LARGEST DEMAND IN CANADA.

THE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART IS THROUGH HIS STOMACH. White Star Baking Powder. WHICH ALWAYS PRODUCES PALATE-PLEASING PASTRY. VICTORIA Roller Flour Mill. BEST FAMILY FLOUR, SUPERFINE FLOUR, WHOLE WHEAT MEAL, GRAHAM FLOUR, SELF-RAISING FLOUR, GROUND FEED, BRAN, SHORTS, ETC. RICE MEAL AND BROKEN RICE.

EXPLOSION AT ROSSLAND.

ROSSLAND, Nov. 25.—An explosion occurred in the Alfie mine this morning. Two men, A. McDaniels and D. Patterson were thawing powder about five feet in front of the mouth of the tunnel, both being knocked senseless by the explosion. The powder was in a tin, and the explosion came to first and traveled down the tunnel, giving the powder men a fright. McDaniels, McDaniels' partner, was not given a second answer.

The appointment of a city detective has been left to the police committee.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 24.—Kamloops jail is so full of prisoners that it has been decided to transfer five of them to Westminister, two of them being in for murder.

The by-law granting free water and exemption from taxation to the project of the Antigonish and G. Company has been passed by 158 majority.

The Royal City Opera Company will produce "The Little Duke" at Herring's opera house on Wednesday and Thursday.

NANAIMO. NANAIMO, Nov. 25.—The Fall Court of Assize was opened before Mr. Justice Walkem yesterday.

Judge Harrison drove out to Alberni on Tuesday to hold a Court of Revision there.

The following claims have been returned from Texada Island, Magdalen Rodum, located by Mr. W. C. Creighton, of Vancouver; and the Great Copper Chief and Gladys, located by Mr. J. C. Lessard and three others.

GOLDEN. (From the Golden Era.) Hon. Col. Baker arrived from Ottawa on Friday of last week on his way to Victoria. In the evening he addressed a meeting of his constituents in the Queen's hotel.

The largest snowfall in the history of the country took place the latter end of last week, these being over three feet on the level.

CARIBOO. (From the B. C. Mining Journal.) About three feet of snow is on the ground at Quesnelle Forks and work still continues at the big dam.

Hugh Keefer and Robert Skinner from Vancouver have been up Cayoase creek and seem favorably impressed with mining prospects. Capt. Tatlow was also up Cayoase creek looking after some claims he owns, doing assessment work.

About fourteen men have been working on the Golden Cache trail, but will have to quit on account of the heavy snow fall. It was expected that machinery would be brought in for this mine this winter.

The ice in the Fraser river above Soda creek is solid and has given the steamer Charlotte considerable trouble. Unless a thaw comes she will have to be tied up for this season.

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CHIEF OF POLICE. MEAFORD, ONTARIO.

Reports the Wonderful Cure of His Wife. FOR YEARS A SUFFERER

From Stage to Stage of Bright's Disease of the Kidneys—Another Victory for Dodd's Kidney Pills.

MEAFORD, Nov. 23.—(Special) Mr. R. Dealy, Chief of Police of this place, whose character as well as position would stamp his statement as credible, was seen by your correspondent and in speaking of his wife's sufferings and cure said:—

"My wife had been for years a victim from stage to stage of Knight's disease of the kidneys."

"This went on in spite of the best medical treatment as well as other prescribed medicines until we lost all hope. At last I was told of the wonderful cures made by Dodd's Kidney Pills and I concluded to procure a box and give them a trial."

"From the first box we could see improvement, and only three more boxes were required to complete her cure."

"I am not surprised to hear and know of so many cures made by Dodd's Kidney Pills since so serious a case as this has been claimed to disappear when they are used."

BIRTHS. NIXON—On the 20th inst. the wife of J. Nixon, Victoria West, of a son. LORR—On the 19th inst. to the wife of W. E. Lorr, 60 Frederick street, a son. DIED. KIRBY—At the residence of Mr. Theophilus Kirby, No. 34 St. Andrew's street, on the 20th inst. Robert Kirby, a native of Devonshire, aged 78 years. GRAHAM—At 127 Meares street, on the 19th inst. Henrietta Gordon Graham. THOMPSON—At Sooke river, on the 16th inst. William Thompson, a native of Belfast, Ireland, aged 36 years. BURNS—At the residence of her son-in-law, H. Burnard, 7 Pembroke street, on the 26th inst. Sarah Evans.

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DEATH OF GOV. FRASER.

Falling Off in Consumption of Wines and Spirits—Storm Election.

Investigation Regarding Political Partisanship—McKinley and International Epworth League.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—The announcement of the death of Lieut.-Governor Fraser, of New Brunswick, occasioned no surprise at the Capital it being known here that his illness was a serious nature.

It is already suggested that the vacant Lieut.-Governorship is likely to go to Hon. A. H. Gilmore, ex-M. P., for Charlotte, whose party claims are paramount. Mr. Fraser was appointed Dec. 22, 1893.

The Minister of Marine has decided not to order a marine investigation into the cause of the collision between the steamship Tiber and the schooner Maggie in St. John's harbor, Newfoundland, owing to the fact that the captain of the Tiber is now under trial for manslaughter.

The annual report of the inland revenue department was issued to-day and shows in the consumption of spirits and wine a falling off, while that of beer is increasing.

The suit brought by A. S. Woodburn for compensation for bindery work given out by the government during the time that he held the contract, from December, 1879, to November, 1886, before Major Sutherland, chief government whip, arrived here to-day to make arrangements for the campaign in Cornwall and Stormont. It is likely the Major will go down to Cornwall in a day or two and camp on the ground until the contest is over.

General Gascoigne strongly defends the recent brevet promotions of officers of permanent corps as an act of justice.

The post office department do not propose to reduce the internal postal rate to 2 cents as it would involve a further deficit of three-quarters of a million.

Hon. Dr. Borden returned to the city to-day from Quebec. He leaves for Toronto on Wednesday to attend the Thanksgiving Day review. General Gascoigne will inspect the 43rd battalion on Thanksgiving Day.

Dr. McPhail, of McGill University, arrived here to-night to discuss with the officers of the Fisheries department, the steps to be taken towards making known the methods discovered by him for preventing the blackening of lobsters after opening. The packers on the Atlantic coast are very anxious to learn Dr. McPhail's methods as it means considerable money to them if it can be successfully carried out. One firm offered \$10,000 for the exclusive right of use.

Information has reached the agricultural commissioner that the internal revenue department at Washington is about to take vigorous action against parties who shipped the consignment of filled cheese from Chicago to Glasgow recently.

With reference to the intended invitation to the Toronto committee charged with the arrangements for the International Epworth League to President McKinley to take part in the proceedings at Toronto, it is pointed out that it is contrary to the constitution of the United States for the President to leave the country during his term of office, hence the invitation is sure to be declined.

According to advices which have reached the agricultural department, the epidemic of hog cholera is abating in Essex county, Ontario.

Captain Douglas, of the marine department, will investigate the charges of political partisanship made against officers of the railway and customs departments, as well as that of marine and fisheries.

Hon. Mr. Foster declines to say anything for publication regarding the Manitoba school settlement.

OTTAWA, Nov. 25.—The Minister of Agriculture has sent circulars to the dairymen's associations, creamery associations, farmers' institutes, some of the cattle and sheep breeders and poultry and pet stock associations suggesting that they discuss the question of tariff revision, and either forward resolutions adopted at the meetings or name a committee to meet a committee of the government.

At to-day's meeting of the cabinet the question of a successor to Lieut. Governor Fraser was mooted. It may appear a little unbecomingly to raise the point so early, but there are reasons for it. Hon. Mr. Blair is going away for some time and already office seekers are becoming importunate. Hon. Peter Mitchell is in the field, while the friends of Mr. Gillmore, ex-M.P., are strongly pressing his claims. Hon. Mr. Blair, Mr. G. C. King, ex-M.P., who resigned immediately after the general election to furnish Hon. Mr. Blair with a seat.

Hon. Messrs. Blair and Davies and Mr. Donville, M.P., left for the Coast via the Soo, to-night.

Mr. Mulock has staggered the Ottawa clerks by visiting the establishment at seven o'clock in the morning.

Write for Saskatchewan and Cornwall were issued to-day. The returning officer will fix the dates of the former. In Cornwall the nomination is on December 12.

Through train service between Ottawa and Parry Sound commences December 14.

COWLITZ VALLEY FLOODS.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 24.—Additional particulars of the flood on the Upper Cowlitz valley and the eastern end of this county have come in, but they are still meagre, and probably give but a faint idea of the great losses that have been sustained. A letter to L. A. Davis, from his wife, at Cora, states that great damage has been done in that vicinity. It states that the mail-carrier has just informed her that A. L. Brown, his wife and his 20-year-old daughter were drowned in the Cowlitz. It also states that his house and barn were swept away, and the conclusion is that the family were seated in their home when the flood burst upon it, and swept it and them away. Mr. Siler, a well-to-

do farmer, lost a valuable team, and all his live stock. The flood swept away houses, barns, fences and stock for many miles along the course of the river, and destroyed many promising orchards. The report that the wife and five children of John Shumaker, farmer, had been drowned, is not confirmed. Shumaker, when found, was exhausted and demented, and he died from exposure.

WHY GEN. WEYLER DELAYS.

New York, Nov. 24.—Captain-General Weyler's statement that he will wait until after Christmas before he strikes the death blow at the insurgents is regarded by the Cubans here as an admission that he can do nothing against the insurgents in their present invulnerable position. "It is certainly a showing of weakness," said delegate Palma, "and explains his return to Havana." Weyler has been commanded by the Spanish government to take the field and wipe out the last vestiges of rebellion. His return, discomfited and unsuccessful, is not only indicative of defeat but an indication that he may be recalled.

A dispatch to the World from Havana, November 20, via Barton, Fla. November 23, says: "The Competitor prisoners have been tried by court martial in the fortress La Cabana in spite of Consul General Lee's official protest, filed just before he left Havana. The excuse taken by the prisoners was overruled by the naval courts. General Lee's note was pigeon-holed and the officials here defied Secretary Olney's intimation of disapproval. The prisoners were not allowed either an interpreter or a counsel. Those partly acquainted with Spanish were compelled to interpret for the others. So quietly was the affair conducted that Acting Consul General Springs does not yet know the case was verbally closed on November 14, on which day Melon, Maza, Dr. Vedia and witness George Ferran were forced by the naval Judge Fernandez to sign statements admitting their complicity in the filibustering expedition which the Competitor is alleged to have brought under Monzon and Laborde to the Pinar del Rio coast. The written evidence is now under consideration by the court. Judge Saura said the decision may now be rendered any moment. It is expected that all the members of the party whose American citizenship has not been clearly proved will be shot."

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 23.—A special this morning to the World says: "A cipher cablegram to Havana to-night to the Cuban leader here, says General Weyler has been forced to return to Havana, and the city is in great confusion. Weyler gives no excuse, it is said except that it is too hot here to be healthy to do any fighting. It is openly asserted in Havana that Weyler became frightened because Maceo set a price upon his head or capture. Weyler's scouts also informed him that Maceo might make an attempt on Havana and the Spanish general retreated in hot haste to the protection of his palace." It is also stated in the cablegram that Weyler's recall is assumed now as the Spanish government is incensed against him for dilatory tactics. The Cubans here are jubilant, for they think this will have a favorable effect upon the United States congress.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

TORONTO, Nov. 24.—(Special)—James Pettit, cheesemaker and collector of Nixon township, has disappeared, and as his accounts were short it was supposed he had fled, but blood on the floor of his cheese factory and the adjacent grounds leads to the belief that he has been foully dealt with.

A young man named Charles S. Braten, of Kingston, has been arrested charged with presenting a check on a bank for \$2,200, purporting to be signed by George Gooderham, the well-known millionaire.

At a meeting of the Young Conservative Club a resolution was passed declaring that the time had arrived when Canada should have representation in the Imperial House of Commons.

Hon. N. Clarke Wallace gave an address on the school settlement this evening at the Hope Congregational church, the pastor of which is Rev. J. C. Madill, former head of the P. A. organization.

George Punder and F. A. Brown, of Roseland, have arrived here from Montreal, where the former completed arrangements for the sale of the Colongne mine for \$80,000. The purchasers were a syndicate of Montrealers organized by Joseph F. Wardner. Mr. Punder is at present organizing companies to control the Erie and Morning Star mines.

SOLD LIKE SHEEP.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Nov. 25.—Reports have been received from the New Hebrides, lying west of Fiji, that the natives are being sold like sheep for food and subjected to great cruelties. The New Hebrides are under joint Anglo-French control. The New Hebrides Company, which has large interests in the islands, last year sent a deputation to Sir T. McIlwraith, the colonial treasurer of Queensland, complaining of this joint control, and suggesting that Sir W. McGregor, administrator of British New Guinea, should also have jurisdiction over the New Hebrides.

Sir T. McIlwraith said that the only solution lay in the annexation of the islands by Great Britain or in the establishment of a protectorate over them. There is a British high commissioner of the West Pacific who has jurisdiction to settle disputes between British subjects living in these islands and others. The Anglo-French control was fixed by a convention between Great Britain and France on October 24, 1887, at which it was agreed that protection of persons and property in the New Hebrides should be secured by means of a mixed commission composed of naval officers belonging to the English and French naval stations in the Pacific.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Nov. 25.—Senator Andrade, the Venezuelan Minister to the United States, has reached here accompanied by the Venezuelan consul in the boundary dispute. The Minister will give the government full details in relation to the agreement between England and the United States, upon which an Anglo-Venezuelan treaty is to be based for the disposition of the disputed territory. It is reported that President Crespo is highly pleased with the terms of the proposed treaty.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

Ten Establishments Opened in Manitoba Under the Auspices of Archbishop Langevin.

Indignation Meeting Held at Hargrave—Laurier and Sifton Burned in Edguy.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 25.—(Special)—At St. Boniface cathedral Sunday morning the Archbishop of St. Boniface delivered an official utterance in regard to the school question settlement. He declared that the concessions made to his people were not sufficient and that the Catholics would not yield their claims.

The Free Press says: "On Sunday Archbishop Langevin announced that now the terms of the settlement shut out all hope of the restoration of the minority's separate schools, the educational work will be taken up directly under his own supervision. His announcement has been promptly followed by action. This morning, under the personal instruction of the Archbishop, ten schools were opened, four in St. Norbert, two in St. Jean, one in Letellier, one at St. Adolph, one at St. Joseph, and one at Labroquerie. These schools are opened at the voluntary expense of the archbishop."

The school settlement, apparently, did not satisfy the extremists of either side. A dispatch published here to-day from Hargrave states that an indignation meeting was held there on Saturday, at which the names of Hon. Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Clifford Sifton were burned amid hoots and groans, and cheers for the National school system.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 24.—(Special)—A public meeting to discuss the school settlement was held in St. Boniface to-night, at which the following resolution, moved by Senator Bernier and seconded by A. A. C. Lariviere, M.P., was passed unanimously: "We, the Catholics of St. Boniface, now assembled, having taken cognizance of the school settlement of the school question as published in the newspapers desire to put on record our strong protest against such a settlement, which is quite unacceptable to the Catholic population of Manitoba, and nothing but a wholesale and disgraceful surrender of our schools and of the language of the French speaking population. We protest also against the idea put forth by the government both at Ottawa and here, that the settlement of such a momentous question can be effected without consulting the minority, which is the aggrieved, and consequently the most interested part in the controversy. It is an outrage to undertake the final settlement of the same without their knowledge and consent. Moreover, we do declare that we will accept no other settlement than a settlement which shall have previously received the approval of our Archbishop, who has the authority to judge in this matter, and with whom we are in complete accord as to the course to be followed in the 'battle we are now engaged for the triumph of Christian civilization and the preservation, protection and guarantee of the constitution.'"

WINNIPEG, Nov. 24.—(Special)—The trial of the petition to unseat Hugh John Macdonald as member for Winnipeg, which was fixed for to-day, has been postponed until January 15. Chief Justice Taylor and Mr. Justice Bain will be the presiding judges.

The act setting on foot the cattle bill, before the close of navigation on the lakes will leave Fort William on Nov. 26. There are at present 2,928,243 bushels of wheat in Port Arthur and Fort William elevators, and it is expected that 5,000,000 bushels of wheat will be shipped out by that time. The shipments to Fort William from the west are very light just now and will not average more than 25,000 bushels per day. The total for the year were 498,555 and the shipments 466,102.

Hon. J. E. Pendergast, M. P., mourns the loss of his daughter, Marguerite, whose death occurred early this morning.

A prominent and respected pioneer citizen of Winnipeg, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nixon, celebrated their golden wedding in Grace church this evening in the presence of a large number of relatives and invited guests.

The trial on trial at Prince Albert for defrauding the Northwest government of \$700 was acquitted to-day by a jury who were out all night.

The Liberal convention for Saskatchewan takes place to-morrow at Prince Albert.

A Calgary dispatch says Hon. Mr. Tarte and party reached there to-day from the coast and left by special train for Edmonton where the minister of Public Works will be banqueted.

The city authorities have a suspected case of smallpox under surveillance. The patient is a little Australian girl, who reached the city with a party of immigrants on Saturday last, she has been isolated, the immigrant shed has been quarantined and all precautions taken against the spread of contagious disease, if such it proves to be.

SAD FOREBODINGS OF AUTUMN WEATHER.

Thousands Who Dread an Attack of Catarrh as Winter's Cold Approaches—Yet Catarrh Can be Banished Under the Magic Touch of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

This is not a dogmatic statement, strong as it may seem. Leading members of Parliament, the most prominent theologians of the Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic churches, have borne testimony to the effectiveness of this medicine. Mr. John MacEdwards, the popular purser of the Canadian Pacific steamer "Arthabasca" is one who was cured of intense suffering from catarrh of the throat by the use of the medicine. Good Samaritan-like, he has ever since recommended it to any who suffer. Head off an attack of catarrh by having this medicine at your hand.

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks, and Hall & Co. If sick headache is misery, what are Catarrh Little Liver Pills if they will positively cure it? People who have used them speak truly of their worth. They are small and easy to take.

TOWARDS FREE TRADE.

Cobden Club—Nicholas' Scheme—German Approval of Anglo-American Entente.

Line of Steamers Between Calais and New Orleans—The Pacific Cable Conference.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—In noting the tendency of South Africa and Canada in the direction of free trade rather than protection, the Times says: "These are signs of the times deserving a careful consideration and give occasion to pause before too hastily associating imperial sympathies with the acceptance of the principles of fiscal protection."

The Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent says the Grand Duke Nicholas, of Russia, on a recent visit to Vienna, took with him a proposal for the partition of Turkey among the powers, and to make Constantinople a free port, Russia to have Asia Minor and England to have Egypt.

At the election of a member of the chamber of deputies for Bordeaux on Sunday the Socialist candidate, M. Ferret, defeated M. De Crais, formerly ambassador to Vienna, but M. Ferret suddenly while the poll was being declared the death of M. Ferret, due to excitement, has raised a doubt whether M. De Crais, his opponent, should be declared elected. It is believed that there will be a new election.

The Fremdenblatt discussing the settlement of the Venezuelan question says: "Lord Salisbury acted cleverly in directing the policy of Great Britain to bring about friendly relations with the United States. His consent to always submit certain disputes of the Anglo-Saxon nations to arbitration, emphasizes a sentiment of kinship. These lines suggest the possibility of action. Great Britain does not wish to have an enemy in the United States and the price she pays therefor is not great."

Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador, and Mrs. Bayard, have been invited to dine at the Castle on Thursday next to dine with the Queen. Mr. and Mrs. Bayard will also sleep in the castle that night and Mr. Bayard in consequence has been obliged to cancel his engagement to preside at the Thanksgiving dinner of the American colony here.

The French newspapers generally approve the speech made by M. Hanotaux, the minister of foreign affairs, in the chamber of deputies on Wednesday. M. Millerand, Socialist, as to whether a convention between France and Russia actually existed, and if so, what were the main lines. The newspapers recognize that M. Hanotaux could not be more explicit. The Socialist newspapers alone complain of his reticence.

The Hamburger Nachrichten, Bismarck's organ, flatly accuses England of trying to kindle a European blaze under the pretext of helping the Armenians. The Nachrichten says further that Europe, with inconceivable blindness, is giving into England's hands and warns Germany not to be allured by the dangerous advent of peace.

The annual meeting of the Cobden Club took place this morning, Lord Farrer presiding. The committee's report for 1895-6 was read. It speaks of the tendency of the Conservatives in the direction of protection, and the need of increased zeal upon the part of the Cobdenites. Continuing, the report quotes Canadian and other colonial statements against the plan of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, for the establishment of an Imperial tariff, and denounces the cattle bill of last session as a measure of protection. It regards the Canadian election as most encouraging to free traders, and expresses the hope that the circumstances which have led to the battle were fought in the United States "will avert injury to international trade, which might otherwise have been expected from the election of McKinley."

Mr. Less, proprietor of the Johannesburg Critic, received a dispatch saying the whole staff of that paper had been arrested by the Boer authorities under the provisions of the new press law, but that the prisoners were discharged, and that the paper had resumed publication. It is stated that the paper had fallen in most of the districts of Bechuanaland, and that the conditions, if the rain continues immediate danger of a severe famine will be averted. There has been a heavy rain at Behar, and light showers have fallen at Allahabad.

The steamship Mariposa sailed from Sydney, N.S.W., on Saturday for San Francisco with 400,000 sovereigns on board.

When the trial of Lady Scott, John Corcoran, engineer, Frederick Kask, groom; and W. Aylot, valet, charged by Earl Russell with criminal libel, was resumed at the Old Bailey this morning, Justice Hawkins announced that a scandalous attempt had been made to tamper with the jury by means of an anonymous letter to the foreman. The Justice added that he hoped to discover the writer, who, if found, would have cause to regret his action. Earl Russell emphatically denied the allegations of misconduct.

The Times, referring to the colonial cable conference, expresses the belief that both the Pacific cable and steamship service projects are well on the way towards realization.

The Pall Mall Gazette publishes a dispatch from Calais, France, saying that plans are being arranged to establish a line of steamships between New Orleans and Calais to carry grain, cotton and general merchandise.

Le Paix announces that the treaty signed in Paris by President Faure and the Czar will be published shortly.

The death of General Riva Palacio, the Mexican minister to Spain, is announced from Madrid. He had been sick for some time past and died at his residence there yesterday.

are estimated at £130,000, assets £120,000. The Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, says that the Emperor, in addressing the naval recruits at Kiel to-day, said: "The oath you have just taken is the foundation of discipline. Without God and religion no discipline can exist. Do honor to your forefathers as the Emperor's coat. At the present moment there is no duty to fear; but if one comes, you must face him boldly and fearlessly."

At a cabinet meeting to-day the French minister for foreign affairs, M. Hanotaux, explained the situation in Turkey. He stated that the reforms affecting the Turks as well as the Christians were beginning to be executed in the provinces, especially the reconstruction of the mixed municipal councils and the amount of local taxation.

The dockers strike threatens to extend from Hamburg to Bremen where the men have announced that they will strike unless their employers concede an increase of wages by 6 o'clock to-night. The employers replied that they would give the decision in three days. There are now 5,500 Hamburg dockers out on strike, and the sailors are also determined to strike for higher wages. The London Seamen's Union has promised to support them financially and to refuse to discharge the cargoes of non-union vessels arriving from Hamburg.

Owing to the strike of the dockyard laborers, the officials of the Hamburg-American line are diverting their freight and passenger traffic to the Bremen, Antwerp and Rotterdam companies, belonging to the North Atlantic S.S. Co., who have undertaken all their liabilities and contracts.

The trial was concluded to-day of the five youths who were charged with the murder in Paris of the aged farmer, the Baroness de Valley, on June 16 last, in the Rue de Penthièvre. Two of them, named Kiesen and Truel, who were the actual murderers, were sentenced to penal servitude for life; Lagueny, the son of the Baroness's servant and whom the Baroness had recently adopted, was sentenced to ten years confinement. This youth, it will be remembered, procured the keys of the lady's apartments, from which duplicate keys were made; Ferrand was sentenced to five years imprisonment. All these are also condemned to pay damages, Duin, who informed on his confederates, was acquitted.

In the lower house of the Prussian diet to-day the bill for the conversion of the 4 per cent. consols into 3½ per cent. stocks was referred to the budget committee. The speakers on all parties approved the measure and the minister of finance emphasized the necessity of the conversion, declaring that the present moment was a favorable one to carry it out, adding that, in view of the flourishing condition of the industry, he did not believe a further conversion would be necessary during the next eight years.

ARRESTED IN MONTREAL.

An Exciting Chase Ends in the Capture of a Pittsburg Offender.

MONTREAL, Nov. 24.—(Special)—Detective Goldfone, of Pittsburg, had quite an exciting chase after Louis Levy, who disappeared from a Pittsburg court room while sentence of perjury was being passed on him. Levy had been a "second-hand clothes dealer" and after Goldfone had searched Toronto and Hamilton with a push cart, dressed as an old clothes man he came to Montreal. Last night, while visiting the man's quarters, dressed as an old clothes dealer, he saw Levy's wife in the door of a second hand store. There were some men inside, one of whom looked like Levy. He got a man from the street to attract the man's attention, and was rewarded by recognizing his quarry. He promptly went and collared Levy, but the latter refused to recognize Goldfone's authority, and Levy's wife gave battle, so that he had a hard time of it until the Canadian officers arrived. Among the things taken from Levy were several lottery tickets and a telegram from Pittsburg which read, "Look out for Detective Morris (Goldfone's first name) He is after you. Dave Brown."

WHEAT HIGHER.

New York, Nov. 24.—Wheat options opened easy under disappointing cables but made a big advance during the day, particularly on December owing to their strong cash position. A "bullish" estimate of the European requirements and good cash demand helped the advance, closing at 82½¢; higher, No. 2 Red Jan., 86½¢ to 87½¢; closed 83½¢; May, 85½¢ to 87½¢; closed 87½¢; Dec. 85½¢ to 87½¢; closed, 83½¢.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 25.—The steamer Carthaginian of the Allan line, which arrived here to-night, carries 762 officers and men of different regiments for Halifax and Bermuda, and takes away a similar number when returning in a fortnight. The British government is testing the suitability of this route for the transportation of troops in an emergency.

STILL IN HIS PRIME.

North Hastings' Oldest Inhabitant Hale and Hearty.

Jesias Moore, of Bancroft, Ont., one of the oldest and best-known residents of Hastings County, can boast of wonderful health and vigor for his age. "Although I am over 84 years of age," he says, "I feel as young as ever I did."

Mr. Moore, however had a narrow escape from death about a year ago. "I was so bad with indigestion," he writes, "that the doctors gave me up. I tried various alleged remedies but found them no good. One day I saw a popular druggist, F. C. Humphries, sent me a sample of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to try. The result was marvellous. After taking two I was able to get up. Then I took for a box. I could soon eat anything. In a short time I was able to walk two miles, to Bancroft and back with ease. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will, without fail, cure all kidney, liver, stomach and blood troubles. For sale by all dealers. Price 25 cents. One pill does one cent a dose. Edmondson, Bates & Co., manufacturers, Toronto.

Chase's Syrup of Limes and Turpentine is a discovery for coughs, colds and consumption. It is pleasant, quick and certain. 25 cents.

RAINFALL IN INDIA.

Appointment of Chinese Foreign Ministers—Hungary and the Hapsburgs.

More Plotting in Korea—Return of Sir H. H. Kitchener—British Politics.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—A cable message has been received from the Viceroy of India giving the amount of rainfall in the various districts since November 18. The message adds that the prospects are thereby greatly improved in the Deccan districts, markedly so in the central provinces, and sensibly so in the North-west provinces.

The sugar planters of Mauritius have decided to join with those of the British West Indies in representations to the government of Great Britain regarding the sugar bounties paid by foreign countries with the view of bringing about some counteraction to enable the planters to compete more fairly with their foreign rivals. Delegates have been appointed to present the grievances in the proper quarters.

Lobbie Fung, W. T. Fung and Hwang Teun Hsien have been appointed respectively Chinese ministers to London, Washington and Berlin. Yang Yu, Chinese minister to Washington, has been transferred to St. Petersburg.

The trial of Bazin's patent roller boat, which it is alleged, would shorten the Atlantic passage to ninety-six hours, is expected to occur in the middle of December across the English channel from Havre, in the presence of distinguished naval authorities and possibly of President Faure, who is interested in the experiment.

The Duke of Orleans and bride, Archduchess Maria Dorothea, of Austria, arrive here this morning. The greatest efforts were made to meet the arrival the occasion for a Royalist manifesto, but King Leopold discountenanced it. The Duke and Duchess were met at the railway station by a few members of the royal family. The royal waiting-rooms in the depot were closed, and the travellers were conveyed in ordinary carriages to their hotel where a few Royalists were waiting and presented them with their congratulations. The King received the Duke and Duchess of Orleans this afternoon.

In the lower house of the Hungarian diet the presiding officer referred briefly to the Millennium celebrations and expressed the loyalty of the houses to the crown. Baron Banffy, the premier, announced that Emperor Francis Joseph would formally open the diet on Thursday next at the palace, whereupon Deputy Komkathy, a Kossuthist, stated that he and his friends could not attend the ceremony, adding that the King ought to open the diet in parliament house and not in the palace, over which the black and yellow flag of Austria waved. In reply Baron Banffy said there was no warrant for these objections, as no law obliged the Emperor to open the diet in parliament house, and therefore His Majesty would open the session in the palace surrounded by the dignitaries of Hungary.

General Sir H. Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the Egyptian army, has started on his return to Cairo. He has had daily conferences with the officials of the war office for the last night, and returns to Egypt with instructions to have everything in readiness for the Anglo-Egyptian Nile expedition to advance from Dongola to Berber and Khartoum in March next. The expedition will be strengthened by the addition of an armed steamer.

According to a dispatch from Seoul, the capital of Korea, a number of Korean officers have been arrested for plotting to seize the King and force him to return to the palace from the Russian legation, where he sought refuge some time ago.

The Central News says Sir M. Ridley, home secretary, will take the sense of the cabinet upon the question of the release of Dr. Jameson, leader of the Transvaal raid.

A special dispatch from Berlin says that Dr. Carl Peters, German explorer, has written a pamphlet, with a view of proving that the recent election in the United States was largely influenced by English subsidies.

The cabinet met at noon today and considered the legislative programme of the government for 1897.

In the cathedral house, Canterbury cathedral to-day the Rt. Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, was formally appointed primate of all England. The quaint formalities of the 17th century were observed.

A Paris dispatch says: "M. Antoni, founder of the Theatre Libre, has resigned the directorship because the company opposes the idea of giving a hearing to a young playwright of the new school."

The only particulars obtainable at present regarding the death of Carlo Campanini the great tenor, is that he died at his own home, near Parma, several days ago, after a long illness.

A dispatch from Paris says the senatorial committee on the senatorial elections bill almost unanimously opposed that measure, which provides that the elections of senators shall be by universal suffrage.

An actress named Mlle. Cladean has been swindled in Paris out of £2,000 worth of jewels by an American, who represented himself as an agent of the Watson Company, of New York, prepared to advance money on valuables. He then decamped.

The strike at the gas works, Bordeaux, which necessitated the calling out of soldiers to assist in the work to save the city from darkness, has ended in a compromise.

Five hundred employees of a warehouse company at Bremen went out on strike yesterday evening. The strikers demand 3½ marks per day instead of 3 marks, which they have been receiving. The company offered to compromise on a basis of 3 marks 80 pfennings, but the offer was not accepted.

Canadian Mines in the U. S.

MONTREAL, Nov. 24.—A. W. Ross, of A. W. Ross & Co., returned from Boston yesterday, where he had been on a business mission. Mr. Ross says great interest is being taken in the United States in Canadian mines.

Advertisement for Baking Powder, Flour, and other goods. Includes text like 'Baking Powder', 'Flour', 'Heart', 'Mill', '1897'.

BRITISH CLAIMS FILED.

Sixteen Victoria Sealers Seek Compensation to the Total of \$459,500.

Argument May Be Heard Elsewhere by the Behring Sea Claims Commission.

Beyond the filing of a majority of the claims by the British side, very little was done yesterday at the Behring Sea claims commission.

At yesterday afternoon's session the commissioners decided the difference raised on the rules the preceding day, when the United States counsel sought to have all the British cases put in before they opened the defence.

Judge Putnam said that he thought the commissioners had so amended the rules as to cover any objections, and handed to the secretary the amendments, rules 4 and 5, as revised, reading:

"4. Each claim shall be proceeded with separately, and the evidence thereon on both sides closed before the proceedings on any other claim are begun, except such evidence as may be consented to by either commissioner to be adduced later."

"5. The evidence given in connection with any one claim may be used in connection with all subsequent claims, so far as the same might be considered by the commissioners as suitable, authentic testimony, if originally offered in the case of such subsequent claim; provided that in the hearing of such subsequent claim the purpose to so use such evidence shall be stated and the evidence to be so used shall be indicated and identified by counsel, before the government desiring to so use it shall close its case in chief or its defence, as the case may be."

This practically concedes what the British counsel contended for on Monday, and at the same time meets the objection raised by Hon. Mr. Dickinson for the United States.

Hon. Mr. Peters handed in sixteen of the claims for the British side yesterday, stating that there are twenty-six claims in all, and that the remaining ones would be filed to-day with the exception of that of the schooner Wanderer, which, as he had explained on Monday, could not be got ready until the arrival in the city of the owner of the vessel.

Before the meeting adjourned Hon. Mr. Dickinson stated that counsel on both sides were informally considering the necessity of holding a session here or at San Francisco to receive argument of counsel, or whether it would be better to hold a sitting at Montreal or some other point in the East for the sole purpose of hearing argument and making the award.

Table with columns: Vessel, Claim Owner, Pers'l. Mast'r., Pers'l. Mate. Lists various vessels like Carolina, Thornton, Onward, Favorite, Black Diamond, etc.

MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC.

Notwithstanding many counter attractions, the cathedral school room was filled to its capacity last evening with a large and fashionable audience to witness the performance given in aid of the Sunday school fund, under the auspices of the Willing Workers.

The tableaux chantants were very original and unique. The sunflower chorus was an especially happy thought—the centre of the flowers forming frames for pretty smiling faces, whose rosy lips sang the familiar nursery rhymes of childhood; while quaintly dressed youthful figures enacted their fanciful meaning.

Quite "Contrary" walked lovingly with her handsome gain among the flowers, while "Little Miss Muffet" sed in dismay on the approach of the big spider—a bona fide one of abnormal size—to the protection of the Little Jack Horner, who must have found his Christmas pie very nourishing, judging from the outrageous appearance of his clothes. The ruthless mutilation of the blind mice by the hard-hearted farmer's wife, was very amusing, while the court scene, representing the mendacious theft of the royal tarts, was well done, reflecting great credit on the performers as well as the originators of the tableaux.

lent; his broken English and his loving-making under difficulties elicited much mirth. Angelina, the object of his affections, was very sweetly represented by Miss Winnie Worlock, whose clever acting and clear enunciation was universally admired.

PAID HIGH COMPLIMENT.

One of the noteworthy features of the proceedings of the Behring Sea claims commission up to the present time was the reference of the Hon. Mr. Dickinson, senior counsel for the States, to the Canadian council. After complimenting the British government on the appointment of Messrs. Peters, Beique, and Bodwell, he said, referring to Sir Herbert Tupper:

"Certainly Her Majesty's counsel must be ready by this time to verify their claims. There has just been added to the names of the distinguished representatives of Her Majesty, that of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. He was the agent of Her Majesty's government before the Paris tribunal and to his efforts largely, the United States came out a loser. If any man could be said to be in a position to know what the claims of Her Britannic Majesty's government are he is the man."

The Hon. Mr. Dickinson was arguing in support of his contention that all the British claims should be put in, before he, as counsel for the United States should present his evidence. Mr. Dickinson's references to the counsel retained by the British government were most complimentary.

Mr. Peters, Q.C., the senior counsel for Canada, was born in Prince Edward Island, and after becoming a lawyer there, studied in London and was graduated from the Inner Temple.

Mr. Beique, Q.C., is perhaps the most distinguished of the advocates at the Quebec bar. It was said, after Sir Alexander Lacoste went on the bench, that he shared the honors of the largest legal practice with the Hon. C. G. Scott, now minister without portfolio in the Laurier government.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLDFIELDS.

That Mr. Robert Ward, now that he resides in London, does not forget British Columbia or lose an opportunity to advance its interests is shown by the following letter in the Pall Mall Gazette of the 4th inst.:

To the Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette: Sir,—Appreciating the prominence you have hitherto accorded communications relating to British Columbia, particularly with regard to its vast mineral resources, I venture to direct attention to a recently-issued Report of the British Columbia Board of Trade, Victoria, copies of which will shortly be obtainable on application to the agency of the British Columbia government, 39 Victoria street, S.W.

It contains, in a condensed and simple form, a budget of valuable information not to be generally found in such publications. The report and statistics of a reliable character, and include special references to the rapidly increasing mining operations in Kootenay, Cariboo and Alberni, with the total yield for the year ended June 30; excellent illustrations, too, are not the least interesting features.

The forest and fishing wealth, shipping, the sealing industry, agriculture, railways, imports and exports are all dealt with. What is especially noteworthy is the large annual increase, and the contributions of the province to the common treasury in duties and inland revenue reach upwards of \$1,700,000, it is more satisfactory to note the exports have exceeded those of a previous year, and approximate \$10,500,000.

Now that the population of the country is likely to rapidly increase chiefly by reason of its mining attractions, agriculture will doubtless receive more attention than hitherto, and furnish its share of the more permanent class of settlers so desirable in a new country. In this connection it might be pointed out that, apart from agricultural products bought by British Columbia in Eastern Canada, estimated for one year at \$1,500,000 in value, the province actually imported from foreign countries for the year ending June 30, 1895, products of agriculture and its branches, amounting in value to \$740,000, and paid duty thereon \$198,000.

The lands of the lower Fraser river, besides many other desirable locations on the Mainland and Vancouver Island, will probably now be taken advantage of, and if the large output for produce can be checked by successful agricultural pursuits, the gain to the country is difficult to estimate. A British province of nearly 400,000 square miles in area, possessing such an immense variety of resources and unrivalled climate, is but practically only on the eve of development. With all these great advantages there can hardly be a shadow of doubt as to the future of what is now looked upon as the gem of the Dominion.

I am, sir, your obedient servant, ROBERT WARD, Ex-President B.C. Board of Trade (1888-92), 70, Basinghall street, E.C., Oct. 29.

NO USE OF HIS LEGS.

Doctors Could Not Help Him, But Two Bottles of South American Kidney Cure Removed the Disease—The story of a Wingham Farmer.

Kidney disease can be cured. Mr. John Enell, a retired farmer of Wingham, Ont., says: "For two years I suffered untold misery, and at times could not walk, and any standing position gave intense pain, the result of kidney disease. Local physicians could not help me, and I was continually growing weaker, which alarmed my family and friends. Seeing South American Kidney Cure advertised, I grasped at it as a dying man will grasp at anything. Result—before half a bottle had been taken I was totally relieved of pain, and two bottles entirely cured me." To cure kidney disease a liquid medicine must be used, and not a solid one, and can thus dissolve the sand-like particles in the blood.

AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT

The Long-Talked-of Sealers' Association at Last Organized on a Sound Basis.

Prospectus Adopted After Debate, and Trustees Chosen—Fifty-Seven Vessels Interested.

What has long been cherished as a hope became a reality at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the sealing men of the city, held in the council chamber of the board of trade. There was a large and very representative attendance of those principally identified with British Columbia's distinctive industry, and the object achieved was the formation of a sealing association, whereby the industry can be more advantageously prosecuted in the future. All were in favor of this, but where the difference of opinion arose, preventing hitherto the consummation of the scheme, was in the different opinions entertained as to its practicability, threatening even yesterday the success of the project. The most immediate and direct result looked for from the perfection of organization is the putting an end to the almost constant trouble experienced in the securing of a man crew, occasioned some times by the natives themselves, but more frequently by the jealousy manifested by competing captains in their endeavors to secure the best hunters.

At yesterday's meeting, Mr. R. Seabrook, of R. P. Rihet & Co., Ltd., presided, and Mr. R. Hall, acted as secretary. The minutes of a previous meeting were read, and then was submitted the very delicate proposition of action framed, as it was hoped, so as to accord with the general views of all. Of course it took some considerable time to overcome all objections, but the prospectus was eventually passed with few modifications. First it was presented as a whole; then clause by clause was taken up, pulled to pieces and adopted. The whole, however, as agreed to reads thus:

"1. Agreed, that a schedule of provisions, salt, ammunition and whatever else may be required for the carrying out of the voyage (plant, guns and gear excepted) be prepared according to the crew the schooner may be entitled to carry.

"2. Agreed, that the price per skin to the hunter be \$3 for the spring catch, with a bonus of \$10 per canoe (that is, \$5 per man); and for the Behring Sea catch \$2.50 per skin, and \$10 per canoe; no bonus to be made in cash, but by allotment notes payable after the sailing of the vessel. Allotment notes not to exceed \$5 per man per month for each individual on the respective voyage.

"3. The total catch of all vessels of the association to be delivered to the trustees, pursuant to article 3 of the conditions of membership, and to be sold by them in the London or Victoria market, the determination of which market skins are to be sold in being decided by a two-thirds vote of the owners or representatives of the schooners, and the proceeds of the sale (after payment of the expenses of the voyage, provisions and sale) from the general fund of the association, to be distributed as follows:

"1. In payment of the expenses of the association.

"2. In payment to the owner of each vessel in the association of the amount expended by him during the season in respect of each vessel for:

- (a) Customs fees, port charges and pilotage.
(b) Wages and bonuses on the association scale.
(c) Insurance premiums.
(d) Provisions and supplies, exclusive of the expenses of the voyage.
(e) And in the case of any vessel being detained in port, insurance and cost of ship-keeper to be paid by the association.

The conditions of membership are contained with the decision of the trustees of the association in any dispute which may arise between vessels in regard to the shipment of crews and the proper distribution of the schooners on the West Coast, and as to the regulating of the number of canoes each is to carry according to tonnage, and if necessary to retain in port any schooners for which crews cannot be obtained by paying to such schooners some exchange value, to be determined by the trustees of the association, and if necessary to be deducted for wear and tear, to be calculated at the rate of \$5 per ton.

For with the arrival at Victoria to deliver all skins to the order of the trustees of the association, but inasmuch as certain owners and agents have been shipping skins to certain houses in London for sale, that the trustees shall respect the wishes of these owners and agents in shipping their skins to the houses as requested by the agents or owners of such schooners, recognizing certain privileges of legal sealers.

In the event of the seizure of a vessel, the owners shall forfeit all rights to any share in the profits of this pool obtained by the seized schooner, which shall be dealt with on owner's account only and not included in the pool.

In case of a vessel having completed her spring voyage, and afterwards lost on her Northern voyage, the spring catch to belong to the vessel only; not to be included in this pool, and all expenses to be borne by the vessel.

When the above were decided on the following wage rates were agreed upon: For Indian vessels, white hunters, \$1 per skin in addition to wages; boat pullers and boat pullers, 25 cents per skin, exclusive of wages; mate's wages, on Indian vessels, \$50 per month for vessels of 80 tons, \$45 for vessels between 70 and 80 tons, and \$40 for vessels under 70 tons; and for cook, \$40 plus \$20 for assistance if required, or \$60. White vessels; mate, \$50; cook, \$50; cabin boy, \$15; hunters not to exceed 1-5 lay out, 25 cents per day, 12 any; boat pullers and steers, 75 cents per skin; captain, \$50 per month and 50 cents for every skin secured.

A QUEBEC CITY WONDER!

Mr. Hamilton is Completely Cured by PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND.



Mr. Hamilton, 10 Ursule St., Quebec, P.Q., writes as follows:

"Having been a sufferer for over ten years from nervous debility, as well as a wreck physically, I have now the pleasure to say that I have been restored to health by the use of Paine's Celery Compound.

"For years I had tried almost all other medicines for my troubles, but they all failed to meet my desperate ailments. Life to me was a burden and not worth living. My pastor recommended me to try Paine's Celery Compound, and I am now a well and healthy man.

"Before using the Compound I had no appetite; now I cannot get enough to eat.

"I find that Paine's Celery Compound calms and soothes the nerves, induces refreshing sleep, and strengthens the digestive organs. In my estimation it is nature's food for the brain. I might also add that the Compound is a perfect purifier of the blood, as I have found after testing and proving it.

"I would heartily recommend Paine's Celery Compound to all who are suffering from complaints that made my life miserable in the past."

and wanted to pay him accordingly; while others believed this notion 'foolishness.' There are 57 vessels represented in the new association, whose trustees are to be the Hudson Bay Co. and R. P. Rihet & Co., Ltd.

THE CITY.

After a longer period of inactivity than usual the Carmanal telegraph line is once more working.

A GENERAL meeting of the Jubilee hospital board is to be held next Monday evening at Yates & Jay's offices.

A FIRST grade programme, to be followed by a dance, is the attraction announced for Friday evening of this week by the Western Star lodge No. 7, A.O. U.W. Temple's hall, Victoria West, will be the scene of the entertainment.

The funeral of the late Ann McDonald took place yesterday from the family residence in North Saanich, there being a large attendance and many beautiful floral offerings. Revs. F. G. Christmas and Howell officiated, and the following young gentlemen acted as pallbearers: H. Downey, J. H. McIlmoyle, W. McIlmoyle, C. Moses, F. Haldon and W. Roberts.

THOMAS DOHERTY and Amos Mahomet—the latter a character in his own peculiar way, and christened "Snowball" out of compliment to his ebony complexion—were arraigned before Magistrate Macrae, yesterday, on the charge of stealing eighty or ninety grain sacks from the Shawanigan Lake Milling Co. They had been caught practically red-handed; there could be no doubt as to their felonious intentions; and each was accordingly given a term of three months at hard labor.

H. GEORGE LINCOLN, M. W. Waitt & Co.'s defaulting clerk, is now known to have gone over the Sound by Saturday night's City of Kingston, which it will be remembered waited until after 11 for the members of Miss Katie Emmett's company. Between 8 and 9 he called upon a number of his cycling acquaintances and offered them his Columbia at a sacrifice, telling a "hard luck story" that failed to carry conviction. The price asked for the wheel, fifty dollars, also excited suspicion and no takers were found. Later in the evening Lincoln was seen going toward the Kingston wharf, accompanied by a young woman who for some short time had occupied rooms at the Palace Chambers. Since then no tidings have been had of either man or maid.

The Royal Templars gave a well attended concert in Sir William Wallace hall last evening, announcing as a specialty for the event the serenade mandolin orchestra, an organization of purely local and first class musicians. Mr. A. B. Fraser presided and the programme rendered was as follows: Liberator's March; orchestra; trio, Miss Withers and Messrs. Mann and Oliver; reading, "Mother's Prayer," Miss M. Johnson; "Song of the Nightingale" (Carl Zelter), Mandolin orchestra; solo instrumental, Mr. Piper; waltz, "Strangers," Mandolin orchestra; vocal quartette, by Cadet Templars; cornet solo, Mr. Billingsley; recitation, "A Wife's Duty," from Taming of the Shrew, Mr. H. S. Henderson; solo, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Heavens," Mr. John Phillips; selection, "Fisherman and His Daughter" (White), Mandolin orchestra; recitation, Mrs. Campbell; song, "Bonnie Wee Window," Mr.

J. A. Russell; "Alice where art Thou" (Aecher), Mandolin orchestra.

The Cedar Hill Fruit Growers' Association last evening continued their practical debate as to the best "general purpose" apple for their especial locality, Mr. Layritz, the nurseryman, contributing a paper on pruning and grafting, and Mr. R. M. Palmer, the provincial inspector, joining with others in the practical discussion that ensued.

RESIDENTS of Victoria West are becoming impressed with the fact that the city council do not recognize their patience as a virtue, and are casting about for a method of expression of their opinion—as to the use of the new pile bridge—this will not be misunderstood by the aldermen. Though it is now a fortnight since the bridge was completed no cars are yet running over it, another hitch having arisen between the council and the tramway company. The latter assert that the city engineer should say that the bridge is now safe for traffic; the former, that the tram company should assume the risk as the bridge was completed according to the suggestions of the tramway's engineer. In the meantime the citizens suffer serious inconvenience.

The object of the Aberdeen Association, a branch of which has recently been established in this city, is to send a supply of religious and secular literature monthly to those living in the country who are unable to procure reading matter for themselves. The association is un-denominational. Members of the committee will be thankful for gifts of old or new magazines in sets or old numbers, illustrated or other weekly papers, books for children and adults, etc. Application for the supply of literature may be made to the committee: Mrs. J. H. Turner, president; Mrs. J. McKiligan, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Church, secretary; Miss Finlayson, treasurer; Mrs. Compton, Mrs. H. Carmichael, Miss Newton, Miss Galley, Miss Davie, Miss Nettie Loewen, Miss Hall and Miss Kitty Davie.

The Chinese residents of Cuba as well as the Cubans themselves appear to be having a terrible time of it during the progress of the cruel war, which unfortunately seems no nearer a close now than it did a year ago. A letter just received by a Victoria Chinaman from the island of Habana states that the Chinese living there are in imminent danger of starvation, provisions being so high priced that only the rich can afford to keep alive. On the night of October 17 last a party of fifteen Chinese went up to the mountains in the hope of finding some green leaves with which to keep life in their poor bodies. They had got about half way up the mountain side when they met a band of the "rebels," who proceeded to slaughter fourteen of their number, only one escaping to write the gruesome tale to his brother in Victoria!

The committee of management of the Mather's Home met yesterday morning and elected as officers: Mrs. D. W. Higgins, president; Mrs. Flumerfelt, vice-president; Mrs. Hickey, secretary; and Miss Perrin, treasurer. The two first named ladies will be the visiting and managing committee for the month of December, when the home reopens. The committee of management take this opportunity of thanking those ladies and gentlemen who have so readily responded to the call of the ladies for subscriptions. Already \$400 has been promised in monthly and yearly subscriptions; but a still larger sum is needed, the better to carry on the work suc-

cessfully. A financial statement will shortly be placed in the hands of subscribers. Ladies or gentlemen who purpose assisting the institution with subscriptions or donations may forward the same to the treasurer, Miss Perrin, at Bishop's Close. (Small amounts are gladly received, so that no one need be excluded from the pleasure of contributing—the sum thus subscribed may be paid monthly or yearly.)

The concert in the Old Men's Home last evening was a source of joy to the inmates of that institution and a means of letting them know that at least once a year public interest is manifested in their welfare. The entertainment, which was provided by the choir of the Metropolitan Methodist church, was well attended and no one enjoyed it any better, or probably as well, as the old men themselves for whom it was given. The concert is the first that has been given in their behalf this winter and it is sincerely hoped that it will not be the last.

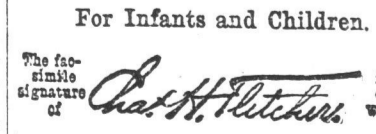
STRANDED IN A STORM.

The steamer San Benito, from Tacoma to San Francisco, went ashore seven miles north of Point Arena on Sunday morning. The steamer struck on a sand bar and broke in two. The San Benito carried forty-four men, and during the severe storm must have lost her bearings. The vessel struck about 1 o'clock in the morning, and an hour later broke just aft of the smokestack. Boats were lowered but one capsized immediately with 5 men in it, four of whom were drowned. Another boat with four of the crew capsized nine times, losing two men. The other two, by heroic means, reached shore. Daylight found the rest of the crew clinging to the rigging. Such a heavy sea was running that it was impossible to render assistance. The drowned are: John Sherman, mess-boy; W. E. Condon, second assistant engineer, married; O. W. Scott, first assistant engineer, married; Michael Pendergast, coal passer; the other two are not known. The steamer Point Arena reached the scene at 11 o'clock in the morning, sent out a boat, and by great bravery and skilled seamanship, rescued seven men. In making a second trip the boat was almost swamped and was compelled to abandon all efforts on account of the great breakers washing over the wreck. A sailor was washed overboard and reached shore almost dead. He was revived by a doctor on the beach. Both parts of the ship are fast in the sand fifty feet apart, the vessel being firmly held by a heavy cargo. In all thirteen men have been rescued.

COLLINGSWOOD, Nov. 24.—William Thomas, aged 18, was drowned in the bay by upsetting the canoe in which he was out duck shooting.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.



According to AGENTS' REPORTS, "Queen Victoria's Life and Reign" introduced by Lord Dufferin, will reach the twenty-mark of circulation; one agent reported that he had ordered the day after he had his prospectus, many take orders from three-fourths of each name; he had canvassers for a Canada and Australia; prospectus free on deposit of \$1 as guarantee; if you want a share in this gold mine hurry, for territory is going fast. The Bradley Garrettton Co., Ltd., Toronto.

