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NO WAR IN SIGHT.

Russia Promises to Go in the Spring.

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Merchant Marine Have Not Been Called Upon.

Minneapolis Sends Out Sensational Story of Canadian Preparations for the Transport of Imperial Troops.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Daily Graphic "asserts on authority" that the British squadron was definitely instructed to assemble off Chemulpo to support a strong British expedition with Korea on the dismissal of Mr. McLeavy Brown, the British superintendent of the Korean customs, who, under the advice of the British consul, has twice returned the notice of dismissal served on him.

With regard to Port Arthur, the Daily Graphic asserts that there is every reason to believe the Russians will adhere to their pledge to evacuate at the end of the winter, and there is, therefore, no ground for complaint on the part of England. Neither does the government regard the occupation of Kiaochow as calling for action, because British interests are not threatened. According to the Daily Graphic, both the foreign office and the admiralty are agreed upon this point.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The following "startling" information is given in a special despatch to a morning paper from Minneapolis, Minn.: "Advices from Ottawa indicate that the British government is preparing to actively resist Russian occupation of Port Arthur and Russian influence in Korea; also that the co-operation of the Japan fleet with that of Great Britain is a well settled fact. Information has been received from an inside source that the Ottawa government thirty days ago notified the Canadian Pacific officials to be in readiness for the immediate transfer from Montreal to Vancouver and Esquimaux of 3,500 men, the contingent consisting of engineers, gunners and deck officers. According to information at hand the road has prepared for handling 10,000 men, five trains being held in readiness for the service. The officers included in the first contingent are intended to reinforce the Japan fleet, which is said to be very short in engineering talent and deficient in gunnery."

"The dispatch adds that a secret agreement has been reached between Great Britain and Japan by the terms of which the Russian pretensions in Korea are to be overcome and Russian aggrandizement in Asia permanently checked."

"Capt. Ronald Rolfe, R.N., on inspection service, just returned from the West, on his way to Egypt via New York, says that in his opinion the force above referred to is inadequate to increase the efficiency of the fortifications at Esquimaux and relieve the crews of the North Pacific squadron."

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NEW YEAR'S HONORS.

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LONDON, Jan. 1.—The New Year's honors are: An Earlship for Baron Halesbury, the Lord Chancellor; a Peerage for Sir William Wallace Hoizer, the well known Lancashire baronet, and Sir Horace Brand Townsend Farquhar, member of parliament for West Marylebone; Baronetries for Sir Saul Samuel, the agent general of New South Wales in London; Sir Frederick Wigan, senior partner of Wigan & Co., and Mr. John William Maclean, M.P. for Southeast Lancashire; and a Knighthood for the Hon. G. W. Burton, Chief Justice of Ontario.

The persons honored with the order of Companion of the Bath include Prof. D'Arcy Thompson, the seal expert of the British foreign office.

Mr. J. McLeavy Brown, the British consular agent at Seoul, is made a C.M.G.

THE EMPRESSES' WAR PAINT.

Report That It Has Been Ordered On Contradicted by the Company.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Vice-President Shaughnessy of the C.P.R. denies the correctness of the press dispatch from Shanghai to the effect that the British admiralty has requisitioned three Empress steamships belonging to the C.P.R. for service, in view of the war cloud in the Orient. He says it is no secret that the steamers, in accordance with the conditions governing the Imperial subsidy, are available as a mo-ment's notice for the service of the British government; but he does not admit that this contingency will arise.

The armament of the steamers is now stored at Hongkong and Esquimaux.

NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Four More Applications for Incorporation to Build Railways to the Yukon.

Ontario's Chief Justice Knighted—Col. Strachy Gazetted—Imperial Commissions.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Lord Aberdeen returned from Toronto this evening after two months absence from this city. He was met at the station by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Cabinet, Mayor Bingham and the city council, and many prominent citizens. To-night His Excellency received a 'cable message from Mr. Chamberlain stating that the Queen had conferred the honor of knighthood upon Chief Justice Barton of Ontario.

A militia general order issued to-day states that the resignation of Col. Bliss as deputy assistant adjutant-general has been accepted and the office has been abolished. Col. Bliss retains a clerkship in the department. The following paragraph also appears: "Fifth Battalion Royal Scots of Canada—The following names are gazetted: Col. Strachy having been removed from the list of officers of the militia."

The Imperial government has decided to grant three extra commissions in the regular army for competition among graduates of the Royal Military College in 1897. They are respectively for Artillery and Indian Staff Corps.

The challenge cup presented by Gen. Gascoigne for marching and firing competition has been won by the Royal Grenadiers of Toronto.

Regulations governing the employment of non-commissioned officers and men of permanent force as military staff clerks at headquarters and district headquarters are promulgated. The system of employing military staff clerks has prevailed here for some months with satisfactory results.

The Canada Gazette to-morrow will contain the following notices: General Montgomery Moore, commanding forces in Canada, has not replied separately to numerous applications he has received from those who belonged to the Imperial forces for medals whilst engaged in warlike operations in the Dominion, but he wishes applicants to understand that their letters have been noted and are forwarded for consideration in the war office in England.

Four more Yukon railway applications were filed this week. They include Stickeen and Teslin Lake, Yukon and Pacific, starting from Dyes, Abercroft and Stickeen River, and Northern and Yukon, projected from Edmonton to Teslin lake.

Provisional Second Lieutenants R. W. Dunsinuir and J. D. Taylor, of the Victoria Battalion, Fifth Regiment, retire.

Judge Irving's appointment will be announced in the Canada Gazette to-morrow; his commission goes forward immediately.

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Fake Relief Stores to Be Admitted Free.

SIFTON ON THE ROUTES

The Minister Silent as to All-Canadian Road.

United States Expedition to Start the First of February—A Large Body of Mounted Police to Help It Along.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The arrangement effected between Mr. Sifton, on behalf of Canada, and the war department contemplates that the Yukon miners' relief expedition shall be executed jointly by the United States army and a body of the mounted police of Canada, which constitutes the military force of the Dominion in the Yukon. The United States force will proceed with the relief stores to Skagway, where they will be joined by the mounted police, about forty in number, and the two forces will then proceed to the points where the relief is to be distributed. The determination as to Skagway is, however, still open. The Canadian officials concede much latitude to the American authorities in the actual distribution, recognizing that the expedition is fitted out on this side, and although a considerable part of its work will be done on the Canadian side of the border, no duty will be charged on the stores carried by the expedition.

Mr. Sifton also had a conference with Secretary Gage. It was the mutual feeling that an improvement in the system could be made and negotiations are in progress which are hoped to effect changes advantageous to both sides. Mr. Sifton left for Ottawa this afternoon.

Mr. Sifton says that the only practical route to Dawson City is by the White Pass, or, as commonly called, the lake route, commencing at Skagway on Lynn Canal. He said that Canada has 56 policemen in the territory, and expects to have 50 more at Skagway on or before January 4. They have 20 tons of supplies now stored at Skagway for transportation over the pass. The Canadian authorities have a post at Lake Bennett and another at Lake Tagish, each point 20 men are stationed. There is another post at White Horse rapids, and two posts intervening between the latter point and Fort Selkirk. It is the intention of the Canadian government to have a detachment of 250 men in the territory within the next 90 days. This detachment will be ready to leave Skagway on the 15th proximo, and the minister has kindly consented to hold them so that they may accompany the expedition of the war department, which will leave Skagway on or before February 1.

The Canadian government has kindly consented to grant an escort to the American expedition provided that co-operation cannot be consummated. The duty on all supplies sent under military control will be waived by the Canadian government.

The minister was over the pass in October last. He stated that the government would be very glad to grant the United States expedition the use of their posts on the route and grant all other facilities to the movement of the expedition over their territory.

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TACOMA, Dec. 31.—Floods have caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000 in the Northwest in the past week. The Northern Pacific and the Great Northern tracks are washed out and traffic is almost suspended. The Seattle & Southwestern, the Seattle & International, the Everett & Monte Christo and other local roads have sustained severe loss by washouts and land slides. In more than a dozen Western Washington valleys bridges, fences and farm property have been swept away. Several persons have been drowned in the upper Cowlitz and the Alton river valleys. Stock has been drowned in nearly all the valleys now inundated. The town of Newaukum is floating, and between Chehalis and Central the Northern Pacific's main line is two feet under water.

Fourteen inches of rain have fallen since Sunday, accompanied by warm winds, which have melted the snow on

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UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

- List of Those Unclaimed for at the Victoria Post Office on December 31. A-Mrs. Adams, Geo. T. Allan, Mrs. Adams, H. H. Auld, W. A. Anderson.

THE SPINKS CHARGES.

Interesting Evidence as to the Hatching of the Liberal Demand for an Inquiry.

Only One of the Accusers Comes Forward and His Evidence Makes No Case.

(From the Grand Forks Miner) On Tuesday December 21, the much discussed investigation into certain alleged irregularities by His Honor Judge Spinks, was held at Midway by the Hon. Mr. Justice McCall, of New Westminster.

The commission in order to give the fullest scope to its investigation, allowed every latitude in the tendering of evidence, and throughout the sitting, acted in a manner which left it open to the parties to bring forward any evidence which they could throw light on either side of the inquiry.

Mr. Spinks's evidence was, with two exceptions, unimpeached. The charges which he said had been made against him, were "a whole country." One of the exceptions was as to the construction which the Minister was trying to put upon a contract between two parties.

On seeing Mr. Sutton he states that the letter which he had written suggesting that he be appointed commissioner on the Spinks matter referred to in Mr. McCallum's depositions was written by Mr. Sutton to Mr. Sutton's office, and is evidently a mistake on Mr. McCallum's part.

GRIM GERMAN HUMOR.

Queer Proclamation of the Admiral Upon the Seizure of Kiaochou Bay.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The German first-class cruiser Kaiserin Augusta arrived yesterday at Kiaochou bay.

The proclamation in Chinese issued by the German admiral upon the occasion of the occupation of Kiaochou Bay on November 14 last, will be found interesting reading. It reads as follows: "Von Diederichs, commander-in-chief of the Imperial German eastern fleet, hereby issues the following proclamation: "Be it known to all concerned that I have come in obedience to the commands of my sovereign, H.M. the German Emperor, who has instructed me to land at Kiaochou bay at the head of my forces and seize the said bay and all the islands and dependencies thereof.

The above noted places and the area comprised within are to be held by the German forces until the case of the murder of our German missionaries in Shantung is settled.

In consideration of the above, therefore, it is necessary to exhort you, the inhabitants of the island of Tsingtau, to peaceably continue your several avocations and avoid the use of the words of the irreproachable and rowdy classes creating disturbances. As a matter of fact Germany and China have always been friendly and at peace, and formerly when China was at war with Japan, Germany used her utmost efforts to rescue China from her dilemma.

Mr. Walter McConnan, of this office, has received a letter from St. John's, Newfoundland, stating that two British subjects are in that country buying sled dogs for service in the Northern trails. The dogs, the letter states, are all trained for service and are being purchased for \$4 and \$5 each.

OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS.

The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McInnes At Home to Visitors On New Year's Day.

Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McInnes happily chose New Year's day for their first public reception since they took up their residence at Government House. Over four hundred gentlemen took advantage of the opportunity to pay their respects, and from one o'clock till six in the evening the coming of callers was continuous at Carey Castle.

The visitors were most hospitably entertained, the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McInnes being assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. T. R. E. McInnes, and every caller being made to feel that his visit was a welcome one. Open house was kept all the afternoon, and the room each guest was invited into the large dining room, where refreshments were served.

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WELCOMED BY THE BAYS.

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COMPANIES ACT, 1897. PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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To say that the year just closed has been an eventful one is to speak tritely. All years are eventful in this era. But 1897 has been eventful in a wide sense of the world. It has been surcharged with incidents of tremendous interest at the time of their occurrence and weighty with influence upon the future.

Naturally the first event of the year in the memory of British subjects will be the jubilee celebration. The echo of the festivities has passed away, but their effect will long remain. By them the Empire has been knit more closely together and the nations have received a needed demonstration of the vast power of Britain and her daughters.

The great political feature of the year in continental Europe was the development of what is called the concert of the powers. A great deal of ridicule was heaped upon the powers for their action in the difficulties arising out of the Cretan troubles and the subsequent collision between Greece and Turkey; but the impartial historian will admit that a very remarkable thing was achieved.

From this hurried and necessarily imperfect review of the history of the year, it will appear that 1897 has been memorable, not so much for what has actually been done as for the foundations for future action that have been laid. It has been a year of great significance rather than one of great deeds, one whose influence will be felt more during the next decade than during the transpiring of the incidents themselves.

Viewed from the standpoint of business 1897 is highly satisfactory. For the first time in a decade the dark cloud of depression that has been hanging over the civilized world shows signs everywhere of being lifted. There is activity all along the line and in no place more so than in Canada.

Our own province has shared in an exceptional manner in the bounties which 1897 had to bestow. Never did British Columbia stand so high in the estimation of the world as now; never did so many people look towards it as the object of their desires; never were its imperial possibilities so appreciated; never were its prospects so bright as on this first morning of 1898.

We can well recall how different were the feelings with which people took leave of 1896. Few blessings followed that twelve-month into history. It was a year of disappointments. Men had looked for a revival of times, but had looked in vain. There seemed no silver lining to the cloud of gloom.

Turning to Africa, we find that the march of events there has been by no means sluggish. Here it has been a case of Great Britain first and the rest nowhere. In the Nile valley, in the Niger region, in South Africa the power of Britain has been steadily advancing.

We apologize to the editor of the Times for having made a personal allusion to him. It was only made because the suggestion that gave rise to it was honestly intended for his persona conspicuously out above all others; but there

have been a great many of seemingly equal importance, all tending to establish the same fact, namely, that the future of that great continent will be chiefly in the hands of Great Britain, and that its emancipation and civilization are among the coming responsibilities of the Anglo-Saxon race.

In America the event of the year was the communication to the world of the story of Klondyke, which will rank in its effect with the discovery of gold in California. As the latter gave birth to the great Western Empire of the United States, so the former will give birth to a new and equally great Canadian Empire, where the genius of British institutions will be kept active in its best form.

In South America the most notable events, regarded from this distant point of observation, are the disappearance of the Venezuelan controversy from public attention and the promise that the point in dispute will be settled in a manner quite satisfactory to the parties to it; also the appearance in a violent form of a royalist movement in Brazil. The year has, however, been an exceptionally placid one so far as that quarter of the globe has been concerned; although the two incidents just mentioned can hardly fail to greatly affect future developments there.

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OUR MEMBERS PROTEST.

Victoria's representatives in the House of Commons have sent to the Minister of Customs the following telegraphic message: "Hope you will not allow American government to send relief to Klondyke, as Canada is quite capable of taking care of her own possessions.

They think this action will meet with the approval of the people of Victoria, who regard the proposed relief expedition as an exhibition of sensationalism, designed for the purpose of accentuating the false impression already sufficiently widespread, that the Yukon gold mines are in Alaska.

The men who are promoting this relief have no private information as to the needs of the miners, or as to the feasibility of their relief plans. They are the same people who have been advertising in every newspaper, every hotel, every railway office and in every other conceivable way that Klondyke is in Alaska, and that it is not necessary to pay duties on United States goods going there.

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It will be an unfortunate thing for the interests of British Columbia at the present time if war should break out in the Orient. We need money for the development of many things. The province needs it to aid railways and for other public works. Our mines need it. In fact every department of business would be seriously affected by anything that would put up the price of money.

The Tacoma Ledger thinks that the Colonist's suggestion in regard to the coasting trade is one that might be worth taking up, but that the balance of advantage would be so much in favor of Canada that the Dominion ought to be prepared to make some additional concessions. We do not think so; but are glad to find our contemporary ready to look into the matter, which is now fairly before the public and will, we have no doubt, be one of the matters to be discussed if the reciprocity negotiations now in hand are carried through.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Competition for Office Among Quebec Liberals—Sir Henri Joly a Strayer.

Bermuda a Market for Canadian Dairy Products—Fire Engine Importers Fined.

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THE BRITISH FLEET.

List of the Ships Now in Chinese Waters Ready for Action.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The British fleet now stationed in Chinese waters under command of Sir Alexander Buller and Rear Admiral Oxley, embraces the following vessels:

First-class battleship Centurion (flagship), 14 guns; tonnage, 10,500.

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Second-class cruisers Albatross, Rainbow and others, 8 guns, 3,600 tons each.

Third-class cruisers Archer and Porpoise, 6 guns, 1,700 tons each.

Second-class gunboats Firebrand, 4 guns, 445 tons; Linnæus, 2 guns, 756 tons; Spartan, 8 guns, 1,600 tons; Swift, 2 guns, 756 tons.

Sloops Daphne, eight guns, 1,140 tons; Swift Swan, eight guns, 1,130 tons.

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At the Straits Again.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Col. John Hay, the American ambassador, had a conference to-day with Sir Thomas Sanderson, the permanent secretary of the foreign office on the calling question. The Marquis of Salisbury was absent.

Surprised at Russia.

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Nearly Twelve Thousand Deaths to Date and the Disease Breaking Out Afresh.

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Another Bank Gone.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Dec. 29.—The Merchants and Traders' bank of this city failed to open its doors this morning. The capital stock of the bank is \$100,000.

CUBAN HOME RULE.

General Blanco Declines the Lines of the New Scheme.

HAVANA, Dec. 29.—Captain-General Blanco has issued a decree declaring the lines upon which the home rule government is established.

ATLANTIC STORMS.

Rough Weather Off the British Coast—Several Wrecks Reported.

CANADIAN TRADE.

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Remittances are good owing to the fact that farmers have had an unusually profitable season.

Money continues unchanged, call loans are still quoted at four per cent, and prime commercial paper is discounted at six per cent.

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THE NEWS FROM DAWSON.

The men who have just come out from Dawson bring the gratifying intelligence that the stores there have reopened for the sale of goods and that there is no fear of starvation. They all agree in saying that a relief expedition is not necessary, and add that it is hopeless to think of taking in any large quantity of goods at this season.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROGRESS.

During the year 1892 very decided progress was made in the investigation of the monuments of various kinds which attest to the existence at a date long prior to what we call historic time, of people, who had made great progress in the arts and were undoubtedly well advanced in civilization and refinement.

some twelve or sixteen square miles and was surrounded by a thickly populated and wealthy community. This great city consisted of stone houses, with well-paved streets and a complete system of subterranean sewerage. The city was built in a valley, and on the hills surrounding it, so we learn from an article in the Century Magazine for January, were palatial structures and great monuments.

There is not a trace of tradition even as to who the builders of this city were or when they inhabited it. The custom is to speak of these ruins as the relics of Mayan civilization; but all this means is that they are found in a country peopled by the Mayan Indians, who at the time of the Spanish invasion lived in walled cities and had made sufficient progress to be able to preserve written records. They have never been connected with the more ancient civilization and their legends convey the impression that their relation to their predecessors was somewhat the same as that of the Goths and Vandals to the Roman Empire.

But be it as it may, the discoveries made during the year in Honduras lend a new interest to archaeological research. They appeal very strongly to the imagination. There is something fascinating in the obscure, and what greater obscurity can we imagine than that enveloping the ruined city of Copan. We know that once there lived here a people of wealth, high attainments in material art and doubtless with an elaborate social organization. Princes held court amid all that learning and beauty could lend to add to the charm of their surroundings.

ARGUING for the wild-goose relief expedition the other day, the Post-Intelligencer said: "It must be remembered that it is the purpose to sell these goods at Dawson. So, considered as a financial scheme, the United States will be out nothing." Can this be true! Was the great profession made in the name of humanity by the United States government simply a cloak for a trading operation?

THE Inland Sentinel tells the things it has said against the government and expresses surprise that no defence has been made. No defence was needed. Suppose we should say that the Sentinel is a dishonest paper because it is always fighting for Kamloops, would it think it necessary to defend itself? Certainly it would not, and no more do members of the provincial government feel called upon to defend themselves against "charges" that are every whit as absurd as that suggested against the Sentinel would be.

THE Citizens' Klondyke Committee of Tacoma has wired to Washington that it does not believe a relief expedition to the Klondyke necessary, and has expressed the belief that one could not get through in time to do any good under any circumstances. Following is the telegram: TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28, 1892.

"Hon. Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War, Washington, D.C.: We ask in connection with supplies to be furnished by our government for relief of sufferers in Alaska that all communities be given ample opportunity to bid on same. Meanwhile we must add that we have had as yet no authentic information that any dire necessity exists caused by lack of food supplies in the Klondyke, and if the necessity does exist we fail to see how it is possible for government relief as now proposed to reach the sufferers before death eliminates such necessity. Our observation thus far as to reports of dire need in that they emanate entirely from several localities outside of Alaska and are disseminated for advertising purposes."

"In the interests of humanity Tacoma will do its full share, but we deprecate the spending of the people's money without some authentic evidence of its necessity. "TACOMA CITIZENS' KLONDYKE COM. "By Ed S. Hamilton, Chairman."

A COMPANY has been formed at Skagway to furnish bonds for goods carried through Canada to Alaska. This is in line with the suggestion made the other day in the COLONIST. We recommended the people of Victoria to form such a company to see to the bonding of goods across the strip of territory in possession of the United States at the head of Lynn Canal. The suggestion was not very well received. There seemed to be an idea among the business men that the government ought to look after this matter. We do not believe in looking to the government for everything, but think private enterprise should take care of its own interests to some extent. One reason why our neighbors get ahead of us is that they do not wait for the government but get in and do things for themselves.

THE Portland Oregonian has received some information from L. T. Watson, a member of the Indian council at Suxman, on the southeast coast of Alaska, in regard to the Stickeen route. Mr. Watson says the river affords "a fine snow highway," and he believes a good horse and sled can be easily kept open all winter. He has associated two men with him and they are going to put a lot of horses and sleds on the route. When the Klondyke Mining, Trading and Transport Corporation first talked of this method of reaching the Yukon, some people expressed doubts as to the feasibility of their plans. Now there is a consensus of opinion among those best qualified to judge that it is by all means the best route to be taken.

A CORRESPONDENT complains that in speaking of the Stickeen route the other day the COLONIST did not tell about the means of getting on to the ice and going up the river. We did. We referred readers to our advertising columns, where the desired information can be found. The matter of transportation is a private affair, and we hardly feel like exploiting any private enterprise, however laudable, in the columns of this paper. We may answer one of our correspondent's questions by saying that the government is not doing anything to facilitate winter transportation except to make some expenditure where it is necessary for a sleigh road.

THERE is no longer a 400 in New York, nor yet even a 150. The number is now 75. So it has been decided by Mrs. Ogden Mills and Mrs. Henry Sloane in solemn convulse. They will soon get down to the conditions existing at the lecture which was attended only by a reporter and a friend, the latter weighing 300 pounds. The reporter the next day described the audience as "large and respectable," and when taken to task by his friend explained by saying: "Why, you're large and I'm respectable."

MR. A. J. McMillan's lecture on British Columbia and the Yukon, lately delivered before the Imperial Institute in London, has been widely talked of all over the United Kingdom. All the leading papers either printed it in full or made copious extracts from it. Many of them commented upon it very favorably.

THE News-Advertiser says the opening of the legislature has been postponed until February because the Parliament Building will not be ready before that time. This is not the reason and the News-Advertiser has no reason to suppose that it was. Our contemporary has simply gone off at half-cock, as usual.

Nansen has been talking about that reindeer expedition. He says the thing is impossible for one of the reasons for which the COLONIST condemned it, namely that the deer would not survive the voyage to America for lack of their natural food.

W. F. Thompson, of the Trail Creek News, who has just returned from the East, says in his paper that every person he met is talking Klondyke and that the whole world seems inspired by a desire to go there.

WE reprint from the Wellington Enterprise an editorial article referring to Messrs. R. Dunsmuir & Sons, because it brings out some facts with which many of those who have recently come to the province are unfamiliar.

A PAMPHLET entitled "Klondyke Information Bureau" has been issued by J. F. Carruthers, of Vancouver. One page is devoted to decrying Victoria. We do not think that Vancouver people whose opinions are of any value will approve of this.

THE Calgary Herald has the unenviable notoriety of being the first paper in Canada to question William Ogilvie's motives. It does this because he has been unwilling to recommend the Edmonton route to the Klondyke.

WE are glad to see the Times speak out so emphatically in regard to the relief expedition, and we trust that Senator Templeman has emphasized that attitude of his paper by sending a strong protest to Ottawa.

Much more might be written of Boundary creek, but enough has been mentioned to show that its progress has been real and taking into account its isolated position and its limited transportation facilities, satisfactory. Summed up its advances may be said to have included, the introduction of a considerable amount of outside capital for actual development purposes, the installation of several steam mining plants, the demonstration of the facts that the ore bodies are going down and so may be mined with profit, the wider recognition of the extent and prospective value of the mineral resources of the district, and as a natural result of all these, the general acknowledgment that railway transportation facilities should be provided without further delay.—Midway Advance.

WE are not aware whether he will at once join the ranks of the Opposition, or like Speaker Higgins form a party of his own. In any case it is claimed by those who ought to know his district that his chances of re-election are not very good.—Vernon News.

TO effect a Zollverein or customs union, with free trade throughout the Empire, not only must the people of Britain be persuaded of the advantages of Canada, Australia and the other colonies must be brought to a harmony of opinion at the same time. That this task is insuperable in our time is apparent.—Vancouver World.

THERE is but little doubt that the ultra Liberal section of the Grit party in British Columbia will put forth every effort to secure the predominance at the coming provincial election. The screw will privately be put on every Liberal to vote against the government, while publicly, in order to secure the help of Messrs. Semlin, Cotton, Sword, etc., there will be a protest against party lines; but Liberal programmes, Liberal clubs and Liberal causes are not called to fight for the Conservative leaders of the Opposition for love of them. All the new candidates will be men with a Bostock string attached to them, and heaven help the country if that honest clique pulls the strings.—Kamloops Standard.

THE CONCEALED ETHIOPIAN. Moreover, there is little doubt that Mr. Kellie had aspirations towards the remunerative post of gold commissioner for the north riding.—Rossland Times.

THE RAILWAY PROBLEM. All Kootenians are greatly interested in the rapidly approaching session of the Provincial Legislature. The Assembly, if it remains with that body to say whether the prosperity of Southern British Columbia shall be very materially advanced or irretrievably injured. It is not improbable that at the next meeting of the Legislature the question of the award of the subsidy for railway extension to the Boundary country will be brought up at an early date. In the event of this being done the legislature will be called upon to decide whether it will grant the grant of \$4,000 per mile, but the disposal of it will determine who will build the Boundary railway.—Rossland Miner.

THE following item is clipped from the editorial columns of the New Westminister Columbian. It may be of considerable interest to those who imagined that the member for South Nanaimo wrote the article which appeared in our columns three weeks ago, was not written by the doughty doctor: Having, like the News-Advertiser, credited a late article in the Wellington Enterprise to Dr. Walkem, M. P. P., which did not seem to us a fair and equitable redistribution bill. I know of no conspiracy on the part of the people of the Island to deprive the Mainland of what they are fairly entitled to. Your accusation that I had received a consideration or was about to receive one, for the writing of the article in question, is false and untruthful, and for stating which you had no foundation. I have had no communication with the government on any political subject, except a Kootenay resolution scheme, since the close of last session.—Wellington Enterprise.

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THE barkentine Wrester is reported ashore in the vicinity of Nanaimo, where she was to complete the discharge of her cargo. She is not thought to be seriously endangered.

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FOR! LITTLE LONDON. Thirty Citizens Killed Injured by Collapse City Hall. Two Hundred Precipitous Below and Crushed Tons of Ice. Terrible Ending to Meeting—List of Victims.

Special to the Colonist. LONDON, Ont. Jan. 3.—A terrible tragedy was added to the record of disasters to-night when the city hall, causing the number of 29 or 30, many more to die from being crushed.

At the time of writing the reported dead is 29, and it is thought that the number of injured is 150; many of them are hurt. The scene in the hall was ghastly. People went half mad with grief. The cry of fire started police and firemen were on the spot, and as soon as the location was realized the services were used in carrying the wounded to hospitals.

The following are the names of the dead so far recovered: W. T. Smith, ex-street car driver. L. W. Burke, insurance agent. Noble Carrothers, nephew of Crawford Beckett, contractor. Ex-Ald. John Turner, carrier. Ex-Ald. Lutton, Centralist. Fred. Heaman, son of ex-mayor.

W. H. Della, baker, West 1st. R. S. Leigh, plumber. A. E. Phillips, flour dealer. B. J. Nash, carriage maker. Wm. Edward Talbot, aged 80. Ben Jaques, cabman. W. J. Borland. Stewart Harrison, aged 51. Steve Williams. James Hallis. Frank Robinson. Jack Fellows. W. Burridge. George Smith. Boy named McLean.

At 1 a. m. the deaths numbered 29 and the list was likely to be enlarged. London is now a city of the dead. It is in a way as if a plague of death had passed over the night, visiting numerous houses and wrecked buildings. The fire of the floor there was a rush men towards the doors. If there were many exits, but even of the weaker men and boys, they were down and trampled on by the crowd. Many small boys reached safety by scrambling upon the heads of the massed crowd and running out of doors.