

Testing a New System

Wireless Telegraphy From a Steamer Off the Coast of Ireland.

Successful Experiments Preparing to Send Messages From New Jersey to Portugal.

New York, Feb. 22.—Of the experiments wireless telegraphy recently conducted from the steamer *Albatross*, on board the steamer *Albatross*, one of the experimenters, W. S. Sherman, who has arrived here, says: "The system adopted is that invented by Col. Henry Montague Hoar, secretary of the U. S. Navy, and Mr. Nevill Maskelyne, of London, a well known astronomer-electrician. The apparatus used in this system is different from that employed by the present system. It is a simple in construction, easy to manipulate, so that the ordinary marine signalman is able to use it for a day's instructions. The steamer was miles from Newfoundland, and signals were changed as the Georgia continued on her regular course at the usual speed until she was 25 miles from Newfoundland, when the signals were discontinued. The messages were easily read."

CANADIAN NEWS ITEMS.

Woman Burned to Death at Niagara Falls.

Application for Incorporation of Salt Company.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 25.—Edward Pender's

Science at the suspension bridge was

erid, was totally destroyed by fire yester-

day afternoon with all its contents. Mr.

ender, after getting four small children

and a general Arab rising that occurred

in Yemou, Arabia, against Turkish authority,

and the situation is serious. The Porte

has ordered four regiments to reinforce

the Turkish troops there.

TEN BODIES FOUND.

(Associated Press.)

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 22.—Ten bodies have

been taken out of the wreck of the *Nellie*

Bly, which was wrecked on the Camden local,

several miles south of here. More dead bodies

are supposed to be in the debris of the wreck,

which was afterwards swept by fire.

A FISH PAMINE.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 22.—A pronounced fresh

fish famine marks the opening of the

spring season. Fulton markets are reported

to be bare of fresh fish. There is no immediate

prospect of relief, and official wholesale

prices quoted there are at an advance, com-

pared with this time last year, from 50 to

100 per cent.

FOR THE GARDEN

Our new, large illustrated seed

catalogue is just out. It is better

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Canada's Greatest Seed House.

Drowned Her Children

Woman's Terrible Crime at Uniontown, Wash., While in Fit of Insanity.

Threw Two Boys and Four Girls Into a Well Thirty Feet Deep.

How a Mob Tried to Force a Confession From a Prisoner.

(Associated Press.)

Columbia, W. Va., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Rose

Wurzer, in a fit of insanity yesterday,

drowned her six children, aged from four

to twelve years, at Uniontown, Wash.

She threw them into a well 30 feet

deep containing water, and held the heads

of the children beneath the surface until

all were drowned. Mrs. Wurzer was

found alive in the well with her children

by the neighbors, who pulled her out

with a rope.

Prison's Suicide.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 25.—The Vienna corres-

pondent of the Morning Leader says:

"Prison Karl of Crois has committed

suicide because he was jilted by a

peasant girl."

Charged With Murder.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 25.—A special to the

Chronicle from Terre Haute, Ind., says

that three Russian coal miners will be

tried today for the murder of two

Russians last election day. None

of the accused or eye witnesses can

speak English. What little information

has been obtained from them through an

interpreter indicates that they have no

recollection of proceedings in a court of

justice and that they do not comprehend

the least the election of a President

of the United States when it was sought

to have them cast votes last November.

Cut His Throat and May Die.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 25.—W. M. Malbett,

who attempted suicide by cutting his

throat with a razor on Saturday at the

home of W. A. Delaney, of this city, is

in a critical condition in New York

hospital. He is not expected to recover.

On January 7, Herbert, a resident of

the city, was shot by the murderer of

two men. He was shot in the chest and

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THE NEW STAR.

(Associated Press.)

Lick Observatory, Cal., Feb. 25.—The

following is furnished by Prof. Campbell,

astronomer at the observatory:

"Our first opportunity for securing ob-

servations of Anderson's new star, discov-

ered in Edinburgh on the 21st, occurred on

Sunday forenoon. The star was easily

found in full sunlight with a 12 inch tel-

scope. At 11 a. m. it was fully half a

magnitude brighter than the first mag-

nitude star Capella, with which it was

compared. At 7 p. m. it was fully half a

magnitude brighter than Capella, a decline of

whole magnitude. Its brightness con-

tinued to decrease throughout the evening.

"Its accurate position as observed by

Prof. Tucker is right ascension 3 hours 34

minutes 28 seconds, and declination 43

degrees 33 minutes and 54 seconds. The

star has been observed with the Mills spec-

trope. Its spectrum is peculiar in that it

contains no trace of either bright or dark

lines in the blue and violet. Its light ap-

pears to be strictly continuous, though a

few extremely broad bands exist. This is

very unusual in the case of a new star.

The new star can be seen by all in the

constellation Perseus, of which it is now

the brightest member."

THE NEW CONSTABLE.

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Sergeant Jos. Northcott, Appointed to

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EMPIRE DAY.
May 24th to be Observed in Montreal Pro-
testant Schools.

(Associated Press.)
Montreal, Feb. 22.—The Protestant school
commissioners of this city to-day decided
to observe May 24th as Empire Day in all
schools under their jurisdiction. Hitherto
May 23rd has been observed.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Secretary E. A. Willis,
of the board of trade, was married last
night to Mrs. Agnes Klinton, daughter of
the late John Patterson, Montreal.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—The annual meeting of
the Victorian Order of Nurses is to be held
at Government House on March 14th.
Lord Minto will preside.

Must Be Inducements

For Miners Before Mineral Lands of British Columbia Are Thoroughly Explored.

Mr. Bell Suggests That Mining Rights Are Partially Given as Reward.

The conclusion of a letter which appeared in your issue of February 19th with reference to the building of a railway through the central valley of British Columbia, was a reference to the fact that quartz mining in that portion of the province where quartz is frequently met with could not be undertaken until greater inducements were offered to capital, because capital will find the country which offers the best chance for investment, coupled with the greatest degree of accessibility.

The discussion of this subject is intimately connected with the best way of procuring capital as aid to railway construction.

The practice of giving a guarantee is probably that which gains most favour and has taken precedence of all others except in North America. It is a plan well adapted to a settled country without vacant lands, but in the case of a new country the land may be, at a new period of development, the only sufficient capital equivalent that the country can make use of to produce immediate results.

If it had not been for the granting of lands to railway companies, neither the Dominion nor the United States would be found in the position that they occupy to-day. To put the matter in still another light, every country which desires to make improvements of any kind must provide security for capital employed. If the country has much land and little else to offer, these lands, unless made up of as security for improvements, may be kept locked up from generation to generation, and the country possessing them may remain unimproved.

If the country cannot otherwise be improved there are good grounds for granting these lands as railway aid.

Notwithstanding the advance made by the United States and the Dominion of Canada in this connection, there has existed here a party or a sentiment that mathematics and land granting and everything connected with it.

Let us examine the grounds upon which these objections were based, and see if they will stand analysis.

The government sells a certain class of land for a price, say, of \$1 per acre. When the government makes a sale of land it does not undertake to provide all transportation of account within any certain limit. Now if a company were to sell this same land for \$1 per acre, with the obligation to build a railway, which is the best offer,

that of the company or the government? The company would be a company which will sell its land for so much a greater price than the government as to take it out of the settlers' reach.

But no; the company has to live by the settlement of the country, and the government price of adjacent lands will govern the price of the company. Which gains most? The government that sells the land, or the company that sells the land? That must pay a quid pro quo? Is there such a scarcity of land in British Columbia that it is prejudicial to the province to grant any of it for colonization purposes? Leaving out of account altogether the area of Vancouver Island as compensation for lands elsewhere alienated, the Mainland of British Columbia comprises eleven degrees of latitude by an average of twelve degrees of longitude—that is to say in round numbers 70 by 480 statute miles, or 236,640,000 acres. Suppose now one-half in this area to be mountain or mining ground, and the other half to be one-half grazing and the other half farming land, it would accommodate 591,360 farmers, each cultivating 100 acres, or with four persons to each family a farming population of 2,365,440 people, occupying one quarter of the Mainland area. In their present condition, with their means of transportation, these lands will not be occupied in any time that it is useful for any person or the descendants of any person now on the continent.

There are persons who talk much about giving away the inheritance of their property. To such it is answered that some of the cheapest and best land to be bought in any of the largest towns in the universe, that property will take care of itself, and the increase of the world's population, which is not to, and is not within the power of the money advocate under any conceivable circumstances. Granted therefore that the land is sold for a moderate price, the company that is obliged to build the road is advancing the public good, whereas the policy of the money man is one that serves no purpose. It requires no great degree of mind to write up the wrong side of a question, or to inflame the public mind by making charges of wrong-doing which is always popular with those who do not feel like thinking, but it requires innumerable useful public works and to defray their cost in a country without too much burdening the revenue.

Will Be Difficult to Find a better precedent for action than that which is furnished by the policy of the Dominion of Canada and the United States.

To a step further, it has been often said that the granting of mining rights was out of the question, and a thing which no public man in the province could raise or have anything to do with. It can be proved that the facts in favor of this theory are without foundation.

Take an illustration of the kind most common here, a mountain with a snow-capped top, in a good state of formation, with quartz showing below. It is covered up with burnt timber, devil's club and buckberry, bushes 10 or 12 feet in height. Will the ordinary explorer ascend that mountain and examine it properly?

Very rare instances of extraordinary muscular development it will not and cannot be done. But in order to

Provincial Legislature

Government Caucus To-night Will Consider Mining Amendments and Other Matters.

Messrs. Murphy and Dickie Will Move Address—Mr. Martin in Seattle.

When the legislature resumes on Monday afternoon, the first business to be taken up after the disposal of the routine motions will be the speech from the throne. The consideration of this document last year was completed in about thirty-five minutes, but indications are not wanting that the debate this year will extend over several days.

Opposition members say that last session was an exceptional one—when it was considered of the first importance that non-contentious legislation should be pushed through, and all party interest be subordinated to those of the country at large. In fact the constituents of some of the opposition members think that business was allowed to go through without sufficient deliberation. The House will, therefore, be treated to some debate on the various proposals of the government this year.

There will be no caucus of the opposition members at present. In fact there are only three of them in town, Messrs. Brown, Oliver and Stables. Mr. Martin and Mr. McInnes are in Seattle, while Smith Curtis has not yet left Montreal. E. C. Smith and Ald. Gilmour have not reached the capital yet. There is not likely to be any radical change made in the programme until Smith Curtis returns. Opposition members seem the idea of a change of leadership, and Mr. Martin since his first annoyance after the result of the Vancouver elections has shown no disposition to relinquish the command.

The government last year had 28 supporters in a House of 38. Since that time Ralph Smith, who gave the government independent support has resigned, and his successor, Mr. Hawthornwaite, it is understood will incline to the opposition, although he does not approve of Mr. Martin as leader. There are about six other members who last year supported the administration, who might adopt a different course, and a leader was selected for the opposition whom they could endorse. The shrewd members of the House agree that the sitting is capable of a number of startling developments.

The address will be moved by Dennis Murphy, of West Yale, who enjoys a high reputation as a speaker, but who last year was rarely heard. C. H. Dickie, of Cowichan will second the address.

There will be a government caucus to-night, when among other things which will be submitted to the cabinet supporters of that expedition. It is also expected that some action will be taken by them on the amendments made last year to the Mining Act. By the amendments of last session a royalty of one per cent. was imposed on the output of the metallic minerals up to \$5,000, and of two per cent. on the output of mines above that amount. Strong objection was taken to this at the time by Mr. Curtis, but the House endorsed it. Government supporters from the mining districts now claim that the practical test of the new law has shown it to be a burden on the industry of mining, and calculated to discourage development. So strongly do their constituents feel on the matter that if the government cannot see its way to modify the law, they will be obliged to support the opposition in the matter.

Messrs. Neill and Munro, and possibly others of the independent wing, will not attend the caucus. The latter has always remained out of the private gatherings of both sides of the House, but Mr. Neill attended last year, under the arrangement for support which a large number of Independents made at the convention at Vancouver.

The following notices of motion have been given for Monday and Tuesday:

By Hon. Mr. Eberts—"An Act to amend the Investment and Loan Societies Act."

By Hon. Mr. Turner—"An Act respecting the Town of Wellington."

By Hon. Mr. Turner—"An Act to amend the Assessment Act."

By Mr. McInnes—"An Act relating to Labor."

By Mr. Helmecken—"An Act to amend the Law of Inheritance and Distribution."

By Mr. Helmecken—"Resolved, that the speech of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII. on his accession, as well as his gracious message addressed to his people beyond the seas, be entered on the journals of this House."

By Mr. Helmecken (on Tuesday next) —"Whereas resolutions have from time to time been passed by this House, requesting the Dominion government to establish a mint in Canada, such mint to be established in the province of British Columbia; and whereas the people of British Columbia have learned with much satisfaction that the Imperial government have given the Dominion government the necessary sanction for the establishment in Canada of a branch of the Royal mint, and that a bill will be introduced at the present session of the House of Commons of Canada to give effect to such permission:

Be it, therefore, resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting him to impress upon the Dominion government the strong claims of this province to have such branch erected in this province."

By Mr. Helmecken (on Tuesday next) —"Whereas the commonwealth of Australia was inaugurated on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1901, the commencement of the twentieth century; and whereas there has long been established a line of steamers between

Turned Over Furnishings

Of Doctor's Residence to Board of Directors of Jubilee Hospital.

Address to Mrs. Hasell by Daughters of Piety—Pleasant Gathering.

The furnishings in connection with the newly-erected doctor's residence at the Jubilee hospital were yesterday turned over to the board of directors by the Women's Auxiliary. There was a large assemblage, fully a hundred being in attendance. The guest of the occasion was Lady Joly, who was shown through the institution by a committee and the matron, Miss Grady. Lady Joly expressed great pleasure at the efficient manner in which the hospital is conducted and her admiration of the able work performed by the auxiliary. She asked to be enrolled as an active worker, and this was done.

The ladies subsequently adjourned to Dr. Hasell's residence, where Mrs. Georgina Potts, vice-president of the Daughters of Piety, presented the following address to their president:

To Our President, Mrs. Hasell:

We, the Daughters of Piety, take advantage of the occasion of the entrance to your new home, to wish you a long and happy life in it, and also to express our appreciation of the kind help and sympathy which you have ever shown to us and to our work. Through your instrumentality our society was formed, and largely through your efforts has its work been carried on; and we beg that you will accept this token gift as a token of the esteem and affection with which we regard you.

On behalf of the Daughters of Piety, yours sincerely,

GEORGINA POTTS,
Vice-President.

Mrs. Hasell replied in appropriate terms. The address was accompanied by a handsome set of silverware.

The board of directors of the hospital having arrived in response to an invitation tendered them, Mrs. A. J. Smith presented the following:

You are invited here to-day for the purpose of inspecting and taking over the furnishings in connection with this house. Our committee are very pleased to have been the means in assisting in paying part of the expense of building this house, also of furnishing it. We have furnished it comfortably, but not elaborately, as I think you will admit when you have inspected it. We beg that you will accept this token gift as a word or two in reference to Dr. and Mrs. Hasell. When we look around and see the vast improvement made in this institution, both internally and externally, in the last three years, and so many of us congratulating your honorable board in your choice of a medical officer. Dr. Hasell has been gentlemanly, kind and courteous in all our dealings with him, and we look upon him as the right man in the right place. Of Mrs. Hasell, our secretary, I cannot find words to express our feelings towards her. She has endeavored herself to all of us by her unceasing efforts to please and assist in the right way. We are sure that if Mrs. Hasell, our secretary, who now is able to give over to you these furnishings, would have been a committee of the board, she would have done it as well, and with less trouble to herself. I can say for myself that in the last two years, during the time of my terrible double affliction, I have found in both Dr. and Mrs. Hasell not only friends in need, but friends in deed; and I sincerely hope that they may be associated with this institution. Gentlemen, I thank you for coming here to-day, and by so doing showing that you are interested in our work.

I have now much pleasure in giving to you, in the name of the Women's Auxiliary of the P. R. J. H., these accepted bills for the furnishings of this house.

The receipts billed referred to in this address amounted to \$500.

The president of the board, H. D. Helmecken, M. P. P., replied fittingly, eulogizing the ladies, and referring to their aim to establish a maternity hospital, wished them every success. He also heartily endorsed the reference to Dr. and Mrs. Hasell.

Brief remarks were also made by E. A. Lewis and Thos. Sholtbort.

After the directors had been conducted through the hospital and expressed their satisfaction at the excellent taste of the ladies, refreshments were served and the gathering dispersed.

Safety for Bread Winners

The workingman is the backbone of the nation. His industry, his integrity, his brains and his muscle not only contribute to the support of his family, but to wealth of the country as well. But constant work means wear and tear on the machinery of the human frame. The human constitution needs as much attention as the finest piece of machinery, else a health breakdown may occur. To guard against such a breakdown a tonic medicine should be frequently taken, and the world over it has been proved that

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People

have no equal as a blood builder and nerve restorer. Thousands and thousands of men and women on the verge of a break-down have, through the use of these pills, been made strong, and fit for the every day duties of every day life.

PROOF OF CURE.

Mr. F. Mission, a well-known resident of Deleau, Manitoba, says:—"From personal experience I can speak in the very highest terms of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a medicine for building up those who are weak or run down. I found myself suffering from extreme nervousness accompanied by frequent violent headaches, and loss of appetite. As a result I soon grew extremely weak, and the least work would fatigue me. I tried several medicines, but without gaining any strength until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had not taken the pills long before there was a marked improvement in my condition, and the use of a few boxes restored me to perfect health. There are few men who do not at some time or other feel weak and run down and to such I can recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with every confidence that they will restore them to a condition of health and vigor."

There are many imitators trading upon the reputation of this great medicine, and it should be remembered that the imitations are worthless, often dangerous. Only the genuine have the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around the box. If in doubt send direct to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and they will be sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.



High School Question.

School Board Will Probably Request City Council to Put By-Law Before The Ratepayers.

The city council's reply to the request of the school board regarding the extraordinary estimate of \$30,000 for a new High School does not at all dispose of the question.

Judging by the spirit at the recent meetings of the board this body is determined to put forth every effort toward inaugurating a new High School. Consequently the reply from the council, which could not see its way clear to vote the required amount, will result in a request from the board that a by-law authorizing the proposed expenditure be submitted to the ratepayers within thirty days after the receipt of the request by the mayor.

As will be remembered when the school board estimates were first communicated to the council the secretary referred to section 37 of the School Act, in accordance with which the request of the item for extraordinary expenditure could be dealt with. That portion of the section bearing on the question is as follows:

"The board shall further prepare the like detailed estimate of the sums required to meet any special or extraordinary expenses legally incurrable by the board, which last mentioned estimate shall be subject to consideration, alteration and final approval by the council; and if the council shall finally reject, or disapprove of any such last mentioned sum or sums, it shall be the duty of the council not more than thirty days after the receipt by the mayor of the written request of the secretary of the board in that behalf, to submit for the assent of the electors in the matter prescribed in section 38 of the Municipal Clauses Act, a by-law authorizing the proposed expenditure, and, if necessary the raising of the money required to defray the same upon the credit of the municipal treasury; and in the event of such by-law receiving the assent of the electors in the Municipal Clauses Act, the city treasurer shall pay out of the proceeds of

THE CONSTABULARY.

The last of the men recruited from Victoria got away last evening in the special charge of Capt. Burstell and Capt. Vaux, and to-day these officers will proceed with similar work in the Terminal City. The men taken from here were a particularly able lot of fellows, as many of them had military training.

TWO PRESENTATIONS.

The popularity of Constable Llewellyn among the members of the Victoria police force was certainly well attested last night. The force assembled in the barracks room of the police station on Cormorant street and, as announced in these columns last night, the newly-enlisted trooper with Baden-Powell's constabulary was presented with a gold ring by his fellow police guardians while he was also the recipient of a handsome pipe, the present of the chief, in recognition of his faithful services. The chief made the presentations in a few well chosen remarks, and the recipient responded appropriately. At the wharf, just before the departure of the steamer, a large number of the force assembled to see their comrade off, and if they did not make the welkin ring, their effective farewells and expressions of good wishes were nevertheless sincere.

LESALÉ DRYGOODS

Young Woman Found Dead in Street—Three Sailors Perish.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—In some parts of the country the weather is the coldest known in 25 years. At Cologne a young lady traveller was frozen to death in the street and a coachman fell from his carriage with both legs frozen. In the Gulf of Daube a fishing cutter was frozen in and three of the crew perished. At Hirschberg, the thermometer is 29 below, and in the upper Harz 30. From all the mountainous regions come reports of great snowfalls.

EVERY HOUSEKEEPER

must often act as a family physician. Pain-Killer for all the little ills, cuts and sprains, as well as for all bowel complaints, is indispensable. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A...

(From Saturday's Daily.) F. Finch-Smiles has received notice that he will be made a beneficiary of the Canadian patriotic fund to the extent of \$400.

The contract for building the smaller of the two steamers for the fishery service has been awarded to the Victoria Machinery Depot, the Albion Iron Works declining to carry out their tender.

The annual convention of the associated boards of trade here and of the British Columbia is to be held at Greenbridge next Thursday and Friday. It is intended on the latter day to have some formal recognition of the blowing in of the local smelter.

The remains of the late Arthur Lawless were laid at rest yesterday. The funeral took place from the family residence, South Park street. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wilson.

Corporal H. E. Hilton, one of the Baden-Powell South African contingent leaving Victoria for Ottawa last night, was the recipient of a handsome case of pipes from No. 1 Company, Fifth Regiment. The presentation was made in the office of B. Gordon, Fort street, yesterday afternoon, and was a complete surprise to Mr. Hilton.

The funeral of the late Louis Rulland took place this morning at 9.30. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Althoff at the church and graves. The following acted as pallbearers: G. H. Coulter and G. Woods, representing the coxswain; W. P. Smith and P. Winter, representing the crew; J. A. O. F., E. Murray and J. McGinnis, representing Looting Council, and S. W. Eastman and Harry Brown representing the hackmen of the city.

Pte. J. Livingstone, of the first Canadian contingent, was entertained Thursday evening at a social given in honor by the Boys' Brigade and the young people of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Pte. Livingstone was formerly of this city, but before joining the South African force he moved to Vancouver. The entertainment was held in the Boys' Brigade hall, James Bay, and an enjoyable time was spent.

A delegation from the Mainland, comprising C. W. Munro, M.P.P. of Chilliwack; John Oliver, M.P.P. of Delta; I. W. Paisley and J. C. Henderson, of Chilliwack; and Reeve W. H. Ladner, of Delta, conferred with H. Dallas Helmcken, M.P., vice-president of the Victoria Agricultural Association; Joseph Peterson and Wm. Dalrymple, and informally discussed the question of agricultural exhibitions, the visitors suggesting that the date of the one to be held here be changed from the 7th to 12th, instead of in the latter part of September, as decided upon to avoid conflicting with the dates of the Chilliwack and New Westminster exhibitions.

The gentlemen from the Mainland offered to do all in their power to conduce to the success of the exhibition here. Remarks regarding the growth of the influence of exhibitions were made by Messrs. Paisley, Henderson and Oliver, while Mr. Helmcken and others spoke on behalf of the Victoria society. A meeting of the Victoria Association will be held in the near future, when the suggestion of the date of the exhibition will be carefully considered.

The members of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute will give a banquet at Saanichton on Friday evening next. The train will leave the Victoria & Sidney railway station at 7.30 o'clock sharp.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital to-day of Samuel Fisher. Deceased was 72 years of age, and as known has resided in the city for about 20 years. The funeral has not as yet been arranged.

Pte. James Anderson, of the first South African contingent, is to be presented with a gold watch by the people of Cumberland street. Pte. Anderson spent a number of years in his boyhood in that part of the island.

A meeting of the ladies' memorial committee was held on Saturday afternoon, when accounts of Thursday's reception were passed. Over and above all demands on the proceeds there is a balance of \$70 to be placed to the credit of the Paardeberg Gate memorial fund.

A young man named in Equinault by Constable Campbell, of the provincial police, appeared before Magistrate Hall this morning upon the charge of breaking a window in a Chinese laundry. He was fined, with costs, and a fine and damage to window, amounting to \$6.00.

George J. Cook of this city, and Miss Sarah Janet Ewing, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Ewing, of Seattle, were united in marriage a few days ago at Seattle. The bride was attended by Mrs. Marie McArthur, Miss Mabel Ewing, and John W. Ewing supported the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Donald Ross.

Yesterday the health and sanitary officials paid their regular quarterly visit to the Darcey island lazaretto, the trip being made on the tug Sable. Besides Dr. Fraser and Sanitary Inspector Wilson there were Mr. Adams, of the city engineer's department, W. W. Northcott, Sergeant Jos. Northcott, W. Moreby and others. Upon their arrival they found that one of the Chinese men had died about a week ago, and

was buried by the other unfortunates. He was the last man to be placed on the island, having been sent from Sidney about six months ago. The remaining four are falling very rapidly and are unable to carry the provisions from the landing to their houses as on former occasions. The party arrived at Victoria about 3 o'clock.

The British Columbia Agricultural Association will hold a meeting at the city hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The management of the association are desirous of having a large membership which will materially help the exhibition. Anyone desiring to become a member may do so upon paying the membership fee of \$2, which entitles the holder to admission to the exhibition at any time and allow free entry of exhibits.

The wet weather is interfering largely with the street operations recently recommended by the streets, bridges and sewerage committee, which have been fairly under way by now. Favorable progress has been made on the new Cloverdale Point road, and with fair weather the work should be completed in ten days. A large number of surface drains are being laid throughout the city, and altogether the city engineer's department has a large quantity of work ahead.

In the provincial police office a few evenings ago Magistrate Hall held court to deal with a refractory sailor of the ship Iliada. He was arraigned for insubordination, the ship's officers having promptly had him gathered in. He was arraigned and ordered to appear before the captain. He did so on the spot, and in the meekest manner imaginable. The captain, with rare decision, seized upon the opportunity to at once impress upon the refractory sailor the necessity of not only obeying his orders, but those of the other officers. This understanding having been arrived at the court adjourned.

EXPLORER'S DEATH.

Funeral of Surveyor J. A. Mahood Takes Place To-day.

The funeral of J. A. Mahood is taking place this afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Berkeley, Burdett avenue, and from Christ Church cathedral.

The deceased was a native of St. Andrew's, N. B., and has been engaged during the greater part of his active life with exploring parties to the interior of the survey to make. Upon the abandonment of this work Mr. Mahood returned to America and was engaged for a time in making surveys for the forts of San Francisco, and in 1872 he returned to British Columbia and followed his profession in the survey works of the province. After a few months' sickness he passed away on Saturday, at the residence of his sister on Burdett avenue.

THE BISHOP'S DEATH.

Exchange Gives Details of the Passing Away of the Rt. Rev. W. Barker.

The following particulars of the death of the Rt. Rev. W. Barker, Bishop of Olympia, are from a Sound exchange: The death of the Rt. Rev. William Morris Barker, D. D., at his home in North Tacoma avenue, Tacoma, of heart failure on Thursday morning, came with the suddenness of a thunder clap. It was the result of heart trouble of a neutral character, accompanied by a sense of suffocation. The day before his death he was in his usual health, and made calls and attended to some business down town. Upon awakening Thursday morning he complained of a pain in the region of his heart, and later arose and went into a room adjoining his bedroom to warm himself by a fire. He returned to the bedroom almost immediately and confessed to his wife that he was seriously ill and suffering great pain. Mrs. Barker telephoned for physicians, but although they were at the house within a few minutes he had quietly breathed his last.

He leaves a widow and daughter, a young woman who is prominent in Tacoma society circles. Bishop Barker's mother, Mrs. George Barker, and his sister, Miss Barker, were also his home when he died. The family have received many letters and telegrams of condolences, and the vestry of 'Trinity Episcopal church met last evening and passed resolutions of respect for the deceased.

Bishop Barker took charge of the diocese of Olympia in 1894, taking the place left vacant by the death of Bishop Teedock. The diocese has grown and developed remarkably under his fostering jurisdiction. He was broadminded and generous, and was much beloved by his immediate neighbors, as well as by whataverse to ecclesiastical assumption of any kind.

ALBERRNI NOTES.

A well attended entertainment was given by the school children of Alberni under the able superintendence of Mr. Howitt on Tuesday in Brandt's hall. The programme consisted of comic sketches, singing, recitation and flag drill. The entertainment, which was for the Inland clubs for the children, netted \$28.

A petition is being largely signed against the appointment of a customs office at New Alberni, thus overlooking Alberni, where the petitioners set forth 400 actual residents of the district receive their mail against 13 at New Alberni.

J. Redford has gone to Victoria to enlist in Baldwin's police force. Rev. E. Taylor left yesterday for Victoria to attend the meeting of the Presbyterian synod.

The weather has broken up to a succession of alternate snow showers and thaws. A VETERAN'S STORY.—George Lewis, of Shamokin, Pa., writes: "I am eighty years of age. I have been troubled with Catarrh for fifty years, and in my days have used a great many catarrh cures, but never had any relief until I used Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder. One box cured me completely." 50 cents. Sold by Deans & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—25.

Economizes In Time

American Bound Steamers Profit Materially by New Quarantine Regulations.

Privilege Granted for the Handling of Dutiable Goods on Sleighs.

Captain J. E. Bernier, the Quebec navigator who is contemplating, and in fact arranging for, a North Polar expedition to leave this city, is now at Ottawa urging his claim for assistance upon the Dominion government. He proposes that the government should build and lend him for the occasion specially designed ships, which would cost from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Capt. Bernier holds that the ships after their return from the polar expedition would be invaluable for the testing of water navigation. A detail of the expedition now being organized is the securing of 300 small hydrogen balloons, which the captain proposes releasing at intervals during favorable winds, with reports of the progress of the expedition, addressed to the Dominion government. The proposed route of the expedition has already been described.

Two observation stations, with self-registering instruments, will, as heretofore stated, be established, one to the westward, the other to the eastward, so that observations will be maintained over a line of 100 miles. These observation stations will be kept in communication with the vessel from taff-rail to bridge, and can be operated by a small lever on the bridge so as to be under the control of the radio watchman on the vessel. Acquainted of an accident such as 'Man Overboard.' Before going to the telegraph, one movement of his hand and the signal is sent to the vessel. The rescue signal perforated by the same touch, both fall simultaneously into the sea ready for the hands of the person for whom they are intended.

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Idsumi Maru, on arrival here last week, made a duration of three or four hours, the duration of the trip which she would have spent at William Head under the old order of things. She had of course to be quarantined for inspection, as will all vessels coming from the coast, but was not required to comply with the disinfection rules heretofore enforced. The vessels of the Empress line, however, still observe the regulations, but it is thought some similar arrangement as that provided for American steamers will shortly be effected whereby the quarantine work here will be less onerous.

At Hongkong there are two finely equipped disinfection plants, one ashore and the other in an old ship which has been comfortably fitted up for the service, and the proper handling of an American steamer at either of those stations, and also at Yokohama, renders it unnecessary for her to be similarly treated to a certain extent by the regulations on the voyage to port.

R. M. S. Empress of China, on her way to the Orient, will arrive here from Vancouver this evening. She carries a large number of Japanese passengers, including 90 tons of Enderby flour being shipped to Yokohama by R. P. Rithet & Co. of this city. Among the passengers locally booked for the Empress are Mr. and Mrs. Francisco, and Miss Thelma Newton.

A NEW INVENTION. Capt. Archibald, of the R. M. S. Empress of China, has patented a lifeboat detector and radio signal. An article which has been published descriptive of the contrivance, says: "An invention that carries the buoy and signal system into all weather, and when required releases the signal at the same time, everything working smoothly, instantaneously and automatically, and may almost be in the hands of the person in the water as the vessel glides past him, should certainly be deserving of consideration. This is what is claimed for Archibald's patent automatic lifeboat detector and signal."

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Sporting News

YACHTING. THE SHAMROCK'S DECK. (Associated Press.)

Glasgow, Feb. 25.—The Associated Press learns that aluminum will be used for the deck of Shamrock II with a view of saving top weight. The first of the planks have just been delivered at Dunbarton. On top of the aluminum will be a thin covering of wood, thus serving the double purpose of protecting the metal from the corroding effects of salt water and giving the crew a better foothold. Designer Watson decided that this composite deck would be both much lighter and stronger than one of wood, and he considers valuable every pound of top weight saved.

CHESS. STANDING TO DATE. The standing of the competitors in the Robins tournament to date follows:

Table with columns: Players, Won, Lost, Percent. Includes names like G. G. Hands, J. H. Piper, C. C. McKee, etc.

The drawing for the week ending Saturday, March 2nd, is as follows: Lombard plays Wilmer, Immes plays Hurst, Marchnant plays McKee, Gonnason plays Hunter, Rhodes plays Sutton, Williams plays Gibson.

Hurst has finished his games. Johnston has one more game to play, with Perry. Perry has one more game to play, with Johnston.

Michell has one more game to play, with Hurst. Perry retired from tourney, having won 12 1/2 games and lost 7 1/2, with percentage of 62 1/2.

There is only one more drawing to take place after which all unfinished or postponed games must be played by Saturday, March 9th. All games remaining unfinished after above date will be adjudicated by the tournament committee.

RUGBY FOOTBALL. THE VICTORIAN WON. A match was played in the Caledonia grounds on Saturday afternoon between the Victoria and Navy football teams, and again the former team demonstrated its superiority. As in the past, try to tradition, the Navy played a splendid, obstinate match, but the superior organization of the Victoria men rendered victory for the Navy impossible.

The game had not been long in progress when K. Schofield obtained the ball on the Victoria twenty-five, and with a magnificent run, for which he has long become distinguished, secured the first score of the day. The try was converted by Sengers, giving Victoria a score advantage of five points to work on.

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More About the Opening of the Second Session of Ninth Parliament.

Formal Motions Presented, After Which House Adjourned Until Monday.

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The returns to the writs for by-elections in Nanaimo City and Vancouver declaring the return of James H. Hawthorthwaite for Nanaimo and James F. Garden for Vancouver, were read by the clerk.

The newly-elected members were then introduced, Mr. Garden by the Premier and Hon. J. H. Turner, and Mr. Hawthorthwaite by H. D. Helmcken and Mr. J. C. Brown of New Westminster. Both gentlemen endeavored to secure the hearty applause from both sides of the House.

The formal motions regarding the printing, the appointment of select committees on public accounts, private bills, printing, railway, mining, agriculture, and standing orders as well as that providing for the severe punishment of persons who were endeavoring to secure their return through corruption, were carried.

A bill to relieve the city of Phoenix of certain disabilities, originating in the municipality may borrow an amount not to exceed 15 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of the real property within the municipality, was introduced by Hon. Mr. Eberts, attorney-general, and read the first time. The second reading was fixed for Monday.

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Every point of vantage from which a view of the assembly chamber could be obtained was taxed to its utmost capacity. The floor, the galleries, the corridors and the press galleries, were occupied almost beyond their limits, so un-usable was the desire to witness the pageant. The presence of the heroes of Paardeberg, standing on either side of the central floor space, as motionless as bronze, was doubtless a grand sight.

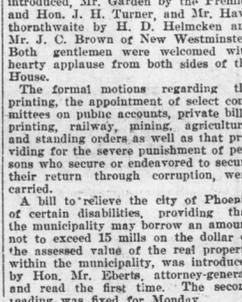
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After the reading of the speech from the throne, the Lieut.-Governor and suite retired, followed by the khaki lads. Following the Chinese and their friends, and the entertainment was a decided success. Rev. Dr. Campbell occupied the chair, and the following programme was carried out after the devotional exercises: Addresses by Rev. Mr. Clay, Messrs. Shih Shan Chee, Ma Seung, Su Pin, Lam Cheng and Miss Gong; song by Shih Chee, and an instrumental selection by I. N. Chew. Tea and coffee with other refreshments concluded a very enjoyable evening.

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