

THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

The government is to be congratulated upon the debate upon the address. Most of the opposition members complained that there was nothing in the speech to reply to, and made their excuse for not attacking the general policy of the government. But this is a mistake only, not an excuse. The debate on the address is the opposition's opportunity. Parliamentary practice gives them free scope to deal with every subject that has come or ought to come within the purview of the administration. They have the right to criticize the government for everything it has done and to attack it for what it has not done. The whole past, present and future of the government's policy and performance may be reviewed. The government of this province does what the government of no other province does. It places the public accounts in the hands of members before the passage of the address, and gives them plenty of time to examine them before the address is moved. In most other legislatures the practice is to withhold everything until the address has been passed. Yet with the records of previous sessions at their disposal, with their intimate knowledge of what has been done throughout the province during the past year, and with the public accounts in their hands, the members of the opposition were unable to score a single point against the administration. This is a subject for congratulation, not only to the government, but to the whole province, for it is a most excellent thing that affairs have been so conducted that the keen and critical gentlemen on the left of the Speaker could find in the five days since the legislature met so little to say that called for any explanation and nothing whatever that called for any defence.

MISSTATING HISTORY.

Much feeling is expressed in the New York Sun over the manner in which the history of the United States is taught in the schools of the Southern States. Extracts from the school books certainly give color to the claim that the youth of the South is being educated to entertain a prejudice against the North and that the free sections are being kept alive. In this the South is only following the example set in the North. There is nothing quite so absurd as a Northern American school history. It deals with the War of the Revolution and that of 1812 as though there was nothing else in the history of mankind worthy of even casual mention. The school children across the border are taught that the military record of their country is the admiration of humanity, and that wherever the Stars and Stripes have been seen, on land or sea, there the Goddess of Victory has smiled. The consequence of this is that there is growing up in that country an abridgement of brag, which would be laughable if there was not a dangerous side to it. The danger consists in the fact that some day an irresponsible set of legislators may plunge the nation into a war, or at least place it in such a position that it cannot retreat without discredit or a lance without disaster. During the last twelve months the people of the United States have been seriously told by braggers in congress and the public press that the country needs a war. There is danger, they have been assured, of the nation becoming enervated if there is not a lot of bloodshed at the earliest opportunity. We are not at all exaggerating when we use this language, for it is literally correct. That such an abominable and unchristian doctrine should be advocated is the direct result of the incendiary manner in which history is taught in the schools. Those who have not been brought very closely in touch with the matter can have no idea how this spurious militarism prevails among the younger generation of Americans. Taught to believe that their arms have been invincible on land and their fleets unconquerable at sea, they look with considerable longing for the time to come when new laurels can be added to what they have been led to believe is a garland of glory which the world regards with reverence. Tell these youths that neither in the war of the Revolution nor in that of 1812 was there a first class military or naval operation and they regard you as either falsifying history or being lamentably ignorant of its greatest facts.

The newspapers pander to this false patriotism. If a war vessel is launched, no matter what her actual character may be, she is at once described as the new terror of the sea, as the most powerful vessel afloat, and as able to sink anything that carries a foreign flag. "It has been proved," said a leading American paper during the Venezuelan affairs, "that man for man American sailors are twice as good as any others in the world." Of course the man who wrote that did not believe it; he was simply playing upon the absurd notions which the school histories have inculcated into the minds of the younger element of the population.

The other heads in the country are not deceived by such nonsense. The senate committee on coast defence last year examined a number of witnesses. Among them was Admiral Walker. He

was asked what sort of defence the American navy could make against the whole navy of Great Britain. His answer was that if Great Britain should send against the United States such vessels as she could spare without weakening herself on her regular stations, she could capture every city on the coast. General Miles was asked if it was not true that a million men would spring to arms in the event of war. He said he did not doubt it, but there were no guns wherewith to arm them, no ammunition wherewith to supply them, no uniforms wherewith to clothe them, no provisions wherewith to feed them, no plans for transportation wherewith to move them.

The truth of the matter is that the teaching of history in the United States has proceeded on wrong lines. The people of that country are in some respects the greatest in the world; but they have yet to prove their greatness in arms. The triumphs of that country have been among the greatest in history, but they are the triumphs of peace and not of war. Its conquests have been imperial, but they have been made with the axe, the shovel and the plough, and not with the sword or artillery.

HEROES IN COMMON LIFE.

The Roseland Miner pays a deserved tribute to Peter Joyce and James Hemsworth who have recently risked their lives for their fellow men. The story of Joyce is that of a foreman, who knowing that every step he took into the mine might be his last, went bravely on in the hope of rescuing the victims of an explosion. Hemsworth saved two men from being killed by a falling block filled with ore by interposing his arm with the revolving machinery. It was a deliberate offering of his limb and for all he knew, his life to save others. When asked if he was much hurt the brave fellow answered: "— the difference so long as I saved the boys." If there is a heart that does not beat the quicker for this short story it must be dead to an appreciation of lofty courage. Men have won the Victoria Cross by acts no nobler than those which Peter Joyce and Jim Hemsworth performed, not in the excitement of battle and in the face of a host of witnesses, but in the simple discharge of their every day duty under circumstances by no means calculated to inspire lofty deeds. No roll of honor in British Columbia will be complete without the name of Joyce and Hemsworth upon it.

THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

It is somewhat surprising to be told on good authority that there is very much doubt in the minds of astronomers as to the exact shape of the earth. There is no question as to its being spherical in a general way and that its equatorial diameter is greater than its polar diameter, but that is about as far as anyone can go at present. Just how near an approach to a sphere it is, science is not yet prepared to affirm. An interesting series of measurements is now in progress, being carried on by the governments of most of the civilized powers. Parties of men are engaged in ranging due east and west lines in both hemispheres, and in taking barometric observations at different points, together with observations on the penumbra of the sun. The facts that will thus be determined will, it is expected, go far to settling the question of the earth's shape.

Certain conditions are known to exist which are not consistent with the old idea as to the flatness of the globe at the Poles, and cannot be explained satisfactorily by reference to any ascertainable facts. One of these is the existence of an irregular belt of maximum coldness at the North Pole. This is much colder in Labrador than in Newway, which is further north; much colder in Russia than in the same latitude in France; much colder in some parts of Siberia than in others in the same latitude. The position of the Magnetic Pole is another unexplained fact, and there are certain phenomena in connection with the Antarctic zone for which science is not yet able to account, or in fact present any reasonable hypothesis.

Forty years ago Dr. Kane came back from the Arctic sea, where he had been searching for Sir John Franklin, and told an incredulous public that the further North his expedition went, the milder the temperature became, and also told of facts observed by himself and his subordinate which formed prima facie evidence of an open Polar sea. All subsequent explorers in very high latitudes brought back similar reports, and even Sir George Nares, whose progress North was blocked by what he named palaeo-ice, to signify its great age, declared himself convinced that beyond that ice there was an open sea. Dr. Nansen said that one of the things which his expedition demonstrated was the correctness of the theory that the cold grew less intense the nearer the approach to the Pole.

In regard to the Antarctic world so very little is known that one must speak very guardedly in reference to it. About all that can be said with certainty is that an immense belt of water surrounds the globe South of Africa, South America and Australia, and that this is bounded on the South by a wall of ice, presumably resting upon a continent; that vegetable life exists on this continent to

a limited extent and in low forms, and that in the interior are several active volcanoes. What lies beyond the Southern sea barrier, except the volcanoes, no one pretends to know. Until a year or so ago it was not considered possible to effect a landing on the Antarctic continent. A harbor has been found where a vessel can apparently lie in safety, and from which an expedition can penetrate the interior. Several parties have been formed to take advantage of this discovery, and this year may witness some valuable contributions to our knowledge of the extreme South. Interest is added to this field of search by the fact that some objects made of clay were found on the shore of the harbor just mentioned, which appeared to have been the work of human hands. It will be a very remarkable thing to find on the Southern continent a new race of men. The imagination can hardly conceive of what an incomprehensible revelation it would be to such a race that outside of the ice belt and "circumambulant ocean" there are continents occupied by hundreds of millions of people enjoying a high degree of civilization. Some imaginative writers have suggested that just as great surprises await us when our explorers have gone far enough North and South. A few weeks ago a French aviator got the scientific world to listen while he told that the earth was hollow and filled with gas. This suggestion is entirely opposed to the received ideas, but not more so than Captain Symmes' proposition, at which the scientific world of fifty years ago laughed most heartily, that the world was hollow, but was inhabited on the inside. We may dismiss these fancies with a passing notice and yet we cannot disguise the fact that "the ends of the earth" have a story to tell and it may be one of surpassing interest.

USE AND ABUSE OF CHECK REINS.

A lady has asked the Colonist to say something regarding the use of check reins on horses. The subject is one upon which much has been written with good results as a rule; but there is some danger in overdoing the matter. A check rein is not necessarily an instrument of torture. There are two cases in which it is, namely, when it keeps the horse's head and neck in an unnatural position, thereby interfering with respiration and putting a strain on muscles not intended to bear it, and where, as in the case of draught horses, it prevents them from settling their necks properly in the collar. In an example of the latter it may be mentioned that two dray-horses, which passed up Government street yesterday which were tight manes drew the corner of their mouths up, showing that the animals in order to pull their loads more comfortably would have liked to get their heads lower. The horses were well kept and showed that their drivers took pride in them. The harness seemed to fit well and was so made apparently as to prevent chafing. In ordinary circumstances these horses would probably suffer no discomfort from their check-reins, but unquestionably it would be better if the reins were unhooked when the drays are loaded. This illustrates one of the points. The other class of cases includes principally coach horses, or those driven to driving carts. In these the tendency is to pull the horse's head higher than he would naturally carry it. No hard and fast rules can be laid down in such cases. Men who train trotting horses will tell you that the overdraw rein is, in possibly the majority of cases, a help to the animal, and those people who work so commendably in the cause of dumb animals may feel assured that no living creature gets better care than trotting horses receive from intelligent trainers. In nine cases out of ten, however, the old-fashioned check-rein, which draws the horse's head back and brings his muzzle in towards his neck, so as to give him what a false taste considers a graceful carriage, is an instrument of torture and cannot be too strongly condemned. This is becoming generally understood and fashion is pronouncing in favor of giving even coach horses free heads and in seeing beauty in the curves which nature has given them.

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"Full House, Perhaps.—Rev. Theo. Logy (the congregation at Churchville called me. Deacon Jones (absently)—What did you hold?—Philadelphia Press.

"You can't set down no fixed rule of conduct in this life," said old Wiggins, the Barley Mow orator. "Samson got into trouble 'cause he got his hair cut, and Ab-salom got into trouble 'cause he didn't."—London Tit-Bits.

Rumor again has it that the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways will be shortly combined under one management; but nothing very specific is given in the way of proof.

A surplus "not" in the reference to Mr. Macpherson in the Colonist yesterday made it appear as if we desired to question his good faith. This was not intended.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Mr. Bryden gave the house something new. The habit in all legislatures is to express noon-sung but sympathy with the farmer and to represent him as a long-suffering and oppressed individual, who needs the sustaining hand of the government every year. Mr. Bryden treated the house to the novelty of a suggestion that the farmers could do something to help themselves. If he will take the time to talk a little more on that line, he will do good. Farmers do not serve every possible assistance that can be extended to them, but they should never forget that, after all, self-reliance and good business methods are the only certain passports to success in their's as in every other business.

Mr. Sword's point that if the speech had gone more into details there would have been less unanimity over it, may be well. It is proved, however, that Governments do not usually go into details in the speech, which is simply a sort of general intimation of the lines which are intended to follow during the session. To open the session with a statement in detail of prospective legislation would be something new.

Mr. Huff was made to say in the Colonist report of Thursday's debate that he hoped the bill for a railway to Alberta would receive serious consideration. What Mr. Huff said was that at least two projects, for a railway to Alberta would be submitted, and he hoped the matter would receive serious consideration.

Mr. Rogers, in his speech on the address, pointed out that Cariboo was among those sections of the province which were increasing their contributions to the revenue. Last year it paid \$1,000 more into the provincial treasury than in any year in its palmy days.

The legislative catechism is growing long and some of the questions to be asked of the government are interesting. While it is impossible to gauge the physical and mental anguish caused to individuals by disease and death, attempts have been made to estimate this loss to the community. Sir Ed. Ross, Chief Justice, estimates that loss in the case of an adult male at \$100—say \$770; other authorities at \$200—say \$485.

It does not appear to be unreasonable for the purpose in view of placing the loss to the community by the death of an adult male at \$400, of an adult female at \$300, and of a child at \$50. For a case of sickness it will hardly be thought that \$15 is an unreasonable amount.

On this basis we have the loss to the community in this city for the year 1896 as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include adult males at \$400, adult females at \$300, 21 children at \$50, 1,562 cases of sickness at \$15, and a total of \$38,330.

A lead loss of nearly \$40,000 in one year. The issues of life and death, in the ordinary acceptance of the term, are in the hands of a higher power than our own, but we contend that by an intelligent and comprehensive adoption of the best means recommended by modern science, the rates of death and sickness can be reduced to a minimum.

DR SELWYN'S BREAK.

To THE EDITOR:—Dr. Selwyn has not added to his popularity by throwing doubts on the predictions of Eastern people under the influence of mining fever who assert that Canada will soon become one of the greatest gold producing countries on earth. Making allowance, however, for Dr. Selwyn's annoyance at extreme statements which at present have little to justify them, I think he went to the other extreme when he declared the Dominion would never make as good a gold record as any of the principal Australian colonies.

The Board of health has done good service in calling the attention of the legislature and civic authorities to the urgent need of proper sanitation throughout the province. In some places remedial steps have been taken to partly unsanitary conditions and with gratifying results.

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One Remedy Which has Never Failed—Tried and Tested Ointment. Because other alleged remedies for piles, scrofula, scrofula eruptions, scald head, chafing, black heads, salt rheum and skin diseases generally have proved useless, doctors Dr. Chase's Ointment. It has never been known to fail. For instance, Nelson Simmons, Meyersburg, Ont., writes: "I have been afflicted with piles for many years. I used Dr. Chase's Ointment for Piles, and can recommend it highly. It has given me perfect freedom from the disease."

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FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, Feb. 15. NEARING TWO THOUSAND.

The Subscriptions Received for the National Indian Famine Fund Total \$2,372.80.

Collections continue to increase for the benefit of suffering humanity in distant India, the subscriptions received yesterday being more numerous than any previous day's collections.

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THE CITY.

THERE was a fire at the residence of Miss Gray, corner of Ross and Fort streets, yesterday afternoon.

The sixtieth anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty will be celebrated by the English residents of the Golden Gate.

In default of the payment of \$10 fine and \$20 costs, John Boyle, who threw a tumbler through a mirror in the Palace saloon, was yesterday fined \$10.

LOCAL Greeks believe there will be war between Turkey and Greece over Crete. They have signified their willingness to go back and fight for their country.

THE death took place yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Ruth Hayes, aged 55, a native of Staffordshire, Eng., who for some time past has been living at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Burt, Vancouver street.

AS a result of the procession in Chinatown on Wednesday afternoon, three celestial beings appeared in the Palace yesterday morning to answer a charge of setting off fireworks.

NUMEROUS friends in Victoria of Mr. Charles Drinkwater, the general secretary of the C.P.R., will be glad to hear that he is now in the city.

MAYOR REDFERN has received a letter, the following of which is a copy, from his mother, the young boy who met him during the Chinese celebration.

Not in the least disappointed were any of the large gathering which last night filled the hall, Spring Ridge, with the programme of the evening.

THE names of Nell McCollum and Robert Clark appear on the register of the Oriental Hotel, Messrs. McCollum and Clark are well known residents of Grand Forks, B.C., and are in Victoria for the purpose of inquiring into the proposed incorporation of that mining camp.

Speaking of the quarantine station at William Head, Dr. Montizambert, superintendent of Dominion quarantines, remarked yesterday that while the station was sufficiently equipped to give perfect safeguards, it was not what could be described as a perfect station.

THE bark Alexandria, from San Francisco in ballast, sailed into the Royal Roads yesterday morning and will probably receive instructions from her local agents, Robert Ward & Co., within the next day or two to land cargo.

THE adjourned meeting of the Victoria branch of the B.P.A., will be held at the city hall next Wednesday.

STILL IN DEBATE.

No Vote Has Yet Been Reached in the Legislature on the Reply.

The Member for Northwest Kootenay Gives His Opinion of Mr. Corbin.

The debate on the reply to the speech was resumed in the provincial legislature yesterday by Mr. McGregor, of Nanaimo, who dwelt particularly on the much discussed mortgage tax, which he considered double taxation.

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THE CITY.

Hon. J. H. Turner, Mr. G. A. Kirk and Mr. W. H. Price have been re-elected directors of the Okell & Morris Fruit Preserving Co.

A PERIODICAL meeting of the hobo element is just at present engaging the special attention of the city police.

The James Bay basket ball team are putting in some lively practice at the club gymnasium and are beginning to sigh for opponents worthy of their prowess.

STILL another industry has been added to the long list that is making the Okanagan valley one of the most promising portions of the province.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria Teachers' Institute yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. Campbell, of the Cadboro Bay school, contributed a paper on the teaching of the physical features of a country.

The annual general meeting of the Grand Council of Templars is to be held in this city during the last week of the present month among other distinguished members of the order.

A VANCOUVER special to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer states that the J. J. Jans, of that city, has instituted legal proceedings against Col. Henry Landis, of Port Townsend, his father-in-law.

VANCOUVER lodge, No. 5, A.O.U.W., at their regular meeting last night instructed their Grand Lodge delegates to oppose any change in the assessment system that may be proposed in the approaching Grand Lodge meeting.

A SAMPLE of ore, weighing 30 pounds, from the "Sunset" mine, owned by the British Columbia Gold Mining Company, was received yesterday from the mine.

"BRITAIN—not England," was the subject under consideration at last evening's meeting of the Sir William Wallace society.

YESTERDAY saw still another vacant place created in the last narrowing ranks of the little band of pioneers, death removing from the midst of her many friends Mrs. C. Cameron, of the Dallas road.

The following Victoria dogs were prize winners in the third annual exhibition of the Vancouver plover, dog and pet stock association, held at Vancouver during the past week:

THE ESTIMATES PASSED.

The city council last evening held the last of a series of special sessions in connection with the framing of the estimates of revenue and expenditure for the current year.

Another important detail of last evening's business was the placing in the estimates of a sum of \$500 to be employed in providing band concerts in Beacon Hill park during the summer months.

Tied up at Port Townsend when the steamship Walla Walla, called en route to Victoria yesterday was the steamship Mackinac whose destruction was threatened by the heavy south-easter on Thursday night.

Down on the beach at the back of Meigs' wharf, says a San Francisco dispatch, George Ebert, an old sailor, is hard at work patching up a whale boat.

ONCE MORE THE "SAN PEDRO." Captain J. P. H. Whitelaw, well known in the city, has been heard from again by a letter from the captain asking for the privilege of bringing in his wrecked outfit.

Victoria's contributions in money to the relief of the famine in India amount to \$1,080.80. The standing of the different subscription lists together with the names of the donors are as follows:

Table with columns for donor names and amounts. Includes entries like Turner, Beaton & Co. 25 00, E. W. Stewart 5 00, etc.

A SHOW of numerous specialties and comical features was the masquerade ball in A.O.U.W. hall, last evening.

NINETEEN MILLIONS.

This week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains a list of twenty new joint-stock companies incorporated within the past seven days.

Table listing various mining and development companies with their capital amounts. Includes Alberta and Kootenay Development Co., Bonita Gold Mining Co., etc.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE ON MISSIONARIES.

According to Japanese exchanges received by the steamship Empress of Japan, an attack was made on the girls' school of the American Methodist mission at Ngu Cheng in the Hok-chiang district, about fifty miles from the coast.

HOPE ENTHRONED.

The Ruthless Hand of Nature Permits Only the Survival of the Strongest. Medical Science Secures the Survival of the Fittest.

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As regards the mineral act, there is no express dissent in Kootenay for the proposed extension of the railway to the coast.

HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

Robt. Clarke, of Kettle River, is in town in connection with the incorporation of the Seattle Gold Mining Co., which is registered yesterday.

Aubrey Levy, a musician of Seattle, and an ambitious student of the University of Washington, is visiting the city with Mrs. Levy, his mother.

At the Driford is Mr. J. I. Packard, formerly of Quinlan & Packard, Eastern manager of the British Columbia Gold Fields Co.

Amongst the recent arrivals at the Driford is Mr. C. B. Murray of Toronto, Eastern manager of the British Columbia Gold Fields Co.

Mr. John Houston, of Nelson, arrived in Victoria yesterday morning, coming by way of Spokane and Seattle.

THE "AMPHION" EN ROUTE.

On Tuesday the steamer City of Kingston will resume her old route, having been three weeks in the hands of the mechanics undergoing an overhauling.

H.M.S. Amphion, commissioned in England a month or two ago to relieve the Satellite in this station, should be ready to start on her voyage on the 24th of last month.

As the result of the meeting held on the 10th proximo, the Satellite, it is understood, is awaiting the return of the steamer Victoria.

At the light that will bring a great big glow of happiness to you, if you take a few drops of this wonderful medicine, you will find it to be the best remedy for all ailments.

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And don't go to sleep or you will be the loser by it. All wide-awake people read our ads. and take advantage of the values we are giving.

Special Values for This Week: BOLLER OATS, 9 lbs. for 25c. COWHORN CREAMERY BUTTER, 30c. lb. ONTARIO PURE APPLE CIDER, 15c. bottle.

TEXADA'S WEALTH.

Prospectors Swarm All Over the Island and Daily Locate Additional Claims.

Van Anda Ore Body Proves as Big as Ever in the Lower Tunnel.

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LARGE NAVEL ORANGES, 40c. dozen.—The first ship, most from our own ranch.
OLD GATE YEAST CAKES.—FRESH DAILY.

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ering the Pacific Coast service. The ship, H.M.S. Imperieuse, is expected from Comox to-day. There are waiting her 700 tons of fuel, which will take aboard at once, not for immediate consumption, it is thought, but imply for use on the coast.

A FIVE DAY SCHEDULE

It is stated that the Pacific Coast Steamship Company is to add to their Alaska fleet the Mexico, which, starting March 23, or sooner if necessary, will run the Topeka, Alki and Mexico, running five days apart. In addition to this set there will be the Willapa, of the Alaska Steamship Company, which is known by all to be a fine steamer. In June, at the opening of the regular summer excursion business to Alaska, the Victoria Queen will begin her runs, and the Mexico will temporarily drop out, but to return to the route again as soon as the excursion business is over. The five day schedule promises now to become a permanent one.

NEW HAWAIIAN ENSIGN.

The new Hawaiian ensign adopted last spring consists of eight horizontal stripes, alternating white, red and blue, beginning at the top, having a jack cantoned in the center, and a red triangle at the point of suspension. The jack consists of a blue field charged with a compound figure of alternate tinctures white and red, the white having precedence. A narrow edge of white borders each red edge of the saltire. A red cross bordered with white is charged over all. The ensign has the appearance of the English flag.

MARINE NOTES.

The bark Alexandra, which arrived from San Francisco on yesterday, is now waiting the return of the tug Lorne to take her to Moodyville, where she loads for Western Australia.

BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD.

The annual meeting of the grand council of the Royal Templars of Temperance, to be held on Monday, the 15th instant, promises to be the most interesting gathering the order has ever enjoyed in this province. Mr. W. W. Buchanan, of Hamilton, Ontario, president of the Templar, will be the guest of the local council, and will take a prominent part in the proceedings. His address will be delivered at a lecture entitled "The evening with Esop." The address comprises modern fables, illustrated by Buchanan's command of the pen, and is unique in its character, and has been delivered with great success in the principal cities of Eastern Canada. Mr. Buchanan will no doubt meet with a warm reception, being well known to many Victorians.

About sixty couples attended the annual social and dance given by Sanich L.L. No. 1097, in the Agricultural Hall at Saanichton, on Saturday. The dancing included many visitors from the city who went out by a special train at half past seven at 8 o'clock and returned at 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning. The dancers were provided with splendid music and an excellent supper was served. Quite a number of tickets have been sold for the dance held here on the 22nd inst., and preparations have been completed for a very successful evening. Richardson's orchestra will be in attendance.

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on my lips, with wondrous, wondrous
white
here fell a kiss. One instant's space it
lay
as a rose-fell that the West-winds
fry.
and then my eyes awoke to dazzled night,
a warmth, the tender impact, and the
thrill
of my lips, and the calm pulse of
Sleep
waked and quivered quick in soft sur-
prise
on that day forward knew I Love!
and still
day I search and nightly vigil keep
her revealed to me in such strange
way.
of the late H. C. Bunner, in the Feb-
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The last meeting of these rival clubs having resulted in such a close contest a good game was looked for, and the many admirers of the game who were present were not disappointed.

Nanaimo was at once forced to touch down in self-defence, and the ball was then brought out to their twenty-five line and again put in play. The Nanaimo forwards showed some of their old formidable play, and by overpowering resistance forced the visitors twice to touch down. Victoria was shortly after upon two occasions awarded free kicks for off-side on the part of their opponents, but nothing was gained by the penalties, the ball being promptly returned by Dempster, the Nanaimo full-back, who, by a very young player, showed remarkable steadiness, and won repeated applause from the spectators.

After about ten minutes' play, Bamford scored the first try for the Hornets from a pass by Quins, but no goal was scored, and this was very shortly followed by another obtained by Woodburn, and at half time the Hornets had scored six points to their opponents nil.

After the usual breathing spell play was resumed and the Victorians began to warm up, for a time pressed their opponents hard, and Pettifore scoring the first goal for Nanaimo's touch line might have scored had he not passed to Wilson. The latter crossed the line, but the referee judged the pass to be forward throw, and a scrimmage was formed five yards from the touch line. Bamford relieved his team from their dangerous position and the ball was carried down to Victoria's twenty-five, where by good combination between Bamford, Quins and Marshall, the latter scored again for Nanaimo, the kick being taken by Quins who was this time successful.

After more tries which were obtained by Stuart, Marshall and Webster in the order named were added to Nanaimo's score, and the friends of the Victoria were again in the van. The latter "white" was fated not to score at all, but just before time was called Gamble managed to score Nanaimo's line and the ball was converted by Falconer into a goal, the match therefore resulting in a win for the Hornets 20 points to 5. The Nanaimo forwards are a formidable set, and the success of their team was undoubtedly due to their superior weight and work in the scrum. The ground was, with the exception of some unevenness of the surface, in splendid condition, and the Colonists' special correspondent takes exception with the remark of "Place Kick" that the ground in question militates against a good game. It is perfectly drained, and as a football field is something of which any city might well be proud.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Y. M. C. A. VS. "BARRECKS."
The return match between these clubs was played yesterday at Beacon Hill, resulting in a win for the Barrecks on the score of 3 to 2. In the first half, the Y.M.C.A., playing down the field and with the wind, present their opponents closely, having rather the best of the play, and Stewart and Gadaby relieving well, although several corners were made. The B.M.C. got the first goal, but shortly afterwards Berkeley scored for the Y.M.C.A. after some good combination work. On changing ends the Barrecks scored two goals. The Y.M.C.A. goal; Hall, put in several good shots, but Lorimer saved well, and the Barrecks scored two more goals. Hall had a close shot on the Barrecks' goal, but it was stopped by Lyons. For the winning team, Gadaby, Stewart and Hall rendered valued services, and Townsend and Rann at half-back. Berkeley, notwithstanding his having received a kick on the face in the beginning of the game, played a splendid game, as did Noot, who played with him, and Scott and Johnson at back. Lorimer R. also distinguished himself in goal, and L. York on left wing.

BOYS' BERGADALE WINNERS.

The second Victoria company, Boys' Brigade, Football Club defeated the White Flyers yesterday afternoon after a very exciting game, 3 to 0. The brigade show great improvement since their last match.

GOLF.

The result of the golf match yesterday afternoon between a team from the barrecks under the leadership of Lt.-Col. Peters and one from Oak Bay, captained by Major Jones, is as follows:
Capt. Poole Even.
Mr. Oliver 1.
Col. Peters 1.
Mr. Worsfold 1.
Dr. Bell 3.
Mr. Layton 3.
Major Jones 4.
Gr. Garriolous 4.
Mr. Van Milligan 2.
Mr. Frain 2.
Mr. Coombe 2.
Br. Fletcher 2.

CURLING.

THE WINNERS BONSPIEL.
WINNIPEG, Feb. 13.—The games in the Winnipeg curling bonspiel will be concluded on Monday. Today's work was most exciting. F. L. Patton's rink of Winnipeg Asiniboines won the grand challenge, defeating the rink of the Winnipeg Thistles, second; Pithado of the Winnipeg Granite, third; and McCaffrey, of Neepawa, fourth. The

THE DEADLY CLOSURE.

Will Be Applied in the Education Bill Debate—The Testators' Jubilee.

CHESSE AND PACIFIC CLUBS.
A whist match between the players of the Victoria Chess club and those of the Pacific club has been arranged for Tuesday evening of this week. The club members of the former association is now adorned with a handsome group picture of the players who represented Victoria in the recent contest with San Francisco.

The last number of the British Chess Magazine contains an extended obituary of the late W. H. K. Pollock, chess champion of Canada—a strong and brilliant player, whose demise leaves Mr. Thomas H. Pipe of this city as the strongest player of the Dominion.

THE CHALLENGER ACCEPTED.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Mr. J. A. Murray of this city has accepted W. H. West's challenge to wrestle for the championship of the Pacific Coast. Mr. Murray will sign articles for a stake of either \$500 or \$1,000 and weigh in at 155 pounds or over.

BERT SCRIVER.

Arrested at the Queen's Hotel Yesterday After a Long, Stern Chase.

Now On His Way to Rossland Where He Will Be Tried for Forgery.

Bert Scriver, a slippery fish for whom the provincial police have been quietly angling for a month back, was neatly landed yesterday, and by last night's boat was sent up to Rossland to answer a charge of forgery. He was first reported at one place and then at another, and while Superintendent Hussey has repeatedly had men on the trail and even sent a constable over the Sound to hunt for him, somehow or other Scriver disappeared always before he could be arrested. On Friday night, however, it was reported that he was in town, and inquiries were set on foot as to his whereabouts. Sergeant Langley yesterday ascertained that a man answering his description was staying at one of the city hotels under the name of Foster, and without ado arrested him. For a short time Scriver stoutly maintained that his name was Foster, but when he found the bluff would not work, acknowledged himself to be Bert Scriver, who was living at Rossland during the early part of the winter was paid on December 15, by a check signed by James Goetzke, of the Bank of Montreal, Rossland. When Goetzke had his balance made up at the bank in the early part of January he found charged against him a second check in favor of Bert Scriver for \$250. This latter check Goetzke pronounced to be a forgery and so informed the police.

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