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## THIRTEEN BODIES FROM DARR MINE

### Work of Explorers Made Ex- tremely Dangerous by Black Damp

## SEVERAL MEN OVERCOME

### Relations of Dead Miners Con- gregate About Mine in Greater Numbers

Jacobs Creek, Dec. 21.—But thirteen bodies had been recovered from the Darr mine when darkness came, and the hope of reaching them before tomorrow was abandoned.

The rescue work progressed steadily and systematically all day, but was slow on account of a great accumulation of gas, which necessitated more caution in the work of exploration of the mine. The mine has been penetrated about one thousand feet, but the slope is an old one, and the workings are nearly three miles from the surface.

In their endeavor to reach the victims several members of the rescuing party were seriously overcome late today by black damp. Their condition became so grave that physicians were rushed into the mine to render medical aid. Later the sick rescuers were brought to the surface and taken to their homes.

The scenes about the mines were of a more pathetic nature today. Apparently a full realization of the calamity had finally come to the relatives and the residents of the surrounding vicinity. Greater numbers congregated about the ill-fated mine and gave way to their feelings.

The thirteen bodies thus far recovered have been identified and buried tomorrow. All are badly mutilated, and identification was had only through clothing. The legs of another victim are at the temporary morgue, but up to late tonight the rest of the man's body had not been found.

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## DRUCE MYSTERY TAKES NEW TURN

### Caldwell, the American Wit- ness, Arrested on Arrival at New York

## IS CHARGED WITH PERJURY

### British Authorities Take Pro- ceedings Towards His Extradition

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Robert Caldwell, the American witness in the famous Druce case, in London, was arrested at Hoboken, N. J., after the arrival of the steamer Kaiserin Victoria today, at the request of the British authorities.

Caldwell is charged with perjury. Caldwell testified on November 8 at the Druce trial that he knew the Duke of Portland, both as the Duke and as T. C. Druce at Welbeck Abbey and at the Baker street bazaar. He added that he had treated the Duke at both places for a disorder of the nose. He further testified that in London he had treated the Duke at the Baker street bazaar, and that the Duke had arranged the mock funeral of Druce, and that the coffin was filled with alleged incidents in the life of the Duke of Portland, tending to show a dual life, and that he had received presents from the Duke aggregating \$50,000, besides a fee of \$200,000 for medical services. At the hearing of the case on December 13, the prosecution announced that it could not rely on the evidence of Caldwell, and on the following day it was discovered that Caldwell had suddenly left London. A warrant was issued for his extradition.

Caldwell had a somewhat similar experience in this country in the case of A. T. Stewart, the dry goods merchant, whose secretary he was. He declared that Stewart's house was destroyed and another substituted, that the body was stolen from the graveyard and buried in the cellar of the Stewart residence, and that he had found the man who was torn down several years ago. No action was taken against Caldwell in the Stewart case.

Washington, Dec. 21.—At the British embassy it was said that steps would be taken promptly to secure Caldwell's extradition, but because of legal requirements to be met it will be some days before this can be arranged. The preliminary steps in that direction will be taken by the British consul in New York to be followed by the consul in Washington, who will apply to the state department for formal extradition papers. It was at the request of the British consulate at New York, acting on instructions from London direct, that the initial steps were taken to have Caldwell detained.

Prince Albert Debentures.—The sale of \$100,000 of city debentures to the Imperial Bank was concluded today.

Goos to Porto Rico.—Toronto, Dec. 20.—C. A. Jelly, C. P. R. dispatcher, has resigned to go to the Porto Rico Railway under Capt. Wm. Mullins.

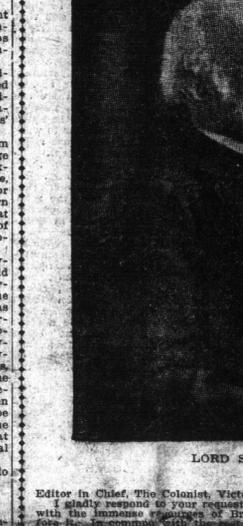
Labelle Election.—Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Capt. H. H. Cameron has retired from the contest as an electoral candidate for Labelle, leaving only C. B. Major as the definite candidate at present. The probabilities are still unknown in the constituency, though the nominations are on Monday. It is still thought that Mr. Bourassa may run.

Fatal Gun Accident.—Whitewood, Sask., Dec. 20.—Toussaint Louvel, a young man, lately arrived from France, met with a fatal accident here yesterday. He was drawing a loaded gun out of a sleigh by the muzzle when the trigger caught. Louvel received the charge in his body. The young man, who was only 17 years of age, lived only half an hour after the accident.

Boy Stole Diamonds.—New York, Dec. 20.—A seventeen year old boy, the confessed thief according to the police, of the \$2,000 package of jewelry stolen from the United States Express company last week, was arrested in Jersey city today, after trying to dispose of the entire collection for three dollars. The prisoner was a helper on one of the express company's wagons in Jersey City. His wagon carried the valuable package, which he put in his pocket.

Diamond Market Weak.—London, Dec. 20.—The deferred dividend of the DeBeers Consolidated Mines, limited, the diamond syndicate, was passed today owing to the unfavorable outlook in the diamond trade, which has demoralized the market. The company has decided that it is necessary to strengthen its reserves in order to maintain prices, and a telegram received here today from Kimberley says work in the diamond mines would be curtailed one-half.

Government of Ireland.—London, Dec. 20.—Herbert Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, speaking at Aberdeen last night, and Sir Edward Carson, speaking at Belfast, Foreign Affairs, speaking at Berwick. Declared that Mr. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in attempting to govern Ireland without recourse to coercion, had shown approval and sympathy of every member of the cabinet.



LORD STRATHCONA.

Editor in Chief, The Colonist, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20, 1907.

With sincere pleasure I take advantage of your kind invitation to send forth a Christmas message in this interesting and timely issue of the Colonist.

Where can be found people who have more cause for rejoicing at this universal holiday time than those of British Columbia?

Steady progress, substantial development, a better knowledge spread abroad of the advantages of the Province, and high hopes for the future combine to set aglow the warmth of Christmas feelings, and warrant us in looking forward with confidence to the realization of the splendid destiny that awaits this favored land.

It is good to think that we are doing our part in building up the Dominion and strengthening the great Empire of which we form a part; and remembering these things and looking forward to still greater results, let me express to the people of British Columbia and to our brother Canadians in the other Provinces the good old greeting "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

RICHARD M'BRIDE.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21, 1907.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, across great provinces, each endowed with the resources of an empire, across far spreading prairies and through stiant mountains, crowded with the snows of eternity, fly the messages of peace and good will from kinsman to kinsman, from family to family, from friend to friend at this Christmas time.

## FROZEN TO DEATH IN SIGHT OF CROWD

### Young Man Slowly Overcome by Icy Water While Many Watched

Providence, R. I., Dec. 21.—In full view of 200 people, who were powerless to extend aid, Alfred Jackson, aged 22, a Providence clerk, was a victim of death while standing on a rock under the falls of Pawtucket river, in Pawtucket late this afternoon.

Jackson, with two companions, L. P. Mathewson, aged 19, of East Providence, and Jackson's brother, Arthur, aged 20, were seen to stand on a rock under the falls of Pawtucket river, in Pawtucket late this afternoon.

The canoe drifted too near the falls and was carried over. All the occupants were thrown into the water. Alfred Jackson was able to reach a rock half submerged at the foot of the falls, and managed to grasp his brother. Finally a person on shore threw life lines and rescued Arthur Jackson and Mathewson, who had floated down stream. Alfred Jackson, in the meanwhile, remained standing up to his waist in water close under the falls, and when the would-be rescuers threw a line to him, expecting to pull him to a place of safety, they found they were unable to move him. In the roar of the cataract his shouts could not be heard, but it was evident that one of his legs had become caught under a rock or some other object under water.

Several ineffectual attempts were made to rescue him in the next half hour. Jackson assisting until cold rendered him unconscious, or at least helpless.

Dr. Clinton Wescott, and Adelar Boldt attempted to reach the perishing lad, and almost lost their lives by a boat upsetting. Nothing further was done until the large crowds on a bridge nearby, were forced to stand idle and see Jackson freeze to death.

Whiskey Dividend Reduced.—New York, Dec. 20.—The directors of the Distillers' Securities Corporation today declared a quarterly dividend of but a half per cent., a reduction of one per cent. from the last quarter. Contract of trade caused by the inability to obtain currency to pay revenue taxes are the reasons made public for the dividend reduction.

Telegraph Companies' Case.—New York, Dec. 20.—A motion made by the Western Union and Postal companies to vacate an order obtained last June by Attorney-General Jackson, looking to the commencement of a suit to dissolve these companies was granted by Supreme Court Justice Hendrick today. The order provided for the examination of Clarence H. Mackay and other officials and directors of both companies.

Took Carbonic Acid.—Toronto, Dec. 20.—Mamie Pepper, aged 27, waitress at the Occidental hotel Toronto Junction, succumbed by drinking carbonic acid today.

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Washington, Dec

# Hams for Christmas

You wouldn't think the joyous festival complete without the rice, luscious, tasty Ham, Prime Hams await your selection here.

- CHRISTMAS TURKEYS, per Pound, 25c**
- Sugar Cured Ham, per lb. . . . . 22c
  - Picnic Ham, per lb. . . . . 15c
  - Christie's Plum Pudding, 1-lb. tin . . . . . 25c
  - French Grape Wine, non-alcoholic, per bottle . . . . . 75c

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  - FLOWING END SCARFS**—A handsome range, from . . . . . 75c to \$2.00
  - PIM'S IRISH POPLIN TIES**, a specialty.
  - DRESS SCARFS**—Rich black silk, lined with all shades, from \$1.50 to . . . . . \$2.75
  - MUFFLERS**—Excellent quality cashmere, at . . . . . 50c and 75c
  - SLK MUFFLERS**, from . . . . . \$1.00 to \$3.50
  - HANDKERCHIEFS**—Fine quality linen, hemstitched at 25c, 35c and 50c.
  - IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS**—Grand quality with embroidered initial, each . . . . . 50c
  - SILK HANDKERCHIEFS**, with embroidered initial. Regular price 75c. Special, each . . . . . 50c
  - GLOVES**—Lined and unlined, Dent's, Perrin's and other famous makes. Special, from per pair . . . . . \$1.00
  - BOY'S GLOVES**—All sizes, per pair, special . . . . . 60c and 75c
  - SUSPENDERS**—In handsome boxes—famous "Knothe" Weave brand, from . . . . . 75c to \$2.50
  - FANCY HOSE**—For dress wear, from . . . . . \$2.50 to \$1.00
  - FANCY WEBS**—Knitted and others, combining greatest comfort and most exclusive style, from . . . . . \$2.50 to \$5.50
  - HOUSE AND SMOKING COATS**—In green, red, blue, brown, gray, etc., very newest styles and trimmings, from . . . . . \$5.00 to \$12.00
  - DRESSING GOWNS**—In all the popular shades and styles, oriental and other designs, from . . . . . \$8.00 to \$20.00
  - BATH ROBES**—A wide choice, all the newest ideas, from . . . . . \$5.00
  - LADIES' MOTOR SCARFS**—Nice, high class gifts, pure heavy silk, all shades, champagne, etc. in boxes, each . . . . . \$4.50
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## MAY PUT FOG-ALARM ON KELLETT-BLUFF

U. S. Government May Establish Aid Capt. J. W. Troup Recommends Its Establishment

The United States lighthouse board may establish a fog alarm station on Kellett bluff at the southeast of Henry Island, near San Juan, where the steamer Indra, of T. B. Royden & Co., now being repaired by the British Columbia Marine Railway company, struck during fog in November, when inbound from Moji for Vancouver, and where, seventeen years ago H.M.S. Amphion struck and "made a historic trip back to Esquimalt."

Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the C.P.R. coast steamship service, whose steamers pass Kellett bluff daily, who is also a member of the Dominion lighthouse board, has been urging the establishment of a fog alarm station at the bluff for some time. Other communications have also been received by the United States lighthouse board at Washington and the matter is now being considered. In case the lighthouse board reports favorably upon the project it will be recommended to congress and a bill will then be introduced by the district representatives authorizing an appropriation for the work.

Kellett bluff is the nearest land to the boundary line in the Gulf of Georgia and steamers pass within a short distance of it. When the steamer Indravell was bound to Vancouver she collided with the face of the bluff which rises clear out of the water, but which, owing to fog, could not be seen from the steamer's bridge, even when the vessel was pressed close against it. On the occasion of the Amphion's accident she was carrying Lord and Lady Stanley to Vancouver. The well known Esquimalt hotelman, John Day, was steward of the cruiser. It seems an altercation had arisen as to which of the stewards, the Stanley household should take precedence in the ward-room, and the Amphion's captain had been called from the bridge to settle the dispute when the vessel struck against Kellett bluff. Collision marks were put over and after some figuring it was decided to hurry back to Esquimalt. The vessel, whose iron hull was crumpled up like a closed concertina—a piece of it now being in the provincial museum, reached the dock just in time to prevent foundering.

That a fog alarm at Kellett bluff would be extremely useful local mariners are unanimous. It is to the bluff

that the steamers bound north through the Gulf of Georgia steer after round-bay Discovery Island.

Not a Passenger. Halifax, Dec. 20.—The Empress of Ireland arrived last night. Hon. Clifford Sifton was booked to come by her, but was not among the passengers.

## UNITED STATES CROPS

Enormous Value of Grain Harvested By the Farmers in the Season Just Past

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The Department of Agriculture today issued a report giving final estimates of acreage, production and value of farm crops, showing the winter wheat acreage to be 23,320,000; production, 409,442,000 bushels; value per bushel, 88.2 cents. Spring wheat acreage, 17,079,000; production, 224,648,000; value, 48 cents. Corn acreage, 99,810,000; production, 2,592,320,000; value, 51.7 cents. Oats acreage, 31,870,000; production, 754,443,000; value, 44.2 cents. The average weight per bushel is shown by the reports received by the department to be 56.9 pounds for spring wheat, 58.9 pounds for winter wheat. It was announced that the value of the farm products of 1907 covered in today's report was \$484,000,000, an increase of \$428,000,000 over 1906. The farm value on December 1 of the four crops already mentioned follows: Corn, \$134,446,000; winter wheat, \$361,217,000; spring wheat, \$193,220,000; oats, \$284,988,000.

**A Question of Names.**  
On one occasion a bishop who prided himself on never forgetting either the name or face of any clergyman in his diocese, happened to be traveling somewhere by rail, when, at a certain station, a clergyman got into the same carriage in which the bishop was. The bishop recognized the man's face, but could not remember his name, and not wishing to acknowledge a forgetfulness, leaned forward, and with a charming smile, said: "Excuse me for forgetting, but how do you spell your name?"  
"Fun-d-a, my lord," was the reply— Illustrated Bits.

**Story With a Moral.**  
A recent number of "Simplissimus" tells this story with a moral: The Union Bank of St. Petersburg has its own police service. One night the watchman, who was a police officer, was trustworthy. He concluded to make a trial. He disguised himself and rushed, pistol in hand, into the bank vault. The police were good for nothing. They looked on. The director of the bank pocketed 2,000,000 rubles and carried them away. Since then no one has seen the director.

## GOOD OPENING FOR TRADE WITH MEXICO

General Manager of British Coast Steamship Co. Tells of Trip

Joseph K. Smith, general manager of the British Coast Steamship company, arrived in Victoria yesterday after a trip to Mexico on the company's chartered steamer the Transit, which is now at Tacoma loading a full cargo of railway ties for the return voyage to Mexico. Mr. Smith succeeded in making several important freight contracts while in the south and looks to see a large trade built up between the southern republic and British Columbia and Puget sound ports. He found the financial condition in Mexico unaffected by the stringency which is at present so severely felt in the United States.

The Transit brought north a full cargo of hard salt from the famous Carmen Island and Mexican oranges. These oranges, Mr. Smith says, are superior to California oranges, which at this time of the year are scarce. Mr. Smith made a contract with Mexican orange growers to bring north 20,000 cases of this fruit, equally 1,000 tons in weight, for transshipment at Vancouver for eastern Canadian points. Mexican oranges have quite a market in eastern Canada, but heretofore they have been shipped by rail through the United States to Toronto. This has naturally proved very costly, the freight charges, due to the goods having to pass over so many zones, almost prohibiting trade. The cost by the water route will be much less and will mean an increased profit for the producer and at the same time reduced prices for the consumer.

While in Mexico, Mr. Smith leased for a term of years a salt island off Mazatlan, which is said to contain as much salt as the famous Salinas on Carmen Island. The company has arranged to bring north 100,000 tons of salt to Puget sound and British Columbia ports for the spring trade. A large portion of this has already been sold to Puget sound merchants with the Transit. Puget sound merchants say, according to Mr. Smith, that it was the best ever delivered to them.

During his trip Mr. Smith also made a number of lumber contracts for the British Coast Steamship company, and also secured orders for several cargoes of coal. The Transit is now loading a full cargo of Tacoma lumber for the Canoa-Yagu railway which connects with the interior Mexican lines and on her return will bring a full cargo, consisting of salt, from the island which Mr. Smith leased during his trip, and a large consignment of oranges.

In addition he made arrangements with the Mexican Coastwise Steamship company for the transit of goods from Victoria, Vancouver and Puget sound ports to Salina Cruz and Panama. This Mr. Smith says, means that the Mexican company will furnish the British Coast company with large shipments of tropical products, for northbound use of the latter's vessel.

Mr. Smith is very well pleased with the showing of his business during his recent trip. He is, he says, admirably fitted for the fruit trade, her speed being an important factor in this connection. She made the trip north from Guaymas to the sound, a distance of 2,500 miles, in 9 days and 6 hours, which is considered remarkably good time.

In regard to Mexican trade possibilities, Mr. Smith said that no one who had never visited Mexico could realize the opportunities that that field offered. There was a large and increasing demand for goods such as Canada could supply. Mexico consumed every conceivable kind of modern staples and supplies, including canned goods of every description and furniture and hardware, such as is general use in this country. At present almost all goods of this kind shipped into Mexico through her Pacific ports are bought in San Francisco. He said that the merchants are desirous of curtailing their San Francisco orders and transferring their trade to British Columbia and Puget sound centres.

In regard to financial conditions in Mexico, Mr. Smith said that business men there were at a loss to understand why Mexican dollars were worth only 48 cents in the United States under existing financial conditions in the latter country. They say that San Francisco merchants are trying to do a case in advance business with them at present, asking as a concession that money be remitted to them before goods leave their warehouses. He said, Mr. Smith says, no financial depression or stringency in Mexico so far as the domestic monetary situation was concerned.

## PLANS READY FOR FISHERIES CRUISER

R. L. Newman Completes Designs for Proposed Government Steamer

Plans for the new fishery protection cruiser to be built for the fisheries protection service of the Dominion government, have been completed by R. L. Newman, the local designer and engineer, who returned a few days ago from England and Scotland, where he went on a mission for the government with regard to the construction of a steamer for the lighthouse service of the marine department, and to overlook the construction of a steam yacht for the lieutenant-governor.

The appropriation for the proposed patrol cruiser intended for use in protecting the northern halibut grounds, was made a year ago when \$250,000 was voted for this purpose. Efforts are being made to have the invitation for tenders for the construction of the vessel confined to Canada, which is in service on the Atlantic coast.

**Attempted Suicide.**  
St. John, N. B., Dec. 20.—Andrew Johansen, a Swede, attempted suicide Monday night, during a storm by cutting his throat. He will likely recover. He was on his way to visit a son in Winnipeg.

## FEARS OUTBREAK OF STRIKING MINERS

The Governor of Nevada Gives Reasons for His Call for Troops

Reno, Nev., Dec. 21.—From his bed today, Governor Sparks, who is very sick, made a statement explaining his action in asking President Roosevelt to send troops to Goldfield. "Throughout this whole controversy I have acted according to my best judgment. I believed from advices received from confidential agents that Goldfield that trouble was imminent in the mining camps. I knew that the picketing of mines and preventing men from working was damaging property. I was also advised that the sheriff and other civil authorities were unable to cope with the situation. And this is why I asked for troops. I believed that so long as there were no soldiers on the ground there would be no outbreak, but I feared, and had reason to fear, that unless such action was taken immediately there would be riot and bloodshed."

While I was in Goldfield I investigated personally the conditions that prevailed. I found that the business men were afraid of violence and that the women were in terror. Dozens of women have left the camp because they feared trouble. I found that there was organized a band of "High-Graders" and that the sheriff is absolutely unable to secure a conviction of any ore thieves. I learned that there are over thousands of rifles in the possession of the miners, and that the spirit of many of the men is such as to warrant me in believing that those rifles would be used on small protest.

"While General Funston was here I conferred with him frequently. He told me that it was his opinion that the troops had arrived not too soon. He practically stated that a portion of the troops would remain in Goldfield until winter had passed. "President Roosevelt has evidently acted upon the advice of the commission which he sent to investigate. They were there a short time, and their investigations were perforce much more incomplete than those conducted by General Funston. I believe the President has made a serious mistake. I hope that no blood will stain the hills of Goldfield, but I fear before many days have passed some violent outbreak will prove the undoing of his act."

"I have given no thought to issuing a special call for the legislature. If I thought I could accomplish anything by so doing I would not hesitate a second. I shall do all in my power to maintain order, however."

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 21.—The communication from the Mine Owners' association or the civic body of Goldfield has gone to the President regarding the situation of his act. However, I must fall on the mine owners, whose executive committee met this afternoon to hear the details. President Roosevelt, in his association, is in favor of abandoning the mines for a year to starve out the strikers.

The members of President Roosevelt's commission left today for Los Angeles, whence they will proceed to Washington.

## TAKE UP CHARGES AGAINST HOTELS

Manitoba Government to Inquire Into Statements Made in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—In consequence of reports that in certain hotels in the city liquor has been "doped" and men clobbered while under the influence of "knock-out drops" it was learned today that the provincial government has decided to take action, which will have the tendency to remove all dangers in future. It is understood from enquiries made that competent officers of the government have considered the license of the hotel is cancelled at once.

It is said that the government so far as to get at the bartender. The bartender has practically decided to introduce a measure during the next session of the house, providing for the licensing of all bartenders in the province.

The new law will require all bartenders to be properly licensed and guaranteed as to character. A bartender without a license will not be allowed to be employed in Manitoba. It is thought that such a measure will keep out a number of the undesirable class. It is said three drops of "doped" liquor is sufficient to put a man out of business for some hours.

Two meetings were held by the executive of the licensed hotelkeepers' association of Manitoba. At each of these the charges of administering "knock-out drops," made at a recent board of control conference, were considered. It was the feeling of the meeting that the charges should be investigated and a punishment meted out if adequate proof could be obtained. Both Mayor Ashdown and Mrs. Margaret Scott have been requested to furnish the association with full details of any cases of disreputable practices that have come under their notice, and on receipt of them the association will ask the government to take the matter up. Should no definite charges be forthcoming, the association will take steps of its own to find out what truth is behind the allegations.

**A Baby Smothered.**  
Lipton, Sask., Dec. 20.—A deaf and dumb couple, residents here, were plunged in grief over a most distressing occurrence. They awoke in the morning to find that their infant child had been smothered during the night in some manner. Both parents being deaf and dumb, any idea by the little victim could not arouse them.

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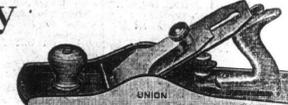
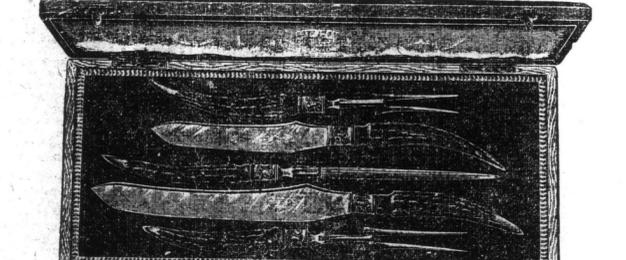
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OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The Colonist presents to its readers this morning Christmas greetings from Lord Strathcona, Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party of Canada and Mr. Richard McBride Premier of British Columbia.

Lord Strathcona has compressed a great deal into a few lines of his message. He tells us of the pleasure it gives him to send a message to the people of British Columbia, he speaks of the boundless resources of our province and its magnificent destiny; he shows his appreciation of the grants of the province which we are confronted in this province, and expresses confidence that we will not appreciate the situation.

Mr. Borden's message is very inspiring in its language and sentiment. His appreciation of the greatness of our country has been undoubtedly strengthened by the opportunities for observation which he enjoyed during his recent tour. He pleads for a united Canada, for one in which there shall be no east or west in thought and aspirations.

Mr. McBride speaks in much the same tone as Mr. Borden. He is full of pride in what British Columbia has accomplished in the past, and of confidence in the future which he holds forth. He evidently feels the inspiration of the splendid place which his native province has come to occupy in the eyes of the world.

A TERCENTENARY.

In 1608 Champlain founded Quebec, and it is proposed that the tercentenary of that date shall be fittingly observed. The credit of the suggestion is due to Lord Grey, the Governor-General. This was not the first colony established in what is now Canada.

LITERARY TASTE

It is pleasing to learn on unquestioned authority that the demand for immoral fiction is growing less year by year, so much so that it is said that thousands of novels of wholesome life are sold where only hundreds of the other class find purchasers.

There came about a marked revolution in these things about fifteen years ago, when a new lot of romantic novels were written. They were always tolerably ridiculous in their absurd exaggerations. The hero was a melodramatic chap, whose stout sword was more than a match for the weapons of a score of ignoble varlets.

heavy novel "with a purpose," with which readers had been surprised. The same healthy change is noticeable on the stage. Plays which depend for their point upon indecently witty veiled, if covered at all, have become unpopular. Audiences demand wholesomeness, and, of course, what they ask they get.

IMPORTANT BUT UNSATISFACTORY

The Dominion government referred a certain case to the Supreme Court of Canada for a decision as to the right of companies holding provincial charters to do business outside their province in which the charters are granted. The important character of the question will be at once apparent when we reflect that there are thousands of companies, representing millions of dollars of capital, whose right to do an extra-provincial business is involved.

PROVINCIALISM

Burns has told us that it is a good thing sometimes to see ourselves as the world sees us, and that he has read in an English paper that Canadians are inclined to be provincial in their way of looking at things. It is just as well to mention it, for, however well or ill qualified our critic may be to express his opinion on such a subject, it is interesting to know that some one thinks so. Provincialism is a charge laid on many people, and it is often said in the Western States that the people of the most provincial city in North America are the Canadians.

THE SHIPPING LAW

An amendment is proposed to the Canadian Shipping act, which reads as follows: Paragraph (f) of section 72 of the Canada Shipping act is repealed and the following paragraph is substituted therefor: "(f) coasting voyage means a voyage between Canada and Newfoundland or St. Pierre or Miquelon or a port or place on the eastern coast of the United States of America, or Mexico or Central America, or in the West Indies or the Caribbean Sea, or South America, not further south than Rio de Janeiro; and also means a voyage between any port or place on the western coast of Canada and any other port or place on such coast or on the western coast of the United States of America, not further south than the harbor of Portland in the State of Oregon, and not further north than Cape Spencer in the Territory of Alaska, or any inlet or bay having its entrance on the eastern side of the said cape."

We print this for the information of shipping men in Victoria, who doubtless have some interest in the matter. The Bill is not a government measure and if there is anything in this or the other proposed amendments, which call for consideration, the proper course would be to advise Mr. Templeman respecting them. The other proposed changes are the substitution of the words "three hundred" in place of "one hundred" in the first line of section 96; of "three hundred" in place of "two hundred" in the first

of self-respect we sometimes overdo the matter. At any rate, if we would give due weight to this factor in determining our attitude towards each other, we should bear in mind that the part of Englishmen that Canadians are provincial and less on the part of Canadians that Englishmen "put on too much side."

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

The Vancouver World favors us with a lengthy criticism of an article on responsible government, which appeared in the Colonist of the 15th inst. We had not intended to pursue the question any further at the present time, but so courteous a criticism as that of the World can hardly be passed over without some observations. Our contemporary disputes our proposition that the Parliament of the United Kingdom can dismiss the King, and it cites freely from the King's speech, which is interesting and can hardly fail to be beneficial. While many people may regret that the matter is not a large part of the community, aside from the news of the day, it is as yet not very nourishing. It is surprising to know that it is not unwholesome.

Some Socialists addressed a public meeting in Seattle. They were arrested, sentenced to a term of imprisonment and ordered to work in the mines. They refused. Then they were put in a place called the "black hole," and they were treated in a most inhuman way. What a lovely thing it must be to live in a country where "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." In this land of ours, where we have liberty as a matter of course, such a performance as that just recorded seems astounding.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

During the past five years the government of Canada has spent over a hundred and eighty-three million dollars. The proper course to be followed is that it has eaten up sixty millions of the people's savings entrusted to it, and that it has spent the rest of the money in a most wasteful manner. Let us suppose a case in which there can be no doubt whatever as to the efficacy of a course of action. The Premier of Canada is advised by the Colonial office through the Governor-General that the British government has decided upon a certain line of action as an essential part of British policy, and the Premier is asked to give the views of the Premier. Ought the Premier in such a case to resign, or should he justify his opinion in the acceptance of the Imperial policy in preference to his own views? Manifestly such a question cannot be definitely answered until the facts of the case are known. We do not say that there is a close parallel between a case and that of the Bowser Bill, but the principal involved in each is the same.

Let Us Have Peace.

The Philadelphia Record says that 11 killed and 95 injured. Last year also 11 were killed, but the number of injured amounted to 103. In 1905 the killed numbered 31 and the injured 137. The Record thinks that if the killing and the injured were stopped, the attraction to both player and looker on—Hunt Times.

Curious Lake Phenomena

One of the curiosities of Switzerland is Lake Morat, which turns blood red every tenth year. For centuries this freak was regarded by the Swiss with superstitious dread, and not until the late 1800s did the attention of the matter to the fact that the water is not so much red as it is brown, and that the color is due to the presence of iron in the water.

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line of section 97; and of "five hundred" in place of "one hundred" in the second line of section 98. It is also proposed to amend subsection 1 of section 97, to read as follows: "(g) Ships making or entering a harbor for refuge."

President Roosevelt does not want the people of the United States to call Admiral "Evans" fleet "a great armada." He says what happens to the other great armada is altogether too suggestive.

Ripe raspberries, from ten to twenty on each branch and all well-formed, large and luscious in Victoria's terminal to the character of the Winter Solstice. These berries were picked yesterday, that is on the morning of the year, in Mr. James Mallet's garden, 630 Superior street, this city.

That must be a dainty piece of litigation now proceeding in Berlin, seeing that the details are too delicate for the public ear. They manage such things better in Russia. There if an editor has the hardihood to reflect upon the Emperor, he is liable to be sent where his creditors cannot trouble him.

The debate on the Oriental question in the House of Commons has been adjourned over the Christmas holidays. It may be mentioned that it will become general, so far only some of the British Columbia members have been invited to attend. We think that it will prove the most important discussion of the session.

Apologies of the suggestion that the Dominion government should establish and maintain a small squadron on the Pacific coast, it may be mentioned that the government of Australia proposes to purchase three submarines and two destroyers, to be ready for service in three years. These vessels will be independent of the Royal Navy. It is also proposed that all youths in Australia should be obliged to do military training for sixteen days each year for three years.

Senator Ellis thinks that the way to settle the matter is to let the voters elect by the people; Senator McMullen agrees with him. We have generally suspected that with the good sense of the people, they would be elected. Senator Perley says he thinks that the Governor-General should be obliged to do military training for sixteen days each year for three years.

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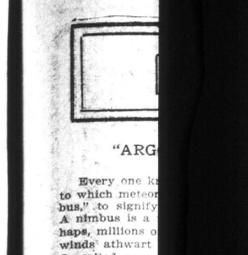
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MOANA ARRIVES FROM SOUTH SEAS

Canadian-Australian Liner Reached Port Yesterday From the Antipodes

ROUGH WEATHER OFF CAPE

Bumped Quarantine Steamer Notable Travelers Among Passengers

(From Friday's Daily.) After encountering heavy weather...

HANDLING DAMAGES FREIGHT IN TRANSIT

F. A. Pauline Says Reversion To Old System Would Be Injurious to Victoria

The announcement of the possibility that the Canadian Pacific railway may...

PRINCESS MAY BACK FROM LYNN CANAL

Brought Eighty Passengers From Skagway and Way Ports—Rough Trip Across Sound

(From Saturday's Daily.) The steamer Princess May, Capt. Hughes, reached port yesterday morning...

EMPEROR WILLIAM SENDS REPORTER

Details Officer to Get Correct Version of Evidence At Harden Trial

Berlin, Dec. 20.—Emperor William, who is following the evidence taken in the Harden-Von Moltke trial...

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ARBITRATION CASE

Award Made in Case of Brown, Surrey Farmer, Against V. V. & E. Railway

New Westminster, Dec. 20.—The award in the arbitration case of Brown v. V. V. & E. railway has been taken up by the railway officials...

CITY COUNCIL AGGRIEVED

Will Demand Retraction From Monetary Times on Pain of Libel Suit

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The city council instructed its solicitor to demand a retraction or proceed with an action for damages for libel against the Monetary Times...

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WORLD'S CREDIT CENTRE

Secretary Haldane Refers to Remarkable Position of the Bank of England

Edinburgh, Dec. 20.—In a speech tonight Richard Burton Haldane, secretary of state for war...

JAPAN'S ACTION ON EMIGRATION

Despatches From Tokio Give Different Reasons For the Delay

Tokio, Dec. 20.—The delay in closing the emigration negotiations between Japan and Canada...

OLD AGREEMENT IGNORED

Government Will Give Note But Verbal Assurance Of Limitation

Tokio, Dec. 20.—Negotiations between the Canadian minister of labor, Hon. Rudolph Lemieux...

ACME LOAN COMPANY

Large Amount Has Been Paid For Holly

During the past few days florists and others from Seattle and Vancouver...

WILLIAM JOLLIFFE RETURNS

Chase After the Cruiser Kestrel—Salvage Trip Leaves Again For Skidegate

(From Saturday's Daily.) The tug William Joliffe, of the B. C. Salvage Company...

NORTHERN METROPOLIS

How Prince Rupert is Developing—Halibut Industry and Floating Slaughter House

On Friday several men were sent from Prince Rupert on the Camosun to Eslington...

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RESCUE WORK IS BLOCKED

Poisonous Gases Must Be Forced Out of Explorers' Way

Jacobs Creek, Dec. 20.—From the Darr mine of the Pittsburg Coal company...

GOOD PROGRESS IN CLEARING THE WAY

Over three hundred men are at present at work clearing the right-of-way of the projected extension of the E. & N. from Wellington to Alberni...

OBJECTION TAKEN TO IMMIGRATION

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council and the Salvation Army

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The most important matter discussed by the Trades and Labor Council at its regular meeting last night...

GEN. KUROPATKIN UNDER CORRECTION

Count Witte Shows Faults In His Evidence at Stoesel Trial

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Irritated at the testimony given at the trial of Gen. Stoesel by Gen. Kuropatkin yesterday...

WAGES DISPUTES IN MINING COUNTRY

St. Eugene Conciliation Board—Boundary Miners Take Vote

Nelson, Dec. 20.—The arbitration and conciliation board, consisting of S. S. Taylor, E. C. of the British Columbia...

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# Former Occupants of the Editorial Chair

## Men Who Have Played a Large Part in Moulding the Public Sentiments of the People of British Columbia During the Last Forty Years

**I**n the course of a life of nearly half a century a newspaper necessarily enlists the co-operation of many people in making it what it is. So interwoven are the several departments, the editorial, the news, the mechanical and the business branches of a paper, that it is difficult to define the limits within which the efforts of either of them have been chiefly effective. Therefore a page devoted to the individuals who have written the editorials or have been instrumental in determining the general policy of the paper, would not be fully representative of the makers of The Colonist. Yet it seemed fitting to give our readers portraits and brief sketches of the careers of the three gentlemen who were in the past most closely identified with the paper in the public mind, and also of two who, for short periods, occupied the editorial chair.

Concerning the founder of the paper, the late Amor de Cosmos, more might be said than the space available at this time permits. He was a typical pioneer, a Nova Scotian trained in the political school of which Joseph Howe was the leader, a man of resource, fearless in the expression of his views, far-seeing and full of energy. Of Mr. D. W. Higgins, who is still with us, and who at any time may "bob up serenely" in public life or a journalistic career, it would be superfluous to say anything more than is contained in the short biographical sketch which appears below, and the same is true of Messrs. Bogle and Gosnell. They are yet in the prime of life, and in the natural order of things may be expected to give a good account of themselves. Of the late Henry Lawson little need be said in addition to the appreciative editorial which is reproduced from The Colonist of the day following his death, except that as the years roll round his memory remains ever fragrant in the memory of all who knew him.

It was in Windsor, Hants county, Nova Scotia, that Mr. De Cosmos was born, on the 20th August, 1825, and it was there that he received his education. At fifteen his school days terminated, and on the removal of his family to Halifax he commenced the battle of life as a clerk in the wholesale grocery firm of Chas. Whiteman & Co. At the same time, his ambition to secure an education such as would enable him to make his mark in the world induced him to take the fullest advantage of the facilities afforded by an excellent night school over which Mr. John S. Thomson, father of the late Canadian premier, presided, and it is a certain fact that the wholesome advice and intelligent counsel of his instructor in these impressionable days of boyhood materially affected his subsequent useful and distinguished career. The opinion that a newer and broader country offered to him greater opportunities for advancement than did his native Nova Scotia, induced him in 1851 to join in the exodus to California, where the gold discoveries of a few years before were leading an indomitable and energetic army of workers from all parts of the East. There were no railways in those days bringing Atlantic and Pacific into close companionship, and so, the steamer having landed the adventurous young Canadian in New York city, he started thence on the tiresome and apparently interminable tramp across the continent. His journeying to St. Jo., then the rallying point for the west-bound caravans of white-hooded wagons, was devoid of special incident or importance. At this breathing space on the border of the unknown he fell in with a number of equally ambitious emigrants, and with them he made the passage to the golden land of promise, the laborious crossing of the prairies being made anything but monotonous by several skirmishes with predatory bands of Indians and one pitched battle with the redskins, in which two men and one of the women of the little party lost their lives.

On two other occasions the company were obliged to give up a great portion of their slender stock of provisions to conciliate the none-too-friendly reds, and thus it was that their original plans were sadly disturbed, and when the green fields of Utah were reached a halt was called perforce, and not until the following spring was it possible to take up the

march California-ward. The golden state was reached some eight months later, further uninvited and undesired meetings with the natives of the West having greatly increased both the length and hazard of the trip to the Coast. At Sacramento the party, that had been as one big family on the dreary passage of the plains, disbanded, and while some went to the agricultural lands of the Santa Clara valley, the young Nova Scotian, with the de-

cosmos—during his residence in the California gold diggings embarked in business as a general trader, at the same time engaging from time to time in various speculations in which he displayed a sagacity that was alternately designated as luck, intuition or common sense, according to the tastes and dispositions of his critics and fellow citizens.

All were, however, compelled to admit that his fortunes steadily prospered, and that De

can guess. His residence in the land of the Argonauts was too quickly terminated for this to be determined, and with a long cherished desire to be once again under the old flag, he was one of the first to turn his eyes to Vancouver Island when the stream of gold-seekers began to flow in this direction.

It was in '58 that Mr. De Cosmos landed in Victoria, then a city of tents and transient fortune-seekers on the outskirts of an inhospitable forest.

He at once cast himself with that restless energy that was his most marked characteristic into the making of history for the new town and colony, carrying out the project that even before he left California had been taking practical form in his busy brain, and presenting to the public shortly afterwards, a pioneer newspaper of the Canadian far west—the British Colonist.

It was vigorous and direct—a newspaper symbolic of the times and people, and consequently it grew in popularity and in influence. Popular government was not then in the hands of the people of this section, and it offered a theme which the editor of the British Colonist was ever ready to discuss. Naturally he spoke to an appreciative audience, and when in April of 1859 Governor Douglas took a step in the direction of restricting the liberty of the press, or rather with the object of crushing out of existence the local representative of the world of publications, it was found that Victorians as a unit were with the editor.

A Victorian and a Canadian first, last, and all the time, Mr. De Cosmos was one of the first to espouse the cause of Confederation, and government by the people, and although the unity of the provinces was ultimately accomplished upon a basis other than that he had originally championed, he was one of the most sincere in the rejoicing at the accomplishment of the natural destiny of the British North America possessions. Fearless and outspoken in his discussion of public questions, both with pen and voice, it was natural that he should have been selected, less than five years after his arrival in the colony—in 1863—as a member of the colonial legislature, or that he should have continued as a representative in that body, of the people whose interests he had so much at heart until the amalgamation of the island with British Columbia, as the mainland was then termed, under Governor Strong. New Westminster was at this time the capital, but Mr. De Cosmos concluded that Victoria by reason of its greater population and important commerce was the more suitable place from which to direct provincial affairs. He therefore entered with zeal into a campaign for the transfer of the capital, in which he was ultimately successful. Victorians have, therefore, to thank the pioneer statesman whose demise brings his career into prominence, for the position which their city occupies today as the executive centre of Canada's most western province.

In 1866 his persistent demand for popular government led to the summoning of the Yale convention, which formulated a bill of rights and called for the extension of self-government to the people of British Columbia. Success was not immediately achieved, but the convention was nevertheless not without its practical and important bearing in the accomplishment of its desired aim.

In 1866 Mr. De Cosmos paid an important visit to the Eastern provinces, his mission being nothing less than to advocate the confederation of the provinces from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and returning to his home in the West he bent his every energy to the tremendous scheme of building up a united nation. In 1870 his formulated project was laid before the local legislature, the government scheme for the accomplishment of the same great object under other conditions being at the same time considered. The government plan prevailed, and in July, 1871, the province became a part of the Dominion.

Three years after this Mr. De Cosmos was chosen premier of the province and president (without salary) of the executive council, this being upon the resignation of the government, led by the Premier (now Justice) McCreight. At the same time he was representative of Victoria in the Canadian House of Commons, his capacity for work appearing to have no bounds, and his attention to the needs and opportunities of his constituents being generally admitted as unassailable. Upon the abolition of dual representation, Mr. De Cosmos chose to represent his constituency in the Dominion house, and accordingly resigned the premiership and threw himself with augmented enthusiasm into national affairs. During his representation at Ottawa of the city whose interests he made his own, he persistently urged the desirability and necessity of providing a first-class graving dock at Esquimalt, and upon his efforts in this direction being rewarded by the vote of \$250,000 by the Dominion government, in lieu of the guarantee stipulated in the terms of union, he promptly followed up the advantage gained by visiting London and prevailing upon the Imperial authorities to contribute a similar amount towards the accomplishment of the important public work in question. Before

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termination to learn for himself the full value of the gold mines that had tempted him westward, passed on to the diggings, in which he spent four years of varying fortune, crowded with adventure and profitable experience.

Realizing that profits were to be made from miners as well as from mines, Mr. De Cosmos—or Smith, for that was the name of his parents, although to gratify his craving for a less commonplace patronymic a convenient legislature enacted that it should be De

Cosmos' views on public affairs were as sound as the basis upon which he built his business success. Politics, whether national or bounded merely by the necessities and actions of a mining camp, he entered into naturally and with enthusiasm, so that even those who disliked the man—for he was too strongly opinionated to invite universal friendship—were compelled to admit his power as a leader of men. To what place in the making of California history he might have aspired no one

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HE London Times thus reviews three new books and poems, the authors being, respectively, Stephen Phillips, Herbert Trench, and Margaret L. Woods:—  
Each of these three volumes contains a good deal of unrhymed verse. English poetry possesses, of course, in its "blank verse" a vehicle for narration, for emotional philosophy, for anything that requires sustained effects, which has never been surpassed. Mr. Stephen Phillips is perfectly right to tell his stories of "Eudymion" and "The Quest of Edith," and his little tragedy of Iole in blank verse. And, setting blank verse aside, the irregular, rhymeless form adopted by Mrs. Woods for her "Nocturne in Westminster Abbey" called "The Builders" does undoubtedly help to convey the effect she desires—a sense of spacious mystery, a sense not so much of vagueness as of things rather imagined than seen in a darkness where natural and supernatural may meet. Under the "grey ascending arches":—  
Far in their hollow night the glimmer of London  
Is woven with texture of dreams, phantoms are there,  
Vaguely drifting, as pale-winged wandering moths  
Drift on the summer dark out of the abyss.  
Who has beheld them, the feeling tenuous hands,  
About the stone clinging, the carven crumbling  
Work that they wrought ere they lay in forgotten  
graveyards?  
Poor blind hands!  
As wan sea-birds cling on untrodden ledges  
And pinnacles of a lone precipitous isle  
Or giant cliff, where under them all is mist  
And the sullen booming of an unpeaced sea,  
So do the phantoms cling on thy wind-worn ledges  
And airy heights, thou grey isle of God.  
Wail no more, blind ghosts, be comforted,  
Ye who performed your work and silent withdrew  
To your grand oblivion; ye who greatly builded,  
Beyond the hand's achievement, the soul's passage.  
There is justification for the form in the im-  
pression it conveys. In "The Passing Bell,"  
again, the same mystery is gained by the same  
means; and the regularly recurring phrase  
from the psalm which denotes the beat of the  
bell strikes with all the more force for its sur-  
roundings. But we should be sorry to see a  
fashion for the unrhymed lyric (a fashion due,  
possibly, to Matthew Arnold, but owing more,  
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growing into general use. Rhyme, it need  
hardly be said, is more than an ornament. It  
is no precious stone mounted in the gold, but  
a part of the very shape, and identity of the  
jewel. The unrhymed lyric is like a piece of  
soft metal; it becomes a jewel only when it has  
been worked upon, and the finishing touch,  
the final expression of its individuality, is  
rhyme. Except, in fact, in a very few definite  
instances, like the two poems by Mrs. Woods,  
an unrhymed lyric is an unfinished lyric. In  
excepting "The Builders" and "The Passing  
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lips's "Midnight—31st of December, 1900,"  
though here the poet has no actual dark place,  
like the inside of the Abbey, of which he  
wishes to convey the effect. But why should  
"William Ewart Gladstone" be unrhymed?  
and why "A Gleam"? and why "Thoughts in a  
Meadow"? The last two are lyrics, cries from  
the heart; and, good as they are, they lose  
much by being, in this manner, unfinished.  
When Mr. Trench gives us a set of six-line  
"Stanzas on Poetry" of which the first three  
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To the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B.C.: Sir—Sixty days after date, I, the undersigned, hereby give notice that I intend to apply for the lease of the coroborach, opposite lot 54, Metchohn District, commencing at the southeast end of Metchohn Island, thence westerly one-half mile, to the following purposes:

Yours truly,  
NORMAN HARDIE  
Victoria, B.C., 2nd November, 1907.

**FOR SALE**

**Estate of Whitefield Chase, Deceased**

Scaled tenders for the purchase of the above estate, addressed to the Executors of the Estate of Whitefield Chase, Messrs. J. J. Fulton, Barrister, Kamloops, B.C., will be received until the first of January, 1908.

The Estate consists of 1328 acres more or less situated as described as follows:—550 acres—less the C.P.R. right of way at Shuswap, B.C., one mile from the station. This land is in a high state of cultivation, with ample water privileges, and is of high productivity. There are two sawmills in course of erection on the adjacent 320 acres pasture land, fenced, at Skimish, back of Shuswap, and 438 acres pasture land, fenced, at a long river frontage on the west side of South Thompson, B.C. There are 550 head of cattle, about 30 range horses, five teams of work horses, harness, farm implements, machinery, etc. At present the estate is under lease, which expires on the first of April, 1908, when possession can be given.

For any further particulars apply to P. G. Macpherson, or Mrs. James Ross, Shuswap, or to the undersigned, Agricultural Department, Victoria, B.C., Executors.

The highest of any tender not necessarily accepted.

**TAKE NOTICE** that I, Robert Whitehead, of the City of Vancouver, B. C., hereinafter referred to as the licensor, do hereby license over the following described lands situated in Rentlaw District:

1. Commencing at a post placed two miles west from the northwest corner of T. L. 12448, marked "R. W., N.W. Corner," thence south 40 chains, east 160 chains, north 40 chains, west 160 chains, to point of commencement, and containing 640 acres, more or less.

2. Commencing at a post placed 120 chains west from the southwest corner of T. L. 12448, marked "R. W., N.W. Corner," thence west 40 chains, north 40 chains, east 80 chains, north 40 chains, west 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

3. Commencing at a post placed 106 chains west from the southwest corner of T. L. 12516, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner," thence north 60 chains, east 106 chains, south 60 chains, west 106 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

4. Commencing at a post placed 106 chains west from the southwest corner of T. L. 12516, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner," thence north 60 chains, east 106 chains, south 60 chains, west 106 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

5. Commencing at a post placed 106 chains west from the southwest corner of T. L. 12516, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner," thence north 60 chains, east 106 chains, south 60 chains, west 106 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

6. Commencing at a post placed at the northeast corner of the 2317, marked "R. W., S.E. Corner," thence north 120 chains, south 120 chains, east 62 chains, west 62 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

7. Commencing at a post placed at the northwest corner of T. L. 12513, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner," thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

8. Commencing at a post placed at the northwest corner of T. L. 12513, marked "R. W., S.W. Corner," thence north 80 chains, east 80 chains, south 80 chains, west 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

9. Commencing at a post placed two miles north from the northwest corner of T. L. 12519, marked "R. W., N.W. Corner," thence east 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, south 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

10. Commencing at a post placed two miles north from the northwest corner of T. L. 12519, marked "R. W., N.W. Corner," thence east 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, south 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

11. Commencing at a post placed two miles north from the northwest corner of T. L. 12519, marked "R. W., N.W. Corner," thence east 80 chains, west 80 chains, north 80 chains, south 80 chains, to point of commencement, containing 640 acres, more or less.

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all His soul. He and His  
said over and over.  
from became afraid that this  
roy the one religion, and they  
th. But His life and His  
high even those who pray to  
the world through His teach-  
being forward better ever since  
hundred years ago.  
Christmas morning your hearts  
on no other day in the year.  
was taught, if it filled every  
nake, this world of ours a  
all that is evil and cruel.

## CHRISTMAS!

day, Little Cat?" asked Little  
Little Cat. "I had fast, with  
said Little Cat, "and it was  
Little Cat tied a red ribbon  
said it was a beauty. Am I,  
Little Dog, "Am I?"  
Little Cat. "You see," said  
you, you see," said Little Dog,  
blue dress, and my boy  
say are not going to say one  
heard them tell their mother  
this morning," said Little  
kings were full of toys and  
kissed each other and said,  
but can it all mean?"  
dog," said Little Dog. "He  
he, and he can surely tell us  
asleep, but he woke up and  
"It was 'twas 'twas 'twas 'twas  
said," he told them. "This  
asked Little Cat,  
all about it," said Great Old  
day in the whole year, for  
kind, and tries to do pleas-  
else. I think some one was  
ness into the world."  
"If everybody is going to  
too. Little Cat, I will not  
even if they put our dinner  
Little Cat, "even if there is  
frieside."  
said Little Dog.  
said Little Cat.  
the girl in her blue dress and  
jacket. "Merry Christmas!"  
and Little Dog, and dear,  
Merry Christmas,  
by New Year;  
of money,  
full of cheer!"  
said Little Dog (but it sound-  
ed like a cry).  
said Great Old Dog, deep  
throat (but it sounded like  
—L. E. R.

## OF THE GLASS

to the turning of the glass,  
nt, and the days of the  
wake of the wind. By the  
shack, at the heaped tables  
reat places of easiness, and  
go out upon the high seas,  
it is the time of recon-  
st go to the balance against  
It is the supreme hour,  
d of worship be not towards  
the fay there be reverence for  
fung babe in the cradle and  
valley. May the milk of  
good hand of mother's sym-  
antical feast. Then might the  
and people the world over

## LETTER

er dinner, eighteen hundred  
says that maybe if I drop a  
Claus-Land, you will get it  
an answer when you fetch  
aged—little Paul and Prink  
That we shall do for New  
whole dollars we have hard  
s. Now, Santa, what's  
he asking what he hoped old  
s round, and then he sighed  
a shoulder, where she always  
much to Papa, I'm afraid,  
f money because—why just  
you've no idea, Santa Claus!  
asked about it, just as sweet  
they don't know how to  
sleeping, and you're creeping  
sents in, but leave the Hard  
tter (our first with pen and  
of love from me and Paul  
From DAISY.

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s. Now, Santa, what's  
he asking what he hoped old  
s round, and then he sighed  
a shoulder, where she always  
much to Papa, I'm afraid,  
f money because—why just  
you've no idea, Santa Claus!  
asked about it, just as sweet  
they don't know how to  
sleeping, and you're creeping  
sents in, but leave the Hard  
tter (our first with pen and  
of love from me and Paul  
From DAISY.

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# A Gallant Girl

By Julia Magruder and Frances Leeds

N Holland, where the roadways are so often  
water instead of land, the "trekschuit," or  
canal boat, takes the place of our wagons  
and electric cars. In many cases, also,  
these boats constitute the only homes of the  
poorer people, who are born and bred and  
live and die in these traveling houses.  
It is an unusually pretty sight to watch  
these "trekschuiten" gliding along the nar-  
row waterways which run like some intricate lace-  
pattern over this land.

All the work of a simple household is done as  
they move on, laden with the burden of traffic, or  
stopping to take up passengers going from one vil-  
lage to another. Little gardens are often made to  
sprout with beauty on the poop, a bed of tulips  
giving their brilliant cups to the moist air. Let-  
tuce-heads and other vegetables making squares of  
greenery in the broad boxes filled with earth, which  
are placed midway of the flat decks.

In the cold season these "trekschuiten" remain  
motionless for months, looking like monster birds  
slighted amid snow and ice to wait in patience for  
the return of spring.

Toward the latter part of a November, not so  
very long ago, a "trekschuit" from Friesland ven-  
tured to the lower country with a cargo of peat for  
Dordrecht. Good Jan, the owner of the boat and  
father of the family living there, had hoped to re-  
turn to his northern country before the winter set-  
in; but just as they were nearing their destination,  
with Jeffrey Downka, his wife, Joost, and Kat-  
inka, the twins of twelve years, Trudchen, the girl  
of nine, and little Flulin, aged four, found himself  
held fast by a mass of ice. With a sinking heart the  
father, who knew the signs of winter, realized that  
that month must pass before the boat would be  
freed from its bondage.

What must be done? Jan himself could do  
work in Friesland, where he was known, and so could  
Joost, the boy; but it was hard indeed for them to  
leave the mother and the little ones. 'Twas the only  
thing of you as a helping hand, he decided that they  
go, taking with them the old gray mare, Jetchen,  
that had towed them with such patience along the  
weary miles.

When Jan had given his parting kiss to his wife  
and left her sobbing, with Flulin in her arms, he  
turned to take leave of Katinka, who stood outside  
with Joost. Putting his hands upon her shoulders,  
he looked at her earnestly and said:

"Remember I look to you, Katinka, to take care  
of mother and the little ones. You are strong and  
brave and good, and when I am far away I shall not  
far away. Jeffrey Downka fell ill, so that more  
than the usual amount was needed.

Every day Katinka would skate down to Dor-  
drecht for medicines and food. Her skating was  
in her own land, almost unparalleled for swift-  
ness. She had practised with Joost from their ear-  
liest years, and had often beaten him in a race.

As she sped along, her basket on her arm, her  
cap with its like a hand of hoar-frost  
under the tight-fitting hood, she darted like a  
bird past the sleepy old windmills, which turned  
their wheels as if to ward off the fierce November  
gales, and her eyes were fixed upon the distant  
wind along the icy path. Over and over again she  
would pick out some skater far ahead and set her-  
self to follow him. The spectators, very difficult  
she did with an ease that made her feel exultant.

One day, returning from one of these expeditions,  
a heavy basket on her arm, and her little heart al-  
most as heavy as the hoar-frost seemed to be  
to increasing every day, Katinka became aware of  
large, highly colored advertisements posted all along  
her way, which announced a skating match to be  
held on the Oude Maas the next day.

There was to be a prize of fifty florins for the  
first race, and after the announcement were the  
words: "Contestants from ten to thirteen years."  
This was to be followed by races between the seyden  
and Utrecht students. His Highness, the Count of  
Wasplik, was to award the prizes.

"Oh," thought Katinka, "if Joost were only here!  
He would show these boys what skaters what real  
skating is. How our Mynheer Caef, the champion  
skater of Friesland, would have chuckled over his  
pipe if Joost were here and won this prize—as win  
he would! How much pain he took to teach Joost  
and me, and how he used to laugh and clap when  
I would beat Joost!"

Katinka's brain reeled with a sudden thought.  
"Oh, to win that fifty florins for the dear ones at  
home, in such sore need! Why should she not enter  
the race disguised as Joost? The posters did not  
say that the race was only open to boys, but she  
knew that was understood.

Her brain worked quickly. Had not her father  
called her his little man? As a little man she be-  
lieved that she could win this prize, and she  
When Katinka reached home Trudchen was wait-  
ing for her at the foot of the ladder which formed  
the entrance to the narrow boat. The child was ap-  
parently trying to kick a hole in the ice with her  
little wooden shoe, as she munched a piece of pun-  
pernickel.

"Why do I never go to Dort, Katinka?" she asked,  
peevishly. "It is very dull here, with mother always  
in bed, and Flulin asleep."  
The next day was cold and clear. All the morn-  
ing village-folk from the neighboring towns passed  
merrily along the ice to Dordrecht to witness the  
race. Katinka, assisted by Trudchen (who went so  
far as to give little Flulin the small brass  
rings to keep her quiet, as she sat upon the floor all  
inconspicuously), escaped notice as she ran down the  
ladder and passed the young Count rose and offered his hat.  
Katinka saw it and her pulses beat with rapture.  
She felt the keen intoxication of success. Her yellow  
hair stood out like a halo about the childish face.  
Shouts of "Hurrah for the green!" heard on every  
side, filled her with ecstasy. All alone, the others  
vainly following, she reached the turning point, round  
which she swooped with such a graceful curve that  
the applause rose to a whirlwind of sound. She  
veered past the blue flag which marked the half-  
distance of the race, and came back toward the  
Count's sleigh with a movement easy and swift.  
The Count himself had not received a more en-

thusiastic greeting than was given to her as she  
came skipping along, the very incarnation of a  
swift spirit of the ice.  
As she drew near the Count's sleigh, stationed at  
the goal, she turned her face upward to receive the  
smile she had coveted.

The Count not only smiled; he beckoned to her  
with his hand, and while the crowd yelled itself  
hoarse, Katinka passed the goal and won the race.  
Then, with a gentle turn and with no sign of breath-  
lessness or fatigue, she floated quietly on to where  
the Count awaited her.

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# The Fairy Tree

A Xmas Fairy Story for Children by Goward Wright.

ATE was the hour when Dan Derrick set  
out to get something for a Christmas  
dinner. The bell in Isley village church  
chimed twelve, and the sounds came float-  
ing on the cold, still air of the New  
Forest.

There's midnight past and gone,  
Rough," said Dan to the dog that trotted  
by his heel. "So it's now Christmas."  
Well, the better the day, the better the deed, as the  
saying goes.

The sky was as clear as crystal; and as Dan  
walked, peering along the edge of the forest, the full  
moon shone on the deep snow underfoot, and played  
in fantastic, broken lights in among the frosted, leaf-  
less boughs of the trees overhead.

"Tis a fine night for rabbiting, eh, Rough?" said  
Dan, as he came to a warren. "But hide a minute,"  
he added.

His eye had been attracted by a little mountain  
ash growing above the warren. Being a young tree,  
it had not lost its red, autumnal leaves, and it was  
laden with berries.

"Now that would make a pretty Christmas tree  
for the little ones," he said.  
He pulled it up by its roots from the loose earth,  
and put it under a neighboring oak. Rough followed  
him, all on the alert, thinking that this was a new  
way of trapping rabbits. But on the other hand, he  
dog looked up, and then drew back, growling  
strangely, with ter-  
rified eyes  
and bristling coat.

"What's fright-  
ened you, lad,"  
said Dan, looking  
about him in alarm,  
and listening for a  
keeper's footsteps.  
Not a sound  
broke the stillness  
of the snow-muf-  
fled forest.

"Maybe some-  
body's just been  
and his ghost went  
by," said Dan.  
"Dogs, they say,  
can see spirits."  
Dan did not mind  
spirits. Keepers  
were the ones he  
bore in his mind.  
Taking a net out  
of his pocket he  
fixed it round some  
of the rabbit holes  
in the warren, and  
saw to the going of  
his net.

"Now round 'em  
up, lad; round 'em  
up," said the Queen  
of the Elves, touch-  
ing the table with her wand. "You may permit us  
to provide a feast for you this Christmas."

The table at once became covered with a splen-  
did dinner. There were roast turkey, and Christmas  
pudding and grapes, and nuts and sweets, and boxes  
of crackers, and every good thing, in fact, that the  
heart of man could wish for.

"Now," said the Queen of the Elves, "while you  
are all enjoying yourselves we will do our Christ-  
mas homage to the Lady of the Mountain Ash.  
Strike up, my merry harpers!"

Four little harps with four little harps, sat down  
by the fire, and began to make a sweet, fairy music,  
and the Queen and the other elves took hold of  
hands, and danced round the red-lighted mountain  
ash, and as they danced, they sang:

"Lady of the Mountain Ash,  
Now thy fairy lanterns flash,  
Shine upon us in delight,  
Fays and mortals in a ring,  
In thine honor dance and sing;  
Leaping high and louting low,  
Round about thy tree we go.

As they whirled round, the lights on the moun-  
tain ash grew dim, and about the tree a soft in-  
cense gathered, and took on the form of a lady of  
wild, unspeakable beauty, clad in vapory, trailing  
robes. When the dancers gave over, she was stand-  
ing beside the tree in the centre of the ring, and  
gazing at Dan Derrick. There was a kindness in  
her glance, but, for all that, poor Dan's knees shook  
under him.

"Well, it's well that ends well," she said. "But  
you were a very bold man, Dan, to bring me into  
your house in so unceremonious a fashion. I had  
half a mind to slay you outright last night!"  
Dan then had a glorious inspiration.

"It was well for you that you didn't hurt me,  
ma'am," he said very respectfully, yet firmly. "Look  
how I've done for you, and for the children, and  
brought under your tree, and the earth was so  
lousy there that down you would surely have come  
in the next gale. You oughtn't to have set that  
keeper on me, you know."

had happened. She took the news in a very strange  
way.  
"That, that!" she cried wildly, pointing to the  
mountain ash, which the boy were bringing in.  
"You pulled that up? Oh, now I understand! Now  
I understand! 'Tisn't the first fairy tree you've hurt.  
What were you doing last winter when the elm fell  
of your arm? Oh, you mad, senseless Dorset man!"

Doll Derrick was a New Forest woman, and she  
came of a race that had lived there before William  
the Conqueror turned it into a haunt for his deer,  
and had stayed there, as outlaws, woodmen, or char-  
coal burners, ever since. She knew all the mysteries  
of woodcraft; and when she married a good-looking  
plowboy from Dorset, and brought him to the For-  
est to be a woodcutter, she taught him, as she fan-  
cied, all that she knew.

But to harm the magic tree in which the spirits  
dwelt! There wasn't, she had thought, a country-  
man in England that needed telling not to do a  
mad thing like that, out here, where her own husband  
who had done it, and the angry fairies had natural-  
ly brought great trouble upon him.

She covered her face with her hands and wept,  
rocking herself to and fro in utter grief. Dan gazed  
at her blankly. Even now he didn't understand what  
she was raving about. Was the thought of his mis-  
fortune driving her out of her senses? It was hard  
enough, surely, but she needn't take it in that man-  
ner. He came and sat beside her, and bent tenderly  
over her, and tried to comfort her.

"Look at the Christmas tree, mammy!" shouted  
the children, dancing with delight and clapping their  
hands. "Look at the Christmas tree, daddy!" Oh,  
isn't it lovely!"

The wife and husband looked up in astonishment.  
The berries on the mountain ash were glowing with  
a deep, soft, red light. The tree seemed to be hung  
with lamps carved out of large, round rubies. The  
inexpressibly beautiful radiance grew richer and  
fuller and brighter, flooding all the room, and trans-  
figuring with its strange rose-red tint, the wonder-  
ful faces of man, woman, and children.

"Listen!" said Peggy, who had the quick, fresh  
sense of a woodland child.  
Music sounded faintly in the distance, and then  
came nearer and nearer. Peggy ran to the door and  
unlatched it, and into the room swept a troop  
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Four little harps with four little harps, sat down  
by the fire, and began to make a sweet, fairy music,  
and the Queen and the other elves took hold of  
hands, and danced round the red-lighted mountain  
ash, and as they danced, they sang:

"Lady of the Mountain Ash,  
Now thy fairy lanterns flash,  
Shine upon us in delight,  
Fays and mortals in a ring,  
In thine honor dance and sing;  
Leaping high and louting low,  
Round about thy tree we go.

As they whirled round, the lights on the moun-  
tain ash grew dim, and about the tree a soft in-  
cense gathered, and took on the form of a lady of  
wild, unspeakable beauty, clad in vapory, trailing  
robes. When the dancers gave over, she was stand-  
ing beside the tree in the centre of the ring, and  
gazing at Dan Derrick. There was a kindness in  
her glance, but, for all that, poor Dan's knees shook  
under him.

"Well, it's well that ends well," she said. "But  
you were a very bold man, Dan, to bring me into  
your house in so unceremonious a fashion. I had  
half a mind to slay you outright last night!"  
Dan then had a glorious inspiration.

"It was well for you that you didn't hurt me,  
ma'am," he said very respectfully, yet firmly. "Look  
how I've done for you, and for the children, and  
brought under your tree, and the earth was so  
lousy there that down you would surely have come  
in the next gale. You oughtn't to have set that  
keeper on me, you know."

"Yes, I'm sorry now for that," said the Lady of  
the Tree. "But hurry back at once to the spot  
from which you took me, and dig there and take  
what you find."<

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**New Westminster, Dec. 19.**—Geo. Weiburn, an engineer in the employ of E. J. Fader at his camp on Pitt lake, was badly injured yesterday by having his legs crushed and crushed between two logs. He was brought to the Royal Columbian hospital.

**Vancouver Elections**  
**Vancouver, Dec. 19.**—City Clerk Thomas F. McGuigan yesterday afternoon announced that he would be in the field as a candidate for alderman from Ward 3. Mr. McGuigan came out as a candidate for this ward year before last, and was defeated by Dr. Jeffs by a very narrow margin. In Ward 4 Ald. McSpadden states that he is a candidate for re-election, and that he confidently expects to head the poll from that district when the votes are all in on January.

**Run Down by Fire Chief**  
**New Westminster, Dec. 19.**—Fire Chief Watson ran over an aged man with his horse and fire buggy on Church street yesterday afternoon, while responding to a fire alarm. The victim of the accident was not seriously injured owing no doubt to the lightness of the conveyance the fire chief was riding in.

**New Steamer on Fraser**  
**New Westminster, Dec. 19.**—The steamer Hamlin has been purchased by Mr. Finch Fage of this city, and will be placed on the Chilliwack-New Westminster run on the Fraser river. The Hamlin was built for the Strikine river at the time of the gold rush, but has been lying at Port Moody for several years.

**Vancouver Clearings**  
**Vancouver, Dec. 19.**—Vancouver bank clearings continue to show an increase. The clearances for the week ending today were \$3,793,543. Last week the amount passing through the clearing house was \$3,571,881, and one year ago the amount was \$3,663,455. For the corresponding week of 1905 the total was \$3,928,268.

**Two Years for Chinaman**  
**Vancouver, Dec. 19.**—A Chinaman named Chong, alias Lee Gee, was sentenced to two years imprisonment in the police court yesterday for attempted theft. The evidence showed that he had placed his hand in the pocket of Mr. Stratton, who had fallen on the sidewalk outside the Glasgow Hotel. Mr. Stratton had grabbed his hand and marched him down the street to the next hotel when Detective Waddell came along and arrested the Chinaman. Chong swore that Stratton had called for him to assist him as an assistant him to go down to the Great Northern hotel to have a drink, and the new Russell hotel when the detective came along.

**ROYAL CITY'S HOTELS**  
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**New Westminster, Dec. 19.**—Every liquor license in the city will be renewed for next year by the board of license commissioners, that body having reached that decision at a meeting held last evening.

**No Miracle**  
**Nancy, France, Dec. 19.**—The diocesan authorities have investigated the alleged miracle reported to have occurred in the village church at Brin recently, and found it to have been an optical illusion caused by the reflection of a church image upon the sacred water as the candles moved.

**Japanese at the "Hub"**  
**Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.**—The innovation of employing Japanese as bell-boys has been made in the American House in this city, where fifteen of them have displaced colored men in answering the bells and running elevators. They have been at work for three days, and seem to give general satisfaction.

**Inspector McIntosh reported that all the hotels were filled up to the limit of their accommodation almost continually, and often people had to be turned away, but he expected that the new Russell hotel would relieve the congestion.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE

### Appointments Made by Government—Many New Companies Are Incorporated

The following appointments appear in this week's issue of the British Columbia Gazette:  
Richard Whitfield Large of Bella Bella, M. D., to be coroner in and for the province of British Columbia.  
Elison Moore Odell, of Haines, Alaska, to be a commissioner under the Oaths act for taking affidavits at Haines for use in the courts of British Columbia.  
Andrew G. Bowes, of Thunder Bay, Comox district, to be a commissioner for taking affidavits in the supreme court for the purpose of acting under the Provincial Elections act in the Comox Electoral district, until December 31, 1907.  
George J. Beynon Jones, of Vancouver, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.  
Whitley Murray, from October 15, 1899.  
Henry Samuel Sherwood, from March 7, 1908, and Edward Gordon Eadie, from June 7, 1907.  
Hon. Frederick John Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works, to be acting attorney general during the absence of Hon. William John Bousquet.  
N. A. Wallinger to be a clerk in the office of the government agent at Cranbrook, from August 1, 1905.  
William J. Gardner, of Vancouver, and Adam Hilton of Sointula, Malcom island, to be notaries public in and for the province of British Columbia.  
Miss G. H. Mackay of Victoria, to be judge's stenographer. Such appointment dates from March 14, 1898.  
The Gazette contains notice that in addition to Christmas and New Year's days the day following each is appointed a holiday, and that the public offices will be closed.  
The commissions appointing H. R. Moodie and T. H. Robson, of Golden, justices of the peace have been revoked.  
The resignation of George A. Callick as deputy game warden for the Chilliwack district has been accepted.  
Indians residing north of a line drawn through point at the junction of the Blackwater and Fraser rivers between the 53rd and 54th parallels of latitude are rendered exempt from the provisions of the act relating to the taking of beaver up to and including March 31. The time for the harvesting, selling or having in possession untanned pelts of beaver is extended to August 31.  
The taking, catching or having in possession of a fishing license, permit or license issued under the provisions of the acts relating thereto.  
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Notice is given in the Gazette that the time according to the rules of the house for the presentation of petitions for leave to introduce private bills expires Monday, January 27. Reports on bills will not be received after February 15. Copies of the bill, petition and notices must be deposited with the clerk of the legislative assembly by Thursday, not later than January 8.  
The following companies are incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act:  
The Artistic Furniture Manufacturing Company, Limited, with a capital of \$20,000 to take over the business of E. W. Micevic, Vancouver.  
The Poole Drug Company, with a capital of \$10,000, to carry on business of wholesale and retail drug merchants.  
The Big Bend Mica Mines, Limited, with a capital of \$50,000.  
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The North Vancouver Hardware Company, Limited, with a capital of \$50,000 to carry on a general hardware business.  
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## GOVERNMENT FACES DIFFICULT PROBLEM

### Unemployed Of Pacific States Are Flocking to Vancouver To Obtain Work

The provincial government finds that it has a difficult situation to deal with in the unemployed in Vancouver. While work has been afforded all the out-of-workers who legitimately belong to Vancouver, the government is in a fair way to be asked to supply employment for a very large proportion of the unemployed of the great American republic, or at least of the Pacific states, who are employed from Washington, Oregon and other states into Canada. The government will grant these gentlemen no consideration. Strict precautions will in future be taken to establish the citizenship and merits of all applicants for work.  
So far, according to the report of the government agent in Vancouver, 104 men have received employment on Lot 301. Work was begun on Saturday morning, December 14. The men are paid in cheques issued by the city instead of in cash, as at first proposed. To December 18 680 men have applied for work at the city hall, Vancouver. Of these 104 men have been adjudged to be deserving cases, and have been given employment. The provincial government, as already stated, has given 104 men positions, the city has provided 62 with employment and 88 have been furnished with jobs by the city employment bureau.  
During December only 60 men applied for work.  
The local agents of the government have been asked to investigate the situation thoroughly to the end that co-operation may be afforded the city in the endeavor to render as much relief as is possible.  
Careful attention will be given to the class of unemployed which are entering the city, and the employment bureau in Vancouver, in addition to taking the name of the applicant for employment, will take the address of his last employer and will establish his right, to consideration by the government of British Columbia before he will be given employment.

## NEW RAILWAY LINES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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The general prosperity of the province has been attended to the construction of a number of railway enterprises. Nearly every week notice has appeared in all provincial gazettes of the intention to apply at the approaching session of the legislature for acts to incorporate companies to build certain lines.  
This week's gazette contains two such applications. One of these is made by Bernard & Robertson, of this city, on behalf of their clients and is as follows:  
Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the legislative assembly of British Columbia, at its next session, for an act to incorporate the Southern British Columbia railway company with power to build, construct, maintain and operate a line of railway of standard gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other power, for the carrying of freight passengers and express; commencing at a point six miles east of Kamloops, on the main line of the C. P. R., thence running in a southeasterly direction through Grand Prairie valley and Salmon river valley to the east line of township 12, range 11, west of the 6th meridian, Kamloops division, distance of about 30 miles, more or less, with power to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of its business and the public, with power to own, use and operate water powers convenient to the road for railway and other purposes, and with such other powers and privileges as are usually given to railway companies.  
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Point Grey has been created a municipality. Notice to that effect appears in the Provincial Gazette for the current week. Nominations for the first election of councillors, five in number, and for reeve will take place January 4, 1908, at the city hall, Vancouver, is appointed the returning officer.

The boundaries of the new municipality are as follows:  
Commencing at a point in the southern boundary of the city of Vancouver where it is intersected by the centre line of Bridge street, in the said city of Vancouver, produced southerly; thence southerly on a line running parallel with Ontario street to the north boundary line of the district lot 235; thence westerly along the said north boundary line to the northeast corner of lot 323; thence south along the east boundary of lot 323 to the north boundary of district lot 311; thence west along said north boundary of district lot 311 to the southwest corner of lot 311 to the south boundary of the city of Vancouver to the point of commencement, thence westerly and northerly along the north bank of the Fraser river, and the easterly shore of the Gulf of Georgia at low water mark to Point Grey; thence northerly and easterly along the easterly shore of the Gulf of Georgia at low water mark, and the south shore of English bay at low water mark, to the western boundary of the city of Vancouver; thence north along the western boundary of the city of Vancouver to the southwest corner thereof; thence easterly along the southern boundary of the city of Vancouver to the point of commencement.

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# ALL PERPLEXITY BANISHED BY A VISIT TO VICTORIA'S CHRISTMAS STORE

Only Two More Shopping Days Remain

The now important question as to what to give is what is running through the minds of everyone, and as the hours pass by, so does this question in the minds of some people become more difficult to solve, and in a great many instances results in confusion, discomfort and disappointment through not knowing just where to go. By visiting this store and going through the many departments this perplexing question is easily solved. In every department of this store the Christmas spirit reigns and suggestions are shown and displayed in such a manner as to make your Christmas Shopping a pleasure instead of a tiresome drudge. Then, too, our prices are the most important factor to be considered in your Christmas Shopping and you will find that your purse will last longer and go further than in any other store for goods of similar nature.



## Monday Ushers in Splendid Bargains in Ladies' High-Grade Costumes

Regular Prices \$40.00 and \$50.00. Monday, \$25.00

This is interesting news for women of taste, as this sale includes the leading and most stunning styles of the season in Women's Ready-to-Wear Apparel. The material used in the construction of these fine garments, Navy Cheviots, Chiffon finished broadcloths, Black and Navy French Wool Venetians, also in shades of Brown and in Tweed effects, all very smartly tailored. The Jackets are both semi-fitting and tight fitting, 26 and 27 inches long and in 3-4 lengths with Roll Collars edged with braid, others with shaped back with straps over shoulder and Collarless, giving the much favored "Gibson" effect. Skirts are nine, eleven and fifteen, gored and pleated and for thoroughness of workmanship could not be excelled. Reg. prices were \$40.00 and \$50.00. Monday, per suit .....

**\$25**



### This Store the Headquarters for Toys of all Descriptions

You cannot go far astray when coming to this Store for your Children's Toy Presents. Our Toy Department on the third floor is just brimful of pleasing gifts. Then, too, they are to be had at the lowest price that can be found in the city. A visit to this section is convincing. Take elevator to third floor.

### Beautiful Fans Make Pleasing Gifts

A fan is an article that forms a most appreciable gift. Every lady loves a nice fan, and here you will find everything that is neat, novel and attractive. They are to be had at all prices, ranging from \$35.00 down to ..... **25c**

### Christmas Furs the Ideal Gift

What is better than a gift of furs? Pleasing, practical, lasting, a fur piece is the finishing touch which makes the well-gowned woman. The society bud, the wife, the mother, one and all appreciate a gift of furs. The stock of fine furs which are to be seen here, have the quality, style and finish which are necessary in a Christmas gift.

FURS at prices from ..... **\$25.00**  
MUFFS, at prices from ..... **\$12.50**

### Handbags, Purses and Satchels in Abundance Here

Our showing of Ladies' Handbags, satchels, Purses, is complete in every detail. Everything within the limits of good taste is to be had here, made of all the most favored materials and at all prices.

### The Home of Good Literature is Spencer's

The Book Department of this store contains everything which will go towards making the spare moments of both young and old happy. What is better, more interesting, when sitting before a cheery fireplace than a good book. Nothing wastes away the time so pleasantly, and HERE you will find all kinds and at all prices.

### When in Need of Refreshments

When feeling fatigued after a hard day's shopping, take elevator to third floor and visit our Oriental Tea Room. A good cup of Mem Sabe Tea is sure to refresh you.

### The Greatest Values in Men's High-Grade Clothing We Have Offered This Season

Regular Prices \$27.50 to \$30.00. Monday, per Suit **\$9.75**

Monday we are offering some remarkable Bargains in Men's Fit-Rite Suits. These splendid wearables are made up of the best West of England all-wool material that can be procured in exclusive patterns, weaves and textures, and are distinctively stylish without being extreme in design, in single and double-breasted styles. If you stop to think of this High Grade Clothing we are offering you at these prices you will readily see what it means to your pocketbook. The saving being from \$7.75 to \$20.00, and will not waste a moment in being on hand early Monday morning. The regular prices were \$27.50 up to \$30.00. But for Monday they are marked at ..... **\$9.75**



### Men's Overcoats Marked Reasonably

Our showing of Men's Overcoats embody all the leading style features of the season in best quality English Priestly Cloths and Cravenettes, also a splendid line of English Black Cheviots, in plain and with Silk Facings. Prices range from \$25.00 to ..... **\$12.50**

### Going Home for Christmas



If so, you want a Suit Case, Valise, or Travelling Bag. You will want one for your clothes. If not, what about your presents? Some place to carry them is a necessity. A Suit case is an ideal article. We have them at all prices.

SUIT CASES from \$2.00 to ..... **\$45.00**  
FITTED SUIT CASES from ..... **\$35.00**  
FITTED BAGS from ..... **\$25.00**

### A Complete Stock of Men's Handkerchiefs at Popular Prices

Our Men's Furnishing Department, like all others, is brimful of useful and sensible gifts. Men's Ties, in all the very latest effects and styles, Men's Neck Scarfs, and Handkerchiefs of all kinds, all reasonably priced.



### Our Showing of Men's Head-Dress Cannot Be Excelled

Everything that's nobby and stylish is included in this vast assortment. Every face can be suited from this superb stock, which includes stiff and soft styles, direct from the world's foremost manufacturers, such as the Stetson, King Borsalino, Nox-all, and numerous other reliable makes, and it will be greatly to your advantage to favor us with a visit before purchasing elsewhere. Prices range from \$1.00 up to ..... **\$7.50**



### Select a Gift of Handsome Hand Painted China

A piece of fine china always makes a pleasing gift, and you cannot do better than inspect the many lovely pieces which are on display in the china department, including berry bowls, sets, nappies, trays, card receivers, rail plates, etc., and all at prices which you will say are right.



### Post Card Albums

Just the gift that would be appreciated by card collectors in a large variety of styles to choose from. Hold from 150 to 1000 cards, at prices from, each, 35c to ..... **\$4.00**

### Christmas Cards and Calendars

With local views, just the rage, at prices ranging from 10c to ..... **\$5.00**

### Something for the Little Tots

COATS RANGING IN PRICE FROM **\$1.50**  
A sensible, serviceable gift for the little one is a nice coat, and we have them here in all styles, shapes and sizes, in velvets, eider-down, white cloth, all nicely finished, and made of good quality material, at prices ranging from, each ..... **\$1.50**

### Special Sale of Parlor Suites and Occasional Chairs Monday

These are splendid bargains, and are well worth your while investigating.

THREE-PIECE PARLOR SUITE, comprising One Settee, One Arm Chair and One Reception Chair, spring edge seats, upholstered backs, in best quality English tapestry, heavy frames of solid birch in mahogany finish, regular value \$55.00. Monday **\$37.00**

THREE-PIECE PARLOR SUITE, comprising Settee, Armchair and One Side Chair, spring seats, upholstered in French brocade, strong frame of solid birch in mahogany finish. Reg. \$42.00. Monday ..... **\$25.00**

ARM CHAIRS, in birch, mahogany finish, spring seats, covered in English tapestry.

Regular \$20.00. Monday ..... **\$13.75**  
Regular \$14.50. Monday ..... **\$9.75**  
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