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CABLE NEWS.

Spain Will Shed Her Last Blood to Hold Cuba-Tyrosless Landfills.

Improved Relations Between Britain and Russia-The Pope and the Eastern Conference.

Russian Esteem for Britain.

London, Dec. 5.-Lord Carrington, who went to Russia on behalf of the Queen to attend the funeral of Alexander III, said in a public speech in Cambridge this evening that the late Czar's love of peace and many other admirable qualities had been recognized universally. He had found that in Russia Lord Rosebery, Lord Salisbury, the London press and the British people in general were held in high esteem. The comments passed by the English newspapers on the late Czar's reign had done much to promote better relations between the two powers and to foster a spirit of mutual confidence and good will. The sympathetic attitude of the Prince of Wales had also been a strong influence toward the renewal of the international friendship.

Rome, Dec. 5.-A largely damaged part of the Italian Tyrol and killed many cattle. No person was injured. Many extensive vineyards in the neighborhood of the village were buried.

Berlin, Dec. 5.-Prof. Bergmann told the German Medical Society this evening that he could not hope to soon settle the question as to the value of Behring's antiphosphorus serum. He had begun forty six experiments but would not be able to form a final opinion in less than a year. Prof. Virchow referred to the surprisingly good results obtained in the Emperor Frederick hospital, and he said it was the duty of every physician to use the serum, despite the uncertain results that might result from it. He thought years would pass before the value of the serum could be fixed definitely.

London, Dec. 5.-A Berlin dispatch says the Emperor this morning visited the Prince of Wales. Later in the day the Prince returned His Majesty's call. The Prince started for England this afternoon.

London, Dec. 5.-At the third day's sale of Victoria wools 12,545 bales were offered. The sales are proceeding briskly. French and American operators are taking the superior qualities at full prices. Inferior grades are steady.

Paris, Dec. 5.-The trial of Captain Dreyfus, the French army officer who was accused of selling French military plans to a foreign power, will take place on Dec. 18.

London, Dec. 5.-The Daily Chronicle's Rome correspondent says: "The Curia has informed the Pope that he has pardoned many condemned Poles, and His Holiness has sent an autograph letter to encourage His Majesty in his liberal policy."

Berlin, Dec. 5.-The chamber of deputies today a vote was taken upon the socialist proposal that amnesty be granted to all persons now serving terms of imprisonment for taking part in the riots that occurred during the universal suffrage agitation, and this motion was defeated by a vote of 79 to 42.

Rome, Dec. 5.-The Pope conferred today with Cardinal Rampolla and other cardinals who attended the Eastern church conference, and arranged steps to give effect to the decisions of the conference.

London, Dec. 5.-The fact is officially made known today for the first time, that a challenge has been made for the Americas cup. Lord Dunsen himself makes the statement to the United Press that a challenge has been forwarded. Lord Dunsen adds that no details regarding the wording of the challenge will be made known by him until he receives the reply of the New York yacht club.

London, Dec. 5.-As an honorary British colonel, Emperor William has telegraphed to the acting colonel of the Scots Greys his congratulations upon the appointment of Nicholas II. to be honorary colonel of the regiment. He says he is sure the regiment will appreciate the distinction, in view of the warm comradeship of the regiment forming the Union Brigade at Waterloo.

Rome, Dec. 5.-In addition to his former gift of £1,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the earthquakes in Italy, King Humbert today made a donation of £4,000 to be devoted to the same purpose.

London, Dec. 5.-Hon. Henry Wrixon, delegate from Victoria to the recent colonial conference at Ottawa, will deliver a lecture in this city on December 11, upon the conference and its national significance. The Marquis of Lorne will preside at the meeting and introduce Wrixon. Sir John Thompson, the Canadian premier, has signified his intention of being present.

Moscow, Dec. 5.-Deputy Ananorov, Republican, elicited a storm of groans and kisses from the Monarchists in the chamber today by advocating the autonomy of Cuba. Premier Sagasta replied that Spain would spend her last dollar and shed her last drop of blood before she would relinquish the island. The monarchists cheered this declaration tumultuously, the Republicans protested, and the house became so disorderly that the debate was suspended.

London, Dec. 5.-The Belgian socialist, according to a Brussels dispatch, made an exceptionally aggressive demonstration during the debate on the royal civil list in the chamber today. The attacks were so bitter that the Conservative deputies rose in a body, led by the Premier, and drowned the socialist's speeches with cheers for the King. The socialists replied: "Harrah for the people." The Conservatives continued to cheer and wave their handkerchiefs until the confusion became hopeless and the chamber adjourned.

Letters from Mengo, the capital of Uganda, over which Great Britain has formally assumed a protectorate, report severe fighting in the district of Uganda, a portion of which was to be included in the Uganda territory. The letters say that King Kabega attacked the British fort at Holms. The King's forces were repulsed with the loss of many killed and wounded, including his sons and a number of chiefs.

The first sitting of the German Reichstag in the new building was held yesterday.

The president, after a brief address in honor of the occasion, called for cheers for the Emperor. All responded except the socialist members, who, however, before the tumult was quieted. Herr von Massenbach declared the revolting action of the social democrats would result in the house making an inquiry into the charges of "less majesty" more serious than ever. The social democrats during the disorder called the other members rowdies. Herr von Lessner, who called for cheers for the Emperor. Herr Slinger, socialist leader, replied that he would never join in cheers for a man who told the soldiers that at his command they must kill their fellow citizens. This reply was greeted with cheers by the socialists and a greater row than before prevailed.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of York, reached London on their return from St. Petersburg this afternoon. They were given enthusiastic greetings.

Nearly all the silk weavers in Lyons have struck.

Robert P. Porter, of New York, addressing the Statistical society at London on the eleventh census of the United States, said that if the present check to immigration continued a further decrease in the increase of population would be revealed in 1900. He analyzed the American census system and said its weakness lay in the fact that it was not permanent, each succeeding census being by entirely different hands. He advocated greater simplicity in the method of work and an international schedule for population returns. One of the most striking features of the eleventh census, he said, was the result of the inquiry as to the relations of the individual to mortgage indebtedness and the increase of farm tenancy. One result deserved special attention-namely, the increase of farm value compared with farm encumbrance by rates and territories. In many cases the increase in the value of the average farm per acre in ten years was enough to offset 47.19 percentage of interest or 19.34 percentage of principal and interest.

The Daily Chronicle comments upon Mr. Porter's deduction as to the influence of nervous tension, hurry, etc., upon the increase of population in America, and contends that the best thing for America and England is such a change in economic tendencies and social feeling as will lead to a restoration of the purer and healthier pastoral and agrarian life. The great modern city, it says, is a very doubtful agent in building up soul or body.

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London, Dec. 5.-A Central News despatch from Shanghai says the steamer Doan, which was chartered by the Red Cross Society, has returned to Taku, the Japanese authorities there having refused to allow them on board the steamer to land. The officials at Taku stated to the Red Cross representative on the steamer that Chinese soldiers who had the misfortune to be wounded received the treatment which was accorded to wounded Japanese. The same despatch states that the governor of Kin Chow has been degraded on account of the capture of Kin Chow by the Japanese. General Chan has also been deprived of his rank and has been handed over to the board of punishment for allowing troops under his command to pillage the people and burn their Catholic church at Kin Chow. Li Hung Chang, it is announced, retains his vice-regal power.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Mystery of an Ownerless Coat-Prospective Conclusion of the Millmen's Strike.

Presbytery of Westminster-Sacredious Burglars-How a Villain Was Rightly Served.

Special to the Colonist.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6.-The ratemakers will consider the amendments to the city charter and nominate a third candidate for civic honors on Tuesday. The question will be taken up of paying the aldermen.

A very successful assembly was held at Hotel Vancouver last night. About a hundred people were present. Many people from the capital attended the Terminal city dance.

Burglars are getting very desperate. Last night they desecrated St. James' church, cracking the church safe and looting the contents, besides valuable papers.

Kim Sim, Charles Tupper was received by a large and influential deputation on his arrival at the Terminal City today. After greeting a number of friends and colleagues Sir Charles boarded the steamer Empire of China, where he took lunch, after which he proceeded to the capital by the steamer Grand.

The police are puzzling themselves over a strange occurrence which was brought to their notice this morning. A black coat was found on the edge of the C.P.R. wharf. In the pocket were two half dollar coins, a pair of spectacles, a bottle half full of whiskey and a letter addressed to Miss Mary, No. 1, Keefer street, dated Winnipeg and signed Loth.

The lady mentioned nothing, being simply a girl split from one girl friend to another. Your correspondent called at the number on Keefer street, as addressed on the letter. The young lady who came to the door said her name was Miss Mary, the same as in the address of the letter, and she was unwilling to disclose the name of the sender. Besides showing some slight agitation at first as to her identity, the young lady showed remarkable self-possession, stoutly denying any knowledge of the letter. The police at the wharf say they are positive in their case of murder. The city police will investigate the matter tomorrow, when no doubt Miss Mary will be obliged to tell the name of the stranger who had her letter in his possession.

Pat Cain was brought from the cells this morning in a charge of vagrancy. When he entered the dock the charge of vagrancy was withdrawn and a charge of murder substituted. When the charge was read to him by Magistrate Jordan that he had murdered Richard, where his property was on the Westminster road in September last, he did not seem at all surprised or the least affected, saying "I am not guilty." He was sentenced for eight days. In the meantime the provincial police are following a chain of evidence, and have now sufficient proof to at least send Cain for trial.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7.-A company is being formed in this city to manufacture guano out of fish offal. The fish oil has been sent to England and analyzed. It has been pronounced equal to any in the world for the oil to be extracted from it, and as a fertilizer.

Prof. Tyndal is in Vancouver. He will be a passenger on the Empress of China for Seattle, where he proposes to buy himself a gun for thirty days and again appear on earth.

Dr. Philpot, of Tacoma, is to practice in Vancouver.

The Royal City planing mills are running again three-quarter time with new hands. When the men struck they went to the Hastings mill, owned by the same company, and asked the men to quit work there. Everyone stopped and a meeting was held. The men were not striking, and a meeting was held. The men were not striking, and a meeting was held.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 6.-The quarterly meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster took place here yesterday. The Manitoba College asked aid. The Presbytery asked their ministers to urge their congregations to be more liberal in their donations for educational purposes. The home mission committee advised, recommending. The committee to report on the subject considered that no retrenchment could be made unless students took the place of ordained ministers. Changes were recommended in the proposed new hymnal, especially with reference to the continued use of the psalms in the service.

Labor Commissioner Gray is in hopes of bringing about a reconciliation between the masters and men of the Royal City lumber mills. The low price of lumber is alone responsible for the trouble.

Chinese ransacked an Indian shack near the Royal City mills last night. Two suspected Catholics are being tracked.

The Fraser river fishermen will meet Minister Tupper in a body and place before him their grievances in connection with the salmon and sturgeon fishing. All the fishermen will meet at Westminster on Friday at 11 o'clock a.m.

Robert Hogan, who was shot by "Sherry" Wilkinson, is making slow progress towards recovery. His wound is a dangerous one. He would be murdered, expresses deep regret at what has happened.

Captain Stanton has decided to put the steamer Grey on between Harrison and Chilliwack.

The board of trade will hold a conference on the fishery question with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The board of trade will, through Mr. Corbould, M.P., urge on the Minister of Militia the establishment of a battery at Westminster. The citizens feel deeply grieved at the abandonment of the B.C.R. G.A. here.

With a case against a steamer for alleged injury to the steam track was proceeding before Capt. Pittendrigh, S.M. Aley Morrison raised numerous technical objections which were overruled. A remark was made which brought from the magistrate a demand for an instant apology from Lawyer Morrison. The lawyer refused to apologize and the magistrate adjourned the court. J. J. Cambridge, deputy registrar of the

Supreme court, has received word of the death of his father.

New Westminster, Dec. 7.-Councillor Coppock, of Langley, has been charged with making a false declaration on taking his seat as councillor. He had registered an agreement of sale instead of a deed of land.

Judge Bole is still very ill and will not be able to attend court for several weeks.

NANAIMO, Dec. 6.-Three indignant mothers, three ropes ends, and an old dog staid man made an interesting combination on the edge of the town. The old man has been behaving in a disgraceful manner towards some little girls in the neighborhood for some time. A council of war between mothers resulted in a plot to entice the old man from his home, and a sound drubbing was being followed.

The second Hornets will go down on Saturday to play the Victoria juniors. A strong team has been selected.

NANAIMO, Dec. 7.-Ever since Mow Xun lost \$800 by the robbery of his store in Chinatown on Thanksgiving night the provincial police have been working quietly on the matter and today a warrant was issued for the arrest of a Chinaman supposed to have had a hand in the affair. The details are withheld pending the obtaining of some further evidence.

Fred Knight was committed for trial on a charge of stealing a stove and two window sashes from the cabin of P. Beadie on the Departure Bay road.

Constable Anderson had an unpleasant experience at Comox last night. He and another constable procured a search warrant and went to look over a sloop in the harbor suspected of having stolen goods. Anderson went on board, leaving his companion in a canoe alongside. Going below he found the stolen goods as described, and took the man on board in charge. Going to the side he hailed the canoe, when by a sudden move the prisoner tipped Anderson into the water and on the other rope. The sail was hoisted, and while Anderson was being hauled out the vessel sped away out of sight. At last accounts the constable is on a fair road to recovery.

CAPITAL NOTES.

That Story of the Premier's Prospective Resignation a New One to Ministers.

Michigan Lumbermen and the Duty on Boom Sticks-Seeking Australian Trade.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.-The statement in today's Toronto World that Sir John Thompson is about to resign to become a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, Sir Charles Tupper taking the premiership, was shown to Hon. Mr. Bowell to-night. The sitting premier said: "I know nothing about it beyond what I see in the newspapers. I have no reason to believe there is a word of truth in it."

A deputation of Michigan lumbermen appeared before the members of the government today and asked for the removal of the duty on boom sticks. Hon. Messrs. Bowell, Costigan, Foster, Oulmet, Daly and Angers were present. The deputation claims that the sticks were simply logs chained together and should be included in the free list category as logs rough, unmanufactured lumber. Congressman Wederick was the principal spokesman of the deputation. He handed the lumber provisions of the Wilson tariff, but was greatly taken aback when informed that it charged a duty on Canadian booms, and that on British Columbia cedar 25 per cent. Duty was now charged in place of 15 per cent under the McKinley tariff. Hon. Mr. Bowell said the representations would receive every consideration. He pointed out the law on the subject-the department of justice held that booms were manufactured articles. Certainly if logs were duty free chains would not come within that category. The Montreal boom manufacturers are sending a representative to Australia to exploit its markets.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Dec. 6.-[Special]-Mr. Martineau, leader of the Ontario opposition, in a speech last night said as they were convinced that separate schools in Ontario should not be abolished, he urged that they should content themselves with seeing that both schools had the same examinations and the same inspectors, retaining their own teachers. There would be said in conclusion be more revelations of boodling in connection with the Mowat government than had been brought out in the Toronto investigation.

Of 450 teachers employed by the school board eighteen are married, many having husbands in lucrative positions. It is proposed to discharge these.

A meeting of Ontario and Montreal teachers was held here, when it was decided to advance the price of leather from 10 to 15 cent, owing to the advance in the price of hides and a combine was formed to carry out the scheme.

A letter received from a former Toronto resident in New York says that ex-Ald. Hewitt was there yesterday. Mr. Grace, of the Street company, has furnished Mr. Nabb, the prosecuting lawyer, with a list of persons to whom the company paid money at the time of the Sunday street car voting. Several prominent people are said to be implicated and a big sensation will be created when the names on the list are made public.

Word has been received of the stabbing to death in a California town of Maximilian Meyerley, once police court clerk in this city. He left here on November 13, 1888, a heavy absconder and defaulter. His disappearance appeared almost widespread surprise. He was killed in a brawl by a Jap.

Mrs. Nancy Gurney, widow of the late Edward Gurney and mother of Edward Gurney of Toronto, died at Hamilton.

Turbull, the defaulting agent of the Northern Pacific Express Co. at Fargo, is supposed to be hiding in Winnipeg.

ARMENIAN HEROINES.

Their Leap to Death to Avoid Turkish Outrage-A Terrible Alternative.

A Turkish Governor Imprisons Conspicuous Persons for Not Making Untrue Stories.

London, Dec. 6.-The committee of the Armenian Society in London passed this resolution today: "It is the manifest duty of the English government to propose to the powers international action in behalf of the Armenians under Turkish rule without waiting for the report of the commission of inquiry, which probably never will be made, and in any case will be worthless."

The Daily News has this dispatch from its correspondent in Constantinople: "News from various sources confirm the belief that the first reports of the Armenian massacres were not overdrawn. There is reason to believe that the truth was hidden from the U.S. minister to send a delegate to accompany the commission of inquiry. The minister communicated with Washington, but the decision of the Washington government is yet unknown. The Sultan on Dec. 2 requested General Biant Pasha to go to Bitlis and report directly to the palace. General Biant's report prevented his going, which was regrettable, inasmuch as he would have been a trustworthy investigator."

Berlin, Dec. 6.-The Volksrecht Zeitung will print to-morrow the following narrative obtained from Armenian sources: "Aradakh was beheaded in August. Grego with his followers strengthened their position and defended it heroically for six days, generally fighting with stones and daggers. Two men often took the place of the men who had been killed. The position becoming untenable, Grego left the women to defend it and took his troops out to forage for food and ammunition. The women maintained the defence twenty-four hours and then yielded to greater numbers after being surrounded on all sides. Their condition was terrible, many carried babies in their bosoms, while the older children stood beside them. The women saw that they never could fight their way through the enemy. Grego's wife stepped on a high rock and cried: 'Sisters, you must choose between two things-either fall into the hands of the Turk and forget your husbands, homes and your holy religion to adopt Islam and be outraged, or you must follow my example. Thereupon, holding her young child in her arms, she dashed her self into the abyss, others followed her falling without cry or groan. The children followed their mothers and the ravine was soon filled with corpses. Those who jumped last were not hurt, as their companions' bodies were piled high. About fifty women and one buried child were taken prisoners. The women bore the torture bravely, and refused to betray Grego and his brave followers. Grego's wife was named Shakhah."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 6.-An Armenian journal in this report that the governor of Bitlis recently sent a circular letter to conspicuous Armenians in his district commanding them to sign an address to the Sultan declaring that all the stories of the Sassoon atrocities are untrue. They refused to sign the address, and the governor said there is trouble in the Armenian district of Zaitung.

LONDON, Dec. 6.-The Times correspondent in Odessa says that the warships Orca and Saratoff have been ordered to transport more than 19,000 troops from Odessa and Sebastopol to Batoum. The Orca is stationed on the Turkish frontier, it is believed, owing to the unsettled state of Armenia.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.-[Special]-An impression prevails in political circles that the Dominion elections are not far off. The extraordinary activity displayed by ministers in adding to the weight of the impression. Hon. J.A. Oulmet yesterday had a conference with a number of the local leaders, and the opinion is that if the government decides to bring on the elections they will be held in January before another session. Nothing definite will, however, be decided on till Sir John Thompson returns from England. The Liberals are actively preparing for the election. Mr. Laurier spent yesterday in conference with the local leaders of his party and has decided to pay a weekly visit to headquarters here.

The celebrated Brown case has been settled after a month's wrangling in the police court. Brown is the son of a New York millionaire and his wife is pretty Maude Barnes; they have become reconciled and are living happily in New York. The lawyer succeeded in effecting a re-union, and the young couple returned to New York.

Archibald McCormack, killed by a Canada Atlantic train near Alexandria, Ont., as reported yesterday, had his head cut off and one of his legs cut off below the knee. Mr. McDonald, his companion, received a terrible wound in the back of the head and had both legs broken.

MYSTERIOUS DROWNING.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6.-[Special]-About 7:30 this evening the night watchman at the Hastings mill heard a cry of distress from the water front. On reaching the wharf the sailors spoken to could give no information, except that on hearing cries they had rushed to the stem of a bark and found a man struggling in the water. A rope was thrown to him, but fell short. Before a boat could be lowered the man had disappeared and was not seen again. All efforts to find the body were of no avail. An eleven o'clock the Colonist representative visited the spot, but the only additional particulars were that all the crews of the two boats at the wharf had been rounded up, the only missing man being Captain Fanke of the bark India. Captain Fanke usually stayed in the city during the night, but from the fact that at midnight he had not been found it is feared he may have been the unfortunate unknown who met his death. The theory is that the accident occurred by the unknown person slipping off the frosted gangplank of the India.

CHINA-U. S. TREATY.

Provisions of the Convention of Which Ratifications Have Been Exchanged.

Immigration of Chinese Laborers Absolutely Prohibited—Other Provisions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The ratifications of the new emigrant convention between the United States and China were exchanged at the State department today by Secretary Gresham and Minister Yang Yu.

Article 1 stipulates that except under conditions subsequently specified the immigration of Chinese laborers to the United States shall be absolutely prohibited.

Article 2 exempts from the provisions of the preceding article the return to the United States of every registered Chinese laborer who has a lawful title or permit in the United States or property to the value of \$1,000 or debts of like amount pending settlement.

Article 3 exempts the right at present enjoyed of Chinese subjects being officials, teachers, students, merchants or travellers for curiosity or pleasure but not laborers of coming to or residing in the U. S.

Article 4 provides that Chinese laborers shall be given the same rights as those of other countries in exchange for the most favored nations except the right to become naturalized citizens.

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Samuel Clayton, motorman, was probably fatally hurt today by a car running into his load of hay.

The property committee of the city council has granted permission for the erection of a monument to the veterans who fell in the Northwest rebellion, on a site in the eastern section of Queen's Park.

Principal Wherry of the Central public school at Windsor, Ont., and Magistrate Bartlett had a squabble yesterday over a serious charge against the Principal of giving a certificate to Mrs. J. Jackson's twelve-year-old daughter.

FERDINAND DE LESSEPS.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Ferdinand de Lesseps, the distinguished French engineer is dead. He was born in Versailles on November 19, 1805.

EMPHATIC DENIAL.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Haggart gives short but emphatic denial to the World's rumor about Sir John Thompson resigning.

BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Chamber of Commerce today passed the following resolution: "That the commercial and industrial interests of the country need a rest from tariff agitation; that our fleet in Chinese waters should be reinforced; that railroads should be permitted to make pooling agreements; and that the representation of American agricultural products abroad should not be discontinued."

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

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An Edmonton dispatch says Mrs. D. B. Wilson, of the Sturgeon river settlement, was thrown from her rig last night and died from her injuries.

TURKEY IN ASIA.

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Great Britain, the United States and Turkey are still in communication, but nothing final has been arranged.

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THE YUKON COUNTRY.

Another Rich Gold Discovery at Cook's Inlet—Many Claims Filed.

Trade Prospects of the Region—Population Likely to Rapidly and Largely Increase.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—The steamer Chilcat from Alaska brings news of another big gold discovery made at Cook's Inlet, August 10, by a party of miners arriving recently on a schooner from San Francisco. Bed rock yielded in a crude experiment \$7,000 worth of gold.

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TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—In a speech last night at Niagara Falls, Hon. Mr. Hargrave, minister of railways and canals, stated that the Dominion general elections would take place within a year.

The public investigation was resumed this morning. Ex-Attorney-General and several witnesses were called at the request of ex-Alderman Maloney and put on the stand, but nothing of a sensational nature was developed.

An important public meeting was held last night at which a committee of influential citizens was formed to work towards the elevation of the standard of civic morality. Members called on the board of trade, president of the board of trade, were the principal speakers.

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His Reminiscences Fall to Charm and the Audience Demands a Visible Return of Silver.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

Sir John Thompson to Dine at Windsor Castle—Atlantic and North Western.

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Advertisement for E.G. Prior & Co. Plows, Harrows, Seeders, and other agricultural machinery. Includes an illustration of a plow.

Advertisement for Boots, Field Grain, and Gum. Includes the text "KIP... FIELD... GRAIN... GUM..."

Large advertisement for Lea & Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce, featuring a signature and the text "LEA & PERRINS' WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE".

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A PHEASANT flying across road yesterday came in contact with a trolley wire, and that several coils at the board and some eight or were burned out.

The quarterly meeting of the Social and Fruit Co. was held at the City Hotel on Saturday, Dec. 8. All interested in the papers are invited to attend. Tickets will be read and donations received and a record of the year's work will be given.

A TELEGRAM to the Colonist from the U.S.A. last night that the coroner's jury yesterday verdict: "That Thomas E. Indiana whose skull was cleft through the forehead by a shovel last night was murdered by a Chinese named Lee yet unknown." The coroner's jury was called to bring him to justice.

The dockyard sail-loft scene of so many pleasant evenings is this evening a merry and fashionable occasion was a ball given by H.M.S. "Pheasant," who did a dance to the music of the band and quite at home. The supper and all other contributions successful far were just as...

MR. JUSTICE DRAKE yesterday in judgment in the case of the City of Vancouver v. The City of Victoria. The case was argued on behalf of the City of Vancouver by Mr. Pearson and on behalf of the City of Victoria by Mr. H. M. S. Pheasant. The judgment was given in favor of the City of Vancouver.

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THE CITY.

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Insurance companies have been given to Sanitary Inspector Collins to present more medical men who are believed to have neglected to comply with the requirements of the law in regard to the reporting of cases of contagious disease.

MR. JUSTICE DRAKE yesterday delivered judgment in the case of Lindell v. the City, heard in the County court on Thursday. The case was for \$500 damages for injuries received from a broken sidewalk. Judgment was given in favor of the city.

Hon. Mr. Speaker Higgins entertained at dinner last night Hon. Messrs. Pooley, Turner and Baker, and Messrs. Rogers, Adams, Holmston, Braden, Kidd, Kennedy, Hume, Hinchey, Hunter, Graham, Smith, Irving, and McGregor, M.P.P.s, also Messrs. W. R. Higgins, J. Raymond and W. E. Ellis.

A PARASITIC flying across the Esquimalt road yesterday came in contact with a telephone wire. The bird dropped dead, the broken wire made connection with the tramway trolley wire, and the result was that several coils at the central switch board and some eight or nine telephones were burned out.

The quarterly meeting of the Horticultural Society at the Fraser Hotel, in connection of British Columbia will be held at Dancon on Saturday, December 15, at 2 p.m. All interested in horticultural matters are invited to attend; interesting papers will be read and discussed and questions received and answered.

A TELEGRAM to the Colonist from Keefe, up the line of the C.P.R., announces that the coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict "that Thomas Boothby, an Indian whose skull was cleft in twain by a Chinaman with a shovel last Friday," was willfully murdered by a Chinaman whose name is yet unknown." The telegram adds that the provincial police have a good description of the man and are using every exertion to bring him to justice.

The dockyard sail-loft at Esquimalt, scene of so many pleasant gatherings, was last evening bright with handsome decorations and many merry and fashionable company. The occasion was a ball given by the officers of H.M.S. Phoenix, who did all that could be done to make their citizen guests happy and quite at home. The music, floor, supper and all other contributing factors of a successful ball were just as they should be.

MR. JUSTICE DRAKE yesterday heard the appeal in the case of the City v. T. B. Pearson. Mr. Pearson on January 7, 1893, was fined \$25 by the police magistrate for trading on business as a wholesale trader without a license and was also condemned to pay the license fee of \$50. The present appeal was taken on the ground among other things that the board did not appreciate the late tribute to Victoria's popularity; and surplus was expressed that while the board had been made (incorrectly) in an English paper that nurses from the Jubilee hospital had to be sent to Vancouver for training, that city has to send patients here for proper treatment.

"PULANOH, Indian, charged with stealing a coat," is an entry that was made in the police register last evening. This looks very commonplace indeed, and yet Pulanoh is no commonplace thief by any means. He went into the Victoria Loan Office as the shade of night was descending yesterday, laid his good overcoat on the counter, and whispered that he wanted to realize on it in coin of the realm, the transaction being in the nature of a loan and not a sale. He was accommodated and then with delightful sang froid, while the pawnbroker was attending another customer, he left the place, taking the pledged coat with him. It is for this reason that the transaction being in the nature of a loan and not a sale, he was arrested here negotiating for a second loan on the same identical coat with another pawnbroker on the next afternoon.

ST. LUKE'S rectory, Cedar Hill, was burned down yesterday morning, and Rev. Mr. Flinton's family had a narrow escape from the flames. The inmates of the house were rescued about 5 o'clock by the cracking of fire in the woodwork at the back of the dining-room fireplace. Mrs. Flinton, who, with her little child, was sleeping in the next room, awoke to find the whole place in flames, and had a very narrow escape from being burnt to death. All the furniture in the family got out safely and the hired man rushed off in his bare feet to rouse the neighbors, who promptly gave their assistance and succeeded in saving a great part of the furniture and other contents of the house. The building itself is a total loss. It belongs to the Cedar Hill parish and was insured. The loss on the furniture is about \$200, fully covered by insurance in the London and Canadian.

THE Daughters of St. George elected officers last evening and afterwards had a social time with music, dancing and refreshments. The new officers are: E. P. Sister M. A. Penketh; W. P. Sister Stephen; V. P. Sister E. Bradbury; E. S. Sister Halpin; R. S. Sister Newton; T. Sister Churton; chairman, Sister E. Turner; first conductor, Sister Marshall; second conductor, Miss E. Penketh; I. G. Sister R. Turner. The music was furnished by Mr. F. Sell. The following took part in the program: Sister Wilkes; song, Miss Stinger; song, Mr. Wilkes; song, Mr. Stevenson; song, Mr. Cross, and recitation, Mr. Gelder.

Last evening Rev. G. Clement King delivered before the St. William Wallace Society a very interesting lecture on "Early Scottish Kings" with lantern views, commencing with a beautiful view of the early Scottish leader addressing the Scottish army prior to their meeting the Roman legions. He then took his audience to the various homes of royalty in Scotland and gave an interesting account of them, as well as of the occupants and builders. He visited the island of Iona, and showed the graves of the early Scottish kings, as well as beautiful pictures of Sir William Wallace, Robert Bruce and the succeeding Stuart kings down to the time of Queen Victoria. Throughout the evening many very beautiful scenes were presented and frequently elicited applause from the audience, who saw some place dear and familiar to them in the days that are past. A very pleasant evening was spent by the members after the lecture. Mr. J. F. Smith delivers his next lecture on the 14th, on "Celtic Literature."

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THE JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

Indulgence of Pay Patients Which Has Brought Long Delay in Settling.

Other Cities' Burdens Passed on to Victoria—Matron's Second Annual Report.

The Jubilee hospital board met last evening, Mr. John Davies in the chair, and Messrs. Chas. Hayward, Geo. E. Brown, J. Braverman, J. L. Crump, W. M. Chudley, Wm. Wilson and J. S. Yates also present.

The secretary of the ladies' auxiliary notified the board that at a meeting on the 4th inst. it was considered advisable to increase the number of officers. The election stood: Mrs. Hayward, president; Mrs. Hutchison, vice-president; Mrs. Smith, secretary; Mrs. Dalby, treasurer.

R. M. Palmer, inspector of fruit pests, notified the board that the apple trees on the hospital grounds on McCune street are infested with woolly aphis, and must be attended to. Ordered done.

Dr. Richardson, medical officer, reported the average number of patients during the month to have been 41.9, and the average cost per day \$1.14 per patient. He recommended the purchase of a movable bed, the use of fewer patients. Referred to committee for the month.

The matron, Mrs. McMillan, took the occasion of this being the close of her second year in that position to make a report on what has been accomplished in the training school. There are now nine nurses in training, with almost daily applicants for admission. Four graduates are doing very satisfactory work in the city and neighborhood. Next month Miss Woodrow will be completing her two years' training, and before May next two others will be leaving to find work outside. The donations for the month were: Clothing, Mrs. C. Kent, Mrs. Anpland and Mr. Husey; reading matter, R. M. A. Club.

A discussion took place on the subject of the amount owing by patients who have left the hospital without settling. It was decided to put the accounts of those who can pay but will not, into the hands of solicitors. The outstanding bills amount to \$875. Greater patients will have to give promissory notes if they have not the cash when they leave the hospital.

The treasurer reported that patients are being sent from Vancouver, Westminster and Nanaimo for admission to the Jubilee hospital; and Mr. Wilson told of an instance occurring only this week where a man and his wife asked for admission and stated that he had expected to pay only \$3 a week each, as a doctor at Revelstoke, where they came from, told them so.

The discussion which followed showed that the board did not appreciate the late tribute to Victoria's popularity; and surplus was expressed that while the board had been made (incorrectly) in an English paper that nurses from the Jubilee hospital had to be sent to Vancouver for training, that city has to send patients here for proper treatment.

LIBERAL MEETING.

There were some fifty people present at the meeting held last night by the Liberal Association at Spring Ridge. Ald. W. J. Dryer occupied the chair, and called on Hon. A. N. Richards for the first speech.

Mr. Richards took as his subject the Liberal platform adopted at the Ottawa convention. Among other things it was proposed to abolish the Senate, and he was appointed for life could harass a government to which they were opposed, and there was no remedy like that provided in England where if the Lords were opposed to the government the administration could create new Lords and carry their point in that way. Had it not been for the Conservative Senate opposing Mr. Mackenzie's bill the Dominion government would have built the Island railway. The country was beginning to think it could do without the Senate as it was of very little use and cost a great deal. If the Liberals were returned a bill might be passed to abolish the Senate, and consent obtained in England to make the change. The country was coming to the conclusion that the Senate was not worth the money it cost. Protection was perhaps the greatest issue between the parties to-day, but he would leave its discussion to other speakers.

Mr. Byron H. West was the next speaker on the program, but he was not present. Mr. W. A. Robertson stepped into the breach and spoke against protection as injuring the mining industry. British Columbia was more of a mining country than anything else and it was of the highest importance that the mines should be protected. The farmer was taxed 35 per cent, for his farming implements he had to charge the miner more for his supplies than would otherwise be the case. It was claimed that machinery not manufactured in the Dominion could be brought in duty free, but it would not work to advantage to bring the machinery for a mill from one place and, perhaps, the engines from another. It was better to get the whole machinery from one firm. The free mining was the more the country would prosper. Coal mining, he also claimed, was badly handicapped in this country.

Mr. D. Sprague held that protection had been done upon the country, and had proved a failure. It had not protected the manufacturer or worker. The squeezing out of the small manufacturer, he maintained, was done by rings assisted by the government, which was kept in power by the bundle of the favored few. He drew the picture of a manufacturer who sat smoking at his ease in luxury, with his feet propped up higher than his head, cutting down his workmen's wages to pay bounties to the government.

Mr. William Marchant held that protection injured commerce and had failed to keep up wages. A protective tariff was a direct incentive to steal from the government. Mr. Houghton wanted to know in what way the Liberal proposed to raise a revenue. Was it by direct taxation? Taxes had to be raised, and as Mr. Laurier stated that we could not have free trade in Canada as practiced in England, how was revenue to be had?

Hon. Mr. Richards replied that the Liberals proposed to have a tariff for revenue—no ignoring protection. It was impossible to have free trade, but it was intended to go as far in that direction as possible. A present manufacturer paid no taxes. It was the goods imported that had to pay the duties. It was proposed to make the manufacturers pay their share.

After some further discussion the meeting broke up about half-past ten.

THE CITY.

This children of the First Presbyterian Sunday school are to hold their Christmas treat on the evening of the 21st inst.

PULANOH, the aboriginal "smooth grater," who stole his own coat from the Victoria Office Friday evening, under circumstances which Colonel Hinchey yesterday, was given one month at hard labor by Magistrate Macrae.

YESTERDAY'S early morning windstorm, while a blow of exceptional force, fortunately did no serious damage about town. Signs, shutters, flagpoles and chimneys, as well as wires of all kinds were tested, and shipping business was somewhat delayed.

POLICE Magistrate Macrae yesterday dismissed the information charging Ambrose Reed and George Thompson with using grossly profane and insulting language on the streets. The accused were given the benefit of the doubt.

The strong wind prevailing yesterday made the work of hauling the collier Costa along on the marine railway one of considerable difficulty. As one of the boats, as though ship and cradle would both go, but ultimately the big vessel was brought out satisfactorily.

JOHN G. WILLIAMS, who was arrested while mate of the Detroit on a charge of stealing a shotgun from a man named Wilson, was set at liberty yesterday. Wilson is out of town and cannot be communicated with, hence the release of the mate in the provincial police court yesterday.

The police have had reported to them the robbery of a considerable quantity of valuable silverware from a house on Bond street Friday morning. The collection included knives, forks, spoons, water-cooler, trays and tea service. The smaller articles are all marked with the letter "N."

ALD. HUMEYER will at to-morrow evening's meeting of the city council move that the city proceed to expropriate the required portions of lots 1 E 2, block 21, Spring Ridge, with a view to widening that portion of Johnson street, so called, abutting upon these lots, and closing all of the local improvement by-law.

GEORGE SLADE was yesterday committed for trial from the city police court for the alleged "rolling" of James North in the rear of the Colonial hotel last Thursday morning. According to the evidence Slade and his friend (name unknown) took advantage of the fact that North had been drinking to go through his pockets and relieve them of about \$4.

REV. G. CLEMENT KING'S stereopticon exhibition, on a lecture on the same subject, took place at the Victoria Hotel last evening. The lecture was the leading feature of the evening's entertainment in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. In addition, Miss Milne and Miss Vaughn contributed a piano duet, and Mrs. Clyde and Mr. F. Watson vocal solos. The program throughout was pleasing. On Wednesday evening the Y.P.S.O.E. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will tender a reception to the members of the Y.M.C.A. in the association's hall.

ADJUTANT ARTHUR HALL of the Salvation Army, yesterday received advice from Toronto instructing him to pick out a suitable building for the establishment here of a Food and Shelter depot. The proposed building is a small tenement of the "Darken" English "colliers," providing comfortable quarters for the poor and needy in the city, giving at the same time to these able to work some kind of employment. On a lecture on the same subject, took place at the Victoria Hotel last evening. The lecture was the leading feature of the evening's entertainment in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. In addition, Miss Milne and Miss Vaughn contributed a piano duet, and Mrs. Clyde and Mr. F. Watson vocal solos. The program throughout was pleasing. On Wednesday evening the Y.P.S.O.E. of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will tender a reception to the members of the Y.M.C.A. in the association's hall.

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WANTING. EARL DUNRAVEN'S FORMAL CHALLENGE. NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Lord Dunraven's letter and challenge for the America's cup were posted on the bulletin board of the New York Yacht Club at a few minutes before midnight to-night. The challenge is in the name of the late Lord Dunraven in 1892. The new yacht will bear the same name as the last challenger, Valkyrie, which was defeated by the Vigilant, in October 1893, and afterwards went to the bottom of the Clyde. Lord Dunraven's new boat will be a cutter, 30 feet on the load water line or practically the largest single stickler which will compete for the cup under the terms of the gift. In all probability she will differ but slightly in her lines from those of the old Valkyrie. Lord Dunraven's letter, which was sent to the House of Commons in order that he could join with them in bearing witness to the facts as well as to the local details. There were though considered by many as a "black sheep" (laughter) he had not been authorized to put himself on trial and to ascertain the facts. While perhaps in some things he had been forced to run counter to the wishes of valued friends, it was one of the great reasons for confidence in the administration at Ottawa that he had dared to do what might be an unpopular thing. Wise or unwise—if in carrying out the affairs of his department he had dared to run counter to the views of many people, the occasion of trying by corruption to buy support at any cost, fell to the ground. (Applause.) He said to those he had ventured to offend, that while they might condemn him for not being wise or judicious, he claimed an absolute vote of confidence in the integrity of the government. (Applause.) He would go down and out of the government—other men had done so—but the Conservative party is so strong and has such reason to be strong that while he carried out its policy he would remain in the government as strong as ever. What other party was there strong enough to handle the difficult duties of to-day? He believed that the government of to day were the only body for the next ten years capable of meeting the difficulties. (Applause.) Take the question of the fisheries. Mr. Laurier had said when he was here that fishermen think their affairs are not properly administered and that the government was tyrannizing over them. He only referred to that to show to what despicable and cowardly methods of attack the Liberals were given. Sir John Macdonald when in opposition from 1874 to 1878 had sought a higher ground than that. It had kept to the one great principle and the opponents at the next election would be the same as at the last. 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ASSURANCE FOR SEALERS.

The British Government Likely to Deal Fairly With the Modus Vivendi Claims.

Acceptance of the United States Offer Recommended to Avoid Arbitration Delay.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries met the sealers in the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon on the subject of their claims. In opening the conference, which was largely attended, Sir Charles remarked that the subject of compensation had already been fully explained by him at the Saturday meeting. It had been pointed out that the sealers had been offered \$425,000 by the United States government, and now it was for them to say whether they would accept the offer or refer their claims to a commission that would sit here and take evidence. There was a difference of opinion as to what the sum he had mentioned would cover. He would therefore state that the \$425,000 was offered by the United States to settle everything up to August, 1893, the date of the award, with the exception of the Coquitlam case, which had arisen out of the prosecution of the sealing industry by the Dominion government in connection with the customs laws. The claims under the modus vivendi are however not included in that amount. These latter claims had been withdrawn by the British authorities and the responsibility for them therefore rested upon the Dominion government which undoubtedly would not shrink its responsibility. These claims seemed to stand on a very strong footing. The British government had paid for the claims of 1891 as for state reasons they had wished to stop sealing for that year. After that, without asking the consent of the Dominion government, they made a further agreement with the United States and it was for the loss suffered by the sealers during that second modus vivendi that the claims were put in. Whatever merit there was in these claims nothing had been done by the Dominion government to affect them. The Dominion government could only convey their claims to the British government and back them up, but could not insist on collecting them. In backing up the claims the Canadian government could only do what if it were not done would leave the claims weaker. The government of which he was a member was not a party to the agreement which happened in the way of a generous treatment by H.M.'s government as was given in 1891. As to the claims against the government of the United States he would suggest that the Dominion government should be asked to make a commission to investigate the claims and recommend that the lowest possible figures be given and pressed upon a basis that the British government would be likely to accept. This was merely his suggestion, and he thought it would be well to show a spirit of compromise in the settlement. The British government should in all fairness dispose of these claims. If the Dominion government had agreed to the extension it would have been different, but he refused to be a scapegoat. The British government had assumed the entire responsibility, and if it refused to do justice it would do what it had never done before.

Mr. Rithet asked if a sealing vessel, having completed her catch and on her way home happened to be caught in the prohibited sea a day or two after the close season set in, was she liable to seizure? Sir Charles replied certainly not. He was very much surprised when the right to visit and search vessels was granted. At Paris Sir Charles Russell had said that Great Britain should allow the sealers. There was no statute or any authority in British law to allow it. A sealer, supposing he was not catching seals, had a right to cross and recross the prohibited zone, with guns and everything else on board. He knew that the officers of the coast guard had put a different construction on the regulations. Every nation resists the right to search, and it was that which had caused the war between Great Britain and the United States in 1812.

Mr. Rithet having graciously thanked the thanks of the meeting to Sir Charles Tupper for the interview and the interest which he had manifested, stated that he regretted that the meeting had not been held in the presence of the sealers, and that it had been said that he and Sir John Thompson had excused over having secured a great achievement at Paris. He, however, thought they were fortunate in being in England, when there were dealings with other nations, it was not the custom to make political capital out of them. He was sure that all over Canada, irrespective of party, there was sympathy with the sealers. It was gratifying, however, to know that no one had been able to put his finger on one point which the Dominion government ought to have represented and had failed to bring forward, or to say that they had done what should not have been done. The only boast made by himself and the Premier was based on the fact that a severe blow had been given to a gigantic monopoly that endeavored to have sole sealing prohibited. The United States had declined to agree to the regulations till the very last; they did not desire to have any sealing vessels allowed in the Sea; that was the reason he and his colleagues had felt triumphant. It was as a Canadian that he had felt triumphant. He knew that when a foreign nation was permitted to limit our privileges it was striking at all the privileges that an Anglo-Saxon felt like living for or dying for. (Applause.) And what they might feel triumphant about was the fact that the United States had declined to agree to the regulations till the very last; they did not desire to have any sealing vessels allowed in the Sea; that was the reason he and his colleagues had felt triumphant. It was as a Canadian that he had felt triumphant. He knew that when a foreign nation was permitted to limit our privileges it was striking at all the privileges that an Anglo-Saxon felt like living for or dying for. (Applause.)

H. M. "RINGAROOMA." SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 10.—The naval corps appointed to explore into the grounds of the S. Binghamson, off Mallico Island in September, has been ordered upon Captain Johnson and Lieut. Chetwynd and Macdonald for negligence, and dismissed Chetwynd from the ship. In general the captain and his officers are commended for getting the ship off the ground and taking her to port at Sand Bay. PARIS, Dec. 10.—Mons. de Lesseps has received telegrams of sympathy from Emperor William and many royal princes.

THE CITY.

With this issue the COLONIST enters upon its 37th year—still leading in general excellence all its contemporaries of the province.

THE YOUNG LADIES OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH desire to express their sincere thanks to all those ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted them at their fancy fair on Thursday last.

"FAITHFUL SIR JOHN" is the title of a new piece of music by Frank W. Deane, "dedicated to all loyal Canadians." If there is anything in a name this ought to be a popular piece of music. M. W. Walcott & Co. are agents for its sale.

A FIRST CLASS entertainment is promised for Saturday evening next at Sample's hall, under the patronage of the Victoria Musical and Literary Society, the programme will comprise three or four collaneous musical and literary numbers; the second consisting of the laughable farce, "An Awful Toothache."

It was reported to the police yesterday that two East Saanich Indians are missing under circumstances which lead to the conclusion that they have been drowned. They went out from the reservation on Friday night, during a brief lull in the storm, and have not since been heard from.

The International Customs Journal is on file in the Board of Trade reading room, and the tariff of 103 countries have been received. The Journal is published by the International Customs Bureau, and all changes in the tariffs throughout the world are kept up to date. The recent tariff act of the United States is also to hand.

The Cape Beale, Carmanah and Otter Point wires are again in the soup, the winter storms have made a wreck of it for miles besides blocking the road with fallen trees all the way from Sooke river bridge to Mr. Gordon's house. The work of repairs has been undertaken with vigor, but it is doubtful if the wire can be brought into reliable working shape again in a week at the best.

LIM YEM, charged with robbing a Nanaimo firm, by whom he was employed, of \$809, was before Magistrate Moore in the provincial court yesterday afternoon, when two witnesses were examined in chief and in cross-examination. The accused will be committed for trial at Nanaimo. His counsel, Lim Yick Yock, who was arrested by Constable Perdus, of the police office, is now detained by the provincial authorities as a necessary witness.

THE FULL COURT of British Columbia sat yesterday for the hearing of a long list of cases, the bench being composed of Justices Drake, McClelland and Croese. The case of Cressel v. Guibon was first heard and dismissed; in Mr. Brydson-Jack moved for a rehearing of an appeal to the Full Court; Mr. McClelland, Q.C., in favor of Cressel v. Cook & Street, counsel for appellant did not appear and the appeal was dismissed. Mr. J. A. Russell for respondent.

THE LIST of voters qualified to cast their ballots at the approaching election of mayor and aldermen shows a gain of nearly one thousand names upon any previous year. Below is given a comparative statement of the voting strength of the city by wards:

Table with 2 columns: Ward Name and Number of Voters. Includes North Ward (1,900), Centre Ward (916), South Ward (1,369), and Total (4,025).

PARTICULARS are at hand of the murder of the Indian Booty, at Esler, on the 20th of August. Coroner Pittendree, who presided at the inquest, having received the report of the coroner, it appears, visited the claim of a Chinaman named Ah Gung, and was standing beside one of the boxes when the Chinaman rushed up. "What for you throw dirt in mine eye?" he angrily inquired, immediately brandishing the ineffective Indian with a heavy shore. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of willful murder, but Ah Gung has not yet been apprehended.

THE CITY school trustee board waited upon the Minister of Education yesterday morning to make arrangements for the forthcoming Christmas examinations. As a result, the existing school regulations will be practically set aside for this year, and the examinations will be conducted as follows: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (19th, 20th and 21st) for public examinations on Thursday, the 20th and public examinations on Friday morning (the 21st inst.) at the girl and boys' central school, and in the afternoon at the high school.

THE Victoria and Vancouver Island Council of Women met yesterday afternoon, when thirteen societies affiliated. After their routine business the question of lessening the duty on opium was thoroughly discussed, and it was unanimously resolved to petition the Dominion government to make the opium as difficult to secure as possible, and to accomplish this by imposing a tax already upon it. It should not be sent but rather increased. The officers of the council who had only been elected provisionally were all re-elected for one year. It was further decided to hold public meetings every three months and executive meetings monthly. A public meeting will be held on January 14, when each president of the affiliating societies will give a paper on their work, and also a paper on the opium question will be ready for signature by the presidents of affiliating societies on Wednesday next, at the rooms of the Y.M.C.A.

CONSIDERABLE interest was manifested in some heavy pieces of artillery material which had been brought over from Vancouver on the Chacoer and lay on the C.P.R. wharf yesterday. The shipment consisted of a big shield made of steel three inches thick, an ordinary gun carriage and the mountings of an immense gun. The last when in position works with hydraulic pressure. In its operation it can, in less than a quarter of an hour, be raised to a height of 45 feet, and the gun can be pointed in any direction. The big gun of which it is a part is to be used in connection with the Esquimalt fortifications, and the place now being fitted for its reception somewhere along the water front will permit its being raised to a commanding position or being completely sunk out of sight and also out of harm's way. The mounting alone weighs 35 tons, and is of the most modern style. So far as is known it is the first to arrive from England for the Esquimalt fortification.

FROM THE DAILY COLONIST, December 12, BOARD OF TRADE.

Discuss With the Minister of Marine and Fisheries Questions of General Importance.

Deep Sea Fisheries—Telegraphic Connection With the Sound and Other Topics.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, previous to his departure from Victoria yesterday, met the British Columbia Board of Trade to hear certain representations that they desired to make to him. There was a good representative meeting of the members and the results of the conference were considered very satisfactory.

The President, Mr. Flimmerfelt, who occupied the chair, in opening the proceedings said he was sure that the meeting would result in mutual profit to the board and to the Minister. The various subjects to be brought before Sir Charles' attention had been apportioned to different members of the board and upon himself devolved that of beacons, lights and buoys. During the past year the board had been partly dealt with by the Minister. The various subjects to be brought before Sir Charles' attention had been apportioned to different members of the board and upon himself devolved that of beacons, lights and buoys. During the past year the board had been partly dealt with by the Minister. The various subjects to be brought before Sir Charles' attention had been apportioned to different members of the board and upon himself devolved that of beacons, lights and buoys. During the past year the board had been partly dealt with by the Minister.

Mr. C. E. Renouf, who had to deal with the subject of the San Pedro wreck, lying near the mouth of the harbor on Brochele reef, said he had noticed that the question of the wreck had been brought before the board at the public meeting, the day before. It had excited some surprise that the wreck had not been removed from the reef before this, and though a Nanaimo pilot was on board when the vessel was wrecked, it was not removed under the Victoria jurisdiction. Naturally it would appear that the pilot should have been tried in the Victoria jurisdiction, nevertheless he had been dealt with by the Nanaimo board. This seemed to suggest that there should be some central authority, if the pilotage system was to be as perfect as was required.

Mr. Robt. Ward, who had to speak upon the marine hospitals, reviewed the history of the difficulty, stating that some time ago complaints had been made of the unsatisfactory condition of that institution. He had brought the matter before the Board of Trade, which in a very moderate resolution had requested the department to look into the matter, and the result was the appointment of the officers of the department. In his opinion, unjustly rushed into print and through the press had practically called him a liar. Then the matter came up before the board, and Mr. Erie and Col. Prior, the latter of whom made rather warm attack upon the Minister. He (Mr. Ward) was not in a position to say whether the condition of the hospital was satisfactory or not, and the resolution of the board had allowed to fall into disuse. He hoped to look into the subject, but a request that the Minister was on the spot he would make inquiries. The speaker understood that the building was inadequate and believed that negotiations entered into by the department with the Jubilee hospital to take charge of the sick mariners had fallen through. He trusted the Minister would see that the hospital was put in the condition it should be. (Applause.)

As to the prohibition of salmon catching in the salt water during the winter, he said he had fully pleaded guilty to having overlooked that in the regulations; but, in pleading guilty, he wished to associate with him others; for it was not till he had come here that the matter had been pointed out to him. The difficulty could be solved by the fishermen agreeing to keep off the coast during the winter months. The Pacific coast was, however, on the eve of a great development of the deep sea fisheries. Then it would be the duty of the Dominion government to commission officers to protect the fisheries and keep off the coast during the winter months. The deep sea fisheries was a subject of peculiar interest to him. It would give him extreme pleasure if he could answer that a ship like the Albatross would be fitted out to get all that it wished. The department to get all that it wished. The Pacific coast was, however, on the eve of a great development of the deep sea fisheries. Then it would be the duty of the Dominion government to commission officers to protect the fisheries and keep off the coast during the winter months. The deep sea fisheries was a subject of peculiar interest to him. It would give him extreme pleasure if he could answer that a ship like the Albatross would be fitted out to get all that it wished. The department to get all that it wished. The Pacific coast was, however, on the eve of a great development of the deep sea fisheries. Then it would be the duty of the Dominion government to commission officers to protect the fisheries and keep off the coast during the winter months.

As to the condition of the telegraph service, this was a matter that had not fallen under his own province and he could not discuss it. He would represent the views expressed to his colleagues, however. Coming to the insolvency law, the boards of trade all over Canada had been anxious that a measure should be passed, and a bill had gone through the Senate last session, which had received careful handling by men of large business experience. There was so much difference of opinion about it, however, that owing to the lateness of the session the Premier had decided to leave it for further consideration by the public. The bill would be again submitted to parliament, what the Premier had promised. As to the question put by Mr. Renouf about the fishing regulations, section 1 does cover all kinds of fishing, but the practice has been to enforce it except where it has happened in the East, foreigners under the guise of sportmen did unsportsmanlike things. Men had come across from the States who were not red and had used dynamite. That was the reason of the law in the East. That was another example, however, as gentleman had put it, of how ill suited our Eastern ideas are to the West, and he would have it rectified without any difficulty. (Applause.) As to the question relating to the East, foreigners under the guise of sportmen did unsportsmanlike things. Men had come across from the States who were not red and had used dynamite. That was the reason of the law in the East. That was another example, however, as gentleman had put it, of how ill suited our Eastern ideas are to the West, and he would have it rectified without any difficulty. (Applause.)

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PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

First Session of the Seventh Parliament. SIXTEENTH DAY.

MONDAY, Dec. 10, 1894.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m. Prayers by Rev. F. McF. Macleod. A number of Sabbath observance and other petitions were presented. The third report from the private bills committee was read and the bill, which has been complied with in respect to the petitions of the New Vancouver Electric Company, the City of Vancouver, the City of New Westminster, and the Red Mountain Railway Company; and also reported on the Harrison Hot Springs extension bill. Mr. Cotton having asked to be relieved from attendance on the public accounts committee as for the next two weeks he would be otherwise engaged, on motion of Hon. Mr. Sword, he was granted and Mr. Sword was appointed in his place. Mr. Williams complained that the Inland Sentinel had incorrectly described him as loyal to his profession first and his constituents afterwards in having suggested to exclude the form of clause for the insertion of the small debts act, whereas he had voted against that proposition.

THE SPEAKER presented the annual report on the legislative library. Hon. Mr. Sword presented a return to the motion of Mr. Kitchin respecting Fraser river relief operations. Hon. Mr. DAVIE introduced a bill entitled "An act relating to the government of the City of Vancouver." Read a first time. Mr. HELMCKEN introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend and consolidate the act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the province of British Columbia." Read a first time.

Dr. WALKER moved for a return of all Intestate estates either administered or unadministered by the official administrator for the past three years. Motion agreed to. Dr. WALKER introduced a bill entitled "An act to amend the homestead act and to amend the act relating to the homestead act." Read a first time. Dr. WALKER moved: "That a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that he will cause to be laid before the house all the papers in connection with the late inquiry into the management of the provincial lands." Agreed to.

The house again went into committee on the mechanics and laborers bill, Mr. Hunter in the chair. Reported complete with amendments. Hon. COL. BAKER, in answer to Mr. Helmecken, said the reply of the Dominion government to the resolution praying for the removal of the Indians from the Songhees reserve was contained in the return presented to the house last session.

Mr. HELMCKEN moved the second reading of the execution bill. He explained that the intention of the bill is to extend the act of 1894, so as to ensure to employees in all cases the preferential claim for one month's wages which by the act it is intended that they shall have. Since the act was passed it had been ruled by a judge that it did not provide for such a preference in the case of an equitable execution which had taken place, and the bill now before the house is to remedy this defect, and make the preference sure whether the judgment debtor is sold out by legal or by equitable execution.

The house went into committee on the woodman's wages bill (Mr. Williams), with Mr. McGregor in the chair. Bill reported complete with amendments. Mr. STANLEY said he observed on the floor of the house a distinguished member of the government of Canada (Sir Charles E. Tupper), and he proposed with the consent of the house to call a recess for half an hour, during which the members might take the opportunity to make their acquaintance. The house thereupon took a recess at 4:40.

Mr. STANLEY, upon the resumption of the session, introduced a bill to amend the Red Mountain Railway Co. act, 1883. Read a first time. The house adjourned at 5:20.

SEVENTEENTH DAY. TUESDAY, December 11, 1894. The Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m. Prayers by Rev. F. McF. Macleod. A large number of miscellaneous petitions were read, and ordered to be printed. MINING BUREAU. Hon. COL. BAKER moved the second reading of the mining bureau bill, which provisionally had been discussed already in the house in connection with the resolution on the subject, he thought no lengthy explanation now necessary. By the amalgamation of the mining bureau with the department of the interior, the necessity for any consideration of the bill in connection with the subject would be avoided, the only appointments necessary being of a clerk, or similar minor official, and perhaps someone to visit the mines. He thought the bill should be passed as the initial expense may even be reduced, as there is a building now which may be converted for the use of the bureau.

Mr. STANLEY thought that all that it proposed to be obtained by this bill had been secured without its introduction at all, and he would oppose the second reading as he felt the interests of the country would be better served by dealing with the subject in a simple manner. He thought that this in other cases the new department would branch out into a very expensive undertaking.

Hon. COL. BAKER in explanation said there is no reason to suppose that the expense of the bureau will annually increase as suggested, unless there is such a marked development of the mining industry as to

EXECUTION BILL.

The house went into committee on the execution bill (Mr. Helmecken), with Mr. Kennedy in the chair.

Hon. Mr. DAVIE suggested that the committee should consider in connection with this bill as well as with others of the same nature, the position in which the debtor would be left under its operation. The legislature has stated its wish in connection with the procedure in some of the courts that a man shall not be stripped of absolute everything, but that he shall be left enough to keep his family from absolute want. He thought it well to mention the matter as that the intention of the committee might be thoroughly understood.

Mr. WILLIAMS considered it was for the government to introduce legislation on this point, and that the matter was not one for this committee. Bill reported complete with amendments. KOOTENAY TRAMWAYS. The house went into committee on the bill respecting the incorporation of tramway and other companies in Kootenay (Mr. Kella), with Mr. Rithet in the chair. An amendment striking out the words "the application of the bill to West Kootenay was declared carried on division of 12 to 10, after considerable discussion.

Hon. Mr. DAVIE, some time afterwards, in consequence of this action of the committee suggested that the bill had better be laid over for further consideration, as he thought it would in the public interest practically have to be recast. He did not consider it advisable that an act of this sort, giving authority for the construction of enterprises such as tramways without application to the legislature or other similar authority, should have general application, such as would permit of the parallelism of existing lines and the construction of new lines already granted by the legislature to companies which have risked a great deal of capital on the strength of the security which they felt the legislature would give them. He felt satisfied that the house, when it comes to consider the effect of making the scope so general will be inclined to limit it. He therefore endorsed the suggestion which had been made that the committee rise and report progress, so that the bill might be carefully amended.

Mr. KELLIE said his sole wish is to apply the bill for the benefit of mining enterprises, to give them the freedom in constructing tramways which appears to be absolutely necessary. He had no objection to the insertion of a clause for the protection of vested interests. The committee rose and reported progress. HARRISON HOT SPRINGS. The bill to exclude Harrison Hot Springs property from the municipality of Kent (Mr. Eberts) was read a second time.

HOMESTEAD ACT. Dr. WALKER moved the second reading of his bill to amend the homestead act, so as to exclude from the exemption provisions the stock in trade of a man in business. He considered this very desirable in the interest of the public and of the mercantile community in relation to the homestead act. Mr. SMITH opposed the bill, as he considered all such legislation is unfair in giving privileges to some classes of the community which are denied to others.

Hon. Mr. DAVIE, in admitting the force of the arguments in favor of the bill was in doubt as to its wording, for he thought it would be rather difficult to agree upon exactly what is meant in all cases by stock in trade. It is well known, however, that in many cases the stock in trade of a man in business is not exempted from the amount of the present exemption of five hundred dollars, and such persons therefore have been permanently excluded from the benefits of their stock for debts which they have incurred. He would vote for the second reading, but he hoped that in committee the bill would be somewhat altered.

Mr. SMITH thought that the class of small traders mentioned are the very persons who ought to be exempted from seizure and he would oppose the amendment proposed by this bill. Mr. RITHET strongly supported the bill. Hon. Mr. DAVIE thought it likely to result from the exemption of stock in trade under the homestead act, which in his opinion ought to be confined to household goods. Mr. EBERTS said that as the law now stands it has been held in case of five partners, for instance, each one of them may claim exemption to the extent of \$500, which certainly was never intended. He agreed that only household furniture and goods of that nature should be exempted under the homestead act.

Mr. WILLIAMS also thought that only certain specified chattels should be exempted. Bill read a second time on division. HON. MR. DAVIE COMMISSIONERS. Hon. Mr. DAVIE moved the second reading of the bill relating to the government of cities. He thought that as the bill will be entirely optional in its character there can be little objection to it, for the act if passed can only be put into operation by the vote of the persons affected by it. He explained the provisions of the bill (already published), which in brief are for the substitution of a board of commissioners in place of the municipal council, and the left out by inadvertence will provide rules and regulations to give the act effect, governing the number and remuneration of the commissioners in each instance, and to be adopted before the vote on the bill is taken in any municipality, so that the electors know exactly what they are pronouncing upon—how many commissioners they are to have and what they are to be paid. The powers of the commissioners are to be proposed in all respects those of the municipal council, and no more, and they will of course be governed by the municipal act for the time being. Should the act now introduced be applied to any city he thought it would prove very acceptable, but even should it not be applied its passage will have an excellent effect in keeping before the councils the fact that the ratepayers have in their hands an effective measure which may be applied or not considered desirable. He pointed out that the Waterbury one of the best governed cities in the United States, is controlled by a board of commissioners such as proposed. A few years ago a clause was introduced into the municipal act, somewhat similar in principle, relating to the audit, and though it was assailed at the time it has not since been attacked, but has been called into operation in more than a dozen cases, with satisfactory results. He thought that the present system, whereby a new council takes office each year, often makes a great deal of confusion and public loss and inconvenience, and that with a view to remedy this condition of affairs it would be a very good idea indeed to put such a measure as this in the hands of the ratepayers.

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PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES.

Features of the Programme Presented by the Finance Minister for the Next Fiscal Year.

Flood Repairs Responsible for a Large Amount of the Grants for Public Works.

The estimates were presented to the legislature yesterday afternoon, the book including besides the vote to be asked and the expectation of revenue for the next fiscal year, the estimates of supplementary expenditure found necessary for the current twelve months. An examination of the figures shows no radical change, the features of the outlined financial programme being the substantial though not extravagant expenditure for public works, the liberal sum asked for educational purposes, necessarily increasing apart from the cost of new buildings required, and the exceptional addition to the expenditure arising out of the floods of last spring. A total of \$175,000 is asked for on the last account, representing the immediate outlay called for in the repairs of roads and bridges besides the relief of the sufferers.

The supplementary estimates for the current year, 1894-95, include the following: Public debt, \$1,174,900; Civil government, \$1,820,000; Administration, \$1,000,000; Hospitals and charities, \$1,000,000; Education, \$1,000,000; Roads, bridges, etc., \$1,000,000; Miscellaneous, \$1,000,000.

The item for the administration of justice other than salaries is for the police protection along the coast the necessity for which has been so frequently urged. The flood expenditure is largely represented under the heading of roads, bridges, etc. It is \$5,000 for protective works along the Columbia river at Revelstoke, conditional upon the grant of a like sum by the Dominion government. Supplementary to the large grants in the last main estimates, New Westminster district gets \$16,000, Yale \$16,000, East Kootenay \$33,000, West Kootenay \$16,000, while there are also appropriations for each of the other districts. The main trunk road, including the replacing of the Ashcroft bridge, calls for \$35,000 addition, the road from Okanagan to Boundary Creek \$10,000, and the road from Lytton to Foster's Bar, including replacing Lytton bridge, \$7,000. For repairing bridges in New Westminster district \$18,000 additional is required, while there are many other expenditures of this nature provided for. The miscellaneous items include \$8,000 for aid to municipalities in Westmaster district affected by the floods. The supplementary estimates of which the chief items are above mentioned amount in the whole to \$247,785, which for purposes of comparison with this year's must be added to the total of the estimates for 1894-95 given below.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURE, Est., and 1894-95. Rows include Public debt, Civil govt. salaries, Administration, Hospitals and charities, Education, Roads, bridges, etc., Miscellaneous, and Total.

The general revenue is estimated as just about the same as that expected for the current year, the difference in the total being caused almost entirely by the presence of the unusual items of withdrawal from sinking funds, and money available from the previous year, under the head of 1894-95. Here is the comparative statement:

Table with columns: REVENUES, 1894-96, and 1894-95. Rows include Dom. Canada, interest, go. subsidy, go. land sale, Land revenue, Survey fees, Timber revenue, Free mining certificates, Licenses, Marriage licenses, Real property, Personal property taxes, Wild land tax, Income tax, Registered taxes, Revenue from stamps, Flax and forestries, Probate fees, Registry fees, Assay office fees, Bureau of mines, Assay for license, Printing office revenue, Sale of govt. property, Entitlements in mid., Interest, Interest on sinking funds, Chinese poll tax, Sale Consolidated, Succession duty, Miscellaneous, Withdrawal from sinking fund of 1894 and 1895, Appropriations made available from 1894-95, and Total.

Amongst the expenditures contemplated for next year a few of the more important may be mentioned. There are provided \$25,000 for the construction and equipment of a court house at Nanaimo, and \$10,000 in addition to the \$5,000 voted for 1894-95 as aid to the Nanaimo corporation for school construction, while for a goal site at Nanaimo there is \$1,700. The Fraser river land protection commission has \$25,000 provided for it, contingent upon the Dominion government granting a like sum. Some \$24,000 is asked for roads and bridges are: North Victoria district, \$6,000; South Victoria, \$10,000; Regional, \$8,000; Cowichan, \$8,000; Alberni, \$4,000; North Nanaimo, \$5,000; South Nanaimo, \$6,000; Comox, \$10,000; New Westminster, outside the municipalities, \$8,000; North Yale, \$4,000; East Yale, including \$4,000 on Boundary Creek road, \$12,000; West Yale, including \$1,000 on Mammoth Lake road, \$4,000; East Lillooet, \$3,000; West Lillooet, \$4,000; Cariboo, \$7,000; Cassiar, \$5,000; East Kootenay, \$11,000; West Kootenay, North \$12,000, and South \$8,000; main trunk road \$20,000.

The public works expenditures contemplated in Victoria and vicinity are given as follows, besides repairs and additions: Improvement of government reserve, \$1,000; roofing law courts, \$1,500; bureau of mines, building site and plans, \$6,000; public school Oak Bay, \$2,000; public school Goldstream, \$400.

WILLING WORKERS.

The Willing Workers of Christ Church held a sale of work in the cathedral school-room yesterday afternoon in aid of the Sunday school, which was well patronized and a handsome sum was realized in consequence. In the evening an entertainment was given to a large audience. The first part consisted of a short concert in which Miss Hutchings, J. M. G. Goodwin, Grizzle, K. J. Middleton and E. H. Russell took part, and their efforts were highly appreciated. This was followed by the burlesque extravaganza, "Aton Hama the Wag," the characters being taken by a number of youngsters from the Sunday school. Their acting and singing afforded much pleasure and amusement and reflected great credit on their abilities and the careful training of their instructor, Mr. P. Wollaston, Jr. Where all name anyone in particular, the characters were taken by Messrs Cecil Berkeley, P. P. Wollaston, R. Brown, W. Brown, A. Pearce and R. Piddock, and Mr. K. J. Middleton.

THE CITY.

Mr. SURTOW announces in another column that he proposes giving a course of lectures on mineralogy during the winter months. This move is expected will be very generally appreciated.

The South Saanich Temperance Society held a concert in the Temperance hall, South Saanich, on the 17th inst. A Victoria and Sidney train will leave the railway station that evening at 7:30, returning after the concert, quite a large part of the programme being from the organ.

The Christmas examination at Victoria College, Beacon Hill, commenced yesterday morning. A large number of students sat for the first day's papers, which were on history, literature and composition. The examination continued daily until Friday, 20th inst., when the college adjourns for the Christmas recess.

YESTERDAY in chambers Mr. Justice Drake, on application of defendants in Globe Furniture Co. v. Mulholland & Mann and the School Trustees, made an order that plaintiffs give \$150 security in each case. Messrs. Yates & Jay, for Mulholland & Mann; Mr. Geo. Powell, for the School Board; and Messrs. Bodwell & Irving, for plaintiffs.

The steamship Mexico, which it was thought would be relieved from making her present trip by the City of Topeka, arrived on route North last evening. The Topeka, overhauling in San Francisco, is now about completed, and it is expected she will be able to replace the Mexico on the next trip. William Ogilvie, D. L. S., and his party of surveyors were going up to examine the Taku river country were among the passengers who embarked here.

In the Y.M.C.A. room last evening the members of that organization were tendered a reception by the Y.P.S.O.E. of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Rev. W. L. Clay presided and in an opening address inaugurated a programme attending to the entertainment of the members. The Y.P.S.O.E. contributed two recitations, Miss Lavie a piano solo, Master B. Nicholas a vocal solo, Miss Johnson a recitation, Miss Ross a piano solo, and the Misses McFarlane and Fraser an instrumental duet.

OSAWA, the Jap accused of doing grievous bodily harm to F. Wollaston on Saturday night by stabbing him, came up for preliminary hearing in the police court yesterday. Mr. F. R. Higgins appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Perry Mills for the defence. Only Mr. Wollaston's evidence was taken, that going to show, that on the way home that night with a companion he for a lark knocked at the door of the Japanese employment office just to wake the Japs up, and when a Jap came to the door he said "good evening." The door was slammed in his face, and then he tapped a window with his cane, accidentally breaking the glass. He was stabbed on his way across the bridge afterwards. The hearing was at this point adjourned till 10 o'clock on Monday morning. Osawa held \$100 bail in the sum of \$100 himself and two sureties of \$50 each.

EVERY feature of the annual dance celebrated by Court Vancouver, No. 8755, A.O.F., in the A.O.U.W. hall last evening was characterized by thoroughness by those who had charge of the preparations. These were: J. Collier, W. Hall, F. Wainson, E. Partridge, H. Maynard, J. R. Donald, E. E. Johnson, A. Johnson, J. Campbell, J. Speed and H. Walker. The hall, with the aid of flags and banners, Chinese lanterns, palms, etc., was made to look like a very best, while in the relation of the Richardson orchestra the musical committee ensured a good programme. Among other prominent features were the excellent refreshments, which were more than adequate to the occasion, and the presentation of a beautiful programme to Past Chief Ranger H. W. Hall by Past Chief Ranger E. H. Walker on behalf of the lodge. The rig, which is one of Chalmers & Mitchell's best production, is inscribed "Presented by the members of Court Vancouver, No. 8755, A.O.F."

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The marriage of Prince Adolphus of Teck, brother of the Duchess of York, to Lady Margaret Grosvenor, daughter of the Duke of Westminster, the richest peer in the United Kingdom, took place in the chapel at Eaton Hall, Cheshire, on the 8th inst. The chapel was magnificently decorated. Among those present were the Duke and Duchess of York, Duke and Duchess of Teck, the Duke of Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and a large number of the aristocracy. The wedding gifts were numerous, and included a diamond swallow brooch and a silver tray from the Queen. The bride was attired in a satin suit, veiled with Brussels points lace, bordered with orange blossom and myrtle, and a corsage of similar design.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Central News from Hiroshima says a detachment of the Japanese second army occupied Foo Chow on December 5 without meeting any opposition. The Chinese garrisons at Foo Chow, 5,000 strong, retreated to Newchwang.

BUFFETTED BY THE STORM.

The British ship "Scottish Dale" Has a Taste of the Recent South-East Gales.

Picked Up by the "Bertha." She Reaches Port Townsend in Serious Distress.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 12.—(Special)—After a terrible experience off the Oregon and Washington coasts in a hurricane, the British ship "Scottish Dale," of Liverpool, Captain Timothy McCarthy, from San Francisco for Portland, to load grain for Europe, arrived in port to-night partly dismantled. Her rigging was a complete wreck, her hull hung in shreds, her cabin furniture was demolished, three or four seamen were incapacitated from duty, and the whole spectacle presented was about as forlorn as can be imagined. One seaman, James Kerr, was reported drowned. The officers and crew, excepting the steward and one man, mutinied and attempted to take the command of the vessel away from the captain. The latter nearly beheaded one of the mutineers with a speaking trumpet, and with the assistance of a brace of revolvers enforced discipline. While this was going on the gale was blowing seventy miles an hour, and the ship was drifting near land and in an extremely perilous position. The crew were panic-stricken and wanted to abandon the vessel and let her drift on the rocks.

The "Scottish Dale" sailed from San Francisco on December 2, and on the third day was about 60 miles off the Columbia river, when a heavy snow storm set in. Twice the ship got inside of the lights, when the gale weather came on and forced her to seek the open sea. Once she came near getting on shore. On Thursday and Friday strong winds turned into a succession of heavy gales and the sea was running mounting high. On Friday night the gale became more violent, interspersed with hursting squalls and carried away the cross-jack yards and an hour later the main upper topsail went over the side. The ship labored and strained heavily all Saturday.

On Sunday noon the vessel got into the storm centre and the wind died away, but the sea was much more severe. Without a moment's warning the vessel lashed to starboard and nearly one thousand tons of ballast followed. She was so badly listed that the crew could not crawl along the ship's sides without being attached to stationary objects. Heavy rain fell, the decks were awash and aft. The post anchors, thirty fathoms of chain were dropped overboard to drag to keep her head to the wind and all hands began tramping ballast. On Sunday the gale came again and the barometer dropped to 28.60. The foretopmast yard and every stitch of canvas soon after sailed away.

At daylight, Monday, Fort Canby was less than five miles distant. In clearing away the rigging of the Scottish Dale, two hands were disabled by falling overboard. The crew got disheartened and wanted to launch the boats and abandon the ship. Captain McCarthy armed himself with a revolver and drove the men forward. They threatened to refuse to obey, but the fore and upper topmasts, which brought all hands to their senses. The vessel was headed toward the Sound, but not started. The "Bertha" came along and asked the "Scottish Dale" to take her to port. A modest sum of \$7,500 to tow the vessel to port. The offer was declined, but she took the disabled ship in tow, and after twenty hours brought her into port.

The "Scottish Dale" was built in 1883 at San Francisco and is owned by W. H. Ross & Co., owners of the "Scottish Dale" of Dalrymple. The vessel is worth \$125,000. She has damage, outside of salvage, will amount to \$10,000. She is under charter to Mayer, Wilson & Co. to load grain for Liverpool.

The distressed vessel, in tow of the "Bertha," was passed by the City of Kingston on her way to Victoria yesterday, and excited the lively curiosity of all on board by the sight of her very dilapidated condition. At this point the "Bertha" was towed to the pier, where the foremast was launched and a heavy list to starboard added to her generally distressed appearance.

TUPPER AT NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Sir Charles Tupper and party arrived here this afternoon and were escorted by representative citizens to the Windsor hotel. Though only a brief announcement had been made the opera house was crowded to hear Sir Charles on the questions of the day. His reception was especially cordial and frequent bursts of applause greeted the speaker as he soared heavily against the sophistries of the Liberal party. Mr. J. P. Cannon occupied the chair and introduced Sir Charles, who opened by saying he should like to have seen more of this important point, but must be content to see the man who had made it what it is at the present moment. Most of the important moves which have been urged on the government for this section are, he said, in a way to successful solution. Regarding recent charges he would only say for the same spirit of fair play which was characteristic of the province. In Victoria he had explained away one of the most important charges against the government and had shown that no administration could guarantee to prevent stealing. The government does not deny that there has been stealing, but could show that proper watchmen had followed, and if not they would show that any minister had had a hand in the matter. After dealing with the old stock scandals and disposing of the speaker's tirade in a able manner, the speaker turned to the trade question. The National Policy as understood since 1878 was, he contended, required as no time so much as now. It has worn well, has stood down attacks upon it and maintained Conservative party in power for sixteen years. Just now the Liberals are busy asking if a general election is legal. If this policy is so bad, what could be happier for them than a general election and a chance to change the administration. It would appear that the Liberals are not as ready for an election as they would have people think. They all know the National Policy? Did they know the Liberal policy? If the Liberals were asked to define the Liberal policy they would be

ANOTHER CHINESE DEFEAT.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A despatch to the Central News from Amoy says that a Japanese division on Monday, Dec. 10, defeated the Chinese near Kin Kwa. The Chinese lost 100 killed and a large number of wounded. The Japs, whose loss was only 40 killed and wounded, captured two banners, ten prisoners and a large number of rifles. Four thousand Chinese were engaged. The Chinese fled towards the Ho Ko. Field Marshal Yamagata has ordered for home. A despatch from Hiroshima says Field Marshal Oyama is still at Port Arthur. The Chinese are concentrating at Foo Chow and Japanese brigades under Gen. Noge is marching to meet them. A Tientsin despatch says the Japanese have captured Kin Chow, 50 miles north of Shun-Hai-Kwan. All reported quiet at Foo.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Interesting Commercial Reports to Be Issued—Industrial Census Comparisons.

An Unfounded Complaint—Resignation of Mr. Robillard, M.P. for Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Dec. 11.—The Department of Trade and Commerce are adopting a practice which is likely to be of great benefit to the business men of the country. Hereafter the quarterly reports of the operations of the department together with information relative to new tariff changes and general commercial information will be published. The first copy was issued to-day.

An analysis of the industrial census of 1891 is being made by George Johnson, Dominion statistician. The report when completed will show how unfounded is the complaint that the industrial development of the Dominion is retarded by the inclusion of trivial industries in the category of industrial establishments.

A small sized local sensation has been created by the announcement of the contemplated resignation of Mr. Robillard as one of the members for the House of Commons. Mr. Robillard resigns as a result of his action that Ottawa does not get its fair slice of patronage. The members of parliament outside of Ottawa have, however, that the Capital gets more than its share.

INTERCOLONIAL RELATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Hon. Henry Wilton, of Victoria, a delegate to the recent inter-colonial conference in Ottawa, lectured in London this evening on the result of the conference. He followed substantially the outline already given. Sir Charles Tupper presided in the absence of the Marquis of Lorne. In the discussion which followed Mr. Wilton's speech, Lord Brassey said he rejoiced that both the Earl of Jersey and Mr. Wilton had emphasized the advantage of a closer union. If the objects of the conference could be effected the result would be of immense value to Great Britain. Sir John Thompson, the Canadian premier, who was cordially received, remarked that there was a strong feeling in Canada in favor of the cable and steamship projects and that the Canadian people awaited with interest the action of the British government on the matter. The cable problem was too great a one for the colony to solve, but Canada's and Australia's willingness to grant subsidies, rendered the completion of a cable expedient. The cost being thus too great, \$1,000,000 below the estimate, the Canadian parliament's vote on steamship subsidies indicated that the steamship project was also assured of success. The result would be a great increase of inter-colonial trade and closer union.

RETURNING TO CHINA.

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—Instead of flocking into the United States, the Chinamen appear to be making all haste to get as far away from it as possible, and intend selling their certificates on reaching China, but the government, perceiving this, has ordered the surrender of the documents. Sixty-eight coolies, including one woman, left on Sunday morning for Vancouver, where they took passage on the Empress. They had merchant certificates, and informed the inspectors that they intended to come back some day. The laborers in the party insisted that they had not taken out certificates, but a search of their baggage brought to light a half dozen, which the inspectors placed in their pockets. One of the laborers had \$3,000 in gold and greenbacks strapped about his body.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—(Special)—One of the most gorgeous state functions ever held in Montreal was the drawing-room of Lord and Lady Aberdeen given in the Art Gallery last night. The function was conducted with all due court splendor. His Excellency wore his private uniform in full dress uniform, while the Countess of Aberdeen wore a full court toilette. Mrs. Montgomery Moore, wife of General Montgomery Moore, commanding the British forces in British Columbia, is reportedly ill at the Windsor hotel from laryngitis.

OSAWA, Dec. 11.—Fire was discovered at three o'clock this morning in a Ontario Mallean Iron Works. A strong wind blew the flames through the whole building. The firemen had to employ half a mile for water. The works employed 300 men. Loss, \$120,000; insurance, \$27,000.

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OUTRAGES ON ARMENIANS. Action of the American Government in Connection With the Special Inquiry. The United States Have Appointed a Commissioner to Assist.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The President to-day sent to the Senate in response to the Hoar resolution the Armenian correspondence and a copy of a cablegram to Minister Terrell. The Secretary says: "The department has received no information in regard to the alleged cruelties committed upon Armenians in Turkey, other than the statements that have been made by the Turkish government, the current reports in the press and two telegraphic reports from the legation of the U.S. at Constantinople. These statements and reports contain nothing as to any cruelties committed upon Armenians who are described in the resolutions as citizens who have declared their intention to become naturalized. In the absence of authentic information as to the matters in question, no expectations have been addressed to the government of Turkey concerning them. As to the proposals made to this government to act in concert with other Christian powers, on the 30th ult. the American minister at Constantinople telegraphed to the State Department that he had expressed a desire that the United States should accompany a Turkish commission to investigate the alleged cruelties." This solicitation, which is doubtless a repetition of the one referred to in the recent public rumors, was thought fully appreciated, declined.

It is obvious that the intervention of the United States at the solicitation of Turkey, in a matter to which treaty stipulations expressly relate, would not have been timely and judicious either on a score of propriety or of expediency. On the contrary, it might have proved to be exceedingly embarrassing to the European powers whose duty it is to see that the guarantees in favor of the Armenians are executed. Subsequently, however, the British government, one of the principal signatories of the treaty of Berlin, having taken steps in the matter, expressed a desire that the United States should participate with the commission in an investigation, now to be made. With this request, which was supported by the Forster, it was decided to comply and Mr. Jewett, consul of the United States at Sivastopolis, was designated for the duty. It is therefore anticipated to say that it is the desire of the department that a complete and impartial investigation may be made of the matters referred to in the resolution of the Senate to the end that the facts may be fully elicited, and the requirements of justice and humanity, as well as the treaty stipulations, duly observed.

The following message was sent to Minister Terrell, at Constantinople, under date of the 10th inst.: "Since my telegram of the 2nd inst. declining the participation of the government in the proposed investigation of the reported occurrences at Sessom, your supplementary telegram of the same date has been received. The Turkish minister yesterday repeated the Sultan's desire that an American join the Turkish commissioners in the investigation, and, moreover, the British government, a party to the treaty of Berlin, has expressed its desire that a capable and upright citizen of the United States participate and report his individual conclusions. The President therefore directs that Mr. Jewett, consul at Sivastopolis, accompany the Turkish committee, not, however, as a member of it, to the district in which the alleged atrocities were committed, and after full and impartial investigation report the facts for the information of his government. He will not join the Turkish or other commissioners in any report. You will inform the minister of foreign affairs, and if necessary ask proper security for Mr. Jewett. (Signed) C. GAZARD."

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 11.—There is a deficit of \$500 in the electric light department this year, owing, it is said, to the gas company cutting the price to less than what it costs them. Three men supposed to be the highwaymen who attempted to hold up D. Egan near Bon Accord, have been arrested at Blaine. The Hogan shooting case was brought up to-day. Shorty Wilkinson, the would-be murderer, was again remanded.

WESTMINSTER, Dec. 12.—Sir Charles Tupper has practically conceded all the demands of the owners, who are well satisfied with the interview had with him. Mr. Moresby is devoting nearly his whole time to hunting up evidence against Pat Cain for the market garden Chinese murder. Only a few links are required to complete a strong chain. When Pat Cain was accused of the murder, he said it was Moresby who is doing this.

REVELSTOKE, Dec. 12.—Last night, at about 11:30 o'clock, E. S. Wilson, a miner, threw himself into the Columbia river. Everything possible to save Wilson was done by throwing logs and driftwood into the river, but to all appearances he did not try to save himself. Mr. Andy Whales, seeing that Wilson was going down stream, plunged into the river, but before he could reach him the latter had disappeared. Whales then tried to make the shore, but he had by this time got into the current and before assistance could be sent for him he disappeared. Mr. Whales's mind had been in rather a demoralized state, and he had tried to make away with himself by hanging. MONTREAL, Dec. 11.—In the by-election for Bonaventure to-day Lemieux, Liberal, was elected over Arseneault, Conservative, by a majority of 219. The vacancy was caused by the death of ex-Premier Mercier. At the last general election Mercier's majority over Arseneault was 275. SHEPPARD, Dec. 12.—The mayor of this city and his former partner had a fight in the public works yesterday, and would have punished one another severely had not the police interfered. The trouble was over the severance of their partnership.

