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### MANY HOMELESS AT SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON

### Fatal Accident on the Railway—A Boy Decapitated—Ontario Legislature to Meet Early in Year.

Montreal, Oct. 21.—The Grand Pacific hotel, 1424 Notre Dame street, was badly damaged by fire early this morning. The occupants all escaped without injury, but lost all their effects. A thrilling rescue of five of the inmates was made by Sub-Chief St. Pierre, who dragged them, half-suffocated, from the burning building. The loss is about \$150,000.

### Of Interest to BRITISH COLUMBIA

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRAP LICENSES

### Rumors That the Matter Is Now Under Consideration—The Census of Yale and Cariboo.

Ottawa, Oct. 22.—The presence of G. R. Maxwell, M. P., and the delegation along with him is said to be connected with the question of granting licenses for trap fishing. So far the department insists that it has no intention of issuing any trap licenses. However, there are those who say that the question is under consideration, and that the present policy may be changed. The acting minister of marine and fisheries, J. Sutherland, is not in the city.

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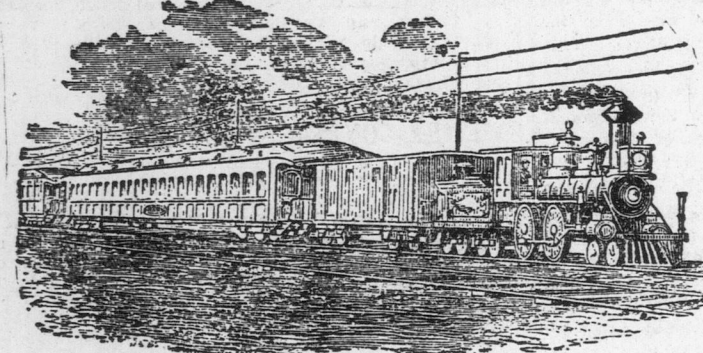
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THE PROGRAMME FOR THIS SPORT OF KING

Some of the Horses Which Will Be Entered—Improvements to the Track and Grounds.

On Saturday afternoon next the annual fall meet of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held at Colwood. Every preparation which will tend towards the success of the event has been arranged, and spectators who have attended the races of the club hitherto and who have experienced some discomfort and inconvenience in witnessing the progress of the races as they pass over the course will have no cause to complain of the same trouble on Saturday.

Every accommodation has been arranged. A new grand stand, of which a description has already appeared in these columns, has been erected, and for the modest charge of 25 cents the spectators will have the privilege of being in a position to see the greater part of the track over which the different events will be contested. Included in the programme for Saturday are three steeplechases and two flat races. The courses for the different events will be as follows: The steeplechase course, in which two and a half miles, has been most carefully prepared for the races. The fences of the course, however, to permit of the steeplechase course being fenced, and the riders will have, in former cases, to depend on their skill in riding to keep their mounts on the track. The hurdles are from 4.10 ft. and have already been put up in readiness for Saturday.

Lovers of the sport will also be able to see some horses which have never before been in Victoria at work. Several local owners have purchased animals of repute, which they will put on the track for the first time in Victoria on Saturday. One of these is Shamrock, owned by Mr. Patton. It has a first-class record and is expected to run closely with one of the best horses of this city, Dr. Jean, owned by Mr. Sprengle, in another horse which has been in Victoria, and which will make its debut on the 26th.

The entries are as follows: First Race. A steeplechase for horses the full property at the time of entry of the Victoria Hunt Club. Any number of the club or riders licensed by committee allowed to ride. Licensed to carry a seven pound penalty. Distance about two and a half miles. This race will be won twice by the same horse because the absolute property of any rider.

Second Race. A steeplechase for the bona fide property at the time of entry of members of the V. H. C. Any number of the club or riders licensed by committee allowed to ride. Weight pounds. Licensed riders to carry a 10 lb. penalty. Distance 2 1/2 miles. The winner of this race will be the same horse as in the first race.

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The Criminal Assizes opened this morning before Mr. Justice Drake. There were three cases down for trial: Rex vs. Gill, the Work Point murder case; Rex vs. Stevens, the Hasenfratz shooting case; and Rex vs. Nichol, the libel action entered by Messrs. Turner and Dowley in the Province, for which a true bill was brought in June, 1898, and which has been postponed from assize to assize since that time.

The grand jury having been empanelled, Mr. J. M. Elliott, attorney-general, appeared for the prosecution in the two first named cases, and Fred Peters, K. C., for the prosecution in Rex vs. Nichol. Robert Cassidy, K. C., not being able to appear, Mr. J. M. Elliott, K. C., and W. H. Langley are defending in Rex vs. Nichol. A. L. Belyea, K. C., assisted by L. Powell and A. M. Anderson, is defending Gill, and E. J. Powell and A. Anderson by Stevens.

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AN ACCURATE RETURN OF THE TOTAL CATCH

The Number of Cases Largely in Excess of Previous Years With a Few Exceptions.

PROSECUTION'S CASE CLOSED YESTERDAY

Accused Admitted to Sergeant Murray That He Kicked His Paramour—Adjourned Till To-morrow.

The charge against Michael Pete of felonious assault upon Helen Burns, alias Nellie Murray, was heard in the provincial police court yesterday afternoon. Counsel for the prisoner, Parguar Macrae, asked that the charge be withdrawn as there was reason to believe that the injured woman would not give evidence against the accused. His application was not granted however, the court maintaining that apparently a serious offence had been committed which required investigation.

Corporal David Davies, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, was called as first witness. He stated that he had known the accused for two years. He was coming home from the barracks on Friday noon when he heard a row in the yard of accused. He looked in and saw the accused struggling with the woman, who was, to all appearances, drunk. He carried her into the house, and witness heard her scream and moan. He went inside and accused told him the woman had been bitten on the neck and that he had knocked her down. Witness then went to the barracks and telephoned to the police. The woman was unconscious of her condition, and was lying on her left side. Her blood on the right side of her head. There was no one in the house besides a little girl of about three years of age.

High witness she was under the influence of liquor. He had never seen accused intoxicated, but had seen the woman drunk on one occasion. He had not noticed accused's shoes. Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police, next gave his evidence. He had gone to the house where the assault occurred immediately on being notified, and had found that Constable Campbell had preceded him a few moments. One of the Work Point barracks medical corps were treating the wounded woman. He examined the wound and found it was a bruise on the right leg near the knee which was of no consequence. Any angular instrument might have caused the wound in the head. He saw no symptoms of brain concussion, and made no remarks as to who struck her. He thought the wound might have been inflicted by the toe, or more probably the heel of the shoes having the blood stains. The wound was not one which he would call dangerous.

Supt. Hussey announced that the case for the prosecution was closed, and Mr. Macrae asked for an adjournment until Tuesday next at 10.30 a.m. This was granted. Michael Pete was admitted to bail, himself in \$100 and a surety of \$100.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

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A REPORT ON THE PRISON SYSTEMS

SOMETHING ABOUT A HARD LABOR SENTENCE

Two Swiss Mountain Guides Tell Their Experiences. Two of the guides in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Hasler and Bohm, are in New York on their way home. These men, together with six others, arrived in Canada in 1897 from Switzerland, and last May went to their stations along the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway within the mountains. Hasler is a particularly intelligent man, and as he speaks very fair English, he is able to talk interestingly on his experiences in the Rockies and Selkirk range. Bohm and Hasler were the two guides who were with the Rev. James D. Outram, of Pithoucy, Scotland, when he made his already famous ascent—the first on record—of Mount Assiniboine, the Canadian Matterhorn.

The departure was made from Field on August 20th, and the peak was bagged on September 3rd. Hasler says the ascent was fairly easy, but that the descent was fairly trying, and that the slightest mistake would have been fatal to the whole party. The steep north face, down which they crept, is a mass of fragile rock, often with an insidious hold for foot and hand. Moreover, it was covered with a film of ice, which in its turn was dusted with a sprinkling of freshly-fallen snow. However, the ascent was made, and made at the end of the season, too, for Hasler says: "It was the last day upon which the mountains could have been climbed this year."

In addition to Mount Assiniboine, the guides report that Mount Vaux, Goodst, Chancellor, Wapta, and Colley were also bagged this season. Of these Goodst was the most difficult. The ascent was made in July and the corridors or overhanging snow slopes were unusually large and dangerous. "Do you not think some of the peaks are better climbed in winter?" "Yes," said Hasler, "because then all the crevices would be filled, and the snow would be hard frozen, making the danger from slides very much less than it is in summer."

WARM WORDS OF PRAISE. Ahousah, B. C. Oct. 14, 1901. Times Printing & Publishing Co., Victoria, B. C. DEAR SIR:—This is to inform you that we very greatly appreciate the Souvenir Edition of the Victoria Times, on the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, which you very kindly sent us. All of your sub-cribers must regard it with great pleasure, and any others who may have the privilege of reading it will, with them, consider that you have conferred a real benefit upon your numerous readers and upon the City of Victoria and Province of British Columbia as well. Heartily thanking you, Yours Very Truly, JNO. W. RUSSELL.

Essentially instructive. He admits that the English prison official got abroad finds that where the English system is better known or understood it is but little appreciated. There is a general idea, he says, that our punitive methods are harsh, that our legends circulate as to the tortures of the "convict," the ingenious torture of "in pain" and the grinding tyranny of "travaux forces." It is not surprising that even an intelligent foreigner fails to grasp the distinction between a sentence of "hard labor" and one of "penal servitude," so misleading are our terms.

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THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA.

A Paris dispatch to the London Standard says: A critical study is published by Mr. Henry Vignard, first secretary of the United States embassy in Paris, discussing the authenticity and value of the letter and map of Toscanelli, the Florentine astronomer, upon the western route to the Indies alleged to have been sent by Toscanelli in 1474 to the Portuguese, Fernam Martins, and communicated later to Christopher Columbus. Up to the present Toscanelli has been generally regarded as the initiator of the discovery of America, and it was in recognition of this merit that a monument was erected to his memory in Florence. The credit thus given to Toscanelli was based upon the statements made by the original biographers of Columbus, his son, Fernand, and Las Casas, the historiographer of the Indies, to the effect that the discoverer of America was at one time in correspondence with Toscanelli concerning the former's great design; that the Florentine astronomer approved his plan, and that, in order to encourage and help him, he gave to Columbus a copy of a letter and map that he had forwarded in 1474 to Canon Fernam Martins, vicar-councillor of King Alfonso of Portugal, in order to explain to that monarch that the real route to the East Indies was the western one over the Atlantic, and not the eastern one around Africa. The map, which has disappeared, showed this route, while the letter, preserved by the descendants of Columbus, dwelt upon the advantages offered by the new route, and sought to demonstrate its perfect practicability. Mr. Vignard's object in the above work which he has just submitted to the public is to establish that the authenticity of the facts alleged in this matter has been too readily admitted, and that there are all sorts of reasons to believe: 1. That Toscanelli never wrote the letter of 1474 attributed to him, nor traced the map that accompanied it. 2. That Columbus was never in communication with Toscanelli. 3. That Columbus's great object had an origin wholly unconnected with any suggestions or counsels from Toscanelli; and 4. That the documents which Toscanelli was expressly intended to veil the real origin of Columbus's design.

TRIALS SATISFACTORY.

San Francisco, Oct. 23.—A model of a torpedo designed for use in warfare has been given a trial in the bay by the inventor John H. Paine, of New Zealand. The trial was apparently satisfactory. The torpedo is intended for use as a submarine boat as well as a conveyer of deeply explosive material. The inventor claims that it can be steered in any direction. 1. That Toscanelli never wrote the letter of 1474 attributed to him, nor traced the map that accompanied it. 2. That Columbus was never in communication with Toscanelli. 3. That Columbus's great object had an origin wholly unconnected with any suggestions or counsels from Toscanelli; and 4. That the documents which Toscanelli was expressly intended to veil the real origin of Columbus's design.

English Criminals' Poor Physique. Present day convicts in this country appear to be of comparatively low physique. Only 55 per cent last year were fit for hard labor, as compared with 74 per cent, in 1881. Naturally, the whole character of our penal servitude system has been profoundly affected. Here is an interesting commentary: "The essential feature of that system has been, historically, the employment of convicts on public works at home, such as construction of harbors of refuge or works under some public department. The breakerwater at Portland, the Great Basin at Chatham, and other similar works, which have been constructed mainly by convict labor, are cited by the royal commission of 1870 as testifying to the system by which associated labor has been directed, and as substantial proofs that convicts can be made to repay to the public a considerable part of the cost of their maintenance; thus the value of the labor of the convicts at Portland, Dartmouth, and Brixton, exclusive of the value of any work which they performed for the carrying on of the prisons, was nearly equal to the cost of maintenance of those prisoners. The extraordinary diminution of the numbers sentenced to penal servitude, of course, renders it impossible for the government now to undertake public works of the character which was then associated with the penal servitude system. The principle, however, of associated labor remains the same, the men being employed in healthy and hard outdoor work, the health and circumstances permit; but their numbers are not more than sufficient for the performance of such labor of which the remaining convict prisoners afford the possibility, and, if the present tendency continues, will not suffice for the execution of even these."

Two Congresses Under Review. The two congresses under review travelled over a wide field of enquiry, and having regard to the attention recently directed to the subject by Dr. Anderson, the late head of our detective department, it is of interest to note that at Brussels last year the treatment of professional criminals was closely investigated. The plan advocated by Mr. Ruggles-Brise is this: That in the case of men whose penal records show that they have lived substantially by thieving and robbery, and whose acquisitive instincts have been uncontrolled by the fear and example of punishment, a new sentence should be placed at the disposal of the judges, supplementary to their existing powers. Another point of great interest in the report is that of the former chief of the police and the late head of the Russian prison administration—the difference between a sentence with hard labor, or without—read: "With and Without Hard Labor. There is a distinction between the forms of labor of prisoners who are expressly sentenced 'hard labor' and those whose sentence is one of 'simple imprisonment without hard labor.' The rules enjoy in the former case that a prisoner shall be kept for 28 days of his sentence in strict separation on hard

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

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IS ARRAIGNED FOR DEFAMATORY LABEL

EDITOR NICHOL AND THE EX-MINISTERS

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The defamatory libel case of Rex vs. Nichol, of several years standing, and for which a true bill was returned by the grand jury in June, 1898, reached a jury this morning at the Assize court, Mr. Justice Drake presiding.

THE DIFFICULTY IN THE ATLIN DISTRICT

Representations Made by Conflicting Interests to the Government at the Conference Held Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon a deputation from Atlin waited on the government and for three or more hours discussed the grant, or proposed grant, of water rights on Willow creek for placer or hydraulic mining.

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Local News

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVISIONS IN A CONDENSED FORM. (From Tuesday's Daily.)

The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 22nd inst. were \$78,542, balances \$188,730.

The case of the British Columbia Stock Exchange vs. Irving, arising out of transactions between the defendant in the market, was concluded yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Drake. Judgment was reserved.

An examination of candidates for registration under the Medical Act will be held by the College of Physicians and Surgeons at the parliament buildings on October 29th and following days. The registrar will attend to receive names on October 28th from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Owing to the death of Mr. Walter Morris the services held at the Central Methodist church last Sunday were a memorial service. The church was suitably draped, and favorite hymns of the deceased member were rendered. "Nearer My God to Thee" was splendidly given by Mr. Frith.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Thomas Fletcher took place from the family residence, Pandora avenue, on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Leslie Clay conducted the religious services. The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. Alex. Wilson, L. Goodacre, J. B. Lovell, J. P. Burgess, W. P. Allen and Robert Mowat.

Two of the inmates of the reformatory have returned to their homes. There were a couple of incorrigibles from the Mainland, who were slated for one and two years respectively. Having served their terms they are now free, and the superintendent of the reformatory, Mr. Hansen, has escorted them a part of their journey home.

John Babcock, the newly appointed fish commissioner, has taken possession of his office. He set out on the duties of his new office. He left for Harrison Hot Springs last night, and from there will proceed to the Fraser to undertake a thorough investigation of the fish life in that river. Work in this connection will be watched with a great deal of interest.

Arrivals from Skagway on the steamer City of Seattle report that the damage done by recent floods is extensive, logs jammed in the Skagway river causing the water to flow down some of the principal streets. Mr. Graham, gold commissioner for Atlin, was a passenger on the City of Seattle. He departed at Vancouver yesterday with the intention of coming to this city.

The remains of the late Daniel Morrison were laid at rest at Ross Bay cemetery this afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Superior street, at 2:30. There was a large attendance, and the sympathy of his many friends towards the bereaved family was shown by numerous flowers and floral offerings. Rev. Dr. Wilson conducted religious services at the house and grave.

On Saturday evening last William Scott, who handles the mail from the boats to the post office, was the victim of a very painful accident. He was engaged in placing the mail bags from the season of the approaching winter, and had put one foot on the hoist and the other on the wagon. The horses then started to move, and the old man was thrown down, striking his head on a projecting sill, inflicting a serious wound. He also hurt his hip.

At the residence of the bride's parents, 70 Alfred street, last evening, G. W. Newbury, for many years connected with the postal order department of the post office, and Miss Willametta Morley were united in the bonds of matrimony. Rt.

Gold continues to pour in steadily to the assay office at the government buildings.

At the department of agriculture a couple of finished pieces of Indian handwork in the form of a deep rush basket and rush table constructed by the Frederick and Catherine streets in the named will be held water, so cleverly is it wrought. Both are to be sent to the Agent-General's department at London.

A reading room is to be opened this fall in Victoria West for the convenience of those who lack home comforts. The old saloon property at the corner of Frederick and Catherine streets is to be utilized, and the tables will be stocked with current literature. Games of various kinds will also be provided. Trustees are now admitted for the catering, which will be launched in a few days.

The death occurred at New Westminster on Monday of Alex. McDonald, widow proprietor of the Windsor hotel. Mr. McDonald came to this province in 1880, and to Victoria in 1884. He had charge of the Windsor for ten years. He was survived by two sons, the elder being at present in Dawson. Mrs. McDonald, who recently returned from the North, resides at 45 Menzies street. Deceased was 65 years of age.

A meeting of the Victoria Literary and Debating Society was held last evening for the purpose of reorganizing for the winter. Another session will be held at R. Cassidy's office on Wednesday next. The details of reorganization will be dealt with at that time. An election of officers and the adoption of a programme. A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. R. E. Gosnell, E. Woodfield, J. T. Wilson, E. Solomon, to draft a programme which will be submitted for consideration at the next meeting. It is altogether probable that the society will alternate between the lecture hall of the Young People's Society which has hitherto been in existence there. The new organization will have larger scope and a memorial character. The church was suitably draped, and favorite hymns of the deceased member were rendered. "Nearer My God to Thee" was splendidly given by Mr. Frith.

The eighth annual convention of the Sabbath school teachers of the Presbyterian church of British Columbia will be held in St. Andrew's church on Thursday and Friday of this week, commencing on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, and ending with a public meeting on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The programme, including an address by Rev. W. A. Wilson, of Neenah, India, on Friday evening, has been prepared. Everyone interested in Sabbath school work should endeavor to attend at least one of the sessions.

According to the Ladysmith Leader Arthur Morrison, one of the star players of the baseball club, has received an invitation from the Victoria Athletic Association to give an exhibition of his ability as a wrestler, at an entertainment to be given by that club this week. Mr. Morrison, while in Victoria last week, pleased the Victorians with his skill as a wrestler. He has accepted the invitation. Mr. Morrison should prove a worthy opponent for any of the Victoria wrestlers, and they have some fine ones there.

The last pile of the foundation for the retaining wall in the James Bay causeway will be driven to-day, and the piles between will be removed, the enclosure formed by the coffee dam. The latter will then be completed, after which the water will be pumped out and work on the wall commenced in earnest. The spaces between the piles will be filled with loose stone, and a sub-foundation of concrete laid on the base formed by this and the piles. It is expected that all the water will be pumped out in a week. The date will not be till until after the construction of the wall.

It was expected that in consequence of changes in the act last session a large number of the soldiers at Work Point would be placed on the Esquimaux voters' list this year. It will be recalled that this year it was disallowed that "no sailor, marine or soldier on full pay in the Imperial service" are to have the franchise. Imperial service on full pay, shall be entitled to have his name placed on the register of voters." This clause has been amended, and now only one of the men at Work Point, a member of the Army Service Corps, has been placed on the list. The artillery, in view of their approaching removal, to the China station, doubtless considered it necessary, but this did not apply to the Engineers.

As to the impressions of the Royal visitors and their entourage concerning the glories of Victoria's climate these would be magnified tenfold had an opportunity of inspecting the fruit and berries grown at this season presented itself. Ripe strawberries

THE BUILDING IN THE PARK.

It is a Store House, Not a Magazine, But By No Means an Ornament.

A correspondent last evening suggested that the building in Beacon Hill park, formerly used as a store house for explosives by the Dominion government militia authorities, be removed and the site used for a cottage for the caretaker, and plans were drawn up and are now in possession of the city officials.

The building was erected about a dozen or more years ago—before the park had assumed its present dimensions—and the place where Goodacre lake is now situated was a swamp, where the ubiquitous muskrat had his domain. When artificial agencies transformed the place into the miniature fairland it now is, complaints arose to avenge the curiosity of the visitor, by no means enhances the beauty of its surroundings, and might be replaced by something more ornamental. While still the property of the Dominion government, it is doubtful if any objection to its removal would be made. It stands on property controlled by the city, the land now comprising Beacon Hill, having been placed in the charge of the corporation, in trust, for park purposes.

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When Railroad Comes Fire Department Must Move to Other Quarters.

Now that the preliminaries which will result in the extension of the Victoria and Sidney railway to the very heart of the city are fairly under way, the matter of the authorities and headquarters confronts the city.

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CATARRAL COLDS, AND HEADACHE CAN BE BELIEVED IN MINUTES. TARRHALL POWDER IS A WONDER WORKER.

STANDARD BOX CAR.

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CHESAINAUS NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Ship Hawaiian Isles, 2,041 tons, Capt. Mallet, sailed on Wednesday with a cargo of lumber for Port Pirie, amounting to 2,014,375 feet.

Bark Undaunted, 1,647 tons, Capt. Davidson, is due to arrive. She is to discharge for South Africa.

Bark St. David is well along with her loading, and will probably be ready to sail in the course of a week's time.

The new addition to the Victoria Lumber Company's mill is about completed, and adds a great deal to the appearance of the plant.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Chemainus hospital are to give their annual dinner in the Chemainus hall next Friday night. Judging from their past efforts in this respect, it can be safely said that the event will be a brilliant success.

PASSENGERS AND GOLD.

Steamer Portland Has Arrived at Port Townsend From St. Michael's.

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MARRIED.

WHEELER-LEPAGE—On Oct. 10th, 1901, at Skagway, Alaska, by Rev. Mr. Covington, Herbert Wheeler, of British Yukon National Co., White Horse, B. C., to Ethel L. Lepage, of Victoria, B. C.

WELSH-GRAHAM—At Vancouver, on Oct. 19th, by Rev. E. E. Scott, E. E. Welsh to Miss Adelaide Graham.

HUNTER-BELLEAU—At Kamloops, on Oct. 21st, by Rev. Father Bell, Joseph Hunter and Miss Belleau.

HANSEN-RITCHIE—At Vancouver, on Oct. 21st, by Rev. E. G. Green, Ole Hansen and Miss Violet Ritchie.

JOHN-HALPUR—At New Westminster, on Oct. 21st, by Rev. E. E. York, Albert E. John and Miss Eleanor Harpur.

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Robt. Cameron, a penitentiary convict, before Judge Cole in the Speedy trial yesterday, pleaded guilty to a charge of prisoner being released. Warden Whyte testified to this prior and subsequent conduct, in consideration of which, and the loss of his good conduct time allowed, judgment was suspended till April.

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Attempt Will Be Made to Capture Manitoba Market for Western Strawberries—Keary's Aspersions.

The statutory meeting of the board of horticulture began yesterday, and was attended by all the members, except the minister of agriculture, viz: the deputy minister of agriculture, R. M. Palmer, Mr. Cunningham and Thos. G. Earle.

After the completion of the routine business, Mr. Stott, the general agent, and Mr. Ford, the Western manager of the Dominion Export Co., made an official report, and discussed matters in connection with the transportation of fruit. They expressed themselves as very favorably disposed in their own interests to give every facility for the encouragement of the fruit industry.

It was mentioned that strawberries sent in the patent refrigerator boxes from Ontario had proved a total failure, the fruit having reached here in very bad condition, and recommended, in view of the failure of that mode of packing and the cost of the crates, which was said to be \$8, that ventilated ones should be used instead.

In the other hand Mr. Ford stated that the strawberries sent from Hood River in Oregon in the refrigerator boxes had reached here in splendid condition, and that the fruit was being retailed at \$4.50.

It is needless to say that at these times the importers make an enormous profit.

The British Columbia strawberry being such a superior carrying berry to that of Ontario, it was suggested that some efforts be made during the coming season to capture a share of the Manitoba market. Mr. Stott proposed to have a ventilated car on so as to test that mode of transportation. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with the latest shipments of British Columbia strawberries made through the company by express.

The matter of the enforcement of the regulations of the board as to the quantity of fruit and nursery stock was also discussed, and Mr. Stott was asked to explain the carrying companies, and the necessity of having nursery stock delivered at such points as the board has designated for purposes of inspection. The places so designated are Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Kelowna, Revelstoke, Kamloops, Grand Forks, Okanagan Landing and Cranberry.

It was resolved in consequence of the objection that peaches from the adjoining states were affected with a larva which is injurious to the fruit, that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter, and report to the board.

This morning the board took up the question of the aspersions cast upon it by Mr. Keary at the annual meeting of the New Westminster Agricultural Association lately held, and a statement in relation to the matter was prepared and read. It was decided that active demonstration and educational work as soon as the season opens should be prosecuted, and the public informed of the progress of the operation.

This afternoon the board will meet the question of agriculture and complete its labors.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE YESTERDAY EVENING. Daughter of Mayor Hayward Wedded to Mr. W. S. Fraser—A Private Event.

W. D. Brydson-Jack has returned from an absence of two months, during which he visited all the principal cities of the United States, and returned in a manner in which large hospitals are conducted, and the accommodation provided for the sick. The doctor also participated in the meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Winnipeg during the latter part of the month of August.

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TOWARDS FURNISHING THE CHILDREN'S WARD

Woman's Auxiliary Expect to Receive About \$600 as Result of Kirmess—The Annual Ball.

The Woman's Auxiliary Society, Provincial Royal Jubilee school, held their regular meeting at the city hall on Tuesday afternoon. The president, nine members of the executive and the secretary, were present. The following reports of the month were read:

Secretary's Report. Madam President and Ladies:—I have great pleasure in announcing that the secretary of the Kirmess committee informs me that although their accounts are not yet closed up, you may confidently expect a sum verging on \$600, as your half share in the net proceeds of that entertainment, to be devoted towards furnishing the children's ward.

The sincerest thanks are due to Mrs. Dalby for the active part she took in superintending the Canadian booth, and also to the several young ladies who helped in both booths; also to Mrs. Fitzherbert, Mrs. Bullen, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Tilson, Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. B. C. Mess, Madame Pichon, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, Mrs. W. Cameron, Mrs. Thos. Lee, Mrs. Machin, Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. Davis, Miss G. Potts, Miss B. Dunsmuir, Miss Eva Loewen, Miss Marion Potts, Miss Phyllis Green, Miss Walter Ross, Miss C. Pemberton, Mr. John Franklin, Mr. C. H. Arundell, Mr. Thos. Earle, Mr. Jacob Sehl, Mr. George Wetton, Mr. Henderson (Victoria Book & Stationery Company), for contributions or assistance, and to Mr. Pooley for the Punch and Judy show, which proved the greatest attraction and success.

The purchasing committee have sent in a first statement of material of which the flannel nightdresses (for domestic cases) should be the first care. These need cutting out and making as soon as possible so that they may be ready by the winter. The grey blankets for dressing gowns for the men have great satisfaction.

The matron would like to add to the list already furnished, a bale of white sheeting for covering all the screens. She thinks this will be both prettier and cleaner than the colored cretonnes now in use and almost worn out.

The Daughters of Pity have supplied seven sets of chairs, one couch and ten cushions to the free ward during the month. Work has been forwarded per Mrs. Redfern from Mrs. Raymond and Mrs. York, and a work-woman is engaged in making up such material as is in immediate request.

B. M. HASELL, Secretary-Treasurer. Visitors' Report. To the President of the Women's Auxiliary: Dear Madam:—The undersigned committee beg leave to report that they visited the St. E. Hospital on the 11th inst., as requested, and with much satisfaction everything was found in perfect order and well arranged. The patients expressed great satisfaction at the attention and kindness rendered to them.

MRS. E. A. REDFERN, MRS. F. YORKE. As no canvassers were in attendance the secretary was unable to distribute more than two canvassers' books. The canvassers are sending out cards to the members of the fees due for the current year (June, 1900-1901), and asking payment. The fees may be given to the district canvasser, the secretary or to Miss Stewart, of T. N. Hibben & Co.

It was decided that the annual ball would be held on either Thursday, November, 22nd, or Thursday, December 6th, and that it be fancy dress or poudre. The following night will be devoted to giving the children enjoyment, and the dancing floor will be reserved for them. The children's dance will also be a fancy dress affair. A committee was finally appointed to make preliminary arrangements.

Mrs. A. J. Smith and Mrs. Lawrence Goddard were chosen as visitors for the month. Mrs. E. B. Marvin will be requested by the secretary to accept the position of chairman of the work committee, with power to appoint the committee. The meeting then adjourned.

DR. AGNEW'S CATARRHAL POWDER has proved a blessing to many a "man before the public" in cases of hoarseness, had throat, tonsillitis and catarrh. Some of the most recent evidence of its efficacy comes from a well known actor, whose home is in New York City. He says: "I have never found anything to equal this remedy for quick relief." 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—137.

NOTES FROM SAANICH. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) On Monday, Oct. 21st, the funeral of the late David John took place from the family residence, North Saanich. The deceased was a native of the south of Wales, and came to British Columbia about 1875, where he has resided ever since at his late home. The deceased was an earnest and influential worker in the Methodist church, the remembrance of which was manifested by the services at home, church and cemetery. One of the most touching features of the funeral was the part taken by the Sunday school, of which he was a conscientious officer and teacher. Before leaving the house, each child of the school placed a flower upon the remains as a token of their young and tender love, and, after the opening prayer, sang his favorite hymn, "I loved when with them at Sabbath school, including 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus' and 'Nearer My God to Thee.'" Leaving the house, they formed in line and marched at the front of the remains to the church and cemetery, as a guard of honor. The casket was literally covered with flowers.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Saanich, there being many friends in attendance from Victoria and vicinity. The deceased leaves a sorrowing widow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of South Saanich, and six children. The pall-bearers were: J. W. Brethour, Wm. R. Armstrong, Mark Hewitt, Samuel Brethour, Wm. Roberts and M. A. Thomas.

COMISKY SIGNS DALY. Chicago, Oct. 23.—Charles Comisky has signed Tom Daly for his team next season, according to the Chronicle. Daly is the Brooklyn club's star player, and fourth in the list of National League second basemen, having an average of .950. His batting average was .310.

DISASTEROUS FLOOD.

Two Americans Alleged to Have Lost Their Lives—Porcupine District Suffers.

According to advices brought to the sound on the steamer Humboldt, B. Carey, of Astoria, and James Torey are supposed to have been washed away in the flood which swept the northern country. They went to sleep under shelter of some box and, according to the Post-Intelligencer, were swept away in the mad current.

The disastrous flood extended to and nearly overran the Porcupine district, about 20 miles below Skagway, says the P.-I. "The water rose to a height never before recorded, and the Porcupine river was a raging and turbulent torrent, rushing down the valley which stood in its path. The rains fell in an unprecedented volume and the rising waters of the river washed over the building sheds, filling them with debris and mud, and in hundreds of cases carried away tents, supplies and even mining derricks. Arrivals at Skagway from the district tell in graphic language of the overwhelming flood and its ruinous effects. The question of damage had not been settled, although it was thought the loss would amount to \$40,000 at the least. So far as known, no lives were lost, and there are no reports of any of the terrible times following the unexpected rush of water. It completely ravaged everything in its path, however, along the entire valley of the river.

"The first passenger train to pull out of the Skagway terminal of the White Pass & Yukon railway left the town on October 17th, five days after the flood. A freight train, White Horse at the same place, was delayed for some time because of the doubt if either of the trains would succeed in completing the trip. The road at places was still covered with slides and water, and in several places emergency tracks had been laid around unusually bad sections. The passenger train was preceded by a freight and express train, so as to avoid any danger of collision to the passenger train. The first train reached here in very bad condition, but it was considered doubtful if either of the trains would succeed in completing the trip. The road at places was still covered with slides and water, and in several places emergency tracks had been laid around unusually bad sections. 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# THE FERRY SCHEME AGAIN DISCUSSED

## COUNCIL ASKS THE PROMOTERS FOR NOTICE

### The Council Handicapped For a Lack of Funds—A Number of Complaints Voiced by the Aldermen.

As foreshadowed in last evening's Times the ferry scheme was again before the city council last night, the solicitors for the company intimating that they were ready to proceed with construction. The by-law, however, calls for ten days' notice, and the council decided to ask the company to comply with the statutory condition.

The minutes having been adopted, communications were taken up and disposed of as follows:

Geo. McL. Brown, executive agent of the C. P. R., wrote, sending a voucher for \$500 for the Islander relief fund. The thanks of the council will be communicated to the company.

The mayor said none of this money had yet been disbursed, and he proposed to ask the council to meet shortly to attend to the matter.

Robt. H. Swinerton, of the Masonic Temple Association, drew attention to the bad state of the sidewalk around the temple building, and asking for a cement walk. Referred to city engineer for report.

Mrs. C. Liddell wrote in reference to her taxes, which she felt unable to pay. The matter was left in the mayor's hands to deal with.

A Munro wrote the council declining the city's offer re his property in James Bay. The communication was read and a decision to arbitrate the matter arrived at.

C. C. Pemberton wrote complaining for a client of waste water running off Berridge avenue on to his client's property. Referred to the city engineer for report.

Bodwell & Duff wrote as follows: Re Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company. We are instructed by the company to inform you that they are ready to commence operations upon the construction of the railway in the city of Victoria.

Under the clause in the by-law it is necessary that we should give the city council ten days' notice of our intention to commence work upon any of the streets, and also submit for the approval of the city engineer a plan of the work proposed to be done. Inasmuch as time is pressing and we wish to take advantage of the weather to get as much work done immediately as possible, we are instructed to request that the city will waive the ten days' notice, and will appoint a time and place at which the city engineer can meet the representatives of the company and settle upon the place at which work upon the railway can be immediately commenced.

We should be glad to hear from you as soon as possible on this point.

Ald. Yates doubted whether the council had any power to waive the terms in any form. He asked for the city solicitor's opinion.

That officer concurred in that view. It would be unsafe to waive the ten days, but he thought the letter might be treated as a notice, and the ten days elated from that time.

Ald. Yates doubted that the letter could be treated as a notice. A proper notice would have to be given to widen the streets with which they proposed to interfere.

The mayor thought the first thing that should be done would be to file a plan of the railway with the city engineer.

Ald. Williams asked the date of incorporation of the company.

The solicitor—Saturday, May 11th, the date of prorogation, when all bills are received the Governor's assent.

Ald. Stewart counselled no risks, and moved that Bodwell & Duff be asked to furnish the council with the proper legal notice.

Ald. Yates suggested, in seconding the motion, that it was as much in the interests of the company as of the corporation that everything be done regularly.

Ald. Stewart's motion was carried.

The city engineer submitted the following report:

I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Communication from F. M. Rattenbury requesting a permanent walk on the two sides of new building, corner Langley and Bastion streets. After looking over the ground I am of opinion the walk in question should be laid. Total estimated cost \$350. In conclusion I may say there are no more funds out of the present appropriation for this purpose.

Complaint from Elizabeth Lehman re open drain at the corner of Richmond avenue and Legation road. I find this drain in bad condition, and would recommend the same be boxed in from Richmond avenue westerly. Estimated cost, \$12.

Communication from Tal Yuen and others re stone crossing at the intersection of Government and Cormorant streets. After looking over the ground I would recommend the construction of same. Estimated cost for labor, sand, etc., \$30.

I would also recommend that notice be given to the tramway company that it is the intention of the council to proceed with the paving of Government street in the early spring of next year, and that suitable heavy rails be ordered for the same.

The report was taken up seriatim. The first clause was referred to the streets committee to carry out if funds are available.

Clause two drew the remark from Ald. Cameron that this was a case where a point should be strained and the money taken out of maintenance. Where sickness was attributable to the bad drains it was time they were attended to.

Ald. Yates, while agreeing to the urgency of the need, said the civic purse was already overstrained and that when the citizens voted down a sewer by-law they must learn that these things could not be done out of maintenance.

However, it was so ordered.

# THE FERRY TO THE LOWER MAINLAND

Construction will begin immediately. New Company Has a Twenty-Year Lease for Handling Great Northern Freight to Victoria.

After many months of apparent inactivity, the promoters of the railway ferry scheme from this city to the Mainland, via Sidney and Liverpool, have at last taken steps which indicate that their purpose proceeding with the work without delay. It will probably be ten days yet before anything is done in breaking ground on any of the streets for the V. & S. The work will be money carried out the way they had the committee been appointed.

Ald. Yates moved that the report be laid on the table pending finding out whether there was money to carry it out.

Ald. Williams also complimented Ald. Kinsman, and the report was adopted.

Ald. Kinsman's motion providing for the preliminary steps to the by-law for the widening of Johnson street was carried and referred to the city assessor and city engineer for the purpose of drafting the necessary report to the council.

Ald. Beckett complained of the delay in the furnishing of granite curb for Johnson street, and Ald. Cameron of the dilatory removal of the decorations.

The mayor said this would be attended to today.

Ald. Williams complained of the accumulation of leaves on Yates street. Ald. Kinsman also complained of untidy streets.

The report was presented from E. B. Paul, M. A., and others of Oak Bay avenue, asking for a drain on that street.

Referred to city engineer and sanitary officer for report.

The sanitary officer reported regarding unsanitary Chinese pig sties in Spring Ridge, which he found to be very bad. Report received and the officer instructed to carry out the by-law rigorously.

Ald. Beckett wanted to know what were the conditions made by the city with the owners of the buildings on Douglas street which had to be raised. He did not think it was contemplated to allow the old shack on the corner to be retained. It was in a rotten condition, and he thought it unfortunate that it should be permitted.

Ald. Kinsman urged a similar view.

Ald. Beckett urged the city were complaining of the latitude given the owners of these shacks. He advocated being firm in the matter.

The mayor said that they should remember that by the raising and repairing of the building it had removed an eyesore.

Ald. Brydon thought the mistake was made in the city contributing to the raising of the building. He moved that the council then adjourn.

ANOTHER SHIPPER. First Ore Shipped From Skeena River Ready to Be Moved.

A special to the Province from Port Essington says: The first ever shipped in quantity from the Skeena river is about to be sent out by P. Herman & Co., of Port Essington, who have the contract from the British Columbia Plytite Company, of Victoria, to ship logs from the company's mine on the Eckstall river, which is situated thirty-five miles from here.

A tramway from the mine to the river bank was recently constructed by Herman & Company, and after being loaded in scows the ore is brought down to the wharf here. There is at present over 1,000 tons on the dump ready for shipment, and it is expected that next summer a large force of men will be put to work at the mine with a view of making constant shipments. It has not yet been definitely decided to build a road to the mine, but it is confidently expected that it will not be long before the list is swelled by the addition of several properties which are rapidly being developed.

"The Dominion government salmon hatchery on the Skeena has been completed at last. The work was carried on under the superintendence of Mr. J. Morton of Vancouver. This gentleman recently arrived here, accompanied by his staff. They were tendered a banquet by representative citizens at the Catalonia hotel before departing for Vancouver."

FOURTEEN OF ACTRESS. Edna Wallace Hopper Gets Immense Sum From Dunsinuir Estate.

According to the inventory and appraisal of the late Josephine Dunsinuir, her daughter, Edna Wallace Hopper, the well known actress, is heiress to an estate valued at \$300,520.83. In the will left by Mrs. Dunsinuir, Edna Wallace Hopper is made practically sole legatee.

With the exception of minor legacies and \$50,000 in trust for a son, the clever little actress received the entire estate. The principal item, as set forth in the appraisal, is the Dunsinuir farm near San Leandro, which consists of 350 acres, highly improved, the whole being valued at \$150,000. The furnishings, and the land on the farm are appraised at \$25,000. The remainder of the estate consists of cash in bank and other personal property.

# DEPLORABLE CASE. Bright Young Man Detained at Police Station Suffering From Unsound Mind.

A peculiarly sad case is receiving the attention of the medical health officer at the police station. A young man named John James is being confined for safe keeping, suffering from unsound mind. He was taken ill some time ago, and was removed to the hospital for treatment. He developed symptoms of insanity, and it was deemed advisable to keep him at the police station pending examination by the city physician.

He imagines that he is being detained for wrong doing, and frequently asks to be liberated. "This is no place for me," he repeats, and looks askance at some of the trustees—who is none other than the redoubtable Phil Chalk.

James is a native of Cornwall, England, and about twenty years of age. He is of temperate habits, splendid disposition, and his present condition is deplorable. In the Old Country he was quite a noted athlete, being exceedingly formidable on the football field. He is generally believed that the affliction from which he is suffering is but a passing one, and will leave him in full possession of his pristine health and spirits.

FUNDS FOR STREET WORK ARE EXHAUSTED. Council Reaches High Water Mark, and May Be Unable to Inaugurate More Improvements This Year.

During the past few council meetings it has developed that the appropriation for streets, bridges and sewers works has been exhausted. This announcement made by the chairman of the finance committee, who knows whereof he speaks, is more or less startling. In the first place it means that with the exception of the contemplated work covered by the estimate, it will be impossible to undertake any further ordinary improvements in these departments.

Of course it is possible to retrench and diminish the extent of the improvements on the taps, but as nothing extravagant is intended, it would require rare discrimination on the part of the council to decide which is the most necessary.

One alderman contends that a certain amount of the appropriation should be held in reserve, so that it will be possible to inaugurate improvements where urgent up to the end of the term.

As the situation now stands, the city fathers dare not exceed their estimate by any appreciable amount, as they are not certain that the revenue will justify it, and they are not prepared to make appropriations of other departments.

They must also leave their successors a clear balance sheet, and consequently all deficits must be squared.

Under the present method of dealing with the ordinary finances, the council are really groping in the dark as far as the question of revenue and expenditure is concerned. Early in the year an appropriation bill was passed, and estimates for expenditure in various departments are placed under different heads.

The various amounts are determined entirely by interest, and are collected until the taxes are all in, which is generally near the end of the year. Subsequent to the drawing up of the estimates the rate is fixed. Then the assessment roll is made, and the rates levied in the courts of revision and appeal held, and by the time the taxes are received nine or ten months have sped by.

It is estimated that 85 per cent. of the taxes levied in a year are collected in that period. The only revenue, however, of which the council is absolutely certain, is the sale of realty in arrears for taxes. They cannot predict the amount to be received through the police court, rentals or other channels, but of the tax sales there is no doubt.

In the matter of taxes it might be noted that some of the larger estates roll to postpone payment for a year, the city would have a hard proposition to negotiate. This fortunately is unlikely, as neglect to pay would increase the amount to be received through the police court. The amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act which the council submitted to the legislature last session contained a clause which would have made the city liable for the cost of the review of the assessment roll with the necessary alterations. This could be done with the consent of another mining company. Commenting on Ontario mining, the Review declares that Ontario is not justifying confident anticipations three years ago on the score of gold production. The last three years have seen a reckless recklessness in promotions and dubious ventures, for which Ontario is now suffering. In Ontario the output of silver showed better results than any other metals.

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# VICTORIA SEALER A RUSSIAN PRISONER HUNTER DIMOND IS CAUGHT AT ROOKERIES His Boat Seized With Big Cargo of Pelts — Three Japanese Sealing Schooners Captured.

This year it is Japanese schooners, and not Canadian sealers, which are falling into the hands of the Russians.

Some time ago news was published of the seizure of the Josephine, belonging to the Japanese fleet, and of her being taken prisoner to the Czar's domain to there await subsequent developments. The information is now confirmed by the just-arrived Casco, which returned from the sealing grounds yesterday.

But in addition to this seizure the Casco brings news of still other prizes obtained by Russians. In addition to the Josephine two more Japanese vessels have fallen prey to the Bear's vigilance, while a boat from a fourth was gathered in off Robin Island.

Here is located one of the Russian rookeries, and the rapidly with which the valuable fur was being taken aboard can be imagined from the fact that there were 350 pelts in the boat. Seals assembled by the hundreds on the island, and the temptation to go ashore could not be resisted by the boat's crew. The men included a Victorian, in the person of Chas. Dimond, one of the few white hunters sealing out of Japan.

He had joined the schooner as hunter, and has spent the last few years in Asiatic waters. Formerly he was one of the crew of the schooner Ida Etta, of this port, and has in fact sailed out of this port on different vessels. After going to Japan he married a Japanese woman, it is said, and has thus been living in peace and happiness until now at Hakodate.

According to advice by the Casco, however, he will be domiciled during the next year in quarters not so congenial. When taken into custody off the island named, he and the crew of the schooner taken charge of by Russian guards, and in Vladivostok prison. What his explanation of the rash act is, is of course not told by those who heard of the incident on the Casco. Dimond, being an old hunter, must have known that he was trespassing, for he has been long enough in the sealing business to be familiar with all the sealing resorts of the Pacific Coast. Sealers who were taken to Vladivostok in the early sealing days of this city will be able to recall what this means.

That so many of the Japanese fleet have been seized this year bears out the statement which has been made privately by a number of hunters since their return from Copper Island and Behring sea. This, in effect, is that the Japanese have been hunting most indiscriminately this year, that they have been using guns and have been raiding rookeries most fearlessly. There are 29 of the Japanese schooners on this year, and while all have not engaged in this work, a few phenomenal catches may be explained in the assertion that many visited the rookeries.

On the other hand the operations of the Victoria fleet have never been questioned. They did not secure big catches during the year, but while this is the case they were never once overhauled so far as can be learned. There were several which went to the Japan coast, and which hunted off the coasts of Copper and Behring seas, but one has yet to return which sighted a Russian man-of-war in her travels. All kept well within the ten-mile zone marking the territorial waters around these islands, and thus avoided all trouble. The Mary Taylor was perhaps the most venturesome, she having gone into the Gulf of Tartary.

REV. DR. WILSON TO LEAVE. Has Been Appointed to Important Chair in Philadelphia Institution.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of the Reformed Episcopal church, has been appointed to the chair of "Apologetics or Evidences of Christianity," at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal church at Philadelphia. This institution was erected through the benefactions of a wealthy lady of the City of Brocton, N. Y.

Dr. Wilson made this announcement to his congregation on Sunday last, and that on Sunday next he would preach his farewell sermon in Victoria.

The reverend doctor arrived here about six years ago, and has ever manifested keen interest in all religious work, as well as public affairs. He is an eloquent pulpit, and his discourses have always proved intellectual treats. His announcement has been received with universal regret. He leaves for his new field in about a week.

CHAPLAIN ENDS HIS LIFE. St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 20.—The body of Rev. Henry Black, for some time chaplain of the British cruiser Charybdis, who mysteriously disappeared from St. John's last Wednesday, was found this morning near St. John's.

St. John's shot through the head. He had evidently committed suicide in consequence of dementia, attributed to the great excitement growing out of the arrangements for the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

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KIDNAPPING OF MISS STONE. London, Oct. 21.—The rumor from a Bulgarian source that Miss Stone is hidden in the valley of Salonika. The Sofia correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, Mr. Charles Dickinson, United States consul-general at Constantinople, is firmly convinced of the complicity of the Macedonian committee. In missionary circles the view is favored that the ransom is paid the brigands hold a promise, and that all records of agreement with the band shall be cancelled.

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# THE TORIES HAVE NO CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS IN THE QUEBEC BY-ELECTIONS

Two Liberals Returned Unopposed Scottish Rite Officers Elected—Notes From Eastern Canada.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—Nominations in provincial by-elections took place in four counties. In Vaudeville, Liberals were elected by acclamation, and in Drummond and Quebec there will be a contest, only two candidates are in the field.

Street Railway. The gross earnings of the Montreal street railway are \$137,000 greater than last year, but the net earnings are \$200,000 greater.

Wants the Flag. When the announcement was made that Cronje's flag captured at Paardeburg had been put up at auction in London, a cablegram was sent to the British government, requesting that the flag be purchased for presentation to the Canadian regiment. Howard Vigness, M. P., the lucky purchaser, has written that the emblem is so precious to him that he is anxious to be permitted to part with it.

Reformed Churches. The semi-annual meeting of the executive committee of the western section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the world was held here last week. Delegates being present from sections of Canada and the United States. It was decided to hold the meeting in Pittsburgh in April, 1902. The business of public interest was transacted.

Masons Elect Officers. The Supreme Council of Canada, Federal Ancient and Accepted Masons, North-West, held their annual session here today by selecting Montreal as the place for their meeting in October, 1902, and electing the following officers to serve the year: Grand commander, I. H. St. Germain; grand warden, J. H. St. Germain; grand secretary, Hugh Murray; grand treasurer, Hugh Murray; grand chaplain, W. H. Thorne; grand chancellor, W. H. Thorne; grand master of ceremonies, A. H. Hooper; grand marshal, J. J. Mason; grand steward, J. J. Mason; grand treasurer, A. D. Nelson; grand captain of guards, E. B. Butterworth; grand sergeant-at-arms, J. J. Mason; grand doorkeeper, J. J. Mason; grand secretary, J. J. Mason; grand treasurer, J. J. Mason; grand chaplain, W. H. Thorne; grand chancellor, W. H. Thorne; grand master of ceremonies, A. H. Hooper; grand marshal, J. J. Mason; grand steward, J. J. Mason; grand treasurer, A. D. Nelson; grand captain of guards, E. B. 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