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Heretofore Taking a Rest.

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Sir John Thompson in London.

LONDON, Ont. Feb. 5.—Sir John Thompson put in at the Queen's last night, on his way to East Bruce...

Death of a Frontiersman.

HELVETIA, Feb. 5.—The late frontiersman, the well-known lawyer, died to-day, after a short illness...

"INSULTING THE BRITISH FLAG."

The Collector at Bridgeport Denies the Story to be a Gross Fabrication. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Collector Edmunds...

Famine in Galicia.

VIENNA, Feb. 5.—The western districts of Galicia are famine-stricken like the adjacent provinces of Russia...

The World's Wrestling Championship.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Stedman, the English mixed wrestling champion, signed articles at Bradford...

Relief for Russia.

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Religion to Combat Socialism.

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The Western Union Telegraph Co. built its land line from Kilmee to meet it. The new enterprise is in great measure due to the energetic pushing of Sir Ambrose Shea...

A ROUSING RECEPTION.

Commissioner Rees is Royally Welcomed by the Local Salvationists. MARCHING TO THE PACIFIC COAST THROUGH ENTHUSIASTIC RANKS.

Not for a long time have the soldiers of the Salvation Army here had such a rousing, cheering, enthusiastic meeting as the one held last night...

A Murderer's Suicide.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 4.—G. Fitzsimmons, the Pittsburg murderer, made a desperate attempt to end his life this morning in the parish prison...

Refugee Car Miscalculation.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The long-anticipated question of refrigerator car mileage was practically settled by the Central Traffic Association...

Shot by One of His Men.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Advised he had reached the murder of Capt. Enrique Hernandez of the Fifth Regiment of Cavalry at Omaha...

THE LATEST ELECTIONS.

The "Globe" Acknowledges the Corn-Tax "Empire" Says "It is the Voice of Ontario."

Commenting on yesterday's election, the Empire says: "The voice of Ontario was never better able to express itself upon the political issues of the day than through the elections in Lennox and Prince Edward counties..."

THE REAL FISHERY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Behring Sea matters were again the principal subject of discussion at the meeting of the Cabinet to-day. The proposed treaty under which the arbitration of the question at issue between the United States and Great Britain...

ROYAL RUSSIAN BROTHERHOOD.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 5.—The Grand Duchess Xenia, daughter of the Czar, is betrothed to the Grand Duke Alexander, son of the Grand Duke Michael...

The Identity of a Dead Criminal.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—Fred. G. Fitzsimmons, the Pittsburg murderer and burglar, who cut his throat in the parish prison yesterday, died this morning. No one expects the murderer to be revived...

Testing Tyndall.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Feb. 5.—Tyndall, the mind reader, gave an exhibition of his powers at noon to-day. A leading citizen hid a pin under a can of paint in the rear of a paint shop...

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It is not a little provoking to notice how glibly our neighbors across the line talk of "foreign poachers" in connection with the sealing industry in Behring Sea. As is well known in all the cities of the Sound, at any rate, there is little or no poaching done in that sea by foreigners. Sealers from British Columbia do not hunt the fur seal in what are lawfully the territorial waters of the United States. They carefully keep outside the three-mile limit. We know of no British sealer who has been caught doing what American fishermen are known to be habitually guilty of on the eastern side of the continent, namely, plying their vocation within a marine league of the shore. These, and only these, can with any approach to propriety be stigmatized as "poachers."

To assert that the foreign sealers who hunt seals on the high seas a hundred miles or so from land are poachers is to take for granted what has never yet been proved, and what, in our opinion, never can be proved. If, as our neighbors say, the foreign sealers in Behring Sea are poachers, what is the object of the negotiations that have been going on between Great Britain and the United States for years, and what is to be settled by the "Arbitration," about which we hear so much? When it is once established that a man owns a house or piece of land, there need be no hesitation or parley about prosecuting the person who encroaches upon it, and who attempts to exercise the rights of ownership in it, or within its bounds. He is at once set down as a trespasser, and the only question is, how much damage shall he pay? There need be no arbitration to give the owner the right to prosecute. He sets the machinery of the law in motion against him, without any parley, and, if the offence is proved, the trespasser must suffer the consequences. But it is very different with the foreign seal hunters in Behring Sea. The claim of the United States to the seals that swim in that sea, has not yet been established. The foreigner, not only he has as good a right to hunt and fish outside of three miles from the shore as has the American or the Russian, and it has never yet been shown that his operation is unseasonable. How then can our neighbors in Seattle and elsewhere, stigmatize foreign sealers in Behring Sea as "poachers"? Do they know more about international law, and the rights of the United States, than the authorities in Washington? Does it not appear a little presumptuous in them to take upon themselves to settle, off hand, a question that has taken the diplomats of both Great Britain and the United States years to consider, without being able to come to a definite conclusion?

THE AMERICAN VIEW.

Our able contemporary, the Portland Oregonian, says that the McKinley Act "was not intended to hurt Canada." That may be so, but it cannot be denied that it contains just such provisions as would be in an expressly intended to injure Canada commercially. It raised the duty on almost everything that the United States imported from Canada to a height which is, in some cases almost prohibitory, and it imposed duties on commodities which, up to the time of its enactment, had been permitted to enter the United States free. This is exactly what a country which intended to begin a war of tariffs with a neighbor would do. The United States Congress might have entertained the most friendly feelings towards Canada, commercially, when it imposed these hostile duties, but it certainly took a very peculiar way of expressing its friendliness. A man may profess to have the highest regard for his neighbor, but when he locks his gate to keep him off his premises, and charges him for the use of a pathway over which he had always travelled free, his expressions of good feeling and friendliness will not be regarded as exactly sincere. If the Republican party feels well towards Canada with respect to matters of trade and commerce, all that we can say is that it has very successfully dissimulated its love.

But our Portland contemporary becomes more frank as it proceeds. It professes to care very little indeed for reciprocity with Canada, and it proves its sincerity by letting Canadians know on what terms the United States will be willing to trade freely with this Dominion. It says:—

"The only reciprocity with Canada that the United States could tolerate is a complete customs union, with common duties against Europe and absolute free trade between ourselves. Such a union would profoundly disturb Canada's relations with the mother country. The present Government does not make such a proposition to Parliament; perhaps no Government would dare. The Liberals think they would; but it is easy to be brave at a distance from the event. The virtual responsibility of power might change their attitude. In the meantime we are not dissatisfied with present conditions. It is the Canadians that want reciprocity, not we. But the only reciprocity we can give is complete reciprocity. We are not going to give a market of 69,000,000 for a market of 3,000,000, unless we get all the better." The fact that full reciprocity might disrupt the British Empire, we concern us not at all. It is not our empire."

This is the attitude of a very large proportion of the people of the United States. The Liberal party of the Dominion have said so many foolish things about its impotence to Canada, that our American neighbors have come to think that free trade with the United States is an essential condition of Canada's existence. They have also been led to conclude that if they hold back long enough Canadians will be prepared to do anything to gain reciprocity, even to the extent of forwarding their allegiance to Great Britain. But the eager-

ness of the Liberals has led them astray. Canadian, it is true, value a fair measure of reciprocity very highly, but there are sacrifices which they are not prepared to make in order to obtain it. One of these sacrifices is their self-respect, another is their allegiance to Great Britain, and a third is their native industries that have been built up with such care. Our neighbors will find out by and by that Canadians will continue to exist in spite of hostile tariffs that are not intended to hurt them.

THAT ENQUIRY.

In an article, in which there is a great deal more scolding and vilification than reasoning, the Times endeavors to create the impression that the Government desires to keep school matters out of the range of investigation. The Times knows very well that it is the fault of the Opposition that a committee was not appointed on Wednesday to enquire into those matters. If the members who supported Mr. Kitchen's partisan resolution had been willing to do what is invariably done in such cases, if they had really wished to keep educational matters out of politics, they would have agreed to place the matter in the hands of the committee named in Mr. Robson's amendment, they could have had a full and an impartial enquiry. But it is evident, from the course they pursued, that it was not an investigation, but a grievance that they wanted.

It was not to be expected that the majority of the House would agree to a committee, three out of five of whose members were taken from the minority. To consent to such a committee would really amount to an expression of want of confidence in themselves. It is the custom of the majority of the House to have something like a corresponding majority on all committees. This is a practice that is seldom, or never, departed from. It is fair, and no reasonable man complains of it.

The reader will see from a notice of motion placed upon the paper, yesterday, by the Hon. John Robson, that there will be an investigation into the affairs of the Department of Education, during the present session. The Premier's prompt action will, no doubt, disappoint the grievance-mongers; but it will please fair-minded men in all parts of the country.

There is in the Times' article a tirade against the Hon. Mr. Popley. We are surprised to see even the Times denounce that gentleman. He is known to be a man who would not act in an unjust or an arbitrary manner towards any one. The Times will find it hard to make those who know Mr. Popley believe that he treated Mr. McLeod rudely and unfairly, and did not allow him to justify the stand he had taken. The Principal of the High School was simply asked to appear before the Council of Public Instruction and make an explanation, and every consideration was shown him, and every facility permitted him to justify or explain the stand he had taken. But as every one now knows, Mr. McLeod refused, distinctly and positively, to answer the reasonable questions which were put to him by the Council of Instruction. We are not at all surprised that Mr. Popley was indignant at the defiant attitude assumed by the Principal of the High School, and that when he refused to recognize the authority of the Council its chairman and other members came to the conclusion that the time had come when all official connection between the Council and Mr. McLeod should cease. This was the natural and the logical result of the course which Mr. McLeod had seen fit to pursue.

A COUNTY GAINED.

The Abbots Government has been again victorious. Soulanges was declared by a considerable majority to be in favor of honest government and the National Policy. Soulanges returned a Liberal at the general election. When it is seen that constituency after constituency is true to the old party, and the old policy the favorers of annexation under the guise of unrestricted reciprocity will be convinced that they have made but little headway. The "maak" has been torn from their faces, and the people see them as they really are. The result in Richelieu may have made the impression on some minds that Quebec is not with the rest of the Dominion in its attachment to British connection. But the Richelieu election was in many respects exceptional. In Sorel, its chief town, the McGreevy influence is predominant, and McGreevy was bound when he had the chance, to have his revenge on the party that exposed his boodling transactions, and that expelled him from the House of Commons. But it is worthy of note that in the rural districts of Richelieu the Government had gained good majorities; but the influence of the disgruntled McGreevy at the headquarters of the steamboat company of which he is President, counteracted the majorities given the Government candidate by the loyal habitants.

Soulanges is a French county, though the name of the gentleman returned, Mr. Bain, might lead to the conclusion that he is a Scotchman. But that does not at all follow. We have seen in Ottawa, a MacMillan, who was French in everything but the name, and a McKay, whose accent and appearance proclaimed that he had a good deal more French than Scotch blood in his veins. The traveller in Quebec will find McIntyre, Stuart, Blair, Armstrong, Rossier, and others who bear distinctively Scotch names, who are, to all intents and purposes, French-Canadian, and we have a strong suspicion that Mr. Bain is one of this class. Most of them are the descendants of part of a regiment of Highland soldiers, who, three or four generations ago, settled in Quebec among the French-Canadians.

RESPECTABILITY.

We are told in the London Daily Telegraph, of a late date, that the Vicar of Rye, in one of his sermons devoted to the "faults" of his congregation and himself during the last twelvemonth, condemned as a fault "the respectability of the people."

The Telegraph goes on to say:—

"In his opinion, the peculiar sort of respectability to which he alluded—and which, by the way, oddly enough, appears to have included regular attendance at church on Sundays—was more likely to enhance the eternal salvation of his practitioners than sin itself. Referring to his congregation, he remarked that they 'could not be roused to see that they were sinners, but that, in virtue of certain observances by them punctually fulfilled, they expected to find some small little corner reserved for them in Heaven at last.' From the point of view entertained by this outspoken clergyman, who certainly had the courage of his opinions, 'there is no more hope of the bad woman and the drunkard than the respectable purveyor of champagne.'"

This will be considered by many as the rankest kind of heresy. What are people to respect if they do not respect respectability? There are people in the world who have far less scruple in doing what is morally wrong than in doing what is in their opinion not respectable. For instance—

"It is not for every community who will eagerly man in debt so long as they can get credit for good clothes and even luxuriant articles of apparel? Now contracting debts without knowing where the money to pay the creditor is to come from is not contrary to 'the unwritten canons of British respectability,' but to appear in public shabbily dressed is. We need not say that from a strictly moral point of view to buy more than one can pay for is wrong. But this wrong is done every day that people may appear respectable.

It is a duty to be kind and attentive to one's relatives, but how often do intensely respectable people treat their nearest kin unkindly and with neglect because they do not, or cannot, make a respectable appearance. There are people whose worship of respectability is so slavish and so demoralizing that they would disown their own parents, no matter how worthy they are; if they are not what the world, or rather their world, looks upon as respectable. In the same way there are many acts which are themselves proper and not in any way derogatory to true dignity, which the slavish worship of respectability will not do. To make them believe that they are not or are not respectable is to condemn them utterly in their eyes, and in the same way let them be convinced that a course of conduct will enhance their respectability, and they will follow it, let it be, so persons in their position, ever so incongruous and even ridiculous. This worship of respectability in our day is the cause of much evil and many absurdities, hypocrisies and meannesses, but it is not wholly bad.

If the desire to be and to appear respectable keeps men and women from contracting bad habits and falling into evil ways, even if it is in a sense upon the place of conscience, it is not to be utterly condemned. Those who refrain from doing what is known to be wrong, not because it is wrong, but because it is not respectable, are not to be severely blamed. Their love of respectability, when it keeps them in the paths of decency, does both them and society good. It is to be wished that they would do right from a higher motive, but as far as they do right, it is not wise to despise a motive which has an influence for good on their conduct. Of course we do not presume to question the accuracy of the Vicar of Rye's theological view of the influence of respectability, but as it is one of the influences which keep members of the community from contracting bad habits and outraging the general sense of decorum and decency, it should not be unqualifiedly denounced. Respectability, in the conventional sense, is to a certain extent a good thing, and it is not a virtue to despise and disregard its unwritten laws."

APT SCHOLARS.

The Japanese are an exceedingly clever people. They have, without any political experience to speak of, and without going through a tedious course of political training, adopted constitutional government. They have manufactured a whole set of popular institutions and manned the ship of state with green hands. And it is astonishing to see how their brand new system works. Their Parliament has its Government supporters and its Opposition party, each most tenacious of its peculiar rights and privileges. The Government is high and mighty, and the Opposition makes a point of opposing every measure that the Government introduces, not because they believe it to be bad, but simply because the Government desires to carry it through the Legislature, and they have the right to throw obstacles of all kinds in its way. They even imitate the Opposition in the hazy Parliament of the constitutional nations of Europe and America in being noisy and intolerant. There was a scene in the Japanese Parliament, a little while ago, that, for disorderliness and clamor, equalled any that has, in modern days, been witnessed in the British House of Commons, the French Chamber of Deputies, or the United States House of Representatives. "The irate minister," says our authority, "would insist on speaking amidst a chorus of equally indignant members, the President ringing the bell frantically in the orator's ear, and, finally, the minister being fairly chased from the rostrum." This did not take place in France, but in Japan. Do not the Japanese deserve the reputation they have earned for being apt scholars?

The Government, finding the Opposition intractable, decided to dissolve Parliament, and a general election is now in progress in Japan. We find from the newspapers that the Japanese have not only adopted our parliamentary practices, but they have learned to imitate our electioneering tactics. They have taken kindly to the public political meeting. They have their conservative and dignified speakers, their noisy vulgar demagogues, and their excitable and demonstrative audiences. With the alteration of a few proper names and two or three expressions which have a local signification, the following paragraph might have been clipped from the election news of a Canadian newspaper:—

"The Jigi Shimpō reports that a political meeting took place on the 10th inst., at the Maniack-tei Yokohama, attended by over 500 persons, to whom the Home Rule given by Messrs. Meita Kagashi, Mori Hajime, and other members of the Diet favorable to the Government. Mr. Mori Hajime, speaking on the subject of treaty revision, said things so unpalatable to his hearers, that they hooted him off the platform. Mr. Meita Kagashi took his place over 500 persons, to whom the Home Rule given by Messrs. Meita Kagashi, Mori Hajime, and other members of the Diet favorable to the Government. Mr. Mori Hajime, speaking on the subject of treaty revision, said things so unpalatable to his hearers, that they hooted him off the platform. Mr. Meita Kagashi took his place over 500 persons, to whom the Home Rule given by Messrs. Meita Kagashi, Mori Hajime, and other members of the Diet favorable to the Government. 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CABLE LETTER.

Intentions of Mr. Gladstone and the Duke of Devonshire respectively.

Newfoundland Pressing for a Treaty With the U. S.—Prince George and Princess May.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—As the time approaches for the meeting of Parliament, difficulties are thickening in the path of the government.

Of those most pressing are the resolutions to be placed on Irish local government.

There appears to be no doubt that Mr. Balfour gave little or no information to the Irish delegation he received yesterday.

He heard their complaints and their suggestions, and that was about all. It is also rather an open secret that the restrictions asked for would render the bill unacceptable.

Government than it is likely to meet with in the House of Commons, is one of drastic supervision and suppression, such would make the County Councils Government.

Mr. John Morley is in London, and reports that Mr. Gladstone is in excellent health.

He will, at all events, go to Easter, make his London home at No. 11, Conington Gardens.

The Duke of Devonshire does not intend to take his seat in the House of Lords until after Easter.

He will be generally in town up to the commencement of the session, but will not be present at the Liberal meeting next week.

Mr. R. H. Chamberlain should lead the party in the House of Commons.

He has been a constant supporter of the Government since its formation, and is a valuable asset to the Liberal cause.

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fact that Mrs. Oulson was stopping with Mrs. Weldon, at Gisborne, while she was a fugitive from justice.

Mr. Weldon stated that she had kept the unfortunate lady in her home for some time, and that she had been seen by a friend in London.

Mrs. Weldon will be called to mind as the famous singer whose intimacy with Gounod had a peculiar ending in a tragic way.

The case attracted wide notice, and the discussion to which it gave rise led to important alterations in the Lunatic Law.

FRANCIS GEORGE AND PRINCESS MAY. An intimate friend of the Prince of Wales states that H. R. H. desires to adopt a new name.

He is much attracted to the young Princess, and the intimate death of the Duke of Clarence has been assumed to create a strong bond of sympathy between the two.

The Princess wears the deepest possible mourning, and her grief has every mark of sincerity.

Prince George is very attentive to May, and is constantly visiting her at her residence.

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THE MINSTREL'S LOT.

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WRECKED BY FIERCE WINDS.

The Victoria Schooners Laura and Northern Light Dashed to Pieces.

Results of the Recent Gale on the West Coast—Bain at Neah Bay.

The gale from the south-east which rattled the windows in Victoria during the last week in January, and made those who were indoors, by comfortable firesides, feel thankful that they were not afloat, scattered the shores of the west coast with wreckage, and sent more than one staunch little craft to the bottom or ashore in strings and splinters.

Full particulars of the destruction and disaster wrought by the gale can not yet be obtained here, but enough is known to show the hurricane as one of the fiercest of late years.

The steamer Maud, which returned from Barclay Sound last night, brought particulars of two wrecks, and the masters and crews of the ill-fated craft. She also brought news of other minor accidents, resulting from the cyclone, but fortunately the first fatality is yet to be reported.

One of the lost schooners is the Laura, of this city, which cleared on January 14, with Capt. Hansen (the Flying Dutchman) as captain. She took her mate, cook and boy, and intended to fill up with Indians, whom she was to pick up, as usual, along the coast.

It was for this purpose that, with fair wind and weather, she ran into Friendly Cove, Nootka Sound, on the 25th ult. The Indians were secured, and the little schooner was lying at anchor waiting for them to be taken on board.

The wind freshened and then died away, a dead calm, of perhaps a quarter of an hour, preceding the terrible gale. It seemed as though the elements, during the lull, had concentrated all their strength for the fierce attack, which sent the Indians who were coming out to the schooner back to the shore in terror.

The Laura had two anchors cast from her bows, and as soon as the vessel struck her, she commenced to drag, the tempest forcing her straight for the shore.

The cables only held for a short time then snapped, and going that way she was driven on the rocks, where she was wrecked.

The schooner was over the captain and his three companions with difficulty lowered the boat, with which they succeeded in effecting a landing on the rocks, not far from the Indian settlement.

The night was spent with the survivors, who treated the unfortunate whites with kindest hospitality, and in the morning a visit was paid to the wreck, where they found the remains of the schooner's timber.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage company, with offices in New York, Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco, was sued for \$100,000 in the Superior court, to-day, by Horace K. Thurber, of the wholesale grocery firm of Thurber, Wyland & Co., of New York city.

The litigation grows out of a deal in an electric railway company at Ogden City, Utah, in which Mr. Thurber says he was cheated out of his just dues. The deal was made some years ago, and was heavily bonded, Mr. Thurber becoming a creditor to the extent of \$84,000.

The Jarvis-Conklin company also had a front desk, and Mr. Thurber awoke to the knowledge that his fellow creditors had foreclosed, and that the property had been sold under his claim.

The present suit is brought to enforce the bondholders' claim against the company.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Articles were signed, in the office of the Illustrated News, to-day, by Arthur Lumley, acting as the representative of the Olympic Club, of New Orleans, and James Corbett, by which the latter accepts the offer of the club of a \$15,000 purse, to meet the winner of the Slavin-Jackson fight, two months after that contest, in the Olympic Club, and fight to a finish.

This will make the latter contest take place in July, and the winner will get \$1,000 to guarantee his appearance.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The law firm of Devlin & Miller have placed \$100,000 in the hands of the sheriff to be satisfied out of the property of Baron Seydlitz, who arrived yesterday, on the steamer La Bourgeois, from Europe.

The property of the baron was seized yesterday, on its arrival, to satisfy a judgment for \$1,652, issued in behalf of Henry L. Johnson. The property will probably be sold shortly.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Richard D. Alliger, insurance broker, who sued the Mail and Express for a libel published in September, 1887, in which he was charged with having forged a check of \$4,250, to-day secured a verdict for \$8,000, the highest ever given against a newspaper in this city.

The attorney, Mr. Alliger, was represented by the late Hon. Charles B. Smith, who was retained in an emergency. Mr. Brooks had secured the papers on his way to the court, and without previous knowledge of the case secured the large verdict against the defendant before noon.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 5.—The engineer corps of the projected Chicago and St. Louis Electric Railway began a survey, to-day. The route of the new road will be almost an air line, and the survey will be completed within fifty days.

Those back of the project claim that the Chicago and St. Louis to Chicago will be made within three hours under the new system.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Capt. Schuyler of the Baltimore, will leave, to-morrow, for San Francisco, to rejoin his ship. It is stated at the Navy Department that there is no probability at this time of the Baltimore being sent to the China station.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Hammon to-day issued his proclamation announcing the establishment of reciprocal trade relations through an agreement reached by General J. W. Foster and Sir Julian Pauncefote, British minister, between the United States and the British West Indies.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—John A. Morris, the chief owner of the Louisiana lottery company was arraigned in court to-day under the sedition laws against him for a conspiracy to overthrow the government.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The ice yacht race for the championship of America, took place here to-day. It was 3 p.m. when the start was made.

AN ATTACK ON A LAWYER.

Mr. S. Perry Mills Assaulted on the Steps of the Supreme Court.

Yesterday afternoon, J. E. Harbottle, contractor, went into the Supreme Court, and after finding out where Mr. S. Perry Mills was, went up to him and seized him, mistaking him for a man named Harbottle.

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A PECULIAR BUSINESS.

Word comes from Seattle that a highly exciting chase after a smuggler and a trunk full of opium was made early on Wednesday morning by Chief of Police Rogers and Det. Chief Cuddehe.

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VICTORIA'S FREE LIBRARY.

Dr. McGregor's Report to the Council for the Year 1891.

The following report of the growth and management of Victoria's Free Library for the year 1891, has been prepared by Dr. McGregor, the Librarian, and placed in the hands of the Library Committee. It is an interesting and useful report.

"We have added during the year our stock of books 700 volumes, some of them paper covered, making a total of 6,700 volumes. We have lent to readers 82,700 books, of which 15,500 were taken by ladies, and 17,500 by gentlemen.

The highest number lent in any one day was 246, and the daily average was 108 books. Almost 300 persons have joined this year, 278 ladies and 517 gentlemen. In the beginning of the year Mrs. Dunstan gave us \$50 for books.

I wrote to some dozen wealthy men, asking for money to start the library, so that we could buy to advantage. These letters we got two answers—the one extorted himself; the other, the late Mr. Roderick Finlayson, sent us \$400.

"Our reading room is far from what it ought to be, but it is supplied only by Mr. Kibbey's annual \$50, and by the liberality of the proprietors of the city papers and of some of the owners of the books.

"We have now about 3,000 readers (2,770). One very serious result of this great increase of readers, without a corresponding increase of money to pay for them, is that a good many sets of books, and large sets at that, are simply worn out by constant use. You remember that when the \$1,200 a year by Mr. Finlayson was received, we expected more than a few hundreds to join; surely, in view of what I report here, it is absurd to think of running this library on \$100 a month, when we consider that every charge—even the gas—is made against this miserable pittance."

The discovery of the alleged nickel mine in Oregon, thought to be meteoric, is still a puzzle to the meteoric theory of the planet.

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AMERICAN NEWS.

S.S. Arizona Overdue. New York, Feb. 4.—The well-known Arizona, of the Guion line, is two days late at this port, and the fact is causing much anxiety here.

Arrival of the Minos. New York, Feb. 4.—The S.S. Minos, from San Francisco, San Pedro, and St. Louis, arrived here on Feb. 2, in latitude 34.4 north, 72.2 west, she spoke the German S. W. G., with all her crew.

Informants "John". New York, Feb. 4.—A Fargo, N.D., man found illegally in this country months ago, and arrested at Grand Forks, was discharged by Commissioner He was re-arrested and taken before Judge Spaulding at Fargo, who ordered him sent to China.

Final Attack on Garza. El Paso, Texas, via Laredo, Feb. 4.—The forces, State and Federal, are on the march for a final assault on Garza's strong hold.

Indian Rising in Bolivia. Paz, Bolivia, Feb. 4.—In the district of Perz the Indians have revolted and destroyed much property.

Abductor Arrested. New York, Feb. 4.—Charles E. Water, who abducted his eight-year-old ward Waterbury, on Monday, was arrested last night near his home at Stratford, Conn.

Adverse to the Louisiana Lottery. New Orleans, Feb. 4.—Artillery of fifty or one hundred guns have been fired in New Orleans and other points.

Indictments May be Reported. New York, Feb. 5.—Indictments against newspaper publishers of this city, were dismissed by Judge Martine.

Decrease in Canadian Failures. New York, Feb. 5.—Special dispatches indicate that general trade is moderately active in the Province of Ontario.

"JEWISH" DIVORCES. Newark, N. J., Feb. 5.—Kate Goldberg has arrested here on a charge of infamy. She married Aaron Goldberg.

Is Unable to Prosecute. It is stated that within the next few days Captain or owner of a little steamer Carter will be prosecuted for violation of the Marine Law.

Business though quiet is improving. In the movement of goods may be noted some large shipments of hides and hay per steamer.

Parton and Turner fought a fight in New York, which was the first time since the death of Turner that the two men were together.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Montreal Over a Vancouver Land Sale—Serious Accident to a Marine Engineer.

The Idea of the Northern Pacific Reaching Vancouver Discredited—General Mainland News.

Consummation of One of the Biggest Deals in B. C. Mines—Land Transfers.

VANCOUVER.

AN OVER-SEA. A two-year-old child of John Marshall drank a quantity of carbonic acid, last evening.

A slight improvement in business is noticeable during the last few days, although trade cannot be said to be brisk.

The Finance committee has decided to expend \$10,000 on street improvements, and has been received that the big shipment of B. C. timber from the Hastings mills arrived in Montreal safe in ten days.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 3.—Rev. G. R. Maxwell, of the First Presbyterian church, preached a special sermon to the Oddfellows on Sunday.

The steamer Grandholm in, she has 1,600 tons of freight for transhipment to the Empress of Japan.

While J. Kappeler was showing a revolver to a hatter lodging in A. Maller's apt. The accident is not serious.

Joseph Pierson, provincial auditor, is at present in the books of the court registrar's office.

The schooner W. E. Talbot, Captain Blum, arrived last night, to land lumber at the Hastings Mill.

On Sunday afternoon, Engineer Attwood, of the Skidgate, in starting her engines at the mill, accidentally fell among the machinery.

Speculators went out over Block 54, which was put on the market, this morning, by the C.P.R. Large crowds waited from midnight to get the first choice.

A large fire broke out at the corner of Pender and St. Charles streets.

It is reported that a consolidation of the Union and Nanaimo breweries of this city will probably take place shortly.

The Wellington shooting was further adjourned as the injured men are not sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital.

Arrived, steamship Wellington, bark Melrose, ship America; sailed, steamship Maric.

CHILLIWACK. The following property has changed hands this week: Mr. J. B. Buper of Westminster has purchased the property, including Mackintosh's shop, house, and three lots.

Mr. Ronis has transferred the Gardner tract, 160 acres to Mr. A. G. Wale, at a price of \$200 per acre.

Mr. Corey S. Ryder has sold a score of his acres to Mr. Benson of Westminster for \$200 per acre.

Mr. Ross, the Ligier manager, is putting out 30,000 peach, apple and pear trees on the Ligier farm, which makes the aggregate number of trees in the province.

Frank West has disposed of a quarter section of the Caswell property, A. Wells buying 200 acres, A. W. Paylor 200, and B. McLean 50.

Mr. Hartman's property of Theophilus Dunville's valuable property went to the Mission Home on Wednesday.

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New Westminster, Feb. 3.—A sale of the Lillooet Hydraulic Gold Mining Company's claims and plant and a number of other claims near Lillooet, together with one claim on the Bridge River, has been concluded.

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Departure of Canadian Ministers for Washington—The Subjects of Their Negotiations.

Principal Grant Supports a Liberal for the Provincial Legislature—Mrs. Schreiber Dead.

Hon. A. Mackenzie's Condition—Quebec Provincial Secretary Pelletier—Distasteful to His Party.

OTAWA, Feb. 6.—A private dispatch from Toronto says Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's condition is hopeless, and he is not expected to live more than a few days.

In East Middlesex, the contest is not important in a party sense, both candidates being Conservatives. Whoever is elected will support the Government.

The only difference of opinion between the candidates is as to the duty on binder twine. It is officially announced that while the Government adheres to a policy of protection, it such proposals taken advantage of for the purpose of monopoly or to aid any oppressive extraction in prices in the matter of binder twine, relief will be given, as was the case last session in regard to the salt duty.

Another sale of Manitoba school lands took place today, the average price realized being \$550, rather lower than usual, owing to the land being occupied by settlers.

The electrical tabulating machines in the Census Department are giving great satisfaction.

The Globe to-day publishes serious charges against Sir Adolphe Caron, and calls for the re-opening of the enquiry of last session. It publishes facsimiles of the documents which it claims to have secured.

Adolphe Caron drew upon the funds in Thomas McGreevy's hands for the election of 1887, and that his drafts were for political purposes. It alleges that Mr. Caron also received some of the money for that hoodlum was carried on in the Quebec district directly under the personal superintendence of Ministers of the Crown, and on regular business principles.

Members of Parliament are alleged to be implicated. The facsimiles include one showing a payment to Philip Landry, ex-M.P., of \$2,000, on the order of Sir Adolphe Caron. The Globe states that evidence can be obtained from various sources to astound the world, and invites any persons whose names are printed on the documents published to be published, to bring an action for libel in the courts of Ontario or Quebec.

OTAWA, Feb. 8.—Hon. Messrs. Thompson, Bower and Foster left for Washington this afternoon. They expect to be gone ten days. Before their departure a minister said the delegates were prepared to look into the whole question of trade; but one thing they were not prepared to do and that was to do what would discriminate against the mother country. That would be the halting point. The answer which Earl Stanley had already given to Sir Julian Pauncefote as to what the delegates would be prepared to discuss would embrace a variety of subjects. These were, for instance, the important question as to the grain carrying trade, the proposed matter and a number of other things, but he believed the present discussion would be confined to the trade question entirely.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association will be held here, March 30. The local newspaper men of the province will make the event a memorable one.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S CRITICS.

The critics of the Government in the House of Assembly have during the present session been peculiarly unfortunate in the choice of subjects for censure. The proceedings had hardly commenced when they blamed the Government for showing nothing about redistribution in the Limit Government's speech. It was soon after that their demand was premature. It is evident that if the Government had been as eager to commence the work of redistributing the representation as the most exacting of its critics, it would have made itself ridiculous if it had hinted in the speech that it was prepared to frame a redistribution bill. It is known to every elector of any intelligence that the information on which such a measure must be based is not in the possession of the Government, and is not likely to be for some time to come. To promise a redistribution bill without any material to make a foundation for it would be only a little less unreasonable than to find fault with the Government for not having it prepared before the details of the census are published and carefully considered. We venture to say that there is not a single member of the House—Government, Independent, or Opposition—who does not see clearly that the demand for redistribution is, under the present circumstances, exceedingly foolish. As the critics required the Government to do what it would be utterly absurd even to attempt, they must feel annoyed at themselves for acting so thoughtlessly.

The critics acted with quite as little consideration when they condemned the Government for reserving the land in the vicinity of Slocan Lake. It is evident now that they censured the Government without having any knowledge of the facts. They must have proceeded on the representations of parties who were interested in snapping up the good land before the public had a chance of knowing what it was like. They, the declared enemies of speculators and land-grabbers, became the enthusiastic advocates of West Kootenay land sharks. We do not say that all of them intended to do this, for we believe that some of them are honestly in favor of reserving the land for the actual settler and the working miner. But they have placed themselves in such a discreditable and unpleasant position by lending too ready an ear to the stories told by the enemies of the Government and the fabled land speculator. It is, however, not too late for them to benefit by the lesson they have learned. When they find out that they have, by their foolish haste and their eagerness to make the Government feel their power—or, as one of the Independent members put it, to wield the "rod" of correction—placed themselves in a false position, they can retract their steps, and become again really and truly "independent," supporting the Government when it does right, and opposing it only when it does wrong. The Government had good reason to expect the hearty support of the Independent members of the Legislature in what it has done in reserving the Slocan Lake land and other lands for the use of the men who will improve it by their own labor and their own money. It was carrying out what they profess to be their policy, and it was both wrong and inconsistent in them to join in the cry raised by the schemers until they found that the Lands and Works Department had done what is injurious to the actual settler.

With respect to the administration of the Education Department the critics, by asking for a partisan committee and by insisting upon retaining it, showed clearly enough that they were not so anxious to find out the truth as to preserve in good order what they regarded as a first-class grievance. It had long been evident that it is the Opposition and not the Government who desire to mix up politics and education, and it should have been the object of really independent members to keep them as much as possible apart. It is to be hoped that now in spite of all factious opposition there is to be an enquiry into the conduct of the Government in education matters, the independent articles will do what they can to make that enquiry thorough and impartial.

It is, we trust, not too much to assume that the critics by this time are convinced that criticism, to be effective, does not consist in mere fault-finding, without much thought or any enquiry to speak of. They ought to have learned that they should make themselves sure before they use the rod that something has been done worthy of punishment; otherwise, the attempt to ad-

THE AGRICULTURAL LABORER.

The British politician's now turning his attention to the farm laborer. The philanthropists on both sides profess to be interested in him and to desire to better his condition. They do not go so far yet as to promise him "three acres and a cow," but they hope to give him a better house to live in, a bigger garden, and a chance to get better food. They want, too, to improve him intellectually, morally and physically.

There are some who have made a special study of Hodge at home, who do not regard him as a very hopeful subject for improvement of any kind. Among them is Mrs. Stephen Batson, who has contributed a paper about him to the January number of the Nineteenth Century. This lady evidently does not look upon the agricultural laborer of Berkshire as such a miserable creature as he and his class are represented to be by many on this side of the Atlantic. But when we see how little he gets for his labor we cannot understand how he manages to keep soul and body together on such a pittance, much less support his wife and children.

The Berkshire laborer gets in "these days of reviving agricultural prosperity," ten shillings a week—about two dollars and a half. He gets besides that, "harvest money," to the amount of from fifteen to thirty dollars. The flogger, the shepherd, and the carter who are a grade above him, get twelve or fifteen shillings a week; and the aristocracy of rural labor, the independent bricklayer, the carpenter, the cobbler, the thatcher and the sheep shearer earn, in the busy season, from fifteen to thirty shillings a week. These are regarded as prosperous men. From this it can be seen that the British agricultural laborer, even when he gets steady work and is in good health all the year round, does not earn a great deal of money. When he pays a shilling a week for his cottage and garden, and supplies himself and his family with clothes there cannot be a great deal left with which to buy food for the humble household.

But Hodge contrives to exist and to raise a family of sturdy youngsters on ten shillings a week. Mrs. Batson tells us that he "eats bread, potatoes and cheese at all his meals, with salt pork for supper in the winter and bacon in the summer." And we must not forget his beer. Summer and winter Hodge must have his beer and his tobacco, besides. He spends on these luxuries two shillings a week, and he generally makes sure of these two shillings by putting them in his pocket before he hands the balance over to his wife. "This rule of life," we are told, "he never relaxes however large his family and however great his expenses at home."

Hodge as a rule marries young and he has soon olive branches round his "lairs." The children are not regarded as a burden for as soon as they are old enough to be useful they earn money, and while his children are growing, Hodge, if he is a steady man, is better off than at any other period of his existence. The British agricultural laborer pays little attention to that part of his catechism which enjoins upon him as a duty to behave himself lowly and reverently to all his betters, pastors and masters. We are told that "When Hodge is sober his attitude to his superiors is extremely dignified and even sullen; he feels then acutely that the parson, the squire and the schoolmaster are provided with good things that he cannot share, and that only a strict readjustment of incomes can equitably arrange matters, and even then there would be large arrears owing to him." And again, "Our laborer hates his employer, he hates his squire, but, above all, he hates his parson." However he or any of his family is sick, he is represented as looking on all grateful for the medicines and comforts that are given him. He indignantly asks those who remind him of his obligations, "What be the Rector put there for except to give I bready?"

Mrs. Batson does not think that the beer which the laborer drinks does him much harm. She says: "When that is gone left the laborer will not have a single pleasure left in life; he is incapable of appreciating anything more than the village pot-house. He is perfectly well-conducted while he is there, but to be there is the only joy he can conceive or imagine." This is a sad view and we hope that it is a mistaken one. There are great capabilities in Hodge. He belongs to a race that has done more for the world in these latter days than any other that inhabits it, and it is melancholy to see him have no higher ambition than to get his fill of beer. Is there anyone to blame for this, and is there no chance of his being raised to a higher plane of existence? Mrs. Batson seems to think not, for this is the last paragraph of her interesting article: "So let us leave Hodge to his troubles. We are not likely at present to improve him by advice or rebuke, or by any effort that we may make on his behalf."

A MISTAKEN OPINION.

William Howard, of the Philadelphia Press, says: "Commercial reciprocity with the Canadian will not be desirable while they are subjects of Great Britain. Until they are independent, or until they enter our Union, all treaties in which they are particularly concerned, must be made with the Government of Great Britain, which has always retained initiative to us."

THE STRIKING STATESMAN.

Men of all parties, in every part of Canada, are grieved to hear that the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie is on his death bed. There are few men in this Dominion so generally and so highly esteemed as he. Both in private and in public life, he has acted in such a way as to win the respect of Canadians of all classes. He has been for many years a greatly afflicted man. The heroic patience with which he has borne his troubles is not less to be admired than the ability and the courage which enabled him, in the face of many obstacles, to attain a place in the front rank of the public men of the Dominion.

THE ARBITRATION COURT.

The London Times says that the Arbitration Court to settle the Behring Sea dispute will probably sit in Paris. "It will consist of seven jurists of high reputation, two of whom will be chosen by Great Britain, two by the United States, and three by neutral powers. It is likely that Sweden, Switzerland and Belgium will each be asked to name one member of the Court."

THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

What, in all probability, will be the last session of the present Parliament was opened, yesterday. It seems to be the general impression in Great Britain that, when the present session closes, the House will be dissolved. There is no necessity for this, but a conviction that is so general is always based upon good grounds, and is likely to turn out to be true.

The Government has a fair record to show. Its measures have been good and have been approved by the nation, its finances are in a sound condition and its foreign policy has exerted praise even from its opponents. But there is a feeling of unrest in the nation, and an appeal to the country, before the year expires, appears to be inevitable.

The Government side of the House has two new leaders, both young men and both men of much more than average ability. Mr. Balfour will no doubt be a successful leader, both of the House and his party, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in spite of his radical propensities will be sure to recommend himself to the Liberal-Unionists. On the other side of the House the Liberals are arrayed under the leadership of Gladstone, but the Home Rulers are divided into two sections, one under Mr. Justin McCarthy, and the other under Redmond, we presume. It is by no means likely that the Parrellites will work cordially with the Liberals. Many of them hate Gladstone and will be glad if they can find an opportunity to do him and his party an injury.

There is no division in the Government ranks. All Government and Liberal-Unionists stand shoulder to shoulder both in the Parliament and in the country. The indications are that when they go to the country, whether it is this year or next, they will go as a united body prepared to do battle for the integrity of the Empire.

WANTED, A HEAD ENGINEER.

We trust that the City Council, when revising the list of Corporation officials, will make room for a head engineer. Cutting down the salaries of the engineers now in the service of the Corporation will be found to be no reform. The few hundred dollars saved will be of very little advantage to the citizens, while the way in which the work is done will not be in the least improved.

What is wanted is a man of ability, skill and experience, to have the direction and oversight of all the engineering work of the city. A properly qualified man would, it is true, require to be paid well, but that is not so much to be regretted as it is generally supposed. The money of the taxpayers would be well placed there, for the money of the taxpayers was not misapplied. The appropriations for the different services would be expended to the best advantage. More work would be done than under the present system, and it would be better done. Blundering and mismanagement are, besides being most unsatisfactory and aggravating, exceedingly costly. Under a first class engineer there would be neither blundering nor mismanagement. The citizens would get the worth of their money, and the result of skillful management would be seen immediately.

The employment of an able and energetic engineer would lead to many other reforms which are greatly needed. The City Council should not allow themselves to be swayed by a large salary. A good man in any department of skilled work is worth his wages. The Council and its Committees want a man competent to advise them on all matters relating to engineering—a man, on whose professional advice they could place implicit reliance. With such an engineer to advise them, committees would not be working in the dark, laying out money without being at all sure whether the result would be in any way commensurate with the expense.

Every one knows that a great deal of money has been spent on city work, and who is satisfied with the results? What is the condition of our streets, our sidewalks, our sanitary arrangements, our water service? Is there anyone who has the hardihood to say that the citizens have had the worth of the money expended in these services? This unsatisfactory state of things has been caused, principally, by the want of proper and competent supervision. There are good men in the City's employ, but they want better direction. It is, we hold, the very worst kind of economy to keep going on as we have gone on of late years. Let the City have a competent Chief Engineer and money—a great deal of money—will be saved.

BLAINE WITHDRAWS.

The withdrawal of Mr. Blaine simplifies matters in the United States considerably. It was awkward to have the President and his Secretary of State as rivals for the Republican nomination, particularly as the Secretary was palpably the favorite with the party. As long as that relation existed between the Head of the Executive and the leading member of his Cabinet, it was hardly to be expected that the Administration would get along very smoothly. In point of fact, there are indications that it did not. It is a great deal more than suspected that the President and the Secretary of State did not agree as to how the Chilean negotiations should be conducted, and it is believed in some quarters that they do not see eye to eye when the subject of reciprocity comes to be considered. Of course there are all matters of confidence, for both the President and the Secretary are much too discreet to talk about these little dis-

reciprocity, and that, rather than do without it, they will sever their connection with Great Britain. This is the logical consequence of the agitation which the Canadian Liberals have kept up for the last three or four years. Although they have been snubbed and insulted by Americans in office, and Americans out of office, they have kept on begging and praying for unrestricted reciprocity. And here we see the answer they get: "Leave Great Britain and either join us or become independent and then we will trade with you." Although the Liberals have received this answer a hundred times they still maintain the attitude of supplication. We do not wonder that in this matter reciprocity the Americans have become exacting and unreasonable. Howard, in the article from which we have quoted, shows very clearly that he is very far from understanding the relation that exists between Great Britain and her colonies. He depicts Great Britain as a rapacious and tyrannical master, whereas she is the most generous, the most considerate and the most indulgent of parents. Those Americans who believe that Canadians are tired of British connection, and are ready to sell their allegiance for trade advantages make a very gross and exceedingly stupid blunder.

A COLONY CHECKED.

It is usual for Great Britain to give her colonies all the self-government they want. She has left off dictating to them and trying to govern them from Downing street, and the results have been most encouraging. The colonies are better governed than they used to be under the Downing street regime, and they are at the same time more deeply attached to the mother country. The occasions of disagreement between Great Britain and her colonies being very much fewer than they used to be, they get on much more pleasantly together. But the mother country now and then checks a colony and refuses to give it the privileges it asks for. She has done so with the Colony of Natal and some of its inhabitants are exceedingly indignant. They asked for responsible government but the Downing street authorities have caused the measure which the local legislature passed to establish it to be disallowed. The Colonial Minister thinks that there ought to be two Chambers. He does not seem to think it of much importance whether the Upper House is elective or nominative, but he is decidedly of opinion that in Natal there should be some check to the popular branch of the Legislature. There is something behind this constitutional objection which, to Canadians, does not seem to be very forcible.

The position of Natal is exceptional. There are within its bounds some 45,000 white people, and if they were the only inhabitants of the colony it is more than probable that Lord Knutsford would let them govern themselves in the way they liked best. But, there are besides these forty-five thousand, who are presumably fit to govern themselves, some half a million of natives, very few of whom are fit to vote. His lordship very naturally hesitates before he places these half a million of blacks almost completely at the mercy of the small white minority. And we are not at all surprised to find that he does so. The probability is that, if complete supremacy were given to the representatives of the forty-five thousand Europeans, they would play such fantastic tricks with the "nigger" population as would make the Home authorities most uneasy.

There is a suspicion in England that the European living in Natal are not at all so well qualified to govern themselves, and there is a party in the colony itself that makes no bones about saying so clearly and plainly. The members of this party declare that the white population of the colony does not contain a sufficient number of able men in a position to devote their time and attention to public affairs to form both a Government and an Opposition. And it is more than probable that there is too much truth in what they say.

The half a million of semi-barbarous natives complicate the question of responsible government in Natal bewilderingly. If it were not for them the Natalians might be allowed to try their experiment of self-government without much risk. If they blundered and made a mess of it generally, they would be the only sufferers. In fact the non-European population would be the sufferers. Their only chance of improvement would come from their political education. But then it would not be fair to make the half a million of unenfranchised blacks and white-browns suffer the consequences of their ignorance, their perversity, or their unfairness. We are consequently not surprised that the Imperial Government hesitates before it hands them over to the tender mercies of the white colonists.

It seems to be forgotten by some of those who discuss the question of an enquiry relating to matters connected with the Victoria High School, that the Latin papers about which so much has been said and written, have already been produced by the Department of Education, and submitted to experts for examination and criticism. Almost as soon as the accuracy of the marking was called in question, the papers were submitted to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Wilson, Inspector of Schools, and the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven. These gentlemen, whose competency no one will seriously call in question, examined the papers carefully, and the conclusions to which they came regarding them have been published. Their decisions are as nearly alike as those of independent examiners could be expected to be, and none of them sustain the charges preferred by Mr. McLeod.

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We, the other day, showed our readers on what low wages the English farm laborer is compelled to live and to raise a family. The remuneration he gets for his labor is pitifully small, but it is affluence compared with the pay which the Russian peasant receives. Hodge gets ten shillings a week, which is asked out by the earnings of his wife and those of his children who are old enough to work; the wages of the poorest Russian peasant, according to Count Tolstoi, fluctuate between 50 and 70 rubles a year. The silver ruble has a value of sixty cents. This gives the unfortunate laborer between thirty and forty-two dollars a year. "Well-to-do families," according to our authority, "dispose of a sum varying from 70 to 300 rubles, and an average of 100 to 120."

From this it would appear that in Russia the farm laborer who earns \$80 or \$72 a year is looked upon as well off, and when by the combined exertions of his whole family the income is \$180 a year he considers himself, and is no doubt considered by his neighbors, prosperous. Count Tolstoi says in explanation, "An increase in energy means an increase of income by 50 per cent; while a little more thrift lessens and extra carelessness swells the outlay to 50 or 70 per cent. above the average."

It is easy to see that in a country where wages are so very low a comparatively small increase in the price of food will cause much suffering, and when it amounts up to famine prices, the people must starve or depend upon charity for the means of subsistence. That there is much suffering in Russia at this moment, there can be no doubt at all, but how to relieve it judiciously and effectively seems to be a problem of very great difficulty. Count Tolstoi in one of his letters to the London Telegraph, says: "What is wanted in order to fix the degree of distress, and the amount of help needed, are not the usual statistics, but a soothsayer capable of predicting, who, among the sufferers, will survive and remain strong and healthy; who will live in enormous numbers, who will seek and find work; and which of them will remain sober and provident. As there is unfortunately no such soothsayer in Russia, just now, we must abandon all hope of obtaining this precious information."

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Winnipeg's Carlin's Hospital. WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 9.—The big carlin hospital opened this morning with the grand celebration...

Proposed Canadian Ship Railway. TORONTO, Feb. 10.—The members of the Toronto Bicycle Club have, after consideration, decided in favor of allowing car racing in their rooms...

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Decision Given. The decision of the Courts in the Pan-given yesterday, referring the award back to the arbitrators, in compliance with the application of contractor Burkholder.

Being Well. Little Ernest Demers, whose skull was badly injured by the stumbling of his horse, on Tuesday night, is doing as well as possible, at the home of his parents, where he is receiving the best attention.

To Welcome New Members. In the George Bonfield Church matter was given yesterday, referring the award back to the arbitrators, in compliance with the application of contractor Burkholder.

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Y.M.C.A. Directors. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A., two new members were elected to fill vacancies, Mr. John Colwell and Mr. E. Miller.

Will Probably Meet to-day. The Select Committee appointed by the Provincial Legislature to inquire into the circumstances connected with the resignation of Mr. H. B. Hall, will probably meet to-day.

Ball and Supper. The annual ball and supper of the Spanish Agricultural Society will be held to-night in the hall of the Hotel Vancouver.

A Well Known Lady Dead. One of the oldest pioneer ladies of the Province died yesterday, when Mrs. Peter Lester, 87 years of age, passed away.

Members at Home. The Y.M.C.A. had an all too small to accommodate those who attended the members' social last evening.

Gold-Sellers Farewell. Victoria Glee Club Song—Hoppers Watchword. G. G. Brown Song—The End of the Road. G. G. Brown Song—A Farewell to the Gold-Sellers.

COAL PORTERS' STRIKE. It May Assume Large Proportions—Both Sides Suburban. LONDON, Feb. 10.—There is a general strike in the coal districts to-day.

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His Mother Dead. DEVER, D. H. Henry of the Fire Department, received the sad intelligence, yesterday, of the death of his mother, in Bruce County, Ontario.

To Carry the Good Tidings. Twelve missionaries, who are going over to Japan and China, arrived from the South Island, to take the Empress of Japan.

Decision Given. The decision of the Courts in the Pan-given yesterday, referring the award back to the arbitrators, in compliance with the application of contractor Burkholder.

Being Well. Little Ernest Demers, whose skull was badly injured by the stumbling of his horse, on Tuesday night, is doing as well as possible, at the home of his parents, where he is receiving the best attention.

To Welcome New Members. In the George Bonfield Church matter was given yesterday, referring the award back to the arbitrators, in compliance with the application of contractor Burkholder.

Victoria Land is Valuable. One acre of land on the Spanish road changed hands yesterday, at a price of \$10,000. The seller was Rev. Mr. Hall, and the purchaser Mr. C. Gowen.

The Greer Case. It is not expected that judgment will be delivered in the case of Greer vs. Regina for some days yet. The applicant went to Vancouver, on Tuesday night, on important business.

Teacher Wanted. Mr. W. J. Shearing, secretary of the Board of Education, has been appointed to the position of principal of the school at North Perth...

Over One Hundred Ladies. At a meeting of the Young Ladies' Institute and Seeger's Council Y. M. C. M. last Sunday, the affairs of the school were discussed...

Victoria College. The above well-known school will be reopened, on Monday next, under the management of Mrs. J. Wastie Green, Mr. Green having resigned the position.

Y.M.C.A. Directors. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A., two new members were elected to fill vacancies, Mr. John Colwell and Mr. E. Miller.

Will Probably Meet to-day. The Select Committee appointed by the Provincial Legislature to inquire into the circumstances connected with the resignation of Mr. H. B. Hall, will probably meet to-day.

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Y. M. C. A. Conference. The 3rd Annual Conference of the Y.M.C.A. in the Pacific Northwest, will be held in Victoria, Feb. 12-13. The sessions will begin Friday, Feb. 26, with a welcome reception tendered the delegates by our own Association.

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EDUCATION IN B. C.

Twentieth Annual Report of the Department of Education—Most Satisfactory Progress Recorded.

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VICTORIA MARKET REPORT.

Prices Current and Prospects of Business—Supply and Demand.

There is little change to note in the general tone of the local markets for the past week. After the heavy demand of the holiday season, and the calm which naturally followed, business has picked up, and trade is now almost as vigorous as the usual annual stock taking is most branches of business is over, and shows a very satisfactory improvement over former years.

The new city market is up to date a white elephant on the hands of the City Council. Although the building is admirably suited in every particular, it is being very poorly patronized. There are numerous vacancies as to the holding of stalls, but prospective tenants appear to be holding out until they see how the market will take.

The impression is that the improvement in the building will have to be much improved before it can attain the object for which it was designed. The opening of Broad street to the market building would be a step in the right direction, and the improvement of the millinery industry of the Island is having a decided stimulus, which cannot fail to beget a corresponding increase in the demand for millinery goods.

Flour has been subjected to some few fluctuations in price, but is generally steady. The price of flour is \$1.00 per barrel. The price of wheat is \$1.00 per bushel. The price of barley is \$1.00 per bushel.

Wheat remains at last week's quotations, the sources of supply being fully equal to the demand. The price of wheat is \$1.00 per bushel. The price of barley is \$1.00 per bushel.

The market for live stock is generally steady. The price of cattle is \$1.00 per head. The price of sheep is \$1.00 per head. The price of pigs is \$1.00 per head.

The market for produce is generally steady. The price of butter is \$1.00 per pound. The price of eggs is \$1.00 per dozen. The price of chickens is \$1.00 per dozen.

The market for lumber is generally steady. The price of lumber is \$1.00 per board foot. The price of shingles is \$1.00 per square.

The market for coal is generally steady. The price of coal is \$1.00 per ton. The price of coke is \$1.00 per ton.

The market for iron is generally steady. The price of iron is \$1.00 per ton. The price of steel is \$1.00 per ton.

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The market for gold is generally steady. The price of gold is \$1.00 per ton. The price of platinum is \$1.00 per ton.

The market for diamonds is generally steady. The price of diamonds is \$1.00 per carat. The price of rubies is \$1.00 per carat.

The market for sapphires is generally steady. The price of sapphires is \$1.00 per carat. The price of emeralds is \$1.00 per carat.

The market for pearls is generally steady. The price of pearls is \$1.00 per carat. The price of opals is \$1.00 per carat.

The market for gemstones is generally steady. The price of gemstones is \$1.00 per carat. The price of jewelry is \$1.00 per piece.

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Badly Damaged.
The damage to Mr. Henry Gribble's store and stock by the fire of two weeks ago have been estimated at \$4,500 by the arbitrators.

From THE EAST.
The Albion Iron Works have recently received a 50 inch boring mill from the East, and a cutting and centering appliance from Dundas, Ont.

An Interesting Article.
The "Western World" of January is at hand. It contains an exhaustive and interesting sketch of Victoria's progress, illustrated with several handsome plates.

An Estimable Lady Dies.
Dr. S. D. Pope, Superintendent of Education, received news yesterday, of the death of his mother, Mrs. Dunt, at Adelaide, Ontario. The deceased lady was 76 years old.

A Chinese Missionary.
Luo Lowe, a native Chinese missionary, who for several years past, has been doing good work for the Methodist Church in San Francisco and in Portland, Ore., has arrived in Victoria, and will share the labors of his field with Rev. J. E. Gardner.

Ministerial Dinner.
The first ministerial dinner of the session of the Legislature will, it is understood, be held on Thursday evening next at the Dallas Hotel. The arrangements are now being made, and it is said the spread will be one of the most elaborate for some years.

A Call to the Pastorale.
A special meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Pandora street, has been convened for this evening, when it is expected that a call will be extended to the pastorate of the church, vacated by the death of the late Rev. D. Fraser.

He Has Flown.
The Chinaman who is supposed to have \$415 in stolen money concealed under his blouse, which the police are anxious to return to the owner, is thought to have gone East over the steamer, and he was seen at Vancouver, but had left there before his pursuer arrived.

Barbottle to be Proceeded Against.
Yesterday afternoon Captain Thompson and J. E. Chisholm swore out affidavits concerning the attack by Mr. P. H. Heston on Mr. S. P. Mills on Friday night. An application will be made in court this morning for the commitment of the former for contempt of court.

The Ministerial Association.
A special meeting of the Ministerial Association of this city was held yesterday afternoon, at which regret was expressed at the determination of Rev. C. W. Townsend to seek another field, and the Rev. J. H. White was elected his successor of the Association.

Conversation and Sale of Work.
The Ladies Aid of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Victoria, are actively engaged in preparing for their sale of work, conversation and concert in the hall, Victoria West, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, 16th inst. The sale will begin at 2 o'clock, in the afternoon, and will be continued in the evening. Refreshments will be served, and a first-class concert in the evening.

Acknowledged.
The following donations to the Jubilee Hospital during the past month are thankfully acknowledged: Mrs. Dupont, man's clothing and boots; Mrs. James Hinton, books and clothing; Mrs. J. Beattie, four feather pillows and one dressing gown; Teachers of Central School, two large pictures for female ward; Mr. Thomas Ginger, bundle of books; Mrs. J. H. Jones, Cobble Hill, Vancouver, bundle of papers.

Served With a Summons.
A representative of the Saunders' Clothing Co., of Toronto, by name Wm. Hill, who has been doing a paying business in his line for the past few weeks in the city, was served this morning, before leaving on the Vancouver steamer, presented with a summons charging him with soliciting orders without a license for clothing to be supplied by his firm, and further demanding his appearance in the city police court to-morrow morning.

An Athletic Exhibition.
The members of the Victoria Athletic Club have decided to give an exhibition, some time probably during the second week in March, to which the general public will be invited. It has not yet been decided where the entertainment will be given, but the exhibition will be followed by a supper and dance. The proceeds will be devoted to purchasing uniforms for members of the Athletic Club hand. The event, it is said to say, may be looked forward to as a treat.

The Press Gallery to Organize.
There are at this session, some seven or eight working members of the Press Gallery of the Legislative Assembly, and it has been suggested that the Gallery should be organized on a regular system, the way as the galleries of the Dominion House of Commons and the Ontario Legislative Assembly. A meeting will probably be held on Wednesday morning, at which the representatives will talk the matter over and arrange a basis on which to go to work.

The Temperance Movement.
Rev. James Babbell, of Washington, left for Nanaimo on Sunday. When he has made a preliminary tour of the district, he will start in on his temperance campaign. During his week of lecturing in Victoria and district he has done a great deal of work, initiating no less than four lodges of the order, and speaking in every portion of the district. His visit will, no doubt, be productive of much good, and all who have heard him have been impressed with his earnestness and sincerity. He has been one of the leading platform speakers of the I.O.G.T. in America for over three years, and has decided that he will devote his Columbia will finish his labors in that respect. His health will not allow him to keep up the work any longer. During his term of office he has spoken on the average of 400 times per year, and has written about 160 letters per day in connection with his temperance movement.

Anniversary Services.
The anniversary services in connection with the Pandora school, conducted by the Rev. S. J. Thompson, of Westminster, preaching special sermons morning and evening. In the morning he explained the will of God as to the children, and in the evening he talked of the life of Daniel, and drew therefrom lessons for the young. A rousing meeting was also held in the afternoon, when addresses were made by Rev. Mr. West, J. Thompson, and Rev. Mr. Thompson. The music of the Sunday School orchestra and the church choir, both led by Mr. Parfitt, was a major feature of the day's proceedings, while another and equally noticeable feature was the good order maintained and the interest manifested, even by the smallest pupils, in all that was done. The annual report shows a prosperous condition of the

school, which has not gone back in numbers, notwithstanding the fact that it has been drawn from largely in establishing the school over James Bay and at Spring Ridge. The annual social and entertainment is to be held in night.

In Chambers.
Motions before Justice Drake in the following cases were heard yesterday: M'Pherson, v. Cowan & Shaw, and Haas Bros. v. Cowan & Wilson.

A Tight Squeeze.
George Barnes, a brakeman in the Equinastock Railway, has been squeezed against the fingers badly squeezed yesterday morning, while coupling of cars, when the train was shunting at Russell's station.

The T. W. Carter Case.
No further steps have yet been taken in the matter of the complaint made against the owners of the T. W. Carter, for carrying two passengers from Race Rocks to Victoria, without having been licensed. The charge will probably be dropped.

James Bay Athletic Association.
At a recent meeting of the James Bay Athletic Association, Mr. H. D. Heinen was elected chairman, and Mr. Richard Jones secretary. The club is now being re-organized, and will be a financial success, and will do the good of its promoters expected.

Coming to Victoria.
Mr. W. H. Oliver, of San Francisco, one of the largest property owners of Victoria, is expected daily on important business. It is expected that he will consider the erection of a number of large sized handsome block-ones on Langley street, one on Government, and one on Yates.

An Unpopular Neighbor.
A man named Irvine, whose conduct has been complained of in a petition, signed by a number of his neighbors, and presented to the Chief of Police, was yesterday brought before the Police Magistrate and fined \$5, for using obscene language. He has promised better behavior in future.

Not Yet Decided.
It was expected that the case of the contractor for the Pandora Street Methodist Church, in his claim to have the judgment of the court set aside, and the case referred to the decision of the Divisional Court. The decision has, however, been held over until Thursday.

Folter Tips.
A man named Robertson was arrested yesterday on a warrant issued by the police for selling liquor to Indians. His case comes up in the Police Court this morning. He was arrested on Saturday last for being drunk, and he has never since been allowed to return to his home. He became quite sensible before leaving the cells.

Did Not Hold.
A resident of the Italian quarter, below Store street, was an occupant of the Police Court yesterday, the offence charged being the larceny of a number of useful articles, to wit, one shirt, one pair of blankets, and one sheet, from an Indian neighbor. The evidence, filtered through three interpreters, was not sufficient to convict upon.

The Sunday Closing Act.
Mr. Marboan, proprietor of the Poodle Dog, has been summoned to appear at the Police Court this morning, for a breach of the Sunday closing law. Chief Sheppard entered the premises, on Saturday night, and found liquor being served over the bar, and the Police Magistrate has issued a writ for the Sunday closing law.

The Albert Paper Mill.
Over \$30,000 worth of special machinery for the Albert paper mill forms part of the cargo of the ship Arctide, now en route to this city from the old country. The work at the mill site has not been abandoned, as rumor has it; on the contrary the company now have men at work, clearing ground and preparing for the construction of the dam and flume.

Chaplain Scaries III.
A telegram received from Chaplain Scaries of Auburn State Prison, who was to preach missionary sermons here next Monday at 10 o'clock, has been received, but he is unable to do so, as he is seriously ill at Maniton, N. W. T. His Victoria engagements are accordingly postponed, necessarily; but he is expected to be able to fill them at the next future.

An Important Meeting.
Mr. C. B. Sward, M.P.E., who came down from Chilliwack yesterday, reports that an important meeting was held in the city on Saturday evening, at which the Hon. J. L. Atkinson was in the chair. The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing Mr. Lamson propound his scheme for a proposition of land in the Victoria and Sooma by a system of dyking. After his propositions had been heard, considerable discussion ensued, and finally the further discussion of the question was referred to a committee consisting of the following: Messrs. Vedder, McCutcheon and Higginson (representing Luk-a-Kuk and Chilliwack interests) and Chancy, Atkinson and Sooma. The committee will meet on Monday, and it was decided that this committee should, if possible, arrange an adjustment of the respective interests concerned and report to another meeting.

Home Manufactured Boilers.
Mr. J. A. Thomson, steamboat inspector, will left for the Mainland this morning, and will be away about a week. He will visit Vancouver and New Westminster, where there are a number of boilers to be inspected, the twelve-month certificate of a good many of the steamers trading with these ports having expired. Speaking to a COLONIST reporter last night Mr. Thomson said that the class of boilers being manufactured in Victoria and Vancouver of late were of a very high order, and fully equal to anything imported. There are still, he said, some boilers brought to British Columbia from the east, which were perhaps a little cheaper than the ones manufactured in this province, but were certainly no better. Cheap labor in the east, and their proximity to the iron markets, enabled them to produce at a lower rate, but competition was now becoming very keen for these gentlemen, and home manufacture very popular.

Chilliwack is Growing.
Mr. V. Chadsey, of Chilliwack, is at the Oriental. He says that his part of the world is growing rapidly, and that the interests of the district are prospering wonderfully. The stock are doing well, and the mild winter has been greatly in favor of the crops. There has lately been a good deal of talk about a branch line of the C.P.R. from Abbotsford, and the residents believe that the time is not far distant when it will have the same presence among them as last. Real estate is changing hands considerably, invariably at good prices per acre, and there will be quite a number of buildings erected in the coming year. The new Mission school, just opened, will be a great improvement on the old place. On account of the steamers having drawn off so early last season, the fact was when they will have the iron horse among them at last. Real estate is changing hands considerably, invariably at good prices per acre, and there will be quite a number of buildings erected in the coming year. 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A UNIVERSAL LOSS.

The Clergy of All Denominations Join in Speaking Well of Spurgeon.

A Preacher of Christ, Whose Voice Reached the Ends of the Earth.

From many of the city pulpits, on Sunday last, tributes of love, admiration and respect were paid to the memory of the late Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

Mr. Spurgeon's death, which occurred on the 29th of January, was a universal loss to the Christian world.

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Mr. Ward remarked that the R. C. Cathedral building had been raised in an ingenious and simple way.

The commissioner and officers proceeded to Nanaimo yesterday morning, being escorted to the train by the band.

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TWO TRIES TO ONE.

Gives Vancouver the Victory in Yesterday's Rugby Match.

The Play Fast and Interesting and the Game Well Won.

Vancouver's football team, this morning, wearing (metaphorically) the wreaths of victory.

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THE CITY.

Sixty lots have been sold in the Berkeley townsite, while only a few days ago placed on the market.

Further improvements. In the course of a month or so, further improvements in the line of new storehouses, etc., will be undertaken at Her Majesty's navy yard, Esquimalt.

Plenty for All. Any person desirous of obtaining maps of the Nelson property, which J. P. Davis & Co. will sell on the 16th inst., can obtain them by calling early at the office of the firm on Wharf street.

Goodwin-Brian. Oliver H. Goodwin, late of this city, and Brian J. Brian, who was married in Seattle, last week, where they will reside for a short time, before leaving for the South Sea Islands.

In the Queen's Engine-room. Mr. Gordon Grant, for many years chief engineer of the City, and who is now in charge of the engine-room of the Queen; Mr. Hodgson, the guaranty engineer returning to England.

The Last of the Season. The City of Carlisle has completed loading a cargo of salmon for England. This cargo will be the last of the salmon pack of British Columbia for the season 1891.

A Splendid Service. This is what Mr. S. Z. Mitchell of Portland, disinterestedly of the Edison General Electric Company, has to say about the Electric street car service.

Talking Fight. One or two prominent figures in the sporting world, over the Sound, have been in town for several days past, and it is whispered that a prize fight, to some of the British soil, is being arranged.

Seriously Injured. A young lad named Demers, whose parents reside on Frederick street, was the victim of a serious accident yesterday, which left him in a very serious condition.

Delayed. The presentation of the best cases regarding the Work Estate gold claims, and the Police Magistrate's decision in the Standard case, will be postponed.

Lost on the Street. A little four year old boy whose parents live on Johnson street was found on Government street, near the corner of the post office.

Tramway Extension. The sleepers for the extension of the tramway service from Superior street, along Menzies, to Beacon Hill Park, are now on the ground, and some of the poles are in place.

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THE UNITED WORKMEN.

Organizing a Grand Lodge A.O.U.W. for the Province of British Columbia.

Meeting Held Last Night in Pioneer Hall to Arrange Details.

A large number of the members of the city lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen met last night in Pioneer hall for the purpose of seeing what steps could be taken to organize a Grand Lodge of the Order in this Province.

The chair was occupied by Mr. Nosh, Shakespear, P. M., while Mr. Henry Jewell acted as secretary. The chief speaker of the evening was Mr. Joe Sullivan, Deputy Supreme Grand Master of the Order, who came here a few days ago from Hales, Mon., Mr. Sullivan explained fully the objects that would be served by having a Grand Lodge formed for the Province.

Up to a short time ago British Columbia was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, but recently the state of Oregon undertook to take charge of itself, and now has a Grand Lodge of its own. This leaves Washington and British Columbia together, and as the province needs only five more lodges in order to enable it to have a Grand Lodge, the officers of the Supreme Grand Lodge thought it would be as well to have British Columbia look after itself.

With this end in view Mr. Sullivan endeavored to see what could be done in his explanations of the plan proposed, the discussion became general and it was finally decided that an effort should be made to form a Grand Lodge. A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Warren, Jewell, Dinsdale, Leiser, and Becker to assist in organizing the necessary new lodges. They will visit such places as Chilliwack, Ladner's Landing, etc., and see what can be done in the way of getting members; and Mr. Sullivan will afterwards go around and institute the lodges.

Besides this, a meeting will be held on Thursday (to-morrow) evening, in the Oddfellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, where it is hoped a new lodge will be organized. To this meeting all who are interested in the matter are invited, and they are especially requested to bring the ladies of their families, who will also be interested. A public meeting is to be arranged for some time next week, to be addressed by Mr. Sullivan, but, as yet, no final arrangements have been made. These will be announced later on.

The methods of the A. O. U. W. are now almost too well known throughout Victoria and the province to require any special explanation. The initiation fee is small and will be paid in installments, and the treasury of the order, the sum of one dollar, which is placed to their credit and forms a fund from which is drawn the benefit when a member dies. For every member who dies there is an assessment of \$1.00, but not more than 20 assessments are made each year. The benefit due to the beneficiary of the member at death is \$200, and should be four times as much if the year that there is a deficit in the Grand Lodge funds, this amount is made up by the Supreme Grand Lodge by an assessment on all the members of the lodge. The members of the Grand Lodge are elected from the various subordinate lodges in the district and the Supreme Grand Lodge, which is the highest authority in the order. During the past year there has been a sum amounting to nearly \$200,000 paid out in Canada in benefits to the families of deceased members, and this too without anyone feeling the payments which come in monthly assessments of one to two dollars each. From any lodge now manifested, there is no doubt but that the project of establishing a Grand Lodge for British Columbia will be brought to a successful issue.

DR. CAMPBELL CALLED. The Members of the First Presbyterian Church, Victoria, in order to pay their Last Fare.

A very largely attended meeting of the First Presbyterian Association was held last night, at St. Barnabas Church, the Sunday schools represented being those in connection with Christ Church, St. James, St. Saviour's and St. Paul's. It was called to order by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, and, after prayers, reports of committees were received. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

An interesting paper was read by Rev. G. W. Taylor, on the subject of "Best Methods of Teaching the Infant Class." He took up the question from three standpoints, viz.: The elements of Christian doctrine, Bible history and church doctrine. All teaching of infants, he said, must be of necessity by rote, and the first and last of the heads mentioned, must be taught by rote. Bible history can best be taught through the use of pictures. He pointed out the mistake made by most teachers in confining themselves to Old Testament history. The elements of Christian doctrine, Bible history and church doctrine, he said, must be taught by rote. Bible history can best be taught through the use of pictures. He pointed out the mistake made by most teachers in confining themselves to Old Testament history.

The following gentlemen were then duly proposed and seconded for the vacancy: Rev. Dr. J. K. Smith, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Collingwood, Ont.; Rev. Mr. Ross, Perth, Ont.; Rev. Mr. Jack, Maitland, N. S. It was decided to take the vote by ballot, dropping out all candidates but the first two, and voting the final cast by an open vote. The first vote resulted in Rev. Dr. Smith (35) and Rev. Dr. Campbell (43) being chosen. On the final vote, Dr. Campbell received 49 and Rev. Dr. Smith 40; the former was then declared successful, and on another motion the call was made unanimous.

The meeting which lasted for three hours, was carried out in most interesting manner, a great number of people speaking and giving their views concerning the question at issue. The discussion several times became quite warm, several members of the church, in their devotion to the cause of their various candidates, growing excited. However, it was very easy to see that the majority had accepted Dr. Campbell, the defeated members were very anxious to go in with their decision.

Dr. Campbell is the only one of the generally well known candidates who has been really a candidate. During Dr. Fraser's last illness he held his pulpit for him, and in six weeks he was in Victoria, endeavored himself to everybody else. No doubt the great friendship existing between himself and Mr. Fraser, whose memory is still green in the hearts of the congregation, had a good deal to do with his selection. Whether the call will be accepted, remains to be seen. The First Presbyterian church is to be congratulated on having so scholarly a gentleman, and one so well fitted to undertake the important trust.

There is no doubt that the call will be accepted.

With Song and Merry Dance. Several Hours Spent Very Pleasantly With the C. O. F. at Victoria West.

The brethren of the C. O. F. M. U. Victoria West, entertained their friends last evening in Victoria West hall, which was not a bit too large for the demands made upon its accommodation. The programme was an entertaining variety, and was successfully carried out as it was interesting, Mr. Kirkcaldie and Mr. Leroy gave comic songs, and Messrs. Gold, Birch, Wills, Kemp, Wright and Kirkcaldie, and Messrs. Macrae, Baker and Myers, presented a new lodge, which was not only C. T. B., Vanting, V. T. Sister New very much at the program made and hoped that at the end of the year an equally good showing would be made.

Besides the children there were present a large number of parents, who took a keen interest in the proceedings, and to the teachers is due the almost phenomenal success of this Sunday school. They have by their earnest assistance and ready support, materially assisted the efforts of the officers.

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A PORTLAND VISITOR.

District Manager Mitchell, of the Edison Electric Light Company, in the City.

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