

THE ALLEGED LIBELS

The Case Against Mr. Coltart, of the Province, Produces a Legal Contest.

Mr. Bostock and Mr. Nichol Will Be Proceeded Against Separately.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

In the case of Hewitt Bostock, M.P., Ian Coltart and Walter Nichol, charged with having published a defamatory libel on Messrs. J. H. Turner and C. E. Pooley, Mr. Cassidy on behalf of the prosecution said that owing to the fact that Mr. Coltart was out of the city it was impossible to serve him and he therefore asked that his name might be struck from the information, adding that it was the intention to lay another information against Mr. Nichol. Mr. Martin, who appeared for the defendants, said that he wished to call the attention of the court to the fact that the original information was issued from the home of his business for his employees and upon his return on the previous Saturday found that the summons in this action had been served upon his Chinaman, and also called to the attention of Mr. Martin that the fact that he (Mr. Martin) had sent down to the court for the purpose of obtaining a copy of the information in this action and was refused; that the original information which should have been upon the files of the court had been removed, and that, according to the information given him, it was at the time he asked for it, in the possession of Mr. Nichol, who is the prosecution, and, said Mr. Martin, "I would like to know how it is that when my clients are charged with an offence of this nature and the information is filed, that that document, which is a record of this court, should be removed even temporarily."

The magistrate explained that application had been made to him on the previous afternoon for leave to obtain a copy of this information for the express purpose of preparing a summons against the absent defendant, Mr. Bostock, and he had given his permission for that purpose, a courtesy which he would have been willing to have extended to Mr. Martin himself under the circumstances, and if there was any blame to be placed upon anybody it was only upon himself. Mr. Cassidy, according to Mr. Martin's request, agreed to Mr. Nichol's name being struck from the information, and the case against Mr. Nichol was allowed to stand. The case against Mr. Coltart, however, not reading the information, was then proceeded with, and Mr. Arthur Davey was called as a witness by Mr. Cassidy.

After being sworn the witness testified that he was an article clerk in Mr. Cassidy's office and resided on Burnside avenue.

Examined by Mr. Cassidy.
Q.—I hand to you what purports to be a copy of the Province newspaper of Saturday, December 11th, 1897. When did you first get that? A.—I purchased this on December 10th instant from Mr. Arthur Wheeler in the office of the Province newspaper.

Q.—Do you know who Arthur Wheeler is, then? A.—I cannot say that I know; I believe I have known him to be employed there some time, but I cannot say in what position he was employed there. Q.—Do you know if he was employed there? A.—Yes.

Q.—(By the Court)—An employee of the Province Publishing Company? A.—Yes.

Mr. Cassidy—Do you know Mr. Coltart? A.—I know him; yes.

Q.—Do you know what his occupation is? A.—I can't swear that I do not know. Q.—Do you know where he works, that is, where he carries on business? A.—I have seen him working in the Province building.

outh had repeatedly said he did not know it. Mr. Cassidy then proceeded to ask the witness if he knew what duties Mr. Coltart followed at the time of the publication of the alleged libel, but when in answer to the question Mr. Davey said that he did not know that Mr. Coltart had anything to do with the Province newspaper, this line of examination was abruptly closed.

In cross-examination by Mr. Martin the witness testified that he had purchased a copy of the Province newspaper of December 11th on the 10th December, had taken it to Mr. Cassidy's office and placed upon it a mark of identification, but could not remember the time, although he was positive that immediately after purchasing it he had taken it to his own office and could now recognize it as the one produced in court. Arthur Wheeler was then called by the prosecution, and testified that he was a clerk in the office of the Province Publishing Company, and that he was the assistant to the foreman, being those of assistant to the foreman. Mr. Cassidy proceeded to examine the witness and insinuated that the two companies, the Province, Ltd., and the Province Publishing Company, were separate only for certain purposes. Mr. Martin objected to the insinuation and a lively interchange of banter was indulged in. Mr. Cassidy making use of the expression "double-barreled" and asking Mr. Martin for enlightenment as to what the difference was, received the reply that if he wished information he must pay for it.

Mr. Martin proceeding with an examination of the witness elicited the information that the Province newspaper was published from the Province building, that the Province building was situated on the corner of Courtney and Gordon streets; that he (the witness) sometimes said it printed; that he sometimes said that Mr. Walter Nichol was known in the office as the acting editor. Endeavoring to find out what Mr. Coltart's position was, Mr. Martin learned from the witness that he is secretary of the Province, Ltd., and that as a rule he (Mr. Coltart) occupied a room in the building; that he sometimes dictated letters, and that as far as the witness knew there was nobody who, in Mr. Cassidy's language, acted as a boss over him.

The court informed Mr. Martin that the case would not be thrown out on the grounds urged, namely, that it was not claimed by the prosecution that the court was of the opinion that it was not necessary for the prosecution to do more than they had already done. Mr. Cassidy then proceeded to argue that the publication of the alleged libel had not been brought home to the defendant, and to reply his honor said he would like to look carefully into the memorandum of the article by the defendant, which he suggested that an adjournment might be necessary to enable him to do this. Mr. Martin continued his address and brought out that there had been no evidence to prove the defendant either knew or authorized the publication of what was now alleged to be a libel, and particularly that no proof that the defendant had what in legal phraseology is called the "mens rea" had been given. The attempt to commit the two companies to prove, as Mr. Cassidy had expressed it, "that there had been an attempt on the part of the Province, Ltd., to publish the alleged libel, and that another company," had utterly failed.

The two companies were distinct and separate, and from the evidence of the witnesses who had been examined it was clear that the Province Publishing Company simply printed a newspaper for another company. "And," said Mr. Martin, "if any case other than one of this nature it would be possible for the defendant to get into the hands of the publisher, in the action he is accused of, he was justified by the fact that what was said to be a crime was not so; that he would be entitled to prove that the charges made in the article were untrue, and that in fact true; in this case it is not open for us to do so; but there is, therefore, all the more reason your lordship should protect us and guard against any injustice being done against the Province Publishing Company. Has it been shown that he was responsible for its publication, and, again, has any attempt been made to prove that the Province Publishing Company libel included the charge of falsity, and his honor intimated that subject to anything which might be proved, the evidence he had heard and seen was sufficient to decide to send the case for trial. Mr. Coltart was then asked by the court the usual formal questions, and said he believed he was to give evidence.

It being suggested that an adjournment should be taken, and by consent the case stood over until 10 a.m. on Thursday.

LAWS INTELLIGENCE.

The Hock Taw trial was continued today and it will likely take up the greater part of the week. The defendant, She Do's wife was called and swore that a letter produced on She Do's cross-examination yesterday was not in her handwriting, although it was the same in substance as one she wrote Whitehead. At the conclusion of the crown's case Mr. Fell asked that the case be dismissed, as the prosecution had not made out a case so far as called on his client for an answer. His lordship decided that there was a case to answer and the defence called Mr. Hargrave, who is giving evidence about the seals used on some of the letters.

The steamer City of Seattle arrived this afternoon after a rough yet swift trip from the cities at the head of Lynn Canal and from Juneau and Wrangell. She sailed from Skagway on Sunday afternoon, bringing in all 25 passengers, three of whom are the latest arrivals from Dawson City. All say that there is work for everyone at Dyea and Skagway, on the roads, cable railways, and tramways being built there in preparation for the spring travel. The steamer is still going in by way of the Dyea trail and up the lakes and rivers, all of which are frozen except for a few miles at the southern end of Lake Bennett. The little left for the Sound at 3:30 p.m.

The American ship Colusa, Captain Ewart, sailed yesterday from Chemung with 950,000 feet of lumber for Port Pirie, Australia.

BRIEF LOCALS.

From Tuesday's Daily.
—The first monthly meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club was held last evening in Pioneer hall, when an interesting discussion on breeding took place. The party consisted of Messrs. Wolfenstein, Thomas, general manager; Wm. McPherson and Samuel Findlay, directors; and H. Markland, Moulton. They have decided to open a branch in Vancouver. The party here for the east by the Charnier-to-morrow evening.

—The Great Northern railway announced that effective January 1st, the present rates of freight to Nelson, Trail, Kamlo and Sandon, will also apply to Rossland, thus giving the same rates to all Kootenay points. In the past the Rossland rates have always been higher than to all other points.

—A tri-weekly service has been instituted between this port and the islands of the Gulf. The steamer to be used in this service is to be the little passenger steamer Clayoquot. She made her first trip today, leaving port early this afternoon for Salt Spring. Her schedule or points of call has as yet not been decided upon.

—The treasurer of the British Columbia Benevolent Society gives thanks for the following donations: From Mrs. R. Finlayson, \$10; Hon. B. W. Pearce, \$20; and the rest of the committee. The Home Nursing Society are also thankful for a donation of \$25 from the city council.

—Local sealing men are inclined to take the dispatch appearing in the morning paper, purporting to have emanated from Bostock, as a joke. The commissioners in the sealing claims cum grano salis. It is obviously ridiculous to suppose that the commissioners would likely decide, as was suggested in the article, that \$25,000 to the sealers, when the latter offered to settle for \$420,000.

—The trial of Beaven and Yates vs. Richards is being heard to-day before Mr. Justice Walkem. The plaintiffs, who are the trustees for Messrs. Green, Worlock & Co., sue for over \$200,000 alleged to be due on a covenant in a mortgage and on promissory notes. The defence set up is that the mortgage was made for the purpose of enabling the mortgagors to deal with the property more easily. E. V. Bodwell and L. P. Duff for the plaintiffs and J. P. Walls for the defendant.

—The trial of Hok Tow, charged with forgery is being continued to-day before Mr. Justice Drake. Yesterday attorney Mr. R. W. Jennings, an attorney for the defendant, testified that according to the American law the letters showed a state of facts which if true would make Mr. Saunders, formerly collector of customs at Port Townsend, guilty of a grave offence. Mr. Townsend gave evidence showing that he had been injured by the publication of the letters. This morning's session was taken up with expert evidence as to the handwriting, which compared Mr. Saunders' with the letters. The committee who have the scheme under consideration are: Lieut.-Governor McCreesh, Dr. G. L. Milne, Rev. A. B. Winchester, Rev. W. D. Barber, Rev. J. W. Fleming, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Canon Paddon, Rev. Bishop Perrin, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. J. P. Bots, Rev. J. C. Speer, Mrs. Gent, Miss Bovey, Miss Williams, Mrs. McMicking, Mrs. Riddle, Mrs. Siddall, Dr. McLean, E. A. Lewis, Hon. Col. Baker, C. H. Lugin, Senator Templeman, T. M. Henderson, Hon. J. M. C. A. on Monday, January 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.

—R. H. Hall, of the Hudson Bay Co., was a passenger to Victoria on the steamer Princess Louise yesterday evening. Mr. Hall has just returned from a business trip to Eastern Canada in the company of the company of the steamships to be placed in service by his company in the spring. Mr. Hall will shortly be started on two river steamers for service on the St. Lawrence. The building of these vessels, but so far nothing has been decided in regard to where they will be built. Mr. Hall says that the people of Montreal and Toronto have got the Klondike fever badly and the gold fields are still the prevailing topic of conversation. At Edmonton he found hundreds of people starting in by the route which the people, though as a matter of fact there is no route that may be called one. But few of those going in by this way realize how they are going to get to the gold fields.

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—The Northern Pacific and other transcontinental lines have now published rates on dogs and reindeer in straight carloads from eastern points to Pacific coast terminals.

—The fact that Mrs. Holmes of Gordon Head picked a double handful of ripe raspberries from her garden, which week goes to show that the climate of Victoria is far from a severe one.

—The Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific will apply Nelson and Kamlo to Rossland after January 1st. In other words, all roads will make Rossland a common point with Nelson and other Kootenay points.

—It is understood the salmon combination has been completed and the agreement signed. The effect of the combination, which nearly all the large canneries have joined, is to regulate the dis-

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—Mr. Robert O. Wilson and Miss Florence Adams, eldest daughter of Mr. Walter Graham, of 187 Chatham street, were married last evening by Rev. P. C. L. Harris. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Clara Graham. Mr. John M. McGregor attending the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will spend their honeymoon in Vancouver.

—The fourth installment of the admiral house tax refund has been received by the honorary treasurer of the Protestant Orphans' Home from the following: through Mr. Charles Kent: Geo. Glover, \$1; Mrs. M. Glover, 42 cents; J. Pierce, 60 cents; Estate of H. Gilde, \$1; Mary H. Brown, 38 cents; Ashdown H. Green, \$1.02; Mrs. Baxter, 50 cents; C. S. Baxter, \$1.13; E. W. Vincent, \$2.42; Mrs. Anne Scott, \$1.25; total, \$10.27. Also from the children of the North Ward public school, per Principal McNeil, \$7.45.

—Mrs. Elliott, wife of W. A. Elliott, of Cadboro Bay Road, died this morning at the age of 72 years and six months. The deceased lady came to Victoria in 1850, arriving here in January of that year on the steamer Laborer, and which her husband was engineer, and which was wrecked some years later between Victoria and San Francisco. One month ago and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott would have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The funeral will take place on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. from the family residence and an hour later at the R. E. Church.

—The Victoria and Vancouver Railway is being built to connect the two cities. The route will be through the mountains and will be a great benefit to the people of both cities. The railway will be completed in a few years and will greatly increase the trade between the two cities.

LENITY IN DAWSON

Latest Arrivals—Say That There Is Enough Food to Last Through the Winter.

Those Who Were Short Have Left for Fort Yukon and the Coast.

Major Walsh Will Attempt to Out-trail From Big Salmon to Dawson.

Those who were short of provisions left Dawson and the 6,000 men remaining there will have enough to last throughout the winter. So says Dr. D. P. Quinlan of Seattle, who reached Victoria this afternoon on the same City of Seattle. Mr. Quinlan is observing man, is thoroughly well-versed about the Yukon country, and, besides, he left Dawson City as late as November 1st. It is true, he says, that at that time there were no provisions for the winter, but no one was particularly anxious to buy any, as all had enough to last throughout the winter, those who were short, save 6,000, leaving for Fort Yukon. They could have had no difficulty in reaching the coast, but they were in their boats and going down the current, and as the river was then at Fort Selkirk on November 15, they are all, no doubt, now in a land of plenty.

The trip out to the coast is not such an easy one as the one to Fort Yukon, though the establishment of posts along the trail by the Dominion government makes it much easier, as the men in replenish their stores of provisions at these posts. The greatest difficulty in the ice jams, which pile up from ten to twenty feet, and over which the men have to climb on their hands and knees. Mr. Quinlan and his companions started with sleds and quit a big outfit, but it did not last long. Mr. Quinlan's outfit of 35 pounds each, carried a big pack. At Little Salmon the outfit did not have a big stock of provisions, so Mr. Quinlan, in conversation with the officer in charge, ordered for that amount of goods from any of the posts further up the river. This is how the posts will be assisted to the "men coming out, issuing them on, as it were, from one station to another.

Major Walsh and party were bound at Big Salmon with plenty of provisions and comfortably housed for the winter. The administrator will attempt to open the route from Big Salmon to Dawson; he has sent to the lakes for more men and horses. He, however, hardly expects to reach Dawson before the end of February. In conversation with Mr. Quinlan Major Walsh stated that it was probable he would allow miners to take up claims in a block—for instance, allow ten men to take up adjoining claims in one block, and then let the government. This would overcome the objection that claims could not be worked if the government owned every alternate claim.

At the Hootallinaqua Mr. Forwood, another Dominion government official, was met, and he accompanied the party as far as the lakes. No prospecting has been done on the river, the river not yet being frozen. On the creeks around Dawson work is proceeding briskly, most of the men who went up this year now working on their own claims or on a contract. The latest strike on Quartz creek, near Bonanza, was discovered by a party of prospectors who departed from Bonanza by the Bonanza trail. Quartz creek is larger than Bonanza. It was not prospected at all last year, but as soon as the ground froze this fall a hole was bored in Quartz creek in a twenty-four hour \$5,000 was taken out. In another twenty-four hours Quartz creek was staked from its mouth to its source.

Mr. Quinlan has secured claims on all the creeks, and he considers his Quartz creek claim as good as any, having been offered \$10,000 for it in January. There is no reason why Quartz creek should not be just as rich as Bonanza and El Derado, said Mr. Quinlan.

In Mr. Quinlan's party were Messrs. W. Denny, T. Carpenter and B. Rosenzweig, the latter remaining in Juneau.

The steamer Willapa returned from the west coast early this morning, bringing back with her a number of sealing captains, some mining men from Clayoquot and San Juan and a few prospectors and others who make periodical visits to the coast. She kept a close watch continually for the missing boat from the Cleveland, but no sign of her was to be seen or news of her whereabouts was to be had. The sealing men were not very fortunate in obtaining crews, for the Swishes, as of old, are hiding out for the winter. Many Swishes, however, are willing to join the schooners, although very few would sign articles. The passengers to Victoria on the Willapa were: From Skagway—Captains Seward, McLean, Meyer and Jordan; from Klondike—Captains Daley; from Nootka—Dawley; from Clayoquot—J. Moswo, D. Wessel, P. J. Wallace, E. Johnson, N. A. and J. Young; from Uclulet and Barclay Sound—A. Sinclair, Capt. Martin, Mr. Douglas and Captain John Living; from Alberni—Mr. Aspland; and from Remireux—L. Kirkpatrick and W. Dwyer. She had a light consignment of principal consignments being a few boxes of furs and six drums and four barrels of dog fish oil. The Willapa left for Telegraph Bay this afternoon with supplies for the powder works.

Many carpenters and other artisans are hard at work on the C.P.N. steamer Danube preparing her for her service between Victoria and St. Michael next summer. She is being fitted up with extra staterooms, the majority of which are being built on deck outside. When all the new cabins and bunks are completed she will be able to accommodate over 200 passengers. New fresh water tanks are being placed in her hold, new kitchens and galleys are being built and everything is being done to make her a first class passenger steamer. When the alterations and repairs are completed the Danube will be one of the best passenger steamers in this service.

Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The Pacific Coast steamer Santa Cruz, en route to Alaska, is ashore at Bella Coola. The passengers are encamped and it is thought the steamer will be floated as assistance was refused when offered by the steamer Capilano.

Samuel Carter, Jr., fell from a building he was working upon on Thursday last and died on Sunday from the effects of his injuries. Mr. Carter came from St. Catharines, Ont., to Vancouver about two years ago. He leaves a wife and two children.

Frank Forrest, in the service of West- minster city since its incorporation, died yesterday after a long illness.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The Molson's bank is located in the Bank of British Columbia and Miss Rose Towley, of this city, were united in marriage today. Rev. L. N. Tucker officiating.

Health Inspector Marston returned on Sunday from a tour of inspection of the steamer that had never been to Darcy Island before, and was spent in cruising a length of the coast. The health inspector states that there are seven lepers on the island, one, believed to be the first leper sent from here some years ago.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—There is a strange revival of the old time cock and dog fighting in Vancouver. Where the "sports" come from it is hard to say, but they are here and taking every opportunity of bringing off a little go. The next night after the boxing contest there was a cock fight successfully engineered. It took place in a rendezvous known as "The Rose's stable," although Mr. Rose, the plumber, has nothing to do with the fight, which was all over when the police arrived at 4 o'clock. There were eight battles, between Seattle and Vancouver birds, the Seattle birds winning. On the following afternoon a prize fight between two well known bull dogs took place on the outskirts of the city. This time the police arrived in time and several of the participants were arrested.

There are a great many bad boys in this city. Chief Stewart is trying to induce the city to establish a training ship for them. Burglaries by boys in Vancouver are becoming common. The last one arrested was detected saving to Mr. Walters, his teacher at school with numerous valuable presents stolen from a drug store.

Owing to the presence of so many suspicious looking characters in the city, Chief Stewart has put on two more policemen for service in the east end.

The post office department are agitating for three more carriers. Although the force is comparatively large now, they are unable to keep up with the work.

The Golden Gate Company report that they have mined in thirty days 750 tons, and secured 900 ounces of amalgam, exclusive of concentrates. The amalgam runs from \$2 to \$5, and the concentrates will run about \$3,000.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The funeral of the late Mr. Frank Forrest, who has been ill for many weeks, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the 50's. Company church to the Odd Fellows' cemetery, the service being conducted by Rev. T. Scouler and A. E. Vert. The pallbearers were Messrs. E. Armstrong, J. C. Brown, J. P. Forrester, and J. Mcintosh of Kamloops.

After prospecting and mining in Cariboo and the Peace River country, Mr. Forrest settled in this city in 1865, and engaged in the contracting business in the city for many years.

Close on one hundred fishermen have signed a petition to the minister of fisheries and fisheries protesting against the proposal to prohibit sturgeon fishing in the lakes tributary to the Fraser. It is claimed that the fish are being depleted, owing to the use of illegal gear for fishing, and the fishermen signing the petition pledge themselves to do everything in their power to stop the fishing of sturgeon by hooks provided the government allows them to fish by nets in the lakes.

A debating society has been organized in connection with St. Andrew's church, the following officers having been elected: Hon. president, the pastor of St. Andrew's church; president, Mr. G. B. Cross; vice-president, Miss E. F. King; secretary, Mr. W. McQuarrie; treasurer, Mr. T. Goldie. Two strong committees, a literary and musical, were also elected. It was resolved that the inaugural meeting of the club should be held Tuesday, January 4th, 1898.

COWICHAN.

Duncan, Dec. 20.—Judge Harrison held the annual court of revision and appeal under the assessment acts at the court house on Saturday. There were but few appeals and none of special interest.

The Cowichan Cressery Association held its adjourned general meeting at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday afternoon, over 200 members being present. By the principal motion it was resolved unanimously to apply to the provincial government for a loan of \$1,200 for the purchase of an additional separator, etc.

tion of cold storage and other improvements.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Mr. A. R. Johnson informed a Free Press representative today that it had been definitely decided to place the steamer City of Nanaimo on the route between Nanaimo and Skagway. The indications are that travel for the north on gold fields will commence next month. The steamer City of Nanaimo will make her first trip to Skagway in January. Further particulars will be made public in a few days.

Mrs. Margaret Hopkins, relict of the late David Hopkins, died this morning after a prolonged illness. The deceased lady was a native of Merthyr, South Wales, was 72 years and six months of age and has been a resident of this city since about the year 1871. Two sons—Mr. Thos. Hopkins, who met with an accident in Oregon a few days ago, and Mr. W. H. Hopkins, of this city—mourn her loss.

The Hamilton Powder Works Company have completed their new wharf at Departure Bay and it is now ready for shipment of powder. The first shipment was made over the wharf last week, the steamer Dunsmuir taking a cargo of explosives to the Mainland. This will do away with the transportation of blasting powder and high explosives through the city and their shipment from the city wharves.

At a meeting of the Frederick Arm Association, the advisability of disposing of the Blue Bell mine on Frederick's Arm was considered, and as a result the deal for the sale of the property is now about closed. The buyers are English syndicate, and by the terms of the agreement they will spend \$10,000 on the property within six months and at any time during that period the company can take over the property if they so desire. The conditions are that they will form a new company with a capital of \$500,000, with \$100,000 in the treasury for development purposes, and give the stockholders of the old company 40 per cent of the stock in fully paid up and non-assessable shares, besides \$15,000 in cash. The showing on this property has been a remarkable one and the deal is one of the largest consummated for some time.

During the months of July and August last Mr. George Williams, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, had a catarrh that bloomed very freely and after the doctors had failed the plan was put aside. A few weeks ago two birds were observed on it and it now has two handsome flowers in full bloom.

There was quite a large attendance at the meeting of the Nanaimo Poultry Society held on Saturday evening, when it was decided not to hold a poultry show this season, but to concentrate their efforts to make a still more comprehensive exhibition next season.

The funeral of the late Edward Henry Michael took place yesterday afternoon from Messrs. J. Hbert & Son's undertaking rooms on Bastion street—Free Press.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Camp McKinley announces that Alexander Ramage, a miner, was killed by a drunken cow at that camp a few days ago. Ramage, with several other miners, got into a dispute with a cow, which ended in a rough and tumble fight, and it was while thus engaged that Ramage received a four-inch cut in the neck by some person in the crowd. The identity of the perpetrator of this cowardly act has not yet been ascertained, although one Mike Davley, another miner, has since been arrested at Camp McKinley on suspicion of knowing something about the matter.

Word comes from Nelson, Wash., that an election will be held at that place on the first of January next for the purpose of electing a mining recorder for the Curlew district. For the last year his office has been filled by Mr. Jennings, who has given entire satisfaction.

Deputy Customs Inspector Boisssaint of Nelson, Wash., seized two kegs of whiskey and one of alcohol last Sunday, as they were being taken into the drug store at Eureka camp by Mr. O'Connor, the proprietor of the store. Mr. Boisssaint is holding this liquor at Nelson, pending instructions from the collector of customs at Port Townsend.

GALIANO ISLAND.

Galiano, Dec. 20.—The Christmas examination of the children attending the Galiano Island public school took place on Thursday afternoon, the 16th inst., in the presence of a large assembly of parents and friends. The schoolroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the recitation of Her Majesty, the Queen, with the season's greetings in appropriate mottoes, being placed in conspicuous places. The children were subjected to a thorough examination in all the usual branches of study, including arithmetic, history and grammar, and displayed their intelligence and knowledge in a very praiseworthy and creditable manner. In the evening a lengthy and varied programme of dialogues, recitations and songs were participated in by the scholars, frequent applause greeting the rendering of each piece. Each child afterwards was the recipient of a handsome present from the Christmas tree, which was generously provided by friends. Mr. J. Robertson, in a short address, gave words of encouragement to the children and enlisted the work of the teacher, Miss Ethel J. Crookford, who, he said, deserved praise for bringing the scholars along so well with their studies, and he commented upon the perfect discipline and good behavior which prevailed during the whole of the proceedings—most worthy features which have always characterized the doings of this school, under the management of the present teacher.

This school, situated at the west end of Galiano Island, was newly opened some five months ago. The little schoolroom presented a gay appearance on Wednesday last when a Christmas entertainment was held. A Christmas tree was girdled and through the kindness of the teacher, Miss Ethel J. Crookford, each child received a suitable present. Capt. McCrookford, who occupied the chair during the evening, took pleasure in remarking upon the rapid progress made in so short a time, and the year in repair to a school, which, in the past, had been abandoned the victim of the present government.

LONDON LETTER

E. A. Corporation is Loudly Blowing Its Trumpet—the Coming B. O. Boom.

Synopsis of the Hall Mines Report for the Year—Amount of Its Dividends.

The following is the Rossland Miner's London letter: London, Dec. 2.—Even if we admit that the British-American Corporation, whose prospectus has been so long expected, is of much importance to British Columbia, it is not to be taken for granted that the prospectus will be piling on the agony at a furious rate. The closing of the transfer books of the London & Globe Finance Corporation (whose shareholders are subscribers of the necessary capital), has been announced with all the pomp and ceremony with which the fine de siècle company promoters love to accompany their proposals. The new company may possibly bring good to the province, but I don't think very much of its elaborate advance puffery, which to my mind is deplorable. They say now that the prospectus will probably be launched this week.

I congratulate the Financial Times on being bold enough to pull to pieces a few of the wretched wild cat schemes which have lately been brought out with the idea of exploiting the pockets of the British public first, and the Yukon afterwards. Even the British-American Corporation cannot escape the reproach of extravagant estimates regarding the gold fields of the far north for in one London puffing article its introduction is made to assert that one of the company's Klondike claims is yielding at the rate of \$5,000 to the square foot of gravel!

A Boom For British Columbia.

The Financial Times went with vigor for the latest production of the "34 Victoria Street Composite Crown" and afterwards carried the attack into equally profitable ground for such scrutiny and research. The press of this country, while it is willing and anxious to foster and exercise in every way the English and British, Columbia, Ontario and the Yukon, yet feels that it is absolutely necessary to keep an eye on the wild card, bearing in mind that it was the only one of the unscrupulous promoter which did so much harm to both the Kaffir and Westralian markets, but especially the latter. Here are two or three facts in support of my frequently expressed opinion that British Columbia will receive all the support she needs and deserves.

(1) The Spectator on Saturday next will contain a long article on the province and its mines. (2) The Statist, probably the leading financial organ in Europe, has made arrangements for one of its travelling commissioners to visit British North America, paying special attention to the Yukon, British Columbia and the Yukon. I shall look for the letters of the Statist man with interest, for the staff correspondence of this journal from South Africa has done more than anything else to keep the English investor comparatively close in touch with developments in the Transvaal. It is the most convincing proof also I have seen of the real condition of the leading men here in the coming country.

(3) The Act of the coming country are being made to bring out several journals to be devoted to Canadian mining and the Klondike. One of these is to be produced by its first number. I have seen its front sheet and admire the design of O. I. Smiles, the artist.

Rosslanders in London.

I called to-day on W. H. Corbould, who has since his arrival in this country been appointed managing director of the Canadian Pacific Exploration Company, Limited, and found him very well satisfied with the prospects of the Pacific province. Mr. Corbould thinks that there is a very big future before the country.

H. W. C. Jackson, with his wife and daughter, sail for Canada on Saturday. A concern calling itself the Geographical & Mining Institute, has installed its office in a city office, and is acting as managers to Ironmonger Sold, the returned Klondiker. This is the company which nearly twelve months ago got me to notice in your paper some proofs of the existence of the province of the complete sheets for myself and your own local office. They inserted an advertisement in your paper, and then, owing to your people making a small mistake in the name—which was afterwards rectified by a repetition of the advertisement—repeated their order, and were not fair enough to even supply the maps.

I don't think much of the people themselves or their maps. Very much more useful is the section plan of a part of the Trail Creek mining division, which has just been received in this country, which bears the authority of Prof. Dawson, and gives the geological formation of the district. What we want is more of these official charts and maps and fewer of the emplacements of what are little better than ordnance maps.

I hear that the Oriel syndicate, a Boundary proposition, is making both ends meet. This company is at present in private hands. The Yukon Klondike companies which were rushed out pell mell in July and August are now meeting in accordance with statutory requirements. The Yukon Stewart pioneers foregather to-day. The only points made were the fact that the company has not yet been able to get to work, that it proposes to send in two expeditions next spring, and the acceptance of the belief that the Northwest Territory is an extension of the great gold belt that extends from California along the Rockies into Alaska.

Young Turner's company, the British Columbia & New Find, meets on Friday, while there are a number more which have already solemnly told their shareholders at Canon Street Hotel, or some other convenient meeting place, what a glorious time is in front of them all, if only they have patience. And here the miserable Le Roi is neglected, despite all Mr. Rathbourne's efforts and those who came after him.

On December 18th Horne-Payne failed to meet the shareholders of the Elbow at Fraser River Company. Poor fellow, I pity him his task when I remember how wretchedly promise and fulfillment have been served. When the last meeting was held the shares were about £1 more than they are now, and Horne-Payne spun a tale running to hundreds of fables about the wonderful possessions of the company. And now—well, we can only expressively imitate the Frenchman, shrug our shoulders and say "Vadieu!"

Boscovitch is here and was entertained a few nights ago. Sir Charles Tupper is also here in connection with his companies and addressed the statutory meeting of the shareholders of the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transport Company, Limited, in an optimistic spirit.

The Hall Mines Dividends. But the most important item for the week is the Hall Mines report for the year, issued this morning, and a copy of which is before me. I cannot afford the space to give it in full, but the following are the salient features: A ten per cent dividend is declared on the ordinary, at dividend is declared on the ordinary, at least setting at rest, the doubts of the shareholders, and this is, of course, in addition to the preference. The price has not moved to-day, however, even to the extent of 1-16. The financial position is as follows: Gross profits, £897, £90,357; brought in from last account, £1,500. Dividend of 7 per cent, in preferred, £1,750; dividends on ordinary at 10 per cent, £25,000. Depreciation on plant, building, machinery, etc., £588, carried forward. The board is pleased with the year's working, although it is admitted that the refining works have not yet been so successful as they might have been in the absence of a second reverberatory furnace and roasting oven and this defect is, as you doubtless know, now being remedied. The meeting is to be held on the 15th of December, and is divided on the lines is the next biggest thing that could have happened to British Columbia, next to the sale of the Le Roi. I now hear that the latter is likely to be placed on our market by the London & Globe Finance Corporation, the Irish people who are at the back of the Mackintosh company, and is expected to be advertised this week.

A VERY SAD SUICIDE.

Alexander Campbell, Tired of Life—Lost His Wife and Son.

A. B. Campbell, an aged spiritualist of Rushville, Ind., committed suicide at a Clark street hotel last night. He took morphine and was dead when found. He had written a long letter to the Coroner and made a will bequeathing his few valuables to relatives. The suicide was about 65 years of age. He came to the hotel December 14th and registered from Santa Monica, Cal. He announced recently to kill himself in Los Angeles, Cal. Failing he returned home. His relatives and friends thought him of unsound mind. He was examined by the authorities and released as sane. His letter to the Coroner is in part as follows:

"I, Alexander B. Campbell, make this statement, My death will be caused by morphine, which I deliberately take with suicidal intent. This purpose was fully formed when I left Rushville and came to this city. The reason why I take my life and boy, I cannot live without their companionship. First my wife was killed, and then my son, and since then I have wanted to die also. I attempted suicide in Los Angeles. I did not take enough of the drug. I went to Rushville, they were my friends, and I claimed my wife was with me always. She is with me now and helping me. I do not care to live such a life. What few things I leave in my room may be sent to my brother, George W. Campbell, at Rushville. I bid all my friends good-bye.

"A. B. CAMPBELL."

A dispatch from Rushville, Ind., says: Gen. A. B. Campbell, who committed suicide in Chicago last night, had a remarkable career. He was the son of a Christian minister and was born in this country fifty-six years ago. Ten years ago he was the leading Republican of Kansas and Adjutant-General of that state. He was first prison chaplain at Leavenworth, Kan., then Adjutant-General under the Governor. He was a fine speaker and lecturer and was the possessor of a fortune of \$100,000 when an accident occurred that ruined his life. It was the sad death of his 9-year-old son, who was killed by the street cars in Topeka. He lost his property and with his wife and child he fled to Chicago, where she died three years ago. This last bereavement preyed so heavily on his mind that for a long time he was thought to be insane and was confined in an asylum but subsequently released. Coming back to Indiana he began the practice of law in Rushville and stamped Rush and surrounding counties last fall for McKinley.

The Campbell family are descendants of Alexander B. Campbell, the founder of the Disciples Church. Wood Campbell, manager of the Star Theatre at Cleveland; Rev. J. H. Campbell, Editor of the Chicago Record, and Editor of the Chicago Record, are brothers of Gen. A. B. Campbell.

GERMANY'S GRAB

The Occupation of Kiao Chau Bay Officially Reported to the Washington Authorities.

The Chinese Garrison Ordered to Evacuate or Suffer the Consequences.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Germany's occupation of Chinese territory has been officially reported upon by Rear Admiral McNeil, commander-in-chief of the naval station. His first official report by mail concerning the landing of marines by Germany at Kiao Chau Bay has just been received at the navy department. It is dated November 29, and of course makes no mention of the reported occupation of Port Arthur. Under date of November 19 Rear Admiral McNeil states that the following had been received concerning the occupation of Kiao Chau:

"A German squadron, consisting of two men-of-war, arrived at Kiao Chau Bay on the 13th inst. The commander of the squadron landed on the following day with 600 bluejackets and ordered General Chang, the commander of the Chinese garrison, to retire behind the hills within twenty-four hours, commencing from 9 o'clock on that day (14th), further informing Gen. Chang that the Chinese soldiers would not be permitted to take away anything save their rifles and personal effects. The German commander furthermore ordered that in the event of the Chinese garrison ignoring this order, it would be regarded as hostile and the garrison immediately fired upon. Thereupon Gen. Chang with his forces evacuated the place and retired to the lower part of Seito."

It is generally conceded that before occupying the territory, the German commander informed all the commanding officers of foreign squadrons that Rear Admiral McNeil will be succeeded as commander in charge of the Asia tic squadron in a few days by Commodore George Dewey, who left San Francisco on December 5 for Yokohama, where he will hoist his flag.

The government of the United States has no other policy in China than the protecting of American interests and intervention to this effect have been given Rear Admiral McNeil and Commodore Dewey.

Rear Admiral McNeil states that Japan dispatched a cruiser to Kiao Chau Bay, for the purpose of watching the operations of the Germans.

The Nippo says that on receipt of the telegram reporting the seizure of Kiao Chau Bay by the Germans, the minister of foreign affairs at once dispatched instructions to the Japanese minister at Peking, and that frequent interchange of telegrams is at present being carried on between the government and the minister. It is also stated that rumors are rife that the German minister is making preparations to leave China. A Peking dispatch dated Tokyo, November 19, announces that the Chinese government had held a secret conference with Count Cassini, the Russian representative at Peking, with regard to the occupation of Kiao Chau by the Germans. A dispatch dated Tokyo, November 19, declares that the admiral of the French Asiatic squadron has received a communication from the admiral of the German Asiatic squadron, informing him of the occupation of Kiao Chau by German warships, and the reason for the action taken.

The last shipping announces that the Chinese officers who came to witness the Japanese maneuvers have received instructions to return immediately to their homes in consequence of the Kiao Chau affair. They have, therefore, abandoned their intention of visiting Tokio and Nagasaki.

The shipping enclosed by Rear Admiral McNeil have been examined thoroughly by department officials and the contents was the subject of a great deal of speculation.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times in an editorial on the situation in China, sarcastically asks whether the German press is claiming a Russo-German entente in China, and the Emperor in his speech at Graudenz, anticipated Russian demand for the removal of German drill sergeants from the Chinese army. It adds with reference to the demand for the dismissal of the English engineers: "Our Peking correspondence says China is hesitating, and possibly we may be able to appeal to motives at length which will strengthen Chinese disinclination to comply with the Russian request for the dismissal of Britishers."

BRITISH BARK LOST.

The Blairfogie, Bound for Portland, Or., Wrecked in Southern Seas.

Auckland, N. Z., Dec. 21.—The British bark Blairfogie, Captain McPhee, from Delagoa Bay, Sept. 20, for Portland, Ore., has been lost with a cargo of the island of Mahavia, belonging to the Tutomota group. The members of the crew reached Paipai.

ARABS IN REVOLT.

Tripoli, Dec. 21.—Several thousand Arabs, who have been demonstrating outside the gates of this place, have been surrounded by Turkish troops. The shops of the city have been closed and the Arabs agitation against the governor is increasing. There were disturbances on December 17th at Amurs, near here. The houses inhabited by Hebrews were pillaged. Thirty of the robbers were arrested by the police.

Piles Oured Without the Use of Knife by Dr. Chase.

I was troubled for years with piles and tried everything I could buy without any benefit, until I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment. The result was marvelous. The piles completely cured me.

JAS. STEWART, Harness Maker, Woodville, Ont.

MISSION CITY.

Miss Ella Dea Brien, of the Jubilee hospital, Victoria, has recently been visiting relatives at Mission City.

Messrs. R. G. Clark and Jas. Fleming, of Skoon, are in Mission. Miss Frances World and Miss Marietta Ladell, of Toronto, recently conducted a very successful entertainment in Odd Fellows' hall, Mission City. Though Miss World was suffering from severe cold, she ably sustained the reputation accorded her by more experienced critics than those of Mission City; while Miss Ladell was irresistible in her selections, particularly in her imitations of childhood. The entertainment was much appreciated by all who attended, and a Christmas tree entertainment is to be held in the Methodist church here on Christmas night.

Mr. John M. Kenzie, well known in Mission City, with his bride, will leave on the 19th inst. for Seattle, on the route to Seattle. After a honeymoon trip in the Sound cities they will proceed to Kootenay to reside.

ROSSLAND.

The customs house is to be removed from its present quarters on West Columbia avenue to the offices in the second story of the Martin block on Washington street, Rossland, on the 15th inst. This is done for the purpose of getting into a more central location.

Howard S. Wallace, merchant of this city, at the earnest solicitation of a number of his friends, including J. B. Johnson, C. O. Lalonde, James Hunter, Ross Thompson, and many others, has consented to become a candidate for mayor of the municipality of Rossland, on the 15th inst. The conditions are that he will form a new company with a capital of \$500,000, with \$100,000 in the treasury for development purposes, and give the stockholders of the old company 40 per cent of the stock in fully paid up and non-assessable shares, besides \$15,000 in cash. The showing on this property has been a remarkable one and the deal is one of the largest consummated for some time.

During the months of July and August last Mr. George Williams, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, had a catarrh that bloomed very freely and after the doctors had failed the plan was put aside. A few weeks ago two birds were observed on it and it now has two handsome flowers in full bloom.

There was quite a large attendance at the meeting of the Nanaimo Poultry Society held on Saturday evening, when it was decided not to hold a poultry show this season, but to concentrate their efforts to make a still more comprehensive exhibition next season.

The funeral of the late Edward Henry Michael took place yesterday afternoon from Messrs. J. Hbert & Son's undertaking rooms on Bastion street—Free Press.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Camp McKinley announces that Alexander Ramage, a miner, was killed by a drunken cow at that camp a few days ago. Ramage, with several other miners, got into a dispute with a cow, which ended in a rough and tumble fight, and it was while thus engaged that Ramage received a four-inch cut in the neck by some person in the crowd. The identity of the perpetrator of this cowardly act has not yet been ascertained, although one Mike Davley, another miner, has since been arrested at Camp McKinley on suspicion of knowing something about the matter.

Word comes from Nelson, Wash., that an election will be held at that place on the first of January next for the purpose of electing a mining recorder for the Curlew district. For the last year his office has been filled by Mr. Jennings, who has given entire satisfaction.

Deputy Customs Inspector Boisssaint of Nelson, Wash., seized two kegs of whiskey and one of alcohol last Sunday, as they were being taken into the drug store at Eureka camp by Mr. O'Connor, the proprietor of the store. Mr. Boisssaint is holding this liquor at Nelson, pending instructions from the collector of customs at Port Townsend.

GALIANO ISLAND.

Galiano, Dec. 20.—The Christmas examination of the children attending the Galiano Island public school took place on Thursday afternoon, the 16th inst., in the presence of a large assembly of parents and friends. The schoolroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the recitation of Her Majesty, the Queen, with the season's greetings in appropriate mottoes, being placed in conspicuous places. The children were subjected to a thorough examination in all the usual branches of study, including arithmetic, history and grammar, and displayed their intelligence and knowledge in a very praiseworthy and creditable manner. In the evening a lengthy and varied programme of dialogues, recitations and songs were participated in by the scholars, frequent applause greeting the rendering of each piece. Each child afterwards was the recipient of a handsome present from the Christmas tree, which was generously provided by friends. Mr. J. Robertson, in a short address, gave words of encouragement to the children and enlisted the work of the teacher, Miss Ethel J. Crookford, who, he said, deserved praise for bringing the scholars along so well with their studies, and he commented upon the perfect discipline and good behavior which prevailed during the whole of the proceedings—most worthy features which have always characterized the doings of this school, under the management of the present teacher.

This school, situated at the west end of Galiano Island, was newly opened some five months ago. The little schoolroom presented a gay appearance on Wednesday last when a Christmas entertainment was held. A Christmas tree was girdled and through the kindness of the teacher, Miss Ethel J. Crookford, each child received a suitable present. Capt. McCrookford, who occupied the chair during the evening, took pleasure in remarking upon the rapid progress made in so short a time, and the year in repair to a school, which, in the past, had been abandoned the victim of the present government.

A MICROBE WORK.

A microbe is about the smallest thing one meets in a day's journey, but it can do more harm for its size than anything known. Bolls, pimples, etc., are simply microbes in the skin which can irritate the blood vessels. It can stop at once; and it is they that prevent wounds healing also. "Quickcure" kills the microbe immediately after application, and any sore heals rapidly where "Quickcure" is used.

DAMAGE BY FROSTS.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—The orange and lemon crops of Southern California have been injured by frost during a succession of cold nights. The fact that oranges do not show the effect of the frost for from two weeks to a month after the cold weather, results in the extent of the damage, says to the growers of the fruit very uncertain.

REGULAR MEETING

Board of Aldermen Transact the Usual Routine Business—Last Evening.

Property Owners Object to the Change Being Made in the Grade of Streets.

Another Letter From W. H. Braden in Respect to the City Health Department.

There was a full attendance at the regular meeting of the city council held last evening, the mayor in the chair. After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting Mayor Reidern referred to the death of Ald. J. B. Harrison and said they all recall a hard working and conscientious alderman. In view of the early approach of the general election he did not think it would be necessary to hold an election to fill the vacancy.

Ald. Hall seconded the remarks of the mayor.

A. J. Dallain, of the S.P.C.A., wrote in reference to the manner of gathering dogs followed by the pound keeper. Some less cruel means than lassoing dogs and dragging them through the streets should be adopted.

Referred to the mayor and pound committee.

Messrs. Crease & Crease, for Charles Dupont, claimed damages for the destruction of a shack on Figuard street which they contended had been pulled down by the sanitary inspector without proper authority.

Mayor Reidern thought the registered owner of the property, who is not Mr. Dupont, had had the building destroyed.

The letter was referred to the city solicitor and sanitary officer.

The city clerk of Vancouver stated that another leper had been sent from that city to Darcy Island, and asked that he be looked after under the arrangement between the two cities.

Referred to the sanitary officer.

Frank Armstrong asked for a further extension of the Michigan street sewer. Referred to the sewerage committee.

The mayor announced that he had sent a donation of \$25 each to the following institutions: St. Joseph's Hospital, Maternity Home, Rescue Home, Protestant Orphans' Home, St. Ann's Convent and B. C. Benevolent Society.

A number of applications having been received for the position of lamp trimmer several aldermen suggested that the late Mr. Jewell's son, who has been doing the work, be appointed. The superintendent of the electric light department recommended that Mr. Cummings be appointed. The appointment was deferred for a week.

The property owners on Government street between Fort and Broughton streets objected to the grade of the street being lowered. They had built their buildings a few years ago on the grade given by the city and the street was now being raised.

Referred to the engineer and street committee.

The street committee recommended that A. B. Sheek be paid \$2 for work done in the street, but did not think he was entitled to the \$25 claimed for damages. Adopted.

The mayor stated that the municipal act of 1896 allowed the city to arrange for the election by resolution. Heretofore it had been necessary to pass a by-law. The resolution recommended by the mayor appointing polling places and returning officers was moved for by Ald. Vigilant and seconded by Ald. Stewart.

Objection was taken to the Vernon Block as the polling place for Centre Ward, some of the aldermen preferring the old place at the corner of Pandora and Douglas streets, it being nearer the city hall.

It was decided to name the Vernon Block, and the officials named in the mayor's order were appointed.

Mr. W. H. Braden wrote as follows: Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20th, 1897.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen,—Yours of the 30th ult. to hand, and by it I understand that your honorable body positively refuse to grant an investigation into certain charges that I have made against your health officer. If you still refuse, after receiving this communication, I will have it investigated in a court of justice and so show the public the system of treatment they may expect to receive from your health department, as your say you have no control over same. I am not the only person that has gone through the process, as others have testified. If you still refuse to grant me an investigation you need not take any further notice of my claim for \$75, as I will sue for being detained sixteen days from business, when there was no need of it; also for goods destroyed by fire and fumigation; also for detaining my nurse for sixteen days, who was taken away from my children without my consent, after an agreement with your health officer (that he should stay with them), who had no intention of allowing him to remain at any time, as his conduct, and I had shown that my nurse had A-I-I here state that my nurse had

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DR. CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY

ADDMEN'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 10 YEARS THE STANDARD.

no connection with the disease until Dr. Fraser ordered him to stop with them over night. As soon, however, as he got me out of the way he removed my nurse to the Chinese shacks and put him in with the suspects, who were going out three days later. Is this the way to stamp out disease?

It seems strange that my blanket can be returned to me, after being told by Dr. Fraser, Chipchase and the late caretaker (Mr. Shaw), that all clothing, blankets, bedding, etc., worn or used by the children would be destroyed by fire, but, on the contrary, I find this has not been done.

With regard to the goods destroyed by Officer Chipchase why were they burned after I had been in the room four days and have not been fumigated since returning from the hospital.

I will without further delay see this to the end, as I will stand no more humbug. I remain, yours truly, W. H. BRADEN.

The letter was received and filed.

There was some discussion as to whether the ballot for street superintendent should be taken on all the applicants only on the two who received the most last week. It was decided to throw it open to all the applicants. The only difference from last week was that Andrew Wood got one vote, John Haggerty and Leonard Fussy getting five each, as before. There was one more alderman present than last week.

On the second vote Leonard Fussy received five votes to John Haggerty's three, and Leonard Fussy was declared elected.

The municipal elections regulation by-law was finally passed.

The council adjourned.

COMRADES, TOUCH THE ELBOW.

Soldiers who comprise the ranks of an army are drilled to act together. This discipline gives greater courage and efficiency, as every man knows that in battle he will not be left to act alone—he will be supported by his comrades.

In civilized society the same principle is supposed to prevail to a certain extent. The weak must be assisted by those who are stronger—the very poor by those who are richer, and sick by those who are well. Otherwise what would become of us in times of trouble and failure?

We cannot always help our neighbors by gifts of money, yet it is often in our power to help them in a better way—namely, by means of knowledge which we possess and they do not.

Every day's post brings to the writer illustrations of this, which go to show how useful the weakest and the poorest of us might be to others if we were only thoughtful to ask ourselves: "Now, what do I know that might be of use to my friend?"

Of many do so, thank mercy, and render service which no money can pay for.

For example, Mrs. Redpath, whose letter I am about to introduce, probably owes the recovery of her health to the intervention and advice of a friend who acted on this theory of duty.

"In the spring of 1892," says Mrs. Redpath, "my health began to fail me. Before this I was strong and hearty. I now felt low and weak and had no energy or strength left in me. My appetite was gone and I often sat down at mealtime without being able to touch anything. After dinner I felt as if I had pain at the chest and between the shoulders; also a gnawing pain in the stomach.

"I got no proper sleep at night and felt better for going to bed, but when I woke in the morning, as time passed by I got extremely weak, and although able to get about the house it was with difficulty that I did so.

"For over a year continued like this, now better and again worse, but always in pain. I took different kinds of medicines and tonics to strengthen me—still I gained no strength. In June, 1893, a friend told me of the benefit he had received by taking Mother Seigel's Syrup and urged me to try it. I got a bottle from Mr. Lawrence, the chemist at Peel, and after taking it a few days I found myself better. I could eat and enjoy my food without pain. I continued with it and gradually my strength returned and I have since kept well. You can publish this statement as you like. (Signed) Mrs. Ann Jane Redpath, 49 Glenfaba road, Peel, Isle of Man, July 2nd, 1896."

A similar case is that of another lady, who says: "In the autumn of 1894 I began to feel ill and out of sorts. I was weak and easily exhausted. After eating I felt great weight at my stomach. I could take no food of any kind without pain. I had great pain about the heart—often so bad I was drawn double with it. There was, too, a dull, weary aching across the kidneys, which made me feel stiff when I moved about. In this way I continued month after month, getting weaker all the time. One day over a stone weight and was almost reduced to a skeleton. From a stout, healthy woman I was brought low as I could be. As no one else began to think I would never get better.

"In October of last year my daughter persuaded me to try a medicine that had done her so much good—Mother Seigel's Syrup. We got a bottle from a chemist at Wisbech, and after taking it three days I felt much better. I continued with the Syrup and in a short time I was as well as ever, and got back to the flesh I had lost. Since then I have kept in good health. I tell everyone who Mother Seigel's Syrup did for me and you are welcome to publish this letter and refer anyone to me. (Signed) Mrs. S. Butcher, Parrow Farm, Norfolk (near Downham), Norfolk, July 8th, 1896."

In the one case a friend, in the other a daughter, were the presidential advisers to these suffering women. If the first bringer of unwelcome news hath but a losing office, as Shakespeare affirms, what shall we say to the bringers of good news? Of those whose knowledge, drawn upon in time of need, proved so full of help and blessing? How much good it did and how little it cost! Now, the fact that Mother Seigel's Syrup cures when other medicines are of no avail is known to thousands. Let them, then, sound it forth and earn the thanks of those who are ready to perish.

DENIES THE ALLEGATION. Washington, Dec. 20.—F. M. Gideon, the clerk of the general land office, who was referred to by Thomas Reddington in the testimony Saturday as having changed the lands office records so as to show five million acres of government land to the Northern Pacific road, has made a clear denial of the charges.

OVERDUE VESSELS

Many Ships Bound for This Coast Now Many Days Overdue—The Reinsurance Rates.

A Tri-Weekly Service to Salt Spring and Other Islands of the Gulf Inaugurated To-Day.

From Tuesday's Daily.

A number of the merchantmen en route from London and Liverpool to this coast are now long overdue. The British ship Natuna, which is well known here, carrying a cargo of salmon, to England on account of Robt. Ward & Co., sailed from London on May 21st via San Francisco with general merchandise. The British ship Laymouth, from Liverpool to San Francisco with general merchandise, is 234 days out, and the British bark Craighead, which sailed from Portland via Hiogo on May 3rd is also considerably overdue. As the usual passage of sailing ships from Liverpool to this coast is about 130 days at three abreast, it is easy to be seen that they are considerably overdue. These vessels were all reinsured at Liverpool on November 26th, at the following rates: Natuna, 20 guineas; Laymouth, 40 guineas; Craighead, 20 to 25 guineas; and on the long-overdue steamer Pelican, which is now about 70 days from Port Townsend with lumber for Tientsin, at 25 guineas per cent, premium.

The tug Halifax, of Nanaimo, spent yesterday in this port and this morning left for the west coast. She is under charter by a Vancouver man, who is going to Clayoquot to investigate some mining properties.

Capt. Metcalf, Lloyd's survivor in San Francisco, and J. Tyson, who are representing Capt. Nelson, owner of the stranded steamer Cleveland, left for the wreck yesterday evening on the tug Cazr.

The British ship Yeoman, which sailed from Chamanis on July 23rd with lumber for Liverpool, arrived at her destination on December 13th.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The steamer Corona, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., sailed early this morning for Skagway, Dyea, Juneau and Wrangell with a large number of passengers. She took up a few passengers from this port, but a large quantity of provisions, including a shipment of 14 tons of bacon for the Northwest Mounted Police. Like the other vessels sailing of late to Lynn canal, the Corona had a large amount of lumber on board for Skagway and Dyea.

The sealing schooners C. D. Hand and Ada, which have been overhauled and prepared on Turpel's ways for their spring cruise, were launched this morning. The schooner Director, and the Sancy Lass were hauled out. The whole fleet are now making preparations for their spring cruise, and the wharves of the upper harbor are lined with schooners taking on supplies.

The old steamer J. R. McDonald's was towed back to her moorings in James Bay this morning from the Esquimaut marine ways, where she has been repaired and repaired generally. It is understood the R. McDonald's was built in the spring as a freighter between Victoria and Wrangell, Juneau, Skagway and Dyea.

Towards the end of January a new steamer, owned by the New England Fish Company, will arrive here from Philadelphia, where she was built, to engage in the halibut fishing in connection with the steamer Oquidnam and Caplano in Northern British Columbia waters.

The British steamer Amaraopora, which sailed from Moodyville in November with lumber for Yokohama, has arrived at the latter port very much disabled. Her screw was broken, and in her long voyage of 22 days she had received quite a buffeting by rough weather.

The British ship Senator, Capt. Harrison, has been chartered to load lumber at the Hastings mills. Her destination has as yet not been fixed, but it will be a choice between Plymouth, England, and Sydney, Australia.

The bark Wrestler, Captain Nielson, which is lying at the wharf for repairs, where she will complete the discharging of her cargo of nitrate. She has 500 tons for the Hamilton Powder Works at that port.

So thorough is the excellence of Ayer's Hair Vigor that it can be used with benefit by any person, no matter what may be the condition of the hair, and in every case, it occasions satisfaction and pleasure. In addition to the benefit, which invariably comes from its use.

Hunston—I'd like to go shooting tomorrow. If I could only get a dog that was well trained.

Ethel—Oh, I'll let you take Dottie then! She can stand on her head, and shake hands, and play dead, and say her prayers, and do lots of things—Puck.

I write this to let you know what I would not do: I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house if I cost \$5 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do and more. R. Wallace, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world, and invaluable for rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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MR. KELLIE EXPLAINS

Revelstoke Citizens Hear Why He Refused to Support the Turner Government.

Resolution Passed Condemning the Government's Action in Appointing the Gold Commissioner.

Revelstoke, B. C., Dec. 22. (Special)—A large and enthusiastic meeting assembled in Peterson's Hall, Revelstoke, yesterday evening, to hear Mr. J. M. Kellie's explanation of why he refused to longer support the Turner government.

The hall was packed, about three hundred persons being present, and Mr. Kellie's speech, in which he explained the many causes of friction that led him to take this decisive step, evoked considerable applause.

Out of the large gathering but six hands or thereabouts went up in favor of the appointment. This is a direct slap in the face to the government. So also was a subsequent motion asking Mr. Kellie to retain his seat to save a cent's worth of money, out and there was very general excitement.

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Mrs. Page, of Annapolis, Ont., after years of suffering, experienced the mighty change that Paine's Celery Compound alone can give to the afflicted. She says:

"I have been for many years a great sufferer from rheumatism and a complaint which made me to be the same woman. Formerly I could only move about with the greatest caution; now I am well and active and my general health is good. I believe Paine's Celery Compound will do all that is claimed for it."

ENGLAND AND HER SHIPPING. Object Lesson for United States in Maintenance of Graving Docks.

Wherever the Union Jack floats, the British government, or a colonial government, will be the object in view, is practically the same thing—its splendid graving docks. The "morning drum beats that goes round the world" has its counterpart in the cordons of British and British battleships. One of the finest modern examples is the Esquimaut dock, near Victoria, British Columbia.

This is a typical masonry graving dock. It was constructed by the government of British Columbia and completed by the Dominion of Canada, the imperial government contributing £50,000, in return for which Her Majesty's ships have priority of entrance to the dock for 15 years. At this point the range of tides is very variable and uncertain, but being about ten feet normally, but remaining practically level for days together.

The capacity of this dock is 450 feet by 65 feet deep, with a depth of 24 feet, sometimes increased by the tide to 30 feet. Its site was solid ground; the walls are of rubble concrete faced with sandstone and timbered slides. It is of masonry. It is closed by means of an iron caisson, having a displacement of 530 tons and weighing 204 tons, besides 180 tons of concrete of ballast.

The caisson constructed with a lower chamber for water ballast, and an upper flotation chamber; it has two wheels, which rest upon fixed rollers, over which it is drawn by steam power chains.

As there has long been a dispute between the advocates of stone and timber dry docks as to their advantages, it may be of interest to note that the Esquimaut dock cost about \$1,500 per lineal foot, fully equipped; and it is stated that an extension in length would cost about \$1,000 per foot for the dock structure alone. Wooden docks of similar capacity have cost about \$1,000 per foot, but two at the Brooklyn navy yard are said to have cost \$240,000 each, which would be somewhat more than \$1,000 per foot; but this does not include the very extensive repairs that subsequently were necessary.

Prompt relief in sick headache, distension, nausea, constipation, pain in the side, colic, grippe, guaranteed to those using Chamberlain's Little Liver Pills. If you try them they will certainly please you.

SPREAD OF LA GRIPPE. Distressing Nature of the Influenza Phase of the Disease—Immediate Help From Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder—Fifty Members of Parliament Bear Testimony.

Grippe, this season, attacks the head and throat with great severity. The remarkable remedy, Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, gives instant relief. W. H. Bennett, M.P., for East Simcoe, and fifty other members of parliament have borne testimony over their own signatures to the virtues of this remedy. It is known the continent over. C. G. Archer, Brierley, Malne, says: "I had catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose day after a time. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder was the only remedy that gave substantial relief, and since using it I have not had an attack."

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Have Revolucionized the Work of Home Dyeing. The days of old fashioned home dyeing work passed away when the Diamond Dyes were given to the world. Today the operation of coloring makes all things look like new—so easy and quick work when the Diamond Dyes are used. All over this American continent the Diamond Dyes are known as money savers. They lead all other dyes on the market, being first in power, depth of color, fastness and brilliancy.

The cheaply made imitation and soap grease dyes are bought by some to experiment with, but they are never asked for a second time, as they prove defective and worthless. Diamond Dyes are fully warranted never to fail when the simple directions are followed.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in thousands of cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and sure relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edgar W. Whittemore, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

HALF-MILE RECORD. Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—Walter Ser yesterday afternoon broke world's indoor record for half a pace, riding the distance in 1.12.

Women with pale, colorless faces, weak and listless, who feel that their mental and bodily vigor is being sapped, will find relief in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These pills will make blood, nerves and complexion.

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you are fitted in a jiffy and save from 25 to 50 per cent of your money.

But are your clothes as good? The makers say they are. If they are wrong the dealer is authorized by them to refund your money.

Consequently the makers cannot afford to be wrong.

See that Shorey's Guarantee Card is in the pocket of every garment.

NEWS OF STEVESTON.

The Richmond Farmers' Institute—A Burglar at Work.

Steveston, Dec. 20.—The first meeting of the Richmond Farmers' Institute was held at the municipal hall on Saturday.

Mr. Thos. Kidd, M.P.P., presided, and Mr. Robert McBride acted as secretary.

It was resolved to proceed at once to the election of officers, on the understanding that they would only hold office till the first annual meeting, which will be held next month.

The following were duly appointed: President, Capt. W. F. Stewart, Esquire; vice-president, Mr. Thos. New, Central Park secretary-treasurer, Mr. Robert McBride, Esquire; directors, Messrs. John Dinsmore and James Thomson.

Capt. Stewart in accepting office said that although the institute seemed but a small organization to-day, he looked for great results from it. If the farmers once combine they will speedily realize the good they can do to their own interests by their union. He hoped that by the date of the annual meeting they would have a large membership enrolled.

He would personally do all he could to further the interests of the institute.

Mr. New said it was no easy matter to bring farmers together. He thought it of great importance that they should unite and stand shoulder to shoulder. He said, there were many things they could do. He thought it would not be long before the institute became a large and useful organization. The farmers in South Vancouver and Burnaby were deeply interested in it, and he believed many of them would join as members.

Secretary McBride said one of the first questions the institute should tackle was that of "Cheap Money for the Farmer." He believed that by a united and earnest effort they could have something substantial done in this direction. The credit of the province stood high. Charter mongers were not slow to see this and they were at the moment making every effort to get something substantial done in this direction.

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IN A LUMP

No Mention of Individual Decision of the Behr Commissioners.

The Announcement That \$464,000 Is Granted is Doubtless Correct

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Toronto to-day interviewed Sir Davies, minister of marine, in reward of the arbitrators in the Sea sealing claims dispute.

He says the amount of the award was \$464,000. He has announced the award before and that whatever is said about the minister of marine further the award is in a lump sum of individuals.

New York, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from London says: Officials at the foreign office conceal their gratification over the amount of indemnity awarded that which congress refused to English press has been reproaching the Americans for the bill of damages after the decision of the Paris tribunal against them. The charge of will be again revived if congress to sanction the agreement reached by the arbitrators.

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