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FIRE STILL RAGING IN COAL MINE

TOWN OF DOMINION IN DANGER OF DESTRUCTION

Hamilton Council Receives Another Bill For Transportation and Pay of Troops.

Sydney, C. B., Dec. 18.—The Hub mine fire now raging here may mean destruction of the town of Dominion, which is, in large part, built over the crop area of the mine.

Another Bill.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—The city has received another bill from militia authorities. Saturday's bill was for maintenance of troops sent during the street car strike riots and the one received today, which is \$4,688, is for transportation and the pay of officers and men, the total being \$6,885.

Died From Injuries.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 18.—Robert G. Malley, who on Friday was drawn into a shafting and terribly injured at the rolling mills, is dead.

Two Sudden Deaths.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Alex. Moran, a laborer, dropped dead in a street car this evening, having been stricken with heart disease. Fred Murtz, stricken with heart disease to-night while eating supper, died suddenly.

Fifteen Store Offices.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Traders bank moved into its fine new fifteen-story office to-day and is now in possession of the finest bank offices in Canada.

Fire at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—Damage to an amount between \$25,000 and \$30,000 was done in a blaze that broke out yesterday morning in old Trinity church building at the corner of Gosford and Champ de Mars streets, and now occupied by Theodore Lefevre & Co. as a coffee and spice mill.

NOVEL BOXING CONTEST PROPOSED

TEX RICKARDS WILL OFFER LARGE PURSE

Wants Jeffries to Fight O'Brien and Burns To a Finish in One Day.

New York, Dec. 19.—According to the Herald to-day Tex Rickards, the Nevada prize fight promoter, announced last night his willingness to give a \$50,000 purse for a somewhat novel battle with James J. Jeffries, champion of the world, as the central figure.

MUTINEERS SENTENCED.

Sebastopol, Dec. 19.—Fifteen sailors who participated in the mutiny of June, 1905, on board the Russian battleship Kniaz Potemkin, now at the Pantaleimon, were sentenced to-day. The leader was condemned to four years penal servitude, and the others to serve terms in the disciplinary corps ranging from six months to two years.

W. B. ESTELL DEAD.

Seattle, Dec. 18.—W. B. Estell, chief of the local fire department, died here last night. He was formerly prominent in political circles in Pennsylvania and New York.

HEARTLESS CONDUCT.

Man Alleged to Have Sent False Report of Drowning of Himself, Wife and Child.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—By the arrest to-day of Charles Albertus, who together with his wife and child were reported drowned in the Thoroughfare accident at Atlantic City on October 22nd, the supposed disappearance of the three bodies has been cleared up. Albertus, it is alleged, had caused a telegram to be sent to his parents in Morrison, Pa., saying that he and his wife and child had lost their lives in the terrible accident in which over sixty people perished.

THE EXCLUSION OF JAP CHILDREN FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN SAN FRANCISCO

President Roosevelt Sends a Special Message to Congress Dealing With the Situation.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—In a special message to congress to-day President Roosevelt transmitted the report of Secretary Metcalf on the Japanese situation in San Francisco.

The report deals with these matters of controversy: First, the exclusion of the Japanese children from the San Francisco schools; second, the boycotting of Japanese restaurants; third, the Japanese immigration against the Japanese.

As to the first matter, President Roosevelt calls especial attention to the very small number of Japanese children who attend school; to the testimony as to the brightness, cleanliness and good behavior of these Japanese children in the schools; and to the fact that owing to their being scattered throughout the city, the requirement for them all to go to one school is impossible of fulfillment and means that they cannot have school facilities.

"Let me point out further," says the President, "that there would be no objection whatever to excluding from the schools any Japanese on the score of age. It is obviously not desirable that young men should go to school with children. The only point is the exclusion of the children themselves. The number of Japanese children attending the public schools in San Francisco is very small. The government has already directed that suit be brought to test the constitutionality of the act in question; but it is my very earnest hope that such suit will not be necessary and that as a matter of comity the citizens of San Francisco will not continue to deprive these young Japanese children of education, but will permit them to go to the schools."

"The question as to the violence to the Japanese is most admirably put by Secretary Metcalf, and I have nothing to add to his statement. I am entirely confident that, as Secretary Metcalf says, the overwhelming sentiment of the state of California is for law and order and for the protection of the Japanese in their persons and property. Both the chief of police and the acting mayor of San Francisco assured Secretary Metcalf that everything possible would be done to protect the Japanese in the city, and directed the Secretary Metcalf to state that if there was failure to protect persons and property, then the entire power of the federal government within the limits of the constitution would be used promptly and vigorously to enforce the observance of our treaty, which treaty guarantees to Japanese residents everywhere in the Union, full and perfect protection for their persons and property, and to this end everything in my power would be done and all the forces in the United States, both civil and military, which I could lawfully employ would be employed."

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Never before was so much money paid for carrying freight in lake vessels as during the season just closed. Rough estimates place it at \$61,000,000 for coal, iron ore and grain and lumber. The profits to the vessels were perhaps the largest in the history of the lakes. Careful computations based on the earnings of typical steamers show a net profit on steel ships of about 14 per cent. On wooden ships of between 3,000 and 3,500 tons capacity the profits have ranged as high as 40 per cent, with an average of more than 25 per cent on their insurance valuation. The causes of this great prosperity was the demand of the country for iron and steel. The total movement of iron ore for the season was 27,013,529 tons, an increase of 4,046,883 tons over 1905. Grain from Duluth moved in a larger volume than ever before. There was shipped from the whole of Lake Superior 80,680,000 bushels as compared with 59,375,000 bushels in 1905.

Horse power applied to engines means power equal to raising 23,000 lbs. 1 foot in 1 minute. It is really half as much work as the average horse can do.

NEW DEPUTY MINISTER.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Lieut.-Colonel Fleet, of the army medical corps, has been offered and accepted the position of deputy minister of militia. He is one of the South African veterans.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—In the House to-day Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on account of the sparse attendance in view of the holidays, moved that when the house adjourns to-day it would stand adjourned until January 9th. This carried.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Returning from the polling booth where she had been casting her vote in the municipal elections, Mrs. Spencer, wife of the late James Robert Spencer, of Kildonan, was taken suddenly ill and died a short time later. Death was due to paralysis.

EDUCATION BILL.

Leaders of Political Parties Fail to Reach an Agreement.

London, Dec. 18.—Conferences were held to-day between the political leaders of both houses of parliament in an endeavor to reach an agreement on the Education Bill, but were without result. They will be resumed to-morrow. In consequence of the conference the debate on the measure in the House of Lords was postponed.

THE JAP SQUADRON.

Report That Ships Will Not Visit San Francisco as First Intended.

Honolulu, Dec. 18.—The Japanese consul here says that the visiting squadron which will arrive in Honolulu in February will not proceed to San Francisco as originally intended, because a repetition of the Maine disaster is feared, owing to the alleged overwrought condition of American feeling.

TRIAL OF HARRY THAW.

New York, Dec. 18.—Harry K. Thaw will be tried on January 21st on the charge of murder of Stanford White, according to an order signed by Justice Newburger to-day. The trial will be before Justice Fitzgerald.

WOMAN'S BODY BURNED.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 17.—The charred remains of a young woman were found to-day on the mountain between here and Abernethy. A slipper, combs and the frame of a wicker chair were picked up near by. Under the body were three wire hoops such as are used on barrels. It is the belief of the police that the woman was murdered and then placed in the barrel and burned. This theory is strengthened by the odor of kerosene near the place. The identity of the woman has not been established.

County Detective Jones said to-night that it was his opinion that the body found is not that of a Hazleton woman, but that the girl was murdered elsewhere, the body placed in a barrel, sent here and then burned.

A post mortem examination revealed the fact that an ax or hatchet was used in chopping around the neck to enable the murderer to get the head into the barrel. The legs were also broken so that they could be forced in. Dry spots of blood were found in the bottom of the barrel, but the physicians who examined the remains say they cannot tell whether the murder was of recent date.

SEASON'S TRAFFIC ON GREAT LAKES SIXTY-ONE MILLION DOLLARS PAID IN FREIGHT RATES

Profit to the Vessels Believed to Have Been the Largest in History of Trade.

DEMENTED WOMAN'S TERRIBLE CRIME CUT THROATS OF HER TWO LITTLE CHILDREN

And Afterwards Ended Her Own Life-- Husband Found Bodies in the Snow.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

HAUNTED HOUSE.

COLD HAMPERS FIREMEN.

SUB-DIVISION MAPS ARE CONSIDERED

COUNCIL WRESTLES WITH KNOTTY PROBLEM

Money Was Voted at Last Evening's Meeting to Macadamize James Bay Causeway.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) At last evening's meeting of the city council the two by-laws to amend the electric light wiring and the building by-laws were each read a third time, and on the motion of Ald. Vincent and Fell, a sum of \$300 was set aside to be expended on macadamizing and repairing the roadway of the James Bay causeway.

A communication from Oliver and Johnson, laid over from Monday night, was taken from the table. It notified the council that the writers intended to bring on an application to register a map of lots 6, 7, 18 and 19, block H, Fairfield farm estate, before a judge on the 20th inst. A tracing of the map, an affidavit and a petition were enclosed.

The aldermen wrestled with the question of sub-divisions for a full hour on Monday night, and the greater part of the time at last evening's meeting was taken up by an earnest discussion of the matter, in committee. The following report from the city solicitor was received on Monday and, in view of the advice contained in it, the board has a stiff problem before it, a tangle that can only be straightened out by much consideration and application.

Victoria, B. C. December 17th, 1906. His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen: Re Sub-Divisions of the Official Map.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report on the subject of pending applications for the assent of the council to the filing of maps of sub-divisions of the lots 6, 7, 18 and 19, block H, Fairfield farm estate, before a judge on the 20th inst. A tracing of the map, an affidavit and a petition were enclosed.

The subject has engaged the attention of the council for several weeks past, and at the last two sittings of the legislative assembly amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act have been sought, but rejected.

One section imposes the following regulations on sub-divisions: "The maps must show streets of a width of not less than 36 feet, and which all streets are to be shown in continuation in a straight line as near as may be of any existing streets, and where lots border on navigable water streets are to be at a not greater distance apart than 600 feet."

The Official Map Act of this city, 1883, Chap. 18, provides (Sec. 2) that in addition to the provision of the Land Registry Act, the special provisions of that act shall apply to all sub-divisions in the city, but the only regulation as to the width of streets is contained in section 32, which obliges an owner seeking to file a sub-divisional plan affecting the official map of the city, to show streets of a width of not less than 30 feet, and that the plan is sufficiently definite as to boundaries and is in other respects a "fit and proper plan."

No plan of a sub-division is, in my opinion, within the words "fit and proper" unless it complies with the regulations contained in the Land Registry Act above referred to, and consequently, it would appear that the council can now refuse to assent to any plan which does not show streets of a width of 36 feet, and which do not show, where new streets are suggested, or which conveniently or reasonably should be in continuation of existing streets, that such new streets are as near as may be in a straight line with such existing streets.

The council may find it inconvenient to lay down rules on the subject, but the principle has statutory sanction, and the council can deal with each case as it presents itself.

The council has this and the other enumerated difficulties has been considered by the council, viz., the seeking of power to enforce local improvement without appeal or objection (but with a court review as to amount of assessment) for street improvements, which should include the cost of appropriation of land necessary to straighten the street, and with power to assign the reversionary interest in the street to the corporation.

It has also aforesaid been under the consideration of the council whether they should require owners dedicating streets by the filing of sub-divisional plans to make curb (boulevard) drain and sidewalk streets before public funds are expended on the taking thereof and further works. The council can impose these matters as reasonable conditions before the expenditure of public funds on new streets, but it would perhaps be preferable to have statutory authority to require an undertaking to carry out these works from the owner seeking to register a sub-divisional plan, as a condition of the council's assent to the filing.

It is the city solicitor's opinion that the council should refuse their consent to the filing of any sub-divisional plan which clearly shows a departure from the principles laid down in the Land Registry Act, and that the rights of the corporation can then be asserted and decided upon.

The two plans already assented to by the council, and which are now before the court, for sanction to filing, involve only the question of the width of the streets, and it is not deemed desirable to take any part in these proceedings.

Yours obediently, C. DUBOIS MASON, City Solicitor.

In sub-dividing property different investors have made different plans, all of which, if permitted, would result in the construction of streets not agreeing in width either with each other or with the existing streets of the city. Not only would the streets vary in width but the lay-out of the various sub-divisions would, if the maps submitted were allowed, be a mass of cul-de-sacs and angles.

The matter was finally referred to the city engineer with instructions to make a thorough investigation and report. The by-law to amend the electric light wiring by-law was read a third time. This measure was introduced to the council at the beginning of October by Ald. Fell, and is the outcome of the great strides which have been made recently in the way of decorating and advertising with electric lights. It requires contractors and electricians to keep day books and to enter in these details of all wiring with particulars of voltage. A penalty of \$10 is set for infringement of this regulation.

WIFE OF UNITED STATES SENATOR SAYS IT IS A GREATER CURSE THAN SLAVERY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—"Mormonism is a greater curse to the community than was slavery," declared Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, wife of the Idaho senator in an address here last night. She said that should President Roosevelt make a trip through southeastern Idaho, he would no longer be willing to declare that there is nothing in the Mormon question. Six United States senators, she said, owe their election to the influence of the Mormon church. She criticized the attitude of Senator Proctor of Vermont and Senator Hopkins of Illinois, for their attitude in the Snot case. In closing, Mrs. Dubois said: "Mormon children in Utah and Idaho spit on the American flag."

DATE STAMPING ON TINNED GOODS

SALMON CANNERS UNEASY ABOUT BILL

They Say That It Would Mean Death of Industry—Inspection Would be Welcomed.

Considerable disquietude has been caused among British Columbia salmon canners by the introduction of a bill by Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, to make the stamping of dates on all tins of fish compulsory.

Protests from the mainland have been pouring into Ottawa during the last few days, and although Victoria firms have as yet made no move they show great anxiety about the result.

The contention of canner firms is that if dates are stamped on their goods it will render it well-nigh impossible for jobs to dispose of anything but the latest pack of fish. Consumers will refuse to purchase in 1907 goods stamped with the date of 1906. These goods will, notwithstanding, be perfectly wholesome, and in as good a condition as those which have just come from the canneries.

Such refusal would practically mean the death of the packing industry. It would mean that the market would be killed. Jobsbers would always slaughter their stocks rather than carry them over, and prices for the succeeding season would be cut.

Salmon is generally recognised as a canned product, which does not deteriorate with age. This is because it is packed in a perfectly pure state, and no chemicals are used as preservatives. Neither adulteration nor coloring matter is employed, which is evidenced by the bone of the salmon retaining its original white color.

The Chicago tinned meat horrors have given rise to the introduction of the present bill.

There is one clause in the bill which has been welcomed on all hands. This is the one dealing with the appointment of government inspectors for every class of tinned goods. The various canneries will with delight such an innovation as it would enhance the public confidence in the purity of the article.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. Eastern Town Suffers Severely by Conflagration.

Londonderry, N. B., Dec. 14.—In a destructive fire yesterday, the following firms were burned out: John McLean, boots and shoes; James Harrison, confectionery; and Alexander Gough. John McLean lost his entire stock and the books were burned in the safe. McLean lost part of his stock. McLean and Harrison saved the greater portion of their stock. The families burned out saved their household effects. The Masons and Knights of Pythias met in the upper flat of the building occupied by John McLean, and they lost all their property.

A HAUNTED HOUSE. Civil Action for Damages Against Newspaper is Dismissed by Judge.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—A "haunted" house in the north end of the city created considerable comment a year ago last summer. The Free Press of this city made a news paragraph of crowds around the residence and what attracted people there. Mrs. Voyza, the owner of the place, which is the finest in that part of the city, entered an action against the paper, claiming \$10,000 damages.

She said it was impossible to sell the property after the article appeared. Several real estate agents testified along the same lines in her favor. This morning Judge Macdonald dismissed the case with costs.

A notice board which has just been erected on some nursery ground at Bishop-Sturford reads: "Trespassers will be prosecuted. The owner of the land is not responsible for any damage done to any trees or plants on the premises by any person who enters the premises after dark."

MORMONISM.

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ITALIANS FOUGHT DUEL WITH KNIVES

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL TO HAVE WOUNDS DRESSED

Steamer Nepawah Has Arrived at Sault Ste Marie—Farmer Killed By Train.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Two Italians had a duel with knives in Chaboules square on Sunday afternoon, one having his neck gashed from mouth to ear and the other getting a deep gash in the forehead. They were arrested and taken to the hospital to be sewn up. No knives were found on them, and when asked what the trouble was over, replied that they would settle their own affairs. They will come up in the police court. The Nepawah Safe.

Sault Ste Marie, Dec. 18.—The steamer Nepawah, which left Port Arthur last Friday, and which it was feared had been lost in the heavy storm, has arrived here.

Farmer Killed. Calgary, Alta., Dec. 18.—Fred Breesee, a farmer, aged 65, of Bonoka, Alberta, was knocked down by an incoming train this morning and killed. He was on his way with his wife to spend Christmas in Montreal with brothers, whom he had not seen for years.

Commercial Travellers. Montreal, Dec. 18.—The thirty-second annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association took place Saturday night, F. L. Cairns, the president, in the chair. The total amount received on revenue account as per treasurer's statement is \$7,597. Of this \$4,240 is annual subscription fees and \$3,357 interest on investments. Four thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven dollars has been paid for working expenses as against \$4,344 last year and \$33,850 in death claims against \$33,725 last year. Twelve thousand dollars was realized on matured investments and \$37,000 loaned on first mortgage real estate. The net surplus for the year, amounting to \$23,788, has been added to capital account, which now reaches the handsome sum of \$233,513. The election of officers was reported as follows: President, E. D. Marceau; vice-president, John Peterson; treasurer, R. C. Wilkins; directors, Messrs. E. E. Mulbait, A. J. Brown, A. L. Friedman, James Robertson and J. T. McBride.

Sudden Rise of River. Montreal, Dec. 18.—A great deal of damage was caused on Saturday night by the sudden rise of the river due to the thaw. The water backed up into the sewers, flooded cellars, moved the Richelleu and Ontario navigation shed into the river, knocked down poles and did other damage, the extent of which is not yet known.

Life Imprisonment. Brandon, Dec. 18.—Word received from the Governor-General that the sentence of death imposed on the Indian Wolly Bear has been commuted to life imprisonment. Radcliffe arrived here before the message from the Governor-General was received.

Ch. P. R. Receipts. Montreal, Que., Dec. 18.—The Canadian Pacific railway receipts for the week ending December 14th were \$1,906,000 for the same week last year the receipts amounted to \$1,581,000.

Fire at Moosejaw. Moosejaw, Sask., Dec. 18.—Fire broke out in the Windsor hotel this morning about 10.30. Owing to the good work of the fire brigade the flames were confined chiefly to the rear of the hotel. The building was badly gutted in the rear, but the damage will not amount to more than a couple of thousand dollars.

Customs Association. Toronto, Dec. 18.—The custom clerks have formed an association to be known as the Canadian Customs Mutual Benefit Association of Ontario, the object being to secure, if possible, increased pay for this branch of the service. Wm. Bushell, at Windsor, is president, and N. H. Pattison, Bridgeburg, secretary. All customs clerks throughout the Dominion are being asked to join the association, by forming similar organizations in each province.

COLD HAMPERS FIREMEN. (Associated Press.) Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—A serious fire broke out to-day at 110 Tremont street, a large four-story stone building, and threatened to spread to the Orpheum theatre adjoining. The firemen are hampered by the intense cold. At 10.10 it was announced that the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

The coal famine in Nevada is about at an end, says a dispatch from Ogden, Utah. In answer to an appeal from the people of the mining camps and railroad towns, a train load of coal was started west Monday and seven carloads were shipped Tuesday.

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THE TROUBLES IN TORONTO JAIL WITNESSES GIVE EVIDENCE BEFORE COMMISSION

It is Hinted That Religious Prejudice is Real Root of Dispute Among Guards.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Testimony relating to disputes and quarrels amongst fifteen guards of the Toronto jail was heard from witnesses after witness at the investigation into the conduct of Governor Van Zant before Commissioner Judd today. Wm. McIntosh, a young Scotchman with a ready tongue, who apparently is acquainted fairly well with conditions as the jail, expressed the belief that the guards were Orangemen, and did not wish Guard Connolly among their number because the latter was a Roman Catholic. There were denials that the difference in religious beliefs had anything to do with the enmities which admittedly existed, but that did not prevent a number of questions from lawyers hinting at religious prejudice as the real root of the trouble. Almost every guard called had had a dispute of more or less importance with Connolly, who had a lawyer looking after his interests.

Further evidence was given to effect that prisoners were given tobacco in violation of the rules, while the regulations regarding visitors had not been enforced on many occasions. It was stated that some guards had been favored by the governor, among them being Connolly.

Regarding the evidence against Van Zant, it was stated by Mrs. Jennie Ingram, ex-assistant matron of the jail, that the governor had attempted to embrace her, but she had resented his approaches. Commissioner Judd adjourned further hearing of evidence until January 15th, but will make personal inspection of the jail premises to-morrow.

DARING ROBBERY.

Silver Plate, Diamonds and Jewelry Valued at Fifteen Thousand Dollars Stolen. Chicago, Dec. 20.—Silver plate, diamonds and jewelry valued at \$15,000 were stolen yesterday from the Hinsdale residence of Charles V. Stein, of the firm of Stein Bros., wholesale liquor dealers. The booty was packed into one of Mrs. Stein's trunks and carried away. Simultaneously with its disappearance two of the Stein servants, a man and his wife, who were engaged to work about a month ago, are said to have left hurriedly. The robbery occurred during the absence of the family, which yesterday moved to its city residence, leaving the servants in charge.

HARBOR COMMISSIONERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The cabinet to-day appointed the three members of the new board of harbor commissioners for Montreal. They are C. W. Stephens, C. C. Balantyne and L. E. Geofrion. Mr. Stephens' salary as chairman will be \$7,000, and that of his colleagues \$5,000 each. Their duties begin on January 1st.

C. LAURIER, M. P., DYING.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A telegram received this morning says that Charlemagne Laurier, M. P., is dying at St. Lin, Que. He is a half-brother to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The premier will leave at 8 p. m. for St. Lin. Lady Laurier returned from there to-day.

LABOR COUNCIL MEETS.

Rumor of Importation of Machinery From England to Be Investigated—Anti-Tuberculosis Fund. Last evening the Victoria Trades and Labor Council held a meeting in Labor Hall. Delegate Watters occupying the chair in the absence of President Gray. A letter was read from the latter in the course of the evening in which Mr. Gray, who is in San Francisco for his health, stated that he would return about the middle of January, but he could never be a candidate for office again as he intended to reside in Vancouver for the future.

The executive reported that it recommended a five years' lease of Labor Hall by virtue of the option now held by the trustees. This report was adopted, and J. D. McNeven, M. P., requested to take the necessary steps.

The special committee appointed to investigate the matter of prisoners being used as strike-breakers reported that it had interviewed Hon. Mr. Fulton, attorney-general, and that a date had been set for a longer conference, when the matter would be fully gone into.

Another report was received from a special committee which had been appointed to investigate the rumor that the B. C. Marine Railway Company intended to import the machinery for the new government hydrographic steamer from England instead of having it made in the home works, as had been understood when the company obtained the contract. The committee had been unable to obtain any definite information, and it was decided to write Mr. Bullen asking for particulars, and for a statement of the terms under which the steamer would be constructed.

The Trades Congress appealed for funds to carry the case of the Toronto Metal Workers' Union appeal against the judgment given in their lawsuit with the Metal Workers' Company in the Ontario Supreme court to England. The request was referred to the finance committee.

The secretary was instructed to write all unions appealing for subscriptions to the anti-tuberculosis fund.

NEW SHIPPING COMPANY.

Formed in Japan With Capital of One Million Dollars.

New York, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from Tokyo to the Times says: "A new shipping company has been formed in Japan. It already possesses a fleet of 150,000 tons. Its capital is \$1,000,000, of which half represents the value of the existing fleet. The remainder is to be devoted to building new ships. The company intends to establish services to Formosa, Hokkaido, Java, West Coast of China, Hongkong, Manila, Hawaii, America and the South Seas and India."

GOLD RESERVES. British Government Will Probably Take Some Action When the House Reassembles.

London, Dec. 20.—Sir Felix Schuster, member of the council of India and governor of the Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd., in an exhaustive paper on British finance and gold reserves, read last night before the Institute of Bankers, emphasized the inadequacy of the gold reserve held in England by comparison with the much larger reserves held in other countries of Europe and the United States. Special importance attached to the paper because of the report that his recommendations are likely to form the basis of the action to be taken by Mr. Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, and the government to remedy existing deficits. The papers are given great prominence by the newspapers this morning, and hopes are expressed that the government will take action in the premises when parliament reassembles.

AIRSHIP WILL SOON BE COMMON

AND FRANCE PREPARES TO SOLVE NEW PROBLEMS

Commissioners Have Been Appointed to Elaborate Plans to Meet Changed Conditions.

Paris, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical that several commissions are at work elaborating plans for meeting the various branches of the public service the solution of new problems which the evolution will entail. Capt. Ferber, of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics, and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his government with the Wright Bros., agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles to-day. In the people from the frontiers there will be battles between the forces of the air.

"Human mastery of the air," said he to the Associated Press, "is virtually achieved. None of the startling achievements of the past, neither steam, electricity nor the telephone, can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to devise in almost every department new methods to meet the changed conditions. This change will come with amazing suddenness, and France is taking precautions to meet it. In the customs service, present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrols will be necessary to prevent smuggling across the border.

"The police of all countries will have to be provided with flying machines in order to protect the people from the new opportunities of crime which aerial locomotion will place in the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any end by threats against not only rulers but whole cities. With the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground. In war time the intelligence service claim to be already equipped with the principal of flight, that is area of aeroplane surface and speed. He contends that the dominion of the air at present enjoyed by birds will be only obtained as a result of a slow process of evolution comparable in a way to the slow perfection of the present means of flight.

PATHETIC CONDITION OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN

New York, Dec. 20.—A dispatch from London, says: "The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain, owing to gout and other ailments, has led to constant assertions and contradictions regarding the gravity of his condition. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed himself at the celebration in honor of his 70th birthday in Birmingham with the result that he lost his memory completely, the past became a blank to him, and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before, and although his other faculties were and are unimpaired, his memory is gone."

BANK LOOTED.

Two Robbers Made Their Escape With Four Thousand Dollars.

Texarkana, Ark, Dec. 20.—The Bank of Horatio, Ark., was looted by two robbers yesterday afternoon of \$4,000. Several shots were fired at the fleeing robbers, who escaped.

Advertisement for DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS, featuring a circular logo with the text 'DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS' and 'SPECIALIZED FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES'.

BAD WEATHER HITS RAILWAY COMPANY

COST CANADIAN PACIFIC QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS

Engine Wiper Crushed to Death—Tug Dispatched to Aid Light Keepers Marooned on Island.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the week ending December 14th show that approximately the weather disturbances of the seven days in question cost the road a quarter million dollars.

Provincial Taxation.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—An influential deputation of officials of the Canadian life insurance companies of this province waited on Premier Gouin and the provincial treasurer to-day and laid before them a lengthy memorial on the question of provincial taxation on insurance companies. Particular objection was taken to the levy of a tax of 1 1/2 per cent. on the gross premiums. The deputation was given to understand that it was admitted that provincial taxation pressed unduly on companies, and that a revision would shortly be undertaken.

Death of Ex-Alderman.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 19.—James Reynolds, one of St. John's leading citizens, died yesterday in his 86th year. He was one of the city's foremost public spirited citizens. He was for two years an alderman, was president of the St. John Relief and Aid Society, which handled funds at the time of the big St. John fire, and for years, until August last, was chairman of the board of health.

Destroyed By Fire.

Deseronto, Dec. 19.—Bayview house, the residence of Col. Rathbun, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. The contents were mostly saved. Colonel and Mrs. Rathbun were out of town. Church Dedicated.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—A new Catholic church was dedicated on Sunday at Vegreville, Bishop Leman, of St. Albert, officiating.

Jail Over Crowded.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—There are forty-eight prisoners in the Edmonton penitentiary building which was not intended to hold more than 42, there being 35 cells in the men's ward and 7 in the women's ward.

Alberta Legislature.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Alberta's legislature has been called for January 24th.

Engine Wiper Killed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—F. W. Green, an engine wiper, aged 22, was killed in the railway yards last night by being crushed between two engines. His wife lives in Farnham, Que.

Hockey Match.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The Manitoba hockey league series was opened to-night by a surprisingly good game between the Kenora Thistles and Winnipeg Startthroats. The latter team included in the line-up Kent of Ottawa, who showed up well. The champion Thistles won out by a score of 6 to 3.

Barrister Dead.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Geo. H. West, of Munro & West, barristers, died this morning after four weeks' illness.

Fire at Regina.

Regina, Dec. 19.—Fire did considerable damage to the Grand hotel this morning.

Reported Dying.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 19.—Woolly Bear, the Indian murderer whose death sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment, is dying in jail.

Coal Shipments.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 19.—There is now at the head lakes about one hundred thousand tons of commercial coal, eighty thousand tons of which is stored at the Canadian Pacific docks in Fort William. All but a very small portion of this is anthracite, and is consigned to Winnipeg merchants. Hard coal is being shipped west at the approximate rate of nine hundred tons a day.

Shooting Fatality.

Ganaquo, Ont., Dec. 20.—Miss Lucy Pennock was drowned while skating here.

Will Extend Premises.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Thirty-five feet next to the Bank of Nova Scotia has been bought by the bank for \$3,500 a foot for an extension of the premises.

House of Bishops.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The Archbishop of Rupert's Land, chairman of the general synod, has called a meeting of the house of bishops in Toronto on January 16th to elect a primate of all Canada in succession to the late Archbishop Bond. The house of bishops of the province synod will meet in the morning to elect an archbishop and metropolitan for the ecclesiastical province of Canada.

Lightkeepers Marooned.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Three keepers of Manitow Island light are marooned on that island in Lake Superior. Storms have made it impossible for the men to reach the mainland in their small boat. A fast tug, fully provisioned, has left the Soo and will probably reach the men on Thursday, but it is feared they may be short of provisions.

Claims Settled.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Mrs. H. E. Terry was killed in an elevator accident at Eaton's department store here on November 14th. A settlement has been sanctioned by the court whereby the husband gets \$3,000 and four children \$2,000 among them.

A sea anemone has been known to live for 50 years.

Everybody Agrees

that COD LIVER OIL and IRON are beyond question the greatest medicines known. Then why does not everybody take Cod Liver Oil and Iron? Simply because most people cannot take the Oil and few can digest the Iron in any ordinary form. These difficulties have been entirely removed by the introduction of FERROL, in which the Iron is scientifically combined with the Oil, rendering the Oil palatable and the Iron digestible. While

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is manufactured from the best quality of Cod Liver Oil (the whole of the OIL) and is richer in oil than any other emulsion, and while it contains just the right quantity of the best form of Iron and Phosphorus, it is so scientifically prepared that not one person in a thousand finds any trouble in taking it, and infants digest it without difficulty. Moreover the well-established value of the Oil and Iron is immensely enhanced by the process of manufacture, and as the formula is freely exposed this is not to be wondered at. Physicians everywhere have fully endorsed FERROL and used it largely in their practice. FERROL is invaluable for the treatment of any kind of Lung or Bronchial troubles, while for wasting diseases it has no equal, and

"You Know What You Take" AT ALL DRUGGISTS

The Ferrol Co., Limited, Toronto

D. E. CAMPBELL, Druggist, Cor. Fort & Douglas Sts., Victoria, B. C.

REALTY MARKET STILL VERY BRISK

PROSPECTIVE CHANGE IN CITY'S APPEARANCE

Active Business Reported on All Hands, and Unprecedented January Influx of Investors Expected.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Although no deals of exceptional interest are recorded in this morning's market, still there is no falling off in either the inquiry or the demand. The snow storms in the interior of the Dominion have delayed the arrival of many intending investors, but it is thought among local agents that the New Year will see an unprecedented influx of the seekers after land.

The progressive outcome of the present activity is already making itself felt in a marked manner. On all sides lots are being cleared, buildings are rapidly being run up, and the Victorian of years to come will have considerable difficulty remembering his city as it used to be in the days gone by.

W. Ridgeway Wilson has in hand the remodeling of the business of North-western block. A new arrival in the city has leased the saloon, while two other stores have also been rented. In a month's time the business of North-western block will be completely changed.

Building and improvement work will shortly be undertaken on the Behnsen farm in North Saanich. This has been purchased by S. P. Johnson, a local man, who gave for it a sum of \$3,000. Several acres of the Reay estate in North Saanich, which have been sold to local investors.

James Love & Co., although they can only date a ten days' existence as real estate agents in Victoria, have already put through a considerable amount of valuable property in the course of a few days this firm intends opening a branch office in Vancouver. This is being done in order to handle the business of North-western investors, who arrive in Vancouver before reaching this city.

Yesterday this firm negotiated the sale of six lots on King's road. These passed to local investors, and altogether reached a sum of \$2,000. This morning four more lots in the same neighborhood were sold for \$200. These also were bought up by local men.

A feature of the market at present is the demand among the Chinese for acreage within the city limits. Many of these who are capitalists are snapping up land on all sides, and they are regarded among the local agents as very shrewd investors.

DIVIDEND SEEKERS BUSY.

Green-Worlock Estate Pays Twenty Per Cent. Dividend—Cheese Awaits Protestant Orphanage.

Throughout the day a continuous stream of dividend seekers passed to and from St. Tronca avenue. The occasion was the payment of a dividend on the Green-Worlock estate.

In 1904 the bank of Green-Worlock & Co. suspended payment. Shortly afterwards a dividend of 5 per cent. was declared, and again at the beginning of this year one of 25 per cent. The present dividend is one of 20 per cent., making in all 50 per cent.

By 1 o'clock to-day a sum of \$12,000 had been paid out by the trustee, B. S. Heisterman. In the evening, however, numerous cheques awaiting the queen dam customers of Green-Worlock & Co., and the trustee expresses the hope that these will be called for before Christmas. Some of the funds of the Protestant Orphanage have been invested in the now defunct bank, and there is at present a cheque in the neighborhood of \$250 awaiting this institution at Tronca avenue.

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FARMERS' SONS WANTED

With knowledge of farm stock and fair education to work in an office, \$50 a month with advancement, steady employment, may be honest and reliable. Branch offices of the association are being opened in each province. Apply at once, giving full particulars. The Veterinary Science Ass'n., Dept. 20, London, Can.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE ELECTIONS

CONSERVATIVES ARE SELECTING CANDIDATES

News of the Political Campaign in Province Which is Now Becoming Interesting.

Apparently in anticipation of an early announcement of the dissolution of the local legislature the Conservative party is putting its candidates in the field. The latest one to be nominated was D. M. Eberts, K. C., for Saanich riding. At a meeting held at the Royal Oak school house last evening he was formally named as the representative of the Conservative party for the contest in that constituency.

Mr. Eberts, who has been cultivating the riding in anticipation of this for several months past, called upon the rank and file to sink all difference and come to the support of himself and Premier McBride.

This appeal, it is said, was absolutely necessary, as there is a strong feeling against Mr. Eberts among the Conservatives in the riding, and the soft words of a few months' time will not efface the previous record.

The present last evening at the meeting Hon. R. F. Green, to assist in arousing the enthusiasm of the party and to show that the government heartily endorsed the nomination of Mr. Eberts.

The Esquimalt riding of the work of preparing the way for the nomination of Hon. C. E. Pooley next week is being carried out. Mr. Pooley is anxious to run, although many of the Conservatives in the constituency feel that he cannot carry the riding.

Premier McBride spoke at a meeting held at Methosin last evening in the interests of Mr. Pooley. H. Dallas Helmecken, K. C., was also present, and spoke in support of the Conservative policy.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite, who is in the city, announces that there will be Socialist candidates in nearly every constituency. He says that W. J. Ledingham, of this city, will likely be the candidate in the Islands. There will be eight or nine Socialists in the contests on Vancouver Island, while on the Mainland as many as 15 will enter the fight. Some time ago Mr. Hawthornthwaite prophesied that there would be eight or eight Socialists at least in the House. Fernie he counts as a sure thing for his party, and there will be other gains he feels confident on the Mainland.

A dispatch from Vancouver says that J. W. Weart, law partner of Joseph Martin, was nominated to-day to oppose F. Carter-Cotton for the next provincial election.

BACK FROM VANCOUVER

Dr. Milne Returns After Consulting With Mr. Robinson, Sent From Ottawa.

Dr. G. L. Milne, Dominion immigration officer, returned from Vancouver last night where he went by request to confer with Mr. Robinson, who had been sent out from Ottawa to inquire into the conditions of the Hindus at Vancouver, over which there had been considerable fuss made. Dr. Milne says that he did not find a great many of the Hindus in the Terminal City, the major number of those who had come on the steamers some weeks ago having been pretty well distributed over the province in the interval.

At Vancouver the doctor met his wife, who came through from the East yesterday. She has been six weeks away from Victoria, during which time she has been visiting in Philadelphia, Toronto and Woodstock. On her trip West the only delay encountered was that of a day at White Fish, where a bridge had been burned. There were no snow blockades, but through the Territories the weather was very cold, and in some places there were three engines attached to the train on which she travelled. Keeping it was expected for the purpose of keeping up the required amount of steam necessary for the making of time.

CARNEGIE'S PARTNER DEAD.

Henry McCrory Passed Away at Wilkesburg—A Noted Inventor.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Henry McCrory, brother-in-law of President W. E. C. Corry, of the United States Steel Corporation, and one of the junior partners of Andrew Carnegie, died at Wilkesburg last night.

Mr. McCrory was master roller of the Homestead mills at the time of the strike in 1892, later being connected with the first mill in the country to make armor plate. He there was associated with Mr. Corry and Charles M. Schwab, all figuring in the congressional investigation of the furnishing of armor plate to the government in 1894. He also made several important inventions.

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Advertisement for Solid Back Hair Brushes, featuring the text 'Solid Back Hair Brushes' and 'Military Pair Hair Brushes'.

Advertisement for Nail Brushes, featuring the text 'Nail Brushes' and 'Clothes Brushes'.

Advertisement for Hat Brushes, featuring the text 'Hat Brushes' and 'Tooth Brushes'.

Advertisement for CYRUS H. BOWES CHEMIST, featuring the text 'CYRUS H. BOWES CHEMIST' and '98 Government St.'.

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Advertisement for Canadian Wheat Flakes, featuring the text 'Canadian Wheat Flakes' and 'BRACKMAN-KER'.

Advertisement for BRACKMAN-KER MILLING CO., LTD., featuring the text 'BRACKMAN-KER MILLING CO., LTD.' and 'NATIONAL MILLS'.

Advertisement for RAILWAY, featuring the text 'RAILWAY' and 'William Whyte'.

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Advertisement for Death Cam, featuring the text 'DEATH CAM' and 'AFTER'.

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# RAILWAY OFFICIAL ON VISIT TO CITY

## William Whyte, Second Vice President of C. P. R., Is Making Inspection of Company's Affairs Here.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the C. P. R., and one of the best known and most highly respected railway officials in Canada, arrived in Victoria last evening on his regular trip of inspection. He is accompanied by J. A. M. Aitkin, K. C. of Montreal, chief solicitor of the company, F. T. Busted, Montreal, chief engineer, R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division, C. E. Cartwright, engineer at Vancouver, J. F. Kane, Winnipeg, private secretary to Mr. Whyte, and R. W. Brien, private secretary to Mr. Marpole.

The object of the visit to the coast at the present time, Mr. Whyte says, is for the purpose of going into the new work of the past year and examining into the needs of the company. After an inspection of all the work he will shortly after the New Year report in detail to the president so that plans may be arranged for the coming season.

While there is not any new road now under construction in British Columbia by the company the second vice-president points to the fact that the C. P. R. has 1,000 miles of new line under construction west of Fort William. The double tracking of the entire route between Winnipeg and Fort William, a distance of 426 miles, will be of inestimable advantage in handling the wheat traffic between the coast and the Great Lakes. Two-thirds of this will be completed, Mr. Whyte says, in time for the handling of the crop of 1907. The distance will be entirely double tracked before the crop of 1908 is ready for shipment.

While the traffic of a single track is soon congested that of a double track

# STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS IN MINES

## PLEASUED WITH TRIP. Premier McBride Expected by His Friends to Announce Dissolution.

Premier McBride returned last night from a trip through the upper country. He visited Vernon, Revelstoke and other points in the interior. The journey into the country at this time was generally understood among the Conservatives to have been for the purpose of feeling public opinion with regard to the advisability of appealing to the country.

The premier's visit is reported to have impressed him very favorably and his closest friends expect on the strength of this an announcement within a few days of the dissolution of the legislature and an appeal of the country as soon as allowable thereafter.

# BILL INTRODUCED IN THE DOMINION HOUSE

## It Provides For an Inquiry Into All Disputes—The Inspection of Barges.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Hon. R. Lemieux today introduced his bill in the House to provide against strikes and lockouts in coal mines. The bill is on the lines of that for the settlement of railway disputes, the only difference is that in the present bill an inquiry is obligatory, while in the railway act an inquiry is voluntary.

Inspection of Barges.

F. A. Laurence, Colchester, introduced a bill to-day to provide for the inspection of the past year's emphasis with increasing force the need of vigorous and immediate action to re-cast the public land laws and adapt them to the actual situation.

# LAKE STEAMER REPORTED MISSING

## IT IS FEARED THE NEPAWAH HAS BEEN LOST

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# CARDINAL RICHARD VACATES PALACE

## TAKES UP RESIDENCE AT HOME OF DEPUTY

Paris, Dec. 17.—Cardinal Richard, archbishop of Bourges, to-day voluntarily vacated the Episcopal palace and temporarily accepted hospitality of M. Cochin, the Conservative deputy, of the latter's residence.

The departure of the primate was the occasion for an imposing Catholic manifestation on the part of the majority of the bishops and the priests of Paris, many members of the nobility and about three thousand men, women and children. The gathering blocked the street in front of the Episcopal palace, and those present sang the credo and other canticles as the cardinal was assisted into his carriage by the coadjutor—archbishop, Mr. Amlette, and his two vicars general.

# DEATH CAME SOON AFTER MARRIAGE

## SAD ENDING TO A YOUNG WOMAN'S LIFE

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
A singularly sad story was that unfolded by the inquest held by Dr. E. C. Hart yesterday afternoon on the body of Mrs. William Jones, who died on Friday night after a few hours' illness.

Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Florence Stringer, of Staffordshire, England, and seventeen years ago Mr. Jones and her were companions as boy and girl. Some years ago Mr. Jones came to this city and entered into business as an auctioneer, and during the past four years had corresponded faithfully with his old-time sweet heart with a view to matrimony. On the 9th Miss Stringer arrived, and last Thursday Mr. Ard made her the wife of her childhood companion. Twenty-five hours later she was dead, having succumbed to a sudden hemorrhage of the brain.

# BRISK YEAR END REALTY OUTLOOK

## THE JANUARY INFLOX OF NORTHWESTERNERS

The last few days have seen a complete lull in the real estate market. Activity is still, however, marked and everything points to a brisk year end.

The feature of inquiry to-day was the elicited intelligence that during January an unprecedented influx of Northwesters is expected and among these will be many of the brightest real estate agents from Winnipeg.

At present there is keen competition for waterfront property at Esquimalt, numbers of would-be investors are viewing acreage in that neighborhood. Although the Graham Lumber Co., Texas, has already acquired a site for the new sawmill at Esquimalt, the firm is still looking toward to secure, if possible, an even more favorable position.

# A NEW WHARF FOR SEATTLE STEAMER

## ALASKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY TO BUILD

On Property Near the Post Office—  
Operations Will Begin Early  
in New Year.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
Early in the coming year the Alaska Steamship Company will build a new wharf on the north side of James Bay, near the post office.

Over a year ago the company acquired this water frontage, and plans had then been prepared for the construction of the wharf. Owing to a depression in the shipping industry the enterprise was held in abeyance; but in view of recent developments it is now considered necessary.

# CHRISTMAS VACATION.

## Closing Exercises of the City Schools Will Be Held on Friday.

The public schools will close on Friday next and will re-open after the Christmas holidays on the first Monday following New Year's day. In all the schools closing exercises will be held and at the Spring Ridge school the scholars will bid farewell to Miss Margaret Ho, who leaves at the end of the term. The Victoria West school will hold its closing exercises in Semple's hall.

The Girls' Central school will hold its closing exercises on Friday afternoon in the Pemberton gymnasium, when a carol concert will be given at 2.30. The pupils will be assisted by Mr. Wollaston, who will sing "O' Auld Auld," and Miss Charlotte Spencer, who will refrain by the school.

# SAD DROWNING IN THE NAINA RIVER

## MINER, HIS WIFE AND CHILD SWEPT AWAY

Severe Weather Has Prevailed in the  
Yukon Valley—Ice Jams Do  
Much Damage.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
The sad end of James Montgomery, a well known northern mining operator, his wife and child is chronicled in Dawson papers. They had started for the outside in October last and in descending the Naina river were all drowned. The story of the accident is told in the Yukon World as follows: There were two boatloads coming out in the party, the first boat containing five men and the second Montgomery and his wife and child, besides Bill Williams, who was steering. Montgomery was rowing, and when they were about half way through the Naina canyon he lost an oar and becoming frightened stood up in the boat and let the other oar get away. As soon as the headway of the boat stopped Williams was unable to steer and they ran into the bluff at a bend in the river, capsizing the boat and throwing the occupants out.

# EMPHATIC DENIAL OF COAL SHORTAGE

## Local Merchants Disagree in Their Views of the Situation—Purchasers Can Test Weight.

The rumor which has gained currency in the city that there is a shortage in the coal supply is emphatically denied by Joseph Kingham, of Kingham & Company, the Victoria agent of the Western Fuel Company. This company produces the celebrated New Wellington coal, which is mined at Nanaimo and Depart Bay.

Mr. Kingham was very decisive in denying that there was the slightest possibility of the supply not being equal to the demand. So far as his firm was concerned, it was now, and had always been, in a position to meet the requirements of all local consumers. There was not the slightest chance of a shortage in supply during the present winter.

# CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE.

## Golden, B. C., Dec. 15.—The Conservatives of Columbia district to-night nominated a candidate to contest the riding in the interests of the Conservative party, at the approaching provincial elections.

Balloting commenced with four candidates for nomination. Two names were withdrawn, leaving H. G. Parsons and Capt. Armstrong in the field. After the ballots were counted by the scrutineers, H. G. Parsons was declared elected and the election made unanimous.

# DISCOVERY NOTES.

## New Rink Opened—Atlin Defeated in Curling Match.

Discovery, B. C., Dec. 1.—The weather here still continues to be mild considering the season of the year, the thermometer during the last week registering some 12 degrees to 6 degrees above zero.

The fresh fall of snow of Thursday night has rendered sleighing more enjoyable, and the "merry jingle" can be heard far and near accompanying the chorus of "A waa" we o'er the fleecy snow," etc.

# THE CRAPSEY CASE.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Rev. Wm. Smith, of St. Paul's church, yesterday declared that many of the clergy would be tempted to abandon the ministry and find some freer atmosphere in which to serve Christ, if the decision of the diocese of western New York which expels Dr. Crapsey on heresy charges, were made the decision of the entire Episcopal church.

—According to a dispatch received by R. E. Loring, Indian agent at Hazelton, who is at present in the city, Simon, the Indian wanted for the murder of McIntosh and Le Claire, has not come in to yield himself up to the authorities. The dispatch came from Mrs. Loring.

# DEATH CAME SOON AFTER MARRIAGE

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
A singularly sad story was that unfolded by the inquest held by Dr. E. C. Hart yesterday afternoon on the body of Mrs. William Jones, who died on Friday night after a few hours' illness.

Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Florence Stringer, of Staffordshire, England, and seventeen years ago Mr. Jones and her were companions as boy and girl. Some years ago Mr. Jones came to this city and entered into business as an auctioneer, and during the past four years had corresponded faithfully with his old-time sweet heart with a view to matrimony. On the 9th Miss Stringer arrived, and last Thursday Mr. Ard made her the wife of her childhood companion. Twenty-five hours later she was dead, having succumbed to a sudden hemorrhage of the brain.

# CHRISTMAS VACATION.

## Closing Exercises of the City Schools Will Be Held on Friday.

The public schools will close on Friday next and will re-open after the Christmas holidays on the first Monday following New Year's day. In all the schools closing exercises will be held and at the Spring Ridge school the scholars will bid farewell to Miss Margaret Ho, who leaves at the end of the term. The Victoria West school will hold its closing exercises in Semple's hall.

The Girls' Central school will hold its closing exercises on Friday afternoon in the Pemberton gymnasium, when a carol concert will be given at 2.30. The pupils will be assisted by Mr. Wollaston, who will sing "O' Auld Auld," and Miss Charlotte Spencer, who will refrain by the school.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND MUSIC.

An esteemed correspondent has requested the Times to take up the subject of placing vocal music on the curriculum of studies in the public schools of Victoria. There is no question that the matter is worthy of the most serious attention of the trustees. The gift of song is one of the most precious of the inheritances of human kind. It is a delight alike to the singer endowed with the true note and to the hearer who has been given a discriminating ear. It is one of the distinguishing divisions between proud man and the lower orders of creation. It is asserted that the exercises to which the vocal organs are subjected in the course of musical training are of a highly beneficial character physically, and that the practice of music is also a moral agent of considerable value. Upon the first point we confess we are not qualified to speak personally, being of the class that walks in darkness rather than in the light. As to the second we are sorry to confess we have some doubts, which may be founded upon false conceptions. At any rate we think it will be admitted that some of the poets who filled the atmosphere of the earth with the music of their songs and who were largely instrumental in the inspiration of others were not exactly examples of high moral character. We have even heard of present day vocal interpreters of the divinely inspired works of the masters so far forgetting the high moral note they sound nightly for the edification of multitudes of people as to bring themselves under the maintenance of order in the streets and the public parks. But then poets and artists, it will perhaps be said, cannot be bound around by the ordinary conventions of society. It is different with the scholars in our public schools. Instruction in vocal music, therefore we will grant, would have a highly beneficial moral and physical effect in their case. But we fear the trustees will say there are many things to be provided that are more essential than musical instruction. Our educational system has become very complex as it is. It has broadened out from precedent and example until we are sometimes constrained to wonder how the youthful mind contrives to assimilate all that is set before it. There are a goodly number of persons who contend that it is trimming, not elaboration, that is required. There is one fact that cannot be disputed—that housing accommodation is the thing most needed in Victoria at the present time. Our school buildings are far from creditable to us as the capital of British Columbia. And we fear it will be no easy matter to convince the ratepayers that they ought to vote more money for new and up-to-date structures. An influential element, led by our neighbor the Colonist, we are sorry to say, has been persistently striving to inculcate the belief that our municipal school system is all wrong in principle and ought not to be encouraged by voting money for new buildings or for any other purpose. We have been regularly told that our public schools are mischievous in their influence, because they create in the young false ambitions in life and false standards of living, unfitting the children for the sphere in which it had pleased Providence to place them. These pernicious effects, we are told, can only be overcome by planting public schools such as they have in England—Eton and Harrow and Rugby, for instance—within the province. This tawdry doctrine, so thoroughly out of place and so completely at variance with the spirit of our national institutions, must be fought and overcome. We must first procure the means to erect school buildings that will be a credit to the most beautifully situated city in Canada; then we shall be in a position to consider and to press for instruction in vocal music in the city schools.

THE DISTRICT NOMINATIONS.

D. M. Eberts, K. C., has been selected by the Conservatives of Saanich as the candidate of the McBride government in the provincial general elections which will be held shortly. Mr. Eberts is a most estimable gentleman and a very able man. Of a genial temperament, with a fine strain of true sporting blood surging in his veins, endowed in a high degree with the saving grace of humor, ardent in spirit serving the cause right or wrong, a versatile raconteur, the ex-Attorney-General is very popular amongst the "boys" of his particular circle. His one misfortune as a public man is, as he is reported to have said himself last night, that "dreadful stories" have been circulated about him. He is doubly unfortunate in the fact that the Premier whose cause he now espouses was the leader of the party which set the "dreadful stories" in circulation and which succeeded in proving the truth of the "dreadful" things to the satisfaction of the Premier then in power, who banished Mr. Eberts incontinently from his cabinet. But it appears Mr. McBride has put all these nasty yarns out of his recollection and buried them. He is ready to accept the slandered gentleman as one of his supporters—perhaps to take him into his cabinet, because there is a portfolio vacant, and we doubt not it has been held out as a bait not only to the Conservative candidate in Saanich, but to his learned brother who has shouldered the flag in the Islands constituency, and doubtless to others. That is one of the peculiar

ways in which the Premier displays his capacity as a leader.

We observe Mr. Eberts gives as one of the reasons why he would like a seat in the legislature that he is animated by an intense desire to serve the interests of Saanich constituency to the best of his ability and a burning zeal to do something for Vancouver Island. Perhaps there are other motives back of these. It might be considered impertinent if we were to inquire into these subjective affairs, therefore we shall pass them by for the time being. After all, the ambition to sit in the legislature and to serve the province is a perfectly legitimate one, and it is unfortunate that more highly qualified electors have not been brought under the impulse. Especially is this true of the agricultural interests. Here we have three legal gentlemen asking the farmers of the Islands, of Saanich and of the Esquimalt districts to elect them as their representatives. Does this state of affairs imply that there is such a dearth of qualified men in the ranks of the Conservative party of the three constituencies that gentlemen of the legal profession who by the very nature of things cannot have a great deal of sympathy or insight into the requirements of agriculture must be called into service—granting that they have been called, and not chosen according to a pre-arranged programme? Doubtless Mr. Eberts is sincere when he says that his one ambition is to serve the constituency he aspires to represent. But the question the Saanich electors ought to ask themselves is whether one of their own calling would be more likely to hold and express views in harmony with the interests of agriculture when any matter affecting such interests came up for discussion and legislative action.

LORDS RAMPANT.

The Lords and the Commons of Great Britain have each other by the throat as a result of a highly acerbic division of opinion with respect to religious education in the schools. Neither side will yield an inch. The principle at stake is regarded as of so much importance that compromise is out of the question. There is no question as to which will win in the end; but in the meantime the battle has to be fought, and it may result in temporary complications of a highly interesting, if not a positively dangerous, character. It is generally conceded that the educational question was the great issue in the late elections, which placed Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in power with a tremendous majority of members behind him. The feeling in the country was so acute that even the issue of the war in South Africa was relegated to a subordinate place in the political controversies. This point admitted, we cannot see what the Lords, acting in the interests of the Conservative party, can hope to gain by blocking the apparently expressed will of the people. It ought to be apparent to them that there is some danger of a situation developing that will carry popular sentiment to extremes and result in the passage of measures even more radical in their tendencies than the education bill. And, as presaging such a possibility, it is significant that the Irish members, who in the first instance opposed the government in its educational policy, have now joined forces with it, with the result that the amendment made to the educational bill by the Lords were rejected by the Commons by a record majority. If the purpose of the Lords spiritual and temporal, acting on behalf of the party with which they are allied—perhaps we should say acting on behalf of the party of which they are now the principal strength—is to force a dissolution and an appeal to the people on the issue, they may have reason to regret their decision. Recent by-elections have not given any indication of a change in public opinion. The tide is still running strongly with the government. Chamberlain, the representative of elements which gave the Conservative party strength and prestige, can never again become an active factor in public life. Balfour, who appeared strong when enshrined in the mantle of Prime Minister, has cut but a sorry figure as leader of an opposition. Without a popular leader and enunciating a principle with which Great Britain as a whole has but little sympathy, what sort of a figure would the Conservative party cut in a desperate political contest at this time? It is but fragment of a party now. Does it, through its representatives of caste, fast becoming obsolete, invite annihilation? Perhaps if the government declines to throw the country into the turmoil of such a contest as would be sure to ensue should the challenge of the Lords be accepted, a year's reflection and contemplation may convince the peers of the dangerous nature of the course they are now pursuing. Then they might be willing to accept a compromise that would not be completely destructive of the principle of the education bill.

The Japanese fleet will not visit San Francisco. This is perhaps one way the Japanese government has adopted of giving practical expression to its resentment at the manner in which Japanese school children have been treated by the people of San Francisco. It will have greater effect, too, than the scoldings and lectures and threats of President Roosevelt.

LOCAL NEWS.

If the confession will convey any balm to the wounded susceptibilities of our erratic and touchy contemporary, we do not mind saying that we are animated by selfish motives in holding that all the efforts of Victorians should be directed towards building up the commerce of the city of Victoria. And while we are dealing with the subject we may say something that is well known: that Victorians have been known to be largely interested in property in other places than Victoria and to have made large fortunes out of their investments. We do not say there was anything improper in the actions of such individuals. They acted in their own interests and profited quite properly from the information they received. Our contention now is that we should not as loyal Victorians become parties to the sifstracking of Victoria again. The thing happened once, we should not permit it to occur again if we can do anything to prevent it. Call that selfishness if you will, but it is at least justifiable from the fact that it is communal selfishness.

It would appear from reports in Oregon newspapers that a large portion of the population of that state is moving northward to Alberta. A fine, industrious people they are in Oregon, too, and they will make almost ideal settlers. In common with their fellow-Canadians in the new provinces of Canada, these former Oregonians will require much that can only be produced in British Columbia. Consequently while benefiting themselves they will add to the already abounding prosperity of this province. Nothing now except a period of extraordinary depression, which is not at present in sight, can check the progress of any part of Canada.

The state of extraordinary activity in provincial ministerial circles seems to portend dissolution "at no distant date." But surely after the repeated denials of the Colonist, of the News-Advertiser, of the Premier, and of every one connected with or supporting the McBride government, that an election was contemplated, our esteemed contemporary will not have the face to announce to-morrow morning, or later on its first page under a three-column heading that the members of the legislature have been dismissed and that a new House will be elected early in the year 1907.

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SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

W. J. Woods, Accused of Stealing Money at Sidney, Found Guilty in County Court. (From Thursday's Daily.) In the County court to-day before Judge Lampman the case of Rex vs. Woods was tried. W. J. Woods, the accused, was charged with having stolen \$260 from Alex. Menagh at Jensen's hotel, Sidney, on Friday, November 23rd.

The arrest, it will be remembered, was made by Provincial Officer Carter on information supplied from Sidney. Woods was committed for trial by Magistrate Hall and elected for speedy trial, which took place to-day. The crown in the case was represented by Geo. Morphy, while Frank Higgins appears for the accused. The circumstances connected with the case were outlined by the crown as follows: Alex. Menagh, the person who lost the \$260, went into Jensen's hotel on Friday evening, November 23rd, with \$260 in a pocket book. His intention was to come to Victoria the following day and deposit the money. At the hotel in company with others a few glasses of seven-up were played. Menagh became intoxicated, and although Jules Brethour attempted to get him to leave for McLean's, where he was to spend the night, Menagh would not do so. Later he was escorted from the hotel by J. W. Woods, who was a watchman at the sawmill. Mr. Brethour accompanied Menagh to McLean's, where the night was spent. On dressing the next morning Menagh missed his pocketbook. A search against Woods it is pointed out that he had come to Victoria after this, and had \$166.10 exchanged at the Bank of B. N. A. into sovereigns and half sovereigns. He had then returned to the hotel and sent sovereigns and half sovereigns to W. J. Woods at Sidney, registering as the sender W. Woods. At the time the post office officials advised the sending of the money by postal office order. Later the registered letter was received at Sidney, and Woods opening it displayed the coins, stating that it was a remittance sent from the old country. Witnesses were examined this morning for the crown in support of the contention that Woods had appropriated the money. For the defence the plea was put forward that there was no direct evidence against the accused, and on the other hand the money was just as good reason to believe that Menagh lost the money from his pocket as that it was stolen. His Honor, however, after hearing the evidence, came to the conclusion that Woods was guilty. There was in the evidence reason for believing that the accused was short of money just before that, and that afterwards he had abundance. The actions of the prisoner afterwards were very suspicious. It was pointed out that there had been four convictions against Woods before. One was for supplying liquor to Indians, two of stealing money and one of obtaining money under false pretences. Before passing sentence His Honor said that he believed that Woods had been trying to redeem himself, but that on that particular night under the influence of too much liquor he gave way and took the money. He sentenced him to three years' imprisonment.

LOCAL NEWS.

The manager of the Seaman's Institute, Langley street, gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$10 from Wm. Fernie, being a Christmas donation in aid of the institution.

The civic hall to be given in New Westminster in honor of Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir will be held in the armories on January 11th. The militia department at Ottawa has granted the use of this building.

At the local barracks of the Salvation Army, Brigadier Smeiton, commanding officer at British Columbia, will conduct a meeting to-night. The general public are invited to be present. A beautiful Christmas number of the War Cry has just been issued, and commands a large sale.

The committee of the W. C. T. U. Refuge Home cordially thanks the following for donations during the month: Mrs. Lester, Mrs. F. Grant, Mrs. Broadway (St. Spruce Island), Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Perrin, cash \$10.

A. J. Brace, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., will leave to-night for New Westminster, where he will conduct a Christmas entertainment. The Royal City was Mr. Brace's last charge. He will return to Victoria on Saturday.

At a meeting of the local division, No. 105, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, it was agreed to donate \$10 towards the fund for erecting a tubercular sanatorium. It was further decided to hold the annual entertainment and dance towards the end of January.

Owing to the Christmas trade the inscribed gold watches to be presented by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company to the three Victoria electricians who accompanied Lieutman Logan to the wrecked Valencia, are not yet finished. It is understood that they will be ready by the year end and will form reasonable gifts to C. McWha, C. E. Mousley, and G. K. Richmond.

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The King's Daughters of Victoria and Vancouver Island will hold a memorial service at the Margaret Bickstone, founder of the order, on Saturday afternoon, December 29th, in the church room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, at 3 p.m. All members of the order are asked to bear this in mind and to make arrangements to attend if possible. The full programme and other particulars will be published later.

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STONEY MILL WILL SOON BE RUNNING BIG IMPROVEMENTS BEING CARRIED OUT Will Employ Fifty Men and Ship Lumber to the Northwest—Extensive Limits. (From Thursday's Daily.) Jesse H. Brown, Sidney manager of the Gulf Lumber Company, is in the city, in conversation with a Times reporter to-day Mr. Brown said that the company was making several changes at its Sidney mill, which is at present closed down. The whole building is undergoing repairs and alterations and a large planing shed, 80 ft. by 40 ft. is being added. Two modern planers are on the ground and will be installed as soon as the building is ready. The Gulf Lumber Co. leased the mill last March and ran it all summer. About a month ago the company bought the mill outright from an Ontario concern, and purchased a small steam tug for logging and other purposes. A log logging equipment has been obtained and work will be commenced in the timber limits as soon as possible. For the facilitating of the shipment work a combined wharf and breakwater is being constructed of slabs and other refuse from the mill. The mill, when the planing shed is added, will employ about fifty men and will cater to every branch of the lumber trade, turning out all classes of work, including shingles and dressed wood. It is intended to work up the trade with the Northwest, and the company expects to place its output along the railways from the Coast right through to Winnipeg. The mill will be in running order early in the year and will open up at full pressure owing to the extraordinary activity in the lumber market at the present time. The Gulf Lumber Company has its head office in Vancouver, the general manager being D. J. O'Brien, and is, at present, only operating the Sidney mill. Mr. Brown added that the company own extensive timber limits, sufficient to keep the mill running night and day for ten years. These limits are situated on the Mainland. The tug secured for the towing of logs is the Eagle, of Vancouver. She is a vessel 65 feet in length and capable of handling a good sized boom. The lumber mill will be first operated. It will have a capacity of fifty or sixty thousand feet a day. Then a shingle plant with a capacity of 100,000 shingles a day will be put in operation. In catering to the lumber market it is not intended to ship foreign wood as long as there is a demand in Canada, but the company will be prepared to do any kind of business. For this purpose the mill is admirably located. Situated on salt water, vessels of deep draught can be taken with safety to its wharf, while the operation of the car ferry between Sidney and the Mainland and the facilities provided for the Victoria and Sidney railway offer additional shipping conveniences.

POLITICAL LEADERS FAIL TO AGREE. London, Dec. 19.—The Education Bill received its death blow in the House of Lords to-day. Both sides spent the last three days in practically incessant conferences, with the object of discovering an acceptable compromise, but the opposition found themselves unable to accept the concessions offered by the government. These were formally presented by the lord president of the council, the Earl of Crewe, whom the House of Lords met this afternoon; but Lord Lansdowne, on behalf of the opposition, refused the proffered olive branch and moved that the Lords report their amendments to the bill. This was adopted by 132 to 52 votes, and the Education bill was thus killed.

There is no indication yet as to what course the government will pursue. There is the greatest resentment among the ministerial members of parliament that ten months of legislative work had been done for nothing. The feeling is strongest against Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons. He is held to be personally responsible for the failure to arrange a compromise.

The Duke of Devonshire in the course of the final debate entered a strong protest against what he termed Lord Lansdowne's wrecking tactics and voted with the government in the minority. There will be an exciting scene in the House of Commons to-morrow when the bill is returned from the upper House, and it is expected that Mr. Birrell, president of the board of education, may make some announcement of the government's intentions. It is not believed that the ministers contemplate an immediate appeal to the country.

SLAUGHTER BY MUTINEERS. Twenty-eight Persons Killed and a Number Wounded. Guayaquil, Dec. 19.—The garrison of Loja mutined December 15th because the soldiers had not been paid for 60 days. It is added that the troops abandoned their barracks after killing three officers, ran through the streets firing, and later pillaged several houses and stores, killing 25 persons and wounding several others. Col. Paz established order. Col. Serrano has occupied Santa Rosa without resistance, the rebels under Capt. Smarra retreating.

Among the articles noticed as having been found at a well known ladies' club in the west end of London are three cigarette cases and a tobacco pouch.

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SUFFERING AND WANT IN CHINA CROPS IN PLACES ALMOST A TOTAL FAILURE Many Houses Are Under Water—Appeal for Aid for the Destitute Natives. Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Official advices received here regarding the famine in the province of Kwang Su, China, confirm the stories of suffering and want in that section. The crops are reported as being almost a total failure in Tao Yuen. In Antong and Fung the crops are practically a total failure. The country everywhere is under water, and the people are compelled to wade often waist deep and in some places up to their necks. Immediately west of the Tsingtau what formerly was a fertile plantation is a vast lake extending twenty miles at the narrowest point and stretching for over forty miles towards the southwest.

"Here and there," the prefect says, "are the groups of cottages which arise above the sheet of water and can only be reached by boats. The people are in a state of absolute destitution. Not only their crop but also their reed, which constitute fuel, being destroyed by the floods. An urgent appeal is made for aid for the stricken people."

CAPT. REID RETIRES. "Capt. Reid has now retired from the command of the C. P. R. passenger steamer Beaver, and Tuesday Capt. Gardiner was at the helm for the first time," says the New Westminster News. "Before Capt. Reid left the vessel, the officers and crew waited on him and presented a well-wished address in which regrets were expressed at his removal. During the twenty years Capt. Reid had been with the company, he had always had the fullest confidence of both officers and men. They wished him success in whatever he might undertake, and hoped the time would soon come when he would be reinstated in the service. Accompanying the address was a handsome gold locket, on which was engraved, 'Presented to Capt. Reid by the officers and crew of the Beaver, Dec. 19th, '06.' In reply, Capt. Reid expressed his warm appreciation of the good fellowship displayed by the officers and crew in his action, and also spoke of his appreciation of the friendly spirit which their act betokened."

VICTORIA SAILS. The sealing schooner Victoria, which has for the past few days been anchored in James Bay, sailed yesterday for the sealing grounds. The Victoria, in charge of Capt. A. R. Whidden, is the first vessel of the Victoria Sealing Company's fleet to get away this season. She has been outfitted for a nine months' cruise and carries a full complement of white sealers. The intention of Capt. Whidden is to follow the seal herds north from the southern coast, afterwards proceeding to the Copper Island ground, and, in August, to the Behring Sea.

SHIPPING NOTES. British ship Weatherfield arrived in the Roads to-day from Wellington, New Zealand. She has come here with a cargo of lumber which her skipper will buy. The vessel visited the Fraser last year. Ship Chelmsford, which arrived at Port Townsend a few days ago, had been chartered to load lumber at the Fraser river. She will probably be towed to the mill to-day. Steamer Tosa Maru is due from Japan and the Orient on Christmas Day. The Kaga Maru sails outward on the same day. Steamer Spokane, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's line, is due from San Francisco to-night. E. M. S. Empress of Ireland was reported eight miles east of Cape Race at noon to-day. Steamer Tremont, of the Boston Tow-boat line, is due from Oriental port to-day. The steamship Lake Manitoba sailed from Liverpool at 4 p. m. on Wednesday.

REWARD OF BRAVERY. Two Well-Filled Purses and Numerous Gifts Will Reach Mrs. Paterson at Christmas. When the Queen City leaves for her regular port of call on the West Coast to-night she will take, in addition to a large shipment of Christmas goods, several gifts for Mrs. T. Paterson, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale. This brave woman's work in connection with the Valencia and Coloma wrecks has been jointly and handsomely rewarded, and she will receive a total sum of \$230 in cash, besides numerous presents. From Victoria \$200 will be sent, and another purse of \$30, subscribed by shipping companies in Seattle, will be forwarded. With the Victoria contribution will be presented a beautifully illuminated address, and a medal from the pilots of Puget sound will also be taken. The officers and crew of the Queen City have themselves subscribed for a beautiful silver service of four pieces, suitably inscribed. The Sailors' Union sends a set of engrossed resolutions recognizing and commending the bravery of Mrs. Paterson, and the Master and Pilots' Association will forward a set of resolutions commending the work of the Quadra's crew.

FIREFMEN KILLED. Explosions in Factory—One Man Dead and Two Others May Die. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—By the explosion of dynamite in the factory of Joseph Carbo and John Niva, Italians, to-night, a fireman was burned to death, another was fatally burned and an assistant fire chief and another fireman were seriously and perhaps fatally burned. The proprietors were partially burned and a boy was struck in the face by flying debris and severely hurt. Fireman Harry Eady was killed. Fireman Edward Daly was fatally injured, and Assistant Chief George Murphy was also so seriously burned that he may die. Assistant Chief Munro arrived to investigate reports that the Italians had a greater quantity of explosives in the place than the city ordinance permit. He and three firemen entered the building. With them went Fred Chitty, a boy, who, saying, "I'll show you how it happened," picked up a dynamite cap and heaved it to the floor. Three explosions followed in quick succession. The building collapsed and fire broke out. Fireman Eady was caught between the falling timbers, crushed to death and his body incinerated. All the injured were removed to hospitals. A search for the proprietors was started by a crowd. Carbo and Niva were then removed under arrest to a police station. Chitty was also arrested.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD. Instant Relief Required in North Dakota or Suffering Will Result. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 19.—Following the reports of fuel famine in the Northwest, come reports of a shortage of food supplies. Railway service has been interrupted by the cold and blizzards on the western prairies. A telegram to-day from a citizens' committee of Ambrose, N. D., to the Journal, says that place is without coal and provisions and that twenty cars of fuel and food must be taken there by special train at once or great suffering will result. Chocolate was first introduced into England from Mexico in 1529. It was made from the flower of the cocoa nut, soon became very popular and was generally used in the London coffee houses.

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TRANSCONTINENTAL SHOPS NEAR WINNIPEG Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The transcontinental railway commission acting under authority from the government is negotiating for the purchase of a large tract of land east of Winnipeg as a site for shops and yards for the national transcontinental railway. The land is about two miles in length by about one mile in width, and will cost approximately \$200,000.

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DEATH OF LABOR: FELT GENERALLY VIEWS EXPRESSED BY A. C. P. R. AGENT.

Attributes Scarcity of Fuel and Steel to the Lack of Employees—Railway Work Delayed.

From Wednesday's Daily. "The scarcity of labor on the Canadian railways during the year has not been confined to any one or two roads," said Alex. Calder, of Winnipeg, in a Times reporter. "It has been general and, in spite of tempting wages and big bonuses, the railway companies, both the established lines and those constructing roads, have been unable to obtain even half as many men as they required."

Mr. Calder is the employment agent for the C. P. R., and his territory covers the whole line between Port Arthur and the Pacific coast. Few men in the West can speak on the labor question with the authority that his wide experience has given him, and his explanation of the labor shortage is especially noteworthy on this account. "It is not wages or good living conditions or any other kind of inducement that will solve the problem. These have been tried in vain, and will be tried in vain, until some arrangement is completed whereby the country will be flooded with men. Even if the railroad companies held out a handful of money and asked for labor at any price they would not be able to get it for the simple reason that there are no men to respond to their demands. Our own company, the C. P. R., would have had 500 miles of additional track running if the men could have been obtained. One thousand miles of track are under construction, that figure of course includes double-tracking, spurs and branches, and although fairly good progress has been made during the year, I feel safe in repeating my statement that half of this track would have been in working order had there been a sufficiency of labor."

Replying to a question Mr. Calder said that the labor problem was not confined to the West, but was felt in the East, although not to the same extent, and there was also a great scarcity of men in the States. Mr. Calder explains the better conditions in the eastern labor market as being due to the influx of emigrants who, by obtaining positions in the Maritime Provinces and throughout Ontario, make things so much harder for workers in the West. The cities in the States, Mr. Calder if the Salvation Army officials were doing anything in the way of relieving the pressure on the market. His reply was short and decisive. "They may be, but not my knowledge. I have never seen any of their emigrants in my search for men."

will soon be involved in trouble and ill-health." The following month there are further misfortunes for India and Afghanistan. July is more fortunate. "Jupiter, being now free from the hostile rays of Mars, benefits Scotland and other countries subject to Cancer." On August 28th Mars is in conjunction with Uranus again in the ninth degree of Capricornus, and "accidents and explosions will soon follow in the southern part of Europe and India," while in September, accidents, explosions and fires will afflict New York.

"There will be sickness in high places" in October and "the government will not be in a very prosperous condition." A furious storm may be looked for in November, and during the last month of the year there will be "a change in the personnel of the cabinet, and the fall of the common council of the city."

CURIOSUS WAGERS. Bets Made Years Ago Make Interesting Reading. Betting is neither so general nor so profuse as it was one hundred and fifty years ago, when books for recording wagers were always kept on the tables in the much frequented coffee houses of London. Some of these books are still to be found among collections of antiques, and they make interesting reading. All that is necessary to enter them is the names of the wagers, the date, the amount, and the names of the parties. The books are arranged in alphabetical order, and the entries are made in a simple and concise manner. The books are arranged in alphabetical order, and the entries are made in a simple and concise manner.

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PORTLAND STRIKE. Company Succeeds in Operating a Number of Street Cars. Portland, Dec. 18.—The efforts of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company to operate its cars in Portland after the strike of the street car men, first time since Saturday persons detached from home until after nightfall were able to ride to their residences. There was an occasional stone thrown at a passing car by roughs and hoodlums, but no real opposition was encountered by the company, and it is believed to-night that the strike is broken. The company promises to-morrow regular schedules, both day and night, will be resumed on all lines. The end of the difficulty will be hailed with joy by every class, and especially the business firms of the city, who have lost much trade since the initiation of the strike.

FORESHORE DISPUTE. Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The city clerk this morning received a telegram from F. Gourdeau, of the marine department, stating he had been ordered to remove the city was trespassing on the foreshore of False Creek and entering a protest. This was the first time that the city has been notified of such a violation of the law. The city clerk has notified the city council of the matter, and the council has decided to take no action at present. The city clerk has notified the city council of the matter, and the council has decided to take no action at present.

PURSE FOR HEROINE TO BE SENT THURSDAY Mrs. Paterson Will Receive Reward For Services This Week—Text of Address.

From Wednesday's Daily. On the Queen City, which leaves tomorrow night, a well-filled purse will be forwarded to Mrs. T. Paterson, the heroine of the Coloma rescue, from the Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island. The purse will be accompanied by a beautiful illuminated address, embossed and signed by Surveyor-General McKay, of the land and works department, the text of which is as follows: Mrs. Thomas Paterson, Cape Beale Lighthouse. Dear Mrs. Paterson—We, the women of Victoria, wish to express our appreciation of your heroic and self-sacrificing conduct on the morning of Friday, the 8th of December, when, realizing the necessity of immediate action, and prompted by an ardent desire to succor those in great peril, you went on foot four and a half miles over a well-nigh impassable trail to obtain help for the captain and crew of the disabled barque Coloma, who, as a result of your brave efforts, were saved from a watery grave. We ask you to accept the accompanying purse in recognition of this noble act and pray that God's richest blessing may ever be yours. (Signed) LILLIA DAY, President, Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island. MARGARET JENKINS, Recording Secretary, C. of W. of V.V.I. Corresponding Secretary, C. of W. of V.V.I. PHOEBE B. RHODES, Convenor of Committee, C. of W. of V.V.I.

The total subscriptions received up-to-date for the Council of Women's fund is \$210.20, but several collectors are yet to be heard from, and it is likely that this sum will be considerably augmented. Seattle's fund for Mrs. Paterson is expected to reach about a total of \$50, with \$150 for the Coloma and \$25 each by other shipping companies. The following communication has been forwarded from the Seattle Merchants' Exchange: "The death took place yesterday in St. Joseph's hospital of Capt. John Nickoll, of Victoria West, at the age of 73. Deceased was a native of Brixham, Devonshire, and had lived for many years in this city. He leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters. The remains will be interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening by the Victoria Musical Society in the city hall at 8 o'clock. All who can possibly do so, are asked to attend."

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MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE. W. T. Isted, Secretary. HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS. Commenced To-Day Throughout the Province and Will Continue For Three Days. (From Wednesday's Daily.) The high school entrance examinations opened this morning throughout the province. The local examination is being held at the High School, Superintendent Eaton, of the city schools, with a staff of assistants, presiding. There are a limited number of candidates for the examination, and the High School classes having brought about this result. For the university course, which is also taking place in the school, there are only ten candidates. The provincial examinations are writing. The programme to-morrow and Friday follows: Thursday, arithmetic, 9.30 to 11; dictation and spelling, 11 to 12; grammar and composition, 1 to 3; reading, 3 to 5. Friday, drawing, 9.30 to 12; geography, 1 to 2.30; Canadian history, 2.30 to 3.30.

TRAIN DERAILED. Number of Persons Injured, Some of Them Seriously. Hutchison, Kas., Dec. 18.—The Chicago and North Western passenger train No. 3 was derailed at Hutchison, Kas., early to-day. The whole train left the track, and all but the engine turned over. At least 12 persons were injured, some of them seriously.

LOCAL NEWS.

The British ship Waverite arrived in the Royal Roads from Chile on Wednesday after a stormy voyage. The vessel is here on repairs. Thomas Styles writes to the Times as follows: "I have not sold any property, nor the Clarence hotel; nor know anything about any sale there."

The scarcity of coal on Puget Sound is attracting the attention of foreign shippers and, according to the Seattle Times, a supply of the demand is to be brought from Japan. The bank clearings for the week ending December 18th were \$1,168,524. This sum is a few thousands higher than the week previous, indicating that the business of the city is maintaining a steady condition.

S. B. Rivers, who for the past eight years has been employed by the city, has resigned his position and it is understood intends entering the real estate business in this city. A meeting of the Conservatives of the Saanich electoral district will be held at the Royal Oak schoolhouse to-morrow evening for the purpose of selecting a candidate to represent them at the next general provincial elections.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Harris took place Tuesday morning at 8.45 from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company, and at the Roman Catholic cathedral at 9 o'clock, where solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Fisser, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Father Van Nevel.

The lands and works department expect that the revenue to the provincial exchequer through that department will reach \$1,000,000 before the end of the present fiscal year, as compared with \$725,000 for the previous year. This increase is largely due to the fact that there has been a remarkable rush for timber lands throughout the province.

The death took place yesterday in St. Joseph's hospital of Capt. John Nickoll, of Victoria West, at the age of 73. Deceased was a native of Brixham, Devonshire, and had lived for many years in this city. He leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters. The remains will be interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening by the Victoria Musical Society in the city hall at 8 o'clock. All who can possibly do so, are asked to attend.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. MAINLAND VS. ISLAND.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser says: "Football enthusiasts on the Mainland will be pleased to learn that negotiations are under way for a match to be played this season between an All-Mainland eleven and an All-Island team. The matter was taken up at a special meeting of the executive of the Mainland league held Monday night. At the annual meeting of the Vancouver Island Football Association held on Saturday last, a committee was appointed to draft an agreement under which the two associations on the Mainland and Island could be played by clause at Monday's meeting."

The Y. M. C. A. basketball club has arranged to play a series of matches which will be decided by the Y. M. C. A. championship of the Pacific northwest. The first match in the series will be played in Victoria on February 2nd. Other matches will be played at Bellingham February 9th, Tacoma February 22nd, Seattle March 7th. All these games will be played at home. The matches away will be against Tacoma March 4th, Bellingham March 5th, Everett March 5th, Seattle March 7th.

On Friday evening a meeting of the Victoria Rugby Club will be held in the Y. B. A. Hall. The question of sending a team over to Seattle to meet Stanford on January 21st, will be discussed. Among local footballers it is considered highly probable that this match will be arranged and that the main duty of the executive on Friday night will be to select the team.

TO MEET STANFORD. The team to represent Vancouver in the first match against Stanford on Christmas day, will be captained by Clarence Marpole who will act as captain in all three games. In the first match W. S. Martin will be referee. The team follows: Full-back, H. Bell-Irving; reserve, J. S. Tait; three-quarters, Marshall, G. Anderson; Jenkins; reserve, G. Anderson; five-eighths, Johnston, Young; half, Churchill; reserve, D. Bell-Irving; front row, Thomas N. Sowers; second row, Loftus; lock, McCallie; scrum, Hinks; back row, McCallie, McKeown; wing, O. Sowers; reserves, Shearer (1st), Templeton (2nd), Scott.

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SPORING NEWS.

The English International football team has succeeded in drawing with the South Africans, the score being one try by each side. The match was played at the Crystal Palace, London, on December 16th. The English team was captained by J. G. Thompson, and the South African team by J. G. Thompson. The match was a close one, and the English team was victorious in the end.

The Victoria Rugby Football Club has received the following telegram from the sporting editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer: "Will you play Stanford here January 5th? For expenses. Answer: A meeting of the Victoria club executive has been summoned, and at this meeting will be discussed. It is more than probable that the invitation will be accepted. The Stanford University team plays its last game against Vancouver on New Year's Day. It is expected that this match the team will travel to Seattle, where it will remain until January 6th."

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AMERICAN HUMORIST DELIGHTS AUDIENCE

A "Jolly" Evening is Spent at the Y. M. C. A.—Many Interesting Events Depicted. The verdict is unanimous that Jolly was a pronounced success. He was greeted last night in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium by a fairly large and representative audience that would be found could he make a return engagement. The heavy counter-attractions of the Christmas season prevented a large audience as the lecturer deserves. Precisely at 8.30 Franklin Pierce Jolly commenced his lecture entertainment on the "Jolly Side of Life," and held the audience with a close grip until 10.30. In the hour and fifty minutes there was not a dull moment. The remarkable rapidity and clever dexterity with which Jolly changed from the sublime to the ridiculous, from the lofty and oratorical to the side-splitting passages of merriment and wit and humor was truly marvellous. His sound common sense and wise philosophy underlying his far-reaching and whole entertainment is its tower of strength. After the hearty side-splitting laughter is over, deep truths, tersely and succinctly put, are left to ponder over and cannot be shaken off.

The most wonderful feature of the evening was a description of the San Francisco catastrophe. For fifteen minutes he held the audience spellbound, while entirely forgetting self, he made the audience see and feel the terrible experiences that followed one another with lightning speed as a result of the terrible earthquake and devastating fire. This dramatic and impassioned deliverance drew from the audience round after round of hearty applause. When this subsided Jolly showed his aptitude in applying the alternating current by turning on Field's "Seen" Things at Night, which was a description of the "Chicago Music Auditorium" which then storm in the "Grand Canyon of Colorado" elicited rounds of applause.

Mr. Jolly's impersonations are hard to credit, and his family have moved into their residence, Robleda. The annual meeting of the Victoria Sealing Company will be held on the 28th inst., when a report on the recent sale of pelts in London, England, will be presented, officers elected and plans discussed for the coming year's operations. On the 20th inst. the creditors of the Green-Worlock estate will be paid at 18 Trowace avenue, through B. S. Helsterman, who is the trustee of the estate. This will be the second dividend within a few months.

During the seven days ending on Friday last 178,838,300 gallons of water passed over the main weir at Lavender swamp in the Highland district. The total average was over 25,000,000 gallons, and was greatly in excess of the average during the previous two weeks. A city inspection of milk sold by different vendors is in progress and in due time a report will be submitted to the city council. A great many tests have already been made, which show a good quality of milk peddled, but there have been one or two cases, it is understood, which may call for special attention.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of St. Paul's Sabbath school will take place in Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Friday evening. Supper will be served to the children at 6 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock a carefully prepared programme by the children under the direction of Miss Mary Hutchison, will be presented, after which Santa Claus is expected to appear and distribute gifts to the children. The tree will be a beautiful decorated tree. At a meeting of the Bartenders' union which was held yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. Earle; vice-president, C. I. Johnston; financial secretary, D. Bittancourt; recording secretary, E. J. Harris; treasurer, T. McCarty; judge of appeals, J. P. Ferris; inspector, W. Eccles; chaplain, W. McCallie; secretary, Miss P. Thomson (re-elected); treasurer, Miss M. Freeman (re-elected); organist, Miss M. Andrews. The meeting was held in the hall of the Victoria Hotel, and was attended by a large number of members of the union.

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WANTED-MALE HELP.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED-A working mate for freight steamer, knowledge of these waters necessary. Send resume and references to P. O. Box 623, Victoria.

WANTED-Clerk for wholesale groceries and liquors, acquainted with customs work. Apply Box 34, Times Office.

WANTED-Two strong boys as apprentices in boiler shop. Apply Victoria Machinery Depot.

WANTED-Smart boy to drive and make himself generally useful in store. Address Box 34, Times Office.

HELP WANTED-The above headline over classified "want" ads in the Times attracts the attention of the best help in every line.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn a good income at home in spare time corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing; Commission or salary. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED-Salesmen. Many make \$100 to \$150 per month. Some \$200. Stock clean; grown on reservation. Far from old territory. Cash advance weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Topsham, Washington.

ENERGETIC MEN WANTED-We require a good live man in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, tacking up showcards on trees, fences, along roads and all conspicuous places, also distributing small advertisements in every manner. Commission or salary, \$2.50 per month and expenses. Steady employment. No experience required. Write for particulars. W. E. Warner, Medicine Co., London, Ont.

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SITUATIONS WANTED-MALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

YOUNG MAN wishes position as camp cook; experienced. Apply Strand Hotel, Room 11.

WANTED-Position in store or warehouse by a first-class salesman, best of references. Box 8, Times.

POSITION as caretaker or janitor; will take care of old married couple. Box 15, this office.

CONTRACTORS-We can furnish you with laborers, or any kind of men, at short notice. E. Jones, 25 West Hill, Victoria.

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SITUATIONS WANTED-FEMALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED-Position as companion; willing to look after young children. E. G. O'Brien's Advertising Bureau, 75 Government Street.

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HELP WANTED-MALE OR FEMALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED-Man or woman manager in each district to represent established wholesale mail order house; to visit local advertising and appointing agents, and looking after their work generally. For full particulars apply to J. A. Jenkins Manufacturing Co., London, Ont.

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WANTED-MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED-Old copper, brass, zinc, lead and any waste material. We are dealers only in junk, and are therefore prepared to pay the highest market prices. Call or write for price list. Victoria Junk Agency, 30 and 32 Store Street.

WANTED-\$500 for one year at 5 per cent; security, 500 acres of land, good dwelling house, stables, etc. "Farmer," Times Office.

WANTED-Unfurnished housekeeping rooms, modern conveniences, terms moderate. Address Box C.

WANTED-12 room house, with 5 acres of land, sea near; must have absolute title and anchorage for yacht. Apply Navigator, P. O. Box 24, Victoria.

WANTED-Old coats and vests, pants, shoes and shoes, trunks, valises, shot-guns, revolvers, overcoats, etc. High cash prices paid. Will call at any address. Jacob A. Robinson's new and second-hand store, 61 Johnson Street, two doors below Government Street.

WANTED-TOILET SOAP COUPONS WANTED-Toilet soap given in exchange for these coupons by C. R. King & Son, 75 Wharf Street, Victoria.

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BUSINESS CHANCES. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

PARTNER WANTED-In restaurant, cook preferred; small capital required. Address Box 16, Times Office.

WANTED-To purchase, small go-ahead business. Apply by letter to G. C. H., this office.

WANTED-Partnership in thriving business in this city. Reply, stating particulars, to L. this office.

TAILORING BUSINESS FOR SALE-Well established. For particulars apply Times Office.

CONVERT DULL DAYS into busy ones. This, the Times "Wants" will do for you. They will touch like a hot iron, like "Central," with those people who want sunny things.

FOR SALE-Half interest in an old established manufacturing business. \$10,000 required; will pay handsomely and give employment to the purchaser as well. Particulars on application to Heisterman & Co., 70 Government Street.

FOR SALE-The Goldstream Hotel, a grand concern, with 30 acres of land, 100 live stock, etc. The house is well furnished and is doing a good business. Apply to James Phair, Goldstream.

A. B. McNEILL

34 BROAD ST. PHONE 645.

FOR QUICK SALE-SNAPS. 3 LOTS-Corner Oak Bay Ave. and Richmond Ave., one of the best corners in Oak Bay. For a short time, \$7,000.

LOT-Belmont avenue, fruit trees bearing, worth \$500 easy, \$300.

LOT-Gladstone avenue, southern aspect, \$75.

WATER FRONT LOT-James Bay, small wharf, etc., \$4,300.

ACREAGE-Wilkinson road, Gordon Head and Saanich, from \$150 to \$600 an acre. Sell one acre up to 200 acres.

BUSINESS LOTS-Douglas and Yates. Inquire at office.

BUILDING LOTS-Cor. Cadboro Bay and Oak, 725; near Beacon Hill and sea, lots from \$150 to \$300; in Pearce Estate, 3 lots, \$1,600.

BEAUTIFUL HOUSE-Gladstone avenue, modern improvements, grand view, excellent terms. Immediate tenant.

OTHER GOOD BUYS-Inquire at office.

HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE OR LEASE-Furnished house on Government street.

FOR SALE-On Dallas road, Fairfield Estate, 7 roomed 1 1/2 story house, with good cellar and 1 1/2 lots (75 ft. x 125 ft.), excellent view of Strait, only \$3,800. Address "S," Times.

FOR SALE-House and lot, close in, 8 rooms, also hot and cold bath, pantry, 2000 cellar, 2 rooms, halls, etc., brick and stone foundation, sewer and electric light, fruit and berries, price \$3,900. \$1,400 cash, balance at 2 years. Apply Box 194, or 324 Douglas street.

FOR SALE-2 splendid cottages in Spring Ridge, well located, one with grand view of Mt. Baker, the other on 2 lots (corner), a snap at \$1,200 and \$1,500 each; terms can be arranged. 49 M., Times Office.

FOR SALE-Fine, up-to-date residence, all modern improvements, near cars, 3 minutes walk to Fort and Government streets, quick sale, terms. Post Box 82, city.

FOR QUICK SALE-James Bay, cottage, seven rooms, modern, large lot, fruit and berries, etc.; terms. Apply Owner, 11 Simcoe.

FOR SALE-New modern house, on old Caledonia grounds, about completed. Apply 61 First Street, Phone A1062.

FOR SALE-Cheap, a handsome cottage piano, by a celebrated maker. Apply 129 Blenheim Avenue.

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FOR SALE-Four fresh cows with calves, one team heavy horses about fifteen hundred each, four-inch tire wagon and harness, cheap. Apply J. Fisher, carriage shop, corner Herald and Store streets.

FOR SALE-Real estate, 3 lots overlooking Oak Bay, \$1,200. Head street, \$300; 220 acres, 1 mile from Goldstream, \$1,200. Apply to owner, F. J. Bittanour, The Ark.

FOR SALE-This year's geese, alive or dressed; Barred Rock, coverts, laying strain; well bred Gordon setter pups. 124 N. Pembroke street. Phone 443.

FOR SALE-6 acres, 3 miles out, Burnside, \$750. Inquire at office. Apply Box 194, or 324 Douglas street.

FOR SALE-Cheap, a second-hand piano. Apply 66 Collinson street.

FOR SALE-Horse (aged), weight about 1,300, good worker, money refunded if not satisfactory. Apply C. B. Jones, Colquitz P. O.

IF YOU HAVE anything for sale and are desirous of having the public know of it, the public is not apt to become inquisitive. Make your wants known through the Times and you are done.

FOR SALE-Shaving set, \$2.75; mantel clock, \$6.25; boys' steel job chains, \$1.25; violin, \$5.00; mandolin, \$4.50; boys' nickel watch and gold plated chain, \$2.75; fire engine books, \$7.50; hard wood trunk, chest, \$3.50; gold plated spectacles, \$1.25. Jacob A. Robinson's new and second-hand store, 61 Johnson Street, two doors below Government.

FOR SALE-Tripod camera, 4 1/2 by 6 1/2. A. retinell, lens, curtain shutter, good as new. Apply Box 81, Times Office.

FOR SALE-Cheap for cash, heavy and light express wagons, buggies and carriages, 56 Discovery street. W. A. Robertson & Son.

FOR SALE-30,000 ft. wire at 2c. ft., 6 dump carts, refrigerator, tools, furniture, etc. Apply to phone 106, Pandora streets.

THE BEST WAY to let the people know that your proposition is a good one is to let the advertising columns of the Times.

ENGINE FOR SALE-10 horse power. Can be seen in operation at the Times Building, 26 Broad Street, running Times machinery.

FOR SALE-Nappa launch, Blanche, of the following dimensions: Length, 25 ft.; beam, 6 ft. 3 in.; depth, 2 ft. 6 in.; 18 hp. first-class condition. For particulars apply to E. B. Marvin & Co., 74 Wharf street.

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TO LET. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

TO LET-Small well furnished cottage. Apply 23 Quadra street.

TO LEASE-For a term of years, store, 10 Government Street. Alexis Martin, 59 1/2 Government Street.

WANTED-To rent, small farm, state fully furnished. Address Box 20.

TO RENT-Nicely furnished and beautifully situated cottage on Wilkinson cross road, 30 per cent reliable. Apply C. B. Jones, Colquitz P. O.

FARM TO LET-40 acres cleared, good buildings. Lake District. Address "Farm," Times Office.

TO RENT-Two furnished cottages, one six roomed and one seven roomed, electric light, hot and cold water, bath room and all modern conveniences. Apply F. B. Pemberton, Fort Street.

TO RENT-Suite of offices on first floor in Bank of Montreal Building, Occupation May 1st. Apply Bank of Montreal.

THE B.C. INFORMATION AGENCY, LTD.

78 DOUGLAS STREET.

HAVE FOR SALE: SPLENDID ACREAGE-Immediately adjoining the city limits.

TWO FINE BUILDING LOTS-On St. Charles street.

BUSINESS PROPERTY-On Yates, Government, Douglas, Johnson, Store, Wharf, Fort and Broad streets. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

FRUIT LANDS-In blocks varying from one to twenty acres.

WATER FRONTAGE-On Prospect Lake, including ownership of water.

WATER FRONTAGE-On Cordova Bay, splendid view.

WATER FRONTAGE-Esquamalt harbor. NUMBER OF FARMS-On Vancouver Island, adjacent islands and Mainland.

RESIDENCES-In all parts of the city, from \$1,200 to \$20,000.

20 ACRES-For sub-division, include city limits.

8 ROOM HOUSE, nice lawn and ornamental trees, splendid view, near Beacon Hill Park, cheap.

THIS IS ONLY A FEW from our numerous list. Call and consult us, we can suit you, or find what you want, if it is not on our list.

MONEY TO LOAN-On improved property.

REMEMBER THE PLACE-78 DOUGLAS STREET.

LEEMING & CO.

22 FORT STREET.

100 ACRES OF LAND-3 miles from Post Office, between 60 and 70 acres cleared, two orchards, 2 houses, barns, etc., all fenced, beautiful location, with half mile of water front; price \$20,000.

1 LOT-On View street, \$3,250, with two good houses, close in.

10 ACRES-8 cleared, all fine land, close in, \$75 per acre.

20 FEET-On Government street, between Esquimalt street and Herald street, \$2,500.

5 LOTS-Sayward avenue, with 5 houses, renting for \$38 a month; price \$5,000.

YATES STREET-Lot, 60x120, with fine brick house and stable, \$7,500.

DWELLING HOUSE, 5 rooms and kitchen, bath and pantry, sewer connection, hot and cold water, corner lot, Fernwood road, \$1,200.

8 ACRES, at Gordon Head, fine corner property, good land, \$400 per acre.

150 ACRES, South Saanich, 30 cleared, all fenced, with house and barn, excellent timber, \$5,500.

CITY ACREAGE PROPERTY, close to car line.

17 ACRES, 7 cleared, balance slashed and seeded, first-class land, 4 1/2 miles from town, \$3,500.

15 ACRES, 6 cleared, with 1 1/2 story house, brick foundation, good cellar, barn, chicken houses, 15 fruit trees, 4 miles from town, \$4,500.

150 ACRES, 9 miles from Alberni, 3 miles from Great Centre Lake, 5 roomed house, large barn, 10 acres cleared, 12 head stock, implements, etc., \$3,000. Half cash, balance mortgage 6 per cent.

5 ACRES, fruit, on Feltham road, all tile drained, house, barn, sheds, \$3,500.

LOT, Spring Ridge, Clark street, \$250.

IF YOU HAVE PROPERTY FOR SALE, we can sell it for you. Let us have particulars.

E. A. HARRIS & CO.

35 FORT STREET.

NORTH SAANICH.

A FINE RESIDENTIAL SITE situated at Hazan Bay, consisting of 70 acres. Excellent site suitable for fruit, 40 acres cultivated, cottage, trunk road and railway passes through property. Price \$200 per acre. Terms apply.

E. A. HARRIS, 35 Fort St.

T. G. RAYNER & CO.

REAL ESTATE BROKER.

WE HAVE JUST RE-OPENED at No. 15 Broad Street, next to Driard. We have a good list of city and suburban properties. Favor us with a call.

WANTED-Two good farms, close in, for milk ranches.

BOARD AND ROOMS.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

NEATEST and cleanest furnished rooms in the city, six minutes' walk of all hotels, breakfast if desired. 41 View St.

WANTED-Room and board, in town, by two young men. Address Box 10, this office.

ROOM AND BOARD-Moderate terms. 108 Esquimalt street, off Douglas street.

TO LET-Board and rooms, piano and telephone, Bellevue, Quebec street, 2nd house from Parliament Buildings.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of Certificate of Title to Section 102, Lake District.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, issued to John Stevens on the 24th day of November, 1906, and numbered 386A.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General. Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 22nd November, 1906.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to Sub-Division Lot 19, of Sub-Section XXIX, Beckley Farm, Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, issued to Frank Albany on the 15th day of January, 1906, and numbered 216A.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General. Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 15th January, 1906.

PARSONS, LOVE & CO.

REAL ESTATE, 74 DOUGLAS STREET.

50 ACRES-Cordova Bay, 300 ft. water front, 7 roomed house, barn, stables, sheds, 3 good wells, 2 1/2 acres in orchard, 3 acres cleared, balance good wood, with cedar, \$200 per acre, terms.

19 ACRES-Cordova Bay, 280 ft. water front, \$300 per acre.

50 ACRES-With road to water front, Cordova Bay, 5 acres cultivated, 9 acres slashed, \$1,150; terms.

10 ACRES-Oak Bay avenue, \$1,550 per acre.

14 ACRES-6 roomed house, good barn, 20 stalls, windmill stream of water, three miles from Post Office, \$7,000; terms.

LOT 140x150-Florence road, half in fruit, apple, pear and cherry trees, close to E. & N. track, \$700.

2 LOTS-On Queen's avenue, 70x110, \$850 each.

1 LOT-Corner Blanchard and Bay streets, 71x110, \$750.

LOTS-Near Hillside avenue, fine location, \$250 and \$300.

ACREAGE-In city, 20 minutes' walk from Post Office, splendid soil; will consider an offer.

OAK BAY AVENUE-7 roomed house, almost new, modern conveniences, lot 60x120, alley at back, fine view of bay, \$3,300.

3 HOUSES ON TWO LOTS-Sewer connection, in good repair, good neighborhood, rented, \$3,000.

TWO STORY HOUSE-Rock Bay, \$1,800; easy terms.

TWO STORY HOUSE-Superior street, lot 44x125, basement, modern conveniences, \$5,500.

TWO STORY HOUSE-On Toimie avenue, barn, chicken house and other out-buildings, acre and quarter of land, good well, 20 or more fruit trees, corner property, good view and natural drainage, \$3,150.

LEE & FRASER

NEAR BURNSIDE ROAD-15 acres, in fruit, good house, wells, etc., \$3,500.

4-6-10 ACRES-8 minutes from car, under drained, well fenced and all clear, \$650 per acre, terms.

LEE & FRASER.

A SNAP-12 1/2 acres, half cleared, barn, dwelling, fenced; price for a few days \$1,100.

LEE & FRASER.

LOTS on Lindon avenue and Caledonia Park.

LEE & FRASER.

A WILLIAMS & CO, LTD.

104 YATES STREET.

3-5 acres, all cleared and fenced, good cottage and stable (fine soil), \$3,000.

7-15 acres, good cottage and stabling, etc., 7 miles from city, \$3,250.

19-7 acres, 3 cleared, living stream, beautiful location, \$2,000.

21-Fine farm, 100 acres, 50 under cultivation, beautiful water front, \$5,500.

23-100 acres first-class land, 40 under cultivation, excellent buildings, good location, \$6,300.

37-37 acres, 25 acres bottom land, water front, cheap, \$7,000.

34-24 acres, 24 cleared, all good land, good orchard, excellent buildings, water front, \$10,000.

24-20 acres, water front, \$4,000.

34-50 acres, close to water front, \$5,200.

25-50 acres first-class land, 40 under cultivation, excellent buildings, good location, \$6,300.

37-37 acres, all cleared, good soil, cheap, \$7,000.

37-37 acres, 30 acres cleared, 6 miles from city, \$20,000.

11-Modern cottage, 8 rooms, S. C. E. L., 1 1/2 acres, finish, 2 lots, nice garden and lawn, \$4,000.

21-Fine finished cottage, sand full sized lot, \$800.

16-Cottage and lot, close to Parliament street, \$1,100.

15-5 roomed house, on car line, large lot, good garden, \$1,200.

2 good lots, near the Fountain, Douglas street, cheap, \$800.

1 fine acre of turf land, at Macaulay Point, near water, \$300.

VICTORIA AND DISTRICT REALTY CO.

8 METROPOLITAN BLOCK, OPP. POST OFFICE.

FOR SALE.

1/2 ACRE-2 minutes from tram car, good house, cement floor in cellar, fruit trees, everything up-to-date, \$4,200.

8 1/2 ACRES-Gordon Head stands well up, and partly cleared and fenced, fine fruit land, \$2,500.

3.36 ACRES-Close to tram car line, and absolutely without a stump or rock on it.

8 LOTS-Inside city limits, fine building, \$2,500.

4 ACRES-For \$4,700, cleared and fenced, suitable for sub-division, on car line.

10 ROOMED HOUSE-In splendid condition, half block from Beacon Hill Park, \$4,100.

