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WOMEN'S FRANCHISE.

Discussed in the House of Commons—Inquiries Regarding the Arbitration Treaty.

Spanish Proposals for Cuban Reform—The Kaiser and the Czar.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The House of Commons to-day discussed, on motion of Mr. Ferdinand F. Begg, Conservative member for St. Bolkov division of Glasgow, seconded by Mr. L. A. Aberley-Jones, Liberal member for the north-west division of Durham, the second reading of a bill extending the parliamentary franchise to women. The debate was conducted in a popular spirit.

Mr. Henry Labouchere, Radical member for Northampton, and Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the Liberal leader in the House of Commons, were the principal opponents of the measure. The latter pointed out that there are 1,200,000 women in Great Britain, and that the ultimate result of the adoption of the principle would be a fundamental change in the parliamentary constitution, and such a result ought to be introduced on responsibility of responsible government.

Mr. Charles W. Radcliff Cook, Conservative member for Hereford, referred to the report of Woman's Suffrage in Wyoming and Washington. He said that only the most remote and unimportant districts of the United States had given votes to women. The voting on the bill was of a mixed character, the minority opposing the measure, including Mr. Geo. N. Curzon, permanent secretary for the foreign office; Mr. A. F. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, and other members of the government.

Mr. Thomas G. Rowley, Conservative member for Lynn Regis, moved in the house of commons to-day that a copy of the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States be laid on the table, meaning, in British parliamentary language, that a full text of the document be placed before the house. The motion was adopted. The Spanish cabinet has finally agreed to a scheme for Cuban reform which will be submitted to the Queen Regent to-morrow. The text will probably be gazetted on Saturday. The date upon which the reforms will be carried into effect will depend upon the progress of negotiations in Cuba.

DWIGHT L. MOODY EXCITED.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—Evangelist Dwight L. Moody was perceptibly angered by the statement of President Jackson, of the Island Stanford University, that "a revival of religion is simply a form of drunkenness, no more worthy of respect than the drunkenness which lies in the gutter."

After reading Dr. Jordan's statements at the Tremont Temple revival meeting, Mr. Moody proceeded to exhortate the California instructor, and at the same time got in a thrust at the Golden State. Among other things he said: "University of Stanford is a University which has set up a man of straw and a base necessity of the knocking of it down. If Paul was beside himself, he would have read long after the works of college presidents are forgotten."

"If men and women were losing their reason and self control, as they are in the revival season in the city of Boston, I do not think any such statement as comes from the Pacific Coast—if it be correctly reported—is worthy of serious comment."

DR. SELWYN'S BREAK.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—(Special)—Dr. Selwyn, formerly director of the geological survey of Canada, created some sensation in the mining convention to-day by saying that Canada would never be a successful mining country. British Columbia, he said, would not produce as much gold in the coming thirty years as in the past. The idea that Canada was a rich mining country was a fallacy, and it was in the last decade unlikely that Canada would ever equal the smallest province of Australia as a gold producer. His remarks were severely criticized by the mining experts present.

BREAD RIOTS IN SPAIN.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A Madrid dispatch to the Standard tells of the manner in which the strikes and bread riots in Madrid and Arenz were quieted by the militia. According to these accounts the officers promised to examine into the cause of the riot, and the rioters succeeded in destroying all the riotous points. The mayor and municipal officers were stoned and compelled to seek a hurried refuge in the town hall. The police were very forbearing, largely on account of the presence among the rioters of many women and children.

MINING IN WEST KOOTENAY.

SAKLE, Feb. 4.—C. D. Rand, of Sandou, B.C., a prominent British Columbia real estate and mining broker who is at present here, said in his interview that Sandou, his present home, is the centre of the Slovan mining district, and has increased in population from 800 last August to 1,500, and Mr. Rand predicts much further increase this year. He says the outlook for the summer is more than promising, and that there will be a rush of investors.

Speaking of the great increased production of the Slovan district he said: "The value of ore shipped from the West Kootenay district in January, 1897, according to customs returns, was \$149,000, while in January, 1897, exclusive of the last week's returns, from Revelstoke, the total was \$74,000. Of this, nearly all was from the Slovan district, only a comparatively small proportion being from Kootenay. The number of shippings from Slovan in January, 1897, and will be increased this year to seventy-five."

"At Sandou the Payne has come to the front, and is claimed to be the heaviest shipper in the district. The shipments from December 1 to February 1 were 1,046 tons, from which the estimated profit will not be less than \$155,000, and it is estimated that the shipments from this mine alone in February will not be less than 1,400 tons. The Noble Five concentrator started on January 20, and is now treating 120 tons a day. The management claim to have secured enough ore in sight to keep this up for two years without any further development. The 'Slovan' is still continues to ship 1,000 tons a month on account of its contract with the Pacific smelter. It was reported that the Reco would declare a dividend of \$100,000 on February 2. The Goodenough sold 42 tons of ore last week to the Kootenay Ore Company, which recently established a sampling works at Kootenay for \$14,000 cash, being at the rate of \$333 a ton. All the properties at the foot of Slovan lake are looking well, and numerous transactions are being effected there weekly."

"The district is being rapidly extended and the Whitewater camp, between Sandou and Sandou, is coming to the front. The Whitewater and Wellington are both becoming heavy shippers, and the business men at Whitewater claim that they will have started shipping by July 1. The ore runs from \$50 to \$120 per ton, and some of the ledges are very large. The index also bids fair to be a very large shipper in the coming summer. The north fork of Carpenter creek has also taken a new lease of life, and also bids fair to be one of the principal camps of the future. The strikes have been made recently in the Phoenix, Condit, Jolly, and other camps. The Phoenix has produced 250 ounces of silver and \$2.50 gold to the ton.

"Since the Canadian Pacific has taken over the Columbia and Kootenay routes, the International Steam Navigation Company is running its boats to connect with the Spokane, Falls, and Northern railway. The Canadian Pacific is clearing the right-of-way for an extension of the railroad from Slovan crossing, on the Columbia & Kootenay railway, to Slovan City, and is also building a fast and commodious boat for Slovan lake and another for the Arrow lakes.

"WE CAN RETALIATE."

WINNIPEG, Ont., Feb. 3.—William McGregor, M.P., referring to-day to the Corlies immigration bill said: "We are too near to be apart and we want only friendly relations. But we can retaliate. The greater part of the wealth of this district is taken to Detroit. People of other lands, Windsor, Walkerville and Sandou purchase more in Detroit than in Windsor, but such regulations can be enforced to stop Canadians purchasing goods in Detroit. From Michigan and Maine more men come to Canada to work during the lumbering season than there are persons who go from all Canada to the United States. Annually 300,000 feet of logs are ratted to the United States, they are taken mainly from the Georgian Bay district in Michigan, and the same gangs who work in the mill in summer go into the Canadian woods in winter and cut the logs. Large numbers also go from Maine to Canada. This would all be stopped. The American fish companies about control the fishing interests on Lake Erie. In British Columbia the American miner for a small sum can get a license to mine and are given a tract of land; they get these privileges on the same conditions as the Canadians, but in the event of retaliation the government would deprive them of the privilege in our mines and our fisheries."

ARMY INCREASES.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. W. St. S. Broderick, made a statement in the House of Commons to-day on the proposed increase in the strength of the British army, similar to the one made in the House of Lords by the secretary of state for war, the Marquis of Lansdowne. Mr. Broderick, anti-Parnellite member for the East division of Cork, asked if it was intended to establish a detachment of Irish guards, Mr. Broderick replied in the negative, whereupon Dr. Charles K. D. Tanner, anti-Parnellite member for the Middle division of Cork, cried amid laughter, "No Irish need apply."

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The London school board was unable to transact any business last night on account of the political deadlock over the election of a chairman. The board was left without a quorum.

FEELING THE PINCH.

The Better Classes in Bombay Experience the Effects of the Famines.

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PARTIZAN OFFICIALS.

A Commission Likely to be Appointed to Make an Investigation.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—Hon. Mr. Blair is said to be actively negotiating with the C.P.R. for the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway. The C.P.R. is quite anxious to build the line, but the Minister, before agreeing to their taking hold of its construction and giving them pecuniary aid, desires to reach an understanding regarding the matter of freight rates not only as affecting Southern British Columbia, but the whole of the company's lines. Until this matter is settled there will be nothing done about the construction of this much needed route.

Applications for samples of seed grain must reach the experimental farm by March 1. Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. L. H. Davies left for Washington this afternoon. The Governor-General gave them credentials to Sir Julian Pauncefote. Their mission is not likely to be fruitless, but it is necessary on account of Mr. Charlton's untimely visit. The Atlantic steamship companies want the government to pay half the cost of fitting up their steamers with gold storage appliances.

The executive of the Dominion Railway Employees of the Dominion interviewed Hon. Mr. Laurier to-day and suggested the appointment of a commission to investigate certain charges of political partisanship against employees of the Intercolonial railway. The president promised to discuss matters with the Hon. Mr. Laurier.

Major Dinghams has received an appeal for assistance for the sufferers in Montserrat by the recent floods. It is reported that Mr. Fitzpatrick's Bill to amend the National Council of Women for the establishment of a Victoria order of helpers, received the following particular sanction from the Hon. Mr. Laurier, Feb. 3. In reply to your telegram the Queen has refrained from expressing approval of any particular scheme for commemorating the diamond jubilee, though of course any project for the relief of the suffering stock of Canada will be assured of Her Majesty's sympathy.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—A statement of the amount of the Indian relief fund, of which Mr. Courtney, deputy minister of finance is treasurer, was issued to-day. The total amount of subscriptions is \$25,000, without including several local funds.

The Ottawa retail merchants will ask the government to amend the law to permit garnishing of the salaries of civil servants. A public meeting of citizens has been called for Tuesday to devise means for celebrating the Queen's diamond jubilee. Little Bear, the Cree Indian, was that will keep the police busy for some time to prove or disprove. The young woman said she was the daughter of James P. Dixon and had arrived here three months ago from Australia, leaving her father there. She has not heard from him since, and alarmed by the stories of the crimes perpetrated by Butler, she called at the police station to make inquiry. This immediately set the officers to work, and startling evidence was produced. Several shirts marked James P. Dixon were found among his effects, and the police and the young woman believe that the shirts belong to the latter's father, who has met death at Butler's hands. The young woman thinks she has some shirts in her possession bearing her father's mark, and will compare them with the shirts found in Butler's possession.

CANADA AND THE VATICAN. LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail claims to have authority for announcing that the position of the Pope in the matter of the Manitoba Catholic schools and in the political questions in Canada growing out of their future, is not that of an arbitrator or counsellor. The correspondent adds: "I believe that the Canadian delegation which visited Rome desired to persuade the head of the Catholic church and influence him for the purpose of preventing the entire compromise by reason of their obduracy." In conclusion the correspondent of the Daily Mail announces that all rumors relative to the establishment of an apostolic delegation in Canada are groundless.

CROW'S NEST PASS RAILWAY.

Highest of all in Leavening Power—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

TORONTO, Feb. 4.—The Telegram this afternoon says: "While no official announcement has been made it is certain that the Crow's Nest railway will not be built by the Canadian Pacific Railway company. Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways in the Laurier cabinet, has been looking into the Crow's Nest question and has come to the conclusion that the government had better build the line. The object of Mr. Blair is to secure for Canadians the benefit of a competing line to the Pacific Coast, and it is felt to be the West that this initial step should be made. At first, for a few years, perhaps, the Crow's Nest railway, built by the government, will benefit only the district which it is built to benefit, but after the arrival of the expected prosperity that Canada is to have, it is to be extended to Lethbridge and then connect with James Bay. This Canada will have the benefit of a competing route to the Pacific Slope, for it is understood that the minister is of the opinion that much good will be done by allowing the Grand Trunk to secure running privileges over the line.

"Although it seems a roundabout way to reach the Pacific coast, a glance at the map shows that via the Grand Trunk, James Bay, Lethbridge and the Pacific route freight would not be more than twenty-four hours longer than through the Canadian Pacific. The equality of time with the Canadian Pacific service, Mr. Blair has another idea, and one that will be carried out, is to terminate now in Lewis, is to be given running privileges on the Grand Trunk as far as Montreal. Hereafter, Mr. Blair proposes to go against the Canadian Pacific.

THE MULTI-MURDERER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Butler, the Australian murderer, yesterday divulged the nature of his defense. He professed to be anxious to return to one of Australia, although his attorneys are pushing every legal obstacle in the way of extradition. He says he can easily show that in the prospecting camp with himself and Weller was a third man, whom Butler charged with the murder of the murderer. He says none of the murdered men were killed by him or by his partner, the accused partner, to give the name of the murderer. The multi-murderer maintains his attitude of cynical indifference, retorting that his arrest is all "tomorrow's" and his appearance he is not unlike Holmes and has also something like the expression of every legal obstacle in the way of extradition. He says he can easily show that in the prospecting camp with himself and Weller was a third man, whom Butler charged with the murder of the murderer. He says none of the murdered men were killed by him or by his partner, the accused partner, to give the name of the murderer.

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BRITISH SOLDIERS.

Important Increases Proposed in the Army—Ambassadors Report on the Eastern Question.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary for war, replying in the House of Lords to-day to Viscount De Vesseil announced that the government proposed to increase the army by 2,385 men to be composed of an additional battalion each for the Scots Guards, Coldstream Guards, Cameron Highlanders, Malta militia and West Indian troops, and 3,600 men for the Garrison artillery. Another field battery, making the full complement of 45 batteries for three army corps, will also be raised. Three battalions of the guards, to be added, will henceforth be stationed abroad.

At the election just held in the South-west Essex or Walthamow division for a member of parliament to succeed Mr. E. W. Byrne, G.O. Conservative, resigned, Mr. Woods, Radical and Labor candidate, was elected over Mr. Dewar, Conservative, 6,238. This division has been regarded as a Conservative stronghold for the past decade. The ambassadors of the Powers have concluded their deliberations on the Constantinople Convention, and will submit their recommendations to their respective governments to-morrow. A special dispatch from Bangkok says that serious complications have arisen between the Siamese government and the United States and German ministers. The dispatches add that the U.S. minister, Detroit, expressed his opinion that the U.S. gunboat McKean, which is now in those waters, to support the U.S. resident minister and Consul General Mr. John B. Morgan, in protesting American interests in the dispute arising from the arrest made upon Mr. Edward Barrett by some Siamese police officers, and that the U.S. minister is wounded him. The German minister is said to regard as unsatisfactory the public apology for the unprovoked assault made upon him before he was rescued by an American, Mr. Mitchell. An Austrian cruiser has arrived at Bangkok expressly in connection with the murder of an American, Mr. Mitchell. The French, British and German gunboats are expected there immediately.

The French chamber of deputies to-day adopted the sugar bill for a vote arising from the discussion of M. Bois-serand's demand that only refiners employed 70 percent of Frenchmen should receive bounties. M. Meunier, the minister, in opposing the amendment, condemned criticism reproaching the Socialists with "paralyzing the work of dire destruction." The Premier was repeatedly and violently interrupted by the Socialists deputies, but the amendment was finally rejected by a vote of 191 to 156.

DEFEATS OF INSURGENTS.

HAVANA, Feb. 4.—Advice received here from Villa Clara, capital of the province of Santa Clara, to-day says that Captain-General Weyler on his arrival yesterday was received by the authorities and crowds of people. The city was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and the Captain-General was present later at a review of the army. The soldiers acclaimed him with enthusiasm and it is stated that the Spanish commander's presence at Villa Clara raised the public spirit considerably. Since the captain-general entered the province of Santa Clara it is a column of those engagements increased. One band of the enemy approached near enough to the column at Rio Sagua to fire into the captain-general's camp, but the insurgents were dispersed by a squadron of the Paria regiment.

General Gasso, in command of an advanced guard, dispersed another group of insurgents at Guamao Miraco, near the River Sagua. The troops composing the garrison of Tanama, province of Santiago de Cuba, have been engaged with the insurgents at Dolorita. They captured an insurgent camp and continuing the pursuit, engaged the enemy several times. The government forces had five men killed and 21 wounded. Later, the same forces, acting with the gunboat Pisona, at Braderas, where the column was reinforced by a detachment of marines, landed for the purpose, completely dispersed the insurgents in that vicinity. The enemy lost over sixty men. On the government side a lieutenant of marines and two soldiers were wounded, in addition to one man killed.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to St. James' Gazette from Madrid published this afternoon says that the outline of a bad impression being regarded as yielding too much to Cuba.

LOSER TRADE RELATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The two members of the Canadian government, Sir...

BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

Important Statements Made in the House of Commons—An Absurd Position.

Sir W. Vernon Harcourt's Interpretation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Remarks.

NOT LEE WELLES.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—That murderer Butler, alias Richard Ashe, has...

EXPLORER NANSEN.

London, Feb. 3.—Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, accompanied by Mrs. Nansen...

MIDWAY.

From the Midway Advance. Even men are at work in Central...

VERNON.

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ROSSLAND.

L. Parker has returned from Wild creek. On the Parker group,...

GERMANY AND RUSSIA.

Those "Revelations" Schools in England.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The ceremony of fixing the ribbon sent by the Czar to the...

THE U. S. TARIFF.

BUFFALO, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Commercial from Washington this afternoon...

OFFERS FOR THE LE ROI MINE.

ROSELAND, Feb. 5.—(Special)—At a meeting of Le Roi Co., held at Spokane...

STARVATION IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 4.—(Special)—Great distress continues in the Fortine...

VETERANS OF THE WAR REPAID IN SUFFERING AND DISTRESS.

For Over Twenty Years Mr. John Sherman Sought Release From the Tortures of Insanitary Reimbursement.

LIBERATED FROM PRISON.

HAVANA, Feb. 5.—U.S. Consul-General Lee this morning visited the women's...

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Prince of Wales has investigated the publication of a...

HEALTH OF THE POPE.

Venezuelan Boundary Treaty Condemned—Weyler Alarmed by Movements of Insurgents.

PROGRESS OF THE PLAGUE—PORTUGUESE MINISTRY RESIGNS—THE RUSSIAN ROULETTE.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Peter Grant Collector of Customs at Westminster—Tupper Sails for Canada.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—The appointment of Peter Grant as collector at Westminster...

ARRIVED JUST IN TIME.

Gallant Officers of the R. M. S. Orient Risk Their Lives to Save Others From Starvation.

THE W. C. T. U.

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The Last Session of Parliament in the Building So Long the Home of Legislation.

How Government by the People Has Grown and Developed in British Columbia.

The Coming Session to Produce Many Private Bills Foreshadowing New Railways.

To-morrow will be the last time that a session of the provincial legislature will be opened in the old building which, since 1866, has served the purpose of a house of assembly. Probably before the session is reached this year the lawmakers of the province will leave their old quarters and take possession of the splendid stone edifice that towers majestically above the modest little structure in which hitherto they have conducted their deliberations.

In 1849 the Hudson's Bay Co. were granted by the imperial parliament, Vancouver Island for a yearly rental of seven shillings, on the condition, among others, that they should dispose of land to settlers at reasonable prices, the Crown reserving the right to purchase the land after a term of years. In 1851 Governor Blanchard, who under the arrangement had been appointed to assist him in his duties as Governor and council with unknown powers, or at all events under a very general authority, was the first to exercise the power of a legislature in the sale of land to settlers.

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Some of the old buildings with their memories of old days will be swept away to make room for the march of improvement, and a suggestion has been made by Hon. J. S. Helmecken that before the buildings are torn down small models of them should be made for

memorial to other quarters in the building then used as a jail and courthouse on the site of the present courthouse, and then came the gold excitement and the building of a little Hudson Bay post Victoria became a city. The House remained in session about three years and then dissolved after passing the necessary franchise bill and providing for a new election.

The necessity for proper public offices and a meeting place for the legislature had now grown so apparent that on May 8, 1859, Governor Douglas in a message to the assembly said:

"I propose to concentrate the public offices on that spot (the present grounds at James Bay) after a plan to be laid out on the same principle for health, convenience and ornamentation."

The Governor's idea in placing the public buildings across the Bay was to surround them as far as possible from the body of the town in case of fire. The buildings were erected, the late H. Tidemann being the architect. They were to include, in addition to the vicinal museum, a legislative hall and the government offices. The architecture of the buildings was to be in accordance with the style of the old buildings of the Hudson's Bay Co. and the late H. Tidemann being the architect. They were to include, in addition to the vicinal museum, a legislative hall and the government offices.

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In another article the same writer refers to the buildings as scattered over a space like a number of goose pens, and Birdseye Walk is said to have derived its name from that designation and not from the Birdseye Walk in London.

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provision in the present programme. The idea is a good one and should be carried out.

THE COMING SESSION. It will be opened by Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney to-morrow.

The third session of the seventh parliament of British Columbia opens to-morrow at 8 o'clock, and in view of the extraordinary development and the province much attention during the session will undoubtedly be directed to the bills from the number of private bills already in the house will be required to deal with numerous applications for incorporation of new railways, for the establishment of electric light plants and tramways, for water works, and for the incorporation of several towns. A deputation of the number of private bills already in the house will be required to deal with numerous applications for incorporation of new railways, for the establishment of electric light plants and tramways, for water works, and for the incorporation of several towns.

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HEARD IN THE HOTELS.

Dr. Montisambert Here to Inspect the William Head Quarantine-Fairview Mines.

Rosland's Incorporation Will Be Expedited-Now Incorporations for the Slooan.

Two mining men who are registered at the New England are Dr. M. Hunter, of Sandon, and W. L. Callanand, of New Denver. Mr. Hunter, who is in connection with the incorporation of the Heather Bell Mining and Milling Co. and the Sandette Mining Co. in which he is interested. The Heatherbell property is situated between Sandon and Three Forks, on the south fork of Carpenter creek, in the rich Carpenter basin, and is surrounded by the Queen Bees, Monitor, Wonderful and other leading mines of the district. It is a silver-lead property, and lies between the dry and wet ore belts. The Sandette is a gold mine near the famous "Heart of Russia," and two special attractions of the mine will be a piano and a violin.

Speaking generally of the Slooan country, Mr. Hunter remarked last night that there are many representatives of Eastern Canadian, American and American capitalists on the lookout for properties, and winter has not stopped the constant buying and bonding of Slooan. There are also some good properties on London Hill, Seton Creek, under negotiation. Properties on Tenby, Spangier and Lemon creeks are being looked for, and a very valuable gold prospect in the vicinity of the North Fork of the Columbia is being investigated by a mining company, with the intention of opening up claims on the head, which lies between the Columbia and Kootenay rivers, and a second company seek to supply water and electricity to Greenwood City, Anacosta, and the West Kootenay power and Light Co. who ask to use the water of Sheep creek for tramway and light purposes, and the Kootenay Power & Light Co. who desire to utilize the Columbia and Kootenay rivers waterpower for electric purposes.

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railroad, the city's beautiful buildings and other matter of interest. The lecture was interspersed with songs by Miss Jameson and Mr. E. H. Russell. This afternoon Dr. De Kannel will give his second lecture on "Heart of Russia," and two special attractions of the lecture will be a piano and a violin.

EACH WITH A HAPPY BRIDE.

Saturday morning at 10 the Northern Pacific steamship Victoria will vacate her berth at the outer wharf, occupied since 6 o'clock last evening, and will speed away on her course to the Orient. Two happy and newly married couples will be on board, one of the persons of Captain John Patton, who for the first time in many months is in charge of the ship, and the other is Chew Wing. This latter personage has more ambitions than most men of his country; the European dress or haircut is not his fashion, but the American plan of coiffure is ideal and he takes home with him as his wife a young English lady whom he married in Victoria some short time ago.

Among the other outward passengers of the Victoria are H. C. Ramsay, E. F. Williams, R. T. Moody, A. C. Quimby and Adam Marty, of Toronto, missionaries, who are going to Japan; R. Smith and A. B. Glick, of Tacoma, who are going to Shanghai; Miss S. Clavin and Miss Alice Godall Smith, of San Francisco; Geo. Wilson and daughter, Mrs. A. D. Ross, of North Yakima, and A. Ellis and T. J. Hall, of Tacoma. The freight loaded at Victoria consists chiefly of lumber destined for Shanghai, and included in the cargo from Tacoma is a large consignment of salted and smoked meats from the Pacific Meat Company.

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I MAKE MAN.

After having touched the lowest point on record—16s. 3d. to Cork, for orders, with the usual options—grain freights have recovered somewhat, to quote Rithet's report, and owing to the steady shrinkage in spot tonnage, caused mainly by an unusual number of vessels being chartered for lumber to Europe and to load at neighboring ports, the market shows a better tone than for some time past. There is still a limited inquiry from South Africa, and although the Australian demand has ceased for the present there is a prospect of shipments being resumed later on. Lumber freights have suffered as usual from the overplus of unemployed grain carriers, still rates are well maintained and for some quarters suitable vessels are quite scarce. The demand for British Columbia lumber is a steadily increasing one.

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LAST SEALERS TO SAIL.

Of the big fleet of sealing vessels now in port only three may weigh anchor before preparations for the Behring sea work begins. These are the Penelope, Beatrice and Maud S. The two former cleared yesterday, and the latter, it is thought, will clear in a very few days. They will all carry Indian crews, but in hunting for them will go farther up the coast than where the Penelope is engaged in getting them. The Penelope is commanded by Captain Macaulay, and the Beatrice by Captain Haeuler.

THE CITY.

ASPECTS dispatch from Nelson announces that a big strike has taken place in the Hall mine. The matter is being kept very quiet, and no particulars are to be learned.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Thomas Lawrie took place yesterday morning from the family residence, on Esplanade road. The impressive burial service of the Church of England was read at the house and at Ross Bay cemetery.

The Great Northern has made a rate on copper ore from Victoria to St. Louis of \$10 per ton, and from Liverpool, B.C., New Westminster and Vancouver to St. Louis of \$15 per ton. This rate takes effect February 10, and does not cover the marine risk while in transit.

The city authorities have ascertained that no proceedings would result against Wong Sing, the Chinaman who treated a little white boy so freely to liquor during the progress of the New Year's festival that the white child was taken to the police. The law would have been applied had the liquor been sold, but in the uncommon premises the machinery was defective.

During the past week there have been registered in Victoria under the Imperial act the following newly incorporated companies: Dominion Mines, Ltd., of Vancouver, with a capital of \$20,000; Minnie-baha Gold Mining and Milling Company of British Columbia, Ltd., of Rosland, \$1,000,000; Rosland Columbia Gold Mining Company, of Rosland, \$1,000,000.

The remains of Mrs. Sarah McDonald, wife of Victoria West and relict of David G. McDonald, of this city, were brought here from Seattle by the Rosalie yesterday, and will be interred at Ross Bay cemetery this afternoon. The late Mrs. McDonald leaves five daughters and one son, all of whom are residents of this province with the exception of Mrs. Geary, of Seattle, with whom the deceased was residing at the time of her death.

Mr. J. A. LAWRENCE will throw open the doors of his cafe and confectionery shop to-morrow morning. It only requires a casual glance to understand that in this establishment Victoria possesses a restaurant which is a credit to the city. Many who have seen the elaborate fittings provided by Mr. Lawrence have expressed the opinion that they are "too good for such a small place," but the proprietor has an abiding faith in this city and does not think that "anything is too good" for our citizens. Any business man who desires to have the enterprise which Mr. Lawrence certainly does is entitled to all the support that can be given him.

AFTER a trial lasting twelve days the case of Macdonald v. the Trustees of Pandora street Methodist church closed last night. The jury were out merely six hours considering a list of twenty-four questions submitted to them, and just before midnight brought in a verdict. They found on the questions submitted that there was \$1,100 due to plaintiff on his claim for balance of defendants on their counter claim for damages for delay in completing the contract. Motion for judgment will probably be made to-morrow. Mr. A. E. McPhillips and Mr. J. F. Wallis, for plaintiffs; Mr. Thornton Fell and Mr. H. G. Hall, for defendants.

MONTEAL, Feb. 5.—First day of the world's skating races was very successful. The results of the metres international amateur ship were: Ness, Norway 4:45; McCulloch, Winn. 5:15; Bavia, S.

MONTEAL, Feb. 6.—People witnessed the charming races to-day. J. K. Winnipeg, was the strong his two wins made the p over him. He is now champion speed skater of the first Canadian honor. Nilsson, of Minn. the professional champion Europeans get only one hundred metres, won by To-day's events follow: Fifteen hundred metres: Winnipeg; Ness, Norway 2:40-45. In the preliminary he the same time, McCulloch, Winnipeg; the Segler's performance was slower. Professional half-mile: 1:17-5 (a new record); second in 1:20-35. Professional five miles: 1:4-57 (another new record). Owing to a mistake Colloch's record at the metres made on Friday down, but the race stand.

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ARREARS ON LAND SALES. In the last issue of the Inland Sentinel, published at Kamloops, there is a letter from a settler making a bitter personal attack on the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

the same Act amendments were made to the existing law in regard to the terms on which land could be sold, with a view of requiring purchasers to observe, at least to some extent, constant conditions as they would be compelled to do were they made with private companies or individuals.

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FARMERS AND THE HOME MARKET.

The suggestion made by the Colonist a few days ago in regard to farmers and the local market touched on the question of co-operation.

Look at the fine market hall, which at the present time is a white elephant to our city authorities, its income barely paying for the man to attend to it.

THE RAILROAD SITUATION. Everything indicates that the activity of three great transcontinental lines to secure a foothold in the Kootenays has reached a point that definite action may be expected any day.

BY WAY OF VARIETY. Mrs. Crinsonbeak (as her husband comes in late at night) "What does the clock say, John?" Mr. Crinsonbeak (with difficulty) "Nothing, madam, nothing. It's just gone enough to say nothing." Yonkers Statesman.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF EVERY WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA

Advertisement for Castoria medicine, featuring a bottle image and text: '900 DROPS CASTORIA. A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomach and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN.'

JUST OPENED. The Meakin Hotel, AT TRAIL, B. C.

Advertisement for The Meakin Hotel, owned by Mrs. M. A. Meakin, Prop. Located at Trail, B.C. Features the best appointed in the Kootenay Country.

LEA AND PERRINS' ORIGINAL WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE.

Advertisement for Lea and Perrins' Worcestershire Sauce, featuring a signature and text: 'OBSERVE THAT THE SIGNATURE OF Lea & Perrins IS NOW PRINTED IN BLUE INK DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE OUTSIDE WRAPPER of every Bottle of the ORIGINAL WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE.'

B. C. IRON WORKS CO., LTD.

Advertisement for B.C. Iron Works Co., Ltd. featuring an image of a factory and text: 'Mining Machinery a Specialty. The construction of the Crow's Nest Pass road, not only because that extension will open up an only partially developed but rich mining district, but because the great coal fields there will furnish an enormous volume of traffic.'

THE TARIFF

Winnipeg, Feb. 7. Messrs. Fielding and sitting of the tariff morning. Various of upon them and urge fruit, gasoline, dairymilk articles used Northwest delegating market could be seen Columbia, on account rates, and all urged a Thompson, manager of the firm, urged that and wheat be main mission concludes tomorrow.

Paris, Feb. 8. - A statement from the references of Beach to France and domestic gallery of those who listened M. de L'Onclie on the Edward J. Monson, editor. The minister for Hanataux, replying to engage in two parliament of regrettable mis the utterances of Beach did not tend to pending international Great Britain had a tion of defending the Cause of the Egypt and the Egyptian people of the Anglo-Dongola) before Alexandria. Why the deplorably discreditable which, Mr. Hanotaux proved by all Europe. The Sudan expected the future of and France as Egyptian had the right of the question be many times necessary in expeditions and it was the ruin of the Sudan and Al compelled Egyptian French government it was its duty to w was embarking in a most weighty task to the Egyptian people was convinced, in vi situation existing in that moment, that they that nothing should the co-ner of the position he felt it incumbent upon him to declare that as a result had been changed of view point, nor was the resolute attitude matters. The subject