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MUCH PROFIT

here, but reversed himself and offered \$12,500 cash bail today in order to escape spending Christmas in the jail. The federal authorities refused this amount, with the statement that Adams had fürfeited \$3,000 beil affer his arraignment for a gold brick swindle in Texas in 1900. Accordingly he will spend the Yuletide in prison.

Murder of Col. Karpoff. Nicaraguan Dictator Obliged
to Leave Comfortable
Situation

Murder of Col. Karpoff.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—Official investigation has determined that Colonel Karpoff, whier of the secret police, who was assassinated yesterday, was the victim of a revolutionist who had been employed as a government spy. The theory that Karpoff was preparing bombs when killed was completely disproved.

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DEAD IN MINE

Searchers Recover Bodies of Six Men Who Were Killed Through Careles Use of Open Lamps.

Source of the bodies of the Street was season from Herrin, Ill., tell of the recovery early today of the bodies of the Street whose open lamps caused a gas exhibited in the collection whose open lamps caused a gas exhibited in the collection whose open lamps are those of W. T. Pierce, his two help-cre, find Him Unfit For Membership

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FIFTIETH YEAR

FOR INCREASED

G. H. Barnard, M.P. for Victoria Striving For Increased Expenditure

COMPARES AMOUNTS EAST AND WEST

Votes for Victoria and Vancouver Meagre Compared With Eastern Harbors

G. H. Barnard, M. P. for Victoria, who has returned from Ottawa for the holidays is making a fight for further expenditure by the Dominion in harbor improvement, which is needed for the port of Victoria. In a recent speech in the House of Commons in this regard, he called attention to the meagre amounts spent in British Columbia for this purpose in comparison with the expenditure in Eastern Canada.

with the expenditure in Eastern Canada.

He said: "Last session I gave to the House some figures as to the general expenditure by the government on Introduced in the expenditure of the House some figures as to the general expenditure by the government on Introduced in the expenditure on harbors on the Pacific Coast. In those figures I find that in the period from 1898 to 1909 there have been expended on seastern harbors \$7,396,446, while during the same period there have been expended on the west coast of the Dominion only \$256,178. I find from these same figures that the city of Halifax, up to the year 1908 had expended on the harbor the sum of \$1,695,732, and that the city of St. John had expended on its harbor \$988.442. In the year 1909 St. John harbor received a further appropriation of \$475, 2000, and in the estimates for 1909-10 there is a sum, made up of three items, amounting to \$538,500 for that harbor; so that at the end of the year '1910 there will have been expended on the St. John harbor the sum of \$1,999,142. In the estimates for the present year I find that the province of New Bruns-wick is to receive, in addition to the \$538,500 for the harbor of St. John, a sum of \$375,550 for harbor and river improvements generally. I find also that there is provided for the two provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick a sum of \$750,000 for dredging, and assuming that one half of that will be spent in each province the total amount appropriated for the present year for this service amounts to \$1,241,850. esent year for this service amounts \$1,241,850.

For Holiday

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\$1,076,900 for the province of Nova Scotia. But, when we come to the province of British Columbia, we find a very different condition of things; we find that the harbor of Victoria is receiving \$65,000; that the harbor of Vancouver is receiving \$90,000; that the province of British Columbia generally is receiving for dredging \$225,000; that there is a general appropriation for harbors and rivers of \$139,850, making \$413,650 in all for the province of British Columbia. That is to say, that the province of British Columbia is to receive on account of these expenditures a sum amounting to a liftle less than twenty per cent of the appropriations for the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In trying to find out a reason for this, which appears to me unjust discrimination. I have examined the tonnage tables, and I find that the tonnage of sea-going vessels entered and cleared in 1909 is as follows:

Tonnage of Sea-Going Vessels Entered

Tonnage of Sea-Going Vessels Entere and Cleared, 1909.

"This shows that the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia combined have only 30,000 more tons than the province of British Columbia, and that the British Columbia tonnage is that the British Columbia tonnage is more than three times that of New Brunswick. But, notwithstanding that fact, the province of British Columbia receives for its harbors only forty per cent of the amount that is to be expended by the government in the province of New Brunswick. I have also taken the figures relating to the vessels engaged in the coasting trade, and I find the following result:

Tonnage of Vessels in the Coasting

Tonnage of Vessels in the Coasting ... Trade. 4,136,656 1,727,930 8,820,616

"Now, it occurred to me that pos "Now, it occurred to me that possibly this was a new condition of affairs, and, therefore, I thought it would be advisable to take the tonnage of ten years ago and to compare it with the tonnage of today, and see which province was increasing the most, and the proportion of increase. This gave me the following results:

Tonnage, Sea-Going Vessels. New Brunswick, 1899. -or an increase of 40 per cent

Now, in these same estimates I find a general appropriation for the province of Nova Scotia of \$649,900, and adding to that hak of the dredging vote (\$327,500) there will be a total of British Columbia, 1882.

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or an increase of 75 per cent.

"I find that the increase of tonnage for the province of British Columbia in that period is 2,780,877 tons, and it is not only greater than the increase of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick combined by some 500,000 tons, but the increase of tonnage for the province of British Columbia is greater than the whole of the present tonnage of the province of New Brunswick. Now, in case it should be said that the figures with regard to tonnage are not a fair criterion of the amount of business that is being done at the ports of these provinces, I have taken the figures relating to the revenue received by the Dominion from imports and exports

f	following is the result: Year 1908-9.	
d	New Brunswick, exports imports	\$27,214,741 9,508,306
	Total	\$36,723,047
6 9 5	Nova Scotia exports imports	\$17,363,405 13,257,960
ľ	Total	\$30,621,365
1 1 5	British Columbia exports imports	\$22,240,699 20,898,381
v t	Total	\$43,149,070

"That is to say, the imports and exports of the province of British Columbia are six and a half million dollars more than those of the provinc of New Brunswick, and twelve and a of the province of Nova Scotia.
"Then, with regard to the duties paid by these different provinces, if the following result:

Duties Paid, 1908-9. New Brunswick \$2,169,694

"That is to say, British Columbia paid three quarters of a million dollars more than both the other provinces combined, more than twice the amount that was paid by the province of New Brunswick, and nearly three the amount that was paid by times the amount that was paid by Nova Scotia.

"In regard to the excise revenue, find that the following amounts wer paid in 1908-9:

"That is to say, in excise duties the province of British Columbia pays \$244,230 more than both the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia as New Brunswick, and more

Money orders issued... \$2,306,280 Money orders paid \$1,792,153 Money orders issued . 3.863.258 Money orders paid . 32,963,677 British Columbia: Net posts!

have noticed in the daily press that the Tehuantepec railway is double-fracking its line because of the great amount of traffic crossing the Pacific ocean; and we have the movement in the province of Alberta to ship wheat through our ports on the Pacific coast. Only the other day I saw the statement in the press that one of the ministers representing the government of Alberta had a consultation with the government of British Columbia with a view of establishing in Vancouver elevators, to be owned jointly by the two governments, for the shipment of wheat. In the near future the trade of the Pacific is going to more than equal that of the Atlantic ocean. We see annually in the estimates a very large sum, I think this year it is \$675,000, for the purpose of ice-breaking states. large sum, I think this year it is \$675, 1000, for the purpose of ice-breaking in the St. Lawrence river. Any money that is spent in British Columbia is not going to be spent without preducing a return, such as that for ice-breaking, because our ports are open the year round, and for any money spent this government will have a good asset. I can only attribute the attitude with regard to these expenditures to the fact that I suppose no one minister has time to read the bluebooks issued by the department of another minister, otherwise they could not justify for one moment the contrasts to which I have drawn their attention. In conclusion, I trust that the government will take this matter into consideration, and see fit to make some further appropriations for pub-

"LITTLE TIM" BURIED Funeral of Noted New York Politician Attended by Thousands of Friends and Followers.

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JEFFRIES TELLS OF LOST LIFE UNDER

Gave Boilermaker Toughest Fight of His Career

To my mind the best fight I ever made was against Bob Fitzsimmons on June 9, 1899, when I knocked him out in eleven rounds at the Coney Island Athletic club and became champaign of the world.

When I faced Fitzsimmons, I believe
I was in the best condition I could possibly reach. For 30 days previous to
June 9 I did not drink a drop of water,
so anxious was I to take off weight.
When my throat became parched I
simply gargled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The funeral of "Little Tim" Sullivan attracted a large crowd to his home and was attended by many notables in every walk of life.

The Bowery and the east side were particularly affected by the death of "Little Tim" Of his followers he had more than 1,000 men on the city payrolls, and he and his cousin, "Big Tim" Sullivan were known as the most liberal dispensers of charity to the poor of the Bowery district.

A feature of the funeral was the stop made by the cortege after leaving the house and the church, at the clubrooms of the T. D. Sullivan Asso-ciation on the Bowery, which was "Little Tim"s headquarters, and where the many thousands uncovered their heads while the band played a dirge. "Little Tim" is said to have left a fortune of about \$1,000,000 in his own name, besides \$500,000 which he had previously divided between his wife and sisters.

Simmons hit me hard and often, and he could hit as hard as any man in the ring at that time.

I outgeneralled Fitzsimmons in this strong hold has always been countering; but as I kept after him continually, he had to lead or back away, and when thus forced, he was non-plussed. I knocked Fitzsimmons down in the strong hold has always been countering; but as I kept after him continually, he had to lead or back away, and when thus forced, he was non-plussed. I knocked Fitzsimmons down in the strong hold has always been countering; but as I kept after him continually, he had to lead or back away, and when thus forced, he was non-plussed. I knocked Fitzsimmons down in the strong hold has always been countering; but as I kept after him continually, he had to lead or back away, and when thus forced, he was non-plussed. I knocked Fitzsimmons down in the strong hold has always been countering; but as I kept after him continually, he had to lead or back away, and when thus forced, he was non-plussed. I knocked Fitzsimmons can be true had to lead this strong hold has always been countering; but as I kept after him continually, he had to lead or back away, and

continue to hold thus until I again re-JAMES J. JEFFRIES.

WHEELS OF TRAIN

Lanky Man From Australia David Bennett Killed By Being Run Down By E. & N. Train at Koksilah

Island Athletic club and became champion of the world.

Previous to this fight I had met Bob Armstrong, the negro glant, in the East, and had been criticized because I did not knock him out in a hurry. When I trained for the battle with Fitzsimmons, I determined to go into the ring faster and better than I had ever been in my life, so I could do down to Ducages where it is now lying as to my life.

Hast, and had been criticized because I did not knock him out in a hurry. When I trained for the battle with Fitzsimmons, I determined to go into the ring faster and better than I had ever been in my life, so I could do myself justice. I had never been in perfect shape, as I had carried too much weight.

When I faced Fitzsimmons, I believe I was in the best condition I could possibly reach. For 30 days previous to June 9 I did not drink a drop of water, so anxious was I to take off weight.

June 9 I did not drink a drop of water, so anxious was I to take off weight. When my throat became parched I simply gargied.

The conditions under which I fought were discouraging. I felt that some of my backers did not think I could defeat the champion, and incidents of my training had been discouraging. As a matter of fact, however, I regarded my battle with Fitsimmons as one of the easiest of my career. At the end I was not even breathing deeply.

The impression has prevailed in the minds of some that my stomach was vulnerable, but if this was true, that blow Fitzsimons landed under my heart in the fourth round would have shown the weakness. It was a right hand blow, delivered with every ounce of strength Fitzsimmons possessed, but I can honestly say it did not bother

Only once during the fight did Fitz-simmons hurt me and that was when he split my eyelid. His body blows did not hurt a bit. I think, however, those who witnessed that fight realizations while J. E. Atkinson, managing directions of the Toronto Star. has been appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson, managing directions of the Toronto Star. has been appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson, managing directions of the Toronto Star. has been appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson, managing directions of the Toronto Star. has been appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson, managing directions of the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men while J. E. Atkinson appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men appointed to represent the company and W. T. J. Lee the men appointed to represent the company and W. T those who witnessed that fight realized I could take punishment, for Fitzed I could take punishment, for Fitzed Tronto Star, has been appointed chairman of the board of conciliation in the case of the Grand Trunk the ring at that time.

I outgeneralled Fitzsimmons in this battle by forcing him to lead. His vacations are involved.

strong hold has always been countering; but as I kept after him continually, he had to lead or back away, and when thus forced, he was non-plussed. I knocked Fitzsimmons down in the second round with a straight left to the mouth, and he actually looked surprised. He did his best work in the fifth round, and shot his bolt, for his heaviest blows failed to prove as effective as they had against other men. In the eighth round, after I had knocked him down. Fitzsimmons came up looking scared. He realized then, I think for the first time, that he was a beaten man. I knocked him out in the eleventh with a right hand swing to property, a few miles west of the city, for over \$1,000 an acre, totalling close to a quarter of a million dollars. He was otherwise very wealthy. He had been in failing health for some time.

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ARMY'S FATE IS UNKNOW

Tuesday, December 28, 1909.

Mystery in Connection V Zelayan Force Holding Greytown

MAY HAVE JOINED

President Madriz Held Resp sible for the Safety of

WASHINGTON, Dec. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23-Knox has sent formal notice dent Madriz of Nicaragua United States government im strictly accountable for of American citizens in the sections of that country.

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Managua.

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Labor Bodies Amalgama OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The ama

MARK TWAIN AFFLIC

REDDING, Conn., Dec. 2
Jean Clemens, daughter of
Clemens (Mark Twain), wa
drowned in a bathtub in Mr. (
home here today.

It is believed that Miss
suffered from an attack of
while in the bath, and was
while in a convulsion. She h
suffering from epilepsy for a
of years. Speaking of his da
death, Mr. Clemens said:

"My daughter, Jean Clemens
from this life suddenly this a
at 7:30 o'clock. All the last
her life she was an epileptic,
the last two years we conside

the last two years we conside practically well. Her maid ways with her when she went York on shopping excursions a things. She had a few conin the last two years and tho not violent.

"At 7:30 this morning a ma to her room to see why she come down to breakfast, and her in the bathtub drown means that she had a convuls could not get out. She had be ling a very active life. She sa greater part of her life lookit the farm which I bought for she did much of my secretary "Last night she and I chatt than usual in the library, told me of all her plans about keeping, for she was also my keeper. I said I thought I make another trip to Bern February and she said to put till March and she would go "But she is gone, poor chiwas all I had left except Cls "But she is gone, poor comes all I had left except Comerried Mr. Gabrilowitch lands just arrived in Europe."

On Her Way to Be Marri On Her Way to Be Marri
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mi
stance Gounet, who as maiding to Queen Helena of Italy,
panied her through the Messir
quake tour, arrived here late it
on the steamer Prinzess Ire
Genoa. She was met by a r
tative of the Italian embas
Washington and left today
west. She is on her way
Francisco to be married.

One German's View. BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Writing Kreutzer Reitung, Prof. 7 Schlemann, says that in the colonies very little attention colonies very little attention to the antagonism of Great and Germany. Never has the been more clearly demonstrat that Great Britain is a countring by herself and that the have grown into separate natitheir own interests. Canad was becoming felt more and nothere should be a Canadian decrease to represent Canada the world.

Farmer's Buy Auto DETROIT. Dec. 24.—J. C. Osskatchewan farmer, drop Detroit Sinday, and by the had finished his errand he had finished his errand he had thirty automobiles for his friends of the far northwes not an agent. He told his he was going east and they their orders, accompanied drafts. The deals were mo and aggregated nearly \$100, paid \$4,500 for his own maccars were all high grade, so lng in the \$4,000 and \$5,00 Bumper wheat crops in the west were the cause of so merity.

ARMY'S FATE

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President Madriz Held Responsible for the Safety of

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary knox has sent formal notice to President Madriz of Nicaragua that the United States government will hold him strictly accountable for the safety of American citizens in the western sections of that country.

The United States consul at Managua was directed to report what basis there was for apprehension for trouble on the part of American residents in that part of the country, and especially at Granada.

at Granada.

The State Department is in something of a quandary as to what has become of the small army, approximating a thousand men, belonging to the Nicaraguan forces, which at last accounts had possession of Greytown. This force was until recently commanded by Gen. Toledo, who lately was reported as having arrived at Managua.

Managua.

The report received yesterday from Capt. Shipley of the Des Moines at Bluefields, said the defeat and surrender of the Zelaya forces of Rama disposed of all the armed resistance to Estrada on the east coast. Whether the Greytown contingent previously had joined the Zelayan forces at Rama is in doubt. If not, it is assumed that another engagement at or near Greytown may be expected before Estrada's army takes up its march for Managua.

Labor Bodies Amalgamate

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—The Herald today says there is every likelihood of the Duke of Connaught, the King's brother, succeeding Earl Grey as governor-general of Canada next year. The Herald says the proposal has been received with favor, both in England and in Canada, and intimates that only the formal acquiescence of the authorities at Ottawa is wanting to make it an accomplished fact.

Toronto Mayoralty Candidates. TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Mayoralty candidates nominated today were: H. C. Hocken, journalist; G. R. Geary, barrister; W. A. Alexander, accountant; R. B. Noble, Thomas Davies, gentlemen, and J. M. Briggs, broker.

Calgary's Street Railway. CALGARY, Dec. 23.—Contracts for six new street cars were awarded by

STEAMER OWNER

VANCOUVER SEEKS CHARTER CHANGES

Sought at Approaching Session of the Legislature

By Taking Strychnine.

MIDLAND, Ont. Dec. 22.—Pearl McKinley, a well known young lady of
this town, committed suicide by taking strychnine. No reason is known
for her act.

Fourth Paper for Calgary.

CALGARY, Dec. 23.—A fourth daily
paper is promised for Calgary, and it
is expected that the first issue will appear on March 1st. Sums ranging from
335,000 to \$50,000 are mentioned as being subscribed for the purpose of installing plant, etc.

Boy Killed By Engine.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Attempting to
hop on the pilot of a freight train so
that he could get to the bush and cut
a Christmas tree, Perey Codgins, an
of Nicaragua that the
se government will hold
accountable for the safety
citizens in the western
set country.

Toronto Mayoralty Candidates.

So long as Vancouver city remains
under the special charter granted at
and for the city's incorporation, so
long will amendments to that muchprized and much-tinkered piece of spetial civic legislation continue to occupy a considerable portion of the
spatch of business.

No session would be complete without its crop of amendments, and its
small contingent of fatherly officials
assembled at the Capital to protect
the infants in their passage toward inclusion in the stature. The session
which already is appearing in the
Provincial Gazette.

Possibly the most important request
from a public standpoint and one which
will probably arouse considerable discussion in the private bills committee of the legislature is that covering
a request for a charter amendment "to

cussion in the private bills committee of the legislature is that covering a request for a charter amendment "to enable the city to construct its own telephone system."

Another matter covered by the notice affecting the telephone company as well as the B. C. Electric Railway Company and all other companies having wires strung or laid through the city streets asks the right of the city Company and all other companies having wires strung or laid through the city streets asks the right of the city "to appoint an inspector of all wires in the city." This request is taken along the lines of the verdict of a coroner's jury recently inquiring into, the death of Chas. Pearce near Glencoe Lodge in which it was recommended that to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents in the future all overhead wiring in the city should be inspected.

Abdition of Salary Limit.

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Genéral council powers are covered in the following clauses: To limit the city's liability for claims of compensation resulting from its exercise of its statutory powers; to define the position of the city with respect to claims for compensation by persons upon streets upon which no grade has been established arising by the exercise by the city of its statutory powers; providing for the alteration of the financial policy of the city through the issuance of inscribed stock and covering the right to alter existing debenture issues into this form of financial hability; to obviate the necessity of publishing the by-laws of the governing bodies of the city in the Gazette; to enable the city to exercise any of its powers by resolution of the council and to ratify all such powers herefore exercised; to define more partionlarly the qualification of license commissioners.

Juvenile Court.





A Word of Thanks

WORD of sincere thanks is due this day to all who have helped to make this Xmas season the most prosperous we have ever had. It has reached far beyond our greatest expectation, and it is with a feeling of the highest gratitude that we tender you one and all an earnest wish for a joyous Xmas day and prosperity for the New Year

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REMAINS HIDDEN

W. J. Blake Sees Rosate Future For Province.

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Fire at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.— Fire which broke out at noon in the premises in the Veico Publishing company, 211 Rupert street, gutted that building and adjoining premises of the Steel Mitchell company, photographic supplies. The loss will be \$25,000 and possibly more.

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visited him if he came to Brussels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Wm. L. Cook declared today that he believed that his brother, Dr. F. A. Cook, had met foul play abroad, and he feared that he had been murdered. "I had a letter from Dr. Cook early this week," said the brother, "in which he said he was hurrying to Copenhagen with his proefs of having found the North Pole. He should have reached Copenhagen before this, and as he had been threatened with violence I fear that his enemies have overtaken him."

NEW YORK, Die, 36—John A. Domper, who came here from New John Control and In the Bettian to the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of the antagonium of dreat Britain is a country during the early of the antagonium of the early during the early of the antagonium of the early during the early of the antagonium of the early during the early of the antagonium of the early during the early of the early during the early of the antagonium of the early during the early of the antagonium of the early during the early of the early during the ea

In addition to the \$150,000 paid by the baroness for the chateau it is estimated that over \$200,000 has since been expended in making alterations and an equal amount for furnishings and treasures of art.

BY AITA SIP

LAUDER AND STANDEN

Panama Canal Completion.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Congressman
James A. Tawney of Minnesota, after
reiterating that the Panama Canal
would be completed by January 1st.
1915, at a total cost of \$375,000,000.

Said the congressional committee on ansaid the congressional committee on appropriations would recommend an appropriation of \$35,000,000 for 1910 and 1911 and \$48,000,000 for the completion of the canal.

New Prison for Ontario

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—The Ontario
government has purchased five farms
government has purchased five farms
in close proximity to Guelph city, extending in all to 603 acres, for a new
central prison site. The farms purchased are: Walsh, 130 acres; Maystream of are: Walsh, 130 acres; Maystream of the price paid was \$42,500, or about
\$70 per acre. The legislature authorized the spending of \$60,000 on the
purchase, so the amount paid is well
within the appropriation. Work will
begin almost at once on the buildings. New Prison for Ontario

ter. On the other hand, W. H. Lever, M. P., gave half a dozen Wolverhampton radicals working at Port Sunlight a day's holiday and a motor trip to enable them to record their votes. "Carriages are insufficient; the modern elector requires to be patronized." The statement sounds strange along-



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can with good precedent urge upon

the Finance Minister that a more lib-

eral line shall be followed in respect

to our harbor. We are to receive this

year \$65,000. This is enough, we un-

not want to have to wait for a quar-

ter of a century for harbor improve-

ments that will be needed next year.

British Columbian ports, presented by

prise to those who gave them con-

sideration. Sometimes when we speak

shouting that the end of the world had

come. "I got up, took my bath" he

said, "and took my suit case and went

to the street, where I found things

a good deal mixed up." This story il-

lustrates what many people on this

Continent think of the Englishman.

The performances of these good folk

after Mafeking rather upset some of

a good deal to eradicate deep-rooted

views, and so the Western World re-

unemotional Briton.

lapsed into its previous notion of the

We will all have to admit that, as

the boy in the street says, "we have

another think coming" for the way in

conducted can hardly be described as unemotional. If that pugnacious

Welshman, Mr. Lloyd-George alone had

indulged in pyrotechnics, or even if

only Mr. Winston Churchill had shat-

tered the air with invective, we might

not be very much surprised; but peers

and commoners alike, every shade of

politics between and including My

Lord Duke and Comrade Blank of the

untra_Socialists is represented in the great talk-fest now in progress and it

is hard to say which has the better of the other, when it comes down to calling hard names or imputing un-

worthy motives. Compared with the

which the election campaign is being

The data in respect to the trade of

INTERESTING FIGURES. The figures given by Mr. G. H. Barnard, M.P., in his speech on the Budwill be completed. How many people are excluded from the usual physical
will there be in Alberta in five years get have a direct bearing upon a question of very great importance to the people of Victoria just at this particular time. We need harbor improvements here on an extensive scale, provements here on an extensive scale, and Mr. Barnard has shown conclusively that we can make out a very strong case for a large appropriation. While we invite special attention to his own way of stating the case, we think it advisable to summarize the points here. The verbatim report will be found elsewhere in today's issue. In ten years ending 1908 the sum of \$7,336,416 was expended on harbors in the eastern provinces, and only \$256. the eastern provinces, and only \$256.—
178 on a like service on the Pacific seaboar. We concede that there are more harbors in the East requiring attention and more people whose wants and wishes must be met; but the disproportion between the two sums is proportion between the two sums is proportion between the two sums is proportion way and Sweden the children are regularly examined and those needing to ame tumbling. Mr. J. J. Hill realizes this and he is preparing the Great Northern so as to reduce all grades to a minimum and make all curves as and general physical condition. Physical defects, experts assure us, are the real trouble in most cases which we proportion between the two sums is proportion between the two sums is freights must be reduced has led the inaccurately call stupidity, inattention unreasonable. Like Mr. Barnard, we Grand Trunk Pacific to seek to get indifference to study, sulleness, truancy was a constitute and and "general cussedness." What the do not raise any objection to the amount expended in the East, assuming it to have been well spent on works really in the public interest. Our objection, like his, is that we have not received enough in the West.

Mr. Barnard points out that, including the august of the Canadian Northern to do the same thing. With cheaper freight rates the trade of the Coast will be revolutionized, for we can expect with good cause to supply a large part of the merchandise used on the Prairies moval of adenoids, or the service of a denoid, or the service of a denoid. including the sum in the Estimates Thanks to the provision of the Cana-

gest that this was not money well of the Canadian Northern's transcon-

DEFENDING CANADA

derstand, to keep the present plant in ships but what can be done in that operation for a year. But our point is that this policy is niggardly. We do not want to have to wait for a quarnot want to have to wait for a quarwilling to admit that Canada is as full easier; and that the proverh that as of natural resources as she really is.
and they write to the papers about it applies to the human mind and body and try to take the conceit out of us. appnes to the numer and try to take the conceit out of us. This is all very well, we suppose; and as tastes and habits. Mr. Barnard, must have been a sur- sometimes it is a blessing in disguise. for it causes some one to spring to the defence of the country's fair name with the result that what was intendof the large tonnage of shipping reed to do an injury reacts into bene-fit. The following from the Lyttlethey are in part ships in transit to other points and in part the regular ton Times, of Christianchurch, N. Z.

sorting to ouir ports we are told that the are in parts ships in terseist to the present of the

HEALTH IN SCHOOLS

A great deal of attention is being our preconceived ideas; but it takes pupils is the result of ill-health. We of the Fraser River,

present election the wildest contest find a very excellent article on this we have ever had in this supposed subject in the St. John Sun, from which wild and woolly West looks like a we take the following extract:

Quaker's meeting. All of which seems to show that underneath the veneer of indifference the average Englishman hides a lot of passion, and that he loves to fight as dearly as his fellow is first and the rest almost powhere. loves to fight as dearly as his fellow subjects across the Irish Channel are alleged.

FIVE YEARS HENCE

In less than five years from today the Canadian Northern will be completed.: In less than five years the Grand Trunk Pacific will be finished. In about five years the Panama Canal will be completed. How many people are excluded from the usual physical physical condition up to the time of leaving. Parents are advised as to diet and other matters of home care. Children suffering from cardiac weakness, for example, are not permitted to join in violent games; teachers are urged to protect them from agitation, they are excluded from the usual physical.

We are quite in sympathy with the before the parliament, St. John has dian Northern contract, which secures Sun when it says that the cost of received \$1,999,142. We do not sug- service to Victoria as an integral part carrying out such a system is a second ary consideration. The good that must spent; we prefer to assume that it tinental service, our merchants will be result to the community at large will was, because it shows that Victoria able to enjoy a full share of the good far outweigh any expense that might dren is a new art. We are learning The reference herein is not to the the ground of physical condition that weaknesses or moral perversion. We easier; and that the proverb that as applies to the human mind and body quite as well as to such minor matters

> It looks as though we may have something like a navy after all. Whatever else comes out of the British political crisis, the House of Lords will never be quite the same again.

you have received. Madame, it shall have been twenty-five."—Life.

A great deal of attention is being given in many parts of the world to the medical inspection of school children. It has been ascertained that very much of what is thought to be dunness, and inattention on the part of willow creek, an auriferous affluent worlds is the result of ill-health. We

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pearance. From the famous Josep

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Not very many peo

selves today about the how the date correspo season of the year when least of all the children of us devote the day. what Christmas was, be, as the wise people tion of an ancient heath poses of the Christian felt it wise to engraft tices of heathendom, wh harmless, upon the new the occasion to the com birth of its Founder, th new converts altogether early fathers were not be exact in fixing the da things are proper enough other times, but not at do not make the least way or the other, but th excellent folk, who are unless they have every straight-edge and all t have no use for curves but just as Hogarth t curve was the emblem everybody knew it be in those things which we must make use of best results. In long of been taken out of thing very wavy line that w if we would trace Chri when there was born hem a Baby Boy, whos potent factor in the makes it all the more we trace it, we would course the sentiment o Highest, and on Earth Men." Even in the rug our rude, but virile an nut-brown ale, while th the hearth; or in later ers, with clanging of shi zy, hurled defiance at whom they sought to the Child of Bethlehem later, when monasticism tanism had robbed th outward evidences of Perhaps there were time love found the dark cl manity difficult to pe sun was there; ever it earthwards, and ever in a glow of its divine fir days, when the anther finds an echo in the brea Day is the season of Lo sure there is sorrow, st malice in the world; bu fly before the splendo rolling away. The divir ting more and more of years roll on, and we fidence to the glory of ciple for which Christm the world. Christmas Day is a of them are sad, but m

> ness, for when on this who have left us forev was good about the for our memory of ot of grief never fell into barren. Christmas Day men without hope;" religious faith may be, cular religious faith at in the atmosphere at touches and sanctifies are unconscious of its i ing nowadays many generation would have ings. We know that We may not try to na as well that we should they are active forces wireless telegraphy b that there is a that sways human mi that nothing dies; th energy is not confine and we are beginning of the human soul are as eternal as the forces ial world. So we ar that the sentiment tha of Christmas is havin upon mankind, and the it, is steadily growin improvement may not us would like it to be, lible rule whereby its 1 ated, namely, that each him or her lies to mought to be and to kee hearts until the next s There are some peo

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to whom Christmas They are not so nume but they are too num chiefly people who have once children much that they punishment for refusing to believe Claus. But the most mas, and you good s club today, and vote you light your cigar as let your memory go be the first grey hair sho long before you knew matters, to which you

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OUR THE ENTROP

CHRISTMAS.

Not very many people will trouble themselves today about the origin of Christmas or how the date corresponds with the probable season of the year when Jesus was born, and least of all the children to whose pleasure most of us devote the day. The great thing is not what Christmas was, but what it is. It may be, as the wise people tell us, only an adaptation of an ancient heathen holiday to the purposes of the Christian Church, whose leaders felt it wise to engraft some of the old practices of heathendom, which were in themselves harmless, upon the new religion, and devote the occasion to the commemoration of the birth of its Founder, than to antagonize their new converts altogether. It may be that these early fathers were not especially careful to be exact in fixing the date of the event. These things are proper enough for discussion at other times, but not at Christmas Day. They do not make the least bit of difference one way or the other, but there are a lot of superexcellent folk, who are never quite satisfied unless they have everything drawn with a straight-edge and all the angles exact. They have no use for curves in history or religion, but just as Hogarth told us that in art the curve was the emblem of beauty, although everybody knew it before he said so, so also in those things which make for our happiness we must make use of "curves" if we want the best results. In long centuries the angles have been taken out of things. Doubtless it is a very wavy line that we would have to follow, if we would trace Christmas back to the day, when there was born in the stable in Bethlehem a Baby Boy, whose influence is the most potent factor in the world today; but that makes it all the more beautiful, for wherever we trace it, we would find lying along its course the sentiment of "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, Good Will to Men." Even in the rugged days of old, when our rude, but virile ancestors drank deep of nut-brown ale, while the Yule log blazed upon the hearth; or in later days when the Crusaders, with clanging of shields and shouts of frenzy, hurled defiance at the Saracen foe, from whom they sought to rescue the place where the Child of Bethlehem was buried; even yet later, when monasticism and later still, Puritanism had robbed the day of many of its outward evidences of joy, it was the same. Perhaps there were times when the sunlight of love found the dark clouds hanging over-humanity difficult to penetrate; but ever the sun was there; ever its beams were directed earthwards, and ever in men's hearts there was a glow of its divine fire. And in these latter days, when the anthem of the Angel Choir finds an echo in the breasts of us all, Christmas Day is the season of Love Triumphant. To be sure there is sorrow, suffering, hate, envy, and malice in the world; but like the mists, which fly before the splendour of the dawn, they are rolling away. The divine sunshine is illuminating more and more of the dark places as the years roll on, and we look forward with confidence to the glory of midday, when the principle for which Christmas Day stands will rule

Christmas Day is a day of memories. Some of them are sad, but most of them are joyous. Even with the former there is a little brightness, for when on this day we rem who have left us forever, we recall only what was good about them. The world is better for our memory of our sorrows; if the rain of grief never fell into our lives they might be barren. Christmas Day bids us sorrow "not as men without hope;" for no matter what our religious faith may be, or if we have no particular religious faith at all, there is something in the atmosphere at this season, which touches and sanctifies everything, even if we are unconscious of its influence. We are learning nowadays many things that to a former generation would have seemed foolish imaginings. We know that there are occult forces. We may not try to name them, and it is just as well that we should not; but we know that they are active forces. We know there is a wireless telegraphy between human hearts; that there is a spiritual hypnotism that sways human minds. We have learned that nothing dies; that the conservation of energy is not confined to inanimate things; and we are beginning to realize that the forces of the human soul are as real, as efficient, and as eternal as the forces that control the material world. So we are justified in assuming that the sentiment that inspires the rejoicings of Christmas is having a permanent influence upon mankind, and that the world, because of it, is steadily growing better. Perhaps the improvement may not be as rapid as some of us would like it to be, but there is one infallible rule whereby its progress can be accelerated, namely, that each of us will do what in him or her lies to make Christmas what it ought to be and to keep its fires alight in our hearts until the next season comes round.

There are some people, one is sorry to say, to whom Christmas means but very little. They are not so numerous as they used to be; but they are too numerous yet. They are chiefly people who have forgotten that they once children. They miss so much that they provide their own punishment for their foolishness in punishment for refusing to believe in the spirit of Santa But the most of us believe in Christmas, and you good sir, who will sit in yourclub today, and vote the rest of us absurd, as you light your cigar and look into the fire, just et your memory go back to a day long before the first grey hair showed itself in your head, long before you knew anything about those matters, to which you look for your pleasures

nowadays, and recall a little fellow you used to know. Fine little chap he was. He did not know much, but he believed a great deal. He was only certain of a few things. One was that Father was much the greatest man in all the world; another was that angels must be something like Mother, only not quite so good another was that there was a good spirit called Santa Claus, whose performances were a thousand times more wonderful than all the marvels of modern science about which you read in the papers and magazines. You remember that little chap. You remember how he could hardly go to sleep on Christmas Eve, so full his heart was of what tomorrow would bring forth, and yet feared to stay awake lest he might see something that he ought not to. You remember with what tremors of the heart (tremors of joy of course), he went downstairs in the morning, to see what the glorious night had brought forth. You remember the little chap wanted to love everyone, and that for the time being the world was resonant with joy. That little chap was you; yes, sir! You, who now sit over the fire and watch the smoke as it curls from your cigar. Now, be honest with yourself, and confess if all you have done and got and learned since then make up for what you have lost because you have let the spirit of Christmas die out of your heart. But this is not all there is to say to you; for you will not have learned the lesson of memory aright if you do not feel within you a glow of something like that which made all the world seem bright in those far off times.

There is no need to say anything to parents and children who make of Christmas what ought to be. They know more about it than words can put on paper. They know that of all our institutions Christmas is the one that could be least spared, not only for what it is, but for what it implies. They know that in proportion as they enter into the spirit of the day, they become more like Him, whose nativity it commemorates. They will join with us in saying, Long live Christmas; may its hold upon the hearts of the people grow stronger and stronger until the time shall come when its message will be the greatest influence upon all our lives.

THE CHRISTIAN ERA.

The Christian Era was established in Italy sometime in the Sixth Century, by Dionysius the Little, a Roman Abbot. It did not come into general use in Christendom until a century or more afterwards. Dionysius reckoned backward to fix the year of the birth of Christ, and his investigations led him to the conclusion that this took place in the twelvemonth beginning on January 1st, in the fourth year of the 194th Olympiad, which corresponded with the 753rd year after the legendary founding of Rome, and the 4714th year of the Julian period. It is hardly necessary to say that the Olympiads were the periods between the Olympic games. The Julian period was devised by statistician named Scalizer, in 1582. It is based on certain astronomical facts. Previous to the institution of the Christian Era, and after the disuse of the Olympiad and the Roman system, dates in Latin countries were fixed by what was known as in the Cycle of Indiction, which was a period fixed for the performance of certain judicial acts by the Emperors at Constantinople. This was not established until the year 313. Therefore, it follows, that there is no measure of time previous to the Sixth Century of our era, by which dates can be settled without more or less calculation.

Indeed, for a very long period after the invention of the Christian Era a great deal of disagreement existed as to when it ought to be considered as beginning. Dionysius, its inventor, fixed the beginning at the Feast of the Annunciation, which was March 25. This prevailed universally for some time, and in some parts of Italy it was followed as late as Other ecclesiastical authorities held that the year ought to begin at Easter, others preferred March 1st. In France Easter was regarded as the beginning of the year as late as the Sixteenth Century. In Germany and in some parts of Italy the year was regarded as beginning at Christmas as late in some places * as the Fifteenth Century. In England Christ-mas was regarded as the beginning of the year up to the Thirteenth Century, when Annunciation Day was established as the beginning, and it was so continued until 1752, when January 1st was fixed as the time. A relic of the ancient practice in regard to the beginning of the year is shown by the fact that the Church of England dates its ecclesiastical year from the First Sunday in Advent. English historians always have reckoned the year as beginning on January 1st. An illustration of the confusion arising out of this uncertainty as to when the year begun is afforded by the invasion of England by William of Orange. This is popularly called the Revolution of 1688. Stated in terms of our existing chronology, it took place in

The Christian Era had not been long in use before it was observed that the Equinoxes did not always fall on the same dates. Pope Sextus IV commissioned an astronomer to adjust the Calendar, so as to make the years coincide with the Equinoxes, but the latter died before he completed his work, which remained in abeyance until Pope Gregory XIII. appointed Aloysius Lilius, an astronomer and physician, to complete it. The result was the establishment of the Gregorian Calendar, which is that now in use in Christendom,

Gregory, after the necessary calculations had been completed, ordered that October 5, 1582, should be considered to be October 15. The Gregorian Calendar is a very remarkable piece of work. It provides for leap year, so as to adjust dates to astronomical events; but you are only ungetatable,

this leaves a margin of error, and to obviate this, certain years, which would otherwise be leap years, only have 365 days. The year 1900 was one of these. The next will be 2100. Other eras than those above mentioned

have been used. Among them are: The Era of Creation, which has been arbitrarily fixed at 4004 B.C. There is not the slightest reason for supposing this to be correct. Over two hundred separate calculations have been made from Biblical records, and they vary from 3483 years before Christ to 6984

The Jewish Era begins from a date assigned to the Creation, which was 3760 years before Christ. This calculation was made in

the Fifteenth Century. The Era of Constantinople, which is the ecclesiastical year of the Greek Church, and was the civil year in Russia until the time of Peter the Great, begins at the supposed time of the Creation, which for the purposes of this era was estimated to have occurred 5500 years before Christ.

The Era of Alexandria was that used by the Alexandrian Christians, and dated from what they supposed was the time of Creation, or 5503 years before Christ.

The Mundane Era of Antioch was of the same nature, but it placed Creation in 5492

The Era of Nabonassar, was of ancient origin. It began on Wednesday, February 26, 747 B. C. . It was a scientific Era, based on The Macedonian Era dated from 311 B. C.,

with the Macedonian Seleucus conquered Babylon. The Era of Alexander, that of Tyre, the Caesarian Era of Antioch, the Caesarian Era of

Spain, the Era of Actum, the Augustan Era the Era of Diocletian, and of the Armenians have all had a temporary vogue. The Mohammedan Era dates from the flight of the Prophet from Mecca to Medina in A.D. 622. The Era of Yezdegard, in use in

Persia, dates from June 16, A.D. 632. Chinese definite Chromology begun in 2000 B. C., they measure time by astronomical cycles of sixty years each. This cycle has also been used in India since 3185 B. C.

TO THE LONELY ONES

Contributed.

A Happy Christmas to "You." . . . "You" may only have arrived in this big, sparsely populated country within the last few weeks, and have not yet found your niche among your "own kind." To "You," a Canadian born and bred gives hearty greeting. . . . Would that life was so ordered that one might seek "you" out in your lonely lodging or shack, as the case might be-and say "come and have your Christmas dinner with us, and talk about" my people "to your heart's con-

There is an elment of sadness in Christmas in this new land, so engrossed are its people in the process of building. . . . Why can't one fling convention to the winds, and seek out those who are lonely and friendless! Perhaps you are here because you "made a mess of things, at home," but if we could unearth the story which led to the migration to Canada of some of our own ancestors we might find that the finest among them, the men who struggled against overwhelming odds, through loneliness and discouragement, and who won our heritage for us, were the scape-graces of some English county family, who had been "sent down" from Oxford, only to be sent out to Canada! Don't pay any attention to the arrant nonsense that is talked about the prejudice against Englishman in Canada . . . for the truth is that Canada is not only the smelting-pot of Nations but the forge where conflicting elments in the way of social castes are moulded into one . . . and the process is rather trying to the material under the anvil, at times! but it all resolves itself into the good old maxim, "a Man is a Man, whatever his class." .. To misquote

a Scotch saying . . . Will "you" believe that in one home at least, the toast of the "lonely one" is given, by a Canadian who realises what the making of our country exacts from individuals? If "you" are the lonely one, this Christmas, know that a greeting, sincere and tender, is wining its way to "You."

One knows that it has taken a pretty stiff resolve on your part to come all this from the old home and family ties, to start out on "Your own." Luck may appear to be against you at the start, and you may think that you are nothing but a round peg, trying to fit into an extraordinary square hole! But pluck up courage. "Right Oh!" is the word, your niche will be found before long, another Christmas and you will be the welcome guest, of those, whose only regret will be that it was not your first Christmas in Canada which was spent in their home.

Perhaps you are expecting letters which have not arrived, but they are on their wayand they have many miles to travel and many hands to pass through. Sweethearts and mothers don't forget. Your tobacco may have an acrid flavor, and the chimney may smoke as hard as you do! Rations may be scanty and thoughts of other Christmas days many. Never mind, it will all be over in a or two, and in the rough and tumble of the fight you will forget. Here in this far outpost of a great Empire a prayer goes heavenward, from one who has seen "your sort win out in the end, that strength may be given you also, to conquer in the manly fight for independence."

"Stick it out," "You" are not forgotten,

A Century of Fiction.

(N. de Bertrand Lugrin)

CHARLES DICKENS.

Many of us believe that the personality of a strong man or woman can have no real death, but must continue to exist as a potential agency in some form or another long after the body has been buried and reduced to dust. To us it seems an incredible, nay, more, an impossible thing, for death to end the almost unlimited energy that animates the mind and the body of the greatest of our thinkers and actors; and we feel sure that the energy, which during the lifetime of the body that contained it wielded an influence upon the world, must still hold a place in it. The stronger, the nobler the personality, the more deeply and for the greater length of time must this influence last.

This is true of all the leaders of the various great religious cults. To their followers, in many cases, the master still exists; and, because the disciples have felt the nameless force of a personality, the likeness of which has long since vanished, they implicitly and unquestionably believe in the existence of him they reverence, though they have no proof that they are right beyond that furnished by the undeniable force of their own convictions. For example those of us who have taken Jesus Christ as the model by which we try to pattern our lives, can say, without compromising ourselves in the least, that Jesus lives, for to us he does live, inasmuch as the influence he exerted while alive has grown steadily wider and

While this is true of the greatest of our teachers, the wisest of our leaders, it is no less true of those, who, if of not quite so mighty a calibre, nevertheless stand out from among the enormous rank and file of humanity in the white light of justly earned fame. Among those we number our famous composers, our soul-stirring musicians, our statesmen, our poets, our painters and our novelists. In this latter class there is one the spirit of whom, to those who know his works well, seems to especially preside over some of the simplest, the holiest, the best of our pleasures, and of those pleasures we, who though old in years can yet thank God for the youth in our hearts, number Christmas time as the happiest, the brightest, the merriest of them all.

There have been greater writers than Charles Dickens, more scholarly, more rhetorical writers; but among the scores of them there not one who has succeded in touching our hearts quite so surely, as this man who wrote only of sane, simple everyday affairs, and sane, simple everyday people; and never forgot for a moment that heaven-born faculty of us all to see the humorous side of things, the faculty that helps to carry us over the roughest places in life. Moreover he showed the just balance that always exists between happiness and sadness, between smiles and tears, helping us to believe the very best of our fellow-men, and inspiring us with a stronger desire to trust in

Dickens did not write of sex problems, probably never thought of them. His characters had no complex emotions, that led to inextricable complications. His stories are stories of real life, as happily the most of us know it, and his characters are real men and women with feelings and instincts totally unperverted by abnormal desires; quite unlike those men and women with whom we meet in our modern novels, who, satiated by sensations, rack their bodies and brains to find a new one at the cost of health and sanity.

So we choose Dickens today as the one writer among the many who has best typified the Christmas spirit, who, in fact, has been given the credit of inventing the modern Christmas, such a lover was he of little chil dren, such a sympathetic brother to the suffer ing, such a believer in the innate kindliness and goodliness of everybody. "Half an hour of him," said an able critic, "is worth a lifetime of his self-conscious analyzers, and the world is a more cheerful and sympathetic world, because of the loving and lovable presence in it of Charles Dickens." And the time of the great novelist's death some one wrote in the public oress in regard to his Christmas tales as follows: "He has not only pleased us-he has softened the hearts of a whole generation. He made charity fashionable; he awakened pity in the heart of sixty millions of people. He made a whole generation keep Christmas with acts of helpfulness to the poor; and every barefooted boy and girl in the streets of England and America today fares a little better, gets fewer cuffs and more pudding, because Charles Dickens wrote." Surely no epitaph could be better than this.

Dickens was born at Landport, in Portsea, in February, 1812. It was of his own unhappy childhood that he wrote when he described the sorrows of little David Copperfield. In fact, most of his characters were drawn from real life, his own father and and mother and his wife figuring in many of them. His descriptions of Marshalsea prison were taken from his own experience while his father was imprisoned there for debt. Those were very hard times for the Dickens family, and Charles, who was a delicate, sensitive lad, felt the disgrace and the humiliation very poignantly. They lived in a miserable quarter of the town, and the boy used to wait on his father in prison. These words from David Copperfield exactly describe the conditions of the young

"No words can express the secret agony of my soul as I sunk into this companionship-

would not be here to spin the yarn to incredulous shore folk. When it cleared we found and felt my early hopes growing up to be a learned and distinguished man crushed in my breast. The deep remembrance of the sense had of being utterly neglected and hopeless, of the shame I felt in my position; of the misery it was to my young heart to believe that, day by day, what I had learned, and thought, and delighted in, and raised my fancy and my emulation up by, was passing away from me, never to be brought back again, cannot be written. My whole nature was so penetrated with the grief and humiliation of such considerations, that even now, famous and caressed and happy, I often forget in my dreams, that I have a dear wife and children; even that I am a man; and I wander desolately back to that time of my

But good fortune came to him later, and when he was nineteen he began his career as a journalist. Four years after this he published his "Sketches by Boz," which won him instant recognition; and when two years later his 'Pickwick Papers" appeared, it brought fame to its author and a goodly sum of money as well. The year previous he had married Miss Catherine Hogarth, who was the original Dora in David Copperfield, and in later years became the Flora in "Little Dorrit." From this period for forty-three years Dickens never ceased to write until his death, which occurred very suddenly, without the least warning, on the 9th of June, 1870. He left behind him an uncompleted novel, "The Mystery of Edwin

On page 3 will be found some quotations from the writings of this master appropriate

THE COSMOPOLITAN SANTA.

By C. L. Armstrong. Now children, gather near the fire And I will tell you how Old Santa Claus goes 'round the world And makes his merry bow In ev'ry land where boys and girls Are good as they can be; For this old saint speaks ev'ry tongue Unknown to you and me. In Germany, the Fatherland,

'Kriss Kringle," he is called. 'Tis there his toys are made for him Which 'round the world are hauled. In Holland, where the children wear Queer Sabots, made of wood,

They call him "Sunder Klass" and old Sint Nikalaas" the good. In Switzerland, where mountains high Are piled, all topped with snow, They speak of "Samilklaus" and hang Thick stockings in a row.

Heligoland knows "Sonner Klas," Voralberg "Zemmnglas" knows, While "Elka" (fir tree) is his name Amid the Russian snows. Alsace-Lorraine-a funny name-Refers to "Knect Duprect."

Bohemian children know him, too; They call him "Jericek." In La Belle France, "Le Bon Papa"
Brings toys, and good things, too.,
In Austria he is "Niklo," Which sometimes is "Nigloo."

In Italy, where sun and flow'rs Enrich the Christmas cheer, They hail him as "Babino" and Watch for him ev'ry year. 'Giviaska' (little star) By Polish babes is seen; While Scandinavian boys and girls Are watchful for "Kristine.", 'Iuuenissen" in Denmark gives The youngsters joyful cause For merrymaking. Irish ch Know "Niamb Nicklause." Irish children

And thus, you see, the good saint all About the world doth run, Dispensing Christmas cheer; and now My little tale is done. .

THINK BEFORE YOU STRIKE.

Many are familiar with an old story of a merchant travelling on horseback, accompanied by his dog. He dismounted, and accidentally dropped a package of money. The dog saw it, the man did not. The dog barked stop him, and as he rode farther, bounded in front of the horse and barked louder and louder. The merchant thought he had gone mad and shot him. The wounded dog crawled back to the package, and when the merchant discovered his loss and rode back, he found the dying dog beside the package. Another tale is told which adds force to the thought-Think before you strike any creature that cannot speak.

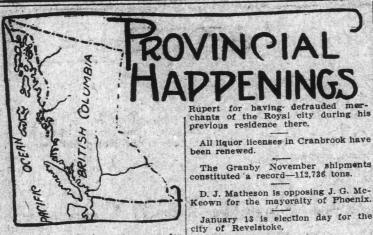
When I was young and lived up in the mountains of New Hampshire, says the narrator. I worked for a farmer who gave me a span of horses to plow with. One of them was a four-year old colt.

The colt, after walking a few steps, would lie down in the furrow. The farmer was provoked, and told me to sit on the colt's head, to keep him from rising while he whipped him "to break him off that notion," as he said.

But just then a neighbor came by. He said, There is something wrong here. Let him get up and let us find out what is the matter."

He patted the qolt, looked at the harness. and then said, "Look at this collar. It is so long and narrow, and carries the harness so high, that when he begins to pull it slips back and chokes him so that he can't breathe.'

So it was; and but for that neighbor we should have whipped as good a creature as we had on the farm, because he lay down when he could not breathe.



Dr. H. Young is the new coroner fo

Ladysmith bachelors are giving

district board of trade.

The Crow's Nest company payroll for November, exceeded \$170,000.

Vancouver's "newsles" are to be f maily dined today as the guests of t Terminal City's three daily papers. Scores of valuable dogs at Whitehorse have been destroyed of late by a poi-

Tobacco Plains Siwashes are to cele-brate New Year's with a big potlach and war dance.

Miss May Tully, a former Nanaimo is making a marked success in eville, on Pantages' circuit.

Hon. Justice Murphy is spending

Macdonald, Marpole & Co., of Van-couver are applying for a foreshore grant on False creek.

Tramway service on the North Arm road, South Vancouver, was inaugu-rated yesterday.

Dangerous showers of rocks, the re-sult of careless blasting, continue to alarm Prince Rupert residents.

Vancouver's Mount Pleasant tists have laid the corner stone of handsome new church edifice.

A change in temperature of 96 degrees in a single week is reported from Whitehorse, the result of a sudden chi-

The funeral of the late Carol Livingston took place in Quamichan last Tues-day, services being held at St. Peter's

Vancouver has received an expert report from Chicago that wood blocks are now favored by the best authorities as paving material.

The B. C. Electric company has put on a double service between Vancou-ver and New Westminster during the holidays.

Representatives of the financial house of AEmelius Jarvis & Co., of Toronto are investigating the investments offering in New Westminster.

The Kaslo-Slocan district mines have produced more ore tonnage during the present year than in any pre-

Negotiations are proceeding for the double-tracking of Columbia street. New Westminster's principal business thoroughfare.

Frank Slavin of Victoria is organizing a company to exploit the Iditare country, where rich placer discovereien have recently been made. He expect to take in a big outfit in March.

Ellis Castiey, local manager for the build an aerial tramline to bring its telephone company at Duncan, sustained painful injuries a day or so ago, by falling from the top of one of the line erected.

Bert. Taylor, a miner, had a narrow escape from death in an accident at the Venus mine, Whitehorse, last week. It was the old story of drilling a missed hole.

John Semkho has been awarded 1,200 damages from the B. C. Electric Railway Co., in consequence of the killing of his cousin at Central Park some time ago. The company did not dispute liability for damages, but left the amount to be determined by the court

Dominick Burns is reported to have purchased the Byrom farm at Ladner, paying \$230 per acre for 150 acres. The property adjoins the Pat Burns ranch on the river.

It is expected that a decision on the plans of the New Westminster general hospital will be reached at a meeting to be held on the 27th in-

Kengo Ishamura was yesterday committed for trial on the charge of murdering a compatriot at White Rock last Saturday. H. L. Edmonds s conducting the case for the Crown.

Dr. Brydone-Jack has been appointed medical health officer of the Vancouver city schools, the question of an assistant being held over for further

couver city schools, the question of an assistant being held over for further consideration.

Twenty-seven miles of new roads were built this year in Fernie riding, as a result of which one can now drive comfortably from Fernie to Michel. A bridge over Michel creek will be built in the spring.

A Chinaman employed at C. H. El-lacott's camp in upper Cariboo accident-aily shot himself in the thigh a few weeks ago while carelessly handling an automatic pistol. Although without surgical care for more than a fortnight, the Chinaman bore his torture with marvelous immobility of his race.

It is stated that the recent mayoralty election in New Westminster inches invalidated by corrupt practices on both sides, 22 repeaters being discovered. In the event of another election, former Mayor Keary will not be a can-

Still another hold-up is reported from Vancouver, where, on Thursday even-ing two Russian Finns were enticed into ing two Russian a room in the New Fountain hotel on the pretext of discussing a question of employment, only to be relieved of \$50 at the point of a revolver.

William Hubbard McCormick has een taken back to New Westminster y Police Chief McIntosh, being ap-

A STATE OF

trains will be run daily on the Chil-

The farmers of Pitt Meadows met last evening to consider a proposal to replace the present dyke gates with more substantial structures of con-

G. R. Smith, popularly known as "Cap" Smith, for the past ten years prominently connected with the Gran-by mines at Proenix, has left for

The Great Continental mine continues to prosecute development work aggressively. The mine is a silver-lead proposition controlled by the Hill

A verdict of murder has been re-turned by the coroner's jury in the case of the Japanese meeting his death at the hands of Kengo Ishimaru, near White Rock last Saturday. The acused is in custody at New Westmin

\$350 has been collected of the \$500 required to finance the new Penticton brass band. It is estimated that 185 tons of tur-keys will be required for British Co-lumbia's Christmas and New Year's consumption, four-fifths of which will necessarily be imported from Eastern provinces or from Oregon.

The piling is now practically com-plete on the new Okanagan river

New Westminster has sold \$104,000 vorth of its bonds at par to George timson & Co., of Toronto.

Gibson Yarrow, for twenty years a espected resident of Nanaimo is

Nanaimo's city council has passed a bylaw to provide \$100,000 for a sew-erages ystem.

New Westminster's \$4,000 deben-

A meeting to form a board of trade for the municipality of Burnaby was held at Burnaby last evening.

A branch of the Bank of Hamilton is

to be opened with the new year at Milner, Langley Prairie.

A. M. Verchere is in the field as a candidate for the reeveship of Mission

The marriage was celebrated in Nelson last Monday of August E. Hanson and Miss Jessie Margaret Peterson.

ture issued for advertising purpose has been declared illegal.

bridge.

next week put a complete ticket in the field for the municipal elections.

Upon a chamber application for probate in supreme court chambers yesterday, Mr. Justice Morrison expressed the opinion that some of the estimates of values put on properties by unknown real estate agents were really hopeless. At Westminster there were frequently instances of this kind where ridiculous estimates were given the sourt. He thought that an estiwhere ridiculous estimates were given the court. He thought that an estimate of \$1,800 for three acres of land within the corporate limits of any town or municipality in this province was open to question, and here it was the case of this property being at Chilliwack, a growing prosperous community. He adjourned the application for more evidence.

Otto Kron and Miss Nellie Swanson were in Nelson last Monday evening made Mr. and Mrs. Kron, Rev. J. A. Nanaimo Japanese Strike
Four hundred Japanese fishermen of
Nanaimo have gone on strike for an
increase in pay. The fishermen have
been furnishing their employers with
herring for \$1.50 a ton, paying their
own board and lodging. With the
scarcity of herring the fishermen claim
they have found the price too small
to make wages at it, and their dissatisfaction took form at a meeting
which was held Monday, when it was
decided to demand \$2 a ton. The employers would not grant the request
and the fishermen accordingly struck. Nanaimo Japanese Strike W. H. May and William J. Dick hav tied for the support of the Ratepayers' Association in their struggle for the mayoralty of North Vancouver. ranbrook last Saturday of William Iarvey and Miss Mary Wilson Mac-lonald, Rev. C. O. Main officiating. Edward Bates charged with the theft of a gold watch and chain from H. N. Merriam of Field, is to take a speedy trial before Judge Wilson to-

Ikea Mine Not Sold

The announcement of the sale of the Ikeda mine, Queen Charlotte Islands, which was given out as closed, has proved incorrect according to the latest advices. The figure effered by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting company was considerably less than that offered by Glasgow capitalists and for this reason the sale was called off. It has not been announced whether there were other reasons or not for the breaking off of negotiations. The Old Country experts have taken up matters as they were before the expiration of their option and the advent of the Trail interests. Police Chief Cory Dow, of Cran-brook, demands an investigation by the local police commissioners of the charges preferred against him by "The The coroner's jury investigating the unfortunate death of James S. Hurst the aged Vancouverite killed by being struck by a Pender street car in the fog on Monday night, has returned a verdict of accidental death.

While suffering intense depression,

One of J. H. Gray's survey parties, under F. E. Devereux of Victoria, has just come out from Stuart lake.

A Chinaman employed at C. H. Ellacott's camp in upper Cariboo accidentally shot himself in the thigh a few

loops. The bride reached Vancouver a week ago. The same night she was taken violently ill of appendicitis and the following day operated upon. Yesterday was her wedding day and rather than postpone the event, it was decided to celebrate the nuptials in the mospital. Members of the hospital staff took a lively interest in the event. The nurses decorated the room with Christmas green and a beautiful wedding bell was suspended above the bed. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Milliken, pastor of the Wesley Church. If the bride is able to be moved, the couple will return to Kamloops on Christmas Day. The bridesmaid was miss Josephine Cullan and the groomsman Dr. Turnbull.

Two fatalities occurred the latter part of last week in Boundary district number camps. Walter Nelson, a learnster, in the employ of P. Lund at Marysville, was instantly killed by a lalling tree, which fractured his skulling tree his skulling tre John Shikou, a swamper, employed by Otis Staples, at Wycliffe, was killed in a somewhat similar manner, being struck by a falling tree. In this case the deceased had been warned to get

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Sawmills throughout the province report exceptionally good business for November. The price of lumber has again been considerably increased in again been considerably increased in the latter of the stiffened demand the ad
Saw 1 to \$3 per M.

W. J. Saunders has returned from the North, where he was in charge of the party constructing the new government trail from Copper City to Aldermere, by way of Copper River. Six miles near the Summit remains to be cut next spring to complete the trail.

Sawmills throughout the province report exceptionally good business for November. The price of lumber has again been considerably increased in magain been considerably increased in magain been considerably increased in the Northern hotel were forced to lone lone the windows. Frank Kennedy from an overturned lamp and so rapidly did the fire spread that fifteen guests in the Northern hotel were forced to lone lone lone the stiffened demand the blaze. The fire spread to Salmo Trading company's premises several times but it was kept under the premise of the stiffened demand the blaze. The fire spread to salmo Trading company's premises several times but it was kept under the partial. several times but it was kept under control through the efforts of firemen. Frank Kenedy only arrived the pre-vious day. The hotel and stock be-tween \$7,000 and \$8,000 was partially insured. The guests lost all their baggage.

New Chief Justice Banqueted
The many friends in Rossland of
Hon. J. A. Macdonald, chief justice of
the court of appeal, tendered him a
dinner at the Hotel Allan on Tuesday
evening last. The banquet was a nonpartisan affair in which men of all
shades of political opinion united in a
pleasant farewell to Hon. Mr. Macdonald, one of the oldest residents of
the city and who is about to leave
there for the purpose of taking up his
residence in Victoria. Every resident
of Rossland is naturally proud of
the fact that one of their fellowtownsman has been selected to fill the
highest judicial position in the province. A large number participated in
the banquet in order to show that they
appreciate the consideration shown
their fellow citizen and the city. New Chief Justice Banqueted

Fred Erickson was tried in the Creston police court before Police Magistrate Plewman a few days ago. found guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses and sentenced to four months' imprisonment in the Nelson iall. Erickson had arrived in Creston a few days before, from Castlegar and represented himself as an opulent rancher, temporarily embarrassed in a financial way. Eight thousand dolars of his ready money had been invested in a farm at Castlegar, on which he had a number of men cutting cordwood, and he had he declared a firm determination to market several thousand cords of wood in Ross-eral thousand cords of Ross-eral thousand cords o a firm determination to market several thousand cords of wood in Rossland and other places. Thomas Dixonof the Headquarters loaned him \$21, and August Jackson, of the Central advanced him \$13, and he spent it as though there was plenty more where it came from. Then he hit the trail for Northport, where he was gathered in by the police and brought back to be tried, found guilty and sentenced.

stances such acceptance, with all due respect, would be commendable, with-out need or apology for this public sug-

VICTORIA MEN BUY Acquire Fifteen Acres of Land at Na-naimo for Purpose of Subdi-vision.

NANAIMO, Dec. 24 .- A deal in rea NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—A usea in reasonable sestate has been consummated whereby a large section of land near the city limits becomes the property of Victoria investors. There are some fifteen acres in all, and the land is situated between the Nanaimo cemetery acres. It is underand Wentworth street. It is sold in the early spring as city lots. The location of the property is admirably adapted for this purpose, as it

HOLD-UP AT NANAIMO

oung Man Knocked Unconscious With Revolver and Robbed By Some Unknown Thug.

NANAIMO, Dec. 24 .- While return home from Chase River on Wed-day evening, Alfred Wardell, of this city, was attacked by a highwayman near the outskirts of the city, who, after knocking his victim unconscious, relieved him of \$38 in cash and derelieved him of \$38 in cash and de-camped. Wardell, who is a young man, was returning to the city after es-corting his aunt, who lives at Chase River, safely home. Approaching a lonely turn in the road Wardell heard sounds of footsteps approaching from behind him, and upon turning round he was greeted with a gun at his head in the hands of a tall, powerfully built man.

"Hands up!" demanded the robber "Hands up!" demanded the robber.
"Go chase yourself," was the response, but instead of complying, the highwayman struck his victim on the head, knocking him to the ground, after which he proceeded to relieve the victim of his money. Wardell was ordered to proceed to the city, which he did and reported to the police. So far no arrest has been made.

"The Tehauntepec railroad is 190 miles long. The Panama railroad is 47 miles long, and the freight rates are

BUSINESS-LIKE BURGLARS

Select Vancouver Clothier's Finest Stock and Remove it With an Automobile.

Milks affecting a final print of the print o Vancouver burglars early Tuesday broke into the furnishing store of J. K. Campbell, at 600 Westminster avenue, and moved out all of the most valuable clothing, the loss being estimated at more than \$1,000. From indications the thieves used an automobile to remove the stolen goods. The only clew left was a much-used straight-stem briar pipe which in the morning when Mr. Campbell opened his store,

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NO GRINDING

New Coal Fields-Pri on has that time the Verminion went in, and acquired t several sections of land sufficient nui ling, a London capit and development work and at least two sear coal were proved. the southeast bank river, and the limited vas possible to local market, have kep plied with coal ever si Apart from the tow. the investment of the company was based on

through the Similkameer the Nicola country, and timism reigned supreme In addition to the ber of other claims Copper mountain an tain, in connection w of which the well-Brown. Voight and sociated. But the in coming, and for cost very little has very little has district, and the portion has dwindled to ton has dwindled to post Those who remained hav of their faith, for now there is graded into the time this winter coal wfrom the mine of the Vecompany to Spokane and ate points. The develor mines has been kept in git will be easy to produc 1,000 tons a day next su also expected that the a railway will stimulate ac alliferous mining, and the alliferous mining, and the pects which were opened ago will be developed up mines.

meanwhile, the surround is being prospected in sea coal deposits, and quite re acres of coal lands have in the vicinity. In 1901 a put down for the Simill a good seam of coal, 6 pierced. This bore-hole west bank of the river. west bank of the river. A princeton several seams out in a cut-bank on the the Tulameen river. Geting, it is safe to assume ton is the centre of a corpoximately eight to telength, from north to sou to four miles in width west. The coal, general class lignite, some of it moved from the bitumina best of it equal to the p. Nicola valley. Nicola valley Granite Creek

The discovery of the Forks company at Princet vestigations a little furth in 1900 some good out-crop were found on Collins' gu creek, tributaries of the Ton its north side. These located from twenty to miles west of Princeton, traversed by the extension Northern railway, wheth the coast by the way of the tains direct, or by the Co They will furnish a large use on the railway, and vesy distance of the coa outcrops of coal were located the time that these direct any large area of gold rush of 1886. It we ered at the time that these dicated any large area of dicated any large area they were turned dow leading railway compa gineer who examined the pronounced in his opinion was bituminous, and the a miles square. Within the months these areas have upwards of \$250,000, after spection, and it is likely be developed by the Greatlway company or a supany. From these notes it cred that a large fuel supble "in situ" for the snores of the Similkameen well-known Aspen Grove circumstance should lead attom of many properties trict. It may be interest that the London company the Princeton mines, has a large sum of money fowork, so as to attain the nage as soon as possible.

Le Roi No.

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The operations at the mine in the Rossland ca followed with great inter men. This is due to the pecting work is being oprove the mine at greate shaft has now reached feet of the lastor for the lastor is actually recutting will be commence mediate levels to the 950 practically open out a newhile, the output continuingure, the grade of the tained, and the reserves to guarantee the present is derable time. All these be gratifying for the shall have stood by the progood and evil report, at their money most freely.

Cobalt Feve Le Roi No. Cobalt Fev

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It is natural that Britishould be chiefly in the its of their own provinthey have not been imm Cobalt fever. Gigantic been made in this celebra phenomenally short time been more than a usual a cattings, and there would more, but for the detetaken by the governmenthe ill-advised attempts promoters. The fabulou the country, however, over-estimated. A recen Gowganda tells of a p. Silver Mines, Limited, vseventy-nine acres, and small area no fewer tis separate veins of silver covered. The veins are and quartz, with showilloom. Native silver we of the veins, one vein solid metal, composed of lite, native bismuth an One of the striking property has been nick-Bug," It is a calcite winches wide: a shaft hait thirty feet; it is toontinue this to one hu

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left a government buys H.M.S. RAINBOW

Sister of Appollo to Come to Canadian Waters in the Spring

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 23 .- The Victoria despatch that the Dominion government has purchased a cruiser for a training ship is officially confirmed. The vessel which will constitute the nucleus of the Canadian fleet is the second class twin-screw cruiser Rainbow, a sister vessel of the Appello, and will be purchased outright by the Canadian government and not borrowed.

The Rainbow is now undergoing repairs in one of the admiralty dock yards and will cross the Atlantic early in the spring or summer manned by a complement of British officers and a complement of British officers and a skeleton British crew. The Rainbow ost \$920,000 but the amount which the ent will pay has not guns, six 4.7 guns, eight six-pounders one three-pounder and four torpedo tubes. The government is negotiating a second and larger ship to be sent to Canada a little later on. With the training ships in commission it is expected that it will be possible to turn out Canadian seamen at a fairly rapid rate to man the vessels of the Canadian navy as the vessels are completed.

King Leopold's Daughters PARIS, Dec. 24.—A special from Brussels says that Prince's Louise, the eldest daughter of King Leopold, has left that city without effecting a reconciliation with her sisters, and that King Albert's efforts to induce her to e her place among the princesses

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Mining Department.

MITLIAM BLAKEMORE, MIME ENGINEERS 1904

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if the values continue, the mine will be one of the richest in the camp. This story is only one of many which could be told, and helps to explain why the Cobalt camp has proved so attractive to speculators, and why its reputation has become world-wide. In spite of wild-eatting and fraudulent promotion the Cobalt is undoubtedly the richest silver camp for its size in the world.

Grand Lake Coal

There have been notable extensions of known coal fields as the result of deep sinkings and borings during the last few years: of these some of the most celebrated are in, Staffordshire where the eastern and western boundary faults have been shown to be merely dislocations, and valuable coal seams have been recovered on both sides. It is impossible to make a close estimate of the certain tonnage of coal recoverable in Great Britain because no limit can yet be assigned to workable depth, and the extension of known coal fields in is an undetermined factor, but it is safe to say that there is no obstacle to the maintenance of the present output for two hundred years to come.

In Canada and the United States any computation would be grotesque because in both countries coal is practi-

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seattle exhibition with his Percheron
horses.

U. S. SENATOR DEAD

Mr. McLaurin, of Mississippi, Expires
Suddenly While Seated in
His Library

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 23.—U. S.
Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly
Hunter, a twelve-year-old boy, saved a heavily-laden. Northern Pacific train from a disastrous wreck shortly after non yesterday. Hunter and a companion of the same age, Sam Burrows.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 23.—U. S.
Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly after non Olympia, when they two miles from Olympia, when they are gathering Christmas decorations along the right-of-way about two miles from Olympia, when they be pleased to give you an estimate.

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JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 23.—U. S.
Senator A. J. McLaurin died suddenly two miles from Olympia, when they do not heart disease at his home in Brandon, Miss. The fatal the was seated in a rocking chair in the track several yards long opening in the track several yards long opening in the track several yards long opening in the track several way about two miles from Olympia, when they do give warning. Hunter started up to give warning. Hunter started up to give warning the track in the discovered the train he was feeling better than he had felt at any time since his illness resulting from ptomaine poisoning. The ampointment of his successor may be made immediately by Governor Noel.

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"Let the little Stockings be filled and let us all bear with equanimity the blowing on toytrumpets and the tooting on mouth organs and the drumming on two-bit drums which are sure to follow! The boys can be boys only once, and what is a bov if he cannot make a noise?"

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Fished Up His Son's Watch

CHESTER, Penn.—While fishing in Darby Creek, James Zell dropped his gold watch and chain overboard and, after trying to recover them, gave them up for lost.

Recently, Mr. Zell's fother went fish Recently, Mr. Zell's father went fish-

Recently, Mr. Zell's latter well that ing at the same spot. When ready to go home, he felt a tug at his line and when the hook came into sight, there were the missing watch and chain. Lost health is not so easily recov-

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TRAIL LEADS TO **FAR-OFF TURKEY**

Imposter Who Operated in Victoria Lands Finally in a Turkish Dungeon

It is a far cry from the police cells of Victoria to a dirty dungeon in a Turkish prison but the distance has been made by Stepher Georges, self styled missionary and appointed collector for the good work of advancing Protestant religious work among his Protestant religious work among his fellows in Asia Minor, but now an act knowledged imposter and a member

Protestant religious work among his fellows in Asia Minor, but now an acy knowledged imposter and a member of a professional class of beggars active in his home land.

Georges, about three months ago figured largely in the local police circles. Of pleasing manner, evidently well educated and speaking English with considerable fluency, he arrived in this city from the east. He had been making a tour of the prairie section as well as of the northwestern states and was well supplied with credentials which, in some cases were genuine enough, though secured from credulous individuals who were caught by his story, but in most cases were rank forgeries. Everywhere he went he possed as an emissary of the missionaries in Asia Minor, his mission being to collect funds to advance the religious work being prosecuted in that far distant country. He met with considerable success and it is believed he forwarded considerable sums to his associates in the far east.

Operates in Victoria.

When he arrived here he called upon Mayor Hall who believed his story so far as to give him a letter of recommendation and a contribution of \$2. Georg s then started out on his collecting campaign but from one or two suspicious circumstances which arose he was finally arrested at the instance of A. J. Brace and ultimately arraigned in court here. The case was afterwards withdrawn the police handing the matter over to Dr. Milne local immigration officer. Georges tarried in the police cells for over a month while Dr. Milne was communicating with Ottawa relative to the question of deported.

The photograph of Georges taken here was sent by Dr. Milne to Ottawa sent by Dr. Milne to Ottawa sent by Dr. Milne to Ottawa relative was the decision to held the did though he was not actually deporting the man and finally he was ordered to leave the country which he did though he was not actually deported.

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The photograph of Georges taken here was sent by Dr. Milne to Ot-tawa along with a recital of the facts of the case. These in turn were forwarded to London, to J. Obed Smith superintendent of immigration, who in turn sent on the papers to the head of the missionery movement in Turkey. nt in Turkey.

The photograph immediately connected Georges, the supposed helper in the work of evangelization, with one of the most notorious members of the "Julia Beggars" an association of professional and crafty beggars.

In the meantime, while the official red tape was slowly unwinding Georges wandered back to his native land as as a result of representations made to the authorities by the missionaries was arrested and cast into jail where he new lies.

Just how much money he collected while in Canada will probably never be known but men of his stamp and pretensions who have come to this country soliciting money for so-called evangelization purposes are known to have reaped a golden harvest, many thousands of hollars having been contirbuted by the charitably inclined.

Columbia Curling Association held its annual meeting here at which the most important matter was the decision to hold a bonspiel in Nelson on January 24th, weather permitting. It was ascertained that a large number of rinks

tained that a large number of rinks would be prepared to enter.

The following officers were elected; H. P. McCraney, Rossland, patron; J. G. Bunyan, Nelson, president; W. G. McMynn, Greenwood, first vice-president; James Buchanan, Trail, second vice-president; A. McCowan, Cranbrook, third vice-president; Rev. F. H. Graham, Nelson, chaplain; George A.

Hunter, Nelson, secretary-treasurer.
Executive committee: C. D. Blacky
wood, D. Guthrie, F. A. Starkey, Nelson; J. A. Hartley, Phoenix; J. S. C.
Fraser, Rossland; Judge Wilson, Cran-

brook.

Representatives were present from Nelson, Rossland, Trail, Phoenix Greenwood and Cranbrook.

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between 5,000 and 9,000 tons are thirty four. Sailing vessels number 4,799 with the total displacement of 383,897 tons gross. They include one vessel of over 2,000 tons. Those sailing vessels carrying capacity whereof is measured by koku, number 1,881, with the aggre-gated capacity of 566,131 koku. They include one with over 1,000 koku carry-



Tenders Wanted!

PART IV
"WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION
ACT, 1897"

1. This is to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited" (specially incorporated pursuant to Part IV. of the above mentioned Act, on the 16th day of January, 1907), for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities in and by Part IV. of the said Act created granted and conferred, has applied under section 87 of the above mentioned Act, to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for a proval of the proposed undertakings and works of the said Company; and that the said Company has filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council the documents as required by section 85 of the said Act, and also the plans showing the situation of the proposed undertakings and works; and that the said undertak

(a) The construction of a dam and storage reservoir on, respectively, Bear Creek and Alligator Creek, tributaries of the Jordan River; the construction of In the Supreme Court of British
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A LOST CHRISTM TENA

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Seeing that "Christi year, and when it con according to the old rh to lose a Christmas was precisely what ha trapper the first winte his old partner, Boise when you are away u tenay, at an altitude more or less above the are themselves a few level of the ocean, who September, as a gener steadily, with rare an the end of March or when you have forgot with a calendar to hans only breaks in the mo of the traps and the da tunnel are the capture ten or the striking in the working face,

the losing count of Su We were just two together, working a sure thing going to m Spring, but, in case delay the coming of also tending a line o therein sufficient for ing summer's prospec ed rather too late in building our log cabi the sap froze in them cabin cool during the the roof was finished, and then it snowed, ar few weeks, we had to door of the cabin, wh building we had one ste Every morning one

on bear-paw snow-shoe free them of numerous rels, and flying squire marten, while the other trail to "the mine," with hammer and dril of rich copper ore which going to lead us to a m make the Silver King by comparison with ou we would meet for would double up in the to retire to the cabin for a smoke, before turnin ate fah tomorrow's gramme of today. On could keep count of the monotony of the week firewood and washing we had the timber wo ade us at a more or the porcupines, who and would come right for the grease, and the used to spend the nigh door, judging by the they left in the fresh to see in the daytime a bush or a tree, that t fill the pot, but when delicious change from beans; a flying squi find its way down th night when the fire wa things lively in the cab brave the shock of lear to light a candle and chunks of firewood ar ish it in desperation Anne, which would lea more sulphurous than

ceded it. Other day time vis and birds like the E speedily made friends larly for their breakfa morning towards the was beginning to get ily of fool hens foolis front of the cabin and of an impromptu imit and turn about at two where but in head or r traordinary birds thes that same winter wit side the tunnel where for gravel.

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weeks, or so, it fell to er and stronger man, for mail, and that was snow on an unbroken to the experienced man for old Jack the first gether, and he only j cabin long after dark the aid of kicks and almost equally exhaus though it was only si to the railroad track, of level going along a good day's work for the down grade, and journey, even though ing train to the foot of had only the six mile through. It was, there three days to fetch t down in, one to rest return journey.

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number 38,639, and to be known as
Forebay Reservoir; the construction of
a filume and ditch from said main diverting works to the said Forebay Reservoir; the construction in and upon
some portion of Lot 9 Renfrew District, of a power-house and the installation therein of electrical machinery
for the seneration of power; the construction of a pipe-line from the said
Forebay Reservoir to the said powerhouse; the construction of a transmission line about thirty miles in length to
the City of Victoria, and the erection of
suitable sub-stations and apparatus to
carry out all things necessary for the
proper transmission of power to the said
City of Victoria, and throughout the
surrounding districts, and in
throughout the area as defined in the
Memorandum of Association of the
Company; the construction of roads,
trails and bridges, and all other works
necessary for the undertakings and
works of the said Company as hereinbefore set out; the erection of poles for
the transmission of power, as also telephone pole lines and telephones when
and where deemed necessary, including
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other works as may be necessary for the complete carrying on of the aforesaid undertakings,

(b.) The water power so to be generated, and the electricity and power so generated will be utilized to supply power chiefly to the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, which operates the street railway system of the City of Victoria and adjoining and surrounding municipalities and districts, and also supplies public and private lighting, and all necessary and contemplated extensions to this system; it is also proposed to furnish power, heat and light for manufacturing, industrial and traction purposes throughout Saanich Peninsula, and throughout the area authorized in the Memorandum of Association of the Company. The power will be developed by the use of Peiton Water Wheels, or by the best and most mouern macunnery, and converted into electrical energy, and transmitted by copper or other wires to the required points of user.

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2. Provided, however that the Company shall not proceed to construct the dams and reservoirs for the retention of water until the plans and specifications for the said works shall have been first filed in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, and the said plans and specifications have received the approval of the said Chief Engineer.

3. And this is further to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," shall at least have duly subscribed, before it commences the construction of its undertaking and works or exercises any of the powers in that behalf conferred by the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," Part IV., ten thousand shares of one dollar each. The further amount of capital required to fully complete the undertaking and works to be provided by the issue of first mortgage bonds or debentures of the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," up to the amount of three hundred thousand pounds sterling (1530,000), the principal and interest therefor to be guaranteed by the "British Columbia Electric Railway Company,

thereof to be guaranteed by the British Columbia Electric Railway Company. Limited," or be otherwise guaranteed and floated.

4. And this is further to certify that the time within which the said capital, namely, to the extent of at least ten thousand dollars is to be subscribed, is before the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, and the time within which the said undertaking and works are to be commenced is before the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof, and the date by which the said proposed works shall be in operation is fixed at three years from the date hereof.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1909. Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTRA-TION OF AN EXTRA-PROVIN-CIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897." I HEREBY CERTIFY that "The Elisarth Company," an extra-provincial mpany, has this day been registered a company under the "Companies as a company under the "Companies Act, 1897," to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the company to which the legislative authority of the legislature of British Columbia ex-

days
The head office of the company is situate at Phoenix, Arizona. The amount of the capital of the com-pany is one hundred thousand dollars divided into one hundred thousand

divided into one hundred thousand shares of one dollar each.

The head office of the company in this Frovince is situate at 1122 Government street, in the city of Victoria, and J. H. Smith, manager, whose adards are sit victoria, B. C., is the attorney for the company. Not empowered to issue and transfer stock.

The time of the existence of the company is twenty-five years from the 8th

pany is twenty-five years, from the 8th day of January A. D. 1908. The company is limited.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, this twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand nine hundred and nine. days (L. S.) S. Y. WOOTTON,

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.
The objects for which the Company is established and registered are: To do a general fiscal agency, invest-ment, promotion, brokerage, theatrical

amusement, irrigation, power, transportation, manufacturing and mining busitation, manufacturing and mining business, owning all necessary appliances, machinery, buildings, ships, boats, vehicles, etc., etc., acquiring, owning, operating, leasing, buying and selling all kinds of real and personal property necessary to the carrying on of one or more of the aforesaid general lines of business; to own, and vote shares of its own capital stock and of other corporations; to borrow and loan money; to issue bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage. dences or indebtedness and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage, deed or trust, or otherwise; engaging in any and all classes of business that a natural person might or could in the United States of North America. or in any other part of the world.

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LOST CHRISTMAS IN THE KOO-TENAYS.

A Yule-Tide Reminiscence: By Richard L. Pocock.

Seeing that "Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer,' according to the old rhyme, it is a serious thing to lose a Christmas out of one's life, but that was precisely what happened to the tenderfoot trapper the first winter he was in Canada, and his old partner, Boise Basin Jack. You see, when you are away up in the hills of the Kootenay, at an altitude of a few thousand feet more or less above the level of the lakes, which are themselves a few thousand feet above the level of the ocean, where it starts to snow in September, as a general rule, and keeps it up steadily, with rare and short intervals, until the end of March or the beginning of April, when you have forgotten to provide yourself with a calendar to hang up on the wall, and the only breaks in the monotony of the daily round of the traps and the daily shift in the prospect tunnel are the capture of a specially fine marten or the striking of a pocket of good stuff in the working face, there is some excuse for the losing count of Sundays and holidays.

We were just two, putting in the winter together, working a copper claim, which was sure thing going to make our fortunes in the Spring, but, in case of any little accident to delay the coming of sudden wealth, we were also tending a line of traps, hoping to catch therein sufficient for a grub-stake for the coming summer's prospecting trip. Having started rather too late in the season, the job of building our log cabin the logs being green, the sap froze in them and helped to keep the cabin cool during the winter months. Before the roof was finished, the snow began to fall, and then it snowed, and it snowed, until, in a few weeks, we had to cut steps down to the door of the cabin, where at the time of the building we had one step up to the threshold.

Every morning one of us used to sally forth on bear-paw snow-shoes to visit the traps and free them of numerous over-inquisitive squirrels, and flying squirrels, and an occasional marten, while the other would take the beaten trail to "the mine," and work single-handed with hammer and drill following the stringer of rich copper ore which Jack was certain was going to lead us to a mother lode, which would make the Silver King a thing of no moment by comparison with our Paragon. At midday we would meet for lunch, after which we would double up in the mine until it was time to retire to the cabin for the evening meal and a smoke, before turning in to rest and recuperate fah tomorrow's repetition o fthe programme of today. On Sundays, as near as we could keep count of them, we would break the monotony of the week-days'-work by cutting firewood and washing shirts. For neighbors we had the timber wolves, who used to serenade us at a more or less respectful distance, the porcupines, who were not so respectful, and would come right up to the rubbish heap for the grease, and the snowshoe rabbits, which used to spend the night gamboling around the door, judging by the multitude of the tracks they left in the fresh snow, but were so hard to see in the daytime, as they squatted under a bush or a tree, that they did not often help to fill the pot, but when they did were esteemed a delicious change from the regulation pork and beans; a flying squirrel occasionally would find its way down the big open chimney at night when the fire was out, and would make things lively in the cabin until one of us would brave the shock of leaving the warm blankets to light a candle and either chase it out with chunks of firewood and rubber boots, or finish it in desperation with a shot from Betsy Anne, which would leave the atmosphere even more sulphurous than the language which pre-

Other day time visitors were the crossbills and birds like the English grosbeak, which speedily made friends and came down regularly for their breakfast of crumbs. One fine morning towards the spring, when the sun was beginning to get back his strength, a family of fool hens foolishly settled on a tree in front of the cabin and gave us the opportunity of an impromptu imitation turkey shoot, turn and turn about at two bits a bird, a hit anywhere but in head or neck to count a miss. Extraordinary birds these foolhens-I killed one that same winter with a snowshoe, just inside the tunnel where it had come to scratch

for gravel. Such was our "simple life." Every six weeks, or so, it fell to my lot, being the younger and stronger man, to make the trip to town for mail, and that was no picnic either. Wet snow on an unbroken trail is hard going even to the experienced man, too hard it had proved for old Jack the first time when we went together, and he only just managed to make the cabin long after dark on the return trip, with the aid of kicks and rude remarks from his almost equally exhausted companion, and, although it was only six miles from the claims to the railroad track, and another seven miles of level going along the track to town, it was a good day's work for the tenderfoot even on the down grade, and all he wanted on the up ourney, even though he could take the mornng train to the foot of the mountain, and then and only the six mile uphill grind to plug through. It was, therefore, a matter usually of three days to fetch the mail, one day to go down in, one to rest in town, and one for the

return journey. Three days before Christmas by our reckoning, behold him then, starting out with the first daylight, under a bright, clear sky, follow-

ing the almost buried blazes to keep to the trail, which had been filled and obliterated since the last excursion. The first three miles or so were on a steep down grade, and except for a trip or two over a hidden snag, and a plunge or two head first into the soft wet white stuff the poets are so fond of, the going was comparatively easy and rapid. Here and there a squirrel would chatter a morning salute as it scuttled along a little way and stopped to survey the human intruder on its playground, before starting in again to nibble its breakfast from the fir cone held between its two fore-paws, or a bluejay would scream in impudent derision of the awkward-looking monster ploughing its laborious way through the deep snow, while he could flit silently and easily from limb to limb. When the going was easier and he had more breath to spare, the tenderfoot would whistle a bit-or sing a stave -where none could hear and criticise the vocal effort, to keep his spirits up, and keep down the home-sick feeling which would rise as he thought of the last Christmas spent in merry old England, and the contrast between the festivities then, among a crowd of life-long friends and the tete-a-tete Christmas dinner which was to be the lot of himself and old Jack away up in the snow-bound forest of the mountain tops of Kootenay. There is nothing like the silent forest to make a man think, and the sad thoughts will sometimes come upper-

The lights of town and the cheerful warmth of the big box stove in the bar room of the old Nelson Hotel ,with the jovial artist on hand to dispense "Tom and Jerry" soon helped to dispel the blue feeling, and it was impossible to be anything but cheerful with the old town "tillicums" shaking one's hands and shouting "Merry Christmasses" and all the good wishes of the season to one another.

The next morning it was good to rest an hour or two longer than usual in a nice warm bed, and it was not until a fashionable hour that met the aforesaid jovial artist at the breakfast table. To his enquiries as to how long meant to stay in town I answered that I was going to spend that day in resting, and buying the necessaries for our humble little Christmas festivities in the cabin on the hills, and the next day, the day before Christmas, would be spent in plugging up the trail with the pack.

'The day before Christmas,' echoed the artist, "why that is today, you must have dropped a day out of your reckoning."

And so it was, we were one day out of our count, and, if I could not hit the trail that day, there would be no Christmas dinner that year for Jack and little Willie. It was too late then to catch the train, and the whole thirteen mile trip on foot was out of the question. It was beyond my powers going light to get there before dark, and I knew that it would be simple madness to attempt it loaded with the pack of Christmas cheer, which the old man would be looking forward to, and the bundle of Christmas mail from the Old Country for which he would be watching still more eagerly. Newspapers are heavy things to pack and bottles are too, and there simply had to be some of the latter, for what would the mince-pies be without a little brandy, and what would a-Christmas dinner be without something a little stronger than coffee? There was no it, we had to lose that Christmas and celebrate it the day after. That night it snowed, as of course it should on Christmas Eve, to satisfy the traditions of Christmas literature; it, looked very pretty, but my thoughts were on that trail, and I thought of the way the snow was filling it, and undoing the work of the down journey. The trees would be dropping great masses of it here and there, and my Christmas day's work beating my way back promised to be no pleasant little jaunt by any means.

I think, as a matter of fact, it proved to be about the hardest day's work I ever put in in my life, but I made it somehow, almost I was tempted once or twice to throw away the liquid part of the Christmas cheer, the heaviest part and most uncomfortable to pack (outside), but I made it eventually just after dark, when the old man was beginning to get anxious and make preparations to come and meet me with a lantern. I did not greak the news to him that day, but in the morning, when he started in the preparations to make th emince-pies and roast the sirloin in our little "tin" stove, and had sampled the quality of the best part of the cheer to pack (inside) I told him that we had lost count of a day, and that Christmas Day had gone behind us. Do you think it made any difference? Not much! We celebrated Boxing Day instead, in the good old way, and the roast beef was just as good a change from the old stand-by beans, and the baker's bread from the sour-dough bannocks as if it had been Christmas Day, and the substitute for coffeewell, that helped a little, too, I must admit.

THE FALL OF PRIDE

At last I know what is meant by anyone who speaks of the value of life's discipline. I have often before wondered, vaguely and mildly, at the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, which seemed to be spent upon rather a lowly quarry. Now I understand. Failure to grasp the bubbles of life, such as fortune, reputation, social position, and so forth, was merely part of a necessary hardening process, to prevent one from utterly collapsing under irretrievable disaster. Disaster came! Was repeated ad nauseam! I am chastened, but still alive; and not using more violent language than, I trust, the Recording Angel may feel able to summarize under the general heading of "Tut! Tut!" Really I suspect that I felt

an honest pride-possibly what among members of the medical profession might be diagnosed as "caput succedaneum." I am cured, but my nerves are a trifle shaken, as by experience I know that they generally are after an earthquake, which one cannot prevent from recurring, and cannot do much to avoid.

In the course of my life I have killed a dozen salmon, varying between 7lb. or so, and 18lb. I know men who have done as much in a day, and made no fuss about it. Still, considering my limited opportunities, the dozen fish were not to be sniffed at—nor did I sniff. And I realize now that I was pleasantly aware of not having lost any fish once hooked.

The spring of this year on this river has been notorious for lost fish. My angling acquaintances whom I met now and then by the waterside said that with one voice. They are men, too, who have known the river for years, and fish it well and regularly. Day after day I heard of fish raised, hooked, and lost after being played for various lengths of time. Of course I was polite and sympathetic. I reminded them, from my store of (bookish) experience, that these things must happen. If A. had lost two in a day, I was sometimes able to assure him that B. had owned to four fruitless battles. I knew, too, that these discomfited men would, fishing any season through on equal terms with me, take three or four fish to my one. Still, while I listened, condoled, and philosophised, I believe a little devil was vhispering, "Queer! You never lose them. What a pity you cannot try your luck at these short-rising tender-mouthed miracles!" / Well, through the kindness of someone, I did try my luck, for a day. Three fish came, and were fought under quite sufficiently exciting condis-one I know had all the line off my reel, and performed gymnastics a hundred away, while I, wading deep, did not know which was the one safe way ashore. They were all landed, and the little demon whispered, "There!" One likely spot, which I could not get my fly over that day in the high wind, I asked my shivering companion to try. He threw a beautiful line across it, the fly dropped precisely where he said it should, a visibly big fish dashed at it, splashed and kicked on the top of the water, floundered, and was goneand the little demon said "There!" again. I was out for another afternoon, and got two fish, and continued mutely to wonder at other people's misfortunes. It was roughly estimated that one rod, in about a fortnight's fishing, had lost about forty fish. Then my turn

It began quite quietly—a mere diversion, an amusing episode. I proposed for myself an hour or two of trout fishing on the loch which had to pass in my day's business. The Good Samaritan, to whom I have owed most of my sport in the last few years, suggested a spot, and a modest trout fly, which together might possibly result in a salmon. The salmon actually came, found me alone with my boat's anchor down, and a good wind up. I had pulled against the wind, and then found that the only way to fish was to drop the little anchor, cast for a few minutes, weigh anchor, drift, drop anchor, and cast again. Well, I had several exciting minutes, and three or four good rushes, which made my reel scream. But at last the gut gave just above the hook, and I, not at all surprised or ashamed, was pleased to have had such an experience. That was episode number one, and I did not fish again for several days. The next reverse was not so casy

to bear. A week or two later I found myself at the Fall Pool in the late afternoon. The river was dead low, and I was told that since there was very little breeze this was almost my only chance of a fish. I had never fished this pool before, and was amused to find myself hanging over a bridge and watching a small double-hooked Black Fairy playing immediately below me, worked altogether by the stream. It hardly seemed serious business, and reminded me of far-off days, when I leant over a parapet and watched bleak about my paste bait in the Lea at Tottenham Marshes. However, when a salmon came from the depths, as he did, and threatened the Black Fairy, though without touching it, I began to take things seriously. "Try a bigger yin o 'the same," my mentor suggested, but the "bigger yin," as I anticipated, did nothing. My companion asked for my flies, and calmly offered me a larger still, "a sort o' a eagle," he called it. I suggested doubt. It seemed more likely to prove a scare than a lure, but he was unshaken, and the "sort o' a eagle" had only worked twice or so across the fall when up came the fish again in the same

place, and took the fly under my nose. The next twenty minutes or so gave me new sensations. The fish, which we often saw clearly, and which my companion judged at about 10lb., seemed bent upon going up the fall beneath us. Strong though the current was, he kept right in the middle of it, boring up, and making my grilse rod bend in almost it whole length. Now and then he rose with a swirl, or crossed from side to side of the narrow stream, but always returned to head up under our feet. After ten minutes or so of constant strain I suggested getting off the bridge and trying to drag him down. That, however, I was told, meant a very long line out, and almost certain loss. "He's droonin' himsel' fast," I was told. "He canna go on like that. No! Something'll give, if you pit on mair strain." Could not he go on like that? He did for apparently another ten minutes, then we saw a silvery streak as he turned over. "We'll hae him soon," was the remark made.

Incautious remark! The fish at once left the stream for the first time, and, tearing down the pool to the tune of a screaming reel, leapt twice far away. Still on! I was surprised.

There he was, on his side again. "A fine fish -and a fine fish for the mistress," said my friend. "He's fair done." Was he? The words were no sooner said than the fish flashed up again till riht under my feet, leapt twice at the fall, and—the "sort o' a eagle" played once more in the stream, alone.

"Well!" I said. My friend supplied an emphatic rhyme, and we leant over the bridge together, peering into the dark pool for what we were never to see again. "A good fighter. He deserved it," was all that I could say. To my surprise, only two or three minutes later, in spite of the racket that plucky fish had made, another came at the still larger Mar Lodge which I was advised to try. Came, and came well, but seemed to miss it owing to an eddy in the stream, and would not come again. So ended my second reverse, but I was not sufficiently humbled. That was reserved for my next day out.

That day I went alone. .The river was very low, and it seemed likely that I should not raise a fish at all. A gillie seemd superfluous, and, besides, the lower water where I went was so small that it could all be fished from either bank. If I saw the rod opposite, I meant to slip away and leave him in undisputed possession. I sneaked along, therefore, in very poacher-like fashion, spying the water now and again with my glasses. Fate meant me to have my lesson, and gave me a free hand. My possible vis-a-vis kept to the upper water, and actually was kind enough to leave my old battlefield, the Fall Pool, unvisited, because he thought I might go there.

Let me tell my sorrows briefly. In the Otter Pool, that romantic pool hidden among the firs and edged with heather, where the Merganzer flaps away before you, and you may sometimes see, as I have, the red stag standing watchful in the wood, in the Otter Pool, from a likely lie, which I could barely reach came my first fish, and took hold. Him I played for some four or five minutes, and was beginning to look for a convenient place at which to use my little gaff, when the small doublehooked Black Doctor came away. Half an hour later, in the Ford Pool almost under the bridge, stalking along the low water, and hiding at that moment half behind a big boulder, I raised another fish, had him on for a minute of two, and then my small Dusty Miller also returned to me, for no reason that I could

Then followed hours of patient tramping and casting and useless changes of flies, until late in the evening. By that time I had fished all the fishable water twice without moving another fin. Then about 9 p.m., throwing a long line across the stream of the Rawlin (haunted for many of us now by the shade of the best and keenest of gillies) I thought I saw the fly checked for a moment, where there should be nothing but a fish to check it. I had my "sort o' eagle" on for the dusk, and, feelnothing, I let it come round, and cast carefully again. Again the check, and this time the least possible pull. I struck firmly; my third fish for the day walloped on the top of the water, the fly came back, and my fifth consecutive failure was achieved. I plodded sadly home through the dusky summer night, quite sufficiently humbled. I don't know how to kill fish, and if anyone will kindly tell me v to hold them when I've got them, I shall be obliged.

I thought my jeremiad had ended, and I oped my misfortunes had ended, too. But listen! Meeting F. G. G. after I had finished writing this, I was invited to join him for an hour or two for trout on the loch. I told him that I had set down my tale of woe, at which he chuckled, and suggested that even now I might possibly raise a fish and change my luck. Presently, close to the boat, showed a huge fin. I held my breath, and my hand, till I felt a pull, then struck. "That is a big trout!" quoth my host carelessly. "Trout!" I gasped. A big salmon!" There was a flurry, flourish of a mighty tail, a strain, which I tried hopelessly to relieve by pulling line off the reel then a smash.

The big fish had rushed under the boat, smashed the top joint, and carried off the fly. The rest is silence.—R. S. in The Field.

AN ADVENTURE WITH BEARS.

We were at Sprinkle's camp when the events I am about to relate took place. We were all three griffins-that is Anglo-Indian for greenhorn, new chum, snooker-and I hope this explains the term clearly enough. The three were Sprinkles, my brother and myself. Sprinkles was camped in a beautiful tope-or grove- of mango trees, which provided a very grateful shade at that time of year-that is he month of April. We were a very youthful and inexperienced trio, but we were very keen on shikar, very anxious to slay something big, which up-to-date none of us had succeeded in doing. We were in very good country for all sorts of game, from tiger downwards, and our men were out holding the hills for bears, etc., while we had several buffaloes tied up in likely places for tigers. It was about elevn o'clock in the day, we had had breakfast, and were enjoying our pipes when Cassim, Sprinkle's head shikari, appeared, and, salaaming low, informed us that he had got a bear marked down. You may be sure that this news excited us not a little, and we were soon on our horses, and on the way. Before starting we drew lots as to who should have first shot-a very great mistake, as will be seen later on. It was a terribly hot day, and we felt the sun considerably as we proceeded to look Bruin up. We had to

ride at a walk, to allow our shikaries, gun bearers, etc., keeping up with us, and we had a distance of some four miles to get over. On drawing near the spot where the game had been marked down we dismounted and proceeded on foot. Cassim had left two men to watch the place and to see that our quarry did not move, and these men now met us with the information that all was going well; Bruin had not stirred from under the thick bush in which he had ensconsed himself when the day began to warm up, and was still enjoying his

He had chosen a most shady and retired nook, a narrow, deep ravine about halfway up the side of a chain of low hills, over-shadowed small trees and high bushes, and thus comletely protected from the rays of the sun. Sprinkles had won the right to fire the first shot, and as it was decided by Cassim that no beating was necessary, we proceeded to walk the bear up, Cassim showing the way, Sprinkles next, and my brother and I bringing up the rear. We went forward very cautiously until Cassim came to a stop and pointed to his front. It was then that we found out what a mistake we had made in drawing lots as to who should fire the first shot. Sprinkles had drawn the longest straw, and was therefore entitled to open the ball; but unfortunately he was extremely short-sighted, and he could not, for the life of him, make out what Cassim was pointing at. It was the bear. Rather difficult to make out in the dark shadow of the bush under which he was lying, even to a man of ordinarily good sight, his color being black, and therefore blending in in with his surroundings. "What is it?" asks Sprinkles in a whisper. "The bear." "Where?" There." The colloquy naturally got louder and louder, and equally naturally, woke up the bear. My brother and I could see the beast all the while easily enough, and could have killed it as it lay, had it not been for that unlucky drawing for first shot. When Bruin at last discovered our near approach, up he got. Sprinkles saw him then, and fired at once, whereupon the beast turned, and, rushing up the hill, was over a slight rising and out of sight in a minute, Sprinkles giving him another shot to hurry him up as he went.

We followed in hot pursuit, and on gaining the crest of the slight rising alluded to, we saw our game lying apparently dead a little way down upon the other side. Sprinkles gave vent to his feelings in a wild yell, and forgetful of the fact that he had not reloaded after firing off both barrels, and that he was consequently defenceless in case of anything happening, dashed down on to our seemingly defunct foe. When he had got about halfway down the slope, and was only about ten yards off, up jumped the bear and went for Sprinkles, who promptly turned to come back again; but alas, in turning, his foot slipped, and down he came right on to his face. Luckily the bear gave me a broadside chance as he made his rush, and I bowled him over dead with a curious shot, which we found, on cutting up the carcass afterwards, had raked him almost the whole length of his body, smashing up his liver and heart and various other internal arrangements in the most wonderful way, and eventually lodging in the brain. Sprinkles did not seem to mind much and soon recovered both his wind and his equanimity.

We were still talking it over when a messenger arrived from another party of watchers, to tell us of still another bear that had been marked down. It was now past one o'clock, but we determined to push on at once, and getting back to our horses, we set off in search of the new game. After going about two miles we met some of our men, who told us that the present object of our search was a she bear, with two young cubs, and that she was lying up in a valley on the other side of the hill we had now reached. The hill was tearfully steep and the grass on it very slippery, consequently we found our guns uncomfortably heavy to carry. Sprinkles, indeed, found his so heavy that he handed it to a native. On we went till we got to the top of the hill, and here the place where the new bear was lying up was pointed out to us. It was a cluster of rocks and bushes near the foot of the hill, on the further side of the valley we had opened up. Delighted with our success so far. we began to descend, when bang, bang, went both barrels of Sprinkles rifle. He had handed it over, as I have just mentioned, loaded, to a native, who was devoured with curiuosity to find out how the gun that broke in half-it was a breech loader-was worked, and in fumbling about with it, he had inadvertently touched both triggers, with the result described. The poor fellow was horror-struck at what he had done, and in his panic fell over, not doing much good to the rifle thereby. Sprinkles naturally used much bad language over the incident, and I rather think my brother and I spoke very feelingly to Sprinkles about being more careful with loaded weapons. The bear woke up and went for her life up the opposite hill, up which we watched her go with her two cubs on her back, and that was the last we saw of her. However, we had bagged one good bear, anyhow, and had had quite a thrilling time of it. We went back to camp that evening three fairly happy griffins after all. I don't know how we should have contained ourselves had we bagged both bears.

The Lady-My 'usband, sir, 'as sent me to say 'e won't be able to come and do the little job you arst 'im to; 'e's promised to go round the town with the unemployed.

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from now the Socialists wing him. After that I did that anybody will be chee The Blenheim Palace payored an amusing in the Unionist meeting Gerald Arbuthnot, the candidate, said: "We are see the hoardings covere tesque caricatures of de torted figures, which are represent typical membranes of Lords, One of Lords, One of Lords, One of lused by the Radical part bloated-faced brute in a and coronet. This poster by Mr. Churchill for his a where do you think it cam received it at Blenheim Phe great ducal homes (Lord laughter.) Isn't it ture? Can't you see Chucosily in the midst of dwalted upon by ducal footplush breeches (laughted und concocting poster dukes? (Loud laughted und

Nevertheless, Mr. Che lection address to the tors, which is the third has emitted in advance puts the campaign again the forefront. He whose only meaning is: ary principle must go."

This is also the annou Sir Edward Grey, but i policy which Mr. Asquitirained from adopting. at the witdrawal of the linance and in less defin other legislation. It Grey, not Mr. Asquith, or an elective second. Indeed, one of the misance in the Cabinet wheen regarded as the mount of the misance in the Cabinet wheen regarded as the mount of the misance of the crisis is man in the Cabinet wheen regarded as the mount of the misance of the crisis is not in the Cabinet wheen regarded as the mount of the misance of the crisis is not in the Cabinet wheen regarded as the mount of the misance of the misance thing has happing the politics than that Sittle before the count of 2,000 misance of the country, owner of 2,000 misance of the country, and thous the politics who fears who fear