

ABOUT PROHIBITION

Hon. David Mills' Views on the Proposed Prohibition Plebiscite

He Thinks the Question of Revenue Should Also Be Considered.

Ottawa, June 5.—"What are your views in regard to the plebiscite on prohibition?" was asked Hon. David Mills, who was met in the corridors of the senate.

"I think," replied the senator, looking at the pledge given by the Liberal party in the convention of 1893, that the vote should be taken as soon as the Dominion franchise reform is settled, and a proper list of the question proposed upon to vote on the question of prohibition should be those who will be qualified to vote for representatives in the house of commons, and no others."

"Are you in favor of a vote upon the abstract question?" "I am not in any way very much opposed to it," he replied. "The honest thing to do is to put the whole matter before the people. Of course, I do not know what line of action the government and parliament will adopt, but in my opinion the measure that is required to give effect to the decision of the public, in case prohibition carries, ought to be the matter upon which the vote is taken. The ministers must decide upon how they will meet the loss of revenue that will be caused by the adoption of prohibition, and the creditors of Canada are entitled to know how the \$7,500,000 of revenue that will be wiped out by prohibition is to be made up. It is possible that some portion of the loss could be made up by taxes upon tea and upon coffee, but the greater portion, in my opinion, can be made only by a direct tax. There should be a well considered bill prepared, and the vote should be taken upon it. The question is not whether the public favor prohibition or not, but whether they are willing to pay the cost of it. The abstract proposition does not mean anything, and it will be wholly delusive to submit it, because it will be no indication of the real conviction of the public."

"What do you suppose that by indirect taxation \$2,000,000 of the loss of revenue is made up, and that \$5,000,000 are required by direct taxes. That will be \$1 per head of the population. Is the city of London, for instance, agreeable to pay \$200,000 in addition to its present state of taxation, to carry into effect the measure of prohibition? What those who honestly desire a prohibitory measure wish to have the public honestly to declare their favor. They ought not either to deceive themselves or those who respect them, and so they are entitled to have the whole question before them whensoever a vote is taken on the subject that has been brought under my notice by a very prominent financial authority on the other side of the Atlantic, and to the extent to which an abstract declaration of principle affects the credit of the Dominion in the British money market. And so it becomes of the very highest consequence to this country that the measure upon which the people are asked to vote should show how the revenue that will be wiped out by prohibition is to be made up, so that those who have advanced more than \$200,000,000 of money on the credit of the revenue of Canada will have no doubt as to the honest intention of this country to meet the interest upon its debt."

"Those who insist upon a vote on the abstract question alone are those who show want of faith in public conviction upon the subject of prohibition. It is dishonest to insist upon a vote being taken simply because after it is taken there is a strong belief that the public will sustain any scheme of taxation that is proposed to it, and when the only result that could certainly come would be the political destruction of the country, it is dishonest to give effect to the decision arrived at by the electorate without full knowledge of the outcome."

"It might not be that the people would not favor direct taxation and the same thing would be strongly in favor of prohibition."

"The Liberal party have for a good many years been endeavoring to lessen the burdens and waste that arise from the present taxation. We have been opposing the increase of the national liabilities, and we have been looking forward to the time when the provinces might, by direct taxation, raise revenues that would be used by the federal government. To propose to all communities to the indirect taxation collected would be in contravention of the course that the Liberal party has pursued. Nor do I see how the loss of these taxes can be largely increased. We have, in many instances, raised the point where the increase of taxes would decrease revenue rather than add to it; except an import tax on coffee, it is not easy to devise any indirect tax that could be added to the revenues which it is proposed to abolish. I think that Mr. Spence of Toronto has proposed an additional tax on tobacco. In my opinion the tax on tobacco is already above the point at which the largest revenue can be obtained. A further tax on tobacco if imposed, would not fall upon the wealthiest class of the population, but rather upon those who have been excessively burdened by the taxes associated with drink."

KILLED BY LIGHTNING. Belleair, Ohio, June 14.—Three young boys were blotted out yesterday evening by a lightning bolt. The victims are: Willie, Mary White and Emma White. They were residents of Jacobburg, eleven miles west of this city, and were walking home from church when struck.

BEHRING SEA ARBITRATORS.

A Meeting to Be Held at Montreal on June 16th.

Ottawa, June 12.—There will be a meeting of the Behring Sea arbitrators at Montreal June 16th for the purpose of fixing a date and place for hearing counsel. The counsel of the United States will apply to the meeting for a reopening of the case, application being founded upon the allegation that one of the claimants is an American citizen and not entitled to claim damages. The commission will probably not sit longer than one day in Montreal.

THE FIRST BANQUET

Laurier Entertained on Saturday Evening by the Chamber of Commerce at Liverpool.

Duke of Devonshire Discourses on Imperial Unity—A Promising Outlook.

Liverpool, June 12.—The Colonial Premier, Mr. Laurier, and Mrs. Laurier, were the guests this evening of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce in the concert room of St. George's Hall. A large and distinguished audience gave an enthusiastic welcome to the visitors. Among those present were: Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commissioner; Sir John Lubbock and Lady Lubbock, the Earl of Crewe, Sir Arthur Forwood, Sir George Baden-Powell, Mr. James Duke, the United States Consul at Liverpool and Mr. T. H. Ismay.

The Duke of Devonshire, president of the British Empire League, made an address. After detailing the objects of the league, he said: "There never was a period in our history when the colonies and dependencies filled so large a place in the thoughts of the motherland as they do now. While it is too much to say that the colonies occupy the attention of statesmen, the exclusion of more domestic matters, there is something in the air, something which if I am not mistaken, is growing into a great and irresistible force, speaking to the minds and hearts of the people and telling them that they are citizens of a greater state than that contained in the little islands in the northwest of Europe. I am sorry to say that I am old enough to remember a very different state of public opinion which, I believe, was due to the influence of such distinguished men as Cobden and Bright and admiration of the United States of America. That admiration was admirable in itself; but perhaps at that time was somewhat exaggerated and might be regarded as a guide for our relations with our own colonies. We were at that time told that while we should endeavor to avoid the mistakes which lost us the North American colonies, and that above all we should never again be guilty of attempting to retain our colonies by force, yet we might complacently look forward to the time when our colonies, having grown to maturity, would peacefully sever their connections with the motherland and become independent republics on the model of the United States."

Continuing, the Duke of Devonshire said, after alluding to free trade: "Very few people now regard the example of the United States as the inevitable or necessary result of our colonizing energy, but on the contrary we look forward with pride and exultation to possible future creations, not only of a Canadian Dominion, but of Australian, West Indian and African dominions, all of which will be the United States themselves in the extent of their power and prosperity, dominions which, instead of becoming separate independent states, will remain portions of one undivided British Empire. Today we are reaping the fruits of the more generous and statesmanlike policy prevailing of later years, and of the success which has attended the great policy of Canadian federation."

Mr. William Zeller reports picking up a drift net near the northern end of Texada Island a small fish, which is towed down to this harbor, and it is now lying on the beach near Dobson's foundry. The fish is painted white inside, and with a short piece of logging chain for a pointer. In the bow of the boat was found a time bomb belonging to John Percy, and also a copy of a telegram. The skull evidently belongs to the Piercys of Comox.

While on a solitary spin to Nanaimo yesterday Mr. Wm. McGregor met with a most painful accident. He was riding near Chase river, the road being rather slippery with the rain, when his wheel slipped very suddenly and he was thrown violently on his face, the blow breaking one of the bones of his face near the temple. He got up and was able to ride home, where medical aid was summoned. Mr. McGregor was very ill that night, but is better now. He will be laid up for perhaps a fortnight.

Messrs. Andrew Haslam and W. K. Leighton, president and secretary respectively of the Cameron Lake Mining Co., have just returned from a visit to the company's properties near Cameron lake. Mr. Leighton reports that work on the Copper King is progressing most favorably, and that they are well pleased with what they saw. The last report from the mine stated that the tunnel had been run in 150 feet, cross-cutting the main ledge at its extreme end. Since then a shaft has been begun on the ledge at the end of the shaft, and is now down 26 feet.

A PRACTICAL JOKE.

Another Alleged Attempt to Assassinate President Faure. Paris, June 14.—The newspapers of this city today agreed that the alleged attempt to assassinate President Faure yesterday was either a practical joke or the act of a madman, and was arranged so as not to hurt anybody.

Ald. H. J. Raymer, of Rosland, is in the city. He has been attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. at Kamloops and is here to attend the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

FAST LINE CONTRACT

Sir Richard Cartwright Moves Its Adoption in the House of Commons To-Day.

Placing Improper Questions on Order Paper—No Railway Commission This Session.

Ottawa, June 14.—Sir Richard Cartwright attacked the adoption of the fast Atlantic contract in the house to-day. Sir Charles Tupper supported it. Mr. Dobbell said he had a private cable stating that the Petersons had got sufficient capital to carry out the contract, and they were waiting for the government to put it through the house. Mr. Wood, of Hamilton, Liberal, opposed it strongly, stating that it was not necessary. It was too expensive, and the route was not safe for a service of 21 knots. The country had condemned the proposition of the late government for a fast line.

In the commons this morning attention was drawn to an abuse which has arisen of placing improper questions on the order paper in the house. It was the honor of the ministers, dealing with matters before the law courts, or including newspaper clippings. In the present instance a question was asked by Taylor as to Mr. Wood's course in not pressing his action against one Grenier for libel published in Le Eleber Parole. The speaker ruled it out of order and announced that in future members bringing in newspaper clippings should do something to satisfy themselves of the accuracy of these statements.

Repeating to a question by Mr. Wood, of Hamilton, the acting premier, Sir Richard Cartwright observed that the intention of the government to bring in any measure this session to create a railway commission.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

THE KING.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS. A grand carnival of sports will be given under the auspices of the Victoria Athletic Club on the 19th and 21st of June. Jerry Stamp, of the Imperieuse, will meet Young Jackson, colored, of Victoria, in a 15 round go for points. Stamp is known to be one of the cleverest men on the station. He is athletic instructor on the Imperieuse. Young Jackson is a very clever sparrer.

On June 21st Henry Slater, of Birmingham, England, who has a remarkably good record in ring events, having won the world's title in 18 rounds to a draw in Dallas, Texas, and got a decision in 15 rounds with "Bright Eyes" at Dallas, will meet Dick Case in a 10 round go for points, with the privilege of 10 more if no decision is reached. Case is well known to the Victoria, having grown to maturity, would peacefully sever their connections with the motherland and become independent republics on the model of the United States."

CRICKET.

THE REGIMENT WINS. The Fifth Regiment cricket club on Saturday met and defeated a Union cricket club by 30 runs. The Albions went to the wicket first, but with the exception of Green, who played a good innings and scored 19 not out, they were unable to do anything with the bowling of Falconer and McTavish for the milk-tamen. The innings of the Albions closed for 43. The Regiment then went to the bat and they managed to knock out the Fifth by 10 runs. The batsmen were York and C. Schweigens, before they were retired. The only good scores for the militiamen were those of B. Goward and R. Wilson, who each scored 18.

R. M. V. MILITIA.

The second eleven of the Fifth Regiment cricket club were defeated by the second eleven of the R. M. A. on Saturday afternoon at the Canteen grounds by 44 runs. The scores were: R. M. A., 87; Fifth Regiment, 43.

MISCELLANEOUS.

One of the attractions for the celebration is an athletic exhibition in either the Victoria theatre or A. O. U. W. hall on Monday evening. There will be chalking, etc., but the event of the evening will be a sparring bout between Dick Case, who gave such a clever exhibition with Dan Egan, in Philadelphia Hall a few weeks ago, and Prof. Slater, who is also said to be a handy man with the gloves.

EARTHQUAKES IN INDIA.

Later Reports Show That Great Damage Was Done. Calcutta, June 14.—Later reports increase the gravity of the earthquake shocks on Saturday. An extensive area was affected, causing much misery among one of the poor Europeans and natives. Shocks were felt at Simla, Agra, Bombay, Manipur and at many places far down the central provinces. An immense amount of damage was done at Hoogli, Burdwan and Dacca, where several persons were killed. At Darjiling the Eastern Bengal railway is interrupted, bridges being damaged and a train was overturned on the Assam-Bengal line. The ground opened at Sankarpur, and the town of Kohima was severely damaged. The heaviest prevailing is the highest on record—128 degrees in the shade having been reached at Kocabod, on the frontier of Belochistan.

J. J. Palmer, of Toronto, one of the owners of Texada City townsite, is at the Strand.

THE DOG OWNEY DEAD

Killed Because He Had Grown Old and Victious.

Toledo, O., June 12.—Owney, the famous canine postal tramp, is dead at last. He was officially executed by order of Postmaster Brand of this city. Soon after it was brought to the attention of the United States that a dog named Owney, who travelled dog was killed in Cleveland an edict went forth ordering all mail clerks to refuse passage to the wanderer. Owney fell sick about that time and was cared for in St. Louis. He was then started out again and came here yesterday from Frankfort, Ind., bearing only three medals on his collar. This is evidence that he had been carrying his traveling as he was usually decorated at each stop with some sort of a badge. Owney attacked Clerk Blankertz here, inflicting painful wounds in his hand. He was brought to the station and asked to kill him, but the dog made a rush for that gentleman and tore his trousers.

Postmaster Brand, considering that the dog had grown cross that it was dangerous to harbor him, ordered the chief of police to kill him, and Owney met death within a few minutes. It is said that he was mounted at the expense of the Toledo clerks, and forwarded to Washington for the official museum. The medals were sent to A. Long where his other trophies are stored. Owney was about 17 years of age, and years of travel over the United States and around the world have made him the noted dog of his time. He started from Teocoma.

PANTHER SHOOTING IN INDIA.

Captain C. J. Melliss, Ninth Regiment Bombay Infantry, in the course of an article on "Panther Shooting in Central India," in the "Illustrated London News," tells the following story of the killing of these monsters: "As soon as the panther's footmarks on the hill known to my shikari, I had a goat tied up, and went out and sat on a tree over it. The goat was young and indiscreet, expressing his objection to being tied up by kicking and bawling, which suited my purpose exactly. For I had scarcely been in the tree half an hour and the sun was still hot overhead, when the glint of a panther's yellow skin among the trees caught my eye. I was filled with joyful anticipation of possessing it. I watched with much interest the stealthy manner in which the wild brute approached the spot, winding in and out of the bushes, and listening, and slowly advancing again, he seemed to my impatient spirit to be an interminable time coming, while there seemed something most creepy in that silent, unobtrusive approach. Happily for the unfortunate goat, he was quite unconscious of the danger, had ceased bleating, and was nibbling the grass about him. From behind a bush scarcely ten yards from the goat the panther stopped and appeared to gaze at the goat with much interest for a second or two. Then he ran up to the goat and seized it by the length of his tether. In dashed the panther at him with a spring, seizing him by the throat, and turning a complete somersault, with the goat held in his jaws. So quickly was the attack made that the goat had hardly time to utter a cry. When they came to the ground the panther was underneath, but he was up in an instant, seeming to throw the goat out of his jaws. The latter, where he fell, gasping a moment or two and was still. Under cover of the scene I had cocked my triggers, but as the panther was now gazing keenly around on all sides and seemed to be listening intently, I lay low, determined to wait until his attention became engrossed in his kill. Some minutes of intense alertness passed on the part of the panther before he grew reconciled to the situation, and then he made no attempt to feed, but seized the goat by the neck, and attempted to drag away. But the rope held fast, and as he tugged his chest presented such a tempting shot that I could no longer resist. Slipping my rifle through the screen of branches I shot him in the chest, and he fell. Down he flung the goat one way, and with a snarling roar, went flying, crashing through the brush in another direction. Ah! blissful moment that, as I scrambled in, not least down from the tree, for here was the very cream of sport in prospect—an exciting follow-up of a wounded, dangerous beast. Nothing beats it this. I know for pleasurable excitement that thrilling moment when you catch the first blood tracks, while your eyes search intently the jungle on every side for timely sight of the crouching panther, and the safety of your skin often rests on the quickness of your eyes. And of all animals, who can crouch concealed like the panther—who more ready to turn upon his foe? Who more alert, and his senses so keen, even though wounded unto death? But this time I did not get quite the sport I looked for. For I had not followed far before I found the dead panther in the thickets ahead of me. Judging from the sound as to where he lay, I was able to make my way safely round a bush, and so came within view of him standing up and awaiting seemingly for my approach, but evidently badly wounded, and I easily killed him with another bullet."

GRANDER OF AN ICEBERG.

One of the ice masses which Dr. Nansen has described includes an enormous berg, of which he writes as follows: "From its tip rose two points like slender church spires, high into the air. Far up on its cliff like side, was a huge hole passing like a tunnel out through the whole mass of ice, and down below the sea had hollowed out grotesque so large that it seemed to be a cavern. In these cavities there were marvelous effects, and of bits of blue, purple, and red, and of the white foam of a floating fairy palace, built of sapphires, about the sides of which brooks ran and cascades fell with the sound of dropping water echoed incessantly from the caverns at its base. When one comes across legends of this kind, which happens now and again, instead of being told in a fantastic form and play of color which absorbs one's whole imagination and carries one to the world of fairyland, the mystery of the fairyland of childhood."

Manager—Can you write?

Applicant—Can I write? Yesterday I succeeded in slaying my name with a pen I found in the postoffice.

The Rev. C. G. Panter, of H. M. S. Imperieuse, and Mrs. Panter are staying at the Dominion for a few days.

TO ANNEX HAWAII

The Treaty To Be Sent to the Senate After President McKinley's Return.

The Measure on the General Lines of the Treaty Submitted by Harrison.

Washington, June 14.—The treaty for the annexation of Hawaii to the United States will be sent to the senate soon after the return of the president unless present plans are altered. The treaty has been written and all the details decided. There is no doubt, it is said, that the president's acquiescence in the terms of the treaty, for the reason that he was fully aware of them before he left. It is on the general lines of the treaty negotiated during the administration of President Harrison and which was drawn by Cleveland. It provides for annexation without exacting conditions on the part of Hawaii as to the form of government to be vouchsafed to Hawaii, leaving that question to be disposed of by the government of the United States. The United States will agree to assume the present Hawaiian government.

AT THE WHARVES.

The Aorangi Sails for Australia—The Umattilla Brings Many Passengers.

Goods shipped to Victoria on the Pass of Balmaha Will Not Arrive Before October.

The low rates in force on the steamers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company are inducing people to travel. The steamer Umattilla, which arrived at the wharf shortly before midnight on Saturday evening, brought up from San Francisco 224 passengers in all, 98 of whom were for Victoria. She had a heavy cargo of freight, consisting of general merchandise and southern fruits. The steamer Waila, which left for the Golden Gate on Saturday evening, did not have many passengers from Victoria, notwithstanding the low rates, for it is too close to the Jubilee week for Victorians to travel. A quantity of which was matted and Chinese and Japanese merchandise, ex the Northern Pacific steamer Pathan.

It will be some time before the goods shipped from London for Victoria and Vancouver and the ship Pass of Balmaha, which was abandoned by her crew, will reach the wharves. The goods will be sent to Messrs. Johnson & Burnett, of Vancouver, says: "The Pass of Balmaha has been so seriously damaged that it has been decided by the underwriters to have the cargo discharged on the Falkland Islands, and another vessel sent by the Salvage Association to load the cargo. As far as the vessel itself is concerned, it may be chartered to bring the cargo should reach Vancouver at the end of October or early in November."

When the Danube was leaving Bella Bella on her way down the steamer Tees had just arrived at the location of the wrecked steamer Willapa and they intended to commence their work of raising her on the following morning. The Danube's crew are of the impression that the steamer will be successful if they are able to bring her up. There is very little change in her position since the time she struck on the reef. As the Danube passed the Willapa the tug Mattie was lying alongside the wreck, and she had taken about 10 tons of goods from the steamer.

The steamer Aorangi, of the Canadian-Australian line, left Vancouver at 2 o'clock this afternoon for Departure Bay, where she will load the necessary coal for her trip to the South Pacific. She will be here during the night, leaving early in the morning for Honolulu. There are a few passengers awaiting the Aorangi at this port. They include Sir George O'Brien, the new governor of Fiji, and his daughter, Mr. Fraser and Dr. Vanslyke, who are bound for Auckland and Mrs. Fraser for Sydney.

Mr. J. H. Glass, of London, who is here on a business visit, while walking along the beach yesterday picked up a black bottle, containing the following note written on a piece of cardboard: "Mid-Ocean, Feb. 12, 1897—Lost at sea in a great sea. Our vessel became a total wreck, Ugene Hall." The "message" looks like the work of some would-be joker.

The American bark Melrose, Captain Peterson, arrived in the Royal Roads this morning, after a trip of 37 days from Santa-Rosalie. She will arrive at Salt Spring Island for that port.

The steamer Thistle arrived yesterday morning from the Fraser river. The trip was her last under the flag of the C. P. N. Co., she having concluded her service for that company.

The steamer Oscar leaves to-morrow morning for Rivers Inlet, where she will act as the cannery tender of Wadhams' new cannery during the fishing season.

The tug Vigilant, of Port Angeles, arrived yesterday with a boom of logs from Port Townsend for the Taylor mills.

The steamer Victoria, of the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, sailed from Yokohama on Saturday.

THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR.

At the annual meeting of the London Missionary society, Rev. G. Cousins said that the French Jesuit missionaries had confiscated thirty of the society's chapels, and threatened to confiscate sixty more in Madagascar. But on the other hand the French Catholics declare that the French and English missionaries must work shoulder to shoulder with each other in order to bring about a better condition of things among the Malagasy people. The French government also assures the rights of a French colony as if they were in a British colony.

WHAT WAS IT?

A Strange Substance Wandering About the Sky This Morning.

A very strange sight was seen by Mr. Kennedy, night engineer of the street railway company, this morning, and his friends have been racking their brains and looking through every work on astronomy and its kindred sciences that come within their reach, trying to explain what it was he saw. While looking from one of the windows of the car shed he saw a large sphere rising above the houses of the Work Estate, and at first he thought that one of them was on fire. On looking again, though, he saw that the sphere, which seemed as bright as the sun at noon-day, was rising slowly above the roofs and passing over that portion of the city, traveling in a westerly direction. From where he stood it looked to be about a foot, or a little over a foot, in diameter, and resembled somewhat a large arc light, but it was far brighter than any arc light. He thinks it was a meteor or some such wanderer about the heavens. In his opinion it was not a balloon, for there was just the bright sphere, there being no car ropes or any other appendage to it. Mr. Kennedy watched it for fully half an hour, together with several other employees of the street railway company, and at the end of that time a dark cloud came before it and hid it from their sight. He and his friends cannot account for the strange phenomenon.

WESTMINSTER LEADS.

Scores Made in the Canadian Military Rifle League Match.

The third of the series of the Canadian military rifle league matches was shot on Saturday, four of the Victoria teams completing their scores. The other series will be completed this evening. Saturday's scores follow:

Table with columns: TEAM No. 1, Score, and names of team members like Sgt. McDougall, Sgt. Bailey, etc.

TEAM No. 2.

Table with columns: Score, and names of team members like Sgt. Gibson, Corp. Butler, etc.

TEAM No. 3.

Table with columns: Score, and names of team members like Gr. Nartel, Corp. Dickinson, etc.

TEAM No. 4.

Table with columns: Score, and names of team members like Gr. Wilsby, Gr. Trisby, etc.

At Vancouver the scores were, 855 for the first team and 670 for the second; the Nanaimo team scored 761, which New Westminster's first team defeated all Canada with 902. Here are the highest scores:

Table with columns: Score, and names of team members like 5th Artillery, Westminister, etc.

MEDDLING WITH NATURE.

One of the most destructive entomological pests that ever assailed the vegetation of any part of this country is the gypsy moth, first imported into Massachusetts 30 years ago for the purposes of experiment by a French naturalist. They have proved that many forms of vegetable and animal life, innocuous in their natural habits where natural antagonists hold them in check, often become destructively mischievous when transplanted. In addition to this case of the gypsy moth, we see the verity of this assertion also ratified in the history of rabbits in Australia, of the English sparrow in this country, of the Canadian thistle when exported abroad and of the water hyacinth in Florida. Transplantation from their native haunts made malicious pests out of all of these. But no single one of them can compete in devility with the gypsy moth. Ever since 1859 war has been waged on the extermination of this insect, which eats everything that grows, with the exception of tobacco. In its war against the pest Massachusetts has been materially aided by the national government, and together they have expended nearly \$700,000. And yet the pest still is. It is calculated, however, that appropriations annually for the next ten years will effect its extermination. The expense seems enormous, but according to experts it is trivial compared to the sweeping damage capable of being wrought to the crops of the country by a dissemination of the moth.—Albany Times.

GOSSIP OF LONDON

Winter-like Weather During Greater Part of Week—Mr. Gladstone and the Sultan.

Csar's Great Disappointment—Great Britain and the Purchase of Delagoa Bay.

London, June 12.—The weather has been winter-like during the greater part of the week. Heavy rains fell and London presented an especially bedraggled appearance, with soaked, half-finished jubilee decorations everywhere. On Friday, however, there was a pleasant change of bright weather.

One of the Irish papers publishes a letter from Gladstone in which he refers to the "insolence of the sultan's impetuous request to be permitted to send envoys to the jubilee." Mr. Gladstone expressed the hope that prudence and decency will induce the government to stifle the request.

To-day Whitlaw Reid, special ambassador from the United States, visited the British and settled some of the arrangements for American participation in the fete. It was decided to illuminate brilliantly the embassy and Mr. Reid's residence.

The Czar and Czarina are understood to be greatly disappointed at the fact that their second child is also a daughter, which still leaves His Majesty's brother, the sickly Czarevitch, Grand Duke George, heir to the throne. The Czar's two daughters have extremely remote chances of succession to the throne.

The French press is greatly interested in the event, and one newspaper at the capital of France describes the baby as being "Toute Mignonne, with her father's dreamy eyes and mother's intellectual forehead."

The birth of a second daughter to the Czar and Czarina has caused a discussion of the "rights" to alter the law of succession.

Great satisfaction is expressed in Great Britain at the announcement that the Queen has commanded Wm. Quiller Orchardson, R.A., elected to the Royal Academy nearly twenty years ago, to paint a jubilee picture of herself, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and little Prince Edward.

As pointed out before, Angel, the Austrian painter, was selected as the Queen's painter. Landseer had painted an excellent picture of Her Majesty on a pony.

Delagoa Bay, according to reports emanating from good sources, is already in possession of the British, and the increased number of troops which have been and are being sent to the Colony are really intended for the occupation of the new possession when the time comes for announcing it.

In this connection it is recalled that Rothschild practically purchased a controlling interest in the Suez canal for Lord Beaconsfield when the latter was prime minister of Great Britain eighteen months before the transaction was announced, and Rothschild's name is now mentioned as a candidate for the purchase of Delagoa Bay.

Mr. John Redmond, Parnellite leader, accompanied by Mr. Louis Sturges and Calander, a star orator, is stamping Ireland in the cause of the "Redmondite League, which will inaugurate in a speech at Cork on Sunday.

STAGE RAN AWAY. K. K. Peiser Has an Adventure on the Grand Forks Road.

Grand Forks, June 9.—The Marcus stage did not arrive in Grand Forks until after 1 o'clock this morning. An account of an accident which occurred about four miles north of Toulou's ranch where the first change of horses was made. An exceptionally light load of passengers was brought to the stage, being only six. At a steep hill in a canyon, which has become famous because of a bad accident occurring there last winter, the brake failed to hold and the horses, impelled by the weight of the stage, dashed down the road at a break-neck speed for 200 yards.

The driver, Mitchell, held them steady until the reins on the lead team broke, then he lost control. The stage struck a tree and broke the front wheel. Two passengers were riding with the driver on the front seat, and all three were thrown forward onto the horses. W. M. Peiser, a passenger brakeman on the Spokane Falls & Northern, received the most serious injuries, having his left shoulder and collar bone broken, and being badly bruised and shaken up. K. K. Peiser, of Victoria, a travelling agent, was only slightly bruised, and the driver escaped without a scratch and managed to keep control of the horses.

Peiser was taken to Roseburg for medical treatment, and Mitchell went back four miles to Toulou's for a change of horses and the extra baggage. Mitchell is known as a careful driver, and those who were mixed up in the accident exonerate him from all blame.

UNHAPPY CUBA. Weyler Continues His Persecutions—The Recent Train Wreck.

New York, June 11.—A dispatch to the Journal from Havana says: Weyler continues his persecution of helpless Cuban women who have relatives in the rebel ranks. Senora Sardin, whose husband is a Cuban leader, lately captured, was dragged from her home and thrown into the house of detention, where she will be kept incommunicado until her husband's court martial and execution at Cabana castle.

Six insurgents who surrendered to the Spanish authorities, and who expected to be pardoned and paroled under Weyler's amnesty decrees, have since been court-martined and shot.

The town of El Callao, on the western Trocha, was entered by insurgents recently. They visited the local Spanish hospital and confiscated all medicines and supplies in sight, but did not menace the inmates.

Dr. Paguen, a wounded Cuban surgeon, who had smuggled himself into Havana to recuperate, was discovered by the Spanish police and sent to the military hospital of San Ambrosio.

AWFUL STORMS RAGE

Further Particulars Regarding the Devastation Wrought by the Colorado Storm.

A Destructive Cyclone Lays Waste a Section of the State of Minnesota.

Denver, June 11.—A special to the Rocky Mountain News from Brighton, Colo., says: One of the worst storms known in the section raged yesterday afternoon. Two dense clouds, one to the northwest, the other in the southeast, joined at a point southeast of here, and the result was a waterspout that sent an avalanche of water down through the valley between Second and Third creeks, devastating farms and sweeping away bridges.

About a mile of track of the Union Pacific is under water. There was a severe hail storm accompanying the rain, doing considerable damage to crops. A strong head wind blew over part of the course of the storm. A special to the News from Wayne, Colo., says: The morning light reveals the extent of the devastation of yesterday evening's storm and reports have been coming in from the country all day so that we are able to tell pretty nearly how far it extended and the amount of damage done. Two and a half inches of water fell in less than half an hour over a territory estimated from five to ten miles wide, and ten to twenty miles in length, sweeping everything before it.

The crest of one stream that was running only a few inches became a torrent twenty feet deep, filling the valley, flooding the yards, cellars, houses and washing out and carrying away fences, crops, shrubbery and trees. From every valley and canyon floods came pouring, swelling the flood and increasing in terror.

Hail drifted and to-day it is piled in drifts four feet deep. Nothing like it ever was known here. Dead stock is being gathered up and carted away in great loads. People are shoveling the drifts off their roofs.

Fortunately little wind accompanied the storm. Otherwise windmills and houses would have been ruined and much greater destruction would have occurred. This point seemed to be the centre of the storm. Estimates of damages are placed at from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Lyle, Minn., June 11.—A destructive cyclone struck this vicinity last night laying waste a strip of country 20 miles wide and 10 miles long. A funnel shaped cloud made its appearance 12 miles to the west. J. C. Owens' new residence, barn and granaries were destroyed.

At Howards all outbuildings were demolished. The Woodbury school house was destroyed.

Charles Severson's fine farm property was all destroyed. His skull was fractured and it is feared he cannot live.

William Stipe's farm buildings were smashed into kindling wood. The family got into the cellar but Mrs. Stipe was badly injured.

Mrs. Berg's house was destroyed. Joseph Wyberney's barn and houses are gone. One of his horses were picked up and landed 80 rods away without a scratch.

Henry Hansen's building was destroyed and Hansen killed. P. J. Johnson and Hansen's wife and two children are in a critical condition. The Minnesota school house was totally destroyed.

August Webber's barn and residence were wrecked. Willis Bryan's farm presented a scene of total destruction. He took his wife and three children into a corner cellar with the floor over them and as the house was lifted a stone weighing 200 pounds rolled down over his back inflicting an ugly wound.

Christian Petersen's property was destroyed and he cannot live. His son are in a critical condition. Peter Hansen had a leg broken. Mrs. Hansen was badly hurt, also their son, Robert.

Mrs. Hugeson and Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Clarion were visiting there and all were injured. Charles Larsen's cottage was destroyed and he and his wife were badly hurt. The property loss is estimated at \$30,000.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

Freight Cashed at Sheep Creek—Provisions Reported Very Scarce. Port Townsend, June 11.—The latest news from the Yukon country, per steamship Topeka, says that much freight for the Yukon and Klondyke is cached at Sheep Creek until next winter, as the snow melted this year before it could be taken over the divide. Provisions are reported very scarce in the Yukon mining camps.

Henry G. Bryant has arrived at Yakutat, which is at the base of Mount St. Elias, with a party of five, who will scale the mountain. Bryant is a Philadelphian and headed a party of explorers to Labrador in 1891. He was also a member of the Peary relief expedition in 1894.

Bryant is accompanied by S. D. Entrikin and E. B. Latham, of Atlanta, who are investors in the United States coast and geodetic survey corps. It is his intention to plant the American flag on the summit ahead of the Italian Prince Luigi, who has gone north to carry the Italian flag upon the mountain.

JAMES H. BULLOCK, Governor of the State of California.

"For three years we have never been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house," says A. H. Patter, with E. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind., "and my wife would as soon think of being without flour as a bottle of this Remedy in the summer season. We have used it with all three of our children and it never failed to cure—not simply stop the pain, but cure absolutely. If it is all right, anyone who tries it will find it so. For sale by all druggists. Letsgley & Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver."

ARGENTINA INVADDED.

Uruguay Lands an Armed Force—Preparations for War.

New York, June 11.—A special to the Herald from Buenos Ayres says: The government of Argentina has been officially informed that the gunboat Surmeo of the Uruguayan navy, has landed a force of troops on the Argentine coast. After the troops had been landed the Surmeo sank a vessel flying the flag of Argentina.

Immediately upon the receipt of this information an Argentine gunboat was ordered to proceed to the point where the troops were landed and capture the Surmeo, if there, if not, to pursue and take the vessel at all hazards. No report has yet been received.

Argentina has issued emergency orders to her army and navy, and there is great activity in those departments. Every preparation is being made for war.

The Herald's correspondent in Montevideo, Uruguay, says that the rebels are concentrating their forces and a decisive battle is imminent. Commenting upon these dispatches, the Herald says: The only recent dispute between Uruguay and Argentina was during the latter part of 1896. Since the revolution in Uruguay began there has been much sympathy in Argentina for the rebels, and this sympathy found a substantial form in the exchange of arms and ammunition for them.

This feeling gradually grew worse, until in December of 1896, there were open demonstrations in Argentina, and threats to her army and navy, and the government of Uruguay. What are known as the white and red parties took prominent parts at fostering this feeling against Uruguay, and finally the matter became so serious that Uruguay made a protest to Argentina.

In spite of this filibustering continued, and the result has been strained relations between the two countries.

AN AUNT'S ADVICE

BROUGHT A YOUNG LADY OUT OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH.

A Remarkable Case That Vividly Shows the Wonderful Health-Restoring Power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. From the Orangeville Banner.

There is no doubt at all that many people are prejudiced against proprietary medicines, and equally no doubt many people are prejudiced against the curative qualities of which strong claims have been made, and proofs advanced in their support which seemed equally strong. But it is when one comes across in their own locality a case which has been made public, that doubt disappears and conviction follows. Such a case the Banner came across and investigated and now give the facts. The case is that of Miss Sarah Langford, an elderly young lady who resides in the neighborhood of Canalla. We were told she had been brought near to death's door and had been restored to health through the agency of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. We decided, however, to cast hearsay aside and investigate for ourselves.

We found Miss Langford the picture of health and good spirits, at her pleasant home in Canalla in response to our inquiries as to her illness and the cause of her recovery, she expressed her willingness to satisfy our curiosity, and as she added, relate her experience for the good of others.

Her story very briefly, was as follows: "I had a gripe in the spring of 1894. I did not seem to get over the effects of the attack, and as the summer progressed became sicker and sicker. My kind of work became a burden to me. After pumping a pail of water from the well, I would have to stand and hold my hands over my heart for a moment or so, it would flutter so violently. I could not go upstairs without difficulty, and towards the last would have to rest on the steps, and when I got to the top lie down until I could recover my breath. I became a mere skeleton, my cheeks were like wax and my lips colorless. I lost all appetite and my meals often went unattended. Medicine seemed to have no effect upon me. I was getting weaker all the time, and at last began to give up hope of recovery. My parents were of course in great distress, and I knew by the looks and actions of friends who called to see me that they thought I was doomed to an early death. Then a dear lady friend died and I managed out of love for her to drag myself to her funeral. The sensation of seeing her laid away, believing that I would soon follow her, was a strange one. Shortly after this an aunt of mine, Mrs. Wm. Henderson, of Toronto, came to visit at our place. My condition troubled her very much and she insisted on my trying Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. To please her I consented to try them, and to my great surprise and relief, I overcame my recovery."

Enquiry among neighbors corroborated Miss Langford's story as to her illness and remarkable recovery. In her case at least, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have given a striking proof that they possess wonderful merits.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the disease. They renew and strengthen the blood, and soothe the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. Avoid imitations by insisting that every box you purchase is enclosed in a wrapping bearing the full trade name, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

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For Table and Dairy, Purest and Best.

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Accidents will happen—burns and scalds are bound to occur in the best regulated family. Serious results will be avoided—pain will rapidly disappear—new skin will form in three days, if the burn or scald is promptly covered with a plaster made with

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Your druggist sells it in 25c. and \$1.00 White Glass Pots, with necessary lint for applying, or you can write direct to THE QUICKCURE COMPANY, LTD. QUEBEC, CAN.

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MADE BY THE GULLINE PNEUMATIC COLLAR CO., QUINCY, P.Q. No sweat pads. The strongest, most durable, lightest, coolest, easiest and best fitting Horse Collar on earth. Heavier loads drawn with less exertion than with any other collar. Sure cure for sore necks and shoulders. The stitching is not affected by moisture, and will not rot. All collars, from the lightest to the heaviest, are made of the very best leather, and tested by a pressure equal to fifteen tons pull, and are so guaranteed.

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CRISIS AT ST. PIERRE.

Excitement in Financial Circles Over a Failure.

New York, June 12.—A special to the Herald from St. Pierre, Martinique, says: Intense excitement prevails here in commercial circles owing to the failure of the house of C. Aris & Co., which has suspended payment, with liabilities amounting to more than a million dollars. There are large assets, but unavailable at present. The failure carries in its train the stoppage of six or seven sugar factories, which have been supplied with funds by this firm through the sugar-making season, and will throw several hundred persons out of employment. The British National Bank has ceased selling drafts on New York, and the general outlook is gloomy.

A DIABOLICAL PLOT.

An Attempt to Kill the Governor of a Soldiers' Home.

Kansas City, Mo., June 11.—A special to the Star from Leavenworth, Kas., says: A diabolical plot was made upon the life of Governor Andrew J. Smith, of the Soldiers' Home, and his wife and daughter, between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, by some unknown desperado. Dynamite was employed in the outrage. The explosion, which all but demolished the governor's beautiful residence, aroused the residents of the city and houses trembled as if undergoing an earthquake shock.

Mrs. Smith had a miraculous escape from death, the force of the explosion being directly beneath the bed chamber. Besides being cut and bruised by pieces of glass and flying furniture, she was completely prostrated by the frightful shock and is now in a precarious condition. Governor Smith and daughter occupied rooms on the second floor far enough removed from the explosion to escape the serious consequences suffered by Mrs. Smith.

The residence is a scene of wreckage. The brick walls are torn and cracked, one side being almost blown out. The interior is a scene of confusion and destruction. The furnishings are utterly wrecked.

The report of the explosion was distinctly heard in this city, three miles away. Veterans in their barracks were thrown from their cots, and a panic was with difficulty prevented.

Governor Smith attributes the attempt on his life to the war waged against him during the past five or six years. The veterans are standing by him manfully and swear that they will lynch the wretch if caught. Joseph W. Oliver, a dishonorably discharged veteran, has been arrested. When he came to his room, after being out all night, he said he was sorry the explosion had not killed the governor, as he deserved such a fate. The evidence against him is strong.

POINTS FOR MINE OWNERS.

Perhaps we ought not to call it greed; rather let us say it is credulity, born of hysteria and "boom," that impels so many persons possessed of mining properties in Canada to ask prices for them so high as to be out of all reason. People who are guilty of this sort of folly are not alone injuring themselves, but they are doing harm to the country, for they disgust and frighten away the intelligent, bona fide investors—the very class that should be welcomed and treated with discretion. Several instances have come to our ears of the kind of mistakes we here condemn, on the part of both prospectors and secondary owners of mineral properties in Ontario and British Columbia, and the boomsters lost chances by them, too. But here is the latest instance. It is related by a gentleman from Manchester, Mr. W. Y. Ridley, to a contemporary: For a prospect on Texada Island, B. C., giving indication of a vein of low grade ore, likely to average in the vicinity of \$7 to the ton, traceable for a distance of about 50 feet and about 15 inches wide, he instructed his agent to offer the owner \$1,000. This offer was afterwards increased to \$1,500, and the price Mr. Ridley felt was quite as much as, if not in excess of, what he was warranted in recommending his principals to pay. Ridley's astonishment was great when the owner of the claim stated that he would not sell for a cent less than \$8,000, and this was for a

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Outline of the Program toria's Grand Carnival.

Finance Committee Re-crease the Appropriation Comm

According to the report of the meeting of the general committee last evening, members of the Mainland and the Fifth Regiment will be celebrated, and they will be celebrated at the provincial attraction by a grand festival at Beacon Hill. It is announced that the province had arranged to bring from Col. Worsnop the 70 men would come.

The finance committee to increase the grant to \$100,000, the grant from \$75 to \$100, and a reception grant of \$400,000. The appropriation for the program is as follows: Sunday, June 20—July 1. 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THE CELEBRATION.

Outline of the Programme for Victoria's Grand Jubilee Carnival.

Finance Committee Requested to Increase the Appropriations—Decorations Committee.

According to the reports presented at the meeting of the general celebration committee last evening at least 150 members of the Mainland companies of the Fifth Regiment will be here for the celebration, and they will provide an additional attraction by giving under canvas at Beacon Park.

The finance committee was requested to increase the grant to the band committee by \$100, the grant to the regatta from \$500 to \$1,000, for decorations from \$75 to \$100, and to increase the grant from \$75 to \$100, and the yacht reception from \$500 to \$750.

The secretary read an outline of the programme as follows: Sunday, June 16—Jubilee service at Beacon Hill at 3:30 p.m. Monday, June 21—Lacrosse match, Victoria v. Vancouver, Caledonia park, 10 a.m.; review and parade at 2 p.m.; illumination of parliament buildings, and pyrotechnic display at Caledonia Park and Imperial Bayon fires in the country.

Tuesday, June 22—Rifle matches at Beacon Point, 9 a.m.; regatta at the Arm, 10 a.m.; illuminations and decorations of Beacon Park in the evening. Wednesday, June 23—Gun club shoot at Beacon Hill traps 10:30 a.m.; also at Beacon Hill or the outer wharf; baseball match, Nanaimo Stars v. Maple Leaves, at 2:30 p.m., to be followed by a regatta.

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"While many of us have become adopted citizens of the United States, and are loyal to its institutions, yet we appreciate and are proud of your many noble traits and admire your devotion to, and interest in, the many trusts that have been reposed in you during your eventful and unprecedented reign.

"We assure you of our strong affection for Your Most Gracious Majesty, and the pleasure it gives us to be enabled to celebrate such a memorable event.

RAPID PIGEON FLYING.

Four Hundred Miles in a Little Over Nine Hours.

Milwaukee, June 11.—Thirteen homing pigeons owned by H. J. Baumgartner, president of the Milwaukee common council, have finished a flight of 400 miles in the fastest time for that distance ever made in the west. The time was nine hours and 20 minutes. The birds were released at Toronto, Mo., and the race was under the auspices of the National Federation of Homing Pigeon fanciers.

THE HOFFMAN MYSTERY.

Still Trying to Weave a Web Around Bookkeeper Figel.

San Francisco, June 11.—The Hoffman mystery is still unsolved, though the detective force is working hard to get at the facts. Attorney Ache is tireless in his efforts to fix the responsibility on Theodore Figel. Ache declares that there was no motive for suicide. Hoffman and his wife, the attorney says, were not on bad terms, as reported. On Tuesday morning, before leaving for down town, he kissed her.

Rothschild and Ache are keeping control of the books. One fact concerning the check book which he pointed out is that 21 checks had been torn out of the back of the book.

On March 23, 1897, he says, "in the petty cash book, is a credit by Figel to M. Zerker, of Merced, for \$1,300. I traced that item down and found that M. Zerker paid Figel \$1,300 in money on that day for Hoffman, Rothschild & Co. On the other side of the cash book is an item by Figel indicating that a deposit of \$1,000 in the London, Paris and American bank on that day. On the same day on the check book Figel wrote that a deposit of \$1,000 in cash was made. The fact is that no such deposit was made."

Entries in the cash book were made in black and red ink and in black and purple indelible pencil, so there was no occasion for extreme neatness or the use of a particular brand of ink, which Figel says he returned to the store to procure.

Chief Leese denies that he favors the suicide theory. He says that he is securing all the evidence possible and has expressed no opinion.

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FROM THE CAPITAL.

Regulations Governing Placer Mining on the Yukon River and Its Tributaries.

Hon. Mr. Blair Treats Sir Charles Tupper to a Neat Verbal Constipation.

Ottawa, June 12.—It is reported that the senate intends throwing out the anti-combine clause of the tariff. Sir Charles Tupper sails for England on Saturday next. He has therefore had to give up his intention of speaking in Boston at the banquet.

The cabinet is sitting all day. There is still some doubt about getting away next Saturday, as the opposition are determined to oppose the extension of the later-colonial tariff.

An order-in-council has been passed setting forth the regulations governing placer mining on the Yukon river and its tributaries in the Northwest Territories. Dry diggings will be 100 feet square, and the creek and river claims shall be 500 feet long. No miner shall receive a grant of more than one mine claim in any locality.

The B. C. Southern charter was granted by the railway committee yesterday. Judge Clarke said the Canadian Pacific company have not acquired the provincial charter, but friends of the company secured it about January 14th.

The question of dismissals came up yesterday. Mr. Blair made a vigorous speech, characterizing the whinnings of the Tupperites regarding the action of the government as rank hypocrisy. The minister of railways treated Sir Charles to an neat verbal constipation as that unscrupulous trickster ever received in his life.

A NOTED CROOK.

The Author of "Many Robberies a Guest" at the City Lock-Up.

"Tom" Wallace, recognized by the police as the slickest crook-cracker and all-round crook on the Pacific coast is in a cell at the city police station. He arrived this morning by Detective Perdue and Constable Walker and charged with perjury, but friends of the name of George Brown, a name he used on previous visits here for the purpose of picking out easy places for the operation of the gang of which he was the head. His work was neatly slipped in the bud. The police have been watching him for two weeks waiting for him to attempt some crooked work, but fearing he would steal a march on them, placed him under arrest.

Wallace's gang were here during the celebration last year and were ready for some big work before arrested. They stole a number of cigars, hats and articles from Sehl's furniture factory and the parliament buildings and were ready for work on some of the safes of the city when Constable Walker found them in an empty house. They took away before the officers could get their "bracelets" on them, but Wallace was afterwards arrested and served three months for the robbery at Fort St. James. He was in the parliament buildings. After serving his term Wallace went to Vancouver and with the Elridge gang operated there all last fall. There being a dispute over the division of the spoils, some revolvers, Wallace gave the gang away and subsequently he got off with a light sentence, three months. Elridge escaped from the New Westminster penitentiary and went to Portland where he shot a policeman who was about to arrest him for safe-cracking. The revolver he used was one of those stolen in Vancouver.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Big Government Gun Blown to Pieces While Being Tested.

Washington, D. C., June 10.—The state of Maryland trembled last evening as the result of an explosion of 330 pounds of gun cotton at the government proving grounds at Indian Head. A 12-inch breech loading rifle weighing 101,000 pounds and worth \$25,000, was blown to pieces. The armor-covered "bomb-proof" in which the spectators take refuge while tests are made, was wrecked and a dozen spectators narrowly escaped with their lives.

The final test was being made of a gun cotton shell, invented by a Chicago man, and through some unaccountable occurrence the shell exploded in the gun, wrecking the gun and scattering shrapnel and throwing some of the pieces more than a mile down the Potomac.

Lieutenant Anderson, who had been directed to fire the gun by electricity when the gun was about to be tested, had gone behind a big earth bank about 200 yards from the gun. He and others were unhurt, though a massive piece of the gun, weighing many tons, flew through the air with frightful velocity and struck the water within 100 feet of the tug.

If the spectators had gone into the "bomb-proof" as they usually do when such tests are made, they would all have been killed, for a big piece of steel struck it and ripped through the 12-inch armor as if it had been so much paper. A great hole was torn in the ground where the gun stood, and the buildings at the proving grounds were badly shaken. Not a particle of the gun or its carriage remained.

First there was a rumbling of the earth and then a flash of light and a great explosion broke. A thick smoke covered the gun and in an instant an enormous piece of steel came shrieking through the air and struck the water, throwing the spray in every direction. When the men looked again they saw a great hole where the gun had been.

For several minutes the sound of the explosion reverberated through the surrounding hills. This was the largest charge of gun cotton ever fired or attempted to be fired from a powder gun. The government paid about \$25,000 for the gun, money that built especially for these tests. A shell shot from this gun was expected to perforate 21 inches of steel at a distance of 1,000 yards and to travel from six to ten miles before losing its momentum.

THE HOFFMAN CASE.

The Coroner's Inquest Will be Held Next Tuesday.

San Francisco, June 11.—The coroner's inquest in the Hoffman case will be held next Tuesday. It is claimed that it can be proved that Figel's operations were known to both Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Rothschild of the firm before they went east. Ed. S. Rothschild, of New York, arrived from New York last night to take the place in the business left vacant by the death of his late partner, Isaac Hoffman. He brought with him autographic falsifications of the accounts and shortages, and for himself denounces as slanderous the statements that these irregularities were known and consented to by the young partner, the man who was killed. He denies that Hoffman was engaged in any outside speculations. As regards prosecuting Figel, he will take the advice of his attorneys.

THE WIZARD SMILES.

Edison Sees Nothing in Tesla's New Scheme of Telegraphy.

New York, June 10.—When asked for his views of Tesla's latest invention, the wireless telegraph, Thomas A. Edison said: "I don't find anything in that for discussion," said he. "It is all incomprehensible to me. He does not tell of anything accomplished. There is nothing that I can grasp, no facts that form even a basis of discussion."

"I have done something in the general field of work suggested by Mr. Tesla's claim, but I left it when I found that it was not profitable or practicable. For instance, a few years ago we succeeded in telegraphing from a moving train of cars to a terminal station, or to another train, and by a simple apparatus. The entire plant would cost only \$150. The process was fully described in the newspapers at the time."

"It was never of any practical value, aside from locating work trains along the road. We also showed that the current could be transmitted from one kite to another in the air. "It might be possible," Mr. Edison said, with a smile, "to send a wave to England by the use of 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 horse power, a wave that would transmit a letter, and it might be possible to transmit twenty waves or a word a day. But the power required would be enormous. No I can see nothing in this scheme, described in such a vague, uncertain way."

CANADIAN NEWS.

Crows' Nest Coal Lands—Sealing Claims Commission.

Montreal, June 11.—Sir William Van Horne, president of the C.P.R., referring to charges of personal interest against Toronto capitalists in the Crows' Nest Pass railway project, said this morning: "If Senator Cox and Mr. Jeffrey are referred to, I wish to say most emphatically that they had no personal interest in the Crows' Nest Pass railway matter, nor in the B. C. Southern. They were interested in the body of coal lands near the Crows' Nest Pass, which had for years been held in fee and was not connected with any railway land grab. Their negotiations with us related only to coal rates and spur track arguments, and their sole object was the development of the coal property in which they were interested."

Ottawa, June 11.—The Behring seal chase, commenced in Montreal last Wednesday. It is understood that arguments will not be heard at this meeting and the proceedings do not promise to be very lengthy. Notice has been given to the board of trustees of Queen's University to permit that country to put in further evidence, but this motion will be strongly opposed by the Canadian representatives. It is expected that the local owners of the seal will be held at Halifax some time in August.

Toronto, June 11.—Fire tonight destroyed the Tammany Hall clubhouse, the Royal Toronto sailing club clubhouse and other buildings adjoining; total loss, \$10,000. Judge Macdougall today refused the application of the opponents of Sunday cars for a recount and scrutiny of the results of the election on the grounds that there was not sufficient material contained in the petition to justify a long and expensive investigation.

Chatham, June 11.—The Conservatives of West Kent, in convention yesterday, selected Dr. W. R. Hall, of this city, as their candidate for the legislature. J. P. Whitney, the provincial Conservative leader, and other members of the legislature were present and spoke.

HAD INDIGESTION!

For a Matter of Some Forty Years or More.

Joseph Gardner, stove dealer, of Bath, Ontario, is a great believer in Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills for indigestion, constipation, dyspepsia, Bright's disease, rheumatism, and kidney, liver and stomach troubles generally.

"I was troubled for over forty years with indigestion and constipation," he writes. "At intervals I suffered from severe headache. I spent dollars and dollars without result until Mr. Ball, our druggist, advised me to try Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. I did so, and must say that they are the only remedy that gave me relief. I would not be without them for anything."

Many people suffer from rheumatism, bad blood and diseased kidneys bring it on. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will remedy all this and cure rheumatism, sciatica and all kindred complaints. Here is a simple case:

"My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. W. W. Chasley, Ont. "He also had a touch of diabetes. The doctors could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured him."

Sold by all dealers and Edmondson, Bates & Co., Toronto. 25 cents. When all other remedies fail Dr. Chase's Linseed and Turpentine will cure the worst chronic colic. 25 cents. John Morton, of Trail, and B. J. Short, John Hendry and John Burns, of Vancouver, are at the Dispensary.

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WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Presbyterian Synod in Session—Manitoba Methodist Conference.

Winnipeg, June 11.—The morning and afternoon sessions of the Presbyterian General Synod to-day were almost entirely devoted to the reception of reports from colleges. The moderator named the following as a committee on a loyal address to the Queen and the Governor-General: Rev. Dr. Gordon, convener; Rev. Dr. King, Rev. Dr. Herridge, John McIntyre, Q. A. and Robert McBerth, Winnipeg.

Applications to receive ministers were received from the Presbyteries of Halifax, Montreal, Lanark and Renfrew, Brockville, Peterboro, Barrie, Guelph, Algoma, Hamilton, Paris, London, Glenboro, Winnipeg and St. John. Chief Justice Taylor, chairman of the board of the Manitoba college, presented the report of that institution, and spoke briefly, calling attention to a few encouraging facts. The number of students, he believed, was at least double what it had been at the former meeting of the General Assembly at Winnipeg ten years ago.

Rev. Dr. Caven presented the report of Knox college, Toronto, which was received and adopted. Rev. Principal Grant reported from the board of trustees of Queen's University. Rev. Thomas Lawson has been elected president of the Manitoba Methodist conference. At the meeting to-day a resolution was introduced by Mr. Waring Kennedy condemning the practice of using separate communion cups at the holy sacrament.

Mr. Merry del Val visited the Winnipeg public schools late this afternoon in company with several trustees. He briefly addressed the students and inspected their work, after which the pupils paraded on the grounds and sang the "Maple Leaf Forever."

HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

Plans Being Laid to Admit the Islands as a Territory.

Chicago, June 11.—The Daily News-Washington special says: A convention is on foot looking to the annexation of Hawaii as a territory, and the details of the plan are so nearly complete as to warrant the belief that they will soon be submitted to congress. The United States, it is proposed, shall assume the debt of the Hawaiian republic to the limit of \$3,000,000. Friends of annexation in Washington declare that the president will submit a message to congress on the subject before adjournment of the present session.

UNION NOTES.

Some new specimens of ore have been brought in during the past week which look very promising. Attention, however, has been paid to the group of which Bonnie Jack is the most prominent. The local owners of this group have been doing some development work lately, but not to a great extent. So far the highly mineralized character of the rock continues, and is perhaps more marked. The appearance on the scene Wednesday of Mr. Wm. Dalby, of Victoria, intensified the interest. Mr. Dalby knows something about mines and has a syndicate at his back; so that the impression became general that something was to be done; and this time the gossips were right, for Mr. Dalby made such arrangements with the owners that in a few days' men will be at work on the group to develop some portions of it in accordance with expert knowledge and methods.

The Comox valley looks splendidly in its carpet of green. Since the rain the crops are improving. There are, however, cut worms which are making considerable trouble. The farmers don't appear to know what to do with them, except to kill them, one at a time, and this is

DECLARES HIMSELF DICTATOR.

President Barrios, of Guatemala, Issues a Proclamation.

New York, June 11.—The Herald's correspondent in Guatemala says that President Barrios has confirmed the dispatch that he has declared himself dictator. In the decree issued by Barrios, he gives his reasons in these words: "Some of the deputies, inspired and influenced by personal ambition, have committed irregularities unprecedented in the country's history, and have attempted to break the ties of harmony by dictating unconstitutional laws, both inexpedient and contradictory. On the 1st of May, adjournment day, they failed to meet the dissolving national representatives. On account of the impudence of some of the representatives, this circumstance has placed the executive in the position of assuming the national public powers."

"Notwithstanding this, in the fulfillment of my duty, I will not fail to continue my endeavors to maintain order and the liberties of individuals which our constitutions prescribe, hoping for the aid of good citizens to continue advancing moral and national progress, realizing that the future happiness of the republic shall continue and opposing violent and extreme measures."

"I have no other ambition than the fulfillment in the best possible manner of the obligations imposed on me by my conditions as a son of the people and the high office conferred by a vote of the majority. The executive remains under the strictest obligation to regulate the well understood interests of the nation. "For the knowledge of all let this manifestation be declared publicly."

Dr. BOBERTZ. The old reliable and celebrated Detroit Specialist is still treating with the greatest SKILL AND SUCCESS all Nervous and Chronic Diseases. Men who are weak, nervous, broken down; men who suffer from the effects of disease, over work, worry, from the follies of youth or the excesses of manhood; men who have failed to find a cure, do not despair, do not give up! consult Dr. BOBERTZ and you can rely upon being speedily and permanently restored to PERFECT HEALTH. Describe your case fully and a book containing valuable advice, testimonials and full information how to obtain a perfect cure at home, safely and secretly, will be sent you in plain, sealed envelope Free of Charge. Address, naming this paper: Dr. Bobertz 252 Woodward Ave. DETROIT, MICH.

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British Columbia.

ROSSLAND.

Rossland, June 8.—A. Eskine Smith came last night with a bag of rich copper ore. It is from the claim of J. R. Hatfield, which lies five miles south-west of North creek and the new road strike on it is a quartz, carrying gold, silver, copper, pyrites and lead, and the ore is thrown up by a single shaft in a fine showing, and will assay about 100 lbs. of copper, and will be a fine claim. Mr. Whitehead is in a new quarry, with the location within two miles—the Old Joe, a copper proposition.

The O. K. mill is again in full blast. It is now running at 100 lbs. of ore, of which about 100 tons has been taken out. There is plenty of ore being hoisted from the Great Western shaft, constructed by the O. K. mill, and the ore body being staked out in the area is probably very rich. The mill is now producing 100 tons of gold and silver, and a high percentage of copper. A general meeting of the shareholders of the Good Hope Company has been called at the head office of the company in Spokane to elect a new board of directors. The new board of directors, recently organized in this province, to purchase the assets of the company, consisting of the Good Hope mineral claim.

SLOCAN CITY NEWS.

The first ore of the season from the Howard Fraction was brought down by G. G. Milten. The contract is for 20 tons, and Mr. Milten will keep a pack train busy till it is completed. Lewis Orin and John Kinnell came down from Lemona creek Thursday, bringing some fine specimens of galena from their claims, the North Star and Mountain Top, between the first and second north forks of the river. The O. K. mill is now producing 100 tons of gold and silver, and a high percentage of copper. A general meeting of the shareholders of the Good Hope Company has been called at the head office of the company in Spokane to elect a new board of directors. The new board of directors, recently organized in this province, to purchase the assets of the company, consisting of the Good Hope mineral claim.

TO BE REPRESENTED.

Arguments for the special bill at Beacon Hill are to be held at a meeting of the committee on Monday morning. The committee will be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow. The committee will be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow. The committee will be held at 8 o'clock to-morrow.

W. INTELLIGENCE.

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SPIDER'S THREAD.

The first microscopist, as follows: "I have often seen the threads spun by spiders with a hair of my place the thickest part of the microscope, and from a hundred of such threads side could not equal the one such hair. It is with a hair to be of a round low that 10,000 threads spun grown spider when taken out to be equal to a single hair. To this, if we 30 young spiders, at the time begin to spin their webs, and these minute spiders possess organs as the larger ones. It is the exceedingly fine threads these little creatures must be so slender; and consequently 100,000 of these minute spiders must equal in substance the one hair."—Microscope.

the Colonna, the plant of the Monte Cristo being used to furnish power for the drills for both mines.

The Le Roi company has bought the machinery for its smelter in Milwaukee, to be delivered in 70 days. The site of the smelter is still undecided, but it is believed that the recent agitation will result in the plant being located at some point in Canada, instead of at Northport. The plant is being considered seriously, and seems to have every advantage enjoyed by the American town.

Shipments of ore from Rossland mines last week were 1,355 tons, and since January last a total of 25,750 tons. The new electric power plant of the Triad smelter will have at least a first time this week as the refinery was fired up for the first time.

The Salmon River district continues to attract a great deal of attention, and a constant stream of investors and prospectors is pouring in there. The towns of Ymir, Selkirk and Zele are all reported to be thriving finely, and announcements of new discoveries on tributaries of the Salmon river are coming in at the rate of two or three a day. It seems likely that the district will have at least half a dozen producing mines by next winter.

Nelson is arranging to celebrate Dominion Day. The programme will include all sorts of sports, and the celebration will last two days. The refinery of the Hall mines smelter is about ready to start.

Contractors are making arrangements to break ground at once on the Slocan branch of the Canadian Pacific railway.

The receipts of ore at Kaslo for the week were 542 tons, against 360 tons last week and 212 tons the week before.

The bond on the Ilex mine, in the Slocan, which was not due for eight months yet, has been taken up, the final payment of \$22,000 having been made a few days ago.

John McPhee, who was arrested at Kaslo on Wednesday on the complaint of the attorney general for forging names to a petition for the removal of Mining Recorder Keen, of Kaslo, last fall, has been admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000. His trial will come off at the next Nelson assizes.

ROSSLAND MINER.

The Kintyre Mining company has let a contract for sinking a 100-foot shaft on the Fandango, a Lookout mountain claim one mile from the town of Trail. At a depth of ten feet some very good ore is reported to have been found, and a night and day shift have been put on. In addition to this the company is running an open cut on a quartz lead which looks well.

It appears that work on the Palo Alto claim was discontinued on account of the shortage of funds. In the east drift the latest shows a heavy body of good ore, which assayed across the vein \$14.34 per ton in gold with a little copper. It is understood that work will shortly be resumed, the management feeling certain from the latest developments that they have a valuable claim.

In doing assessment work on the Velvet on Sophie mountain, a most remarkable showing of gold copper ore has been discovered. The Velvet adjoins the Triumph on the northwest corner, and is owned by J. Lewis and O. Jeddness. The work has been done about 200 feet from the Triumph corner post, and on a small outcrop of ore which was visible at that point.

SANDON.

While extending a new lead to tap the ledge on the Noble Five group a 12-foot ledge of clean quartz was discovered. This new strike occurred several days ago, but has just been made public.

The Two Friends Mining company, which recently purchased the Great Western, is pushing development work on the claim.

The Sunlight mineral claim has now been sold to Vancouver parties for a cash consideration. It will be developed.

The trail for the Payne tramway has been completed and work on the tram proper will be commenced at once. A force of about 80 men will be employed. They are at present shipping two cars of ore per day, which will be increased to three cars next week.

The Slocan Star shipped during May 800,000 pounds of ore over the C. P. R. to St. Paul and 200,000 over the Kaslo & Slocan from this place. This, considering that only a small force was employed, speaks well for this great mine.

QUESNELLE.

The Underwood dredge is now completed. The scow has been completely renovated and the machinery put in place of the old centrifugal pumps. It is confidently expected that the new idea of dippers will prove successful. Mr. D. McCaskill has had charge of the alterations and will take the dredge up the Quenelle river as far as the Canon on Monday.

The Sidney company's dredge, which is being constructed by Messrs. Barr and Conzine, and which will be taken in sections to its destination. Snooky river, rapidly approaches completion.

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QUESNELLE FORKS.

The mill on the ground of the Horse-shoe Hydraulic Company is rapidly approaching completion and will be started early next month. The careful sampling done by Mr. Lewis, after paying for the value of \$45 to \$55 per ton is carried by an immense body of easily crushed cement. This gold being free, will be all readily saved, and it is calculated that 100 tons a day can be treated. Other parties operating on the Horse-shoe Forks, and much more is expected from this camp this season.

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VANCOUVER.

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Bella Coola, June 5.—The old reliable Swan, of Naum Harbor, of which Mr. R. Drany is owner and master, and which has for the past three years carried Her Majesty's mail to this place, continues to arrive as regularly as the transcendental rains.

The last steamer brought to our valley four young ladies, two being Miss Hopwick, of Seattle, Wash., and Miss Olla Christensen, sister of H. B. Christensen, of this place. Miss Christensen comes from Vancouver, Minn., and will be the housekeeper for H. B. until somebody else's sister arrives. These young ladies, it is said, are to make their big home in this valley, and all big game is to be raised without much difficulty.

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The steamship Comquidam, on her initial trip up north, called at Bella Coola, and the freight and passenger traffic to this place warrants it she will make regular calls in the future.

Our school will close for summer vacation June 26th, and Prof. S. Moore will leave for Victoria by July 1st, to spend his vacation in that city.

VERNON.

Over 75 names were added to the Provincial voters' list from this city last week.

The revised assessment roll for the city shows a total assessment for 1897 of \$516,925, a decrease of \$5,180 from last year. Of this amount the Okanagan Land and Development Co. is assessed for \$175,715, making their assessment \$3,581 less than for the year 1896.

The flour mill has been closed down indefinitely owing to lack of wheat. The mill at Enderby is still working, but is using wheat brought from the northwest.

J. D. Graves, the Douglas lake cattler, left last week with a load of 1,100 head of cattle which he had purchased in this district. We understand that the prices paid were very much lower than formerly, 3-year-old steers being sold for \$25.

The secretary of the Women's Council received this week a welcome communication from Lord and Lady Aberdeen to the effect that they would contribute \$150 towards the hospital scheme.

A. Postill, we regret to hear, has been compelled to resign the secretaryship of the agricultural society on account of poor health. He left Monday for Winnipeg, and will visit Banff on his way.

Messrs. Seydell, Hopkins and Young are still sinking on the Three Tramps claim and are getting out fine looking rock, heavily impregnated with copper. They are down about fifteen feet now and are beginning to be troubled by water.

The shaft on the Blue Jay mine is now down about 35 feet, and the work is being still vigorously carried on. This week a night shift will be put on as the manager is beginning to be troubled some and it is necessary to keep men continually at work.

A. H. Dixon and George H. Maurer, treasurer and secretary, respectively, of the Smuggler Mining Co. of Fairview, passed through town last Saturday on their way to the coast. Double shifts are now working on the Smuggler and over 700 tons of high grade ore is on the dump. They have a shaft down 120 feet and a hundred feet of tunnel which crosscuts two veins of three feet each. Assays of this rock run as high as \$1,687 per ton, while the lowest is \$61.75.

McMullen came in last week from the Silver Star mine, bringing with him some specimens of galena from the ledge which would gladden the eyes of the most exacting mining expert. To all appearances the ore looks fully as good as anything from the Slocan district, and a recent assay given from average samples taken at a depth of 26 feet went 109 ounces in silver and \$3.20 in gold. At 11 feet it showed 96 ounces of silver and \$2.40 in gold. A force of men are at work on the mine, and will be kept steadily employed during the summer.

We have seen some very fine rock from a claim about six miles north of Slocan, owned by Messrs. McLeod & Wright, and called the Blue Bird. The rock carries copper in large quantities and also contains gold.

The day is not far distant when grape growing will become much more general in this district, yet has been the case. Those who remember the excellent specimens of this fruit shown at the fall fair last year will not find their proof that grapes can be successfully cultivated in the Okanagan valley. Even such an unusually severe season as last winter did not have any injurious effect on the vines, and they are looking in first rate condition this spring.

The small vineyard on A. Postill's ranch, in the vicinity of the splendid crop this year, judging by the luxuriant growth of the vines, which are now covered with blossoms. Several attempts at fruit culture have also been made at the Okanagan lake, and it is only a matter of time until numbers of farmers having suitable land will engage to a greater or less degree in this branch of horticulture.

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FORT STEELE.

Messrs. Waldo & Ingran have made a very valuable discovery in the vicinity of Elk river. Their surface showing is very large, considerable work has been done, and two of the claims recorded will become shipping mines within one month.

We learn from Mr. A. J. Devlin that an important and rich strike has been made on Diorite creek. The ore is a gray copper, carrying lead. The lead is about six feet in width and can be traced for a distance covering two locations. The locators are Wm. Langley, Charles Elwood and A. J. Devlin.

END OF THE "CHESAPEAKE."

An English journal contains the following item, for the truth of which we are, of course, vouch, but it is interesting to read: "It is not by any means widely known," says the journal, "that the Chesapeake, famous for historic encounters with the British, was in 1812, in its somewhat inglorious capacity of a flour mill, and is making money for a heavy Hampshire miller in the little parish of Wickham. After her capture by Sir Philip B. V. Brooke, she was taken to England in 1814, and in 1820 her timbers were sold to Mr. John Prior, miller, of Wickham, Hants. Mr. Prior pulled down his own mill at Wickham and erected a new one from the Chesapeake's timbers, which he found admirably adapted for the purpose. The deck beams were 32 feet long, and served without alteration for joists. Many of these timbers yet bear the marks of the Shannon's grapeshot, and in many places the shot are still to be seen deeply imbedded in the pitch pine. The mill-owner's of a man-of-war into a peaceful life-sustaining flour mill is, perhaps, as near an approach to the prophecy that spears and swords shall be beaten into ploughs and pruning hooks as the conditions of modern civilization will allow.

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ENQUIRY OPENED

Charges Made Against Street Superintendent Being Investigated by Council.

Lots of Talk by the Aldermen but Very Little Evidence Submitted at the Meeting.

The council met last evening for the purpose of enquiring into certain statements regarding the street superintendent...

In stating why the meeting was called, Mayor Redfern said he could not see that any charges had been preferred against the superintendent of streets by any member of the board of aldermen.

Ald. McCandless held that if there was to be an investigation the charges should be preferred in writing.

Ald. Harrison did not consider that the charges emanated from Ald. Kinsman. It was simply a paragraph in a newspaper.

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Ald. Kinsman was about to answer but Ald. Partridge having the floor asked that the motion passed by the council granting the investigation and the letter from the superintendent be read. This was done.

Ald. Kinsman said he gave a reporter what had appeared in the Times. It was in the nature of a history of how he had been treated since he was elected in January.

Mayor Redfern and Ald. Partridge and McGregor wanted Ald. Kinsman to state that he made the charges that appeared in the interview, which he did.

There was a lot more talk as to whether the council should proceed, and it was finally decided to do so.

The first matter taken up was in regard to a piece of road at Ross Bay.

Ald. Kinsman said he had taken the matter up because of a report that the mayor that the street committee would have to go slow, and a reference to the cost of that piece of road.

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Ald. McGregor very excitedly denied this, and the repeated charges of prejudice by Ald. Kinsman and denials by Ald. McGregor, made things so lively that the mayor had to threaten to use force to quiet Ald. McGregor.

Ald. McGregor defied anybody in the room to make him stop talking, but he was ordered to stop.

Ald. Stewart moved, seconded by Ald. McGregor, that the street superintendent be exonerated from all the charges made in the Times.

Ald. Vigelinus moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Wilson, that Ald. Kinsman's action be endorsed.

The mayor ruled the amendment out of order.

Ald. Vigelinus spoke very strongly against Ald. Stewart's motion. It was casting a slur on Ald. Kinsman, a man who had been elected by the people, a man who had been elected by the people, a man who had been elected by the people.

Ald. McCandless said he could not exonerate the superintendent on all the charges, for he admitted that he opened a drain, contrary to the orders of the committee. He moved in amendment that the charges be taken up separately.

Ald. Kinsman tried to get in a word, but the mayor interrupted him, and he charged the mayor with treating him unfairly. He did not care what action the council took, it would not injure his character one bit.

Mayor Redfern denied that he treated the alderman unfairly. He thought a motion should be passed exonerating the superintendent, and adding that the charges were made under a misapprehension.

Ald. Kinsman—Oh, no; I don't admit that. I don't take anything back.

It was decided to pass on the charges singly.

Ald. McGregor moved, seconded by Ald. Stewart, that the superintendent be exonerated from all blame in connection with the piece of road at Ross Bay.

Ald. McCandless was rather surprised at Ald. Stewart's motion. The cost of the work was estimated that the work would cost \$50 and it had cost \$205, and now he wanted to exonerate the superintendent.

Ald. Partridge contended that if there was any blame it should be attached to the engineer.

Ald. McCandless moved in amendment that no blame be attached to the superintendent or Ald. Kinsman, as the committee ordered the work, but did not expect it would cost so much. Ald. Hall seconded the amendment.

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The mayor said the charge that a drain had been partly dug on a small street near Moss street contrary to the orders of the street committee.

Ald. Stewart said the committee had recommended that the drain be not laid. The work done had cost \$4.

Ald. Kinsman explained that passing Moss street he had found men working on the drain. He had reported the circumstances to the engineer, who said he had not ordered the work.

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Superintendent Wilson explained that he had men working in the neighborhood and instructed them to open the drain. After the engineer had said that the committee had recommended that the work should not be done they filled it in.

Mayor Redfern considered the matter a very small one.

Ald. Kinsman—But the streets committee are responsible for the expenditure. The mayor said the Victoria West sidewalk question had been settled by the superintendent apologizing to Ald. Kinsman.

Then the question of the manure from the corporation stables, being a perquisite of the street superintendent, was taken up.

The mayor explained that he had written to the superintendent about the matter and since then had heard nothing about it.

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Ald. McGregor asked Ald. Wilson why he had not "fired" the superintendent last year.

Ald. Wilson—I am only sorry that I did not.

Ald. Kinsman wanted to know whether it was right for the street superintendent to sell the manure.

The mayor asked what was done with the manure between January 10th and 30th of January, when he wrote his last letter to the superintendent.

Superintendent Wilson said in 1895, 20 loads of manure were hauled to the Old Men's Home, at a cost of the city of \$1 a load. When he sold it he sometimes got 50 cents, sometimes 25 cents and often nothing.

Mr. Campbell, one of the corporation tappers, said before Mr. Wilson was appointed superintendent, anyone took the manure. Some had been sent out to Ald. Vigelinus.

Ald. Vigelinus indignantly denied this. He had never had a pound of manure from the city stables.

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SHIPS AND SHIPPING

The Steamer Monmouthshire Arrives at Port-au-Prince—Excursion Arrangements.

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From Friday's Daily.

Local steamship men expect a large influx of excursionists to visit the city on the occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, and they are making arrangements accordingly.

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During the month of May, though, the weather had been fair and the catches of the fleet were picking up. Seals, the writer said, were plentiful. The letter also contained the catches of the Victoria schooners up till the 10th of last month. These catches, however, were practically the same as in the list contained in the letter received a few days ago by E. B. Marvin & Co., and published in these columns.

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