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JOURNALISTS IN CUBA.

Labor Struggle in Wales—Buried Alive in Warsaw—New Torpedo Destroyers.

Old Age Pension Scheme—French Naval Extension—Losses in Madagascar.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Correspondents of the Imparcial Herald and Correspondence of Madrid have received orders from their respective newspapers to retire from Havana to Porto Rico and there await further orders.

Wales has become the scene of a most interesting struggle of labor against the utmost rights of property. Not deterred by the victory of trade unionism over the London & Northwestern railway, Lord Penrhyn Pettibry shut down his slate quarries rather than, as he says, "establish a precedent for outside interference with my private affairs."

A special despatch from Warsaw says a painful sensation has been caused there by the alleged burning alive of a prominent society woman, the Countess Helen, who died December 25, and was interred the following day. Persistent rumors were circulated that the Countess was not dead, but merely in a state of catalepsy and the family in order to prove this, the body was exhumed.

It is stated that the British admiralty intends to introduce a new class of torpedo destroyers of a minimum speed of 33 knots. Twenty vessels, it seems, will be ordered immediately of this class.

Advices from Blantyre, a mission town in British South Africa, announce that the British force sent last month against the Agonia-Zulus, under Chief Chikusi, who invaded South West Nyassaland and burned a British mission station, besides massacring the inhabitants of a number of villages, routed the Agonia with very heavy loss after some sharp fighting. Chief Chikusi was captured and hanged. Five men of the British force were wounded.

A Paris correspondent says: There is much talk of the inability of the French dockyards to execute quickly enough the new naval programme, and the question of whether ironclads shall be purchased from England has excited a patriotic discussion.

There is a strike at Melbourne, Australia, of marine engineers, owing to the refusal of ship owners to recognize the union rules as binding. The strike will probably extend over the whole of Australia.

The New York Herald Paris edition states that it can guarantee the accuracy of the news which it presents that Antonio Maceo is still alive.

INSURGENT CUBANS.

HAVANA, Jan. 4.—A Spanish column under Major Benedicto met the insurgent band under Leaders Arragon, Raul, Arango and Rufino Garcia near Campo Florido. The insurgents numbered 2,000 and among them were seen 200 negroes and men not known in that vicinity.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times telegraphically states that the country is becoming impatient at the unaccountable inactivity of the executive in Cuba, which is interfering with them on the favorable circumstances, the opportune death of Maceo, the complete break down of the attempt of American business aided by certain adventurous senators to urge the United States government to adopt an urgent policy, consequent on the reaction of public opinion throughout Europe in favor of Spain.

THE ROSLAND MINER. The Rosland Miner will say to-morrow: "The War Eagle mine has been sold to Canadians. The mine is in splendid condition, 125 tons are produced per day and is in the process of being developed."

ARCHBISHOP FABRE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—(Special)—The body of Archbishop Fabre was interred to-day. The ceremonies in the cathedral were of a most impressive and solemn character. The Archbishop of Ottawa officiated. After requiem service no less than 100,000 persons were present.

ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. Toronto, Jan. 5.—The municipal elections took place yesterday throughout Ontario. In this city Mayor Fleming was re-elected by 1,585 majority over Ald. McMurrich. Mayor Fleming carried every ward. By-laws to authorize the expenditure of \$250,000 on the new court house and \$26,000 for a new water main, and also providing for elections to be held in future on New Year's day, were all carried by large majorities.

MANITOBA ELECTION TRIALS. Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—The trial of the Maconnald election petition opens on Thursday at Portage la Prairie. The judges to hear the petition are Killam and Dubuque. To-day, before Chief Justice Taylor, Geo. B. Anderson, charged with two offences against the election law in the re-trial of the election, chose to be tried before a jury, and the case was remanded to the 10th inst.

A special to the Miner from Spokane states that at a meeting of the Le Roi Company a dividend of \$25,000 was declared to-day, payable to-morrow. This makes \$275,000 paid by that company in the past fifteen months.

A strike of some importance was made this afternoon in the Mascot belonging to the Gun Hunter and opened on that claim 600 feet from the line of the Sunset. It shows three feet of ore, and the best ore is being taken from the Canadian Gold Fields syndicate.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 5.—(Special)—The price of codfish in the European markets has dropped alarmingly, and exporters here are apprehensive for the result. The French fishermen are flooding Southern Europe with their fish and are endeavoring to drive the Newfoundland fish out of those markets.

A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

Mr. Tarte's Proposals Regarding the Exercise of Clerical Influence in Elections.

Petitions Dismissed—Purchase of Mining Lands in Lake Manitou Region.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—(Special)—A Montreal despatch to the World says it is understood that Hon. Mr. Tarte is determined that an amendment to the election law shall be introduced at the coming session of parliament which will make it a criminal offence for any clergyman to exert any political influence either from the pulpit by means of the confessional or by private visits.

THE WORLD says a report is floating about to the effect that an Eastern syndicate is to obtain possession of a lot of mining land in the Lake Manitou region near Wabigoon. The property is said to be valued at \$1,000,000.

THE WAR EAGLE MINE.

ROSLAND, Jan. 4.—(Special)—A telegram just received from Vice-President Finch of the War Eagle Co. says the deal with Mr. Gooderham has not yet been closed.

BANKS CLOSED.

St. Paul, Jan. 4.—The Germania and Allemania banks closed today and at 2 o'clock the Westside bank, organized in 1886 with a capital of \$100,000, closed its doors.

AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN.

New York, Jan. 5.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: "President-elect McKinley has already chosen the ambassador to Great Britain. Mr. Bayard's successor will be John Hay of this city. His appointment was decided upon some time ago. Mr. Hay has been a resident of Washington for several years, and the appointment will be charged to Ohio, whence came John Hay. He was one of President Lincoln's secretaries and was with Mr. Lincoln almost constantly until the President's death. He gained a little military experience acting as the President's adjutant and aide-de-camp, serving several months as major and assistant adjutant-general under Generals Hunter and Gilmore. He was brevetted lieutenant-colonel and colonel. Mr. Hay has been secretary of the legations at Paris, Vienna and Madrid, and often charged with affairs at each of these capitals."

BEAUGRAND'S CAMPAIGN.

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Ex-Mayor Beaugrand publishes another open letter in La Patrie, in which he states that he has received letters from many quarters encouraging him in his anti-clerical campaign. He declares his intention to continue the fight, and he wishes it to be distinctly understood that neither Mr. Laurier nor Mr. Marchand have anything to do with his course.

Mining Exchange Inaugurated.

New York, Jan. 5.—The new mining exchange in New York was opened with much formality this afternoon. The exchange occupies spacious quarters at 89 New Street.

WEYLER'S PROGRAMME.

MADRID, Jan. 5.—Captain-General Weyler is quoted as saying that he expected to finish the insurrection in the province of Havana within a fortnight and achieve a total pacification of the island to Júcaro, the southern extremity of the military line, in the province of Puerto Principe, long before the rainy season. He further stated that he was inclined to conduct ceaseless operations until he has achieved his object, as the conditions prevailing were promising. He concluded the Captain-General said that his views on the political aspect of affairs were unchanged. He still believed that military action in Cuba must be allowed to take its course until the end, and he did not consider that any reform movements were at present necessary.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A special despatch from Madrid says owing to the government's prosecution of the Imparcial, Herald and Correspondence, these papers have agreed to withdraw their correspondents from Havana. It is understood that the Imparcial, Herald and Correspondence, these papers have agreed to withdraw their correspondents from Havana. It is understood that the Imparcial, Herald and Correspondence, these papers have agreed to withdraw their correspondents from Havana.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The senate today passed the house bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases. The measure is the latest of the recent state laws abolishing capital punishment and applies the same principle to federal offences, although the change is not extended to a total abolition of the death penalty. The present laws, which have some forty offences, have been replaced by a sanguinary effect and prescribe death for sixty offences of various character. The bill passed to-day reduces these offences to twenty-five, including rape, murder, and two offences applicable to the army and navy.

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A MESSAGE TO MEN.

Flymouth, Eng., Jan. 5.—Sir Edward Clarke, solicitor-general in Lord Salisbury's former cabinet, speaking here last night upon the Irish grievances on account of the over-taxation of Ireland, advocated the granting to Ireland of £1,000,000 yearly from the Imperial exchequer. Sir Edward contended further that the position of Ireland on this subject was mainly owing to Mr. Gladstone's so-called "Free Trade policy."

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If any man, who is weak, nervous and debilitated, or who is suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from excesses or overwork, will take heart and write to me, I will send him confidentially, and free of charge, the plan pursued by me, which has completely restored to perfect health and vigor after years of suffering from Nervous Debility, Loss of Vigor and Organic Weakness.

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Paper Well Met at the Banks—Bingham Elected Mayor of Ottawa.

IRISH GRIEVANCES.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The vitality and intensity of the popular interest in the dominant question in Ireland, that of securing financial justice for the country, has been fully evinced by the great meetings held in Dublin, Limerick and Belfast. Despite the holiday season, these meetings attracted a strongly influential attendance, composed of men of all shades of political and religious faith, all eager to impress upon the British government their demand for the relief of their financial grievances.

After an exciting contest Ex-Alderman Bingham was to-day elected mayor of Ottawa by a majority of 154 over Alderman Crannell and 848 over Alderman Cliff. Mayor Bingham received the solid Catholic vote, the Protestant vote being divided between his opponents.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—The council of the Dominion Mining Association came up today to consider the plans proposed for the Canadian building at Bieley, and unanimously selected those set in by Sir Isaac Rodden, architect of Montreal. They show a typical Canadian cottage of one and a half stories in height, of neat appearance, with the gables all round, and to be finished in Canadian wood.

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ELECTOR AND THE BISHOPS

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NEWS OF THE DOMINION

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Half Rate Dollar.

teen ounces of silver, for the coining 100 in silver dollars, can be bought for 80 cents. The value of the silver...

COLONIAL LOYALTY.

Sir Charles Tupper on the Affection of Canadians for the Motherland.

British Unity to Be Maintained at All Costs—Anti-Spanish Demonstration.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The complimentary banquet to Sir Charles Tupper, leader of the Dominion opposition, and to Hon. Duncan Gillies and Hon. Sir Robert C. W. Herbert, agents respectively for the colonies of Victoria and Tasmania...

Sir Charles Tupper replied, and in turn eulogized Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, who, he said, possessed the confidence of both great parties in Canada...

THE LATEST CIRCULAR.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—(Special)—The Globe to-day publishes a circular which it says has been sent to Protestant clergymen and leading citizens throughout Ontario.

POLISH FACTIONS AT WAR.

Bay City, Mich., Jan. 5.—Thousands of the warring factions of Poles, who are determined that Father Bogacki shall not officiate as their priest, attacked the parsonage of St. Stanislaus church to-day and stormed it for over an hour.

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LOCK OBSERVATORY, Jan. 6.—On photographing the sun yesterday morning, Mr. Colton found a large spot near the eastern limb, which is easily visible without telescopic aid.

FISHERY MATTERS.

Report of the International Commission Handed In—A Joint Document.

To Develop Foreign Trade—The Misunderstanding at Archbishop Fabre's Funeral.

(From Our Own Correspondent) OTTAWA, Jan. 6.—Dr. Wakeham, Canada's representative on the International Fisheries Commission, has returned to Ottawa, having completed his duties.

The St. James Gazette says Sir Henry Irving is not making satisfactory progress, and several months may elapse before he recovers sufficiently to reappear on the stage.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The celebration to-day of the birthday of Mrs. Gladstone, wife of the great British statesman, was attended by a large number of the nobility and gentry.

Three Ontario bye-elections take place early in February. One of 40,000 registered voters is to be held in the riding of St. Lawrence.

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MCKINLEY AND CUBA.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 5.—It was learned to-day that Senator F. G. Pirra, of the Cuban Junta, had a conference with President-elect McKinley at the home of M. A. Hanna on Sunday, at which the entire Cuban situation was thoroughly canvassed.

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LILLY LANGTRY. LONDON, Jan. 6.—The statement cabled here that Mrs. Langtry is making a third effort to secure a divorce in California has prompted contrary suggestions in the London press.

Indeed, I would do nothing of the kind. She is nothing now to me. As well as I can recollect, I have not seen her since thirteen years ago.

I do not recognize the right of any foreign court to demand my attendance, nor will I comply. The claim for divorce on the grounds of desertion and such other matters make the citation even more absurd than it otherwise would have been.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Sudden Death of a Stranger at Vancouver—A Pastor's Startling Denunciations.

Nanaimo's Drowning Accident—Mining Development in Cariboo and the Kootenay.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 4.—A man named A. O. Green registered at Gold House two weeks ago from Liverpool. He was well dressed, well educated and a civil engineer. He disappeared yesterday morning, and on his door being forced open to-day was found dead in bed. Suicide or heart disease is impossible to have been the cause. An inquest will be held.

The governments of Honduras, Nicaragua and San Salvador, joined under the name of the Greater Republic of Central America, have appointed P. M. Morris, of Vancouver, as their representative for all Canada.

Evangelist Meikle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city, has started the church-going world by a denunciation of card playing and dancing. He chose this subject for an address delivered before the Young Men's Christian Association and took the opportunity of denouncing as hypocrites all who indulged, even in the privacy of their homes, in either of these pastimes.

Quoting the apostle Paul, the lecturer called on his hearers "to avoid all appearance of evil," stating that the very sight of a person handling the sacred tools of the evil one was to impress an observer with the idea that the player was lost to all moral conception of the enormity of the sin committed. As to dancing Mr. Meikle was even still more severe, denouncing it as incompatible with any idea of a Christian life, and stating that men and women who danced had assured him that if they became Christians they would feel compelled to abandon the practice.

Mr. Meikle has on previous occasions denounced from the pulpit and the platform many of the forms of recreation customary even with members of the church where he is now stationed. The great Sunday afternoon promenade of all classes of residents at Stanley Park came in for a share of his attention. Mr. Meikle has recently published a circular letter to his friends in the East calling for financial help to assist him in his evangelistic work, and incidentally stating that an aggressive Christian propaganda would be utterly neglected in the province.

This has aroused the ire of the clergy men and ministers of other denominations who claim to have been doing good work in the cities and country districts for years before the advent of Mr. Meikle, and who consider his statements a direct reflection upon themselves. Much interest has been aroused in the city by the attitude adopted by the evangelist.

A Portland firm has made a definite offer to build a smelter costing \$400,000, provided they get a bonus from the city of \$150,000. The smelter would have three stacks of 100 tons each. They would employ 150 men. The C. P. R. offered them a \$8 rate from Kootenay. The ordinary smelting charges would be \$4, at which rate they could profitably treat 400 tons. The site would be near English Bay. A large trade was expected from South America, Asia and Africa, as ships would be able to carry ore by rail. A by-law will probably be submitted to the people. The council think the bonus too large, and would rather pay a bonus on the quantity of ore actually treated.

As the time for the civic elections approaches municipal politics are coming to the front. The electors of Ward No. 1 had a mass meeting at the market hall on Saturday night. Besides the nominees for aldermen of the municipal league, this was William Templeton, Ald. Banfield, mayoralty candidates, had their first passage at arms.

The McDowell & Atkins-Atkinson Company have purchased the Morrow down, Mount Pleasant, which makes the fourth drug store owned by this firm in the city.

A shack on the C.P.R. tracks near the Hudson's Bay warehouses, was burnt down last night. The shack was used for storing the train's tools, etc.

Mr. Justice McGill was banqueted by the bar of Vancouver at the Merchants' club last night. Mr. Justice Wilson, Q.C. presided. Twenty-five of the legal fraternity were present.

The annual meeting of the Mainland Teachers' Institute was held on Monday in Westminster.

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many, as Mr. Curtis was the favorite and a likely winner. To-night M. E. B. Deane, 340, will play Mr. A. E. Kealey, 220, and the winner of to-night's game will meet Mr. Sharpe in the final tomorrow night.

The Hockey Club played a very exciting game at Brockton Point, the teams being Club Colors vs. Ecceteras. Both teams were mixed, and the fair players showed up in excellent style. The result was a win for the Ecceteras by two goals to none, both goals being scored by Jessie, Mrs. Johnson and Miss Bonithes respectively.

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Mr. Meikle has on previous occasions denounced from the pulpit and the platform many of the forms of recreation customary even with members of the church where he is now stationed. The great Sunday afternoon promenade of all classes of residents at Stanley Park came in for a share of his attention.

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Mr. James Wilson, superintendent of the C.P.R. telegraph, returned on the Miowera after a visit to Honolulu in search of health. Mr. Wilson expresses himself as delighted with his trip, and is thoroughly restored to his normal condition of physical energy.

Mr. J. G. Hay, of Victoria, and Miss Rachel Stoddart, of Paisley, Ont., were married yesterday at 10 o'clock by Rev. L. Norman Tucker. The happy couple left for Victoria by the afternoon boat on record.

The B.C. McGill Graduates' Association held their first annual meeting and banquet yesterday, the election of officers resulting as follows: Hon. president, Dr. Powell; president, Dr. Tunstall; vice-presidents, Dr. Morris, W. A. Darby, Dr. Eberhart and Dr. Boggs; treasurer, Dr. W. C. Wolfe Smith; secretary, Dr. McGilgan; executive, Messrs. Hill, Robertson, Palmer, J. M. McGregor and McKeechnie. At the banquet, which was given at the Hotel Tunstall, occupied the chair and the usual toasts were honored. Several letters of respect for attendance were read. Dr. Peterson, president of McGill, writing to wish the association every success. The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday in January next.

Vancouver's chain gang, comprised of some thirty "vags" arrested on suspicion of burglary and highway robbery, after going on strike, during which time they were fed on bread and water for five days, have made a desperate attempt to escape. To-day while some made a noise by singing, others tore up the decayed boards of the tumble down cokesheaf of a city jail, and but for the vigilance of the police, would have again loosed to terrorize the public. There are more determined toughs in Vancouver than the present police force can look after, and serious trouble is feared unless more active measures are taken by the authorities. It is said that Pinkerton detectives will be sent for.

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The old and new city councils met yesterday. The old council settled the dispute which has existed between the city and Mr. Henry Bell-Ilvins in regard to some waterfront lots, passed the water works pay roll, granted a request to lay out the sidewalk along this city street, and on two matters to the new council, and adjourned. The new council held an informal caucus to talk over the matters of the old council, and adjourned.

The usual river shipping is somewhat increased of late by the quantity of live stock being shipped. Much interest is being taken here in this matter, and it is likely the whole proposition will be thoroughly ventilated during the municipal campaign in on.

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Joseph Hardy, mining engineer, has, it is said, discovered coal on the railway track four miles from Wellington. The outcrop looks promising with a seam of from four to five feet.

PLUMPER PASS. GALLIANO, Jan. 4.—Through the kindness of Mr. Henry Geogerson, keeper of the Active Pass lighthouse, and Mr. T. Bennett, proprietor of the Point Comfort hotel, New Year's Eve was spent in a becoming fashion by a large number of Island residents, the spacious dining room of the large hotel affording good accommodation for the evening's guests. The festivities of the season were not entirely dispensed with, dances and parties being given in the evening. The New Year was impressively announced in rather a novel way, by the entrance into the room of four "Cotters," characterizing the four seasons of the year, who extended congratulations and the usual season's greeting to all present.

LARDEAU. (From the Kootenay Mail.) The Kootenay Lumber Co.'s mill is now in full swing. The machinery is driven by a Pelton wheel, the power being derived from the waters of the creek, which is dammed at a height of 300 feet above the mill, from whence the water is led through a 12-inch supply pipe, which passes over a 2-inch pipe, which plays on the wheel, which is only three feet in diameter. Sufficient power is thus generated to drive the machinery of the mill; in fact, the capacity of the mill could be doubled without any increase of water supply. Over 40 men are now employed in and around the mill.

EVERYBODY. (From the Kootenay Mail.) Everything is doing nicely at the Orphan Boy, the only quartz property working in the Bend this winter, but there are several others in shape to start as soon as provisions can be got in. The Bend property has over 100 feet of quartz, and two rich ledges of quartz one of which is over two feet wide, the other eight or ten feet. There are also three or four rich ledges of quartz varying from eighteen inches to two feet in width. Mill costs from this property run between \$30 and \$40 per ton.

Gus Lund is at the North Star placer. He is running a tunnel to tap the old claim, and expects to strike it rich in a few days.

Work is in full blast on the Consolidation. John Sweeney has charge of this property, and has made some very good claims, and big nuggets. It is a constant producer of the yellow metal, and \$12 per man is a conservative estimate of the output of this claim.

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Since the discovery of tellurides of gold, or silvanite, in the Jumbo, renewed interest has been taken in that mine. It is a quartz streak about a foot thick which carries the silvanite. A drift has been started both north and south from the tunnel on the level of the quartz. This streak of quartz carrying silvanite is found in both drifts, and lies parallel horizontally to the plane of the tunnel, pitching slightly to the south. The quartz is very rich through and through, assaying as high as \$212 in gold. The ore adjoining the quartz is very silicious, some of it heavily charged with iron of a fine-grained character.

An unexpected strike has been made on the Yale near the Curlew. The ore on the south side by the workmen who were squaring the shaft preparatory to drifting on the 60-foot level, which was 100 feet or was struck in the hanging wall, and this has changed the plans of the owners.

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Man, teams and supplies are going from the south side of the tunnel to the contractors on Helme's new railroad from Trail to Robson. The work of grading will commence in a few days. Over 500 men will be employed and the contractors announce that the work will be carried forward very rapidly.

An important strike was made on the Rambler last week. There are now six feet of ore on the surface of the tunnel. Large samples were brought down and deposited in the office. Assays will at once be made and it is confidently expected that they will show not less than 300 ounces.

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DIED. This city on December 31, John Smith, native of Manchester, England.

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M. S. "POWERFUL." The new cruiser, the Powerful, is the most formidable war-ship in the world, and in every way called a floating fortress. She is long and 71 wide, and her hull is 100 steam engines for various speeds is twenty-two and one in an hour is produced by 26,497 power, and one coaling will burn 9,000 knots. For offense she has the greatest range before that in any other warship, and she can direct energy 266 pounds of steel shot, and keep it up without cessation for weeks at a time, and she is 83 feet in width.—St. Louis Democrat.

KOOTENAY TRADE. G. Grav, who arrived last night, extended trip through West, speaks of the great mining ment that is sure to come in the aid of the assurance of an immense ment to that part of the province, an country is receiving special aid from capitalists and around take prospects of great richness opened up, and are developing mines. The starting of the from Slocan City to Kootenay to give all certain, and the C.P.R. constructed machinery for a to be placed on Slocan lake, carry loaded cars are also to be placed on Slocan lake. The general feeling throughout whole of Kootenay is of hopeful in the great future before that British Columbia, and a pleasing in the development of Kootenay and constantly increasing of business which is being done by the wholesalers of the Coast and especially Victoria.

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THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

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In our regular New Year's edition in which a supplement is devoted to a review of the Province for 1896, containing statistics of trade and commerce, and facts indicating the progress of that period, the data supplied were decidedly encouraging to those who have been looking forward to a return of prosperity.

It is natural to look for hopeful signs and to be sanguine for the future even where the encouragement is but slight.

The late depression set in the business community has, at the beginning of each year, hoped that that year would turn the scale in its favor, only, we regret to say, to suffer disappointment. The actual volume of trade was well maintained throughout, but conditions continued to be discouraging and bad.

Now, however, we may fairly say that the record of the past year places it beyond doubt that times have improved. The returns we have published show a healthy expansion of business; but, in addition to and more important than that, the tone pervading the commercial community is buoyant and strong. Wholesale men, the state of whose business is a safe barometrical guide, report that the volume of transactions has not only increased, but that the character of trade is better and the method of doing it greatly improved. Accounts have been reduced to a thirty and sixty day basis, and collections are prompt. From the standpoint of profit and permanency the latter considerations are much more important than increased volume, but when we find both conditions existing our satisfaction is greatly enhanced.

The retail trade in every instance has not had the same satisfactory experience, but these are sure to follow, provided credit is properly restricted and business is kept within the limits of legitimate demand. The tendency among retailers is always in the direction of too much book-keeping, overstocking and extreme competition. The Province as a whole, and Victoria in particular, has suffered in all these respects.

With regard to the industries of the Province, and we refer more particularly to manufacturing establishments, we cannot speak with the same certainty as concerning the wholesale trade, but from inquiries we find that demand is better and prospects are decidedly improving. In fact, the conditions which have affected wholesale trade have reacted favorably on our industrial interests.

One important fact is to be noted, that the increase of trade noticeable, so far as it can be attributed to a specific cause or referred to a particular locality, has arisen largely out of indirect, and not direct, sources. The conditions of the market have taken advantage of, and sought for trade in, the channels thus opened up have been those most largely benefited. This is significant of the prospective results of the mining industry, as it assumes the anticipated proportions, and emphasizes more strongly than can be expressed in words the great necessity for augmenting the facilities of communication with the mining districts.

The other large industries have had varying fortunes. Coal mining has suffered severely owing to the low freight rates, which stagnated the San Francisco market; but this is a condition likely to

CANADA'S RESOURCES.

In the course of an extended interview published in the Citizen, of London, England, on the 12th ultimo, the Conservative leader in that reported to have expressed himself in regard to several subjects of special interest to this province as well as to the Dominion at large. The following are extracts from that paper:

"What aspect the line between Canada and Australia?"

"That is a most valuable line, and one of the most important services it is performing to-day is to carry Canadian wheat to Australia to supply the deficiency of the wheat crop in the southern colonies. It has been the means of establishing the most important trade between Australia and Canada, which will be greatly increased when we get the new fast line of steamers between the United Kingdom and the Dominion."

"And now, Sir Charles, with regard to the grand Canadian Dominion, of which you are so distinguished a representative, what, may I ask, were the prospects when you left?"

"Canada, as you know, occupies as large a portion of the continent of North America as does the United States—that is to say, the country lying to the south. I do not, of course, take in Alaska to the north, which is practically a desert. The climate is everything that can be desired for European colonization; in fact, there is no more healthy or invigorating climate in the world. Its resources are simply boundless and inexhaustible. Its fisheries are unequalled, its forests rival anything that can be found in any part of the world—more timber and lumber coming out of the river Ottawa than any other river in the world, and the United States are becoming dependent upon the forests of Canada that they have been obliged, in the interests of their own people, to take off the river formerly imposed. The agricultural resources of Canada are simply enormous; the provinces of Manitoba and the Northwest produced as much wheat last year as the whole of England. It is not the high death rate that is blame-worthy, but the low birth rate, while the defective vitality cannot be laid to the charge of poverty. 'The richer a Frenchman is,' continues the writer, 'the fewer children he has—the rich, the educated, the cultured are the culprits. The French people do not choose to have families.' After discussing the subject in a plain and cogent manner, the writer inquires: 'Should we not blame the decadence of an effete civilization in which refinement is pushed beyond the limits of reason?'"

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U. S. MINERAL PRODUCTS.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Engineering and Mining Journal contains statistics of the mineral product of the United States during 1896. The production for 1896 is given with a total value of \$653,311,488, showing a decrease as compared with 1895 of \$24,689,286, or about 3 1/2 per cent. This decrease was largely in pig iron, which was valued at \$242,311,481, an increase of \$1,004,111 over the previous year, while the production of non-ferrous metals was valued at \$410,999,987, a decrease of \$23,883,377 from 1895. A large part of this was due to the lower value of lead, which was valued at \$10,000,000, a gain over 1895 of no less than \$10,169,800. This extraordinary advance which far surpassed the gain reported from any other country in the world, was due to the fact that the Legislature gave to the Columbia & Western land which was included in the grant and belonged to the B. C. Southern until it was forfeited. The question was not then raised, as it assuredly would have been had the position of affairs been known. Upon this point the Times is significantly silent. It endeavors now to convey the impression that its admission that had the road been built the land grant would have been nonobjectionable. It referred to the grant in the "original form," but it forgot to qualify the statement in that way when it made it. How was it that this watchdog of the public interests never discovered the "iniquity" of the transaction until it was pointed out by Hon. Mr. Blair? It was on the ground and if it knew, as it apparently professes to have known, that the Act of 1894 was as it is, should it not have raised a warning voice before? Its delinquency in this respect is remarkable, in view of its present attitude.

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