

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The forces are lining up for what promises to be one of the most interesting municipal campaigns in the history of Victoria. A belated candidate or two may yet come to the front, but there is at present plenty of material offering from which to select capable and efficient governing bodies. A new element has appeared in the conflict this year, and a fair proportion of the electorate seems disposed at present to regard its presence with doubtful feelings. And yet the representatives of labor are not under any obligation to apologise for their decision to take an active part in the government of the city, with the approval of the ratepayers. It is often urged as a reason why incompetence and corruption prevail in the government of municipalities on this continent that the masses of the people, the better elements of the community, do not take the interest they should in the administration of public affairs. The experience of other and larger communities proves that that which is most to be dreaded in connection with municipal life is the deadening, paralyzing effect of the creeping, insidious dry rot of indifference. There may be some legitimate objection to the division of the forces which make for progress into sections, but good men should be welcomed into the wholesome competition for civic honors no matter from what source they labor candidates are in the field. But they must be weighed in the same balance as the other aspirants for service on the aldermanic and school boards. If they are considered to be wanting, even by their comrades in the unions, they will hardly succeed, because the labor men of the West are not of types of individuals that can be rounded up and driven to the polls in bodies. And there is nothing to deplore in that fact.

INVASION AND REVOLUTION.

Victorians think they are engaged in a very warm contest at present. According to a dispatch from Mexico, there is some real fighting ahead—a contest in which something more substantial than mere words will be flying about. Canada, we are told, is soon to be invaded by Boers, with the able assistance of Pan-Boer Americans. General Samuels (the name is not very familiar, although we thought we had heard of most of the prominent Boer generals) is to command the expedition. He had all his plans prepared and the necessary funds were in sight, through the munificence of a wealthy American. Then Providence interfered in our behalf and removed the financier. This lucky interruption will give us a little time to prepare for the invasion. The timely visitation has postponed the invasion from the season originally planned, March or April of the present year, to a date yet to be decided upon. The sinews must now be raised in another quarter. If the millionaire had not departed prematurely, it is somewhat disquieting to think we should all have been citizens of some other country before the end of May. The whole transaction was to be completed inside of a month with an army of three thousand men. The general evidently has a very contemptible opinion of our prowess on the field. As it will now be necessary for him to go upon a lecturing tour for the purpose of raising the funds to equip his forces, Canadians will have a month or two in which to recover from the stunning effects of the announcement and to place their armies upon a war footing.

In the meantime it is scarcely probable the meeting of Parliament will be postponed. There will be plenty of time to vote the extra supplies necessary and to listen to the everlasting contentions between the advocates of high and moderate tariffs. We may even have time to construct another "military" line of railway across the continent, although there are powerful influences opposed to it, such as the C. P. R., which has suddenly and disinterestedly arrived at the conclusion that the time has gone by for governments to assist railways, and the Canadian Northern company, which holds the dire possibility of Canada being divided against itself if the route chosen by the Grand Trunk should be endorsed by the government. On the question of state assistance, Mr. Mann reserves judgment until he sees in what direction the aid is likely to go. Canada is indeed in a parlous state, what better a possible invasion from without and a predicted uprising within her own borders. There is a way to meet competition and invasion from without and disintegration and anarchy from within. Put the tariff away up. That will bring about co-operation and cohesion, and all will be well. Shut the country up, make the people sufficient unto themselves, and they shall dwell in peace, happiness and contentment ever after.

All these rumors of wars of various kinds are quite disquieting at the beginning of this new year—just when we have as a people finished congratulating ourselves upon the unprecedented progress of the past year and the hopeful prospects for the future. No country in the world made such a record as ours in the year 1902. Now when we had reached the natural conclusion that the course was well mapped out and that there was nothing for us to do but abide by the counsels of experience and walk in it, here we are confronted with a

dilemma. We must either execute a flank movement or content ourselves with the prospect of a division of the country into fragments. The old cry that the only road to prosperity lies through the gates of protection with a big P has failed in the light of experience. Now the red flag of revolution is raised in front of the diminished, disorganized ranks of the "grand old Conservative party."

The people will not stampede to any such cry.

SOMETHING ABOUT CORRUPTION.

According to the Colonist, "it is obvious to anyone with eyes that the Liberal party is endeavoring to stem the tide of popular condemnation by a perfect saturnalia of electoral corruption." That is a way our Conservative friends have of talking. They cannot help it. The News-Advertiser printed something to the same effect a few days ago. These are merely the echoes of statements appearing in Ontario Conservative newspapers. The Ross government is a continuation of a regime which has conducted the affairs of Ontario for thirty years so ably, so honestly and so economically that its opponents cannot find a spot in the long record open to attack, and so they content themselves with shouting corruption. The government of Ontario has a surplus of some millions in the treasury. It is the only provincial government in Canada to-day that is not endeavoring to "hold up" the Dominion for increased subsidies in order that a balance may be effected between revenue and expenditure. There has never yet been a Tory government in any part of Canada, federal or provincial, that has carried a cent forward. The hangers-on have taken good care that the books should always show a deficit. It was not the strength of Toryism in Ontario that all but caused the downfall of the Ross' government. It was the complications which arose through the prohibition issue. And in face of the facts, think of the effrontery of the organs in talking of a "saturnalia of corruption." The three bye-elections that are to be held on Wednesday are the result of this "saturnalia of corruption." Two Conservatives and one Liberal were unseated as a result of unlawful practices by agents. On the face of the record we take that to be an indication that if there was a "saturnalia of corruption" on the one side, we must find a much stronger expression to define the practices of the government's opponents. Tory crookedness as compared with Grit crookedness stood as two to one in the depth of its iniquity. Nor does that comparison fully express the relationship. In two other cases Conservative members narrowly escaped deposition, if not disqualification. The only thing that saved them was disagreement between the judges. They are not safe yet. A higher court may turn them out. Then we shall have a tolerably accurate measure of Tory iniquity as compared with the mere peccadilloes of the Grits. It will be as five to one, which is pretty nearly correct, according to the political history of Canada.

The truth of the matter is that the last election campaign in Ontario was remarkably clean and free from corruption. In no country in the world has a political battle been more fairly fought. The Tories announced with a great flourish of trumpets that they had brought in forty or fifty detectives from New York to shadow the Grits and circumvent their nefarious purposes. The gentlemen were suspected of merely being imported because they were familiar with Tammany methods and would be congenial workers. Perhaps they were too closely watched to accomplish much for their own side. They were not a success as detectives, because after the fight was over they disappeared as mysteriously as they came and not one of them was called by that useful proleptote Mr. Blake to testify as to Liberal misdoings.

Mr. Ross in his address to the electors of the vacant constituencies instituted a comparison which is specially interesting now that there is so much talk about a "saturnalia of corruption." He said:

The result of the general election shows that the charge of ballot-stuffing or tampering with ballots, did not apply to a single ballot box out of the 4,191 used, or to a single ballot out of the 427,483 cast in the last election. Could the Conservatives say as much of the Dominion elections held under their auspices? What about the Dominion elections held under their auspices? What about the Dominion election in 1891, where the defeat of the Liberal candidate was due to the fact that the public sentiment is so antagonistic to the First Minister that any man who takes the field in opposition to Mr. Semlin is sure to lose his deposit. Now, sagacious though the Colonel may be, he cannot close his eyes to facts, and doubtless the facts have been presented to him by the electors of West Yale, where he is to-day investigating the situation for himself, although he does not desire that either his presence in the constituency or the purport of his visit should be known. Why he should desire to enshroud his journey and its object in mystery we do not know. All the doings of a Premier should bear the light of returning officers had recorded in their books; the London case of 1892, where 131 illegal votes were polled in the interest of Mr. Carling, the Tory candidate of the North Ontario election case of 1896, where 21 ballots marked for Mr. Graham were abstracted and 21 marked

for the Tory candidate substituted, etc.? Similar frauds prevailed in the provinces of Quebec and Manitoba at the Dominion elections of 1896, and yet the Conservative party never made the slightest movement to bring to justice any of the persons guilty of these irregularities.

The Tory worker can no more change his disposition or methods than the leopard can change his spots. He is the same to-day within the limits of his resources as he was in the days in which he managed to maintain his ascendancy. Those were the times when there was some justification for references to a "saturnalia of corruption."

THE MAYOR'S WEAKNESS.

In Sunday's Colonist Mayor Hayward replied to the letter of Mr. Hanna, published in the Times, in regard to the exhibition finances. If the main portion of the communication is as reliable as to the facts of the case as is the postscript, all we can say is that it is worthy of the writer. His Worship says:

The above letter was handed by me a few minutes past one o'clock to-day (Saturday) to the editor of the Times, who, having read it carefully through, promised to publish it in to-night's issue. Soon afterwards it was returned to me with the statement that there was no space, but would appear on Monday." The obvious intention of His Worship in adding that postscript to his letter was to make it appear the Times was not disposed to treat him fairly in this contest. We confess we are not surprised that the Mayor should suspect those who oppose him of being capable of all manner of trickery and meanness. He cannot be expected to soar above the atmosphere which is most congenial to his narrow soul. If there were no reasons of civic policy for the ratepayers rejecting the present Mayor and installing Ald. McCandless in his stead, the fact that the latter is sincere and honorable, above the contemptible artifices which impel a certain class of men to attempt nothing but that which will magnify and glorify their own names, should be sufficient.

It may be that Mayor Hayward is so much perturbed in mind by the doleful prospects of the campaign in which he is now engaged that he is forgetful of the swift passage of time—that hours seem to him but minutes. It was not a few minutes after one o'clock on Saturday when he handed the editor of the Times the communication which appeared in the Colonist. If His Worship had said a few minutes to two o'clock he would have been within measurable distance of the truth. Nor did the editor "promise to publish it in to-night's issue." He said it was rather late, but an effort would be made to make room for it. On consultation with the news editor it was found the books were full of good copy, bona fide news, which had to be condensed in order to bring it within the capacity of the operators in the scant hour and a half that remained before the close of publication. The Times is primarily a newspaper. Its subscribers, we believe, prefer to read the news of the day to the screeds of politicians, however veracious. And we believe in meeting the views of our readers. If Ald. McCandless, or Premier Prior, or Sir Wilfrid Laurier, had sent in a letter under the same circumstances, that communication would have had to undergo just the same test. Would it be likely to prove of greater interest to our subscribers than the matter already in hand? The Mayor's case would not have suffered at all if the document had remained in obscurity until to-day, when we should have been taken to the Colonist and matter added to it which was not true. His Worship must look to that paper for the propagation of his views.

"NEVER SAY DIE." There is one element that is altogether admirable in the composition of Premier Prior. It is his abounding frankness. His own special organ practically admitted that the defeat of the government candidate in North Victoria would be a serious thing for the Premier's administration. "We have not yet heard of a man who could 'figure out' a majority for the government in the Legislature. Yet the Colonel comes out boldly and smilingly and proclaims on the Mainland that he and his party are all right, being assured of 'adequate support.'" In further proof of the Premier's optimism, we note that he has gone up to West Yale in the forlorn hope of inducing some resident of the constituency to come out as a champion of the cause of the government. "All the advice from there are to the effect that the public sentiment is so antagonistic to the First Minister that any man who takes the field in opposition to Mr. Semlin is sure to lose his deposit. Now, sagacious though the Colonel may be, he cannot close his eyes to facts, and doubtless the facts have been presented to him by the electors of West Yale, where he is to-day investigating the situation for himself, although he does not desire that either his presence in the constituency or the purport of his visit should be known. Why he should desire to enshroud his journey and its object in mystery we do not know. All the doings of a Premier should bear the light of returning officers had recorded in their books; the London case of 1892, where 131 illegal votes were polled in the interest of Mr. Carling, the Tory candidate of the North Ontario election case of 1896, where 21 ballots marked for Mr. Graham were abstracted and 21 marked

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OPEN UP THE ISLAND.

To the Editor:—I notice that it is proposed to inaugurate a campaign to promote railway construction upon Vancouver Island. The purpose is one that, above all others, should enlist the energies of the citizens of Victoria. It is agreed that the Island is rich in resources. It is certain that the Pacific terminal of future trans-Canadian railways will be in the North, and that the final port of call for Oriental liners will be at the northwest point of this Island. It is a fact to realize upon these possible advantages in respect to ferries, that citizens must, as a first step, promote the construction of Island railways.

HIS WORSHIP AND HIS WORKS.

His Worship the Mayor, it must be admitted, is a most strenuous candidate. He is bound to create the impression that he is a doer of things. We venture to say that before the present campaign comes to an end the citizens who read His Worship's speeches, and believe all his said discourses contain, will wonder why they should be at the expense of electing and maintaining a City Council at all. Mr. Morley has promulgated a scheme for the government of the city by commissioners. Why not make the Mayor in reality "the whole thing"? He is handicapped and thwarted on every hand by the aldermen. This is not right. It should be stopped. We cannot recollect a single commendable undertaking initiated and carried out during the past three years that was not fathered, fostered and finally executed under the burning light shed by His Worship's mighty intellect. We understand as a concession to an aspiring alderman of the younger generation Mr. Hayward has magnanimously consented to permit Ald. Barnard to assume credit for the passage of the measure which, it is hoped, will result in the extension of the sewer system. But all else must be included in the credit account of His Worship the Mayor. Yes, there is one matter we had almost forgotten. Mr. Hayward had nothing whatever to do with the great monument to the blundering and incompetence of somebody—the exhibition. If he had been permitted to have his way, there would have been no debt of eight or ten thousand dollars for the citizens to pay, nor would the very existence of our Island in which our citizens have sunk so much good money be threatened. Is anyone sceptical about these things? Let him consult the Mayor, and he will receive ample confirmation of our statements. If our advice be followed the Mayor for information will find himself dealing with the craftiest politician and probably one of the wriest wrigglers who ever appeared upon any stage.

But the crowning glory of His Worship's managerial career was achieved in the management of the Point Ellice bridge matter. Mr. Hayward is quite confident that he has solved that perplexing problem and that it will bring him sufficient prestige to keep him in his present post until something better of a public character turns up. He claims that a contract has been authorized and will be signed calling for the construction of a rivetted bridge, which will ensure the maximum of the labor on the structure being done in Victoria. No doubt he will maintain that position till after the campaign is over. Then the truth will come out that the contract is signed subject to the approval of the aldermen of the tramway company. Under such circumstances can it be truthfully described as a binding contract? Can it be honestly said that the Point Ellice bridge matter has been finally disposed of? May it not force itself upon the attention of our citizens in a more perplexing form than ever? The tramway company has reserved the right to "make such changes as are needed." Those changes may prove expensive to the city. Any business man must admit that that is a very slipshod way of doing business. We are not poor, or crippled, or helpless. Why, then, should we whimper and cringe, and fawn? Our enemies would say because we are lazy, or stupid, or cowardly.

But, to return to our subject: The people living on Vancouver Island have the right to demand, and the power to compel the construction of railways, Victoria towards the north end of the Island. If the E. & N. railway can be purchased at a reasonable price, the province should acquire it and extend the line to the point named. We believe the province should own the proposed road, because it will be a very valuable property, and because it is very important in the public interest that the facilities afforded by it should be controlled by any one of the transcontinental systems, but that they should be available to all of those roads upon equal terms.

Its value as a railway enterprise will be seen from the fact that it will be an essential link and a connecting link of companies operating in the North Pacific, and from the additional important fact that its local business will be extended and produced. Its northern terminus will be the final port of call of out-bound trans-Pacific ships, and the first port reached by those coming from the Orient. The tramway lines offering the shortest sea routes to the only dollar and three-cent fare in the world, and which will have an advantage over their rivals, the C. P. R. and the Puget Sound systems will be on an equal footing in the respect named. Dr. Doran, former a Protestant minister in Philadelphia, are going to Rome to become Catholic priests.

Trade originating on the Island passes our doors every day because of our defective means of transportation. As yet the thing done, it makes little or no difference. It is removed from us two days' journey, and Quatsino is to us as if it were beyond the sea. Fertile valleys and growing mining camps within a few miles are of no more use to us for business than settlements in Ontario. There is enough natural wealth adjacent to Victoria to make this city an industrial and commercial centre of the first importance. If the present generation of Islanders are to realize upon these assets, it is necessary that the construction of railways be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

We do not need to await the morning of prospective transcontinental undertakings. We don't have to await or beg for the coming of capitalists. If we will make our wealth available, the capitalists will find their way to it. Moreover, having the wealth, it needs but the exercise of intelligent faith and energy to convert it into capital. But, above all, we must not hold out our hat for favors. It is enough to destroy the commercial prestige of any city to have its citizens talk and act the way we too often do regarding our dependence for prosperity upon the favor of outsiders. We must be able to stand on our own feet. If the board of trade discussed the question of offering the C. P. R. certain inducements to build an hotel here. Someone suggested that similar proposals should be made to other companies, whereupon a chorus of alarm was raised, declaring that such a course would excite the resentment of the C. P. R. Beggars are pitied when they are helpless; despised when they are strong, but they are never respected. We are not poor, or crippled, or helpless. Why, then, should we whimper and cringe, and fawn? Our enemies would say because we are lazy, or stupid, or cowardly.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 31st December to 6th January, 1903. The weather during this week, with the exception of the heavy rain, was about as fair as the weather could be.

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There is the expenditure of the year on improvements which approximate \$10,000, of which it is possible to pay off nearly half out of profits, leaving the remainder for next year.

At Granddane, last evening, Rev. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ira Lee, of Council City, Alaska, and Miss Minnie Lee, of New York.

The annual meeting of the Victoria District Farmers' Institute for the election of officers will be held in the Royal Oak schoolhouse on Wednesday, January 21st, at 7.30 p.m.

Owing to the public gathering called by the Mayor for Friday evening, it has been thought best to postpone the Y. M. C. A. meeting till Monday evening next, to meet in Harmony hall, View street, at 8 o'clock.

A Trip Through the Orient, Japan, Mongolia and China will be the subject of a lecture delivered by Rev. Archibald Brown, minister in charge of the Young People's Guild, of St. Andrew's church, on Monday evening, the 12th inst. The lecture will be illustrated by stereoscopic views.

The death occurred on Sunday last of Joseph Farlan, of Dunsmuir. He was 72 years of age, and a native of England. He had resided in Victoria for 25 years, and leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

Monday afternoon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the marriage of Mr. Henry C. Janion and Marguerite, eldest daughter of the late Capt. C. O. Campbell-Black, took place.

Military scrip can only be applied to agricultural lands. The commissioner of lands and works has announced that this is the interpretation which is to be put upon the order governing it.

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Government street, is secretary for the association, and will cheerfully give any information required by those interested to be distributed within a few days.

David B. Bold died at his home at North Saanich Wednesday, aged 81 years and 7 months. Deceased was a native of Perthshire, Scotland.

There will be no basketball at the drill hall on Saturday night. The extra attraction will be the Big Four, which a splendid programme has been arranged by the band, T. W. Rennie, who played bass in the Fifth Regiment band and theatre orchestra, left the city with the theatrons, having signed up them for the balance of the season.

Another old-timer passed away at the Provincial Home, Kamloops, on Saturday night in the person of Richard Malby, who was admitted to the home on July 1900, coming from Victoria in whose vicinity he had lived for 42 years.

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Large Quantity of Flotsam Washed up at Carmanah—Queen City Returns With Salmon.

Old Father Neptune in one of his angry moods has been casting up more wreckage at Carmanah, that point at the southwestern extremity of Vancouver Island, which, during the winter season, is often littered with the remains of some vessel.

It will be remembered that in November last Lieutenant Dryden, who is at present on duty at Carmanah, reported that two miles west of Carmanah there was a stern of a large ship's bow painted white and with the name "Erickson, Cardiff," in black letters on its side.

P. A. Babington, D. D. G. M., assisted by an efficient staff, installed the officers of Columbia lodge, I. O. O. F., Wednesday as follows: R. S. Reid, N. E.; J. Taylor, V. G.; R. W. Fawcett, rec. sec.; Wm. Jackson, financial secretary; T. Fox, treasurer; Wm. Somerville, warden; R. Marwick, conductor; W. H. Huxtable, O. G.; Chas. Minchler, J. G.; J. R. H. Huxtable, S. G.; E. L. Taylor, L. S. N. G.; P. W. Dempster, R. S. V. G.; A. P. L. Calderwood, L. S. V. G.; J. S. Smith, R. S. S.; J. Valo, L. S. S.; B. Deacon, chaplain. Dominion lodge officers will be installed this evening.

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The first case on the list of appeals is still in course of argument before the Full Court, viz., Nightingale vs. Union Colliery Co., in which the defendants are appealing from the judgment of Mr. Justice Irving, at the second trial of the case, awarding damages to the plaintiff.

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McKivley vs. Le Roi—An order for payment out was granted. A. McNeill, K. C., for plaintiff; C. B. Hamilton, contra.

Lraka vs. Curvov—An order for filing of executor's accounts was granted. W. C. Moresby for plaintiff, A. F. R. Martin, contra.

Oppenheimer vs. Brackman-Ker Milling Co.—S. S. Taylor, K. C., for plaintiff, obtained a fiat for increased counsel fee.

An interesting point has been brought up for decision in connection with the estate of the late Patrick Murphy. The executor of the estate has been asked to set aside \$1,500 for bringing his body here for burial and erecting a tombstone and keeping same in repair.

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"This explains how it is that Mr. Cleveland has come so often to Sandhurst," Elizabeth said.

"No, no, it is not that exactly," the curate answered, blushing and withdrawing his eyes from the landscape.

"No, no, fortune has favored me more than I deserve. Elizabeth is a very wonderful woman!"

"You've said that before, I think," Mr. Cleveland answered, grimly.

"Have I? Well, I mean what I say. But I think I will go now," and he rose abruptly and took his departure.

Mr. Cleveland pushed himself further back into his chair and closed his eyes.

"Well, this is a kettle of fish, with a vengeance!" he muttered; "and, by George! I don't seem to get quite to the bottom of it, either. The curate himself seems a good deal flabbergasted. I wonder which of them has done the courting?"

Then Mr. Cleveland's thoughts turned to Dorothy. What would this new turn of events mean to her? Had Elizabeth considered her in the matter, or had she, as in most other things, considered herself alone?

"Poor Dodo?" Mr. Cleveland muttered, with a softening expression upon his face.

"This rather rough on the little girl after all she has given up,"

Meanwhile, the curate was making his way slowly in the direction of Dudley. His eyes were upon the ground, his brain was in a whirl. He was not certain yet whether he ought to rejoice or to be sorrowful.

It was not altogether pleasant to be called upon suddenly to give up the curate's house and settle down to a very ordinary work with a woman whom he cared nothing for. It might be true that Mr. Priestly no longer occupied the place in his thoughts and in his heart that he once did. Time had taken the fire out of his passion, and robbed him of the sweet impatience of youth.

Nevertheless, there were times—brief moments—when he was able by a little effort to project himself back into the old days, and feel something of the old passion stirring in his blood. For Elizabeth Cleveland he could never feel what he had once felt for Mary Priestly; there was no halo of romance surrounding her name. No glamour of youth and beauty and the nameless charm of innocent girlhood to glorify her presence.

Then, too, she had been an invalid—indeed, he regarded her as an invalid still; and notwithstanding her assurance that she was well, how did he know that when the present excitement was over, she might not drop back into the old groove and be just as bad as ever? There was no depending upon that.

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TIMES FASHION HINTS.

For boys of from three to seven years there is nothing so generally satisfactory as the Russian blouse snit, which is a combination of shirts and trousers, and seems to form the connecting link in dress between infancy and boyhood.

The suit pictured is made of dark red French flannel and closes on the right side, and is trimmed with white braid and small white buttons.

meaning gesture. "We've settled it all this morning. You see, the Vicar of Briardene has had a stroke and that brought it to a head."

"Oh, I don't know," was the reply. "Some things can never be right again."

"You think so now. But Elizabeth's fixing it up with the curate will smooth a lot of things out wonderfully."

"I don't see it, father. I feel as if I shall never be able to forgive her."

"The other way. Nobody can say that I am not fond of her, and that I have not done my duty by her and all that. But there's no denying she's a bit of a trial. One has to go her way somehow, and really it's time somebody else had a turn with her."

"Dorothy laughed in spite of herself. "The curate is a mild sort of a man. Mr. Cleveland went on. "But—well, there's a limit. Those tame people can generally hold their own when cornered."

"It seems to me like misdeamer madness," Dorothy said, "and I wouldn't mind telling her so."

"Oh, indeed?" "The words came in a shrill, rasping voice, and turning her heads they saw Elizabeth advancing with a very determined stride."

CHAPTER XXII.

No Turning Back.

Elizabeth was in one of her morally aggressive moods and proceeded, in a high-pitched voice, to read her father and Dodo a lecture on the duty of passive obedience to the will of a higher power. Whether that higher power was herself, her nature, or Providence, was not clear. Mr. Cleveland made a more or less gallant defence of his position, but was borne down in the end by an avalanche of words. He was no match for Elizabeth, especially when she began to quote Scripture herself, nevertheless he had a profound reverence for them, and an almost superstitious dread of anything which might save of opposition to their teachings.

Hence, when Elizabeth began to throw a good deal of Scripture into the ring, she threatened her, and she had got almost suddenly well when it suited her purpose to do so.

"I have sacrificed everything for her," Dorothy waited to hear nothing. "Oh, Basil, Basil, what have I done?"

And yet a little further reflection convinced Dorothy, as reflection had convinced the curate, that any other course was impossible. It was a very humiliating reflection, no doubt, but the fact was indisputable. Elizabeth's will had been supreme. She had ruled without seeming to rule, had got her own way by insisting that other people should have theirs. She had so skillfully thrown dust into people's eyes that she was scarcely aware of the fact, and when they did what she willed them to do, some of them rather prided themselves in their fancied opposition to her.

Dorothy was met at the door by her father. "Come into my den, Dodo," he said, his face beaming. "I've got a good deal of news for you that will make your hair stand on end."

"I know what it is, father," she answered, demurely. "I've seen the curate."

"You have, eh? Well, come in and let us talk the matter over."

"You really seem pleased, father," Dorothy said, throwing herself wearily into a chair.

"Well, I believe I am on the whole," he answered. "But my stars! the curate will have his hands full."

"It is an outrageous thing," Dorothy answered, indignantly. "I wouldn't say that," he answered, slowly. "It's rough on you. I allow. If one had only known what was coming things might have been different. But that's always the mischief in this topsy-turvy world. One never does know. Perhaps things will work out better than we think."

"We can never undo what we have done, father," she answered, sadly.

"No, that's true, my child. But things

come back to me," she said to herself; "no is too proud for that. And I cannot go to him—I cannot even write to him and tell him that I love him still. I have dug the gulf that yawns between us; but I have no power to build a bridge across it. Oh, Elizabeth, why did you compel me to give him up?"

So she reproached herself and her sister alternately, but the heaviest reproaches she rained upon her own head. For Basil she had only loving thoughts.

She had behaved well; after one determined though vain effort to see her, he had gone away and no message had come from him since. He had been ill and depressed, so ill that there was no picture from his easel in last year's academy. But whether he had ceased to care for her, whether he had forgotten her entirely, she did not know.

Phil Duncan had been very reticent about him during his recent visit home—least, she had thought so. She had longed to ask him and had addressed questions during the brief afternoon she had spent with him at Lyndbrook; but somehow her courage had failed her—their conversation never got beyond the commonplace of life.

If she could only forget him. If she could be as she was before he came to Sandhurst to paint her portrait, she might still be happy; but that was a life with a hitch, with a snag, with an irrevocable. What she had written she had written, and she could neither erase the writing nor tear out the page that contained the record.

Sometimes she argued with herself that if her own love had survived, his love had survived also, and then she would set to work and tear her own arguments into tatters.

"His case is altogether different from mine," she would say. "I broke the engagement, I drove him away, refused to see him. I wounded his pride and outwardly flung his love back into his teeth. Besides, men are not like women. Love is not everything to them as it is to us. They have so many interests. They sooner forget. Besides, there are other women who are quite ready to open their arms to them. No, Basil hates me by this time—and quite right, too. If I were a man, I should hate a woman who had treated me as I have treated him."

So from whatever standpoint she viewed the question, she always reached, in the end, the same conclusion. She had flung away her love under a mistaken sense of duty, and now she must abide by the consequences to the end of the chapter.

It was nearly Christmas before news of Elizabeth's engagement reached Phil Duncan at St. Moritz. It was Mr. Cleveland who wrote. He had promised Phil to give an eye to things at Lyndbrook and report from time to time; but as there was nothing to report, he had not written until the second week in December. The astonishing item of news was in a postscript.

Phil gave a prolonged whistle which made Basil look up suddenly from his breakfast plate with an inquiring glance in his eyes.

"It's a letter from Mr. Cleveland," Phil explained, "and it contains a most astonishing piece of news."

"Indeed?" "Elizabeth is engaged to be married," Basil dropped his eyes without remark and went on with his breakfast.

"You do not appear to be interested," Phil said, with a smile.

"Why should I be?" "Oh, well, you knew the family, and Elizabeth's is certainly an interesting personality."

"More interesting than admirable." "From your point of view, no doubt. But you have a reason for disliking her." "Rather I had a reason; but that page of history is closed."

"Not necessarily. Circumstances alter cases. Dorothy will be free to follow her own heart."

"My dear fellow," Basil answered, with a pathetic smile, "Dorothy has always been free to follow her own heart." "There you are, you are mistaken. Dorothy has been dominated by a stronger will than her own."

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"But we need not let the past dominate the future."

"I do not see very clearly how we are to vary it. The past and future stand related to each other as soil to seed, or trunk to branch; or to-morrows grow out of our yesterdays."

"But what of our to-days? The present is in our grasp. The clay is in our fingers to mould as we will."

"You are thinking of Dorothy?" "Yes. She gave you up from a mistaken sense of duty. She honestly believed that her sister would die by neglect or unnatural means, unless she promised to remain by her side. She was literally terrorized into the course she took; but now that she is once more free, what is to hinder—"

"My dear Phil, you are the best friend I have in the world, and I owe everything to you, even my hope of Heaven."

"No, no, Basil, don't say that." "But I do say it, Phil. I did not think to re-open this subject again even with you. For several months, as you know, it has been a sealed book between us. But I am glad the talk has been started, nevertheless. There is one thing I always meant to tell you some time, but I put it off, for I could not do it without re-opening all the past. When I went to Cornwall I meant to take my own life."

"I guessed as much—that is the reason I followed you."

"Basil dropped his coffee cup suddenly and stared."

"The conviction came upon me one day at Lyndbrook," Phil went on, "and it became so irresistible that I was bound to act upon it."

"Well, no, I never told me," Basil said.

"No; in your state of health, to have told you would have defeated the very end I had in view."

"Then you got your own doctor to resist. I don't imagine that I regret the past. The suffering and conflict have made me a better man. The night brings out the stars. All is for the best of that I am sure. I have found firm footing at last."



PICTURE PUZZLE.

"Do you know the latest? Elsie is engaged to Dr. Smith. Here they come. Where?"

five minutes later, you would have been too late."

"I did not know the margin was so narrow as that," Phil said with a little shudder.

"It seems to me now like a hideous dream," was the reply. "There is no sense of reality about it, no cohesion, no sequence. I was simply weighed down with an unutterable feeling of despair. My one desire was to escape, to throw off the burden, to be at rest."

"But God meant otherwise," Phil said, reverently.

"Ah, Phil, I had no God in those dark days. I had lost the faith of my childhood."

"But God had not lost you. That explains all that has happened since."

"A man without faith is a poor creature, Phil. He is at the mercy of every adverse wind, and when health slips from him he has nothing left."

"He is not conscious of anything left," Phil said, with a smile. "But I reckon we are never forsaken; and in ways that we do not understand things work round in the long run to the right end."

"Yes, I am getting back again to that point myself," Basil answered, with a thoughtful look in his eyes.

"And yet you talked just now as though you believed something totally different."

"Did I? I was not aware of it." "Phil laughed. "My dear fellow," he said, "when I as much as hinted just now that the astonishment of the past might be rectified, you shut me up in a moment."

"Excuse me, Phil, but I fear I don't quite see what you are driving at."

"We were talking about Dorothy Cleveland."

"Yes, go on."

"Well, with Elizabeth out of the way, she will be able to follow her own heart."

"Elizabeth is engaged to be married." "Exactly. What next?" "Don't be cynical, Basil."

"My dear fellow, I was never more serious."

"Dorothy Cleveland is one of the sweetest girls on earth."

"I have never said anything to the contrary."

"You loved her once?" "From your point of view, no doubt. But you have a reason for disliking her."

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"My dear Phil, you are the best friend I have in the world, and I owe everything to you, even my hope of Heaven."

"But you will not turn back to the point where you parted company?"

"There can be no turning back, Phil. We must go forward and ever forward. Now, don't look distressed, things are best as they are."

"So the book is closed?" "Aye, closed and locked. Now let us talk about other things."

Phil did not allude to the matter again. And as the winter wore away he began to wonder if there might be still hope for him. If Basil had ceased to love Dorothy and she no longer cared for him, would it be presumption on his part to seek to win her love?

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STREET CONDITIONS WERE CONSIDERED

THE COUNCIL DEFER ACTION UNTIL TO-DAY

City Milk Inspector Presents Annual Report - States That Good Quality Is Supplied.

Another letter addressed to Mayor Hayward from Captain Bernier, the Arctic explorer, was read at Monday evening's meeting of the city council...

In the order of communications that from Captain Bernier was first read, This was as follows: Quebec, Dec. 20th, 1902. To His Worship Mr. Hayward, Mayor, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir - In confirmation of my telegram, I beg leave to thank you very much for the subscription of \$2000 which has been offered by you as a contribution to the expenses of my contemplated expedition to the North Pole...

During the reading of the letter the Mayor remarked that the writer had jumped at conclusions. The captain had not yet got the money. His Worship said that the council subscribed \$5,000. The letter was received and filed.

L. F. Ottor, who represents a new invention which sprinkles streets and cleans them by means of compressed air, wrote from Montana recommending the machine to this city. It had, he claimed, 15 advantages over any other device of the kind.

On motion of A.M. Williams the letter was received and referred to the city engineer for report. Edward North had complained that the residents on Victoria Crescent had not been treated fairly by the council. Work which had never been carried out on the street had never been carried out.

City Engineer Topp wrote stating that he had taken steps to have a box drain at the corner of Government and Herald streets, which had overflowed, repaired. Received and filed.

The city market superintendent reported receipts for the month of December aggregating \$75,700. Two annual reports, one from Dr. Tolmie, milk inspector, and the other from the park committee, were next submitted, and will be printed. The former was read as appended:

the Oaklands station be returned. Carried. Ald. Grahame's motion, which had been seconded by Ald. McCandless, was then introduced. It provided that the city should go ahead with the improvement of the streets left in bad condition by the Terminal Railway Company after six days' notice, and that the cost of the same should be charged to the company.

The mover explained that he had taken the step not out of any prejudice to the property holders who suffered, in one place to mentioned where vehicles sank to the axle. In another part near Mr. Justice Walkem's residence the street was in a bad shape. He pointed out the clauses compelling the company to keep their road beds in good repair two feet from the track, and referred to a letter from Mr. Bodwell promising that all portions injured by the track should be kept in good repair.

Ald. Yates wanted to know if any space had been left between the market entrance on Esquard street and the railway track. He understood that there was not room for a wagon to pass there. Before adopting any motion Ald. Vincent thought it might be well to find out who the officials of the Terminal Railway Company were. Of whom he asked could the city collect a bill. He moved an amendment to this effect, which Ald. Kinsman seconded, but which Ald. Grahame protested against, as it would make the original motion ridiculous.

Ald. Yates moved an amendment that the company be notified to forthwith keep their cars on Esquard street, so as not to impede the easterly ingress and egress to the market. This amendment was added to the motion. Ald. Grahame thought it an extraordinary thing that the names of the officials were not known, while Ald. Yates thought that it was within the Mayor's power to write to the company and obtain the information.

While sympathizing with the motion, Ald. Cameron thought it might hardly be expected that the council should make a large expenditure on the streets without first having a report made by an engineer as to the extent of the work required to be done. Ald. McCandless, not knowing that the clerk had written to the company, then wished to have further consideration of the motion deferred, and this course was pursued, the motion being left over until the meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

His Worship then drew notice to the by-law respecting the carrying of loads on bicycles, which had been introduced by Ald. Barnard in June last, and stood over because of the decision then arrived at by the council to await replies to letters forwarded by him to other cities seeking information as to what was done in those places in regard to the carrying of loads on wheels.

Ald. Yates said that as Ald. Barnard was not present he thought it well to defer consideration of the by-law until such a time as there would be a full meeting of the board. He understood that Ald. Barnard had changed his mind about the object for which the by-law was intended. On motion the by-law was accordingly laid over until to-day, and the meeting adjourned after a short session.

Mr. Mayor announced that he wished to have a full meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee at 3 o'clock this afternoon, as there was he thought some very important business before them.

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WITH ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN BOSTONIANS IN THE FAVORITE OLD OPERA

A Splendid Presentation at the Victoria Theatre on Monday - "Maid Marian" This Evening.

The "Robin Hood" of De Koven & Stoddard, which has been on several occasions, but never has been such a pleasing presentation of this jolly opera as that given by the Bostonians in the Victoria theatre last night. The company is a large one, it embraces some capital vocalists, especially in the prominent roles; the scenery is in complete keeping with the character of the play and the general excellence of the company, while the large and well balanced orchestra completed the features necessary to make the play completely enjoyable.

The audience was a large one, and so general was the expression of pleasure that the company were assured of a full house again Tuesday. From the standpoint of the performers the audience were over-enthusiastic, for they insisted on repeated encores for almost every vocal number, to the manifest exhaustion of the soloists, duets and choruses of "Robin Hood" are in the majority of instances exciting, especially those of Maid Marian, Robin Hood and Will Scarlet, and to insist on their frequent repetition, while meant as complimentary to the performers, must have severely taxed their powers, while it prolonged unduly the run of the play.

The inadequacy of the local stage was amply demonstrated, for its proprietors proved all too limited to permit of a production, when, as often happened, a large proportion of Barabbee's and MacDonnell's big-company were on. The company, which has the part of the sheriff of Nottingham, and his portrayal of the role is what might be expected from a veteran who has acquired at least a portion of his fame in the character. He is now in the red and yellow leaf of life, so far as years are concerned, but perennial youth seems to remain with him in his mimic life. His lessons in role making to his ward and his part in the celebrated "Robin Hood" scenes were good examples of his finished work.

Miss Grace Van Studdford, the leading lady, has a voice of great compass, and as a singer she has a fine and melodious voice. Her "Dream of You" and other favorites. The flexibility of her voice and its perfect harmony with the instrument was strikingly illustrated in an encore given with orchestral accompaniment. The company have a fine basso in Howard Chambers, whose "Old Cross Bow" and "Armorer's Song" were musical gems.

In Geo. Forthingham the Bostonians have an imitable Friar Tuck, whose drollery was omnipresent. W. C. Weeden as Robin Hood had some heavy work to do, in which his fine tenor voice displayed to good advantage, while W. H. MacDonald was a capable Little John. The company gives "Maid Marian" to-night.

A RECORD MONTH. The school attendance for December exceeded 90 per cent., which is the highest on record for a month which usually makes a poor showing. Following are the numbers attending during the month in the various schools, reached: The Spring and Ridge roads again leads with the extraordinary record of 95.11 per cent., with Rock Bay a good second with 94.50 per cent.:

Table with 4 columns: School Name, No. Pres., Av. At., P. C. High School - 109, 421.53, 90.84; Boys' School - 494, 421.53, 90.84; Girls' School - 435, 394.96, 90.77; North Ward - 388, 388.21, 90.92; South Park - 395, 394.62, 89.77; North Ward - 238, 238.00, 90.92; Spring Ridge - 159, 129.35, 81.11; Hillside - 113, 90.19, 80.77; Rock Bay - 79, 74.73, 94.50

The division in the respective schools which reached the 95 per cent. mark of attendance were: High School - Div. 1, 93.33 per cent.; Boys' School - Div. 2, teacher, Mr. Sallaway, 95.82 per cent.; Boys' School - Div. 5, teacher, Mr. Wallace, 90.08 per cent.; Boys' School - Div. 7, teacher, Mrs. Taylor, 90.08 per cent.; Girls' School - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Williams, 97.69 per cent.; South Park - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Cameron, 90.10 per cent.; South Park - Div. 8, teacher, Miss Wright, 90.96 per cent.; North Ward - Div. 1, teacher, Mr. Tait, 95.08 per cent.; North Ward - Div. 5, teacher, Miss Murton, 95.96 per cent.; North Ward - Div. 7, teacher, Miss Tusley, 95.55 per cent.; Spring Ridge - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Rusling, 94.90 per cent.; Spring Ridge - Div. 2, teacher, Miss Blackburn, 95.00 per cent.; Hillside - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Blackwell, 95.00 per cent.; 8th Street - Div. 1, teacher, Miss Jesse, 97.37 per cent. The month's record for punctuality was also excellent. Following are the divisions reporting not a single case of tardiness: High School - Div. 2; Boys' Central - Div. 1, Mr. Gillis; Div. 2, Mr. Sallaway; Div. 5, Mr. Wallace; Div. 7, Mr. Taylor; Boys' School - Div. 1, Miss Williams; Div. 2, Miss Robinson; Div. 3, Miss Barron; Div. 4, Miss Lawson; South Park - Div. 1, Miss Cameron; Div. 8, Miss Wright; North Ward - Div. 2, Miss Dowler; Div. 3, Miss Marchant; Div. 5, Miss Murton; Div. 6, Miss Power; Div. 7, Miss Tusley; Spring Ridge - Div. 1, Miss Russell; Hillside - Div. 1, Miss Blackwell; Div. 2, Miss Anderson.

SILVER-LEAD INDUSTRY

Resolution Adopted by Mine Owners of East and West Kootenay. At a meeting of the silver-lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, held at Sandon, B.C., at which fifty-three mining properties were represented, the following resolution was passed by a vote of 25 to 8: That the National Star mine, and seconded by the G. Garde of the Payne Mining company, and carried unanimously:

WHEREAS the silver-lead industry of British Columbia, and particularly that of the Kootenay, is one of the most important of the province, and the success of the same is dependent upon the maintenance of a free and open market for the products of the same; and whereas the silver-lead mining industry of the Kootenay is one of the most important of the province, and the success of the same is dependent upon the maintenance of a free and open market for the products of the same; and whereas the silver-lead mining industry of the Kootenay is one of the most important of the province, and the success of the same is dependent upon the maintenance of a free and open market for the products of the same;

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CHARITABLE DONATIONS.

The Protestant Orphans' Home Were Liberally Dealt With During the Christmas Season. At the regular meeting of the lady managers of the Protestant Orphans' Home held Tuesday afternoon bills to the amount of \$56.18 were ordered to be paid. It was decided to purchase a machine for cutting bread for the institution. Mrs. Toller and Mrs. Goring were appointed visitors for the month of January.

The donors of goods and Mrs. H. D. Helmcken for \$100 from the charity concert were cordially thanked. The list of donations for December was as follows: Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, per charity concert, \$100; Mrs. Merritt, Victoria West, 1 sack of peas; Ladies' Younger Working Party, 18 boys' shirts, 13 pairs boys' pants, 7 girls' dresses, buttons, tape, etc.; Mrs. A. A. Green, 6 volumes Boys' Own (bound); A Friend, clothing (per Mrs. Harvey); Mrs. Harvey, candy; Mrs. Thomson, Gorge road, Emma Watson, 1 pair of boots; S. M. Robins, manager of the Vancouver Coal company, 4 tons of coal; Mrs. Pemberton, 3 sacks of peas; Mr. Maynard, small rest of pork, 1 chicken and sack of vegetables; Mr. Van Tassel, 1 sack of apples; Mrs. Brockenhurst, 6 pairs of stockings and 3 shirts; Neil Grant, 2 pairs of boots; Mr. Tait, clothing; Spencer, 52 boys' caps and three large boxes of toys; Mrs. Marr, Boomerang, 100 toys; Mrs. and Miss Erb, two boxes oranges and one sack peas, do. apples; Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, candy and goose; Mr. Glendenning, one very large ham; Mrs. C. C., 15 pairs of sheets and two dozen pillow cases valued at \$25; Mrs. Munzie, sausages, codfish and clothing; two dozen candles and candlesticks for the Orphans' Home; Mr. Langley, bread, butter, coffee, sandwiches, jellies, meat and fruit; Mrs. C. Todd, clothing; Mrs. Archibald Erving's little girls' Bible class, two small chairs; Mrs. Broderick, crokinole board; Mr. Walter, Salt Spring Island, one carcass of lamb; Mrs. Scoones, clothing and one hat; Mrs. Thos. Barle, one box of oranges and chocolate; Mrs. Twine, one sack of holly; Mrs. Smith, holly, toys and bottle of alcohol; an unknown friend, 2 pairs of boys' boots and a pair of girl's gloves; M. W. Waitt & Co., games and musical instruments; Mrs. Barnard, 2 boxes of oranges and bon-bons; Bijo, one box of oranges; Mr. Tohmie, one box of apples and Christmas tree; Mrs. H. Wilson, one quarter of nutmeg; Porter & Sons, two turkeys; A Lady Friend, candy and large roast of beef; Miss Estella Carroll, one parcel of nuts; Miss D. McTavish, one box of oranges; Mrs. McNeill, one box of oranges; Mrs. Burton, one box of oranges; Oswald Barton, \$1 cash; Mr. Hodges, one box of apples; Mr. Fred Carre, jr., one box apples and candy; Mr. Langley, painting the gates; Mr. F. J. Deane, Nelson, cheese for \$10; Mrs. F. M. C. B. 2428, instead, sixty days of Senator Templeton, one turkey and box of oranges; Mrs. Daniels, one bag of apples and bundle of clothing; Alfred Daniels, one box of oranges; Mrs. Andrews, one box of oranges; Mrs. Gos Lewis, 28 pairs of gloves; Foll & Co., one box of choice biscuits; Mrs. Judge Irving, apples; Mrs. McCullough, two work baskets and handkerchiefs and three bureau covers; Mr. H. J. Scott, two boxes of candy; Mrs. Denny, four pairs of stockings and two books; Mrs. Milne, two boxes of oranges; Miss Dorothy McTavish, one dozen handkerchiefs; Mrs. Hargraves, cash \$1; Mrs. W. C. G. 2428, decreased, late of Media, brella, work basket, games, paints and books; Mrs. Morley, clothing; Mrs. Oliver (Oak Bay), toys, cakes and candy; Mr. W. N. Lensefer, one pair of scissors; Mrs. Stathagen, cash \$2, prizes for the best boy and girl; Mrs. Brown, two books; Miss L. A. Russell, candy and two pairs of stockings, and 10-bis; dripping; Master Tertius Hibben, books, paints and pictures; Ladies' committee, cakes; the Colonist and Times, daily papers; the Y's sewing; Emmanuel Baptist church, cake; Miss Perrin, bread and cake; Mrs. Armstrong, three sacks of apples (from Sammie); Mrs. Bertride, work box and handkerchiefs; Lady Joly de Lotbiniere, three pairs of children's mittens; Miss Marjorie Sayward, cash \$5; Mrs. Geo. Berridge, cash \$5; pupils 1st Division, North Ward school, 75c; Mr. Fernie, Oak Bay avenue, cash \$10; A Friend, cash \$2; Mrs. M. B. Sargison, stockings.

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THE BLIZZARD. Number of Houses Damaged at Omahastorm Continues Unabated. (Associated Press.) Omaha, Neb., Jan. 7.—Probably fifty buildings were damaged by the gale which struck Omaha on the 6th. The wind did not abate with the morning, but continued to blow at a furious velocity. Wires are snapping in all directions, and the city was in darkness the latter part of the night. The temperature is below zero and the temperature is barely below the freezing point.

PARTELS ARE WANTED, and where possible, accompanied by photographs of improved mixed farms for sale of from 70 to 100 acres, with house, outbuildings, etc., on Pender or adjacent Islands or in Spanish District. Address Secretary, Bureau of Provincial Information, Victoria. PRINTING PRESS FOR SALE—The Colwell press, on which the Daily Times was printed for several years. The press is 22x47 inches, and in every respect the press is in first-class condition. Very cheaply sold at \$1000 or weekly office. It cost \$1,200; will be sold for \$600 cash.

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THE DECISION OF VENEZUELA ACCEPTS THE TERMS PROPOSED BY AL

The Cabinet Ministers Declare Are Obligated to Yield to Force. Caracas, Jan. 8.—After two meetings of the cabinet, all the ministers set forth in the replies of the cabinet to President Castro's last proposal in the matter of settling the Venezuela dispute through arbitration have accepted by the Venezuelan government. The government considers these conditions to be unjust, but declares it is bound to meet force. The answer delivered at the United States legation here at noon to-day. The conditions the powers cover cash payments to allies and guarantees for the payment of the balance of their claims. It can be said on good authority the question of raising the existing blockade will not be considered. Prospects Brighter.

Washington, Jan. 8.—United States Minister Brown transmitted to state department another reply to President Castro touching the arbitration proposals. As heretofore, President Castro expresses willingness to submit the matter to arbitration, in addition to his former communications he is now willing to recognize the priority of claims respecting the blockade in the British and German notes. The Hague, something that he has up to this point been willing to do. Some details remain to be arranged before the next meeting of the arbitrators, can be taken; and it is yet known how President Castro will receive the demand still insisted upon the allies for a money payment, and how the United States will receive the demand for the immediate withdrawal of the blockade as conditions precedent. It now appears there is a reason for the cautious procedure of the United States. When the commission meets here, it is stated, they will be instructed from the principals to endeavor to adjust the dispute over land in Washington.

If not, the commissioners will proceed according to the original plan to do up the protocol prescribing the conditions upon which the issues between the belligerents shall be submitted to arbitration. The Hague tribunal. It is improbable in the judgment of the officials here, the blockade will be raised until the commissioners do one of these things: Either reach a complete agreement, or sign a protocol providing arbitration. In the latter case, though a technical and final adjustment is announced, the blockade cannot be realized until the Hague tribunal has announced its decision. The blockade will not be continued during the pendency of the proceedings there for the protocol will be regarded as sufficient to bind President Castro, provided the cautious procedure required by the allies are complied with.

New York, Jan. 9.—France probably will join the European powers in a blockade of the Venezuelan coast, the World's Port of Spain correspond for the reason that Venezuela has failed to make the first payment of \$200,000 on the French claim on December 31st. The French government has announced its intention to extend the blockade will not be continued during the pendency of the proceedings there for the protocol will be regarded as sufficient to bind President Castro, provided the cautious procedure required by the allies are complied with.

President Castro is deeply incensed and his attention to borrowing money from the Bank of Venezuela has failed. The government already owes that institution \$2,000,000. President Castro's next step will be to force a loan from merchants. The better element of Venezuela is urging him to give up office. His resignation has been published in a speech delivered in Paris. It is impossible for him to leave power before February. Troops are sleeping in the plazas of capital in expectation of an attack. The foreign bankers are waiting for change in the government before negotiating. The situation is a delicate one. A leader of the revolution, in a public letter guarantees a satisfactory settlement with the allies within 24 hours after the inauguration of President Castro. He asserts that Castro delays the settlement in the hope of uniting the people. There is hunger now and there will be starvation later. Seven hundred ill at La Guayra have gone to join revolutionists. This is a rumor that on Friday the allies will cut the cable and then land forces and seize the oil houses.

Another Warship For Scene. The Hague, Jan. 9.—In view of the events in Venezuela the Dutch cruiser Holland has been ordered to remain in West Indian waters, and a battleship Deruyter is proceeding to Caracas. Received in London. London, Jan. 9.—President Castro replies to the powers, accepting the terms of the protocol.