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EBERTS NOMINATED IN SOUTH SAANICH

At Rousing Convention of Conservatives at Royal Oak Schoolhouse Old War Horse Is Named as the Standard Bearer

At a largely attended convention of Liberal-Conservatives of South Saanich held Wednesday at the Royal Oak schoolhouse, D. M. Eberts was selected as the candidate for the provincial legislature. The gathering was exceptionally representative, there being present members from all the sections included in the constituency. In his address, Mr. Eberts expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and stated that he supported Premier McBride in his general policy and particularly upon his attitude in respect to Better Terms for British Columbia. His remarks were received with the utmost enthusiasm.

Upon motion, H. J. Dunn took the chair. In his opening remarks he explained that the candidate had been selected to represent the constituency in the forthcoming provincial elections. He proposed that the business be proceeded with.

Munro Miller proposed that as Hon. R. F. Green, chief commissioner of lands and works, was present, it might be opportune to hear from him. A short address from such a source is always of great interest, and highly instructive. (Applause.)

Hon. Mr. Green begged leave to refrain from speaking until after the nomination. This suggestion was accepted without demur.

Placed in Nomination
 Edward John, in a few well chosen remarks, nominated D. M. Eberts, K.C., as the candidate to represent the Liberal-Conservative party of Saanich in the next provincial elections. He did not seem strange to the voters of the constituency. He was well known as an honorable man and a worthy representative. (Applause.)

O. L. Gale suggested that a ballot would be taken upon the issue.

This was put in the form of a motion and carried unanimously. Mr. Eberts was elected by an overwhelming majority, and in thanking those present, said that he knew of no greater honor than that of receiving the approval of the voters in such a manner. He had been selected by an almost solid vote, and the honor bestowed upon him was a great one.

Adopted Conservative Policy
 The Liberals were in control today simply because there had been a change in the Conservative ranks. Before the Liberals came into power they had been talking of tariff reform in many ways. Had they done anything of the kind they would have ruined the reign of government? "No," Mr. Eberts said; "they had simply carried on the policy of the Conservative party."

The speaker then outlined the magnificent effort of the Conservative government, which had carried out the construction of the C. P. R. across a

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Sweepers, Food any other useful old utensils.

WARE CO.

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and breaks the slavery of gaff at the boss, the heater and the tends to give the better element of the community a determining vote in the management of affairs.—Toronto News.

AIN BERNIER'S WORK.

Bernier appears in a way to be pushed more than Peary in his polar trip. Peary got nearer to the pole than any previous explorer had entered formally took possession of lands in the name of Canada. He is of considerable size and under are small. They are mainly Arctic Land and Bearfoot. He is all practically unshakable for people. Still it would have been difficult for our American neighbors to play their calling in these northern waters, had taken possession and had obtained a territory there, naming us in, as done on the Pacific coast by the United States. Had they done so, of international questions would be. Capt. Bernier has done good work, and we would have been glad to have assisted in his work. Some way it seems that man to reach the pole ought Canadian.—Charlottetown Guard.

Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant is better than other powders, both soap and disinfectant.

NORTHWEST VISITOR PLEASED WITH CITY

J. R. Errath of Moosejaw Brings Family Here to Spend Winter

J. K. Errath, erstwhile mayor of Ottawa, and now of Moose Jaw, arrived in this city last evening. He has come to Victoria for the purpose of joining his family, who preceded him to the West. The latter have taken up their residence here for the winter months. Mr. Errath says that they are charmed with British Columbia's capital, and will extend their sojourn until late in the spring. Although he only landed on the shores of Vancouver Island last night, Mr. Errath appears to be struck with the beauty of the place. In his own words, he is "much taken with Victoria."

Mr. Errath occupied the exalted position of mayor of the capital city of the Dominion of Canada during 1890 and 1900. Two years after retiring from public life he moved west with the growing tide of immigration in that direction, settling in Moose Jaw. Although he does not like the extremes of heat and cold experienced during the summer and winter in that section, he thinks that the future of the prairie districts is exceedingly bright. Moose Jaw is the finest town between Winnipeg and Vancouver, in his opinion. During the past few years, he says, thousands of immigrants have been coming to that locality from the United States. All the homesteads have been taken up for some time, and those who bought up large parcels of land are now coming to that locality from the United States. The country for miles and miles around was rapidly becoming settled, and each year the amount of acreage under cultivation was materially increased.

In order to give some idea of the richness of the district in the neighborhood of Moose Jaw, Mr. Errath stated that the output from a single ten-acre block, was 2,000,000 bushels of wheat. The average was 27 bushels per acre. He believed that the same remarkable showing could be achieved this year. Of course, the crop would be larger because of the extension to the amount of land placed under cultivation.

Are the reports we hear to the effect that large numbers of comparatively wealthy Northwesterners are moving towards British Columbia, and Victoria in particular, correct? asked the reporter. Mr. Errath replied in the affirmative. He asserted that Victoria was a much-talked-of city throughout the Northwest at the present time. "I know for a fact," he added, "that no less than \$100,000 has been spent by residents of Moose Jaw alone on the British Columbia coast during the past few months, and the most of that has been expended in Victoria."

In his opinion, Victoria would become a residential city of importance. He was confident that large numbers of farmers, after having made a comparison in agricultural pursuits, would come here to make their homes.

ROOSEVELT INSISTS ON RIGHTS OF JAPS

President of the United States Sends Special Message to Congress

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—In a special message to congress today President Roosevelt transmitted the report of Secretary Metcalf on the Japanese situation in San Francisco. The report deals with these matters of controversy: First, the exclusion of the Japanese children from the San Francisco schools; second, the boycotting of Japanese restaurants; third, acts of violence committed against the Japanese.

As to the first matter, President Roosevelt calls special attention to the very small number of Japanese children who attend school; to the testimony as to the brightness, cleanliness and good behavior of these Japanese children in the schools; and to the fact that owing to their being scattered throughout the city, the requirement for them all to go to one special school is impossible of fulfillment and means that they cannot have school facilities.

"Let me point out further," says the President, "that there would be no objection whatever to excluding from the schools any Japanese on the score of age. It is obviously not desirable that young men should go to school with children. The only point is the exclusion of the children themselves. The number of Japanese children attending the public schools in San Francisco is very small. The government has already directed that suit be brought to test the constitutionality of the act in question; but it is my very earnest hope that such suit will not be necessary and that as a matter of comity the citizens of San Francisco will not continue to deprive these young Japanese children of education, but will permit them to go to the schools."

WANT TARIFF DECREASED.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—A deputation of farmers waited on Hon. Mr. Fielding today and asked for a further decrease in tariff. They look for further reductions through the medium of the intermediate tariff. The delegation was straight against iron counties.

KICK AT THE EXPENSE.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—The city has received another bill from militia authorities. Saturday's bill was for maintenance of troops sent during the street car strike riots and the one received today, which is \$4,588, is for transportation and the pay of officers and men, the total being \$8,885. The council does not believe city should be charged with anything more than what it would cost to keep the soldiers in regular quarters in Toronto and London.

OPERA HOUSE DESTROYED.

Peterborough, N. J., Dec. 18.—Fire that originated in the Butler opera house, today destroyed that building as well as the adjoining structures, causing a loss of about \$250,000.

WARMER IN NEVADA.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 18.—The coal famine in Nevada is about at an end. In answer to an appeal from the people of the mining camps and railroad towns, a train load of coal was started west yesterday and seven carloads were shipped this morning.

MINE FIRE THREATENS THE TOWN OF DOMINION

Blaze is Beyond Control and Eating Its Way Through the Roof

Sydney, C. B., Dec. 18.—The Hub mine fire now raging here may mean destruction of the town of Dominion, which is, in large part, built over the top of the mine. The thickness of the mine roof runs from 60 to 100 feet, but if the fire gets in the upper levels the roof may give way. The fire is still under sea level, but not unduly deep. It is estimated that two million gallons of water will be needed to effectually subside the conflagration.

INJURED MAN DIES

Bellefleur, Ont., Dec. 18.—Robert G. Masley, who on Friday was drawn into a shafting and severely injured at the mill, died today.

ELK LAKE RESERVOIR.

As Result of Recent Heavy Rain Immense Quantity of Water Stored.

One hundred and seventy-eight million eight hundred and thirty-eight thousand three hundred and eighty-five gallons of water were stored in the Elk Lake Reservoir during the week ending on Friday last, according to the figures received from the late of Water Commissioner Baymure yesterday.

In detail the figures are as follows: Saturday, Dec. 8, 19,187,900 cubic inches. Sunday, Dec. 9, 21,440,000 cubic inches. Monday, Dec. 10, 25,785,000 cubic inches. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 21,447,000 cubic inches. Wednesday, Dec. 12, 15,798,000 cubic inches. Thursday, Dec. 13, 32,198,900 cubic inches. Friday, Dec. 14, 31,023,020 cubic inches.

The large amount of water passing over the dam on Thursday and Friday, almost double what passed over on Wednesday, was due to the heavy rains of Monday and Tuesday, which did not make themselves felt at the lake until the following Thursday. Mr. Baymure states that in spite of the heavy strain on it, the dam is holding out perfectly.

GABRIOLA WRECKED.

The steamer Tees, which was wrecked yesterday, from northern British Columbia ports, and after coaling, is expected here this morning. The Tees will sail again tonight for Naas and Japan.

News was brought by the Tees of the total wreck of the schooner Gabriola, which went down on Queen Charlotte Islands with all hands—Captain Schultz, J. Lindstrom and an Indian. The Gabriola left Heriot Bay, at the south of the Queen Charlotte Islands, in September, and nothing was heard of her until wreckage was washed ashore near Skidegate ten days ago. Bodies of those on board also came ashore, and clothing.

DR. FAGAN AND THE SANITARIUM.

Sir,—It is very gratifying that Dr. Fagan should have taken the trouble to explain his scheme. What I am anxious to see is that the many of us who were in the dark will feel more disposition to get in and help. Terrible diseases have been extirpated in the past and the "white plague" may at least become much less common. In its filiation carries with it the first and second years in arts and the first in applied science. Failing these requirements, a candidate has to pass the responsible examinations of Oxford, the papers for which are forwarded annually from that university to the British Columbia examiners. On only one occasion have these been passed, namely, when W. J. Donaldson, superintendent of education, successfully passed this test. Vancouver, owing to its matriculation affiliation with McGill, has heretofore been in a much better position than Victoria. New Westminster is on a par with this city, having a first year affiliation with Victoria university, a recognized branch of that of Toronto. It is not because of education, does not expect that any candidates will present their names until after the close of the High school examinations that open on Wednesday next. As the Rhodes examinations do not occur until Jan. 17 and 18, 1907, this will be in ample time.

MISUNDERSTANDING.

William Whyte, second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, said last evening that he had been quite misunderstood by the newspaper reporters in respect to what he had said about the presence of Mr. Gosnell in England. The contract for the clearing of the land, he said, had been prepared in this country and sent to England to the people who are to carry it out. Naturally they desired to have someone at hand whom they might consult as to the local conditions of Vancouver Island, and as Mr. Gosnell had been for some time at the head of the Bureau of Public Information, he seemed the most available man for that purpose.

MEMBERS FIND FAULT WITH MINISTER'S BILL

Say Measure on Strikes and Lockouts Does Not Go Far Enough

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The chief feature at yesterday's sitting was Hon. Mr. Lemieux's bill to aid in the prevention and settlement of strikes and lockouts in coal mines. The suggestion was thrown out that the scope of bill should be widened so as to make it apply to all public utilities, not only coal mines, but for instance, street railways and power companies. The measure now provides for the appointment of a board of arbitrators in any labor dispute, one representing the employers, the other the employees and the third to be chosen either by the government or by representatives of the masters and the men. Pending a hearing of the evidence into merits of a dispute it is made an offence against the law to suspend operations, whereby the public interest will suffer.

The weak feature of the bill is that it does not go quite far enough. After the award of the arbitrators has been made, it is optional with either side whether they accept it or not. The minister of labor hopes public opinion will be sufficiently strong to induce the disputants to fall into line with the arbitrators but Mr. Foster expressed doubts upon the point.

JAPANESE SHIPS WILL AVOID SAN FRANCISCO

Consul at Honolulu Says Repetition of Maine Disaster is Feared

Honolulu, Dec. 18.—The Japanese consul here says that the visiting squadron which will arrive in Honolulu in February will not proceed to San Francisco as originally intended, because a repetition of the Maine disaster is feared, owing to the alleged overwrought condition of American feeling.

SIR WILFRID TURNS IT DOWN.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier today rather discouraged a deputation from the National Association for the Prevention of Tamponing, which asked for an increased grant.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

Disability Under Which Victoria Laborers to Be Removed.

Victoria is the only city of any importance in the province that has not, up to the present, produced a candidate for one of the annual scholarships at Oxford university under the will of the late Cecil Rhodes, who left all his property under this bequest came from Vancouver. In 1904 W. J. Donaldson, and in 1905 Israel Rubenowitz were the successful candidates. For the present year Harry Bray, of Nanaimo, was selected, and he entered at Oxford on October 1st.

This city has labored under a disadvantage in the past, owing to the fact that the High school, which is practically the only one in the province, did not give education of a sufficiently advanced character to meet the requirements of the scholarship. At least the first and second years' work of a degree conferring university, and passing the resultant examinations, is required to enable candidates to claim to be considered, without further test, and Victoria at present only offers facilities for the first year of such work. The recent decision of the Board of School Trustees to apply for second year affiliations with McGill university will remove this disadvantage. The affiliation carries with it the first and second years in arts and the first in applied science. Failing these requirements, a candidate has to pass the responsible examinations of Oxford, the papers for which are forwarded annually from that university to the British Columbia examiners. On only one occasion have these been passed, namely, when W. J. Donaldson, superintendent of education, successfully passed this test. Vancouver, owing to its matriculation affiliation with McGill, has heretofore been in a much better position than Victoria. New Westminster is on a par with this city, having a first year affiliation with Victoria university, a recognized branch of that of Toronto. It is not because of education, does not expect that any candidates will present their names until after the close of the High school examinations that open on Wednesday next. As the Rhodes examinations do not occur until Jan. 17 and 18, 1907, this will be in ample time.

NANAIMO IMPROVEMENTS.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 18.—(Special)—The Western Fuel Company of this city is contemplating improvements to their wharves and installing a patent loading device for colliers. Work will be commenced early next week and rushed with all possible speed.

HEART DISEASE IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Alex. Moran, a laborer, dropped dead in a street car this evening, having been stricken with heart disease.

Fred Muriz, stricken with heart disease tonight while eating supper, died suddenly.

SORE ON MORMONS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—"Mormonism is a greater curse to the country than was slavery," declared Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, wife of the Idaho senator in an address here last night. She said that should President Roosevelt make a trip through southeastern Idaho, he would no longer be willing to declare that there is nothing in the Mormon question. Six United States senators, she said, owe their election to the influence of the Mormon church. She criticized the attitude of Senator Proctor of Vermont and Senator Hopkins of Illinois, who they had elected last year. In closing, Mrs. Dubois said: "Mormon children in Utah and Idaho spit on the American flag."

MEMBERS LEAVE FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

R. L. Borden and G. E. Foster Protest Against Slow Progress of Business

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier gladdened the hearts of members today by suggesting that the Christmas vacation should commence today, the House to resume on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Accordingly there was a great exodus east and west tonight.

G. E. Foster strongly protested against the slow progress of the government in making with the business before the House.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier contended that business was fairly well advanced.

R. L. Borden expressed much interest in the measure mentioned in the speech from the throne was not yet down.

CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION BILL.

Lethbridge, Dec. 18.—Conferences were held today between the political leaders of both houses of parliament in an endeavor to reach an agreement on the Education bill, but without result. They will be resumed tomorrow. In consequence of the conference the debate on the measure in the House of Lords was postponed.

CANNERS DEPOSE LAW.

Operators on Mainland Protest Against Fishery Bill

British Columbia salmon canners have been thrown into something akin to a ferment of anxiety over the bill which Hon. Sidney Fisher, minister of agriculture, has introduced to make compulsory the stamping of all cans of fish with the date of their packing.

Inquiries and protests have been poured into Ottawa during the past few days, by every person interested in still guessing as to the outcome, says the Province.

From the standpoint of the salmon canners, the passage of this bill is a disaster. It can get to a firm much quicker than a horse-drawn vehicle, and if we can get at the fire before it gets any headway, it is much easier to put it out. It is largely used in all the large cities of the United States, and is recommended by all the heads of the departments which have them. It will be about 40 horse power, and able to get over the ground at a pretty good rate.

There is another clause in the Fishery bill which the canners welcome, and that is the one providing for government inspection of fish in course of packing. They believe if inspectors are appointed and the government grant certificates for passing the pack, the public confidence in the purity of the article will be greatly enhanced. For that reason inspection finds unanimous favor with packers.

SEEKS TO IMPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ald. Fullerton, Chairman of Committee Points Out What is Required

"The rapid growth of the city will make it necessary for next year's board of aldermen to deal seriously with the needs of the fire department," said Ald. Fullerton, chairman of the board of fire wardens, yesterday. "We have tried all year to have something done for the firemen, but owing to the want of money it has been impossible to do anything. But the council next year will have to deal with the question one way or the other, and the only way it can be done is by borrowing sufficient money to make a good service. To do this about \$10,000 will have to be raised."

A very important meeting of the board of aldermen was held on Monday with His Worship, Ald. Fullerton, Ald. Goodacre and Chief Watson were present. At this meeting it was pointed out that many changes should be made, and the wardens will make the following recommendations to the council:

1st.—That a graduated pay system be adopted.

2nd.—That it be a fully uniformed department.

3rd.—That a new hall be built in James Bay, and an engine placed there.

4th.—That a small motor engine be secured to make quick trips to fire.

5th.—That, if necessary, a new engine be secured in order that an engine can be placed at the Yates street station. Referring to the first recommendation, Ald. Fullerton pointed out that it was necessary that this system should be adopted if a good service was to be maintained. "What we want is a system like they have in Vancouver, Winnipeg and practically all the cities of the Dominion," said the alderman. "In Vancouver, for instance, the men receive an increase in salary for each year of service. The same method is adopted in Winnipeg; and although there are two rates of pay for hosemen and truckmen in this city, there is no regular scheme of advancement in wages. What we want in some scheme of advancement that will tend to keep the men in the force; otherwise they will be continually leaving, thus reducing the efficiency of the department."

"The second recommendation is also an important one. At the beginning of the present year we tried hard to get enough money to supply the men with uniforms, but we were unable to do so. All the up-to-date departments are uniformed; and there is no reason why Victoria should not have one also. It is not as used to be, a few years ago, when there were no uniforms. Now that the city is growing and strangers are coming in, it is necessary that we should have an attractive force."

Regarding the new hall for James Bay, Ald. Fullerton said: "We need a hall in that district that can hold an engine and a combination hose and chemical wagon. The hall is built; the engine shown as 'John Grant' is being adopted in this district; and although there are two engines, working instead of one which would again lessen the risk. We estimate that a hall could be built for \$3,000, which would be money well spent."

"In reference to the new departure in recommending that a motor engine be secured, we are only keeping up with the times. An engine similar to what we want has been ordered for Vancouver, and in all the cities where it is used, it has proved of great assistance in fighting fires. It is only a small motor car that carries about 300 feet of hose and about eight men, but we can do more good with it than we can with a big engine. It can get to a fire much quicker than a horse-drawn vehicle; and if we can get at the fire before it gets any headway, it is much easier to put it out. It is largely used in all the large cities of the United States, and is recommended by all the heads of the departments which have them. It will be about 40 horse power, and able to get over the ground at a pretty good rate."

Yates street, there are two alternatives. One is to place the 'John Grant' at this station and get a new one for headquarters, or place the old Deluge there and let the 'John Grant' remain at headquarters. Either one thing or the other will have to be done; and I think it better to get another new engine. It is necessary that we should protect the section of the city above Oak street very thoroughly, as it is a hard run for the horses; and if we had an engine at this station we could handle fires without any difficulty. Victoria will also have to be attended to, and we will have to have additional equipment for that district."

"To thoroughly renovate the department and put it on a good basis, we will have to have about \$10,000, which is very easily seen that it cannot be taken from the general revenue. The only thing that can be done is to submit a by-law to the ratepayers asking power to borrow this amount of money so that we will rank second to none on the Pacific coast. If the by-law is turned down the citizens will not be able to lay any blame on the council."

MAKING "REAL" DIAMONDS.

French Chemist Has Discovered the Natural Process.

The nature of the diamond and its other uses have been the study of Prof. Moissan, a French chemist, for some years. Recently, it is claimed, he discovered a process for making diamonds. He takes a solution of pure iron, freed from sulphur, silicon and phosphorus and packs it in a carbon crucible with pure charcoal obtained from sugar. This is heated in an electric furnace, the invention of which he has patented, to a temperature of 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit, at which temperature the iron melts like wax and saturates itself into the carbon. The process of solidification extends and plunges into cold water. The sudden cooling solidifies the outer skin, while the iron in the centre is still liquid. The process of solidification creates a tremendous pressure on this central mass, and the result is that the carbon which was soaked up by the molten iron, is squeezed out again, like water from a sponge and crystallizes into diamonds.

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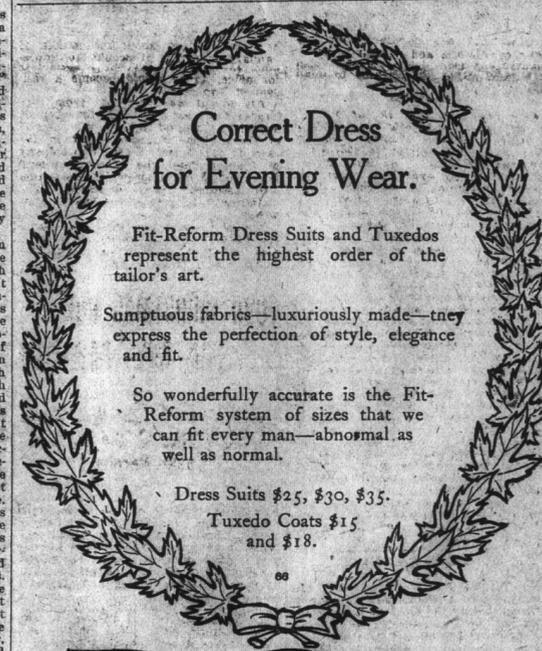
NEW WALNUTS, per lb.	25c
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 - DETT'S AND PERRIN'S CELEBRATED GLOVES, unlined or lined with silk or wool, 85c to \$2.50
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 - SMOKING JACKETS AND DRESSING GOWNS—Very large stock to select from \$5.00 up
- A large stock of assorted Sweaters received yesterday. Look them over and ask the price.



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WHAT IS OFFERED TO HOLIDAY SHOPPERS

Brief Description of Some of Displays Made by Local Merchants

HANDSOME WINDOW EXHIBITIONS

Feature of the Trade This Year is Lavish Decoration in All the Principal Establishments

Prosperity is written in the smiling face of every Victoria merchant as the Christmas trade reaches its height. One and all report that money is plentiful and purchasers are spending more in anticipation of the holidays than ever before. Probably the most noticeable feature of the present season is the almost ubiquitous presence of artistic decorations both of display windows and interiors. These much enhanced the festive appearance of the city streets and rendered purchasing a pleasure. Details regarding some of the more important retail establishments are given below.

There is a sense of lightness about the elaborate holiday decorations at Spencer's that centre in the main quadrangle. Lattice work of white ribbon, entwined with delicate ferns and flowers, is the general scheme. Festoons of rosettes, of every color of the rainbow, hang in graceful curves from the ceilings, broken ornaments that hang suspended at every point of vantage. At night, when, in addition to the usual brilliancy of the store, a softer radiance is thrown through the Japanese screens, the decorations appear in all their glory, a fitting climax of many days of carefully planned work on the part of Messrs. W. Spencer and Albert Lawrence. The Christmas tree is most luxuriantly arranged, especially those on Broad street. An allegory in three tableaux is presented there. On the right is shown the night before Christmas, the children asleep dreaming of the visit of Kris-Kingle, un mindful of the fact that the kindly gentleman himself is in the room, filling stockings and putting furniture into beautiful stock of presents.

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carry a full stock of stationery of all sorts, and a complete assortment of books for children.

Hinton Electric Co.

After several years' search this company has succeeded in obtaining electroliers that conform to the wishes of those who are artists in taste. They come from England. The strings are strung from the ceiling has been eliminated, and antique chains, through which are woven flexible insulated wires, replace them. Most of the designs are in hammered iron and copper, and are of the most artistic and in conformity with the general plan, an artistic unity, heretofore unattainable, has been secured. There are other electroliers of Venetian art glass. When lit they shine with all the colors of the rainbow. Lilies, roses and other flowers, the transparent material naturally tinted, make these articles ideal Christmas presents for those who wish to give or receive lasting remembrances in the form of lamps of the prettiest designs are bronze figures, unmistakably of French origin. Some of them have copper shell shades, that have been scooped and polished until the mother-of-pearl is seen with its brilliant iridescence. Others, more severe in treatment, recall monastic gloom and old Flemish cities. Deep crimson and opal lights have been used in many.

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line of suitable gifts the firm has paid great attention to ladies' costumes, and of those whose colors are followed. Dangling bangles, and even babies who have not learned to toddle, can have their requirements met at this store, which has a clientele particularly its own when the wants of the youngsters are considered. Beautifully worked dresses, dainty bonnets and caps, and little woolsen shoes would please the mother as much as the baby, and many of the youngest citizens of Victoria will receive their Christmas presents from Richardson's big store. There is an enormous variety of goods to choose from, most of them suitable for gifts.

Fletcher Bros.

Sousa is said to have called the phonograph "canned music," but those who feel inclined to disagree with that opinion in this recent invention that Fletcher Brothers take the lead, having in stock the Columbia, Victor, Edison and Berliner makes, and the enormous number of 15,000 records. Both disc and cylinder records are included in this supply, and all tastes can be suited. Special consignments have just arrived of selections suitable for Christmas, and also a large number of sheet music suitable for the festive season. This firm also carries a full line of musical instruments of all kinds, from pianos to small organs, and covering every intermediate grade. The articles are of the best quality, and when the store was visited last night numerous shipments were being packed to fill outside orders.

Dixie H. Ross & Co.

Good cheer is always tried at this store, but never more than around Christmas. Crowds come here to see the stock shows no diminution. Though presents do not enter largely into the display, the establishment is full of things good to eat. Incidentally, suitable drinks are presented in the regular show windows, express this phase adequately. Everything for the table seems gathered in one place, with the solitary exceptions of fresh meat and fish. That the company is doing a rushing business is evident from the number of shoppers continually streaming up to the counters.

Saunders Grocery Co.

Johnson street has its traffic augmented considerably at this season of the year by the numerous purchasers that visit the store of the Saunders Grocery Co. It is especially the store of old-timers. They have known the name for many years and recognize the quality of the goods sold. Both the groceries and wine departments are stocked with the best articles obtainable, and it is no wonder the clerks are kept busy always, but particularly around Christmas.

Hallam & Wyndham, Limited

There is an air of prosperity about this establishment that denotes a heavy trade. In common with all other firms in the city this company is able to cater to every portion of the community, and that each is satisfied is attested by the manner in which the wagons are kept busy delivering bills of goods. All grocery ingredients for the monarch of the Christmas dinner, the pudding, can be bought here, and only a good cook is required to produce the rotund gift of the highest perfection.

Wescott Bros.

Everything for ladies and many desirable articles for gentlemen are displayed at this Yates street emporium. Many novelties are seen, among them being the latest ideas in waist bags, hair combs, work boxes and baskets. For the gentlemen there are smoking sets, cuff and collar boxes, umbrellas and handkerchiefs. In addition there is a full stock of day and sport articles, many of which, like those mentioned in detail, are particularly suited for holiday gifts. Business is rushing and the large staff of employees is kept extremely busy.

G. A. Richardson & Co.

With its established trade of many years, augmented by hundreds of new customers, this firm is fully acquainted with the fact that Christmas is coming. Though many of the shoppers are looking ahead for the regular trade, the trade is being catered to with much success to Richardson & Co., and satisfaction to prudent housewives. In the

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Nearly forty years ago, Dr. R. V. Pierce, now consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., discovered that by scientific extracting and combining certain medicinal principles from native roots, taken from our American forests, he could produce a medicine which was marvellously efficient in curing cases of blood disorder and liver and stomach trouble as well as many other chronic, or insidious ailments. This medicine, known as "Golden Medical Discovery," it purified the blood by putting it through a series of purifying processes, thereby helping the digestion and assimilation of food which feeds the blood. Thereby it cures weak stomach, indigestion, torpid liver or biliousness, and kindred derangements.

If you have coated tongue, with bitter or bad taste in the morning, frequent headaches, feverishness, or a regular or irregular bowels, feel faintness of heart, or any of the above symptoms, you should at once take this medicine, which will purify your blood, and give you a new lease of life.

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trese novelty, and one much appreciated during the winter, is the acetylene pocket lamp, of which the numbers have been sold for Christmas gifts. There is cutlery of every price, in cases, and without an end of other goods to mention.

George Rowell & Co.

This Government street store is a scene of great activity. The great variety of goods carried enables a present-buyer to meet many wishes before leaving, which fact secures a superior trade to competitors. There are many things to be obtained that appear in very few stores that make suitable and pleasant gifts. One thing noticed was red cases, that make suitable and pleasant gifts. The goods are sold at moderate prices and a strong effort is made to have no purchaser depart dissatisfied.

John Cochrane

John Cochrane has on view in the window of his store at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets an interesting assortment of ebony and silver, such as is seldom to be seen in a city of this size. The holiday season has brought a large number of such other toilet accessories, and make the Christmas trade the more profitable. The Christmas trade is peculiarly suited for Christmas presents, Mr. Cochrane offering the otherwise rather expensive wares at considerably reduced prices.

Nagano's

Those who are looking for appropriate presents to send to friends in England or the East, can find them at Nagano's. Nagano's Japanese store on Douglas street carries a large stock of everything in the way of goods from the beautiful young people of the Land of the Rising Sun.

Popham Bros.

Candies and chocolates are a very important factor at this festive season, and "made in Victoria" goods occupy a prominent place in supplying the local market. The establishment of Popham Brothers is working to its full extent meeting orders that have been flowing in, and its full lines of confectionery, cakes and biscuits meet with the greatest popular approval. This firm's goods are to be found in every store and will grace many a Christmas table.

B. C. Fur Co.

Though furs are practically unnecessary in the favored climate of Victoria, their appearance is so beautiful, and their purchase from this firm. It carries in stock all kinds of fur goods, both native and imported, and the first-class manner in which the different articles are manufactured is assuring a large sale.

Hall's Drug Store

A splendid line of manicure sets is on view at Hall's Drug store. The increasing popularity of manicure sets is a fact, and scientific care of the hands has become a necessity. For these goods, and Mr. Hall states that they are made of the best material, and they are of the most durable and reliable.

Clay's

Those who, through lack of knowledge, or of cooking facilities, have been obliged to purchase the ready-made Christmas puddings, will be pleased to know that they will not be obliged to do without any of the good old days.

Peden's

Some splendid fancy vestings are on view at Peden's tailoring establishment on Fort street. Mr. Peden, who prides himself on being right ahead of the times, has taken care to have the latest styles of vestings, made in England, and the East, and as a consequence, his stock is well supplied with material as cannot be excelled in the city.

Army & Navy Stores

The window of the Army and Navy Stores is a scene of delight to all youngsters passing by. The window is filled with a variety of goods, and the children are looking out from a window frame of large size. Santa Claus, as large as life, is the center of attraction.

Smith & Champion

Paterfamilias is often the hardest member of the family to provide for when it comes to the Christmas dinner. Those who are unable to decide what to give to "father" should pay a visit to Smith & Champion's. They are making up their minds. There they will find an assortment of gifts such as deer, the heart of many a coming home tired from a hard day's work.

MONEY SPENT ON ESQUIMALT.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Sir Frederick Borden's water department yesterday announced that the government had spent \$1,200,000 on Esquimalt since June, 1904.

BIG NUGGETS FOUND.

Melbourne, Dec. 18.—Several big gold nuggets were discovered recently near Tarravilla, and two Saturday afternoon weighing respectively 967 and 373 ounces, the largest seen in Australia in forty years.

FINEST IN CANADA.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Traders bank moved into its fine new first-story office today and is now in possession of the finest bank offices in Canada.

PREMIER McBRIDE'S TRIP TO INTERIOR

Notes Prosperity on Every Hand and Splendid Promise for Future

After a pleasant and gratifying visit to a number of interior points, including Vernon, Revelstoke and Ashcroft, Premier McBride returned to Victoria on Monday evening. The primary object of his trip was to attend the convention of the Liberal-Conservative Association at Vernon, called for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent the party in the next provincial elections.

One of the passengers of the Tees, a prospector who walked on the beach from Massett to Skidegate, found on a bar north of the latter port, the wreck of the schooner, broken in two, and the skeleton of a man. The bones lay in a heap below high water, and the sea-wind had torn away the flesh. Identification was impossible, but the remains were thought to be those of one of the Gabriola's company.

A lawyer was lying near the wreck, and on pulling up the prospector brought to light pieces of a fishing net, to which glass floats were attached. These were instantly recognized as having belonged to Capt. Schultz, being the only ones of the kind in the vicinity.

On further examination an old shirt was found; but nothing else could be seen. There was no doubt, though, that all three had perished. When the traveler brought the news of his discovery to Skidegate, the wife of Mexican Tom stated that the Gabriola had been seen beating off the bar in a southeaster in October, and it is thought she drove ashore in a wreck being broken completely in two.

The Tees had a rough trip. When on her way from Port Essington to Skidegate, the steamer ran into a southeaster gale, and by the time she was in the channel in the morning she was being paralleled the island shore at a distance of several miles, big green seas were seen breaking over.

For forty hours the steamer lay sheltering in the lee of the island, being joined by the fishing steamer Zepora, which had been driven from Hezard Straits because of the storm. The Tees passed the scene of the wreck of the Themis three hours before the vessel was lost.

THAW'S TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 18.—Harry K. Thaw will appear on Jan. 21 on the charge of murder of Stanford White, according to an order signed by Justice Newburger today. The trial will be before Justice Fitzgerald.

NEGOTIATING FOR THE BURNLAND HOMESTEAD

Syndicate Seeks to Acquire Farm of 250 Acres on Burnside Road

If a project at present under negotiation reaches consummation, a splendid residential section will be added to Victoria's suburbs. A syndicate is at present in treaty for the farm of G. W. Rowlands, one of the best on Vancouver Island, consisting of some 250 acres of land fronting on the Burnside road, and having also an extensive frontage facing Victoria Arm.

Similarly to the course pursued in many progressive states of the United States, it is planned that roads will be cut and surfaced, sidewalks laid, boulevards constructed and water and sewerage connections placed on each subdivision before any are put on the market.

BLEACHED SKELETON FOUND ON BEACH

Prospectors Growsome Find on Queen Charlotte Island Near Skidegate

With the arrival of the steamer Tees yesterday morning details were received of the loss of the schooner Gabriola, with all on board, Capt. Schultz, J. Lindstrom and an Indian, off Queen Charlotte Islands. The three men had been engaged in halibut fishing, prospecting, etc., cruising about the northern coast with their small vessel—she was not more than 30 tons gross. In September they left Jedway, Herriot Bay, for Skidegate, and when the Tees was on her last trip were considered overdue. Then the general impression was that the vessel would not arrive, as the trio were known to have been drinking heavily just before going to sea, and also liquor on board.

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SEES GREAT FUTURE FOR BULKLEY VALLEY

Surveyor General McKay Believes That Big Industrial Movement About to Commence

Of the general topographical features of the whole of British Columbia and of the immense resources of each section probably no person has a more exact knowledge than the surveyor general, Neil McKay. In referring to the northern interior he states that the gratifying report which has been submitted to the department by the representative, Mr. Gray, is endorsed by all in a position to know whereof they speak. He claims that the Bulkley and the adjacent districts are bound to become one of the richest agriculturally and mineral centers of the province.

In giving his reasons for this belief Mr. McKay's first points out that the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, having selected the Yellow Head pass as its route to British Columbia, must inevitably pass directly through the Bulkley and the beautiful verdant valleys which are known to lie to the south and north of that district. He explains that, after crossing the mountains the natural path of the railway is to follow the country west for a short distance, and then, turning, to go due northwest until striking Hazelton. From that latter point, of course, doubling down the Skeena river to its selected terminus at Prince Rupert.

By so doing Mr. McKay points out that the Bulkley will encounter any of the difficulties in regard to surveying which the C. P. R. had to surmount in coming into British Columbia. The line is down-grade from the time the highest altitude is attained. The Yellow Head pass until the Pacific coast is sighted. The only section at which construction work will be at all heavy is along the Skeena.

Not only Mr. McKay says, will the railway, by adopting this route, have the advantage of an easy grade but it will open up sections splendidly adapted for settlement. All the mountain ranges in a northwesterly direction, while the rivers and the waterways naturally flow the same way. Between the ranges there are fine tracts of agricultural land about which comparatively little is known as yet. One of these is the Bulkley valley. That section is probably the best known of any of the others, having been explored in but a

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Fresh Island, per doz.	90
Fresh Island, per unit	80
Cheddar, per lb.	10
Canadian, per lb.	10
British Columbia, per lb.	10
Newmarket, each	10
Cheddar, local, each	10
Manitoba, 14-lb. boxes	\$4.00
Ontario, 6 lbs. for	25
Manitoba, per lb.	20
Carrots, per lb.	10
Victoria creamery, per lb.	40
Cowichan creamery, per lb.	40
Carleton Place, per lb.	40
Chilliwack creamery, per lb.	40

VEGETABLES

Cabbage, each	10
Onions, 6 lbs. for	25
Potatoes, island, per sack	\$1.00
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Carrots, per sack	10
Artichokes, per lb.	12 1/2
Celery, per bunch	10
Asparagus, per lb.	10
Oranges, tinned, per doz.	25, 35, 40
Apples, Japan, per doz.	10 to 15
Lemons, per doz.	20 to 25
Pineapples, per doz.	10 to 15
Pigs, Smyrna, 4 lbs.	25
Pigs, table, per lb.	20 to 25
Garlic, per sack	10
Balsam, Valencia, per lb.	10
Balsam, table, per lb.	20 to 30
Carrots, new cleaned, per lb.	10
Salted, California, best	15
Salted, medium	12 1/2
Carrots, new cleaned, per lb.	10
Apples, local, per box	\$1.00 to \$1.25
Bananas, per doz.	35
Prunes, second, per lb.	5

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Wheat, per ton	\$30.00
Oats, per ton	\$20.00
Barley, per ton	\$20.00
New hay	\$14.00 to \$16.00
Hay, island, per ton	\$14.00
Barley, per ton	\$14.00
Straw, per bale	85
Corn, cracked, per ton	\$32.00
Feed, cracked, per ton	\$33.00
Feed, rolled, per ton	40
Colled oats, per 7-lb. sack	35

RETAIL MARKETS.

Hams, per lb.	25 to 27
Beef, per lb.	20 to 22
Pork, dressed, per lb.	12 to 18
Chickens, per lb.	12 to 15
Lamb, per quarter	\$1.25 to \$1.75
Wool, dressed, per lb.	12 to 14
Chickens, per lb.	25 to 30
Turkeys, local, per lb.	30 to 35
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	25
Chicken, spring, lb. live wt.	20 to 25
Spring chicken, dressed, per lb.	25
Chickens, per lb.	20 to 25
Pigeons, dressed, per pair	10 to 15
Rabbits, dressed, each	60c to \$1.00
Hens, dressed, each	75

PRODUCE

Eggs, local, per doz.	45
Butter, local, creamery	25
Butter, foreign, per lb.	25
Condensed milk, per lb.	25
Veal, per lb.	12 1/2
Pork, per lb.	12 1/2
Beef, per lb.	12 1/2
Mutton, per lb.	12 1/2
American ham, per lb.	12 1/2
Canadian ham, per lb.	12 1/2
American bacon, per lb.	12 1/2

THE FINAL ESCAPE

When they gained a stairway, then up another floor, came out at a window which gave a view of the lecture hall. The audience, looking out there to mingle at the station, saw the door was in the main corridor to see Peary and his companions rushed ahead down the stairs, and then to the door between the two throngs. It was the real escape, and the moment of police banishment, and were manifest.

Commander Peary, finally gaining the main corridor, was there after the approved theatrical while the police gradually cleared the way.

Morris K. Jessup, president of the Canadian Museum of Natural History and the National Geographic Society, president of the Peary Club, in the expense of Peary's trip, press his own case for the return of the people all like Peary, said: "We all want to see the North Pole. This man has done it. We have determined I am not going to give up the greatest personal ambition of my life. I am going to go with him. To do this, however, they had their way for five minutes this morning as ever characterized ball game."

HOW PEARY WAS ROBBED IN NEW YORK

The Police Unable to Find Through Who Crowd to Explorer

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Commander Robert E. Peary Saturday afternoon, December 20, at the American Museum of Natural History on his latest attempt to North Pole. The lecture hall was crowded, but the police were unable to find through who crowd to Explorer.

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oil, per gal... sugar, per lb... flour, per sack

rice, per sack... beans, per sack... lentils, per sack

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HOW READERS... THE POLICE UNABLE TO CONTROL... Through Who Crowd to See Explorer

HE HAD A BAD HALF HOUR... Hall Couldn't Hold All Who Wanted... To Hear Lecture and Those Waiting Got Beyond Control

Commander Robert E. Peary lectured Saturday afternoon, December 11, in New York, at the American Museum of Natural History...

When the lecture was ended, Commander Peary tried to fulfil his promise, and... to hear the lecture...

But after he got into action that... to hear the lecture...

The lecture ended, the explorer started to descend from the platform at his left... to hear the lecture...

Then they gained a stairway, and... to hear the lecture...

Commander Peary, finally gained an... to hear the lecture...

Morris K. Jessup, president of the American Museum of Natural History, and... to hear the lecture...

This also to do with another large... to hear the lecture...

The deal which has been pending in... to hear the lecture...

The proposal of the Vancouver Board... to hear the lecture...

position of having to depend on one... to hear the lecture...

DERELICT OFF CAPE... Believed to Be Wreck of Sea Witch - Is Dangerous to Shipping

Tugboat captains returning from Cape... to hear the lecture...

Mr. Archibald, Canadian Parole... Officer States It Is Not on the Increase

To a large congregation in the American... to hear the lecture...

Mr. Archibald gave many instances of... to hear the lecture...

At Kingston, the largest penitentiary... to hear the lecture...

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HOW THEY MAKE MONEY ON FARMING

Instructive Address Delivered by Prof. Hays Before Ontario Experimental Union

At a meeting of the Ontario Experimental Union held recently, Prof. Hays, assistant secretary for agriculture of the United States delivered an address a summary of which taken from the Toronto Globe, is as follows:

The feature at the Experimental Union was the illustrated lecture by Prof. W. M. Hays, assistant secretary of agriculture for the United States, on "The Improvement of Plants and Animals." His introductory remarks he noted that in the matter of exchanging ideas on the progress of agricultural science there was the fullest reciprocity, between Canada and the United States. The greatest work being achieved by the Ontario Agricultural Union was recognized by all prominent agriculturists and stockraisers throughout the State. The Ontario Experimental Union, he declared, was one of the brightest stars in the whole realm of agricultural organization throughout the world. Co-operations and the labor of the individual in the matter of agriculture was an absolute necessity if the farm and the farm home were to be retained to the farmer and his family. The modern tendency to centralize all industries in the hands of the few.

SCIENTIFIC SELECTION

In the development of plant life and animal life the experience of the past few decades has shown that the most improvements could be achieved through scientific selection and breeding. New varieties and even new species were being continually evolved, and products were being developed of greater quality and greater efficiency. Breeders of animals and breeders of plants were slowly learning that most supremely important fact, that among the choicest individuals of a species, breed or variety, there is an occasional animal or plant with very marked power to project his or her superior character into the generation of his or her progeny, and that such individuals, or a small group of such individuals, may thus be used as the progenitor of an improved breed or variety. Experiences and even new species arise as if by magic. This was the great basic principle underlying modern progress in the science of agriculture and its allied industries.

ILLUSTRATIVE WEALTH IN IMPROVEMENT

"The province of Ontario and the state of Minnesota," said Prof. Hays, "have each some ten million acres of crops, which may be improved by modern methods of breeding, not including wild rice and most forest crops. These breadable crops, at ten dollars per acre, are worth \$100,000,000 annually. Ontario and Minnesota have in point of time in developing state plant breeding establishments and in proving two facts of mighty import to these commonwealths and to the world. The first of these facts is that the wheat and corn crops can be so improved in their powers of heredity that they will yield twenty-five per cent more value per acre. The second of these facts is that the available land can be so completely developed at a cost of one-tenth of one per cent of the increased value of the crop." Prof. Hays proceeded to apply these statistics to the provinces of Ontario and Minnesota, twice the length of time the experimental station at Guelph had been at work, there would be a 25 per cent increase in the value of Ontario crops to \$25,000,000,000 annually. The cost of that increase, or a one thousandth part, would be \$25,000,000 annually, leaving a net profit to the province of \$24,750,000,000 annually, or \$24,750,000,000 in forty years. If these figures were based on sound evidence they represented an economic enterprise of more concern to legislators than any other enterprise in the world. It is engaged with the raising of the Imperial Hotel in Brandon and several others in the prairie provinces. He expects to be ready for business by Jan. 1, and will for the next few months be lecturing in the European part. He stated yesterday that the number of people from the prairie coming here was so great that he anticipated keeping the hotel reasonably full all the time with this class of visitors alone.

REMODELING VERNON BLOCK

Under the direction of W. Ridgeway Wilson a large number of mechanics are remodeling the ground floor of the Vernon block. The alterations have been completed and a new arrival in the city, and two other stores have been rented. One will be occupied by W. H. Adams, the sporting goods dealer, who is contemplating leaving his present location in the Adelphi block, and the other by a new real estate firm. Nothing will be done towards adding an additional story to the Vernon block, as the figure previously stated for the addition of a house on the vacant View street lot for a month at least, but when the work is commenced both the present upper storeys will be entirely remodelled.

ELIAS FARMS SOLD

Thomas Ellis yesterday sold his farm on the Burnside road to a visitor from the prairie through Leeming Bros. This is one of the best locations in the suburbs of the city and comprises a splendid and adjoining the ranch belonging to Samuel Sea. It is the intention of the purchaser to build a residence on a portion of the property facing George street, and enclose about ten acres for his own use. The balance will be subdivided into acreage residential areas. Another sale of a similar nature is being negotiated by the B. C. Information Agency, Ltd. It comprises about 240 acres of outside property, that will be subdivided into fruit farms, and other small holdings. The value of the property is \$15,000. Other sales yesterday by the same company were 8 acres of suburban lands for about \$4,500, and 5 acres near Mount Tolmie for \$2,400. He will reside in Victoria in future.

GOSSIP OF THE MARKET

In addition to a number of smaller sales the B. C. Land and Investment Agency yesterday sold 1.2 acres in the Fairfield block and a house and lot on Pandora street. The latter was purchased by a local man. Extensive alterations will be made by Pemberton & Son in the ground floor of the Sehl building immediately after the

erly be charged to the improvement of field crops had been under \$40,000, well within one-tenth of one per cent of the improvements perfected.

WORK PAYS FABULOUSLY

Prof. Hays also took up the case of Minnesota, showing by government returns that similar splendid results had been achieved. "The prominent fact that stands out for the new century to deal with," he said, "is that this work pays fabulously. The experimental stations and departments of agriculture, which see clearly this rising proof of the immense profit to all the people from the expenditure of public money should be economists enough to rapidly broaden out their plans to meet the situation in its largeness. When legislative bodies see clearly that those most experienced in plant-breeding under public expenditure now see, they will be ready and eager to finance their work."

For the better carrying out of this work Prof. Hays urged greater co-operation between the government and individual experimenters, greater organization and co-operation in the exchange of ideas, and in the sub-division of labor among the different bodies undertaking the work, and more perfect methods of procedure.

ANNUAL BREEDING

In regard to the evolution of animal breeding, he urged that it must be based on a broader basis, or it could not keep up with the creative work already assured in plant-breeding. Since the world was no longer satisfied to be content with the products of the province or provincial way, those interested in problems of breeding animals rightly looked to larger units than the present local book associations and the individual breeders in their efforts at creation.

ENDEAVORS TO AROUSE DOMANT PUBLIC SENSE

Dr. Darlington Talks of Ravages of Tuberculosis in United States

Boston, Dec. 19.—At a conference of the Twentieth Century Club tonight, under the auspices of the Boston Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, Dr. Thomas Darlington, commissioner of health of New York city, delivered an address on "The Duty of the Municipality and State in the Prevention of Tuberculosis."

Dr. Darlington said in part: "It has been estimated that 400 people die every day in the United States from this disease. Were we in the midst of a devastating war, a battle every day leaving the field strewn with 400 men of the type of our daily papers would prove inadequate in size to emphasize the horrors of the calamity. The country would rise in its might and demand that the carriage disease. This carriage is preventable and could be entirely eradicated. A dormant public sense can be no excuse for evading our individual responsibility."

BRANDON MAN LEASES THE IMPERIAL HOTEL

Will Remodel Interior and Fit Up a First Class House

The advent of 1907 will witness the opening of the Imperial hotel, a lease of which was secured yesterday by Duncan McKinnon, formerly of Brandon. It will be entirely refurnished and generally renovated from top to bottom. Practically all the furniture required is being purchased in this city, a large amount being provided by the B. C. Furniture company. The new proprietor, who has long experienced the advantages of the public and will bring expert methods into play in his new investment. Among other enterprises of a similar character in which he is engaged, he is the proprietor of the Imperial Hotel in Brandon and several others in the prairie provinces. He expects to be ready for business by Jan. 1, and will for the next few months be lecturing in the European part. He stated yesterday that the number of people from the prairie coming here was so great that he anticipated keeping the hotel reasonably full all the time with this class of visitors alone.

SEALER SAILS

The sealing schooner Victoria, Captain A. B. Whidden, the first of the vessels of the Victoria Sealing Company to get to sea sailed Wednesday from James Bay, where the vessel had been anchored for some days. The Victoria has a full complement of white hunters, and has been outfitted for a nine months' cruise. She will proceed to the southern coast to follow the seal herds north, and will then proceed, at the close of the coast season, to the Copper Island grounds, and, in August next, to Behring Sea.

IN SOUTHERN SEAS

Steamer Arangi brought news of the loss of the French bark Montello, on Kangaroo island, the crew having a narrow escape. The men remained huddled on the wreck while the masts came down until daylight. At daylight sailors carried a line ashore with difficulty and all were rescued by a breeches buoy. Louis Yrebot acted heroically. After falling twice the backwash lifted him, cut and bleeding, on a rock and he managed to make fast a small line with which a larger was brought ashore. A settler found the survivors camped in an abandoned hut, without food and suffering, and he secured wagons and took them to the nearest village, where they were successfully rescued.

STEAMER PORT STEPHENS USED AS A TRANSPORT

Steamer Port Stephens used as a transport in the Spanish-American war has been abandoned off the Australian coast. Tugs had made unavailing searches for the derelict when the Arangi sailed.

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VOL. XLVII R. P. RITHEH SA... AS TO VICTOR... FUTURE... Notes General Improv... His Return From... Francisco... TALKS OF LAND CLEARING... Will Prove a Boon in... the Interests of Van... Island as a Wh... "The establishment of... on the west coast of Vancouver... will in no way interfere with... special advancement of the... marked E. P. Ritheh, one... prominent pioneer merchant... yesterday. For the past se... Mr. Ritheh has been in Sa... During his absence, he s... have been many improvem... conditions prevailing thro... ish Columbia. Naturally... much interested in the dev... the island, and it was in... question as to his opinion... of the projected C. P. R... point in the vicinity of Se... across to the neighborhood... that he made the statement... ed. He supplemented his p... that if local business m... capable of sufficient enterpr... and that it was possib... standing once such a rail... operation on the Island, "th... ter go out of existence." "Thinks Ferris Will B... "Why, of course we mu... every communication with... land," he said, "if thoug... very short time there wou... modernly-equipped ferry... waters which separate th... the other sections of the p... though he did not believe... try has yet been sufficient... to warrant the construction... at the narrows, be thoug... and that it was possib... means of a complete satisfact... regards the freight and tra... Illustrating the point of... ment, he pointed to the me... ed by the railways of Calif... eral of them crossed the... means of ferries. These... the line as far as possib... for the past experience had been that t... the change, being able to... and take pleasure from th... service for a few hours... if the narrows were ferried... the service would give eq... tion. It would amount, in... to practically the same... bridge. Recalls British Pacific... Mr. Ritheh recalled that... or eight years ago he and... strongly advocated what... known as the British Pac... scheme. It provided for... the British Pacific, and... inlet, thence by means of... Island, and the continuance... road to Victoria and the... had that project, he conten... that the province would... titled it, the province wou... ahead of its present stag... ment. Apparently the C... decided to build over the... and he believes that it was... on their part. Such a lin... would open up an immense... mineral and agricultural res... Providing his later experi... ports and the general ind... correct, there could be no... C. P. R. intended construct... way by way of the Yellow... outlet to the United States... not pay to allow the coun... the south of the 49th paral... millions and millions of pe... neglected. There will be f... for large quantities of... of this part of the West... grounds Mr. Ritheh claimed... situation of Victoria was su... make it impossible for her... looked in the future growth... ince. In his own words, p... Island was given railways... up so that capital might ta... the development of its most... the capital city of the... could be dependent upon to... become a commercial cen... which would be received a la... of the Oriental and Oth... silk-spliced toe and heel... increasing trade with the U... would have to pass. The Land Clearing So... Respecting the important... ment made recently by J... land commissioner of the C... the effect of the \$10,000,000... spent in clearing different... Vancouver Island's agricul... the near future, he thought... every way feasible. When... of the provincial legislatu... ago, he had advocated that... meet procure a number of st...