

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Winter Operations in the Kootenay District—Extension of Platinium Leases.

The Church Eviction—Vancouver Municipal Candidates—Donald Downey's Programme.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—The coal chain gang is a numerous and able-bodied band of men at present, and is materially aiding the Board of Works in keeping within their estimates.

There is some trouble at the training school for nurses, Alexander hospital. Miss Kent, in charge, and two nurses in training have resigned.

William Fraser is in the city settling up the affairs of his brother, the late Mr. Angus Fraser, C.P.R. section foreman at Cherry Creek.

V. W. Bro. Rt. Rev. A. W. Sillitoe will address the members of Cascade lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 12, at St. Paul's church, Hornby street, on Sunday morning, at 9:30.

As far as is known the following gentlemen aspire to the Aldermanic Board of 1893:

Ward 1.—Ald. Anderson, Messrs. Jno. Williams and W. F. Salisbury.

Ward 2.—Ald. Scouler, Collins and Mr. Flett.

Ward 3.—Ald. McGuigan.

Ward 4.—Ald. Franklin, Odium and Mr. Wm. Brown.

Ward 5.—Ald. Gavin and Mr. William Fowler.

Ald. McCraney and Wills will retire from municipal politics.

Mayor Cope, Ald. McGuigan, Anderson and Odium, and Mr. Wm. McCraney are mentioned as possible candidates for the Mayoralty. With the exception of Mayor Cope, they deny the insinuation.

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was no unanimity of opinion on any candidate offered, and no organization. So much talk was made in that it became too late to transact business, and the meeting was adjourned indefinitely.

D. L. Matthews is a passenger on the Empress of China. He will look after food supplies for the ship.

W. J. Gallagher, manager of the late Telegram Co., is arranging to purchase the job plans of the Telegram, and personally manage the starting of a weekly family paper.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—Mr. A. E. Webster announces that the board of management of the Alexander hospital found it too expensive to keep a training school, and simply abandoned the scheme.

Mr. Jno. Moffat, sub-manager of the branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Shanghai, died at St. Luke's Home yesterday.

Syme, the singer, is suffering from a severe throat affection, which may ruin his magnificent voice.

Capt. Copp has opened a shipping office on Water street.

The members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian societies will attend St. Andrew's church in a body on Sunday.

Wreckers are removing the last bits of metal that mark the spot where the steamer Beaver, by immortal memory, lay stranded, before she was translated into walking canes.

The new C.O.O.F., Manchester Unity, lodge have passed their medical examination and are prospering.

Capt. Patton and Messrs. Cannon and Morrow, all of Victoria, are renewing acquaintances and warming up old friendships in Vancouver.

Mr. Edith Peterson and Miss Mary Vinquist have been united in marriage.

Sin Lan, a Chinaman of Robson street, might have taken H. T. Looker's life, yesterday, if the knife he was threatening to use had not been taken away from him by a policeman.

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DUNCAN'S, Dec. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wicks, Mrs. Edgson, Miss Wilson, Dr. E. M. Watson and Messrs. J. S. Shopton and A. A. Brownell boarded the train for Victoria.

Constable Maitland-Douglass returned from Shawiniga lake and Victoria.

A social entertainment and subsequent dance came off very successfully at Somerton to-night.

Messrs. Longe, of Pender Island, are visiting in the neighborhood.

The near approach of Christmas seems to be enlivening the spirits of the district.

An entertainment is promised at the Duncan school by the school children in aid of the prize fund, on the 18th inst., and on the 20th the Saltair settlers will attract all comers with a huge Christmas tree and a large number of other novelties, some of which more anon, are being discussed and planned.

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RECTOR AHLWERDE SENT TO JAIL FOR LIBEL—A FRIEND OF HIS SUICIDES.

Explosion in Krupp's Iron Works—Severe Snow Storms in Prussia.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Rector Ahlwerde was to-day adjudged guilty of having libelled the League of gunmakers and Lieut.-Colonel Kuhne, as charged by the prosecution, and was sentenced to five months' imprisonment.

VIENNA, Dec. 9.—A twelve centimetre dynamite shell exploded in Krupp's iron works, at Berzdorf, to-day. No one was hurt, but little damage was done. No arrests have been made.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Count Paul von Langen, who is implicated in the Ahlwerde case, attempted to commit suicide to-day by throwing himself into the Spree canal. He was rescued by the police, nothing the worse for his bath, and care will now be taken that he does not renew the attempt.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—News has been received of a very severe snow storm in Silesia, and the snow fall in Western Prussia has been extraordinary. The streets of Posen, Sprottau, Breslau and Thorn are impassable on account of its depth.

AT SAN DIEGO.

Arrival of the Empress—Her Flag to be Transferred to the Melpomene.

SAN DIEGO, CAL., Dec. 10.—The British flag which had been hoisted at the harbor to-day, on her arrival in England for repairs. She will transfer her flag to the Melpomene in this harbor.

CANADIAN.

Graveyard Insurance Trials Began—Murdered Mrs. Story to be Buried at Windsor.

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SHERKSTON, Dec. 10.—Gas wells with a flow of millions of feet per day have been discovered in the county on the Weaver and Noll farms respectively.

PETERBORO, Dec. 10.—Partly it is supposed, as the result of the recent arrest of four members, and avowedly the result of bad feeling between the fire brigade and members of the police force, whom the firemen accuse of espionage, all the members of the brigade have tendered their resignations.

WINDSOR, Dec. 10.—The body of Mrs. Story, who was murdered at Seattle and who was a daughter of Rev. Canon Johnson, will be brought here for interment. Her two young sons will come with it.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Dec. 10.—The trial of the graveyard insurance charges against Rev. Sidney Walton, C. B. Walton and D. Randall, began here yesterday, and will probably last all next week. Some sensational evidence was taken yesterday.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The revenue of the Dominion during November was \$3,008,075. For the four preceding months it amounted to \$12,654,695, a total of \$15,662,770 for the first five months of the current fiscal year. The revenue for the corresponding period last year was \$12,546,947. For the first five months of the current fiscal year there is a surplus of \$3,094,976 after all expenditures, as against a surplus of \$2,492,150 for the corresponding period of last year.

THE CONFERENCE A FAILURE.

U. S. Delegate Cannon Throws the Responsibility on France and the Latin Union.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 10.—Meinher Boissevain, the Dutch bi-metallic, and Senor Tosca, of the Spanish delegation, reported in the international monetary conference to-day, the terms expressed by M. Tirard, and the arguments with which he supported those views. Delegate Forsell, of Denmark, challenged the American delegates to pronounce a definite opinion on the issue before the Conference and formulate a plan.

Senator Allison, on behalf of the United States delegation, replied that the United States delegates were ready to adopt any fair scheme adopted by a certain number of nations. American Delegate Cannon declared that even if the Conference should arrive at no immediate practical result, the world would have had the great advantage of eliciting important declarations defining the position of the nations represented. It was well worth the trouble incurred to have obtained the important knowledge of the position of France, as shown by the declaration of M. Tirard to the effect that France and the Latin Union from which the United States had expected more than from any other quarter, on account of the countries being such large holders of silver, would not assist the United States in solving the silver problem; whereas, on the other hand, assistance had come from an unexpected quarter, namely, certain members of the present population, the English delegation. Mr. Cannon added that he believed that even now there was no need of despairing of some satisfactory

result. The conference adjourned until Thursday. It is believed that Mr. Cannon will share the responsibility for the failure of the conference on France and the Latin Union in the hope of compelling those countries to show some disposition toward conciliation.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

French-Canadian Complaining—Trade Matters—The C.P.R.'s Proposed Fast Atlantic Service.

MONTREAL, Dec.

AMERICAN NEWS.

and at the New York Reform banquet—Telegraph Strikers Have a Trump Card.

of Massachusetts Petition against Chinese Prohibition—Plea of a Reformer.

YORK, Dec. 10.—At the annual of the Reform club to-night at the Square Garden, the president-elect a bright particular star and most guest. He occupied the post of honor at the right hand of E. E. Ely, president of the club. The left hand was filled by Senator Hill. In fact that gentleman was seated. He was scarcely expected, however, discussed the cheery and the same table that Mr. Cleveland here were 550 persons who partook of the banquet. The galleries were goodly number.

Y. Dec. 10.—The remains of Mrs. R. Storey, who was murdered by R. Manton a few days ago, were yesterday. The double tragedy is source of much talk at the club and sensational additions are cropping social way.

NSAID, Dec. 10.—Though the Pres-resolved to give out no information with case until the whole thing was on the first charge and the verdict guilty. This charge was established by Smith in which he is of having taught that a Presbyterian may abandon an essential feature of the doctrine and still rightly retain his position as minister in the church. The charges will be considered next the second asserts that he teaches either in an individual case the requires continual adherence to the standard received and adopted at is only to be made known by judicious. The remaining charges concern only to the inspiration of the res.

ER, Col., Dec. 10.—The strike situation Colorado on the Rock Island had no new features of interest to-day. There seems to be an opinion some railway officials that the are losing ground, the members of insist that a storm is brewing that help with force before many hours. The following was sent out local lodge, O. R. T., this morning: operators: Passenger trains all and no travel. No freight trains since the strike was ordered. We have a trump card to play if necessary."

INGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—In the day, Mr. Andrews presented a signed by Bishop Phillips Brooks to other citizens of Massachusetts, for the repeal of the act to prohibit of Chinese persons to the United

BERG, Pa., Dec. 10.—Homestead to the country to succor its starving. Nearly 1,000 persons, embracing families, are destitute and in immediate need of food, fire and clothing. The Relief Association, of Homestead, had a formal plea for the masses, who are victims, directly or indirectly, of the great and stubbornly strike just ended. Many of these are actually starving, while many are without sufficient clothing to protect their bodies and protect them from of winter.

SV, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The sensational the People vs. Rev. Levi Bird has a sudden ending. The clergyman for indictment for criminal libel in the pulpit of Trinity Methodist church charged city officials with one on a Sunday excursion on a lake taken debauch. Two of the officials by their titles, the city judge and police, did not accompany the excursion. They gave defendant a chance to retract, but he replied that he to jail first. His case being called, lawyer said his client was clearly of mind, an imputation which Bird resent. Counsel made an abject on behalf of his client, who agreed the matter and not for the announced for next Sunday on the subject. The case was thereupon dis-

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SLINGING SLANG.

Bill Nye Writes of its Effect on Waiters—From a Mass of Letters

William Selects One for Publication—A Modest Request from a Humble Worshipper.

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Dear reader, with the twinkling eye and the soft color that comes and goes as you read these lines, did you ever notice how some people can order a dinner a la carte so that it will make you hungry just to hear them? I've seen people who would order in such a juicy voice and punctuate the order with snarls in such a way that I would eat it when it came, no matter what it was, and my eyes would water while I waited, and I would go away contented and happy with a very ordinary meal.



OUR HOUSE HAS BEEN BROKEN INTO.

Frank Jenkins, of the University club of New York, one of the few men who first thought of Grover Cleveland as a suitable nominee for the presidency, said that he was once dining at Delmonico's after a weary day on Wall street wrestling with Mr. Gould when Mr. De Wrester Gump came in. Mr. Gump sat down at another table, and looking over the menu with a tired air, as one is apt to at Delmonico's, called the waiter to him, and taking him by the lapel of his coat drew him down near him, so that he could speak softly to him, and said in a murmur:

"Have you any cherry stone oysters from Norfolk?"

"Yes, sir, I think we have."

"On ice?"

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"How long have they been here?"

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ant etiquette is a little less Tompkinsville. He then resumed his paper. Yesterday I received the following letter along with various others that were a good deal the same. In coupling my name with that of Mr. Vanderbilt, my friend Mr. Wellman has thoughtlessly opened up a field which he wotted not of. Mr. Wellman kindly but thoughtlessly referred to me in one of his letters as a neighbor of Mr. Vanderbilt's, which of course I am, but that is no reason why I should endow a home for sand pounders and people who do not know enough to ache when they get hurt. Since the publication of the letter eight young girls have asked me to educate them. One said that through no fault of her own, her father was doing time in a Kansas jail.

Our house has been broken into twice as though I were a miser. One old lady writes me that she wants to learn to go on the stage. She does not say that she is old, but she unfortunately sends her photograph. She wants me to bring her George! she says, "How about George?"

Her work, she says, is comic. In one place on her programme she allows an intermission of ten minutes in which to put on another dress. I should hope she did not do that. I would not wonder if she were a fortune teller. She is not, but she is a fortune teller. She is not, but she is a fortune teller. She is not, but she is a fortune teller.

Mr. Nye—Please excuse the liberty I take in addressing these few lines to you. You are a stranger to me, and still I feel as though I were acquainted with you, for your name reads and enjoying your experiences that we read in the paper. Why, just as soon as we get the paper we always look to see where or what Bill Nye is doing. Sometimes he is eating snakes, but he enjoys it just the same. It is hard to keep track of him, but reading the other day that he was in Ashville I am trusting that he will stay there until after he receives this humble letter, for I would like some information. Pick up a paper the other evening, I read about you being down on your estate, and of another gentleman that is having a veritable palace built out there in Ashville, and that every addition he adds to another talon, and looking over the menu with a tired air, as one is apt to at Delmonico's, called the waiter to him, and taking him by the lapel of his coat drew him down near him, so that he could speak softly to him, and said in a murmur:

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"Will you get eleven of them—the best ones—open them carefully, understand, so as not to displace them; then have your milk ready—nice fresh goat's milk, if you have it—have it hot, add a piece of butter the size of a collar button; stir it in quick; then put in your oyster juice without the oysters; stir it fast; then slip in the oysters for just a moment; then a little cream—cow cream; add a dash of salt and some red pepper; pink if you have it—and serve hot. Can you do that?"

Special to the Colonist.) FANCIES FOR THE FAIR. Love-affairs—A Chat About them—Principally Addressed to Girls. "Shoot in the Dark" Lovers—Awfully Advanced Lovers—They Know too Much.

New York, Nov., 1892.—If you happen to be a girl, and living in the latter end of the nineteenth century, you cannot fail to have a love-affair or two. I say you cannot fail, and I say it advisedly because there was a time, the time called in books, "good old times," when it must have been an exception and not the rule for a girl to have a real bona fide love-affair, spontaneous and surprising and sweet, not arranged by her parents or guardians.

Now, in what, for the sake of contrast we will call the "had new times," young men and women are thrown into each other's society more than they used to be. They meet pretty often, and they are not looked after too much. The world is dreadfully busy; the young men are over full of business and the young women puckering their pretty brows with culture and study—but they still find time to love. A love-affair is not as I take it, an affair in which love is the largest ingredient. The term "love-affair," is a wide one. It covers, for want of a better name, all those little passages in a life-time when one either feels more than one says or says more than one feels in connection with a person of the opposite sex. I do not see that the word "flirtation" can be a good substitute, because that seems to signify a game with little feeling offered on either side, and in all love-affairs some one feels and suffers.

Every girl who is not wholly cold and unattractive has experienced the encounter with the sort of man who shoots in the dark, as it were. He is not in love, he is merely attracted; but if he can get a light on the feelings of his temporary attraction, it is not a disagreeable task to him, and as he wastes no capital in the way of feeling, if the result is below his expectations, he is not in any loss of his expectations. Sometimes the result is above his expectations, then his trouble is simply repaid, and he is well amused. "Pour passer le temps" is this gentleman's motto, and he doesn't wear it painted on his forehead, and sometimes it doesn't dawn upon a girl's mind until it is very distinctly explained by his flight to the next flower.

The kind of love-affairs that are results of unoccupied minds and rapid sentimentalism live but a short time. They are made up of kisses, candy—and a curious sort of incompleteness, a feeling that if this is what Poets write about, and Painters paint, and Romeo and Juliet died for, it must have been exaggerated. Like a puny child, this kind of love-affair dies young. If it ever lives as far as the marriage service that is for future happiness domestic bliss and all the rest of that sort of thing.

What about the love-affair of which I generally called the advanced school? I mean the school that is awfully advanced that they know too much—far too much for their own happiness. They are cheerful pessimists. As long as the present system of things lasts, they see no chance of happiness for them. They know by books and married friends that where there is marriage love pines away in the coarse atmosphere of domesticity—Byron says so, Tolstoy says so, Mrs. Besant says so, everyone says so.

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You are right, Mrs. Guy Earlscurt Murphy, when you say that you hear he is a perfect gentleman. I think, if you would be contented with ten thousand, a little land here between Mr. Vanderbilt and me, with a house on it—just a cottage with a slate roof and hot and cold water, and vines clambering over it—and

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Redfern draws the line straight across the bust, below the level of the shoulders. Then the large, full spreading puffed sleeves curve over the shoulders, at least they do in Redfern's charming colored designs, and on his gown stands, but as I have not as yet seen any of these gowns on real flesh and blood figures, I cannot say how they really look, and are kept up.

Brocades seem the materials chosen for gowns for evening wear, and the low tight bodices are almost covered with jewelled trimmings. A folded belt of silk is worn with these bodices, and the skirt is made on the principle of a revised "housemaid." This is gathered all round and very full at the back.

The skirt of the immediate future, it is said will have a steel run all round the hem. This will perhaps prove the thin end of the wedge, the beginning of the old fashioned crinoline. No fashion surely was ever so ugly and so unbecoming.

THE LARDEAU COUNTRY. Where it is and How to Reach it—Railway Companies Recognize Its Richness. Gold Quartz which Assays \$300 to the Ton and Silver Running 6,004 Ounces.

This wonderful country, which has lain in a wild and unknown condition throughout the four centuries since the discovery of the continent of America, is located about the centre of West Kootenay district, east and west, and north and south between Upper Kootenay lake and Fish creek, at the end of the northwest arm of the Upper Arrow lakes.

The country is most easily reached from Lardeau City, at Fish creek, being but a few miles south of Revelstoke, but at present is got to during the winter months via Kootenay lake. It is, however, reported, on very good authority, that the mouth of Fish creek will be deepened by the new railway to be built by the C.P.R. early next spring, to enable that road to get its share of the enormous amount of mineral traffic which will find its way through all its circuitous routes to the "States," unless it is cut out in time by better means which are being kept in the country which gave it birth.

During the past few weeks remarkable discoveries have been made by men who went in from the "States" side of the magnificent ridge of rocky mountains which would lead an artist off into the realms of dreamland; but to the ordinary mercenary prospector has nothing to suggest but "hard work, exhausted energies, and the possibility of a fortune, if he can only strike it."

John Rockefeller, of New York fame, had an expert in the evening and brought home a few well known capitalists also had specialists on the ledges to see and examine for themselves. They remarked, on their return, that the only way to believe the reports was to go and see the mineral, for the like of it had never been seen in any mining camp in the States by any one.

The mineral belt extends apparently from Trout lake northward in a curved line (the centre of which will be taken on Mount Begbie) to Illecillewett, cutting through Fish creek and close to Lardeau City, which from its close proximity to rail and water, would probably be the base of supplies.

E. D. Ingall, the able geological surveyor who was sent in from Ottawa to examine the country, made tremendous trips over these special ledges and ridges, but official-like, he would say nothing; but the extended stay he made and the fact that he returned, show plainly that there was something there which attracted the attention of keen sighted Eastern Canadians.

From the Daily Colonist Dec. 11. THE CITY. The Partnership Dissolved. Messrs. Pemberton and Dumbleton, barristers and solicitors, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Pemberton retaining. Mr. Dumbleton will continue.

The "Colonist's" Birthday. To-day the Colonist enters upon the thirty-fifth year of its publication, fuller than ever of news and with a popularity all over the Province which has grown steadily with the "pioneer paper."

The Germania Club Ball. Tickets are out for the annual ball and Christmas tree celebration of the Germania club, which will be held at Harmony hall on Monday evening, December 29. Every preparation is being made for a thoroughly good time.

Indecent Assault. August, the South Saanich Indian charged with indecent assault upon Maitreine, an 11-year-old child of the tribe, was yesterday brought before Mr. E. Pearson, J. P., in the Provincial court, as the charge was not fully prepared with the prosecution, the case was adjourned.

A Frozen Lake. A couple of sportsmen down from Sumas lake report that sheer water to be covered with ice to a depth of four inches, and half a foot of snow over the surface. Another left the region ten days ago. Duck shooting was good up to the time of the frost setting in. Geese had made their appearance, but only representatives of the tribe had arrived "to locate."

A Practice Game. Association players of the Victoria football club had a practice game at the grounds at Beacon Hill yesterday afternoon, there being a good turnout. The goal posts and sockets have now been put in permanent position, and the ground is in fairly good shape, while the players themselves are improving with practice, so that all things considered they will make a good showing when they play the real game.

Caught Tripping. Police Officer Smith, while pursuing a noisy pedestrian last night, was brought to earth very suddenly by what he claims to have been a deliberate trip by one of the Vancouver football boys, whom he promptly arrested and locked up. No charge was entered and just before the Mainland boat left the Vancouverite was released. Smith deciding not to prosecute if the visitor would make good the pair of official trousers injured in the fall.

The Explanation. In explanation of the delays in the receipt of mails complained of in the Colonist by residents of Kaslo, it is learned that the interruption of service was temporary and accidental, the result of the closing of the regular channels of communication by the ice. Two mails a week are called for on the winter continent, which is the best that can be made under the circumstances, and every effort will be made to secure their prompt delivery.

Smallpox Claims. Another meeting of the Board of Health was held yesterday morning at the City Hall, when the claims for compensation for damage to household effects by alleged over crowding during the smallpox scare were considered. One gentleman claims \$200 for injury to his wife's wardrobe, the extent of which there is no evidence to prove. So far as the Board can settle the claims they are doing so, but suspicious cases of extortion are being held over for the courts to investigate.

Thirty Days Extension Granted. Application was made by Mr. Justice Drake yesterday morning for an order to extend for 30 days the period in which A. McKinnon, owner of the Maple Leaf mineral claim in West Kootenay, could commence proceedings in order to advance claims filed by him November 10, 1892, against the issuance of a certificate of improvement in favor of N. P. Snowden for the Lardeau mineral claim. The full term of the order was made to extend the time by 30 days.

Point Comfort Wharf. On Friday last Capt. Irving made a special call with the Yosemite at this point, for the purpose of taking soundings with a view of locating the best position for a wharf in connection with the new Point Comfort hotel. He expressed himself as highly pleased with the location chosen by the manager of the enterprise, finding within forty feet of the shore sufficient water to amply accommodate even the Islander, and a good sandy bottom for driving piles. Mr. W. H. Mawdsley, general manager of the hotel, was a guest of the Commodore during the trip.

history of the country, and had done more of the "roughing it" than many would suspect. Particularly is his name connected with Victoria when the old stereotyped introduction to the meeting of the Board of Aldermen used to be "His Worship, the Mayor, in the chair, and Messrs. Gowen and Gensell." He passed away at the patriarchal age of 74, leaving a big family to sustain the honor of the name and the reputation of the house.

The deceased was a prominent member of the early volunteer fire brigade, the members of which turned out yesterday in full strength to do honor to his memory. He was equally conspicuous in his connection with the I.O.O.F. and the authority on ritual and procedure in Encampment No. 1. Although a pioneer of the province he has not been connected with the Pioneer Society for some time, but his early associates turned out yesterday and marched in solemn procession to the grave of one whose many excellent qualities endeared him to them.

At the house of mourning on View street the privilege of a last fond look was granted to all comers. Then a once familiar face was shut from view, the solemn services of the undertaker was pursued with many a tearful eye. The floral tributes were as numerous as they were pathetic, and in the last route eloquently expressed the sympathy of the community.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Loewen, G. Stelly, T. Sborholt, T. Partridge, J. Wrightworth and J. Robertson. The deceased was placed in the casket and liberally covered with floral tributes. The solemn funeral service of the Church of England having been effectively rendered the last day of the week, the remains were taken to the mortuary, and here the mortal remains of Charles Gowen were laid to rest.

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M. QUAD'S HUMOR.

Discomforts of the Sabbath in the Bowser Household—Why the Heathen Rage.

The Arizona Poohbah's Official Life—Portholes in Jerusalem Walls. Joseph Tamed.

[Copyright, 1892, by Charles B. Lewis.] MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

[Copyright, 1892, by Charles B. Lewis.] The Sunday morning programme in the Bowser mansion differs considerably from the week day morning programme. At breakfast time Mr. Bowser says he isn't feeling very well and won't attend church. Half an hour later he guesses he will go. Fifteen minutes after that he has decided to remain at home. Mrs. Bowser replies that she has a headache, and also feels inclined to skip church service, but the words have hardly been uttered when Mr. Bowser remarks:

"We'll go to church, of course. I don't propose to allow our neighbors to class us among the heathen. It's an example we set to the world at large, even if we are not religiously inclined. I'll start about getting ready right away."

Mrs. Bowser draws a long sigh. She likes to go to church, but she dreads the preliminary exercises. The said exercises begin about thirty seconds after Mr. Bowser has disappeared up stairs. They invariably start off with:

"Oh, Mrs. Bowser!" "Yes. What is it?" "Have I got a change of shirts in this house, or have they been sold to the rag buyers?"

"Your shirts are in the second drawer of your dresser of course!" "There were five of them lying there, but he had opened the drawer without seeing them as usual. He returns and discovers them, and nothing is heard from him for as much as two minutes. Then he suddenly yells:

"Mrs. Bowser, are you dead?" "Well, what is it now?" "Is my Sunday suit in the ash barrel, or did you give it to a tramp? I've looked the whole house over more than forty times, and it is not to be found!"

"It is hanging up in your closet, of course." He opens the door, and to his great surprise his best suit is hanging on the hooks before his eyes. He yanks each separate garment down and flings it on the bed, and then returns and peers round and rushes out to call over the baluster.

"Mrs. Bowser, will you get the girl to look in the coal bin and hunt me out a collar? If you are going to keep 'em down there, why didn't you tell me and save me an hour's time?"

"Your collar are in the first drawer of your dresser. It is curious how blind a man is, even in the daytime!"

The collars are there, of course. They have been kept in that same drawer for seven years, but he never found them until after he had looked under the bed, in the dresser and in the hall. Mr. Bowser comes about three minutes in getting into a collar, and then Mrs. Bowser is saluted with:

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M. QUAD'S SKETCHES.

What a Cloudburst Did for Two Prospectors. "Missing."

[Copyright, 1892, by Charles B. Lewis.] There were three of us prospecting in the Hot Creek mountains of Nevada in partnership when we struck it rich one day and settled down to develop our find. Our "indications" were in the face of a canyon about a quarter of a mile long. Perhaps I should call it a ravine, for it was not over forty feet deep, perfectly dry its whole length and light enough anywhere to see to work by. We drifted straight in for twenty feet, and then we agreed that there was more ore in sight than we had ever before. There was mine worth half a million dollars if it was good for a cent, and for a time our big find broke us all up. Then we began to canvass the drawbacks. Nevada was a new country then compared with to-day. Only few mines had been opened and little or no machinery introduced. We were far from any settlement, right in the Indian country, and if we had had a thousand tons of ore out of the ground it would have been worthless. Our only show was to satisfy ourselves that we had a good mine, and then hang on till things came our way.

My partners were named McCabe and Thomas. While Thomas and I stayed and made a rough survey and a rude chart and do further developing McCabe started for Austin with the pack mule to bring out a supply of provisions. He left us about 8 o'clock in the morning. Up to that time we had not seen an Indian, though knowing there were plenty in the valleys below us. McCabe had been gone about two hours when the pack mule came into camp on the dead run, and we were hardly out of our beds when we caught sight of a dozen Indians. The ravine north and south, and we had our camp at the south end. We'd have been surprised and wiped out by the mule. As it was, Thomas opened fire and held the crowd off while I got our stuff into the bottom of the pack mule. He left us a supply of provisions, the mule and an Indian. In ten minutes from the first alarm we were under cover, but the outlook was anything but hopeful. Just where we had drifted into the bank was an overhanging rock, which made the spot a safe shelter, and there we brought out a whole day collecting brush and there to the width of a yard narrow way was obstructed with pieces of rock which had fallen from above. In fifteen minutes we had a pretty good breastwork each side of us, and then we waited to see what move the enemy would make. Again the whistle. "I must go and meet him and tell him that I cannot, cannot do it," she whispered. "The blow will crush him to earth, but it must be given."

She threw a dainty wrap over her queenly head and graceful shoulders, and she handed her a tomahawk with a red handle. "Do not strike until you are sure of your blow, and then strike home. I will see that the coroner's jury returns a verdict of 'suicide,' and after the funeral we will fly together."

CABLE CORRESPONDENCE.

Parnellites Complain of Clerical Influence Against Them—Agitation for a Protective Duty.

Panama Canal Boulders to be Criminally Prosecuted—Spanish Cabinet Defeated.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Panama Canal committee have recommended a resolution declaring the necessity of an autopsy on the body of Baron de Reischach. It is expected the French Government will announce its intention to have the autopsy performed.

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FINANCIAL UNSETTLEMENT.

Henry Clews' Advice—"Buy on the Breaks and Sell Upon All Good Bailies!"

The following is an epitome of Henry Clews & Co.'s financial circular dated New York, December 3: "During the week, we have had to clear our opinion on what the Brussels Conference is likely to prove willing to do towards settling the silver problem. I take it that the United States will not be found willing to bestow serious consideration on Mr. de Kool's child's simple proposal. On its face, the scheme is an attempt to saddle the United States with the responsibility of taking for the next five years, twice as much silver for money use as all Europe can absorb; not only this; it also means that, after having thus added 270,000,000 ounces to our stock of silver and in a much larger measure increased the amount of legal tender notes payable in gold or silver, there will be the same absence of any concerted protection for silver as there is at this moment, whilst its depreciation will then be subject to a new impetus.

"Mr. de Rothschild could not have undertaken to devise for this country a method of deliberate financial suicide more certain of refusal. The foreign powers cannot be expected to give up their gold standard. The United States see for no favors in this matter. They regard themselves as being, in common with all the great nations, exposed to serious dangers from the depreciation of silver; and are willing to take their just quota of responsibility in any common treaty for the restoration of the metal to a stable status; but beyond that limit they will decline to go. If, however, they have ventured to fight the decline of silver single-handed, they regard that rather as a reason why they should in future be expected to do less to arrest the depreciation than to join them in their former increased demands upon them.

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The British ship Ben Douras, which left Pensacola on April 22 for Queenstown, has been posted at Lloyd's as missing.

The Libre Parole, M. Drumont's paper, has caused a sensation by announcing that M. Bourgeois, the new minister of justice, had ordered the arrest of all parties criminally implicated by the Panama developments.

The agricultural conference held in St. James hall, adopted amid a scene of wild enthusiasm and by a nearly unanimous vote, a resolution to the effect that the unfair competition of untaxed foreign imports with the home products and manufacture, which are subject to a heavy international tax, is an anomaly and does injustice by causing diminution of demand for home labor and by contracting purchasing power of the country adversely affects trade and industry in the country. The resolution further declared it to be the opinion of the conference that competing imports should pay duty and lessen the rate of taxation on home industry in order to place them on level with articles of home production.

Another resolution was adopted in favor of bimetalism. The police are reported to have made an important arrest in the Anarchist line near Fitzroy square. They refuse to divulge the name of the Anarchist. The Anarchist meeting planned to be held in Trafalgar square on December 11 was permitted to take place, but it must be without bands, banners, or processions.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—It is learned that Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman confined in Woking prison, convicted of murdering her husband, was critically ill on Thursday. It was thought that she was dying and the last sacrament was administered. She made a last confession and declared that she was innocent of moral intent or deed and acted against the life of James Maybrick. She had several hemorrhages of the lungs, which left her so weak that if they occur again she will probably die. She has been suffering from hemorrhages for six weeks. She has petitioned the home secretary to release her from prison before the disease becomes incurable. The home secretary said that the case of Mrs. Maybrick was receiving serious consideration.

The fears at the stock exchange of an immediate collapse in silver values appear to have vanished. Silver securities have strengthened during the last two days, rupee paper closing yesterday 3 per cent better than on the previous day. It has again risen 3 per cent to-day. It is predicted that the failure of the International Monetary conference will have no effect upon the stock exchange. Most of the securities held here are gold obligations, and it is reasoned that the more silver falls in value the more the people will invest in gold securities.

The magnificent marble sarcophagus in which the coffin of the late Duke of Clarence is to be enclosed, was finally completed to-day, and will be inspected in any way by two by the members of the royal family. The ceremony of placing the coffin in the sarcophagus will take place next week, on the anniversary of the death of the Queen's husband, Prince Albert.

The Inman, White Star, Guion and Dominion companies announce that they have made special arrangements which will enable them to carry on their steamship business on practically the same lines as those followed before the new United States quarantine regulation went into operation. It is reported that the Minister of Justice has ordered the arrest of the North and North East has resolved that it is imperative upon the short time of three days a week in order to assist the master cotton-spinners engaged in the lock-out. It has been determined to place the place of the first meeting at the residence of Mr. D. A. Mcintosh and H. B. Nichols, of Spokane, who have purchased the

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National Agricultural Congress—The Fall in Prices Not Due to Free Trade.

Declaration that an Attempt to Put a Duty on Food Would Be Defeated.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The national agricultural congress, called to consider the grave situation of the agricultural affairs of Great Britain, met yesterday. One hundred and fifty delegates from over 200 agricultural associations were present. Loud cheers greeted an allusion to protection as a remedy for their troubles, but Rt. Hon. Henry Chaplin assured them that an attempt to put duty on food would certainly be defeated. A resolution was adopted affirming that unfair competition of untaxed foreign imports with home products was an injustice that called for removal, and therefore all competing imports ought to pay a duty of not less than the rates and taxes levied on the home produce.

Mr. Chaplin said he hoped the conference would adopt the principle of bi-metalism. Mr. William Saunders, Radical member of parliament, attempted to denounce protection, but was hooted down. Mr. Francis W. Mather, Liberal member of parliament, who attempted to say that a return to protection meant a return to barbarism, was wassally treated.

Mr. Mather, however, proposed a resolution affirming that the unfair competition of untaxed foreign imports with home products was an injustice that called for immediate removal, and therefore all competing imports ought to pay a duty not less than the rates and taxes levied on the home products. After a long debate the resolution was adopted by a large majority.

Mr. Everett, Liberal member of parliament, who was hooted down, said that the fall in prices is largely due to the appreciation of gold and in exchange between gold and silver-using countries, and the best remedy will be secured by agreement on a broad international basis to reopen the minds of the leading nations to the unrestricted coinage of silver and gold. The resolution urged that the British government should be earnestly requested to cooperate with the other governments now represented in the monetary conference at Brussels. Everett maintained that the fall in prices was not due to the depreciation of silver, but to the fact that the gold standard is being maintained, and that the best remedy will be secured by agreement on a broad international basis to reopen the minds of the leading nations to the unrestricted coinage of silver and gold.

The resolution adopted the suggestion of the Earl of Winchelsea with regard to the formation of a union of landlords and tenants.

Some of the ancient Sanskrit and Pali treatises, written on palm leaf and bamboo, are highly prized and the library is one in which the orientalist would revel.

MINING CONCERNS.

Ready Sale for Mining Properties—What Is Said About B. C. Enterprises.

(From the Seattle Press-Times.) There is a ready sale for good mining properties, and numerous mines have been looked up by investors. Many have been bonded this year, but efforts are being made to keep the transactions quiet until the silver market improves. The following are returned from the famous Leadeau district, where a number of properties were examined.

The first of the year there will be mining companies organized in Spokane and possibly in Seattle, on the mutual plan, the stock sold at par on the installment plan, and non-assessable.

A copper lode is being found on Copper creek, B. C.

The Paymaster Gold Mining company has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$500,000.

Joe Bush has run across a thirty-foot ledge carrying both gold and silver, on the Wild Horse creek along the Kootenay river, B. C.

The Kootenay Prospecting & Supply company, of Minneapolis, has been organized, and will operate in the Kootenay district.

The Keystone & King Mining company has been incorporated to operate in the King, Queen, Kootenay and Ivanhoe properties, Spring Gulch, Mont.

There is a good prospect of work beginning early to extend the Spokane & Northern railway to connect Spokane with Nelson, B. C.

It is reported by the Mining Review that the Reo group in the Slooan has been bonded by Fatsyark.

A gold nugget valued at \$110 is reported to have been found on Bridge river, a tributary of the Fraser river, in British Columbia. It is said that panning parties between \$10 and \$12 per day and that a company has been formed to work the old channel.

The Inter-Cascade Miner, of very recent date, contains the following in regard to its series of ten assays taken from the Gold Dust and the Gold Bar, otherwise known as the Hidden Treasure, created quite a little breeze of excitement this week, and started the natives somewhat. The ledge, which is forty feet in width, is mostly gold-bearing, although there is a rich silver streak in it assaying 380 ounces to the ton. The series of ten assays, which included a specimen of every grade of rock from wall to wall, averaged \$32.25. The assays ran from a trace of gold up to \$434.10 to the ton, of which \$387.75 was silver and \$46.35 was gold. The highest gold assay was \$164.80, which was taken from a stratum on one of the walls. The next highest assay was taken from the other wall, and averaged \$119.48, while one from the centre ledge averaged \$59.20.

The telegraphic reports of the California mining convention have been closely followed by mining men in this state, and the possibility of organizing the great northern western district is being discussed pro and con. Such a body was organized about two years ago, and the importance of the movement is being earnestly justified by its organizers. The Northern Mining Review of Spokane earnestly urges that some steps be taken in the matter, and suggests that a meeting be called and a permanent organization be formed. The Editor of the Review is suggested that the place of the first meeting be at the residence of Mr. D. A. Mcintosh and H. B. Nichols, of Spokane, who have purchased the

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Captain Ross, of the Haytian Republic, who was to leave for Japan Sunday to bring back the Zambesi, that steamer being chartered for the Victoria-Hawaii line, may find his plans seriously interfered with by the accident referred to in the appended telegram from Yokohama:

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AWAY FOR ENGLAND. The British bark Chilli sails for London, England, to-day, with a large cargo, consisting of 30,404 cases of salmon, which she finished loading last evening. The Chilli is only a short time in port, but since her arrival here no time has been lost in discharging and loading her freight. Capt. Donald McKenzie, her skilful navigator, expects to make a fast trip home to England. The Chilli is the third salmon vessel to leave British Columbia this year.

NO MORE MAGGIE MACKS. A number of sailing men, visited R. P. Ribbet & Co.'s office yesterday for the purpose of viewing the two breakers recently brought down from Vancouver, which did the Maggie Mack. They were fully identified as the ones lost off the schooner Carlotta G. Cox, at the time she also lost one of her boats.

A MIXED CARGO. The bark River Ganges has about 15,000 cases of her salmon cargo loaded at the Outer wharf. She will not, however, take in a full load of salmon, for after she receives about 20,000 cases she will, it is understood, complete with lumber from this port for gold, and leave the U. S. coast and expects to sail in a few weeks.

RESUMING HER ROUTE. The steamer Island Belle is expected to resume her trips between New Whatcom and Victoria this week. She has been in the Tacoma floating dock for some time, but is now in good shape for a busy season.

MARINE NOTES. The bark The Frederick has about 15,000 cases of her salmon cargo loaded. There is already enough salmon down from the Fraser river to complete her cargo.

NEW FRENCH MINISTRY. Their Declarations Applauded by the Deputies and a Motion of Confidence Adopted.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The declaration of the new ministry was read in the Senate and Chamber of Deputies to-day. The declaration affirmed the intention of the Cabinet and Chamber by every means in its power to throw light upon the Panama canal affair. Nevertheless, it continued, the Cabinet must affirm the principle of separation of the executive, legislative and judicial powers. The declaration was greatly applauded in the house.

In the Chamber Deputy Hubbard asked the Government whether it would communicate to the house the documents in the Panama prosecution. He also asked for information as to the general attitude of the Cabinet intended to adopt toward the committee.

M. Bourgeois, minister of justice, declared that the government would accord to the committee the most extensive powers compatible with the principle of keeping separate the judicial and legislative functions. The government was also prepared to communicate partly or entirely the contents of documents in the Panama investigation.

M. Brisson said the committee was anxious to co-operate with the government. Nobody would seek to make the present debate the occasion of a conflict. The committee, however, would make certain reservations in regard to the partial communication of documents promised by the government.

M. Hubbard moved that all the Panama documents be communicated to the committee. M. Ribot opposed this motion, which was rejected by a vote of 308 to 230. A vote of confidence was then adopted.

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CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—I propose to abstain from food, liquid or substantial, for 50 days. Experience has taught me that I have the ability to do it, and what I have once done I can certainly do again. This is the first time I have ever done this at the opening of his great fast in this city. Mr. Willimau delivered a short address, during which he spoke of his attempt. He then ate his last meal. It consisted of a dozen raw oysters, a bowl of chicken soup, a small glass of brandy, a dish of peaches, a small steak and a cup of strong cocoa. After partaking of the meal, which he did in the hands of the doctors. His weight was found to be 118½ pounds, pulse 107 and temperature 99 degrees. The figures will be compared with those obtained by daily observations.

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Days' Fast Commenced—Railway Project in Washington—Disappointed Treasure Seekers.

Life Insurance Co.—Funeral of Mrs. Story's Slayer—A Mafia.

New York, Dec. 9.—Miss Emma Van Orden, eldest daughter of Warren Van Orden, President of the Bank of North York, who is well known in society, and the Salvation Army, while the fact is known to intimate friends of the family some time, yet to a large number of people who knew the Van Norden family, and Mr. Van Norden through his connections, the announcement will be a surprise. Miss Van Norden, who got along out of her teens, is a gentle, good-looking young woman and accomplished.

New York, Dec. 8.—Referring to the reported possible transfer of the control of Equitable Life Assurance Society, Vice-President Alexander is given as authority the following: "From time to time reports of this sort have been brought to my attention, but where they originate I do not know. Apparently some one thinks we are not doing a fat business, and are giving surplus among the stockholders. The stockholders receive seven per cent, and what profit there is from this goes to the policy holder. We attempted to divide money when we had one per cent, among the stockholders and a motion would be to prevent it. There is nothing in the story that the control of the company is likely to be transferred."

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WHEVER I see Hood's Sarsaparilla now I want to bow my head to it. Thank You! I was badly affected with Rheumatism and Sciatica, and after taking a whole of one side of my face, nearly to the top of my head. Running sores discharged on both ears. My eyes were very bad, the lids so sore it was painful opening or closing them. For nearly a year I was confined to the hospital and had an operation performed for the removal of a cataract from one eye. One day my sister brought me Hood's Sarsaparilla.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all Liver, Stomach, Blood, Catarrhs, biliousness, sour stomach, nausea, indigestion, etc.

Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Baking Powder PURE

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President Van Horne and the C. P. R. Ocean Terminals—Railway Traffic Returns.

(Special to the Colonist.)

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—A prize fight for a purse of \$500 and the heavy-weight championship of Canada took place early this morning in a barn just outside the city limits. The combatants were "Black Frank Taylor," of Montreal, and Paddy McDonald. Three fierce rounds were fought, McDonald being knocked out in the second round. President Van Horne, of the C.P.R., has returned from Boston. He denied having, in his speech before the Boston Merchants' Association, favored Boston being made the port of call for the proposed new railway. Van Horne declared that the subject was not even discussed.

Geo. L. Cain, of Messrs. Greenfields & Sowers, has been elected president of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association. The association has 2,340 members and is flourishing. The C.P.R. traffic returns for the week ending Dec. 10 were \$439,000, and for the same week last year \$424,000.

DYNAMITE IN LONDON.

Anarchist Fiends Talk of an Extensive Plan of Murders and Operations.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Sun's London cable says it is now London's turn to be put under the terror of dynamite fiends. A gigantic plot is on the eve of execution, and the utmost energies of the Government are being exerted to avert a catastrophe. The Downing street law courts and other public buildings are guarded day and night by an army of detectives. An explosion was expected to take place last night, and 300 men from Scotland Yard guarded the Parliament building alone. A detective was in front of every door and window and at every corner and angle. The residences of the detectives who arrested Franco, and the magistrates who heard the case, and the court and jail where he was confined, were similarly protected. The fact that nothing has happened does not prove the alarm to be baseless. Information which the agents of the Government have gained a few days ago among the anarchists is said to be very authentic. The plotters have an ample supply of dynamite and lack only a reliable detonator for the exploding apparatus. This they confer in Paris agree to supply. The strictest watch has been maintained ever since at Dover, Folkestone and other channels to the coast, and the device is intact if possible. It has not yet been discovered, and the detectives presumably are ignorant whether it has yet been delivered. Several anarchists in London are under suspicion, and the location of the dynamite is not known. As soon as the investigation has progressed further, it is said to be the plan to throw a charge suddenly among the many suspected dynamite makers in London, a police force which is maintaining special guard over the government buildings will be notified.

FROM SEATTLE.

The Government Dry Dock—Searching for Opium—Mrs. Boyd the Murderess.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Christianson, mother of Mrs. Boyd, who killed her husband recently, has arrived from Butte, Mont., and visited her daughter in jail. The meeting was a quiet one. The mother, who is part American and part Irish, remains until the trial. Mrs. Boyd receives no visitors in the jail, except mother, lawyer, physician and former landlady who bring her meals. The report that Mrs. Boyd receives flowers and presents is denied by the jailer. Henry L. Yeiser, the sick pioneer, is better.

Captain Minor, of the Henry Dennis, reported to have given testimony to the Canadian commissioners at San Francisco, is at Petaluma, Cal.

The Press-Times published a long article to-night on the subject of Canadian Pacific change of terminus from Vancouver to English Bay. It says that such is the opinion of C.P.R. officials.

The Government Dry Dock began to day on the Government Dry Dock, at Port Orchard. A small force is working, but as soon as the ground is cleared for excavating it will be largely increased. Contractor Barlow tells a correspondent that he will be through the contract in two years.

J. S. Connor, living at the corner of King and South Seventh streets, developed small-pox this morning. He is recovering in the pest house building, and the inmates were quarantined.

The Customs officers in an interview with the Press-Times to-night, say that smuggling is still a chronic evil. They are reticent regarding the mission of the Corwin, which left San Francisco yesterday with customs officers on board. It is understood she is looking for Coolies from Nanaimo bound South for dope in coal. It is supposed the tip came from Victoria.

TO OPEN UP NELSON.

What the Completion of the Spokane and Northern Railway Will Accomplish.

SPOKANE, Dec. 12.—D. C. Corbin, president of the Spokane and Northern road, has let a contract for the completion of the road from its present terminus at Little Dalles to Nelson, B.C.—two hundred miles. Three thousand men were to begin work to-day to build the extension. The completion of the road to Nelson will be of incalculable value toward the development of that section. It will also tap the famous Slocan mining country where so many rich prospects have recently been located.

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TERMINAL CITY.

City Solicitor Hammerley's Drafted Agreement Recommended—Passage of New Railroad By-Laws—The New Park.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A committee of six was appointed by the mayor to-night to take a committee from the board of trade to the dry dock scheme. The council have recommended Hammerley's drafted agreement to the incoming council with reference to a city solicitor, with the exception of cutting down the proposed salary from \$2,500 to \$2,000 per year. The new railroad by-laws passed their third reading this evening with a final wriggle from Ald. Collins, who thought the city might be responsible for all three by-laws, namely \$300,000. He wished to substitute the by-laws to Lawyer Richards of Victoria, for an opinion. Mr. Rand was present and said the delay would be disastrous as far as the bridge being built this evening is concerned, and he had to meet capitalists at Tacoma on Thursday. The financiers would not stand a further postponement. Ald. Collins' motion was voted down. It was rumored on the streets to-day that the new by-laws will be attacked by Lawyer McColl, the new railroad's solicitor, says it can't be with reason, as they are impragable. Mr. Clary, of Toronto, will be asked by the board to allow them to rent the South park provided by him to the city for the erection of a building to be used by the British Columbia Methodist college.

ANOTHER "HERETIC."

Archbishop Corrigan's Brother on Trial for His Onslaught on Cahensiyism.

He Claims to Have Done His Duty to His Church and His Country.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Supreme Court Judgment—British Columbia Legislation Upheld—The Piel-Ke-Ar-Kan Case.

Congratulations to Chief Justice Strong—The Premier to be Banquetted in Toronto.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—The Supreme court to-day delivered judgment in the special case, raising the question of the constitutionality of section 9 of the British Columbia County Courts Act, which provides that the County court judge for Yale shall act as the County court judge for Kootenay, and that for the purpose of the section the County courts of Yale and Kootenay shall be united. The section had been declared unconstitutional by Mr. Justice Walkem in the case of Regina vs. Piel-Ke-Ar-Kan, and upon appeal to the Supreme court of British Columbia Judge Walkem's decision was upheld. Justices Crease and McCreight, however, dissenting, held that the section is valid. At the instance of the Attorney-General for the province the Minister of Justice referred the case to the Supreme court of Canada. The judgment of the Supreme court of British Columbia is reversed in the judgment of the Supreme court of Canada. The court declares section 9 to be valid and constitutional. The principle involved is that the appointment of judges is a prerogative of the crown in criminal cases belong to the Dominion, but in all other matters pertaining to courts and judges the Provincial Legislatures have complete authority. Justice Taschereau declined to participate in the judgment, he doubted the right of the Supreme court to give an opinion on such cases. Hon. Mr. Justice Strong has been overwhelmed with congratulations on his appointment to the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court, which was signed to-day by the Governor-General. Hon. Samuel Henry Strong was born in Dorsetshire, England, in 1825, being a son of late Rev. Dr. Strong, formerly minister of the Church of England at Hull, P.Q., and afterwards of Toronto. He was educated at Kingston College, and admitted to the Bar of Upper Canada at Toronto, 1848, and began practice in 1850. In 1856 he was appointed a commissioner for consolidating the public general statutes of Upper Canada and Canada, being engaged upon this most important work until December 1859. He was elected to important positions by the Law Society of Upper Canada, appointed Q.C. in 1863, and made vice-chancellor of Ontario in December 1869. He was transferred to the Court of Error and Appeal in May 1874, and in October 1875, was appointed a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Canada. Sir John Thompson and his colleagues in the cabinet will attend the banquet of the Young Conservatives at Toronto next month. Arrangements have been made that the alien contract law will not affect foreigners employed at the World's Fair. The quarantine station at Halifax is to be put in thorough repair. No report has been received from Mr. Gamble respecting William Head. President Van Horne and C.P.R. officers are here to-day. Among the questions discussed with Hon. Mr. Eggar, were the shore claims at False Creek. Mr. Schreiber has come to make his first official inspection of the Soo canal. The British Columbia agent of Webster & Peley, was dismissed by the Government. Mr. Bain has been re-elected for Soulanges by 50 majority.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Hon. C. H. Tupper returned from England to-night. Speaking to the COLONIST, he says that good progress is being made with the preparation of the British counter-case, which will be deposited on February 3, the arbitrators meeting on the 23rd of the same month, the British attorney and solicitor-general lend- ing valuable assistance. Mr. Tupper was greatly relieved to hear of the death of Mr. Cross, one of the junior British counsel in the case. He declined to speak of the effect the errors in the United States case would have on the future course of the arbitration. The Department has declined the request of the Toronto gentlemen for permission to establish a volunteer cyclist corps. T. A. Jacobs, of the department of agriculture, has been offered the position of private secretary to Lieut. Governor Dawley.

The new regulations regarding the Government contract have just been put in force. Contractors will have just ten days to get a cheque of 10 per cent, on the contract price in place of 5, or 80 per cent, will be paid on the progress estimate.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear on the Government to pass an order de- barring civil servant from sitting in the city council, and on the school boards.

It is reported that Mr. Justice Strong will be appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada this week.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

D. S. Curtis Defeats W. B. Townsend for Mayor of the Royal City.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The civic elections which came off to-day for Mayor and Aldermen were somewhat exciting, but no special incident occurred. D. S. Curtis was elected Mayor over W. B. Townsend, the present incumbent of the office, by a large majority. The alternate elections resulted as follows: Ward 1, Jas. Beer and Thos. Levi; Ward 2, A. M. Her- ring and W. A. Duncan; Ward 3, T. R. Gifford and H. Elliott; Ward 5, George McKenzie and Jas. Roseau.

Matsqui, the latest addition to the municipalities of the Westminster district had its nomination for the first time on Satur- day. The only candidate for Mayor was J. S. Simm, who was declared elected by acclamation. Four Councillors are to be elected, and six candidates are in the field, namely James J. Currie, Albert Hawkins, W. J. Marsh, W. McDonald, R. E. Parver and Walter Fordway. The election takes place on Saturday next.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

All Said to have Arisen Out of Fraudulent Attempts to Transfer Property.

TACOMA, Dec. 12.—Linnæ Post, who is continuing mysteriously absent in the East, during which his successor has been elected President of the Tacoma Building and Savings bank, is now charged, together with

RELATIONS WITH THE U. S.

Reply of the American Secretary of State to the Canadian Finance Minister.

The Dominion All to Blame for All the Delays and Misunderstandings.

(Special to the Colonist.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The attention of the Secretary of State, Hon. W. Foster, was called to the interview telegraphed from Ottawa yesterday by the Canadian Minister of Finance, Hon. G. E. Foster, containing a detailed review of President Harrison's annual message. Secretary Foster stated that the Canadian Minister's arraignment of the President's message was neither justified by the message nor sustained by the reply. The minister discussed four topics of great interest to both countries, viz., reciprocity of trade, reciprocity of canal discrimination and rail- road traffic. The first point little fault is to be found with the Canadian statement for the reason that only in one particular does it qualify the President's declaration, but this particular the minister is seriously in error. During the reciprocity conference of last winter Mr. Blaine did not insist that a reciprocity agreement should be made between the United States and the U. S., or much less, that it should be on the lines of the present U. S. tariff. He did ask that the schedule should not be confined to the United States, but should include an agreed upon list of manufactured goods, and that reciprocity should be confined to Canada and the United States, and because of these two conditions the negotiations were fruitless. The Fishery question covers more than a century of voluminous discussion and pro- longed controversy, but a most limited ex- amination of it would show at every step in its history that the exacting and unreasonable demands of Canada had frustrated otherwise harmonious adjustments be- tween Great Britain and the United States. This is especially noticeable in the case of the fur trade. It is a well-known fact that the subject had reached a complete basis of settlement in London between Lord Salis- bury and Minister Phelps, when the re- construction of Canada's tariff was ager- ment and precipitated the two govern- ments into the bitter discussion, out of which has grown the pending arbitration. Secretary Foster said that the Canadian Minister's statements in this arbitration were most imperfect and misleading. It was not a question of free fishing on the high seas. The Government of the United States does not claim that Behring Sea is No clausum, and does not seek to restrict the liberty of freedom of the ocean; but in the language of Mr. Blaine, it does claim that the law of the United States is a more than adequate protection of its fisheries. The Minister clouds the canal controversy by shifting the real ground to an alleged comparison of the relative advantages of the United States and Canada derive from such a concession, and the U. S. is a more Washington in the matter of navigation. The whole movement is evidently designed to force the United States to yield to Canada in the matter of navigation, a concession which was left unmade by the conference, and which is the subject of the navigation of Lake Michigan by the Canadians was then made at the expense of the U. S. The navigation of the St. Lawrence, and if it was a fair compensation in 1871, what is it now, when the commercial field of opera- tion is Lake Michigan, manifold in- creased? Every attempt to bring about a better understanding of the question of the canal terms has been met by the demands of Canada that the free navigation of the Hudson river, and the navigation of the United States as the price of Canada's fulfilment of the simple terms of the treaty of Washington.

The attitude of Canada on our railway traffic, Secretary Foster regards as the least defensible of all its relations with the United States. While our American rail- roads are under the restrictions of the Inter- national Convention, the Canadian rail- roads are free to operate as they please, reaping the benefits of its exception there- on at great inconvenience if not serious loss to the treasury department and the United States. Our tolerance of the Canadian railway traffic is a mark of weakness, and a distinguished mark of a desire to cultivate friendly relations with Canada. Certainly the last message, in which the Finance Minister should find fault with President Harrison's utterances on his message. Secretary Foster be- lieves that the minister is greatly in error in his assertion that the President's mes- sage does not represent the sentiment of the people of the United States on all these questions. There can be but one opinion among patriotic Americans. What there is no disposition in this country to interfere in the slightest degree with the political relations of Canada, we do expect a faithful compliance with treaty obligations and fair equality of treatment with American com- merce. There will be no division of senti- ment on these questions whenever the Pres- ident finds it necessary to take steps to enforce the one or secure the other.

TORONTO TOPICS.

Sir John Thompson's Emnetation of Policy—Poisoned by Strikers—Death of a Well Known Insurance Man.

TORONTO, Dec. 13 (Special).—The Young Men's Liberal Conservative club have re- solved to invite Sir John Thompson to an- nounce his policy under their auspices in- stead of at the Board of Trade meeting. They propose to give their banquet in the Horticultural Pavilion, which will hold 3,000 people. Charles Stamford, a bridge maker, who was confined in the Homeless Pa. last week, suffering from diarrhoea caused by drinking water poisoned by strikers, died to-day. Charles M. Sterling, manager of the Tor- onto branch of the New York Life Insur- ance Society, died at his home in Bar- boursville, where he had gone for his health. He was one of Toronto's most energetic young business men.

THE CHANGED SITUATION.

Sir Gulliford Moleworth's Protest—Difficulties Removed from the Path of Bimetallism.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 13.—Sir Gulliford Moleworth, of the Indian delegation, protested in the international monetary conference to-day against the opposition which the British delegates had offered to any practical solution of the silver question both in this and previous conferences. But for the British delegates, said Sir Gulliford, the currency question would long since have been settled. The British delegates do not seem to appreciate the fact that the situa- tion had changed considerably since the statement of Archbishop Walsh in Ireland, the resolutions adopted by the Agricultural conference in England and the petitions from various chambers of commerce in favor of bimetalism. He (Sir Gulliford) therefore suggested that the conference should adjourn for a few weeks to enable the British Government to reconsider the whole ques- tion and give instructions to its delegates in accord with the changed situation.

GREAT STOCK SALE.

Glorious Stamboul and His Entire Harem to be Disposed of in New York City, by Order of Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Judge Levy made an order to-day authorizing Charles T. Brille and James Cross, as executors of W. S. Hobart, to transfer all of the five stock belonging to the estate to New York city and to sell it public or private sale. In making the order, Judge Levy stated that the stock, which included 25 shares of high bond and blood, and that they were expensive to keep. The stock included 25 shares of high bond and blood, and that they were expensive to keep. The stock included 25 shares of high bond and blood, and that they were expensive to keep. The stock included 25 shares of high bond and blood, and that they were expensive to keep.

EARL RETURNS TO CHILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Patrick Egan, who is in this city preparatory to returning to Chill, expressed pleasure at the action of the United States senate in ratifying the treaty between Chile and the United States, and thought this will bring the commercial relations between the two countries closer. There is no bitter feeling in Chill against the United States. My relations with the Chileans were the most cordial. He did not know how long he would remain in Chill. After the fourth of next March he expected to be ready to receive his suc- cessor. He considered that the most ten- ure of office virtually ended when the Democratic administration began.

PANAMA SCANDALS.

Confidence in the Government De- clared by a Large Majority in the Chambers.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—In the Senate yesterday M. Lacombe questioned the Government as to its attitude to the Panama investigation. M. Bourgeois, Minister of Justice, declared said the cheers of supporters of the Gov- ernment, that he desired the complete and searching light thrown upon the affairs of the company. He added, however, that he and his colleagues would oppose the pas- sage of any special law that threatened to involve a possible conflict between the ex- ecutive, legislative and judicial authority. The Chamber of Deputies today adopted a proposal made by M. de Boissieu to invest the Panama investigating committee with judicial powers. This action was taken, despite the opposition of M. Bourgeois, Minister of Justice. A resolution of confidence in the Government, which was adopted by a vote of 223 to 14.

The scandal continues to engross public attention. All the papers publish long articles on the scandal, the tone of which depend entirely upon the political views of the journals. The Figaro regards the govern- ment as getting into a bad way, and the banking house of which the late Baron Reinach was the head, to speak regarding the connection of that house with the affairs of the Panama canal, the inference being that Herz would be able to plunder many points about which doubts now exist. In the course of its article the Figaro recalls how, thanks to Ciemeceau and Sarrien, Herz was enabled to bond the Electric Force Transmission company with a capital of 12,500,000 francs, and that through this and other transactions in which he was assisted by connection with men holding ministerial positions he accumulated a considerable fortune. The paper further says that Baron Reinach spent the greater part of the last hours of his life with Herz. Only a few minutes after leaving Herz, Reinach returned to his residence, where that night died under circumstances that led the government to make an autopsy to determine whether he died from natural causes or from suicide. On the same night that Reinach died, a rumor was spread in London, and the Figaro expresses a strong desire to have the public informed as to what caused his sudden departure.

At an early session of the investigating committee Sarrien, who represented Sacco and Loire in the Chamber of Deputies, re- ferred to a statement in the Figaro charging the position of Reinach with a capital of 12,500,000 francs, and that through this and other transactions in which he was assisted by connection with men holding ministerial positions he accumulated a considerable fortune. The paper further says that Baron Reinach spent the greater part of the last hours of his life with Herz. Only a few minutes after leaving Herz, Reinach returned to his residence, where that night died under circumstances that led the government to make an autopsy to determine whether he died from natural causes or from suicide. On the same night that Reinach died, a rumor was spread in London, and the Figaro expresses a strong desire to have the public informed as to what caused his sudden departure.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ESTATE.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 11.—Three hundred creditors of Archbishop Purcell's estate held a stormy meeting this afternoon. A letter was read from the Pope in response to one written to His Holiness some months ago, asking that aid from Rome be extended in securing an early settlement of the creditors of \$3,000,000 indebtedness that had stood for 12 years. The Pope's letter stated that inasmuch as the local church authorities, in- cluding Archbishop Elder, had asked all the parties to secure a settlement of the debt, it has been deemed unwise for Rome to inter- fere. Following the reading of this let- ter were several fiery speeches. It was finally directed to send a letter to His Holiness, stating that Archbishop Elder had done nothing looking toward a settlement, but on the contrary all his actions in the past had been adverse to the creditors. The Pope will again be appealed to for aid.

PORT TOWNSEND, Dec. 13.—Action has been begun to determine the question of the value of a child's life. Andrew Madam, father of a six-year-old killed on the line of the Port Townsend and Southern Railway near Quilness, last July, has sued the com- pany for \$25,000 damages. The child was fishing in the stream at the bottom of a steep embankment and was struck by a log which fell from a train while passing.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Disappearance of Prominent Witness in Grayward Insurance Cases—A Bank Robbery.

The Meeting of Parliament—Supreme Court Appeals Decided—A Lady Forger.

(Special to the Colonist.)

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 13.—Archib Cam- mill, a Frenchman, who has been working in the silver mines, was murdered last night. Cammill was working in the mines on Pearl street, when he was shot in the head by some unknown person with a shotgun. BURLING, Dec. 13.—St. Andrew's Church has extended a call to Rev. A. B. Winches- ter, Superintendent of the Chinese Missions at Victoria. Mr. Winchester was formerly of Winnipeg. QUEBEC, Dec. 13.—Premier de Bouchere- ville has resigned and his resignation has been accepted. Mr. Tallon has been suc- ceeded and will probably undertake the for- mation of a new ministry, which is expected to be the same as the old one, with very few changes. OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—It is rumored that Parliament will meet on January 19th. OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—The celebrated case of boatman Rette against the millmen of Ottawa, for the sawdust nuisance in the river, was again decided in the Supreme court for Rette, the millmen's appeal being dismissed. OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—The appeal of the Manitoba Free Press against ex-Attorney- General Martin, in the famous libel suit, was dismissed. This appeal was brought by the publishers of the Free Press against a judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba. PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 13.—James Gillis, who was employed in Kennedy & Saunders' planing mill, is supposed to have been drowned in the harbor last night. He was skating, and it is thought he skated into a crack in the ice. MILTON, Dec. 13.—A great sensation has been caused here by the discovery that the wife of Dr. D. B. Dixon has for some years past been raising money on notes to which she has signed his name without his authority. The discovery grew out of the arrest of Dr. A. Robson on charge of forging Dr. Dixon's signature to a note for \$300. He denied the charge, claiming that he received the notes from Dr. Dixon. GOODENOUGH, Dec. 13.—The petition and cross petition in connection with the West Harem election, came up for trial this afternoon, but with the consent of counsel for both, were dismissed without costs, confirming Mr. Patterson in his seat. CHATHAM, Dec. 13.—W. Ritchie, stage carpenter at the Grand Opera house, has been arrested on suspicion of being con- nected in the robbery of \$5,800 from the Standard bank. Ex-Lodge keeper Fenne- father, who is charged with the robbery, came up for examination and pleaded not guilty. GOVERNMENT, Dec. 13.—Hon. J. J. Curran, solicitor-general, is not expected to have any opposition in Montreal Centre. ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 13.—A sensation has been created in connection with the disappearance of Norman Morrison, one of the most prominent men in the province. It is believed that he has been spirited away in the interest of the defence. OWEN SOUND, Dec. 13.—At the Canadian Pacific Express 2,477,000 bushels of grain were received during the past season. WINDSOR, Dec. 13.—Last night the Michigan Central fast express crashed into some obstacle on the track near Malstone. An investigation showed that an attempt at train wrecking had been made. Several ties had been piled on the track. THREE RIVERS, Dec. 13.—Frank La- gartiere has been arrested here on a charge from Quebec, charging him with forgery. He is alleged to have got away with \$2,900. GLADSTONE'S PORTRAIT.

RELATIONS WITH THE U. S.

Reply of the American Secretary of State to the Canadian Finance Minister.

The Dominion All to Blame for All the Delays and Misunderstandings.

(Special to the Colonist.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The attention of the Secretary of State, Hon. W. Foster, was called to the interview telegraphed from Ottawa yesterday by the Canadian Minister of Finance, Hon. G. E. Foster, containing a detailed review of President Harrison's annual message. Secretary Foster stated that the Canadian Minister's arraignment of the President's message was neither justified by the message nor sustained by the reply. The minister discussed four topics of great interest to both countries, viz., reciprocity of trade, reciprocity of canal discrimination and rail- road traffic. The first point little fault is to be found with the Canadian statement for the reason that only in one particular does it qualify the President's declaration, but this particular the minister is seriously in error. During the reciprocity conference of last winter Mr. Blaine did not insist that a reciprocity agreement should be made between the United States and the U. S., or much less, that it should be on the lines of the present U. S. tariff. He did ask that the schedule should not be confined to the United States, but should include an agreed upon list of manufactured goods, and that reciprocity should be confined to Canada and the United States, and because of these two conditions the negotiations were fruitless. The Fishery question covers more than a century of voluminous discussion and pro- longed controversy, but a most limited ex- amination of it would show at every step in its history that the exacting and unreasonable demands of Canada had frustrated otherwise harmonious adjustments be- tween Great Britain and the United States. This is especially noticeable in the case of the fur trade. It is a well-known fact that the subject had reached a complete basis of settlement in London between Lord Salis- bury and Minister Phelps, when the re- construction of Canada's tariff was ager- ment and precipitated the two govern- ments into the bitter discussion, out of which has grown the pending arbitration. Secretary Foster said that the Canadian Minister's statements in this arbitration were most imperfect and misleading. It was not a question of free fishing on the high seas. The Government of the United States does not claim that Behring Sea is No clausum, and does not seek to restrict the liberty of freedom of the ocean; but in the language of Mr. Blaine, it does claim that the law of the United States is a more than adequate protection of its fisheries. The Minister clouds the canal controversy by shifting the real ground to an alleged comparison of the relative advantages of the United States and Canada derive from such a concession, and the U. S. is a more Washington in the matter of navigation. The whole movement is evidently designed to force the United States to yield to Canada in the matter of navigation, a concession which was left unmade by the conference, and which is the subject of the navigation of Lake Michigan by the Canadians was then made at the expense of the U. S. The navigation of the St. Lawrence, and if it was a fair compensation in 1871, what is it now, when the commercial field of opera- tion is Lake Michigan, manifold in- creased? Every attempt to bring about a better understanding of the question of the canal terms has been met by the demands of Canada that the free navigation of the Hudson river, and the navigation of the United States as the price of Canada's fulfilment of the simple terms of the treaty of Washington.

The attitude of Canada on our railway traffic, Secretary Foster regards as the least defensible of all its relations with the United States. While our American rail- roads are under the restrictions of the Inter- national Convention, the Canadian rail- roads are free to operate as they please, reaping the benefits of its exception there- on at great inconvenience if not serious loss to the treasury department and the United States. Our tolerance of the Canadian railway traffic is a mark of weakness, and a distinguished mark of a desire to cultivate friendly relations with Canada. Certainly the last message, in which the Finance Minister should find fault with President Harrison's utterances on his message. Secretary Foster be- lieves that the minister is greatly in error in his assertion that the President's mes- sage does not represent the sentiment of the people of the United States on all these questions. There can be but one opinion among patriotic Americans. What there is no disposition in this country to interfere in the slightest degree with the political relations of Canada, we do expect a faithful compliance with treaty obligations and fair equality of treatment with American com- merce. There will be no division of senti- ment on these questions whenever the Pres- ident finds it necessary to take steps to enforce the one or secure the other.

TORONTO TOPICS.

Sir John Thompson's Emnetation of Policy—Poisoned by Strikers—Death of a Well Known Insurance Man.

TORONTO, Dec. 13 (Special).—The Young Men's Liberal Conservative club have re- solved to invite Sir John Thompson to an- nounce his policy under their auspices in- stead of at the Board of Trade meeting. They propose to give their banquet in the Horticultural Pavilion, which will hold 3,000 people. Charles Stamford, a bridge maker, who was confined in the Homeless Pa. last week, suffering from diarrhoea caused by drinking water poisoned by strikers, died to-day. Charles M. Sterling, manager of the Tor- onto branch of the New York Life Insur- ance Society

The Colonist.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1892.

CIVIC AFFAIRS.

We are glad to see that business men in the city are showing that they take an interest in civic affairs. The government of cities is a subject which is now engaging the attention of some of the ablest men both of Europe and America.

Local institutions minister more directly to the happiness and well-being of the whole people than even the National Government itself. They are of necessity in closer and more intimate connection with the population.

These are words of practical wisdom which every citizen of every city, small or great, should consider well and lay to heart. The affairs of this city are not trifling to its inhabitants, and they are not beneath the regard of its citizens.

If a prudent and conscientious man considers it his duty to see that his house with all that pertains to it is comfortable, that none of its inmates shall suffer in any way from his neglect or his penuriosities; it is not equally his duty to do all that one man can to have the affairs of the city well managed.

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As the voters were unused to the Australian ballot they made mistakes in marking. One result of the mistakes in California was to give one Republican elector a greater number of votes than one of the nine Democratic electors.

A SALMON COMBINE.

The salmon cannery of the Columbia river have formed themselves into a combine for mutual protection. If the fish in that river are not getting scarcer than they used to be, they have become very much dearer.

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taining them after they are built? The Oregonian seems to think that the fair way would be to put a tax on the salmon caught in the river. It seems that the cannery admit the justice of their being required to bear this burden.

A GREAT CHANGE.

There are many indications that public opinion with respect to free trade is undergoing a very material change in Great Britain. Not long ago, almost every intelligent man in the three kingdoms, whether he was Liberal or Tory, was a free trader.

It is also surprising to see the Agricultural Congress deciding in favor of protection. The British are supposed to be such firm believers in gold as money that they would not listen to any proposition to give silver a more important place than it now occupies in the currency of the kingdom.

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WELL EXPRESSED.

If President-elect Cleveland has not changed his mind during the last four years the efforts of the anti-British legislators and politicians in the United States who are trying to introduce a policy of worry and nagging with respect to Canada will be of little avail.

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A DEPLORABLE DISAGREEMENT.

The disagreement between the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst and the Superintendent of the New York police has become very bitter. This is greatly to be regretted, for in that and every other city the clergy and the civil authorities having the same end in view, the aggression of vice, should work cordially together.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA'S CAPABILITIES.

Every year the evidence is becoming stronger and stronger that British Columbia is one of the best fruit-growing areas on the continent. The climate and soil seem well adapted for the growth of some kinds of fruit which are in great request both in Great Britain and in the eastern provinces of the Dominion.

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greatest demand, while black currants, raspberries and strawberries will sell well but not so readily. Before I close my letter I must urge you to go in for the first quality; with this stated, neither you nor the growers need be in the least afraid to place upon the English market any quantity of your produce. It will sell.

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THE ARTILLERY COMPETITION.

The place which the British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery has taken in this year's competition is most creditable to both officers and rank and file. The marks given are for general proficiency in all branches by all the men, so every man in the brigade, from Col. Prior down, is entitled to his share of the credit.

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TENDERS.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the 31st day of December next, for the purchase of the following property, situated in the Parish of St. John's, British Columbia: Part of Southeast 1/4 of Section XI, and East 1/2 of East 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 of Section XI, and part of North 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Section VIII, containing in all about 178 acres, of which 32 are cultivated and cleared, and several acres of older bottom are partly cleared.

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CONSUMPTION.

I have a positive remedy for the above disease; by the use of this medicine the worst kind and of long standing have been cured. Indeed so strong is my faith in its efficacy that I have written two BOTTLES FREE, with a VALUABLE TREATISE on this disease to all who will send me their EXPRESS and P.O. address.

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From the Daily Colonist.

First in the Province. Mr. Munroe Miller is to announce himself as a candidate for the Council of 1893. H. Johnson street ward.

The members of the N. S. Spanish Agricultural Assoc. their annual supper and ball on the 21st inst. Many make a note of the date.

The prize list for the appointment of the P. S. Stock Association has the hands of the printer, at the earliest possible date.

There was a special service held at St. Saviour's church last night, for the late John V. Cadoro Bay road was invited ago by a merry party who, accompanied by Mrs. Cadoro, were present on having dancing was a prominent joyment of the evening, longed almost until day broke.

The committee appointed to carry out the provisions of the act passed on Sunday last, in relation to the sale of liquor, have generally approved, and the act to advertise for tenders, operations will be commenced.

The young Peoples' League of the First Presbyterian Church school-room and held a position—Resolved: "The misery that happens in resolution carried, fifteen cents for each copy of the book, speakers were Messrs. Do Cochrane, negative, Mess and McCandless, there was a very spirited defence.

The members of the St. Columbian Society have a committee to make arrangements on the last Saturday night which falls upon the last of the year. An excellent programme has been provided, and a good entertainment. A dance was also given. "Hogmanay Day" comes probable the idea of the dance. Further particulars later.

A Yokohama dispatch says that 9 ft. of water in the hold of the Zambesi, from Victoria to the bay. Her hold and engine damaged. The steamer called on to prevent sinking that she will float to-morrow necessary to discharge it. The mails and passenger one of the crew, a fireman. The cargo will be forwarded Flintshire, which will leave on the 16th.

Rev. J. H. White, pastor of the Methodist church, held a day evening preached at the unemployed, a workman. There were not many of present, but those who did were treated to a very logical discourse, founded on the text: "Why stand ye here idle?" The great moral and religious

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NOTICE. WANTED—For Grand Prairie public school, an experienced teacher with perfect Second-Class certificate. One capable of giving lessons on the piano or organ preferred. Terms to be made at close of Christmas holidays. Applications to be sent to the Secretary, JOHN PRINGLE, Grand Prairie P. O., R.C. dated Dec. 9th, 1892.

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THE CITY.

First in the Field. Mr. Munro Miller is the first to announce himself a candidate for a seat in the Council of 1893. He will stand for Johnson street ward.

To the Asylum. Nicholas Brown, who was on Saturday pronounced insane by the city health officer, Dr. Duncan, was on Sunday taken to the Westminster asylum by Sergt. Walker.

They Will be There. The members of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Association announce their annual supper and ball for the evening of the 21st inst. Many Victorians will make a note of the date.

In Aid of the Indian Mission. The Willing Workers of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will hold a sale of work in the 15th inst. in the school room, the proceeds being devoted to the Indian mission at Alberni.

In Preparation. The prize list for the approaching annual exhibition of the B. C. Poultry, Dog and Pet Stock Association has been placed in the hands of the printer, and will be issued at the earliest possible date.

Sent Up For Trial. August, the Saanich Indian who is charged with a serious assault upon one of the sisters of his tribe, was committed for trial yesterday by Mr. E. Pearson, J. P., after the hearing of evidence in the Provincial court.

To Visit the Leper Colony. Arrangements have been made by Dr. George Duncan, City Health Officer, to pay a visit to-morrow to Darcy Island, the home of the British leper colony.

Memorial service. There was a special memorial service held at St. Saviour's church on Sunday evening last, for the late John Wilson.

The Synagogue School. The committee appointed by the congregation, Emanuel I. to carry out the school project, were on Sunday last authorized to proceed with their work.

Happiness Retained. The residence of Mrs. Peterhick on the Cadboro Bay road was invaded a few evenings ago by a merry party from the city.

All Hands Were Frightened. The three little Chinese women who were arrested early Sunday morning for screaming on the street, were dismissed in the Police court yesterday, their explanation being that they were frightened and had good cause to be.

Misery or Happiness. The young People's Literary Association of the First Presbyterian church met in the school-room and debated the following proposition:—Resolved: "That there is more misery than happiness in the world."

A Jewish Festival. On Sunday evening next, one of the most interesting of the Jewish festivals will be celebrated at the Jewish synagogue.

Back from the Coal Pit. Hon. Theodore Davis, premier and attorney-general, Mr. Justice Crease, Mr. Gordon Hunter, and Mr. F. S. Hussey, superintendent of provincial police, returned on Sunday morning from Nanaimo, where they had been attending the session.

A Hogmanay Night Concert. The members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society have arranged a committee to make arrangements for a concert on the last Saturday night of the year, which falls upon the last day of December.

The Zambesi. A Yokohama despatch says: "There are 9 ft. of water in the hold of the British steamer Zambesi, from Victoria to Hongkong, which was in collision with a coaster in Yeddo bay."

Employed Workmen. Rev. J. H. White, pastor of the Centennial Methodist church, Gorge road, on Sunday evening preached a special sermon to the unemployed workmen of Victoria.

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NO. 4 WINS.

Capt. Smallfield's Battery Wins in the Competition and Also Takes the Cups.

Inspection Last Evening by Col. Holmes, D.A.G. and Capt. Benson.

The interest which has been taken in the prize competition between the local batteries of the B.C.G.A. was brought to a conclusion last evening, when the last work of the inspection was done, and Col. Holmes, D.A.G. for the district, announced that No. 4 battery had won, with 27 marks to the good.

The boys of Captain Smallfield's company have been working hard for inspection which was to have taken place last week, but was postponed owing to the illness of Col. Holmes. It was held last night, however, the Deputy Adjutant General for the district being present with Capt. Benson as aide-de-camp.

The Ancient Order of Foresters. Some 6,040 will be present in Vancouver on Thursday evening, and the ceremony will be attended and conducted by several of the prominent officers of Columbia District. This will be the second lodge in Vancouver. The lodges in the district are numbered consecutively and when it is stated that the first lodge in the province was established in Victoria, it is distinguished as No. 753, it will be readily understood how rapid has been the growth of the ancient order.

Poor Old Jeff. When the Joan put out on Friday morning last, for freight and passengers, a dog named Jeff was strapped to a chair. The chair, and the dog, who was poor old Jeff, the cook of the bark Richard III, were not many minutes on deck when Jeff, who had been booked as a passenger for Nanaimo, where he was to receive medical treatment. As soon as it was discovered that Jeff was a dog, he was put ashore, and when the coast started, he accompanied the boat for his journey. The bark was taking on board a cargo of coal for San Francisco.

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THE KOOTENAY MAIL SERVICE.

Mr. E. H. Fletcher Explains What Has Been Done to Give the Public Satisfaction.

Mr. E. H. Fletcher, post-office inspector for the Province, was asked yesterday for information as to the complaint made of the mail service in the Kootenay country. He said: The mail service in that section of the Province is being improved as fast as the requirements of the country demand, and our department is only too anxious to meet the growing needs of the country.

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SUPREME COURT OF B. C.

(Before the Full Court: Present, Hoggie, C.J., Walker, J., and Dunsmuir, J.)

Re Victoria Lumber Company. This was an appeal from a decision of the Court of Revision upholding an assessment of the company's lands for the purposes of taxation.

The Thunder Hill. One of Kootenay's Mines which is Being Worked for all it is Worth.

Work at the Thunder Hill mine is being pressed forward energetically. Mr. James Brady, C.E., who is "bosong" the concern, arrived in town on Sunday, and reports that all the heaviest machinery, including boilers, engines, pumps, etc., has arrived at the works and is being set up as rapidly as possible.

Drunk Indian Row. Its Development into a Very Serious Trouble Among the Aborigines of Montana.

The Offenders to be Whipped. GREAT FALLS, MONT., Dec. 13.—A courier was despatched to the scene of the Indian trouble yesterday. He is expected back this evening. No further news has been heard from Fort Belknap in regard to the trouble.

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Again a Candidate. Ald. Hall announces that he will again be a candidate for aldermanic honors at the approaching elections.

Poultry for Christmas. That Christmas is close at hand is evidenced by the large quantity of poultry now arriving almost daily from the Fraser river.

Good News. The gratifying intelligence is received from Westminster that the Sooko school teacher recently taken to the asylum is fast regaining his faculties.

To Terminate His Engagement. Ald. Bragg has given notice on the bulletin board of his intention to move that the services of the sanitary engineer be dispensed with.

Approaching Sale. The ladies of St. Barnabas church are busy with their preparations for a sale of work to be held in the Temperance hall on Monday next, the 19th inst.

On New Year's Eve. The Hogmanay concert to be given in the Sir William Wallace hall on the 31st inst. will be under the auspices of the Sir William Wallace society, and the St. Andrew's and Caledonian societies.

Investments in Nanaimo. It is rumored that Mr. Haslam, who is in the city, has completed the transfer of the Nanaimo Electric Light works to local parties, and that further investments will be made in that flourishing city.

W. C. T. U. Refuge Home. The committee will hold a sale of work in the home on Tuesday the 20th inst. Various articles, both useful and fancy, will be offered for sale at moderate prices.

An Honest Expressman. A few days ago Miss Syddle, of James Bay, lost a pocketbook containing a check for \$52 and cash to the amount of \$18. Where she lost it she could not say, but Joe Cameron, an expressman, happened to make the find, and from certain documents in the packet discovered the owner and returned the property.

A Bath in the Bay. The giving up of the bankment precipitated a horse and cart, owned by Peter Hansen, into James Bay yesterday afternoon, and had not passed by land ready assistance the animal, a valuable one by the way, would have been drowned.

Freight From Portland. The Merchants Shipping Co.'s steamship Haytian Bay arrived from the Columbia river yesterday morning, having 508 tons of freight on board, of which 33 tons were landed at this port.

OT for the Lazaretto. Sanitary Officer Bailey and the city Health Officer, Dr. G. Duncan, accompanied by a few aldermen, leave on the steamer Saddle this morning to visit the lazaretto, a little colony of Chinese lepers placed there some two years ago.

Further Favorable Reports of the Rapid Development. The Chinaman who was last week charged with having committed an unnatural offense yesterday afternoon arrested by Provincial Officer Hunter at a cabin on Figard street. The Celestial denies the charge, and is going to bring counter charges against the informant, who, he claims, assaulted him with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Chinese Thanksgiving. The Chinese secret societies of Victoria last night began the celebration of their great thanksgiving festival. This fête occurs only once in three years and is intended to commemorate the thankful feeling of all good Celestials for the continued peace and prosperity of the Flowery Kingdom. The headquarters of the societies were thronged with those who 'dropped in' to listen to the tom-tom and view the wonderful, not to say fearful, array of Josses and other attractions. The feast continues three days.

Hudson's Bay Company Collections. Collections of the Hudson's Bay Company brought forward for 1893: Beaver, 22,654; muskrat, 97,622; mink, 128,888; mink, 57,541; white fox, 4,711; otter, about 8,411; fisher, 4,765; silver fox, 611; rox, 2,416; blue fox, 80; kits fox, 305; musk, 871; lynx, 2,209; wolf, 1,919; marten, 948; skunk, 8,166; brown bear, 2,574; black bear, 9,492; brown bear, 1,270; grizzly bear, 203; white bear, 62; deer, 1,460; red fox, 12,108; rabbit, 60,942; raccoon, 183; seal, about 150; hair seal, fur, 1,369; hair seal, salted, 1,096.—Far Trade Review.

An Eastern Visitor. William Whitley, a prominent member of the local Legislative Assembly of Newfoundland, and his wife, are visiting in the city. Mr. Whitley has one of the largest fishing establishments in Newfoundland, and he is also interested with his two sons, Captain John and William Whitley, in the seal fishing on the Pacific Coast. In conversation with a representative of the Colonist, Mr.

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Whitley said the great fire at St. John's, Nfld., had brought about a crisis in the history of the Island. Responsible government had not been a success there, and either confederation with the Dominion or a return to their former position as a Crown colony was now inevitable.

DUTY ON MINING MACHINERY. TO THE EDITOR:—In addition to my former remarks replying to Mr. Barnard's letter, permit me to say: "But how about those who wish to try their luck and possess but small means?" The letter of "Progress" must be referred to as well in entering into this question. In his fierce arraignment against strict Protection, he is a croaking expositor. He avows himself not in favor of the late Free Trade. It is evident he has some slight interest he would wish preserved. The only conclusion to be arrived at is that the miserable selfishness of the high Protectionist goes by easy gradations till it gets down to the little bit of selfishness of the elastic-minded Protectionist, and farther, it looks as if, "protection of mankind," as his argument certainly looks that way, a Protectionist cannot protect the poor, as well as the rich.

It is not a matter of what some journals tell us relative to investments in mines, but, in fact, it would seem that we are actually playing the Good Samaritan in preventing the venturesome investing in hazardous schemes, if the duty on machinery prevents it, because it cannot be supposed for a moment that persons who say "the greatest good for the many" would wish to reap benefit from wild speculation. But, laying aside all this, the machinery prevents it, because it cannot be supposed for a moment that persons who say "the greatest good for the many" would wish to reap benefit from wild speculation. But, laying aside all this, the machinery prevents it, because it cannot be supposed for a moment that persons who say "the greatest good for the many" would wish to reap benefit from wild speculation.

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Perseverance Entertainers.
 Victoria W. Lodge, I.O.G.T., met last night, when Perseverance Lodge, No. 1, entertained.
 snow at Ashcroft.
 Two inches of snow have already fallen at Ashcroft, and fears are entertained for the stock in view of this evidence of an early and a severe winter.
A Christmas Eve Attraction.
 Rev. H. Staathagen, a pastor missionary of the Reformed Episcopal church, will conduct a service in the German tongue on Christmas Eve, at the Church of Our Lord, Humboldt street. All "children of Vardland" are invited to attend.
Entertainment at St. Luke's.
 The Ladies' Guild of St. Luke's, Cedar Hill, will hold a sale of work next Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., in the church school house, commencing at 2:30 p.m. In the evening will be given an entertainment, which it is hoped will draw a large audience.

A Telephone Circuit.
 Moneyed men of this city, Vancouver, Westminster and New Westminster, will make application to the Legislature at its next session to be incorporated as a company, with power to construct and operate a telephone line connecting the four cities of the Province.
For Eastern Tables.
 Messrs. R. G. Cunningham & Sons will introduce a new delicacy to Eastern tables this Christmas in the form of their much-prized salmon (frozen), a large consignment of which has just been received at Vancouver to be sent over the C.P.R. The shipment is an experimental one.

The Northfield Murder.
 A deputation of four Italian coal miners of Northfield arrived from Nanaimo yesterday to consult a Victoria legal firm with a view to, if possible, secure a new trial in the case of Dominico Taranelli. Failing in this a petition for clemency will probably be addressed to the Governor-General.
A Charge of Larceny.
 A young man was arrested by Sergeant Hawton last evening on a charge of stealing a gold watch and chain from a gentleman staying at the Dallas hotel about two months ago. He dresses well and does not bear the appearance of one accustomed to thieving. When arrested he was wearing the missing watch.

Judgment for the Crew.
 The case of Charles Spring, owner of the schooner Favorite, came up in the Provincial Court yesterday. The case was a suit on the part of Indians, members of the crew on the last voyage of the Favorite, who desired to recover the amount of wages due them for the trip. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs.
Waldeck in San Francisco.
 Chief Sheppard yesterday received a letter from Detective Anthony, who was here from San Francisco in the Waldeck (or Wolfe) extradition proceedings. He states that there are seventeen distinct charges against the prisoner, and bail has been set at \$25,000, which Waldeck is unable to procure. He therefore awaits his trial in the state prison.

Craigie and Cook.
 In the Speedy Trial court yesterday, Mr. Justice Drake sentenced the young man Craigie to nine months' imprisonment for highway robbery, Cook, his accomplice, being given four months in consideration of the fact that it was his first offence, and he had made full restitution of the money of crime, endeavoring also to make such restitution as lay in his power.
Sunday School Work.
 The regular monthly meeting of the Sunday School Teachers' Association of the Anglican Church took place, last evening at the St. Barnabas Young Men's Institute Room, Spring Ridge. There was a fair attendance, and a paper was read by Mr. A. H. Ridgman on "Church History." Tea and cake brought the pleasant evening to a close. The next meeting of the association will be held at St. Mark's, but the date has not yet been definitely fixed.

Route to the Kootenay Country.
 Latest advice from Spokane are that the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway Co. and the C. & N. Navigation Co. intend keeping the route open all winter to Nelson, Kaslo, Ainsworth, Pilot Bay and Balfour, via Little Dalles and Robson. The Spokane Falls & Northern railway is being rapidly pushed ahead from Little Dalles to the British Columbia line, and the Northern Pacific R. Co. has instructed its agents to continue accepting all business, both passenger and freight, that is offered for above points.
He Knew Her.
 A country cousin from the Fraser river put up at a party hotel the other evening, and having partaken of all "the courses" provided, asked if there was any place of amusement in Victoria where he might pay a visit. He was informed by an obliging night clerk that the Victoria boards would be occupied by Salvini and an excellent company.
 "Sally Benni," replied the rustic. "I heard her in the Old Country, and a beautiful singer she is. I'll go there to-night."
 And he went, but on his return he positively declared that Sally Benni was not as good as when he originally heard her.

Public Schools' Examinations.
 The semi-annual examinations of the Public Schools of this city will be held as follows:
 Monday, 19—West school.
 Tuesday, 20—Girls' school.
 Wednesday, 21—Boys' school.
 Thursday, 22—High school.
 In the forenoon, commencing at 10 o'clock of each of the following days, the Ward schools' examinations will be held as follows:
 Monday, 19—Rock Bay Ward school.
 Tuesday, 20—Spring Ridge Ward school.
 Wednesday, 21—Victoria Ward school.
 Thursday, 22—Hillside Ward school.
 A most cordial invitation to attend these examinations is extended by the teachers to all interested in the educational welfare of the children.
Mica Mines.
 W. W. Purdy is in town with a choice collection of mica brought down by him from his claim, 8,000 feet above sea level, on the Rocky Mountain range, and distant from Kamloops some 276 miles. The district is practically unknown, and Mr. Purdy himself cannot do more than locate his claim. It adjoins that of Louis Vie, of Kamloops, who located on the information of Indians, who spoke of "glass in the ground." The samples brought down by Mr. Purdy run from three to three and a half inches in length, and are really beautiful. Even the croppings are superior cuts. As there

is said to be an illimitable quantity of the mica. Mr. Purdy is sanguine of a fortune. He goes to San Francisco to make arrangements for a market.
Death of Mrs. Richards.
 Mrs. F. G. Richards, sen., passed away yesterday, at the residence of her son, 288 Yates street, of paralysis. The deceased came to this country in 1852 and has been a permanent resident here since. A few weeks ago, while visiting at her son's house, she was seized with paralysis, and so severe was the attack that she never recovered. She was lady of 71 years of age, and a native of Cornwall, Eng.

Has Not Accepted.
 Rev. A. E. Winchester has decided to wait until after the Presbyterian Committee on Foreign Missions hold their meeting in Toronto on December 23 before deciding in regard to the call offered by the congregation of Berlin, Ont. If some one can be found to take up the Chinese mission work, the reverend gentleman may accept the call, but he is unwilling to allow his work in that connection to come to a standstill. The Foreign Missions committee may appoint a suitable successor when they meet.

Victoria Lodge No. 1.
 At a meeting of Victoria Lodge No. 1, A.O.U.W., held last evening, considerable business was transacted. Six new members were initiated, and in addition three proposals for membership were received. The officers nominated to carry on the work of the lodge for the ensuing term were: Master Workman, R. Keeler; Foreman, Russell McDonald; Overseer, J. Dunn; Guides, Messrs. D. Ross, D. Ross, Carl Warren, F. Davey, H. Mansell, H. Becker and H. Short.

A Dangerous Lunatic.
 The city police yesterday evening arrested William Swanson as a dangerous lunatic. He has lived with his friend Richard Russell, at 45 Hillside avenue, for many months. Both are carpenters by trade, and both industrious. Some eight days ago, however, Swanson quit his job, and since then his movements have been as suspicious as mysteries. Russell, suspecting that the man was mentally wrong, telegraphed to a brother-in-law of the latter in Incoeur, who was expected over by Tuesday evening's boat, and Russell and Swanson went down town to meet him. He did not, however, arrive, whereupon Swanson attempted suicide. He was, however, taken home, but so violent did he become yesterday that he was locked up until the police took him in custody.

MONTREAL MATTERS.
Curran Not Likely to be Opposed in Montreal Centre—Hardware Firm Assigns.
 (Special to the Colonist.)
 MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—In the Superior court yesterday the case of Davignon vs. Rev. Father Lesage, cure of Chambly, an action to recover damages on account of the refusal of the priest to baptize Davignon's child because the father was in arrears in his church dues, was heard, and judgment reserved.
 An effort is being made to secure Dr. Oeier, who is a Canadian, now of Johns Hopkins university, to return to the McGill college faculty. A wealthy Montrealer said he was willing to supply funds toward the necessary financial arrangements.
 A. F. Wood, M.P.P. for North Hastings, is here. He says there is no truth in the story that he will resign in the Ontario Legislature and run for that constituency in the House of Commons vacated by Hon. M. Bower.
 The foundry firm of H. R. Ives has made a formal assignment, with a nominal surplus of \$150,000 over liabilities.
 It has been definitely decided that no opposition will be offered to Hon. J. J. Curran, Solicitor General, in Montreal Centre. It has been definitely decided to have a carnival here this winter, to last one week commencing Monday, February 6, and ending the Saturday following.

THEIR FLAG WAS UNNOTICED.
 One of the Darcy Island Lepers Released From His Pain.
 When municipal Health Officer Dr. Duncan and Sanitary Officer Bailey paid an official visit yesterday to Darcy Island leper lazaretto yesterday they found the flag of distress fluttering from the pole to which the Chinese had been instructed to display it in the event of anything going wrong. So it had been flying for six weeks, the "cover leper" explained as well as his limited and almost forgotten English would permit, and the reason for it was that Ah Chee was dead and buried. The grave was shown as evidence.
 The release of this one of their number from his sufferings was the only incident of note at the lazaretto since the last visit. The lepers do not seem ill, however, for though they have cleared but little additional ground their garden has proved a great success, and a fine pit of potatoes for winter consumption is the result. These, with the supplies of provisions and ready-made clothing left with them yesterday, ensure a winter of comparative comfort for the unfortunates. It is not unlikely that second death will have overtaken the next visit, for the patient from Vancouver is fast approaching his end.
 Little information could be gathered from the lepers yesterday, as no interpreter accompanied the party from the city, and not hearing or using the English language the lepers are rapidly forgetting its sound.
 Dr. Duncan was accompanied on his inspection yesterday by Sanitary Officer Bailey, Police Officer Redgrave, Ald. Hall, Ald. Bragg, and Messrs. Sinclair, Lormier, Desmond, Carter and Chipchase. The trip was made in the steamer Sadie, Captain Bernie, which proved a very comfortable and reliable boat, even in the rough wind and water which it was her mission to encounter. The landing at the island was made with considerable difficulty and not a little danger, but no fatalities were recorded.
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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.
Dispensing with the Services of the Sanitary Engineer—A Lively Discussion.
The Working of the Local Improvement By-Law—Police Appointments and Changes.

The usual weekly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held last night, Mayor Beaven presiding. There was a full attendance, and for the first hour some dozen citizens were present.
 The Finance committee recommended the refund of \$50 to Messrs. Campbell & Co. of Montreal, a sum collected from their representative in Victoria, Mr. H. J. Russell, who had been charged a retail license although representing a wholesale house. The refund was to be made on condition that the statement of the company be verified.
 The report was adopted.
 The City Engineer forwarded a report from the Sanitary Engineer, favoring the flushing of sewers, and the City Engineer requested Mr. A. G. Smith, Deputy Attorney-General, who was present for the Crown, to endeavor to get some information to lay before them in connection with the evidence received in Vancouver as to the inspection of the Empress of Japan.
 Dr. Macnaghton Jones, Dominion Quarantine Officer, who was present, was then called. Mr. Smith read to him the evidence of Capt. Lee and Dr. Temple, of the Empress of Japan, in which it was stated that on the April trip of the Empress he (Dr. Jones) had, after discovering the case of cholera, declared that he had seen the evidence received in Vancouver as to the inspection of the Empress of Japan.
 Dr. Jones emphatically denied the allegation, and declared that he had never seen the steamer from the time she let go anchor and he first went on board until next day, when he took the Chinese ashore.
 Mr. Smith then read Capt. Lee's evidence in reference to the ship, whereas it was stated that the ship anchored off Victoria at 6:07 p.m., and received letter of pratique at 6:30-23 minutes later; during which time the Chinese were all examined.
 Dr. Jones also denied this, and affirmed that it had taken him at least two hours to make the close, careful examination of the Chinese passengers and crew.
 Mr. H. E. Beckwith, customs preventive officer, was next called, but was unable to give accurately the details of the April June trip of the Empress. He stated, however, that the time it took to examine the Chinese would be about an hour, and that he had nearly an hour, and if it had been over an hour he would have noticed the unusual delay. He could not give the exact time when Dr. Jones asked him the clear bill of health for the June trip.
 Mr. William Greig was the next witness called, and by request was allowed to make a statement in narrative style without cross-examination, except at places from the Commissioners. He detailed the various objections he had to vaccination, pronouncing himself as opposed to it for himself and personally affected everyone else in the world were to undergo the operation. His arguments were upon the heads: transmission of disease; impure lymph and lack of beneficial results; and the Commission adjourned for the day he was going extensively into statistics to show that medical opinion was changing every year.
 Mr. Greig will be the first witness called when the Commission meets to-day at 11 o'clock.

ANTI-VACCINATORS' DAY.
The Chief Opponent of the Opposition in Victoria Before the Royal Commission.
Dr. Macnaghton Jones Says that Captain Lee and Surgeon Temple are Mistaken.

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VICTORIA MARKETS.
Preparing for Christmas—Inducements to Farmers—Poultry Imports.
 The local market is very busy just at present, but the operations are preparatory for the Christmas trade.
 There is no change to note in any particular department. Last week's prices prevailed.
 Flour—Portland roller per brl..... \$ 7.75
 Salem..... 7.50
 Delivery per brl..... 8.00
 Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)..... 6.00
 Roller..... 6.75
 Three Stars..... 6.75
 Victoria..... 6.75
 Wheat..... 6.00
 Oats..... 35.00/40.00
 Barley, per ton..... 25.00/30.00
 Bran, per ton..... 10.00/12.00
 Ground Feed, per ton..... 30.00/35.00
 Corn..... 50.00
 Rolled Oats, per lb..... 1.00
 Potatoes, per bushel..... 1.50/2.00
 Hay, baled, per ton..... 18.00/20.00
 Straw, per ton..... 10.00/12.00
 Cauliflower, per doz..... 0.75
 Onions, new..... 2.00/2.50
 Tomatoes, per lb..... 0.50
 Eggs, per doz..... 0.40/0.50
 Butter, per lb..... 0.30/0.35
 Creamery, per 3 lbs..... 1.00
 Cheese, Canadian, per lb, retail..... 15.00/20.00
 Bacon, American, per lb..... 18.00/20.00
 Shoulders, per lb..... 12.00/14.00
 Mutton, per lb..... 10.00/12.00
 Pork, fresh..... 10.00/12.00
 Veal, dressed, per lb..... 12.00/14.00
 Turkey, per lb..... 10.00/12.00
 Geese, per lb..... 10.00/12.00
 Venison..... 5.00/6.00
 Fish—Salmon (Spring), per lb..... 5.00/6.00
 Cod, per lb..... 0.25/0.30
 Haddock, per lb..... 0.25/0.30
 Halibut, per lb..... 0.25/0.30
 Small fish..... 0.25/0.30
 Sausages..... 0.25/0.30
 The B. C. Sugar Refining Company (limited) quote their prices as follows:
 Sugar—Powdered, icing and bar per lb..... 6.00
 Granulated..... 5.50
 Extra C..... 4.50
 Fancy Y..... 4.00
 Yellow..... 3.50
 Above prices are for barrels or bags; half barrels and 100 lb kegs 3c more; boxes 3c more.
 Flour—Finest Golden, in 30 gal brls per 250 lbs, delivered in 10 gal kegs per lb..... 2.25
 do in 5 gal kegs..... 2.25
 do in 1 gal kegs..... 2.25
 do in 1 gal tins, per case of 30..... 6.00

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The directors of the World's Fair have been discussing for some time, in an entirely informal way, however, the advisability of keeping the fair open two seasons instead of one. It is thought a pity that after having spent so much money, with such splendid educational results, it should be open only for three months.

TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS.
Here's a Plan for Making Other Boys and Girls Spend a Merry Christmas.
And a Chance to Make One Boy Remember It All His Life.

All over the world for the next two weeks boys and girls will be wondering what Christmas will bring, guessing what fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters are keeping for a great surprise, and planning what those same fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters would like best for their own surprise on Christmas morning.
 In Victoria the shops are already looking their brightest and prettiest, the Christmas trees are being cut, and the good things go together with by-and-by go into the Christmas pudding. Nowhere will boys and girls fare better than right here at home, for nowhere is old Santa Claus a greater favorite, and nowhere are fathers and mothers kinder to their little broods or more mindful of their joys and pleasures.
 So in just about ten days all the boys and girls of Victoria will be happy in the pleasures of the holidays. They will be giving each other keepsakes and wishing each other Merry, Merry Christmas and many, many more.
 That is, most of the young folks here will be, for there are some who have no fathers or no mothers, and who if they were forgotten by the boys and girls who have would be obliged to go without any Christmas at all.
 "That would never do!" Victoria boys would not feel quite happy Christmas morning if they knew that while they had all the books and toys and candies and oranges that they wanted, and more, too, some other boys just their age had to go without any at all. And Victoria girls would not care so much for their new wax dolls and bonbons on Christmas Day if they thought that there were other little girls at home that couldn't have even a new rag baby for Christmas.
 And some of them won't have any presents unless the boys and girls who can get them for them.
 There are all the poor little people in the Orphan Home. Wouldn't they like some presents from Victoria boys and girls better than a lot of boughten presents that the grown up people would buy at all once, and send to them? Of course they would!
 And the matron of the home would keep every present that the boys and girls brought and give them all to the right ones, and tell them how the givers, who have fathers and mothers, did not forget the children who have none. She might even let all the little ones in her big house hang up their stockings, if there were toys and candies enough to fill them.
 One little boy who was in the home until just a few weeks ago would like a tricycle, oh so much. His name is Walter Wilbey, and his father was one of the first settlers here.
 Walter is a cripple, and has to walk, when he does move about, on a pair of crutches that cut into his arms and make them sore. The doctors have tried their best to cure him, but they say his leg will never be better, and he must always be lame.
 Now a nice little tricycle that he could work with his hands, invalid's tricycles they call them, would make his whole life brighter. He could go to school on it, and he would not get so tired of the crutches cutting into his arms, and he would always be happy to be able to go about the streets in his own little carriage.
 Of course, no one boy or no one girl could give Walter a tricycle for a Christmas present, but if each one gave something it wouldn't be so hard, although tricycles do cost a great deal of money. If one hundred boys and one hundred girls each gave fifty cents they could give Walter a nice tricycle for a Christmas present. Christmas present that would do him good for years, and would do them good, too.
 Let some of the boys and girls write to the Colonist and tell the other boys and girls what they think of the plan.

THE LICENSING BOARD.
Quarterly Business Quickly Disposed of at Yesterday's Session.
 Mayor Beaven, Police Magistrate Macrae, Ald. Hunter and Mr. N. Shakespear, J. P., sat yesterday as a Board of Licensing Commissioners for the city, and disposed of the light list of business presented for their consideration with commendable celerity. The W. C. T. U., for the first time in many months, had no representative present, and the attendance of the general public was limited to half a dozen interested ones. The record of transfers and renewals granted is appended:
 Queen's hotel, Johnson and Store streets, renewal granted.
 Yaltes street, renewal granted.
 Dallas hotel, Dallas road, renewal granted.
 Victoria hotel, Government and Johnson streets, renewal granted.
 American hotel, Yates street, transfer from Stewart & Menzies to John Hamby and F. W. Gilbert, approved.
 Janion hotel, Store street, transfer from Walker & Robinson to Ross & Ferguson, approved.
 "Empire" inn, Wharf street, transfer from J. Meldrum to Ross & Ferguson, approved.
 Albion hotel, Herald street, transfer from R. H. Ward deceased to Chas. J. Russell, approved.
 Ballmoor restaurant, Douglas street, new license granted to F. W. Garland.
 Duck building, Broad street, new license granted to M. C. Brown.
 Chief Sheppard, before the Commissioners left the bench, directed their attention to the fact that in many saloons the doors were left open after 11 o'clock Saturday night, and the places were thronged with people. Still he could do nothing as the Act, as it had been interpreted by Mr. Delyes, during the time he was police magistrate, held that no offence was committed unless the sale of liquor was proved.
 The point was discussed at some length and the superintendent was asked if he thought gambling was going on at any of the licensed saloons.
 He replied that none had been reported to him, though common games of cards might be played, and as he had no complaints to make at present against any particular saloon, the board adjourned.

NOTICE.
 Notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislative Assembly, application will be made on behalf of the Victoria Colonist and Weekly Examiner for the right to publish in the City of Victoria, on the premises owned by the Victoria Colonist and Weekly Examiner, a new newspaper to be known as the "Victoria Colonist and Weekly Examiner," and for the purpose of incorporating a body to hold and manage the said property on such terms as shall be contained in a special Act of the Legislature.
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VANCOUVER.
 VANCOUVER, Dec. 14.—Twisters last Sunday did not text "Judge not lest ye be." And the rich man died, and then they proceeded to scoosh about. Mr. Mainland was a "Vanitas, On Stocks, Bonds, Mortgages." Sunday. Ministers did not much what they said. A cause by announcing that "God any snickers in Heaven." It noted the statement that St. mated for their reverence for for the congregation to the Monday morning, to modify ment, came a letter from Ke to a teacher in the Sun which the Scotch sermon presided Edinburgh, Scotland. A p "I am distressed at the a disregard for holy things. Or the Sabbath day. The places of business are open I will be glad indeed to ret A. St. G. Hammerley in president of the St. George's Sunday school. Wm. Crickm Legg, trass; T. H. Calland. The season's earning li section has closed. Mr. K that the congregation will be a man, whose name could was shot through the hand night in a street light. A innocent causes the m best-wet the bloodthirsty y Miss Deamond, the new Andrew's church choir, is slightly operative but meets approval.

A new lodge of A.O.E.W. on Mount Pleasant to-morrow. A contribution box for home, hung in the post office for the evening of the 14th. Captain Webster, manager Steamship Co., will leave for Seattle.
 The people's popular Saturday evening in the Ma a success. A natural que the beneficiaries? "It const has never been satisfactory. Mrs. Campbell an leased from the smallox b day, the city will be once the plague. Mayor Cope patch from Seattle, where were 17 cases of smallox convalescent. The scourge peering in that city.
 Mr. J. G. Woods, Man Saturday evening, was fully of Chatham yesterday. He a bachelor, but D. V. will the case of the Consum which was set for hearing court on Tuesday, has been owing to the illness of the plaintiff, Mr. McColl.
 F. M. Black, a popular who moved to San Fran cover some time ago, is position. He is very glad his friends are correspondi the first meeting of the was held by Mr. Fowler Pleasant. As nomination there is evidence that Ma be opposed after all in hi
 Percy West, a wait tak city for the past six mo a good position on the E through the exertions of
 Federation with Great the best thing for Canada of St. Andrew's Literary All the water works in cluded this evening and into the houses south of east of Westminster aver False Creek.
 If Sidney was given ment for stealing clothing store. At the police of said that Charles Burchell he (Burchell) hit him. E he was not prowling, and twice before he struck were warned and the case The City band gave in aid of the World's p shortly.
 The annual dinner of society took place at the evening, and was fully of affair which have come places of this society in th
 At the school board meeting the average attendance schools was provided for school, 57,320; Central, 3 254.14; East End, 463.89 218.85.
 Steamship Umatilla at San Francisco.
 C. P. N. steamer D evening from the North for Victoria and 70 tons East, frozen by the new Capt. Jones says the bark Thompson grounded but it had shoaled up du months several feet, and bark could not get over. Chilian bark India has this port, 33 days out fro The Capilano is car Seattle.
 The News-Advertiser places where liquor is sol in Vancouver. It sugge more business, and this better class of these hou
 From the annual report Co. it appears that an Telegram showed a profi early life as a morning ception to make it loo peared to pick up, and al last three months of istence. Some \$7,000 w matters, and this was stock, but the stocke come to the aid of the exception, Mr. Horne, w put up altogether some The morning paper. Th stockholders could decli impunity was owing to company was incorpora act, which provides a holder refuse to pay his first be morally persuade

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