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## GATACRE TELLS THE STORY

Miscalculation of Distance Lands the British Column in an Impossible Position.

#### THE NORTHUMBERLANDS MISSING NUMBER 366

High Praise for Artillery--Irish Fusiliers Distinguish Themselves -- The Canadians at Belmont -- Gen. French's · Troops Still Hold Arundel

plete absence of news from the theatre of war up to this afternoon has increased public anxiety, so deeply stirred by Saturday's disaster.

There is no confirmation of the report of another battle along the Modder riv-

Movements in Natal.

A strange item of news reached here from Boer sources announcing that the Waschhank bridge was damaged. This was taken in some quarters as a possible confirmation of the suggestion that the of Helpmaakar and were preparing to take the Boers north of Ladysmith in

French Holds Arundel.

A message to-day from Naauwpoort dated Monday, 11th, shows that Gen. French had no inclination to withdraw his advanced troops at Arundel, as had been feared might be the result of Gen. sition and seek refuge beyond Vaal Kop. get south of the British column to cut

have to be driven out of the colony before the passage of the Orange River can be commenced.

Advance of Rhodesians.

The Rhodesian force advancing to the relief of Mafeking reached Gaberones Fort on December 2nd and found the Boers had evacuated the place. The Rhodesians are repairing the railroad as estier-Walker:

From Mafeking.

The latest news from Mafeking shows that Col. Baden-Powell has been forced to reduce the rations of the garrison and inhabitants. Water is plentiful, however.

An Expert's Opinion.

The military expert of the Morning Post in this morning's issue has this to say of the reverse: "How so large portions of the two regiments chiefly engaged were captured by the enemy is impossible to say. They had lost only an insignificant number of men killel and wounded, and the serious character of the reverse can only be accounted for by the fact that the men were worn

Boer Tactics.

New York, Dec. 12 .- London has waited eagerly, but in vain, for a further explanation of the cause which led to General Gatacre's defeat, and in their disappointment have turned their attention to speculating on the effect of the reverse. The fact that some of England's best fighters, such as the Northumberland Fusiliers and the Royal Irish were among the defeated, makes the pill doubly hard to swallow. These regiments were considered well nigh invincible in the eyes of the country, and to see them ambuseaded and captured is a sight the average Britisher never thought of be-

A spirit of hope, however, pervaded the masses when it became known that on Saturday reinforcements, consisting of the first three battalions of the Sixth

The military experts see in the outcome of the attack on Gatacre's advance

Division, would be dispatched.

have been learning how to fight the Brit-

They have learned that the British open battles with artillery, thus clearing the ground for a front attack, and they have adapted themselves to these same

tactics by suspending gun fire and holding back rifle volleys until they can be The first savage criticisms directed against General Gatacre are now very some of the good things said of him. When the army left for South Africa it was printed that Gatacre was the strongest of the three division commanders, a seasoned soldier, who had on Saturday next. seen more service than either Methuen

Advance Delayed. New York, Dec. 12.-Summing up the defeat of the British at Stormberg the Herald's London correspondent says that the result is that not only is Gatacre's advance delayed, but also the forward movements of Gen. French from Nanuw-

Another Division, The seventh division, which is being

sent to South Africa. firming the Boers' capture of 50 prisoners from Lord Methuen's column,

have lost 566 killed, 2,027 wounled, and 1.977 missing or prisoners.

For Wives and Children.

received the following from Gen. For-"Capetown, Monday, Dec. 11.-Gat-"The idea to attack Stormberg seemed ment. Boers at Colenso. to promise certain success, but the dis tance was under-estimated by myself

"A poriceman took us round some who fell back across the river. miles, consequently we were marching The kopies were observed to be thick occupied by the enemy. from 9.30 p.m. till 4 a.m., and were

landed in an impossible position. "I do not consider the error intentionthe state of the state of the state of

GATACRE'S DISPATCH.

Boers Wounded Many Men Before They

Reached the Ridges.

London, Dec. 12.—The war office has

acre reports as follows:

changed.

"The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unscaleable hill and wounded a good many of our men while in the open plains.

"The Second Northumberlands tried to turn out the enemy, but failed.

"The Second Irish Fusiliers seized kopje near by and held on, supported by the mounted infantry and Cape police. "The guns under Jeffrey's could not have been better handled, but I regret to say that one gun was overturned in a deep nullah and another sank in quick-

sand. Neither could be extricated in "Seeing the situation, I sent a dispatch rider to Molteno with news and collected and withdrew our force from

ridge to ridge for about nine miles. "The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000

"I am holding Bushmanshook and Cypergat, and am sending the Irish Rifles and North imcerlands to Sterk stroom to recuperate.

"The wounded proceed to Queenstown "The missing Northumberlands number 366, not 306 as previously reported,'

Stevn's Account. Pretoria, Dec. 10.-President Steyn

ed the Boers under Swanepoel and Olivier, and stormed the Boer's entrenched

"After a severe fight they were com-

Reported Fighting on the Modder.

erday in the direction of Modder River.

THE CANADIANS.

Col. Otter Reports Their Safe Arrival

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The following cable was handed to Dr. Borden by Gen. Hut-

Transport Ashore. Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Dec. 12.

-The British transport Denton Grange, with war munitions on board, en route to Cape Colony, is ashore on the south side of the harbor and making water. London, Dec. 12.-General Gatacre

has not yet forwarded the promised message and the censorship has prevented correspondents from explaining the

position than Laing's Nek. The only road winds through lofty hills and flanking is impossible. Colesburg is also said to be an almost impregnable position, and as no troops are available to reinforce the columns acting in those directions, it becomes evident that General cathedral for the men who have fallen in Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State for perhaps some weeks. It is exceedingly on Queentown and to wait for reinforcements, which can hardly reach him un-

in his advance. From Capetown comes the announce- Dublin, presided at a meeting of the cor-

Stormberg and Burghersdorp, which the British destroyed on refiring. manded the Boer forces at Stormberg, war war

obilized at Aldershot, will probably be

of the British campaign may have to be It is just two months since the Transvaal ultimatum was delivered. Nine engagements have been fought; the British

The War Office has issued a notice

that after January 1st a deduction will be made from the pay of the soldiers serving in South Africa, in the cases of privates four pence per day for wives and a penny for each child; in the cases of sergeants eight pence for wives and two pence for each child. These sums have thus far been pa'd by the govern-

Frere Camp Natal, Dec. 11. (Monday) 7 p.m.—The British cavalry reconnoitered to-day abreast of Colenso and exchanged shots with parties of Boers

The railway bridge at Colenso peen competely destroyed. Two stone piers were blown up last night.

The highway bridge is intact. A Boer Report. Pretoria, Dec. 11.-In the fighting at the Boers. Modder River yesterday evening General Cronie maintained his position and captured 50 British soldiers.

The Canadians. Toronto, Dec. 11.-The Globe's war correspondent with the Canadians, Frederick Hamilton, wires from Orange Riv er, under date of Dec. 7th: 'Canadians arrived from De Aar a

Orange River to-day, Thursday." London, Dec. 13.-The following dispatch from General Buller is published by the War Office:

Dispatch from General White, December 11, says: "Last night Colonel Metcalf and five hundred of the Second Rifle Brigade sortied to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the place without being discovered, drove off the enemy

gun cotton. When retreating Metcalf found his retreat barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayonet freely. "The Boer losses were considerable.

"The British losses were the following: Lieut. Ferguson and eleven men killed; Capt. Pale, Second L'eut. Davenport, Second Lieut. Bond and forty-one men Press Comments.

The Times, while praising Colonel Metcalf and his brilliant feat at Ladysmith, expresses the opinion that relief being now so near, such sorties are rather perilous, and it would be better for

The Morning Post again end avois to arouse the British people to a recognition of the "serious nature of the struggle and of the grave position in which matters now stand."

Shelling Mafeking.

A War Office dispatch reports that Mafeking was safe up to Dec. 4th, but that the Boers had shelled the town since Nov. 27th with increased effect. Rations Capetown, Dec. 12.-It is reported that had been considerably reduced, meat by half a pound and bread by a quarter of a pound, in view of a probable long

> Afraid of Bayonets. The Boers fear the British bayonets. This is illustrated in the full accounts now arriving of previous sorties. It seems that in Sr Archibald Hunter's sally from Ladysmith to capture the Boer guns, the British did not carry bay-

onets. While they were storming the hills, the Borrs, suddenly aroused from their sleep, rushed to the edge and open-ed an indiscriminate fire upon the Brit-ish. But just before the British secured a footing on the top of the hill, some one among them shouted. "Fix bayonets and give them cold steel." At this the Boers turned and fled into the darkness. Some Notes.

Albert S. Hay, son of Secretary Hay, and United States consul by appointment to Pretoria, leaves to-day by the

St. Louis for South Africa via Emgland.
A special dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez says a Boer telegram from Mafeking announces that Lady Saran Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlhorough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as a correspondent of the London Daily Mail, has been exchanged for a Boer woman who was a prisoner at Mafeking.

Lord Mayor Newton, the aldermen or the city of London and other prominent officials of the corporation, together with memorial service to be held in St. Paul's

General Gatacre's reverse at Stormberg was joyfully greeted on the streets of probable he will be compelled to retire Herlin, but the newspapers for the most Vossische Zeitung comments in a stram til Sir Charles Warren's division arrives almost friendly, saying: "After the solat the Cape. The first detachments sail dierly virtues which the British have shown in this war, it may well be believ-Even if General French is not compelled that General Gatac:e's troops fought ed to retreat he will be obliged to pause as if on the parade ground." Daniel Tallon, the Lord Mayor

ment that the Boers have succeeded in poration yesterday called to protest the Bloemfontein bridge against the Transvaal war. The clerk declared that there was no quorum, but has been replaced by a Scotchman nam- gression, undertaken by Mr. Chamberlain and capitalists against a handful of erica was "opposed to this iniquitous war." In the meantime members pre sent shouted "no quorum" and "order" and the tumult in the galieries drowned all the speeches. Finally the Lord Mayor left the chair with the galleries cheen

ing for President Kruger.

He is Reported to Be Moving Towards British Possessions in Egypt.

French and Russia Envoys Urge Him to Commence a Cam-

paign Against Britai 1.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec.12.-A cable from Lonthat dispatches received there from Cairo and Rome indicate that certain European powers are endeavoring to embarrass England in her fight against

A Cairo dispatch is quoted as saying: flank and rear. 'Emperor Menelik, of Abyssinia, is moving menacingly towards the British possessions on the White Nile. His camp

is now near Adisabeba." "French and Russ an envoys are with getic campaign agains: British interests; and it is to Buller that the country looks urging him to assert his rights over the Soudan, which the envoys declare rightfully belong to his domain.

SIR G. KILPATRICK DEAD. Former Lieutentant-Governor of On-

tario Passes Away This Morning. (Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 13 .- Sir George A. Kilpatrick, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, died at an early hour this morn-

Kingston, Dec. 13 .- The death of Sir George Kilputrick at Toronto causes deep sorrow in this city, his old home. He was from a British point of view can hardbeloved by all classes of citizens. The ly be over-estimated. funeral takes place to Cataraqui cemetery, where his remains will lie alongside those of the late Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir

Alexander Campbell. GOOD ROADS. (Associated Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 13.-Fifty representative of municipal councils throughout the prov roads movement.

## METHUEN HAS ANOTHER BATTLE

Desperate Fighting Near Modder River Where the British Are Entrenching Themselves.

## WAUCHOPE KILLED

The Boer Trenches Were Shelled on Sunday and at Daybreak on Monday the Troops Advanced to the Attack.

#### BRITISH CASUALTIES WERE HEAVY

Buller is Now Marching Towards Colenso-Serious News From Capetown-Alleged Disloyalty of Cape Ministers Governor Milner About to Take Action.

London, Dec. 13 .- Gen. Methuen's genrult occasioned by the ominous silence | der effective help at this crisis." of the war office was amply justified.

siderable magnitude, and the list of killed and wounded will be proportionate, of his remaining troops, who have been without the compensation which a victory would have brought, if indeed the affair does not turn out to he a more serious defeat than Gen. Methuen ad-

The Highlanders, it is believed, must

Highlanders' rear, looks as though the Boers may even have outflanked their One report declares that Gen. Cronie

attacked the British. Near the Enemy.

The only compensation the British have been able to discover in the disheartening story is in Gen. Methuen's story that he maintains his position close to the Boers, thus arousing the hope that he will retrieve the situation.

Trenches Reoccupied. Apparently the bombardment of Saturday and Sunday did not shake the Boer's grip on their position, and it seems certain that they merely withdrew their guns and riflemen under cover, while Gen. Methuen indulged in the usual artillery preliminaries on Monday, and that when the British guns were obliged to cease firing, owing to the danger of don to the Journal and Advertiser says hitting the advancing troops, the Boers speedily reoccupied their trenches and overwhelmed the High anders with their terrible rifle fire, probably accompanying this by an attack on the British right

Some alarm is expressed at the situation of Gen. Methuen.

Abusing the Government. The Westminster Gazette says: "If him endeavoring to rouse him to an ener- England ever needs a victory it is now.

> for this victory." The other papers abuse the government for its "complacent optimism" and inability to grasp the strength of the

Situation Grave.

Considerable significance attaches to Gen. Methuen's statement that he is entrenching himself, indicating the fear and then destroyed the howitzer with ing. He had been alling for about two that the Boers may follow up their advantage, adopt the offensive and attack him. Indeed the gravity of the situation

> Gen. Methuen's long lines of communication to De Aar are most vulnerable. Should they be cut, Gen. Methuen would find himself in a very tight place if only from lack of supplies.

More Troops Needed.

The Morning Post's military expert in to-day's issue refers thus to Gen. Gat-

acre's defeat: "We urged a month ago

Gatacre's Troops.

withdrawn to good positions along the railway south of Molteno. It is said Bushman's hock is impregnable.

The Boers decline to furnish the they buried the dead, and are sending

no genuine attack was delivered by Gen. Gatacre's troops, who were com

The British apparently rushed up the nearest hill without orders or knowing where the enemy was, and being exhansted from long marches, they were unable to accomplish anything.

Buller's Advance. Gen. Buller's advance in the direction of Colenso seems to have actually com-

and the state of t

The military attaches have left Capetown to join Gen. Buker via Durban. Fever at Ladysmith. Gen. White reports, under the date

menced.

of Tuesday, Dec. 12th, that there are 32 cases of enteric fever at Ladysmith. Cabinet Crisis at Capetown There are renewed reports of a cabinet crisis at Capetown, where it is said that

Governor Milner is about to act in con-

equence of disclosures involving the ministry's lovalty. Saiking of a Transport. The White Star steamer Majestic sails from Liverpool to-day for South Africa with 2,000 troops on board. The

White Star line steamer Cymronic has been chartered for use as a transport. Military Circles Alarmed. As the day proceeded and the driblets of information leaked out, the extreme gravity of Gen. Methuen's position was more fully recognized, and the possibility of his isolation created alarm in military

It is thought in some quarters he would retrace his steps to the Orange River before his lines of communication were seriously severed.

Exchange Depressed.

The stock exchange closed to-day grave and anxious, and there were rumors of further failures. Consols were weak and Kaffrs more depressed than at any time during the present year.

Feeling at the Clubs. There was little excitement noticeable at the war office, but at the clubs and hotels there was considerable gloom

#### WESTERN BORDER.

Another Big Fight Near the Modder River-Methuen Reports Heavy Loss-General Wauchope Killed.

London. Dec. 13.-General Methuen's report from Modder River shows that he met with a serious check on Monday and suffered heavy loss."

Methuen's Dispatch. London, Dec. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Methuen, dated December 12th; "Our artiflery shelled a very strong position held by the enemy in a long, high kopje from four until dusk on Sun-

"It rained hard last night. The Highland Brigade attacked on Monday the south end of the kopie. "The attack was properly timed, but

"The Guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear.

"The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer and artillery, battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the artillery. Guards on the right, supported by field

"They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 1:15 I sent the Gordons to support the Highland Brigade.

The troops held their own in front of the enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending, including the kopje, for a distance of six miles towards the Modder River.

"To-day I am holding my position and entrenching myself.

"I had to face at least 12,000 men. "Our loss was great."

Boer Account.

Pretoria, Dec. 11.-An official repor Mays: AT PARE UNIT CATE OF THE PARE

"A Wittle at Modder River began yes

"Heavy fighting occurred between 3:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. with cannon, Maxims and rifles.

"A bombardment began at 4:30 o'clock and the fighting continued.

"A balloon has just arisen above the British position, where it remained ten minutes and descended.

"At 9 o'clock this morning a further report was received from Modder River. "A dispatch rider brought word that all the Boer positions had been maintained, and that 41 British prisoners had

MAt 9:30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannon fire had somewhat

"The British are constantly using their balloon.

"The fighting was still going on at noon."

General Wauchope Killed. London, Dec. 13.-The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen Forestier-Walker

"Capetown, Dec. 12.-Methuen wires that General Wauchope was killed in action yesterday."

Major General Andrew C. Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., was a distinguished officer of the British army. He was brigadiergeneral commanding the first brigade of the Egyptian expeditionary force in Colenso. 1898. He entered the army in 1865, was promoted colonel in 1888, served in the Ashanti war, 1873, in the Egyptian war, 1882, in the Soudan expedition of 1884, and in the Nile expedition of 1884-85. General Wanchope had been wounded four times, three times severely.

The Late Major-Gen. Wauchope. Major-General Andrew Gilbert Wauchope, C.B., C.M.G., commander of the Third Brigade, was in his 54th year. and joined the Black Watch in 1865. He had been marked out for an important command since 1873, when he served with conspicuous gallantry in the Ashanti tampaign, and was twice severely wounded. He was invariably found in withe thick of the fight throughout the Hood's Sarsaparilla is the Bryotian and Nile campaigns, sustaining severe wounds at Teb and Kirbekan A Moottish laird, he was the opponent of Mr. Gladstone at Mid Lothian.

Gen. Wauchope's selection for South Africa was a deserved recognition of his distinguished services in Ashanti, Cyprus, Egypt, and the Soudan. He was an excellent shot and rough rider.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

Highlanders Were Within 200 Yards withe Boer Entrenchments When the Burghers Opened Fire.

Paris Cherton Company and Paris Pari North of Modder River, Monday, Dec. 11.-The Guards and the Highland Brig-

nouncement that over 300 wounded had Modder River camp, marching in a sul at Pretoria, sailed to day on the St. northeasterly direction. The objective of Louis. Mr. Hay denied that he had the Highlanders was the eastern source received instructions looking to a settleof the Boer position, the Guards follow- ment of the war. ing the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along the river side.

Just before daybreak the Highlanders arrived within 200 yards of the Boer entrenchments at the foot of a hill.

Unsuspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity, the British were still marching in quarter column in close order. when they met a terrible fire from the flanks, and were forced to retreat with

Later the Gordons arrived and the

troops gradually worked their way to

within 300 yards of the Boer position. In the meanwhile a maval gun at the Modder River, the howitzer batteries and the artillery opened a terrific fire enfilading the trenches and searching

every portions of the Boer position.

The Boers were entirely silent. In the meanwhile the Boers on the open ground directly in front moved with the object of making a flank attack, but this was frustrated by the Guards and

The Boers recommenced shelling in the vening, but no damage was done. The British slept on their position.

It is expected there will be a renewal The losses on the British side were

Wounded at Orange River, Orange River, Cape Colony, Dec. 13 .-

have arrived from Modder River. No Further News From Metheun. London, Dec. 13 .- The war office to-

Three hundred and twenty wounded men

day received the following message from Gen. Forestier-Walker: Capetown, Tuesday. Not further details' from Methuen." Troiti From Orange River it is reported that

230 wounded, including 27 officers, have

arrived there from the Modder River. Gatacre's Movements. "Gatacre is moving from Bushman's

Hook to Steikstrom to-day. "The magistrate at Steikstrom wires that the situation there has slightly improved. Many of the missing have turn-

Shelling Boer Position "French reports that a detachment of eavalry, with two guns of the Horse Arion yesterday at Quilfontein and Vaaon eight miles north of Arundel. They shelled a farm and drove the enemy

'The Boer loss was one killed and eral wounded. Our loss nill."

Kimberley Quiet. Pretoria, Dec. 11.-Kimberley is sti

### IN NATAL.

The Relief of Ladysmith - General Barton's Brigade is Now in a Strong Position Near Colenso.

London, Dec. 13.-A dispatch fro Frere Camp, dated Tuesday, says: "This morning a union brigade, under Gen. Barton, advanced without opposition and took up a strong position near

The Kaffirs.

New York, Dec. 13.-A special from Pietermaritzburg to the World dated resterday, says one thousands Kaffirs have been sent forward to aid the Brit-

Consul Hay Sails. New York, Dec. 13 .- Adelbert Hay,

#### "The Least Hair Casts a Shadow.

A single drop of poison blood will, unless checked in time, make the whole impure. great leader in blood purifiers. It casts no shadow, but brings sunwhine and health into every household. Running Sore My mother was troubled with rheumatism in her knee for a number of years, and it broke out into a running sore. She took three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and is now well. Hood's Olive Ointment helped to heal the sruption." Mrs. John Farr, Cloverlawns,

Rheumatism-"I was badly afflicted with sciatic rheumatism. Consulted doctors without relief. Was persuaded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and five high me relief and enabled works as WILLIAM R. ROACH, Margar tville. A. S.



WERE CANADIANS ENGAGED? The state of the s

Military Authorities at Ottawa Have Not Received any News From Otter Since Monday. 0/20

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 13.-A rumor was cur-Modder River fight, and that some of its members suffered. Laquiry at the mintary department, however, failed to elicit of some rising ground and gallantly held anything more than what was received

Anxious for News. Ottawa, Dec. 13 .- The department of persons asking for information about

Mr. Chamberlain has cabled the militia department asking for a list of the Canadian centingent, so as to have in at the War Office in case of casualties.

### Boer Losses **Were Terrible**

Prisoners, Inform Methuen That Some Corps Were Completely Wiped Out.

British Troops Are Now Securely Entrenched Near the Modder River.

903 7 000 Correspondents Tell of the Fight and the Execution by noticed artillery. The C

Ten H age? London, Dec. 13.-Telegraphing from Capetown Gen. Forestier-Walker sends the following dispatch from Gen. Methuen, dated Modder River, December 12th. 7.30 p.m.:

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security. "I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our meniwith the ambulance who talked with the Boers that the enemy's losses were terrible, corps being completely wiped out. "The Boers have been most kind to

Highlanders Lost Heavily. North of Modder River, Dec. 11 .-When the Highlanders met two hundred were mown down. The ford a retreat. Black Watch Regiment on reforming was only able to muster 140.

The Boers also lost severely in the trenches and also in the wire entanglement when they came into the open in They are believed to have been at least an attempt to make a flank movement on the British.

The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer rifles until nearly 4 o'clock in the after noon when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopie. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to the attack close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades of the High and Brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrapne fire as the British advanced and it was found physically impossible

to take the Boer trenches. The British got within 200 yards but could not get nearer. It was thought that Col. Downham fell.

The Boers had free recourse to barb wire entanglements which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the artillery fire.

A detachment of Boers posted among some thick bushes to the east maintain ed a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent for taking cover which the Boers always display, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible: and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, their rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed; that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assaudt.

Aut the first advance of the Highland the condition of affairs at Dalagoa Bay. es the Boers' shooting, probably, owing the darkness was somewhat high, therwise the British losses would have en still heavier,

Marquis of Winchester Dead. ho was mortally wounded. The wounded include Lieut,-Col, A. E.

Guards.

odrington and Capt. Sterling, both of

the First Batta ion of the Coldstream

aduthe basic and the own plat er or the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the konder to THE DEAT - A rich lady, cured of were guarded by a double line of barbed her Deafness and Noises in the Head by bayonet attack. and trenches

il-coted fire of "O cuns, including a paval gun and . non-tyer battery, both usilyddite. I believe they inflicted severe New York, U. S. A.

and fear was expressed that the an- ade early last night moved from the the newly appointed United States con- damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among 40 men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, caus-

> Complete Destruction. The Boers are still in larger force than we found them at Modder River, outmimbering us by almost three to one The Transvaalers are apparently domin-

Julian Ralph, telegraphing to the same

paper, says: "The Boers were entrenched at Magerstantein four miles from Modder River. At dawn Monday the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in The greater part of the fearful ingle minute. Startled and overwhelm d. the brigade retired quickly, but soon ralled and retained their positions. This was on the left. On the right the Guards brigade advanced across the reldt against the outside trenches and Fought an Invisible Foe

for 15 hours. At 11 in the morning the The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then entiladed them. We aked the Boer trenches throughout the The fighting only ceased with

Another Division to be Sent. London, Dec. 14.—The Associated Press understands that the war office resterday (Wednesday) decided, in view tein, to mobilize the English division in

to the Cape, Certain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with militia, and if neces sary volunteers will be called to take the place of the militia at home. It is also likely that the militia reserve will sent out to join their respective bat ions, and the war office intends to der four more battalions of militia for ermanent duty".

The Times says: "At least 30,000 additional mer, must be sent out. The en tire available reserve must be called out and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to in crease the local colonial forces and farther offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and aceented."

The Standard, which comments upor the "seemingly astonishing number of Boers," is driven to the conjecture that a substantial portion of the Boer commandos have been recruited from the Cape Dutch. It continues: "All eves are turned hopefully to Gen. Buller, who taking into account the troops with Gen. White at Ladysmith, has altogether 30,000. At this moment there must be few men in Her Majesty's do minions who have as great a weight of care upon them as Gen. Buller carries

The Morning Post says: "We have had let us accept it humbly and nobly, and be better and stronger for the lesson it has taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt in Europe, There was never a more ant occasion to prove Europe what we are worth," The Boer Position.

A correspondent thus describes the position Lord Methuen assaulted: "Magersfontein range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchments are all around this whole front. The position is some two miles long due east and west. The western ends of the trenches ous point blank fire of the Boers about follow the contour of the kopies and af-

It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men tured. and perhaps more. No reliable estimate

Armored Train Attacked. London, Dec. 14,-A special dispatch from Pretoria, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, says: "While the battle of Magersfontein was proceeding the Free State artillery engaged an armored train along the railway line towards Belmont.

"Forty-one prisoners belonging to the First Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders have just traversed Jacobsdall "In the last attack on Surprise Hill three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed and several others were wounded, causing great sorrow here."

Shelling Ladysmith. Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 12.-The Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrible.

Charge Against Ministers.

London, Dec. 13 .- A Central News disnatch says that the Schreiner ministry at the Cape gave passes to the Orange Free States pupils attending colonial colleges who wanted to go home and fight the British. As a result, Sir Alfred Milmer, governor of Cape Colony, is considering the dismissal of Schreiner and his colleagues.

Situation at Delagoa Bay London, Dec. 14.-The Times Capeown correspondent says: "There is great dissatisfaction

Lorenzo Marquez is rapidly becoming a regular Transvaal emporium and becoming the headquarters for Transvaal agents of ever th other agents anodder River, Dec. 13.—The British and with report ficulty of pre-is at Winchester, major of the Second attalion Coldstrants (1997). and marrials required for the state worked mines, explusives for the gov Sattation Coldstream Guards, who was worked miles, explusives for the gov-illed, and Col. Downham, of the First ernment factory and even of actual am-sattation of the Gordon Highlanders. munition, has been cormously increased by the practical impossibility of conducting thorough searches of foreign vessels professedly conveying food. The course adopted by the Imperial government is regarded as tending sociously to prolong London, Dec. 14 he Daily Mail's case are unable to trale with the enemy. Delagon Bay, in the resent state of affairs, is more useful to the Boers than actually in Transvaal sterrithe war and to benefit toreign shippers if it were actually in Transvaal terri-

evidently for fear of our storming Dr. Nicholson's Artificial Bar Drums, has sent from to his Institute, so that deaf person minime to procure the Ear Drums ... The frestitute, 780 Eighth avenue.

# CASUALTIES

Killed, Wounded and Missing in the Engagement at Magersfontein Number Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two.

### HIGHLAND BRIGADE'S HEAVY LOSSES

Gatacre Reports 22 Soldiers Dead and 59 Wounded-Unconfirmed Pespatch From Pietermaritzburg Says Ladysmith Has Been Relieved.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.-While the outwardy calm attitude of the press and people here during the present crisis commands admiration, there is an under-current of intense indignation against the war ceived: office, and the government, which threatens to have a serious addition in the blunders of the generals and the further evidence of the break-down of the transport and intelligence departments, which

are daily coming to light. It was freely predicted this morning, even in high military circles, that the campaign would last until June.

Reinforcements Demanded. The afternoon newspapers of

shades of politics follow the morning papers in facing the situation courageously, Lieut. Waterhouse. and in demanding the immediate dispatch of reinforcements.

Another Division Mobilized

The war office announces that ixth division has been mobilized and four of the battalions will have embark-

The mobilization of the seventh divison has also been approved.

Modder River - Gatacre Lost 22 Killed and 59 Wounded.

London, Dec. 14.—An official gives the total number of killed, wound ed and missing of all arms in the on gagement of Sunday and Monday, north of Modder River as 817.

Of the officers 15 were killed and 47 younded, while five are said to be mi ing and one is known to have been cap-

Revised List.

London, Dec. 14.-A revised list of British casualties at Magersfontein places the number at 832.

Casualties Among Highlanders. London, Dec. 14.-The war office has received a message stating that there were 650 casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein.

it is in Nature generally. It is the time of promise. As the young girl draws near to that mysterious line "Where womanhood and girlhood meet," her whole destiny is in a measure being determined. How often the sweet is

the change, withlike some blighted bud. Nature generally needs son little help at this critical periodyand this help in its best form is con-Pierce's Favorite Prescription, It establishes regu-larity, and gives the vigor of per-fect health to the womanly organs. It contains no alcohol, neither opi-um, cocaine, nor other narcotic.

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Miss Emma Lec. of
Williford, Sharp Go.
Ark., writes: "I was
suffering severely and
tried several doctors'
remedies, but received
only very little relief;
therefore, I feel it my
duty to write and let
other sufferers know what your 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Discovery' and
'Picasant Pélleta,' have done for me. I took
eight bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and
'Golden Medical Discovery,' six vials of the
'Pelleta,' also one bottle of your 'Compound
Extract of Smart-Weed.' As soon as I had taker
the first bottle I could see that the medicin
was helping me. I had disease of internal or
gabs with bronchitis and catarrh. I also used
the local treatment you suggested."

The sluggish liver can be cured use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pelleta,

The brigade lost ten officers killed 38 wounded and four missing.

Officers Killed and Wounded The following list of officers killed or wounded at Magersfontein has been re-

Highland Brigade. Killed-Gen. Wauchope, Lieut.-Col. J H. C. Code, Col. J. H. C. Goode, Capt. Elton, Lieut. Edmonds, Capt. J. R.

Clark, Lieut. Cox, Capt. Cowan, Capt. Lamberton, Lieut.-Col. Goff, Major Robinson, Capt. Wingate and Lieut. Cowie. Wounded-Col. Kelham, Major Berkeley, Major Duff, Capt. Featherstonehaugh, Capt. Noyes, Capt. Wolfe-Murray, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Campbell Capt. Gordon, Capt. McNab, Lieut. the Hon, W. C. Baillie, Lieut. Scott and

Many of the above mentioned officers were dangerously wounded.

Second Royal Highlanders-Wounded Lt. Wauchope, Major Cuthbertson, Captain Cameron, Lt. St. J. Harvey, Lt. Berthrony, Lt. Tait, formerly amateur golf champion,

Missing-Captain, the Hon. Cumming Bruce, Captain Macfarlane Lt. Ramsay, The Marquis of Winchester, of the Coldstreams, was killed.

Captain J. Sterling, Lieut.-Col. Codrington and Major the Hon. W. Lambton, of the same brigade were wounded. Of the rank and file six were killed

and forty-six wounded. Gatacre's Losses.

London, Dec. 14.-The war office has eceived from Gen. Gatacre the following list of casualties furnished by a correspondent, who was permitted to visit the Boer camp with the chaplains, and is

believed to be reliable: wounded Second Northumberlands-12 killed, 27

wounded. All the above wounded men are prison-

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ARTILLERY'S BRILLIANT WORK. Guns Served Unflinchingly Under a Galling Fire From the Boers.

-0-Modder River, Dec. 12.-Details gathered from the wounded show that the British artillery divided the honors with the Scotsmen. The batteries worked unflinchingly under a galling fire.

According to a Boer account a single British shell killed and wounded over 70 Boers. Two other shells that burst, over two bodies of Boers ensconced beyoud the range did fearful damage, A Seaforth Highlander says while ly-

ing wounded on the field he saw a Boer, of typical German appearance, fau'tlessly dressed, walking along the art hills picking off the British. He was quite alone and used field glasses. IN NATAL.

Pietermaritzburg Dispatch Tells of the Relief of Ladysmith, but the Report is

Not Credited. London, Dec: 1.-(3:35 p.m.)-A spec ial dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, says General Buller and General Clery have entered Ladysmith, and have captured ten thousand Boers.

Montreal Receives the News. Montreal, Dec. 14.-The Bank of M real received a cable this morning London that Ladysmith had be

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Under Fire. . 14.—A dispatch from the British camp at Frere, dated Dec. 12th, tills of the arrival of Sir William MacCormack and several hundred am-

At the time the dispatch was sent the Boers were still shelling Ladysmith, though the news a day or two before

Roberts Summoned to London, New York, Dec. 1.-A World cable says Lord Roberts, commander-in-chier of Her Majesty's forces in Ireland, has been hastily summoned to London, and Her Majesty's Grief.

New York, Dec. 1.-A London cable declares Her Majesty is continually Ladysmith, Oct. 27.—"Come to meet sending to the War Office for information concerning South africa, and breaks ment in his voice; "what on earth for?" tion concerning South Africa, and breaks down under the weight of sorrow. General Wauchope's Widow,

London, Dec. 14.-The Queen has sent a message of deep condolence to the widow of General Wauchope.

Churchill Escapes. Lorenzo Marquez, Dec. 14.-Winston Churchill has escaped from Pretoria. Another Canadian Dead.

London, Dec. 14.-Private Chappel, of the Royal Canadians, died of tonsilitis at Belmont, Cape Colony, on Dec. 12th. Rise in Stocks.

London, Dec. 14.-On the stock exchange to-day at two-o'clock, Kand mines suddenly jumped up £1 on the ru-mors that General Clery had entered Ladysmith, and that General Buller had captured three thousand Boers. No News of Canadians.

have been received by the Minister of or so have covered the seventeen miles Militia nor Major-General Hutton from the Canadian contingent. Major Drummond is supposed to be does not mean that the Canadians have been moved to the front, because it has

been known for some time that Drum-mond was with Mechuen. WEATHER IN THE NORTH Is Very Mild-Work on Mines Hindered and Mails Delayed.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Mr. Ogilvie, in his report under date 8th December, to the department of the interior, says: "The still running in the creeks. In consequence of this work in the mines is greatly hindered and the roads are in bad condition. This, has caused some delay in getting the mails through. As soon as it freezes up and there is sufficient snow for sleighing, the mails will go through without difficulty."

P.E.I. ELECTIONS.

(Associated Press.) Charlottetown, Dec. 14.-Bye-elections for the provincial house, held on Wedand fourth-district of Queens, resulted in the election of A. A. McLean, Q.C., in the fourth district of Queens, 58 majority, and A. P. Prowse, son of Sencheerily; mules, linked in fives, were tor Prowse, in the fourth district of Kings, defeating Attorney-General Mc-Kinnon by 21 of a majority.

The result leaves the House 15 opposition, 14 government, besides the Speaker. It is probable the government ers, government, is in British Columbia

(Associated Press.) liams, of Mississippi, the result of a derer at his home-coming. consultation among Democratic leaders, and is understood to express their gen-

Montreal, Dec. 14.-News was received here to-day from Havana announcing that Captain Thomas Hay Browne, son This pass, crevicing under the solid feetof John James Browne, a well known of two great stony kopies, was the only stampeded also. architect, formerly connected with the place the Boers would be fikely to try Royal Scots of this city, died yesterday their luck at. It was covered; already from vellow fever. Deceased was engi- the Dundee column was all right. neer for the Havana Electric Kallway

Company.
Lewis Cohen, arrested in Halifax, No. S., last night, charged with obtaining \$5,000 worth of clothing under talse pretences from Montreal houses, was brought here this afternoon. He will stand his trial here.

MGR. FALCONIO'S APPOINTMENT

(Associated Press.) Rome, Dec. 14.—The Pope has

Perfect Health.

Four years ago Annie Patterson, of Sackville, N. B., had a very severe attack of La Grippe, which left her with a very acute form of stomach trouble. She had about given up hope of a permanent cure when South American Nervine was recommended to her. She procured it, and in a very short time experienced wonderful relief. After taking six bottles she was absolutely cured. She says: "I believe it to be the most effective remedy for stomach trouble in the market.

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co. Have no equal as a prompt and positive cure for sick headache, biliousness, consti-pation, pain in the side, and all liver trou-bles. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Try

## The Story of the War

was that they had stopped using their From Capetown to Pretoria, by the Author of "With Kitchener to Khartoum."

> Mr. G. W. Steevens Tells the Story of Nicholson's Nek.

It was on October 25th, about five which runs east from Ladysmith. By the stream below the hill he had just trotted down, and choking the pass be-yond, wriggled the familiar tail of was ons and water-carts, ambulances, and in new harness. A couple of squadrons mud from their wheels, but war-worn of Lancers had off-saddled by the roadside, a phalanx of horses topped with agine their damp muzzles were dripping furled red and white pennons, Half a blood. You could count the horses' battalion of green kilted Gordons sun-ribs; they looked as if you could break ned their bare knees a little lower down; them in half before the quarters. But a company or two of Manchesters back- they, too, knew they were being cheered; boned the flabby convoy. The staff offi- they threw their ears up and flung all cer could not make out what in the world the weight left them into the traces.

He had pushed on from the Dundee column, but it was a childish superstition to imagine that the Dundee column could possibly need assistance. They had only marched thirty odd miles on Monday and Tuesday; starting at four in Ottawa, Dec. 1.-No further advices the morning they would by two o'clock that would bring them into camp, fifteen miles

At his urgency they sent the convoy

back. I rode on miles through the openest country I had yet seen hereaboutsa basin of wave-like veldt, just growing thinly green under the spring rains, spangled with budding minosa-thorn. Scarred here and there with the dry water-courses they call sluits, patched with heaves of wire fenced down, livened with a verandah, blue cactus hedged farmhouse or two, losing itself finally weather in the Yukon territory is un- in a mazy fairyland of azure mountains precendentedly mild and the water is : -this valley was the nearest approach to what you would call a smiling country I had seen in Africa.

Eight miles or so along the road I came upon the Border Mounted Rides, saddles off, and lolling on the grass. All farmers and transport riders from the northern frontier, lean, bearded, sun-dried, framed of steel and whipcord, sitting their horses like the riders of the Elgin marbles, swift and cunning as Boers, and far braver, they are the Heaven-sent type of irregular troopers. It was they who had ridden out and nesday, in the fourth district of Kings | made connection with the reutrning colmn an hour before.

Two miles on I dipped over a ridge-

Being Zigzagged Frowardly down to water. The Royal Irish Fusiliers had loosened their belts, but not their sturdy bearing. Under their horses' peal to the country as neither side Presently came up a subaltern of the letters of their wives and mothers that DEMOCRATS AND PHILIPPINES. command of the advanced troop of the oners' camp on Pretoria race course. and the convoy, and how he shoved the the night of Sunday, October 29th, No. Washington, Dec. 14.-A resolution troop along when the drag was taken 10 Mountain Battery, four and a half was introduced in the House of Repre- off! Now he was laughing and talking companies of the Gloucestershire Regi- Bings. sentatives to-day by Representative Wil- and listening all at once, like a long wan- ment, and six of the Royal Irish Fusi-

lighting Their Bivouac Fires.

Presently I met the rest of the Gordons, swinging along the road to crown Ladysmith was very black. The great in an advanced position; suit.

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Another circumstance which increased opened fire from Mattowa's Hoek. Our rare among mice than football active made it too warm the heavens, then down to the whole circumstance which increased about a quarter of an hour before the suspicion of the police was that gunn's very quickly made it too warm the circumstance which increased the new and in the suspicion of the police was that gunn's very quickly made it too warm the circumstance which increased the new and in the suspicion of the police was that gunn's very quickly made it too warm the football active made it too warm nounced the appointment of Mgr. Fall to a wall. Ladysmith streets were ankle held their own with little loss.

was up they were fed by their sister bat- with great accuracy. talion, the 2nd, and had begun to unwind their putties." But what a sight! ed white flag!

men's legs were Embedded in a Serpentine Cast of clay. As for their boots, you could of their humiliation they could still sting picions.

feet. Red mud, yellow mud, black mud, the end, thrust up his incautious head to brown mud—they lifted their feet toli-see where they were, and got a buffet somely; they were land plummets that through it. Some of them said they lost had sucked up specimens of all the their whole firing ine; others no more heavy, sticky soils for fifteen miles. Offi- than nine killed and sixteen wounded cers and men alike bristled stiff with a But what mabers it withher they fost week's beard. Rents, in their khak! showed white skin; from their grimed

them half red men, half soot-black. Eyelids hung fat and heavy over hollow cheeks and pointed cheek-bones. Only guns, were captured by the enemy. the eye remained-the sky-blue, steelkeen, hard, clear, unconquerable Engtook it, full measure, in kindness. As lish eye to tell that thirty-two miles Ackins had tended their without rest, four days without a square Wounded, and Succoured meal. six nights-for many-without a

diers at the end. That was the beginning of them; but the others, more prudent as, well as they were not all in till the middle of the more humane, decided to send them back afternoon-which made thirty-six hours into Ladysmith." They gave the whole on their legs. The Irish Fusiliers tramp- men water out of their own bettles; ed in at lunch time going a bit short they gave the wounded the blackets off some of them, nearly all a trifle stiff on their own suddles and slept themselves the feet-but solid, square, and sturdy on the naked reldt. They were short of miles out on the Helpmakaar road, from the knees upward. They straightened up to the cheers that met them, with Martinis; yet they gave captured guns—not the sleek creatures of Laffan's doolies, and spare teams of old mules Plain, rough with earth and spinning Then they set to singing doleful hymns,

> Through fire, water, and earth the Dundee column had come home again. G W STEEVENS

Ladysmith, Nov. 1. The sodden tents hung dankly, blackgrey in the gusty, rainy morning. At the entrance to the camp stood a sentry; half-a-dozen privates moved to and fro. Perhaps half-a-dozen were to be seen in all-the same hard, thick-set bodies that Ladysmith had cheered six days before as they marched in, square shouldered through the mud, from Dundee. The same bodies but the elastic was out of Gordon Dies them and the brightness was not in their eyes. But for these few, though it was an hour after reveille, the camp was cold and empty. It was the camp of the

An officer appeared from the mess tental -pule and pinched. I saw him when he came in from Dundee with four sleep-less nights behind him; this morning he was fer more haggard. Inside were one other officer, the doctor, and the quartermaster. That was all the mess, exceit a second Mentenant, a boy just green from Sandhurst. He had just arrived from England, aflame for his first regiment and his first campaign. And this was the regiment he found.

They had been busy half the night packing up the fost officers' kits to send Down to Durban. Now they were packing their own; a regiment 220 strong could do with a smaller camp. The mess stores laid in at Ladysmith stood in open cases round the tent. All the small luxuries the careful mess president had provided against the hard campaign had been lost

at Dundee. Now it was the regiment was lost, and there was nobody to eat the timed meats and pickles. The com-mon words "Natal Field Force" on the boxes cut like a knife." In the middle of the tent, on a table of cases, so low that to read it you must sit on the ground, were the japanned tin plates and mugs for five men's breakfast hive out of five-and-twenty. Tied un in a water bellies lay the diminished 18th Hussars. proof sheet were the officers' letters—the returned just too late to rejoin before the and miles from home. The men they line was cut. They had put him in wrote to were on their way to the pris-Lancers, and how he cursed the infantry A miserable take is best told badly. On impression among the police officers that Octain ers on our left and the 5th Lan-

shots flying-and the battery mules from them.

caked; say, rather, that there may have for a long time the soldiers refused to he claimed to have secured them from a been a core of puttle inside, but that the heed it. Careless now of life, they were medical student. This evidence of moral aftering their sights, aiming coolly by the half-minute together. At the nadir feature which strengthened police susonly infer them from the huge balls of —as that new-come Boer found who, de- Gordon was about 62 years of age. A service of the serv

one or one million? The consed white flag was up again over a British force hands and heads you might have judged in South Africa. The best part of a thousand British soldiers, with all their arms and equipment and four mountain The Boers had their revenge for Dundee and Elandslaagte in war now they

stretch of sleep, still found them solsuccoured him nere. One commandant wished to send the wounded to Pretoria; mules for the hospital panniers and captured Lee-Metfords for splints. A man was rubbing a hot sore on his head with a half-crown; nobody offered to taketit from him, Some of them asked soldiers for their embroidered balts as mementoes of the day. "It's got my money in it," replied Tommy-a little surly, small wonder-and the captor said

> of praise under trees. Apparently they were not especially elated. They believed that Sir George White was a prisoner. They said that they had Rhodes, shut up in Kimberley, and would hang him when they caught him.
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> That on their side—and on ours? We ter to her enemies.-G. W. Steevens in the London Daily Mail.

THE THAT COME TO STATE OF THE PARTY AND THE Under Sentence of Two Months Imprisoament for Theft of Tebacco Pipe. Consequence Tree the

Hemorrhage Ends a Strange Career Did He Murder Mrs. Bings?

The death occurred at the provincial just this afternoon of Daniel McDonald Gordon, popularly known about town as claimed to have been a non-con ed officer at one time in the 93rd Sutherland Highlanders

imprisonment a few weeks ago for the theft of a tobacco pipe, which he claimed to have recovered in his capacity as a

hour later.

Supt. Hussey hurried out to the jail upon being notified of Gordon's condition and endeavored to secure from him a statement, but he was then too far. statement, but he was then too far anxious to talk.

the man knew more than he cared to tell cers on our right.

off! Now he was laughing and taking and taking and listening all at once, like a long wanand listening all at once, like a long wanderer at his home-coming.

No use waiting for sensational stories among these men, going about their among these men, going about their they were to operate on the enemy's they were to operate on the enemy's and listening all at once, like a long wanderer at his home-coming.

Bings.

A few days after that event he proffered his services to the police engaged on the gase as a private detective and while they were working upon it haunt
they were to operate on the enemy's leadily one fellows were ment that the Glur's a some seven miles on the gase as a private detective and the case filly banish sleep from your even a mouse fillows.

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search of his cabin and found under his bed a number of filthy garments in a tub of water, but they were so filthy and peded. They dashed back on to the battle had evidently been in the water so long the dashed back on to the battle further to the left at the carbinage of the carbon and found under his straggling back to reform under the slight cover they were able to obtain. Then there is the well-known fact that the carbon a little further to the left at the carbon and found under his straggling back to reform under the slight cover they were able to obtain. Then there is the well-known fact that the carbon and found under his slight cover they were able to obtain. Then there is the well-known fact that the carbon and the carbon peded. They dashed back on to the bath had evidently been in the water so long almost the same moment. ery mules; there was alarm, confusion, that it was impossible to learn anything almost the same ununent.

Another Fierce Fight.

If the man did know anything of the However, in the face of a flank attack On that the officer in command appears to have resolved to occupy the and the officers cherished the hope that ordered to make on this side, with the latter's hopes of capturing the latter's nearest hill. He did so, and the men some day further information might be aid of the Natal Mounted Rifles. the spent the hours before dawn in protect- extorted from him. This was what Boers gradually withdrew to their hilling themselves or breast- caused Superintendent Hussey to hurry sides, but not before a fierce fight had
works of stones. At dawn is hour helfthe heights on either side the nek. Com- works of stones. At dawn, about half- to the juil when the intelligence was re- taken place around the base of a kopie disappear in a hole just as the cat is

night and rain storm. It stung like a men, shooting sparely because of the Victoria West, when leaving the railroad Again we appeared to drive the Boers If you once understood the nature of while last, to meet it was like riding inloss of the reserve ammunition, at first bridge at the far end met a man a deto a wall. Ladysmith streets were ankle held their own with little loss.

Victoria west, when reavely the bridge at the far end met a man a deback to the billy des beyond Tinta Inyomice you need have no trouble with
to a wall. Ladysmith streets were ankle held their own with little loss.

Scription of whom corresponded to Gorni; but again the advantage was more
them. Banish from your house every nounced the appointment of Mgr. Fal. to a wall, Ladysmith streets were ankle conic. Apostolic delegate to Canada, as deep in half an hour; the camps were Metropolitan of Larino.

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WHEN HOPE'S GONE

Life's Not. Worth The Living South And Formula of the Control of the Contr put at over 2,000 strong. They divided fancied she heard a scream from the disconnection of the railroad trestle. She stopand and "snived" our men fer all they were from the klopies in rear, shooting at ped and listened but the high wind prestinging cataract and spongy loam and [1,000 yards into the open rear of the glassy slime!

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They divided the railroad trestle. She stopand and "sni before next morning was grey in came advanced companies were ordered to fall ed on. A woman whom she believes to hills, from which we could drive men, the 1st Rifles. They plashed uphill to back; up to now they had lost hardly a have been Mrs. Bings crossed the bridge but which we could not destroy, blazed their blue-roofed buts on the southwest man; but once in the open they suffered, at the same time as herself, and it was out a couple of parting shots that shriektheir blue-roofed huts on the southwest man; but once in the open they suffered, at the same time as herself, and it was side of the town. By the time the sun The Boers in rear picked up the range, likely that it was her dying scream that the railway.

Their putties were not soaked and not It is some sneaking consolation that portions of a female's organs, although sitting up we'l behind their breastworks, pervision, coupled with the heinous and terrible nature of the crime, was another

### he battle of Reitfontein

Saving the Glencoe Column-Gloucesters in a Hail of Lead.

Another Letter From the Cor respondent of the London Morning Leader.

Ladysmith, 25 Oct., 1899: The clatter of cavalry, the dull rumb ling of artillery, and the steady tramp toria, as Had been acticipated. day. We had heard on Monday that a transport, and they were mostly armed fresh lot of Boers had put in an appear ance at Elandslaagte, and had even fired upon one of our burying parties.

Expecting an engagement on the field which our men had so gallantly won on Saturday, I hurried off after the column, which was compos d of the Gloucesters, the Liverpools, the King's Royal Rifles, the Devons, the 42rd and 53rd Field Batthe Devons, the 42rd and our Fleid Bat-teries Reyal Artillery, the 10th Moun-tain Battery, the 5th Larcers, the 19th bly has elected Walther Hauser, Radical Hussars, the Imperial Light Horse, the of Wadensweil, Zurish to the president teries Reyal Artillery, the 10th Moun-Natal Carbineers, the Natal Mounted of Switzerland for 1900. He was vice Rifles and the Mounted Border Rifles. | president during 1899.

I had not been out long before I learned that we were moving with a very different object. A concentration of troops at Ladysmith having been decided upon the Glencoe column was making its that on their side—and on ours? We tought them all that morning in a fight that for the moment may wait. At the end, wifen the targe truth could be withheld no more—what shame! What bifter shame for all the camp. All ashamed for End and! Not of her mover that!——but the camp of the camp over the Dundee road. They had to be moved to allow the gallant garrison which was marching from Glencoe to way down country to join our camp. The reinforced the Boers at Elandslaagte if ency, was anticipated for some days, owon Saturday, held a threatening position over the Dundee road. They had to be moved to sllow, they gallant garrison which was marching from Glencoe to come nto Ladysmith without having to fight its way.

the desired end. Just near Modder Spru't the Hussars sary of the death of the greatest Am and Lancess came in touch with about erican. 1,500 Boers, who were well posted along a strong ridge on the left of the rail-way line. The Carbineers who were some distance ahead, drew the fire of a Boer gun on Mattowa's Kop, Twelve shots were fired after the volunteer cavalry as they rode out of range, but only one exploded, and even that did no

damage. Silenced for the Time. Our artillery was waiting on the high road to the left of the railway line till the Boer position was defined. They soon discovered the whereabouts of another gun, as the Boers put a shell right into the midst of the 42nd Battery. It

didn't explode, and only one horse was wounded. Three shells from the 42nd silenced this Boer gun, but only tempor-Sergeant Gordon, from the fact that he arily, for the wretched thing gave us claimed to have been a non-commission, an awful startler at the finish.

Gordan was sentenced to two months' side of the valley beyond. to have recovered in his capacity as a private detective.

The cause of deadt was a severe hemorrhage which seized him this afternoon, and from which he died about half an hour later.

Gradually our artillery crept closer and closer, Their fire must have been destructive if the Boers kept at all together, but I am afraid fley were too much "all over the place" for our fire to have been so deally as its accuracy to have a country to satisfy the animal is not the true explanation. In the country of the country of

will appeal to the country as neither side regiment, who had been on leave and had arrived that morning seven thouse gone to give one, although the seemed After a good two hours' shelling of terry of mice.

the man knew more than he cared to tell about the murder of the late Mrs.

Bings.

Bings.

The man knew more than he cared to tell cers on our right.

It then appeared that the ridge immediately in front of us—known as the a noise with them, knowing that the care to say domestic use. He merely in the care to say domestic use. pinos and watners the forces, provided the independent government refunds the \$20,000,000 paid by the United States to Spain, gives a suitable naval and coaling station, and grants in perpetuity free access to the ports.

MONTREAL MEMS.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—News was received.

Montreal, Dec.

ing through I noticed—and the kilted past four, they were attacked, at first ceived of Gordon's illness, but, as the near Perworth and Reid's farm. To Highlanders noticed, too, they were lightly. There were two companies of foregoing indicates, without tangible restaining out all night—that the sky over the Gloucesters in an advanced position; sult.

Reitfontein was nothing like so interest- Agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

laagte on Saturday. As a tactical movment it was eminently successful. It has enabled us to join hands with the Glencoe column to-day. formed a ser Merchantt E. W. S.

"FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

(Associated Press.) Austin Tex., Dec. 14.—News from Ortiz, state of S. nora, Mexico, reports an engagement on Dec. 4 between the main body of the Yaqui Indians and the Mexican soldiers. Six soldiers, were killed and twelve wounded. The Indians lost twice that number.

SIR C. TUPPER IN VANCOUVER.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The arrival of Sir Charles Tupper on to-day's express created but little enthusiasm. He at once drove from the station to his son's residence, instead of proceeding to

DWELLING HOUSE DESTROYED. (Special to the Times.)

Alberni, Dec. 14.—The house of Mr. Stanley Bayne, at Beaver Creek, was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. Nothing was saved in the house. PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND.

(Associated, Press)

M'NISH'S DEFEAT.

(Associated Press) Ottawa, Dec. 14.—A Liberal from West Elgin says the defeat of McNish, the Liberal candidate in that constituing to the attitude of his own follow

MASONIC COMMEMORATION.

(Associated Press,), Washington, Dec. 14.—Masons of high degree from all over the United States General S'r George White conducted and Canada met at the tomb of Washthe operation, which completely attained ington, Mount Vernon, to-day, in serthe desired end.

CANADIAN ARTIST DEAU.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 14. Lineus O. William, the eminent artist, died at his residence, College street, late last evening. He had been in failing benith for severyears. He was in his 68th year.

MYSTERY OF MICE. Written by One Who Claims to Under-

stand the Little Creatures. Few people understand the mystery of mice. I think I can, without immodesty, claim to understand mice, for I have made them a study for many years. says a writer in Pearson's. I used to think that nature supplied mice wherever there seemed to be any call for them. For example, if you live in a Under the study shelling of our guns them. For example, if you live in a the Boers appeared to manden our front house where there are no mice, and in ridge, and spread themselves along the a rash moment provide yourself with a faces of the hi is that stretch on other side of the will beyond.

Gradually our artillery crept closer and the superficial observer this looks as if

session you can readily unlock the mys anxious to talk.

The solicitude of the police officer for a statement was due to a very distinct under cover of the artillery fire and the which he will rattle a newspaper in your

> ter a house than it is followed by a troop of mice. Cats and traps draw mice as the pole draws the magnet. The turing mice. It is considered the height

GAINING A WIDE REPUTATION.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamber And then—and then again, that cursed white flag!

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And then—and then again, that cursed about in his pocket of the battle lasted six bours, Our loss of the Gibnesters, who unfortunately says: "I never found anything that found themselves in a very tight corner, would relieve me until I used Chamberand came nider an awkward cross fire. lain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic I don't think the Boer loss was heavy: with me. My foot was swollen and painthet were so scattered and kept so well ed me very much, but one good applica-The energement known as the battle of sale by Henderson Bros.

Agents, Victoria and Vancour tion of Pain Balm relieved me.

#### THE SONGHEES RESERVE.

It is rather a pity the morning paper was not as anxious to see the settlement of the Indian reserve question when the Turner government was in office, as it now professes to be. When the Turner ministry for no reason that has ever been given to the public, broke off the negotiations with the Dominion government representative, Mr. McKenna, who was sent out here specially to conduct these negotiations, the Colonist applauded and defended the course of that ministry. To be sure, at that time, the Col-

due to the unexplained action of the Turner government that the matter was Which as so product to your paper Hamilton in his letter to your paper did not attend, although they were spe-

things would have happened had Mr. lic's confidence in the sincerity of these

matter is now in the hands of the Sem- man's glasses? lin government and the Ottawa governthe present policy. If Mr. Semin is desent train service as rendered by the V. our position, area, and great natural refair trial found it had attempted such a sirous of seeing this nuisance removed, & S. R.R. between Victoria and Sidney sources, have better freight facilities to hopeless proposition, or in the vernacular, sirous of seeing this nuisance removed, as a criterion I should say that in the fu- Victoria than we have, and do a large had run against such a snag, that the serthe people of this city, and we believe he is, terms can be agreed upon with the steamer may follow the example set by cattle, pigs, fruit, and farm produce genther, the railway and take a scowload of corderally, the production of building stone, their own energy and enterprise, as such That is, an arrangement can be made other reserve and the sale of the pres- l'eve that by including all these islands transportation facilities. ent reserve, and that is what the people of Victoria have been asking for all Victoria (which is really only a couple mail steamboat route between Victoria and instructive commentary on the rest of the of Victoria have been asking for all Victoria (which is form us) via Saanich, Nanaimo, but on completion of the proposition to acquire our idle land would be quickly utilized in N. Railway (which was subsides by the sailway (which was subsides by the sailway with the proposition to acquire our idle land would be quickly utilized in N. Railway (which was subsides by the sailway (which was subsides b a portion of the reserve for a park, or the growing of small fruits, etc." Now, Dominion government of the legislation who with dauntless of the whole reserve for the benefit of the city, will of course meet with favor the city, will of course meet with favor the vacant land along the V. Course meet with the vacant land along the V. Course meet with the vacant land along the V. Course meet with the vacant land al

round to all parties conterned—the Indians, the Dominion government, the provincial government, the city of Victoria and the railway company.

tunity to make a living, especially as it and and the salary will not be much more then the fees now paid for the services which will appertain to the new office.

THE FIGHTING BOER.

One of the officers now engaged in the · campaign in South Africa has written cheme a very interesting account of the s'derable number of settlers from Gali-Beers, and the part of it describing their ano, Pender and Moresby. Accustomed amilitary qualities is one of the best and as Mr. Hamilton is to the large numbers most instructive contributions we have Net seem to the great mass of informa- seem a very small gathering hence, no tion already gathered concerning this doubt, his reference to the "Tooley peculiar people. This is the portion of Street tailors." But I question whether the article referred to:

"As to the war itself, it is a most last Boer war. Their forces are exceedproverbial flea: When you put your stronghold. Pender island, at which peo- V. & S. R. Co. finger on him he isn't there. They fight ple from other islands were present, but 2. With a view from under cover mostly, and occupy enuse for military lectures with a blackboard and chalk; and parade-ground Their ox-wagons form a transport service to hand, and their daily farm life is that of a mounted scout. British settlers call them lazy, but the fact that they do not rush or worry themselves, no doubt gives them good nerves, and a reserve of energy. They are also acclimatized, and can rough it better than European or American troops. very odd that in the time of Caesar, their Batavian ancestors, in the swamps or Holland, were excellent horsemen Caesar attached a legion of them to the Roman army, and they were his favorite cavalry. The Batavian legion existed down to the time of Vespasian. On the more congenial practice ground of the weldt, the Boer seems to use his pony with something of the old-time skill of the Batavian; and his pony, like a Western broncho, seems to be acclimated and used to the country that he has to tra-

Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unliks them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

ISLANDS' MAIL SERVICE.

To the Editor: It was with considerable amusement that I saw a letter in service, signed by Mr. Alex. Hamilton, who, by the way, scems to have forgotten to add "of New Westminster." Your correspondent writes a very plausible letter, but when anyone who is at all conversant with matters pertaining to these islands reads it through, he is at once struck by the utter absurdity of the whole affair, as represented by the gentleman from the Royal City. It has now come to light that this disgruntled candidirectly round to the opposite opinion tompt to place hims it before the voters and claim credit for originality and good of this district before another election should take place, and pose as their champion, thus hoping to gain their good For some unknown reason the Turner will. But really, s.r, he will find that administration were opposed to the set. he has singed his fingers in his attempt, tlement of the Indian reserve question, as the majority of the settlers on the isalthough the terms offered by the Domin on government were all that any new mail service, notwithstanding what reasonable man could ask. It is entirely he (Mr. Hamilton) says to the contrary. A few remarks anent this petition

which is so proudly referred to by Mr. not settled in 1897; the members of the might not come amiss from one who is cabinet were afraid to attend the public a farmer, residing in the district, and meeting held in the City Hall after the perhaps prove more to the point than the failure of the negotiations—at least they peregrinations of a stonemason from Westminster. The petition, which Fappend below for your benefit and which may prove instructing to you, is realfy a The morning paper never grows weary very strange piece of composition full of telling the people what wonderful things and generalities, service is very unsatisfactory." Now, sir Turner been retained in power; perhaps, this statement must be taken with a very a few words on the foregoing subject large grain of salt, as the service, as at would win for it a little more of the pub- present rendered by the C.P.N. Co., is, lic's confidence in the sincerity of these for we are, on the whole, a very small community, and it would be too absurd But neither the failure of Mr. Turner for us to expect metropolitan advantages, brought about in such a way as to save to secure the removal of the Indians nor which is apparently what Mr. Hamilton money to the department, and at the same to secure the removal of the Indians nor the inconsistencies of the Colonist should to should like to ask Mr. Hamilton what ed transportation facilities. We desire to be permitted to stand in the way of a he, a non-resident, knows about our mail have daily steamboat connection with the settlement of this question. The whole matters, unless he sees through another Victoria & Sidney Rallway at Sanich, in

future service is to be any better than pete in the market of the capital with the short period a steamer did run from the ment. Mr. Turner is not responsible for the present If we are to take the pre- American islands, which, notwithstanding American islands to Sidney, but after a ture the mail will be very seldom on business there. At present we do a contime, either summer or winter, as the siderable business in the raising of sheep, islands are beating us in the Victoria marw ol in tow.

in one service giving us handy access to

One can take the whole tight to the considered.

pet tion, clause by clause, and show the considered.

if the inconsistency of the thing, but

We believe that by including all these you, Mr. Hamilton, from the same old really, sir, of bave no wish to the same old stand in Westminster, have taught us but great number signed this petition on the strength of having daily steamtont con Sannich, our idle land would be quickly own business strictly by ourselves, and not The Times believes that there will not be very much opposition to the proposal be very much opposition to the proposal to make Chief Sheppard, on his retire with Victoria, but anyone consisted in the growing of small fruits, to make Chief Sheppard, on his retire with Victoria, but anyone consisted in the growing of small fruits, etc. for which it is so admirably adapted; which is one of Mr. Hamilton's main are the population, which is now over a that mr. Hamilton has small, would be quickly own business strictly by ourselves, and not still red in the growing of small fruits, which is one of Mr. Hamilton's main are the population, which is now over a that mr. Hamilton has small, would be quickly own business strictly by ourselves, and not still red in the growing of small fruits, which is one of Mr. Hamilton's main are growing of the proposal of the proposal of the proposal of the growing of small fruits, which is one of Mr. Hamilton's main are growing of the proposal of the proposal of the growing of small fruits, allow an outsider to even smell our ple, the proposal of the proposal of the growing of small fruits, and the growing of small fruits, which is one of Mr. Hamilton's main are growing of the proposal of the growing of the growing of small fruits, and the growing of the growing of the growing of small fruits, and the growing of the growing o police court at a small salary. The chief see at a glance that we shall be no better is ae longer young and he is a poor man, off them h therto, as the new steamer cannot possibly make connections with all these islands still hope to make good time. is claimed the proposed office is necessary This fact, and that they shall to a great extent lose their present direct.
Mainland connections caused a
a number of the signatories of the petition to publicly withdraw. their

names, which was done at the meeting on Mayne island The merting on Mayne island was attended by representatives from nearly every family there, as well as by a conof a city like New Westminster, 38 (as larger meeting on a purely business expreises. No reference is made by Mr. ingly mobile, and the Boer is like the Hamilton to the meeting held in his 1. That the mail contract be given to the religiously abstained from voting, not mail. a convention on Salt Spring, previous to having from the C. P. N. Co. for years. the last general elections, he and his two hing else in sight, although delegates

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other islands. Needless to say their pretentions were ridiculed.

I wonder what Mr. Hamilton refers to your issue of the 5th inst. on the above he mentions ulterior motives and threat- do so by throwing mud at the C. P. N. Co. ens exposure to certain individuals. Why He tries to make your readers believe that does he not say at once what he means this company has afforded a poor and uninstead of hinting in a most mysterious satisfactory service and has barely carried manner, and thus trying to lead you to out its contract, and in a vein of prophecy believe that there is some shady work (which is easier than proof) wishes us to in connection with this matter? The believe that the V. & S. Co. will do far reason is plain as he knows that he better. As a matter of fact, the C. P. N. has no ground to go on, but hopes to Co. has given us during the past ten years achieve by blustering inpuendos what he as good a service as our comparatively in

cannot do by sound arguments. When Mr. Ham Iton was in his stone occasions when there has been defay or yard at Westminster I was chairman of faliure in delivering the mail, snow, ice, the meeting reported by "Islander," and fog or heavy weather has been the cause, onist did little else, but it is decidedly date for provincial honors at the last I most emphatically declare that his re- and from these I presume the new boat tiresome to see that paper now wheel general elections decided to make an at- port as published by you was as nearly will have no exemption, unless, indeed, correct as a non-professional could make Mr. Hamilton will attend to this matter You will notice, sir, that in these re- also. marks of mine, no mention is being made of Salt Spring is and. The reason is that they are not on the same route, beion served by the City of Nanaime, whereas we have hed the C.P.N. Co's steamers, and, unlike Mr. Hamilton, 1 consider the sett'ers there quite capable of looking after their own interests without any interference from me. Thanking you, sir, in anticipation for your kind-

> H. I. POBERTSON. Moresby Island, 9th Dec., 1899.

The following is the petition referred Of Settlers Resident On the Islands of Salt Spring, Galiano, Pender, Mayne,

and Saturna. To the Hen. Wm. Mulock, Postmas er-General. Dominion of Canada:

Sir:-Your petitiopers, the undersigned oters, respectfully represent that the present mail service to the following islands. viz.: Salt Spring, Gallano, Pender, Mayne. and Saturna is very unsatisfactory; and that while an improvement in this respect urgently needed, the same could be brought about in such a way as to save order to do away with an isolated condi-And, sir, how are we to know that the tion, and give us a better chance to com-

the city, will of course meet with favor everywhere, but they are minor considerations. The abatement of a great public nuisance is of more importance than the possession of a few accession. The demand for such fruit is very than the possession of a few accession. This fact, and the matter will soon be set.

We hope this matter will soon be set. One can take the whole riginarole of a succeedingly expell when the supply of the feeling the decency to refer to those who do not one can take the whole riginarole of a succeedingly expell when the supply of the

> cess to Victoria, which is really only a colle islanders a lesson that we are not couple of hours journey from us, via likely to forget in a hurry, to mind our said, would soon double, and the depart-land on Pender Island, and occasionally re- No. 4 were laying aside their tools prenew earn the gratitude of all concerned. "For these, and other reasons equally cogent, your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will grant a yearly mail subsidy for this route."

VICTORIA-ISLANDS-WESTMINSTER MAIL SERVICE.

To the Editor:-I noticed in one of you late issues a letter from Mr. A. Hamilton (of Westminster) in references to recent changes in our mail service, by which the conveyance of our mails has been handed ever to the V. & S. R. Co., in Meu of the C. P. N. Co., which has had the contract for many years past. The ostensible reacounted by myself as chairman) may son for this change was a very vaguelyworded petition to the Postmaster General, drawn up by a few inhabitants of Pender Island, of whom, I understand, Mr. Hamilton (of Westminster) was ringleader. matter has ever been held on Mayne is. This production was widely circulated and land. Note well, too, that the only dis- largely signed, and was indeed so vague and peculiar one. The Boers use neither sentients to the present service were Mr. indefinite in its terms that anyone might cavalry nor infantry, and have no regular soldiers. Their forces are all mili- lieutenant, Mr. A. H. Menzies. Another generalities, of which it is composed, I tia, and consist of mounted riflemen and thing I might mention, it was free from gather, after some difficulty, that the only artillery, the latter an addition since the axe swinging, pugilism and other athletic specific requests to the Postmaster-General were two in number:

2. With a view to our enjoying a daily trenched positions, which are capable of wishing to swamp the meeting, but sim- This question of a daily mail has been being taken in reverse. For this rea-being taken in reverse. For this rea-ply to obtain an expression of opinion used as a trump card by Mr. Hamilton and son, when one of their positions is taken from that island. It was found that Co. throughout the whole campaign. Now, it is not worth holding. They have no NINE was the total of the supporters sir, to my intense surprise, I find that of the V. & S. R. R., including two gen- your correspondent from Westminster has tlemen who were the sole props of that completely changed his ground on this dril, and pipeclay are equally out of company at the meeting on Mayne is their line of practice. They have no land. Now, sir, if anyone ever now expresses himself as perfectly satistheir line of practice. They have no land. Now, sir, if anyone every man goes to fight, and the have been Mr. Hamilton and his two have been Mr. Hamilton and his two which it seems is all we are going to get, tell if the kidneys are deranged. You supporters from Pender island, when, at and which is precisely what we have been Mr. Hamilton, in a letter to one of your friends found themselves in a hopeless Mainland contemporaries, alludes with minority, whereupon the latter, with withering scorn to the fact that most of amazing effrontery, want d to represent the opponents of the new service signed be certain that the kidneys are sluggish Mayne and Galisno, together with every- the petition on its appearance. In this I consider they are amply justified, for deadly poisons in the system which will nothing has been vouchsafed them but a tions,

stone! Mainland, no provision whatever has been

Mr. Hamilton, now that he has waived | Co., Toronto.

the dally mail, and thrown the Mainland some sort of color to the change which has the last paragraph of his letter when been made largely by his efforts, seeks to significant traffic justifies, and on the few

> small moment who carries the mail, but the fact remains that the only regular means of shipment is by the mail steamer and that to farmers is of vital importance By the C. P. N. Co.'s boats our stock i taken straight to Victoria or Westminste in comfortable pens-walks on board at our wharves and walks off again at Victoria alongside the city scales. By the new ser vice it would have to be landed at Sidney then transhipped on to the train, to pul up finally at Hillside avenue, a most undesirable terminus—far from the busy baunts

of men. Another reason given by Mr. Hamilton and his friends for the change is the alleged exorbitant freight rate charged by the C. P. N. Co. Considering, sir, that their rate is \$2 per ton, even for small fractions of a ton, and that they willingly carry small parcels, such as bread and meat, to all their customers free of all charge, I fail to see any cause for grumbling, except amongst the most confirmed "soreheads." Supposing, however, this charge be considered high, what earthly security has Mr. Hamilton, or have I, that the V. & S. Co. will be any cheaper, knowing as we do that their rate from Victoria

to Sidney is \$1.50 per ton? To show the utter insincerity and disinnuousness of the framers of the petition, would call your attention to their re marks about the alleged progress the American islands are making owing to their superior steamer service. Why, sir, for a vice was discontinued. If the American woll in tow.

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Further Particulars Regarding

> succeedingly costly when the results are "kickers," "heelers," "paid agents," etc., ure is there will the heart he also."

J. C. TAIT. Moresby Island, 9th December, 1899. SAD INDEED.

It is indeed and to think of the number who suffer from cancers and tumors. Addresses of those cured without knife or plaster will be sent to those interested STOTT & JURY, box 9, Bowmanville, Out.

A JAPANESE DISASTER. It is Reported That Five Thousand Persons Lost Their Lives.

(Associated Press.) San Francisco, Dec. 13.-The Bulletin says: The disaster that overtook the island of Ceramont on the 2nd of last month caused immense loss of life. Five thousand people were destroyed on that island alone by the upheaval that shook the Japanese coast, and agitated,

THE CARBONADO DISASTER. Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 13.-Funeral services over 23 victims of the mine accident

the islands.

were held yesterday.

Test the Urine . . . .

It tells the state of the Kidneys-To make the Kidneys hearthy use Dr. a widow and a 7 year old som. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. . . . . . The up-to-date physician ascertains

ation of the urine. It is not necessary, int rment. can conduct an examination yourself. Allow the urine to stand for twentyfour hours in a glass bottle or vessel. If at the end of that time it contains a sediment resembling brickdust you may and inactive, and that they are leaving had been properly nominated by the whilst by signing it they asked for bread, in time produce terrib'y fatal complica-

> Your correspondent omlts to tell you that Chase's Kidney-Liver pills are of ines As an invigorator of the kidneys Dr. whereas under the C. P. N. Co.'s contract timable value. They act directly and we had regular and direct communication naturally, and make the kidneys, liver for mails, freight and passengers with the and bowels regular, active and healthy. made for such service in the new contract; tively, permanently and promptly cure Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills posiand probably it is to this that Mr. Hamil- Bright's disease, kidney and liver diston refers when he admits that the new orders, backache, lumbago, rheumatism service is not ideal. You will thus readily and all the painful and fatal complicasee, sir. that even admitting that the new tions of the filtering organs of the body. service be carried out as well and faith- The sale of this great kidney remedy is fully as the old one has been, we are still enormous throughout this continent and losers to the extent of the Mainland con- Europe. The merit is proclaimed by section, which to many of our settlers is scores of thousands of grateful cured of more importance than the connection ones. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates &

## Sensible Table Knives.

Birks' catalogue is not only a compendium of current art in ewellery, it contains much of interest to the practical house-wife. For instance it tells of hand forged Sheffield steel blade Table knives and Carvers with Xylonite handles. The common-sense of these knives is that they are made to cut, an appreciable distinction between them and the average "silver" article which is often anything but a practical cutting utensil. The Xylonite handle is better than ivory because neither hot water nor the Canadian climate will cause it to crack, yet it so accurately resembles mellowed ivory that none but an expert can say it is not ivory.

These knives are good enough to be put into sterling silver company. They cost from \$4.00 to \$9.00 per dozen, according to shape, the quality being the same in all.

Birks' catalogue illustrates and fully describes these v s. It is mailed free on request.

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ful buying makes sure that the goods are Finest Re-cleaned Currants, 3 lbs, for 25c

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#### American The Union Explosion

the Fatal Accident in Mine No. 4

in a Precarious Con-

dition.

(Special to the Times.)

Nana mo, B. C. Dec. 13.-The followexplosion which occurred at Union on

Monday evening reached this city last The fireman had gone his rounds an hour before the accident, and there was no sign of gus in that part of the mine

where the explosion occurred.

About 10 o'clock on Monday evening, when the men working on the afternoon of about 2,000. portation, and released all the Spanish prisoners in that section, to the number Sir, I am aware that Mr. Hamilton has shift in the diagonal slope of Union mine sides there, but his business his livelihood, paratory to going out, the roof of the are in Westminster, and "where the treas- slope, about 30 feet from where the men were, settled down some 18 inches, letting in a large quantity of gas which the current of air carried towards the face where the men were working with

naked lights. . When the gas came in contact with the lights the explosion occurred which cost T. B. Jones and Bernardo Zucci their lives, and badly injured eight other employees of the mine, two of them be- His loss was two killed and nine wounding in a precarious condition,

The exploring party which entered the mine immediately after the accident disguised his individual identity, abanfound Zucci at the face where he was working. He had apparently been knocked down by the force of the explosion and suffocated by the afterdamp His face was burned to a crisp. Jones had apparently travelled a hundred yards atter the explosion occurred, and was finally suffocated by the afterdamp, 'I'ne body was not at all disfigured.

The injured men are H. Fairburn, H. Thompson, J. Guthrie, sr., J. Guthrie, of Isabella. jr., Fred Lawson and Ah Koy. Two Japs were also injured by the accident, but not seriously. The six men who were burned were taken to the hospital, where they are being cared for.

Fairburn and the Chinaman have not vet recovered from the shock, and it is feared that they may die. Both are badly burned about the head and hands. T. B. Jones was married and leaves Bernardo Zucci leaves a widow and

The funerals of the deceased miners will take place to-day, and the mines will remain closed down until after the gling for breath. This famous remedy is

several children in Italy.

A coroner's jury was empanened yes terday morning and viewed the place where the accident occurred. A verdict will not be rendered until Mine Inspector Morgan reaches Union, Mr. Morgan left here for the scene of the accident or the City of Nanaimo this morning. General Manager Little, of the Union Colliery Company, reached here on a and left for Union on the boat this

SALMON FRY FOR NEW ZEALAND (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 13.—One million five hundred thousand salmon fry will be shipped by the Warrimoo for New Zea-

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

land on the 15th inst.

the faction of the filtering warper.

#### Are the new fruits that you are looking for, Low prices cause rapid changes, and care-

Morgan's Eastern Oysters Dixi H. Ross & Co.

# Successes

Otis Reports That the Filipinos Are Disappearing Before Advancing Troops.

Aguinaldo Abandons His Soldiers and is Now Hiding in Benguet.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 13.-General Utis reports from Manila that the insurgents ing additional particulars regarding the are at the end of their resources from a military point of view, and are wilting away before the rapid advance of the American troops at all points and says: "General Young reports his extreme northern forces have captured rifles and property with all the insurgents' trans-

> wounded. "Our troops are still pursuing the rem-

nant of Tino's command. "March reports from Cayan on the 7th instant that he has destroyed Aguinaldo's body guard, killed General Greggrio Pilar, received the surrender of General Corcepcion and staff, killed and wounded 52 insurgents, released five hundred and seventy-five Spanish prisoners, including one hundred and seventyfive friars, and considerable property.

"My information is that Aguinaldo has doned his troops, and is hiding in the province of Benguet.' General Otis's second dispatch is as

follows: "Manila, Dec. 13.-Admiral Watson informs me that the province of Caguayan surrendered unconditionally to Captain McCall, of the Newark, on the 11th inst, all arms being surrendered. This surrender doubtless includes the province

"General Bates at Zamboanga reports affairs there satisfactory. Nearly all rifles have been surrendered. "McArthur at Bayambang reports that

he holds as prisoners of war Mabina, the ablest insurgents, and the founder of the late government."

BABIES HAVE CROUP.

No disease comes so suddenly and treacherously upon its victim as Croup. Happy is the mother who has at hand Dr. Chase's Syrup of Turpentine when the dear one awakes in the night coughing and strugthe standby in the homes of this continent as a prompt and certain cure for croup. bronchitis, coughs, colds, asthma and throat irritation. 25 cents a bottle. Fam-

SUPPLIES FOR DOUKHOBORS. (Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13 .- A committee of Philadelphia Friends have begun the shipment of 35,000 pounds of upplies for the Doukhobors, or Russian quakers, in Canada. The consignment reludes cornmeal, cothing, cotton, seed oil, washed wool for clothing, barley. malted milk and tea. Spinning wheels will be sent later.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES. (Associated Press.)

Quebec, Dec. 13.-The Canadian Underwriters' Association have refused to # reduce the fire insurance rates in this city, owing to the alleged inefficiency of the fire brigade.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is weak and nervous, and uses Carter's Iron Pills, she cannot be, for they make her "feel like a different person," so they all say, and their husbands say so too!

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interests of Victoria.

Bro. Lucas sang, "Two Sweethearts."

"Sister Societies," proposed by Dr.

quent champion in Dr. Gibbs.

Fred. Payne.

Cheers for Bro. Smithhurst, who is

with the Transvaal Canadian contingent.

and for the Queen, the chairman. Gen.

Buller and the host, and the singing of

the National Anthem, brought the din-

The committee to whom the success

the dinner is due consisted of Bro. J.

Nankiville, C. Holmes, J. G. Taylor, W.

Jones, F. Dykes, W. H. Smith and Rev.

Those present were: Lieut. Col. Prior,

Hon. Abram Smith, Mayor Redfern. Revs. F. Payne and E. G. Miller, H. D.

Helmeken, Capt. Wolley. Dr. Hall, Dr. Gibbs, Col. Gregory. Ald.. Hayward, James Critchley, T. H. Brakes, R. Porter, R. W. Shaw. W. Norman, A. Gent.

G. B. Parry, William Roberts, W. Wood,

C. Gilman, F. Tubbs, F. Dykes, G. Ramsey, B. Axhorne, E. A. Haynes, W.

Jones, H. Magee, H. Fairall, W. Wain, T. D. Beaven, E. Dickinson, A. Kendall, T. E. Meads, H. Hancock, G. R.

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F. Mellor, H. T. Gravlin, W. E. Beaney,

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liams, R. H. Johnston, E. M. Haynes,

THE LICENSING BOARD.

noon, when the following applications

and Geo. Edmonds to Geo. Wilson.

M. Barker to Wm. Bennet Reid.

Scott to W. Chas. Ferneyhough. For Royal saloon (Fort street)-From

Alf. Kimble to John Burnett.

Harris to Wm. Roberts.

and R. J. McDonnell.

to Mrs. Walt.

Flewin.

for transfers were considered:

er to Alex. Lipsky.

Morton.

The licensing board met this after-

For Louvre saloon-From John Parker

For Empire Hotel-From E. G. Walk-

For White Horse saloon-From Jas.

For Garrick's Head-From Wm. Mon-

For Three Star saloon-From Wm.

For Adeplhi saloon-Temporary per-

mission asked to sell liquors. From H.

For Dallas Hotel-From Wm. Jensen

For Delmonico saloon (The Savoy)-

For Belmont saloon-From Flewin

Bros. to executors of estate of W. H.

From W. R. Jackson to Wm. R. Jackson

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George Paine and Major Mackenzie.

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uld always be the same, husband, but if she is and uses Carter's Iron be, for they make ber ent person," so they all bands say so too!

### Old Albion's **Lusty Sons**

The Local Lodges of S. O. E. Celebrate Their Society's Silver Anniversary.

The Glories of the Little Isle Celebrated in Song and Story.

The depressing news from South Africa had no appreciable effect in dampering the ardor of the hundred odd Englishmen who held revel at the Dawson last night, incidentally demolishing roast eef and plum pudding meanwhile.

The occasion was the annual dinner scene of great enthusiasm.

Another number in the post prandial reverses, but the successes would be only lies we forget, lest we forget."

In opening the proceedings the class of the Canadian boys to be present from Rear Admiral Beau mont, Capt. Fegen, R.N.; Col. Peters, mont, Capt. Fegen, R.N.; Col. Peters, open veldt. This brought home to the closed by a promise that if elected here.

The toast of "The Queen" was then royally drugk swith musical honors, following which came that of the Presi-dent of the United States, proposed by

U. S. Consul Abram Smith, in replying to the toast, said that Wm. McKin-ley had risen from the humble post of an attorney to a rank equal to that of career of the President with interest and pride. He had risen because he had been true to himself. McKinley owed all her colonies. his rapid rise partially to the fact that he had followed honor before preferment, and had stepped aside at nomina-

named for President. "We have expanded since then." said Mr. Smith, "and I notice we all expand after coming to British Columbia. (Laughter.) "And I don't wonder," he added, "after such dinners as we have" had to-night," that my predecessor had to get a second dress suit, although he

was here only three years." Continuing, Mr. Smith said he had felt big when Lee surrendered, but he had never felt bigger than at the present time. The nation which he represented had spread from Atlantic to Pacific, and down to the islands of the Pacific, He was glad to see the two flags en-

twined. Both nations made for liberty and freedom. Both nations were Anglo-Saxon. The weak point in each nation was where a race other than the Anglo-Saxon predominated. "The weak point in your Dominion," he said, "is in Quebec, and the weakest point in our Republic is down at New Orleans, where the French and the creo'es are."

Then Mr. Smith went on to add that cold. The best parts of it were along Grande-and between those lines.

"God bless the Anglo-Saxon." he continued, "and God bless the Sons of Eng-They are dominating the world. and they are worthy sons of noble sires."
He drew attention to the fact that the President's message did not formerly attract any attention outside the limits of the United States, but now in Europe wanted to know what Uncle Sam thought about things, and what he was

going to do. Referring to the Boer war, he said reverses such as that sustained by Gen. Gatacre were mere clogs in the wheels of progrees. "There is no sympathy for the Boers among the masses in the United States," he said; "there are a few fellows who do, but they don't represent the people any more than the people in Victoria who symathize with the Boers,

represent the people." Hon, Mr. Prior then, amidst boud cheers, announced that Capt. Phillips-Wooley, who, he said, had some things equal to those of Rudyard Kipling, had consented to recite an original poem,

"The Blooming of the Rose."

The reading of the selection was frequently interrupted with applause, the cheers being renewed again and again at its conclusion.

"The Dominion and Local Parliaments" was proposed by Arthur Lee, who defined politics as the disposition of the man in power to stay there, and of the man out of power to get there.

(Laughter). The toast was responded to by the chairman, who said that though politics had its ins and its outs features, yet in 12. years' membership of the House he had come to the conclusion that over ninety per cent, of the members of parliament were honestly striving to serve their

country's interests. The speaker also re- 2,615 beneficaries, \$24,000 having been ferred to the great changes which had paid out in 1898 for death claims, taken place in the laws of the land durng the reign of the present sovereign. These changes in regard to both criminals and lunatics were due to the public spirit of members of parliament. He urged all young men to identify themselves with one of the great parties. There was no such thing as an independent. It was better to be decidedly

wrong than undecidedly right. H. D. Helmcken, while regretting the absence of Premier Semlin and Mr. J. H. Turner, admitted that coming events might cast their shadows before them and he might be there himself. (Laughter and applause). Personally he had had been in politics ever since he came to the country. (Laughter).

The Chairman-You came when you were small, didn't you? (Laughter). His Worship Mayor Reafern, who was called upon for a song, said that all his songs were old, but they were all Eng-His worship rendered 'The Village

Blacksmith" in fine voice. Mr. J. G. Taylor, in a neat speech, proposed The Army. Navy and Volunteers." Years ago Tommy Atkins had The occasion was the annual dinner of the Sons of England Benevolent So- which he and Mary Jane could polish ciety, and it differed from previous gatherings of the same organization in assume therings of the same organization in assume the much as it was the silver anniversary position in which Tommy was found to of the birth of an order which is now day was the one in which people loved to world wide. The affair was remarkable as well, for the ultra loyalty which was self. (Lond applause). The present war self. as wen, not the displayed on all sides. Every mention, gave an opportunity not always afforded to dome in out of the wet? Because it is of the British arms now, on service in of permitting the co-operation of the a beaver regiment, hended by an Offer. South Africa provoked a storm of army and days, and colonial troops whe South Arrica provoked a storm of cheering, and Cof. Gregory's statement that he had a long list of men ready to follow their comrades in a second contingent for the front; was signalized by a scorne of great anthusiasm. the S. O. E. of Victoria, There had been "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,

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Another numbers in the post prantial programme, which proved immensely popular, was the recitation, by Can, Cirve Philip Wolley of an original poem, which is being brought suffered to the property of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the post of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the post of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the post of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the post of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the post of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the post of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the form of the form of the form by the Leithou as the contract of the form of the for

people the horrors of war. In the face of this fact he had in his office a long list of men who were anxious to go to the front if a second contingent were selected. He thought this an opportune time for the dispatch of such a regiment, when the temporary reverse sasta ned by General Gatacre might lead disaffe ted Boers to flock to given to understand that they had to recken, not only with Britain, but with

It should be a matter of great congratulation that the call to arms had been resp nded to by men who had never seen the Mother Country. He would tions previous to that at which he was like to see an organization, not of Eng lishmen, Irishmen or Scotchmen, but (Applause) was proud of being a Canadian. He was proud of every line of British history, but he was prouder of being a Canadian -a son of Greater Britain-than even of being a native born Englishman.

Rev. E. E. Miller recited in a spirited manner "The Charge of the Light Brigade." giving as a prologue a description of the anniversary dinner of the survivors held in London in October. "The memory of those who have fal-

lent" was proposed, the whole audience rising and drinking the toast in silence. "Sons of England" was the toast offered by U. S. Consul Smith, who said that they were giving a good account of themselves in the way in which they rallied to the flag, showing themselves worthy sons of the little isle, which had indeed been the mother of nations and the beacon star of the world. Mr. Smith endorsed the chairman's remarks regarding independents or mugwamps. "Stand America was a big continent, but parts by your colors in victory or defeat" he of it were too hot and parts of it too said. He concluded his address by an eloquent peroration, following which the Great Lakes and along the Rio came "Rule Britannia," sung with the greatest enthusiasm.

The toast was acknowledged by District Deputy Bull, who said that the society was born 25 years ago with six members. It now numbered 13,560 members in Canada and 1,705 had been nitiated during the past year.

Last year the subordinate had received \$84.831, out of which \$22,839 was paid in sick benefits, \$15,971 for medical atendance and \$19,732 for management. In the insurance department there were

There are three conditions: When the blood is poor; When more flesh is needed; When there is weakness of the throat or lungs.

There is one cure: that is Scott's Emulsion.

It contains the best codliver oil emulsified, or digested, and combined with the hypophosphites and glycerine. It promises more prompt relief and more lasting benefit in these cases than can be obtained from the use of any other remedy.

50c. and \$1.00, all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

REV. I. NAYLOR'S DEFENCES The Evangelist Denies Any Impropriety Dr. Ernest Hall, who was also called In His Domestic Relationship and Will Prosecute His Defamers. upon, said it was unique for the toast of

The meetings which have been in progress here since Saturday night in conto a visit he made to London ten years nection with the Salvation Army came ago, when entering a church there he to an abrupt termination last night saw Dr. Cayler, of Brooklyn, in the pulthrough disquieting rumors which reachpit and the flags of Britain and the United here during yest-rday regarding Rev. An adaptation of one of Kipling's verses, descriptive of Fuzzy Wuzzy, to Isaac Naylor, the evangelist in charge.

These charges, briefly stated, are that the chairman followed, provoking much he left a wife in England, and, coming Speaking of British history, the speakto this country, obtained a divorce in er said it extended from the coming of North Dakota on grounds not countenthe Saxons to the landing of the Cananced by the church; that within ten days thereafter he married in California, St. Paul had appealed as a Roman citithe charming woman who in this city, and elsewhere in the Northwest was zen to Rome, but Britons could appeal to London and some to the Privy Counknown as his wife, and who enjoyed a popularity hardly less than that of her

learned and eloquent husband. ed upon, a type of which was found in These rumors, so Mr. Naylor informed, the Times this afternoon, were circulat-ed in New Whateom while he was there, his statement that it was his little part in Imperial policy to run a railroad from the Cape to Cairo, and to paint as much of the map of Africa as possible red. He thought the prerogatives of the and were investigated exhaustively by Rev. Dr. Rogers, pastor of the Taber-Rev. Dr. Rogers, pastor of the Tabernacle Congregational church, who satisfied himself that there was nothing in
them and will so inform any one who
writes to him for information.

A conference was held last night be
tween Staff Sergt, Galt, Adultant Taddi
and Mr. Naylog at which it was decided
to discontinue the services. The latter
now intends to follow up the originators
of the charge and names them for what medical profession had been enfringed upon. Formerly they had had the ex-Cusive right to kill people, but now it Here a pun was thrown in Why will the Canadian contingent not have

noon to a Times representative, "beyond,

Several letters were received in the city to-day from members of the Canadian contingent, having been posted at would devote himself to advancing the Cape Verde, and came by way of London here. One of these was from Pte. being enthusiastically applauded and Cornwall, who says the men were in the best of spirits, although insubordination among some of the French-Canadian Gibbs, was responded to by Rev. Fred. Payne, in the absence of Rev. W. D. members had led to sharp punishment, He also complained of the crowding of the compartments of the men.

Barber, both reverend gentlemen hailing · Chief Cheppard received a letter from-Pte. William Whitely, his stepson, who The toast of "Our Visitors," submitted is with the Vancouver detachment. He' by Bro. S. Brakes, was acknowledged says they had a good trip, with plenty by H. D. He'mcken, M.P.P., and Presi- to eat and smoke, the British Columbia dent Hallam, of St. George's Society, men sticking together like brothers. All Bro. Lucas again contributing a solo, are well and in good spirits, and, as he while the Ladies, whose health was pro-posed by Capt. Wolley, found an elo-necessary."

> IT IS A MISTAKE To suppose that the kidneys alone are responsible for all the weak, lame, aching backs. Backache as well as pain under the left shoulder blade frequently comes from the liver or complications of the liver and kidneys which can only be cured by using the great double treatment-Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. One pill a dose, 25

NOTES FROM ALBERNI.

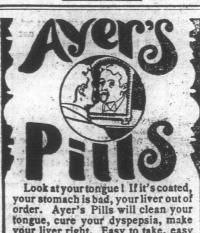
(Special to the Times.) Alberni, Dec. 11 .- Mr. Brewer came in on Saturday and went down the canal to Anderson Lake to start some men on his

Mr. Bledsoe is expected in at any time and will look at several properties on Mineral Hill. He recently made strike on the Mainland, selling out for \$75,000 Work on the Three W's is to be start-

ed again in January. Mr. Harris, the G. Taylor, James Nankiville, Jesse A. manager, is at Rossland. Longfield, Arthur Lee, J. E. Painter, A. Mr. Neil has advertised a political H. Lofts, H. Lawrie, F. Wood, William meeting for Saturday, the 16th inst. Prout, W. P. Allen, John Pope, Thos. Whitwell, William Symon, Richard Gil-Mr. Asquith's effects were sold on Satbert, J. P. Lewtas, J. J. Card, John urday. Mr. Asquith has left here. Nute, S. Gunter, W. Gunter, Robert Dinsdale, H. T. Hobbis, W. Wallace Grime, B. F. Shepheard, C. M. Cookson, The Bishop of Columbia has appoint-

ed Mr. H. Guillod to act as lay reader at the English church till a new minister arrives. Mr. Jukes, of Wellington, will conduct the service on the 30th De-Balman, V. Dempsey, J. R. Grice, Walt- cember.

> Wednesday. The nigger minstrel entertainment is to be given on Wednesday, December 20th and French's "Our Boys" is to be produced the Wednesday after Christ-



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CANADIAN BRIEFS.

(Associated Press.) Amprior, Ont. Dec. 12.-The body of Lens Connery, a girl of 15, was found on the 48th Highlanders and the Grenadiers the C.P.R. track near here this morn- have been reduced to the ranks as priing. It is supposed that while on a vates. The Queen's Own Rides will fol-train from Pakenham, near where she low suit. The action of the regiments belonged, she stepped off near Amprior is due to the bandsmen refusing to play while the train was in motion and met at the regimental assemblies on the ground that non-union musicians were

this morning. The loss is about \$2,000; result is the wiring out of three of the insurance; \$5,000.

Toronto, Dec. 12.-Henry Gould, aged 75 years, a cattle dealer of Whitby, died shortly after noon to-day from the result of sleeping in a room at the Bull's Head hotel with the gas jet turned on,

Quebec, Dec. 12.-All town property belonging to the corporation of Levis has been seized as the result of a dispute between the town and the J. D. King Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company, Toronto, which recently removed the factory from Levis, owing to the failure of the town to pay the annual bonus of \$1.000, agreed to when the firm decided

to erect their factory at that place.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The local barber's association has appointed a committee to prosecute barbers who open their establishments on Sunday. The committee will insist that the police committee strictly enforce the law against Sunday opening as far as barbers are concerned. At a meeting of the Women's Nation A sale of the late Mr. Faber's, C.E., al Emgration Society yesterday after-effects is to be held at Sproat Lake on noon, a proposition was made that the government be asked to assist worthy emigrants coming to this country. Dr.

Roddick. M.P., promised to bring the matter to the attention of parliament when the estimates come down. Mayor Prefontaine has announced himself a candidate for a second term n the mayora'ty chair. His action displeases the Irish Roman Catholics who onsider it their turn for electing one of their number to that position.

THREE SENATORS ILL.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 12.-Three senators are said to be very ill and not likely to be able to take their seats again. They are Senators Gowan, of Barrie; Sullivan, of Kingston, and Sir Frank Smith, f Toronto.

THE CARBONADO EXPLOSION. (Associated Press.)

Carbonado, Wn., Dec. 12.-A relief committee will ask for subscriptions in aid of the families of the dead and in jured in Saturday's mine accident Seven bodies were taken out last night. Not one in twenty are free from some little allment caused by inaction of the the liver. Use Carter's Little Liver Pills. The result will be a pleasant surprise. They give positive relief. BANDSMEN REDUCED.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 12.-The bandsmen of Owen Sound, Dec. 12.—Owen Sound employed and that their duties as militia-Iron Works was partly destroyed by fire men did not require them to play. The



finest military bands in Canada.

thers do not. Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and very easy to take. One or two pills make a dose.
They are strictly vegetable and do not gripe or
purge, but by their gentle action please all who
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### School Board In Session

Applications Invited to Fill a Vacancy on Teaching Staff.

Tib F Some Hints For the Guidance of the New Board

The application of a number of the principals of the city schools for permission to show the children to make the usual collection of gifts for the poor at Christmas was vetoed last aight by the allow the practice to continue, as the result was in their opinion liable to lead etc., would cost \$30.

to beartburnings among those who are unable to contribute to the girt list. The first business before the meeting was a communication from Principal McDelli of the North Ward school, calling attention to the inadequate heating of Mr. Campbell's room and asking that the defect be remedied during the Christmas holidays.

The estimated cost of this, Mrs. G Grant stated, was \$50, and the communication was referred to the building and grounds committee with power to act. The same course was taken with a request from Principal Gillis, of the North Ward school, in segard to Mr. Stephen-

show the per A. (Laughter.) King teacher in the North Ward school, was received, tendering her resigauthorized to draw up a suitable resolution expressing the board's esteem for

A request was tabled from the janitress of the Kingston street school for necessaries and also asking the board to make some arrangement for the washing

of dirty towels. In the discussion which followed some of the trustees expressed astonishment that the teachers should be expected to act in wash-women. It was finally referred to the building and grounds committee with power to act,

Chilef Deasy wrote urging the board to provide fire escapes at the North Ward school, and informing them that they were liable to prosecution if they failed to provide the same at once.

Trustee Belyea moved that the chief be informed that the board is not responsible for the absence of fire escapes in the building, as they are neither the owners nor the lessees and consequently

A communication from E. W. Arthy, secretary-superintendent of the Protestant board of school commissioners for Montreal, asking the board's co-operation in having an Empire Day set apart for schools throughout Canada, was re-

E. L. Rugg wanted to sell a \$15 set of "Rugg's Geographical Aid" to the board. Referred to the school management com-

Considerable discussion followed the the required age, had been refused admittance to the Hillside avenue schoo!. informed Mr. Grant that no pupil was fions. admitted to Hillside unless they had at seven schools, so there was one for each tended some other school previously, and school. that a re-adjustment would be made in the matter in January.

The matter was finally referred to the examined in the morning and the other school management committee to give Mr. Grant the desired information. The school management committee recommended that applications be called

for a teacher holding a first-class certi-Scate to fill Miss King's place; and also that the pupil teachers be paid \$25 in addition to the sum already paid, It moving its adoption Dr. Hall said it was not generally understood that the

pupil teachers had taught about 60 days and were justly entitled to the sum mentioned. The report was adopted, the advertisements to ran until the 26th, it being suggested that they be inserted in one local.

paper and one Vancouver paper, the salary to be not less than \$50. Some discussion arose as to where the advertisement should be placed. Dr. Ham thought that the two local papers circulated in Vancouver, although Mr. Belyea thought Town Topics might better reach Vancouver readers.

In discussing which of the local papers should be favored with the lucrative advertisement, the chairman asked if thee board had sary preference in the matter

"None at all" put in Trustee Belyea, "they are equally bad." "It is quite evident," retorted Trustee McCandless, "that Mr. Belyea does not intend to be a candidate again."

Trustee Marchant urged that it was unpatriotic to place the advertisement in the Vancouver papers in preference to the local ones, which he believed to have a larger circulation than those on the Mainland

Trustee McCandless said his object in suggesting what he did was in order that the very best naterial at the second that and Trustee Revea time had passed when the board could be accommodated. It was a great success, he suitable and efficient success is which developed into pneumonia, and King for \$45.

Trustee Hall, in seconding Mr. Mar-It was decided, finally, to advertise in

the two local papers without any refer-The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts for the month to the amount of \$382.90.

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The mountly report of attendance was submitted as follows:

Total enrolment, 2,40 dails average attendance, 2110.61 or cent. The percentage by schools be follows:

Spring Ridge, 90.7;

High School, 84.4; Hillside avenue, 80.0

Kingston street, 82.6. The superintendent's comfidential re-Trustee Belyea took occasion to say that the report should be passed from one trustee to another and should be treated as distinctly confidential. He knew that on previous occasions the contents of the report were known to the teachers ten days after it was submit

Upon the suggestion of Dr. Hall. Trus tee Be'ven consented to amend his motion so that the report should be on view in the secretary's office, but should not leave it.

The matter of publishing an annual report was brought up by Trustee Marchant, when most of the members expressed the ofinion that there was no practical benefit commensurate with the A New Region Opened Up expense involved in issuing a report this

Mrs. Wm. Grant reported upon the matter of a flag staff for South Park school. Mr. Burgess informed her that school board, all the male members tak- it should be placed over the main ening the view that it was injudicious to france. A 30 feet pole 6 luches at the base and 4 at the top, with halyards

Mrs. Gordon Grant hoped to see flags supplied to all the schools, while Trustee Betyes, though agreeing in this view, though it would be wise to let the whole matter go over putil next year, when all the schools might be supplied with poles and lings.

with poles and mags.

The reception of the report was moved by Mrs. Grant, complet with its reference to the supply committee with power

Trustee Marchant thought South Park should be provided with Inclities. For displaying the trophy they had won, while Trustee McCandless observed that us the last speaker was quitting, the board, he might erect the pole just to show the people that he was loyal.

The report was laid on the table, The superintendent reported that three nation. The same was accepted with principals had signified their sympathy regret by the board and the secretary with the desire of the children to contri bute to Christmas gifts for the poor. He had pointed out that this was contrary to section 11 of the board's rules. Mrs. Gordon Grant moved that the

teachers be allowed to receive Christmas contributions for the poor.

Trustee Belves said that the board would do well to discourage this. He ointed out that some children were able to contribute to such funds, and it placed them in a very embarrassing po-sition before other children, resulting in heart burnings, wounded pride, etc. Vic-tive of the Times who accompanied the toria had fewer poor than most cities, but they sent their children in most in stances to school, and it was unwise to place them in this position. He opposed sides, while in most instances these gifts were handed over to the Friendly He'n Society for distribution, in the case of South Park, the gifts were distributed by the principal. He didn't mean to say that it was not well distributed, but

other purpose.
In this view Trustees McCandless, Marchant and Hall heartily concurred. The motion was lost, the board deciding to adhere to the rules.

Another report from the finance committee recommended that the insurance on the South Park and North Ward schools be reduced from \$20,000 to \$16;-000 each. This was adopted.

The selection of a day for the closing xaminations was brought to the attenfion of the board by the superintendent. It was decided to hold the examinations on Friday, the 22nd, in the class rooms, reading of a letter from las. A. Grant, at hours to be fixed by the city super-complaining that his child, although of intendent of education. intendent of education of The superintendent said the parents

would appreciate it if the members of Mr. Baton read his reply, in which he the board could attend these examina-There were seven trustees and Trustee Belyes suggested dividing the

schools into two classes, one half to be in the afternoon, so that each trustee could attend two schools. After arranging for a special meeting on the 18th the board adjourned.

> A FIFRY SKIN. Agnew's Ointment Will Soothe, Cool

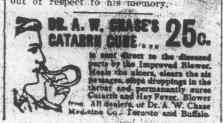
And Heal It. With the skin fairly ablaze from itching, burning skin diseases, such as ecrema, tetter, itch, sait rheum, scald head, and other distressing eruptions, one application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will quench the fire, give instant relief and comfort, will cure and leave the skin clear and soft. In three to five nights it will core any kind

Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co. A YOUNG ATHLETE'S DEATH.

Wm. Archibald Lobb Succumbs to an Attack of Pneumonia, Combined With Typhoid Fever.

Death carried off one of the city's mest popular young men last evening, when William Archibald Lobb, jr., of the Bank of B. C., son of W. H. Lobb, of H. M. dockyard at Esquimalt, passed away at the Jubilee hospital. His decease resulted from a complication of troubles, namely, pneumonia, combined

with typhold fever. The news caused a distinct shock in athletic circles last night, for it is only a little more than two weeks since he played in his accustomed place on Victoria's Rugby team against the Royal attendance was so great that not nearly



### Through the South of B.C

The First of a Series of Articles Descriptive of the C.P.R. Excursion.

The Mining Centres of Kootenay and of Boundary visited.

Trade--Its Great Possibilities.

The party of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster business men who acof the C. P. R. to join in an excursion to the newly opened up Boundary country, returned yesterday, the Victoria contingent coming over from the Main-land by the Chirmer and arriving here, three but wel, pleased with their trip, that evening. They left Victoria on Thesday last, the 5th last, by the ordin-ary boat for Vancouver, so the trip oc-cupied exactly ten days ten days spent

Whatever may have been the principal object of the excursion—the strengthen-ng and increase of business relations, or convince the business men of the Coast that the extension of the C. P. R. has completely killed the necessity of granting a charter to any other company for a railway in the Boundary country—it is freely admitted by all who took part that the Coast merchants have derived much useful intermation, that formerly existing business relations have been comented and the possibilities of an increase of trade with the vast interior of Southern British Columbia immeasure

ably increased. So much was seen on the trip, so many important facts, gleaned, that to give even a resume of all, would occupy much more space than can be deveted to it in one issue of the Times. It is proposed therefore to divide the account of the excursion, into a short series of articles a plan which has the additional recom mendation that it will serve to keep before the readers of this paper a matter of very great importance longer than would be the case if a report of unwieldy length were published in one issue, and the trip thenceforth forgotten.

The Ground Covered. Leaving the Pacific Coast terminus of the Canadian Pacific on Tuesday, the 5th, the party was accommodated in Pulman cars and entertained, as the Pulman cars and entertained, as the railway company know so well how to entertain their guests, in their temporray home all the way to Arrowhead, which was reached early on Wednesday morning. Leaving Arrowhead immediately afterwards on board the steamer Kootenay, one of the magnificent new hours of the lake feet of Thick Cart. boats of the lake fleet, of which Capt J. W. Troup is the commodore, the ex cursionists found that everything poss ble had been done to provide for the comfort. The commodore made himself personally responsible for the lake and fiver portion of the trip, and the menbens of the party attended to the provis ion of entertainment for themselves by arranging an imprompti smoking conthe evening, calls being made en route is his wont by the presentation to him at Haleyon. Hot Springs, Sakusp and other points. At Robson seeping cars were provided for the accommodation of Mr. Thomas Earle, M.P., made the prethe visitors that night, and meals were served on board the beats Minto and

Rossland. In the morning the Coast party was joined by a big delegation of Nelson and Western extension to the country which they had come especially to see. The new read, ninety miles in length, affordal the excursionists constant surprises, and provided subject for much flattering comment; the switchback, va temporary construction to be done away with when the tunnel, now under way through the Bulldog mountain, is completed, being pronounced one of the most wonderful

engineering feats on the continent. Cascade City was seen but for a few minutes, and the visitors were then afforded the opportunity of seeing in the late hours of the afternoon the magnificent stretch of pastoral land which lies between there and Grand Forks, the party being taken thence right through to the terminus, the city of Greenwood. At the last mentioned place several old

Victorians were on and o provide for the comfort of their visiting friends, and among these should be especially mentioned Duncan Ross and R. E. Gosnell, ex-provincia. librarian, both now engaged in the newspaper business, and both enthusiastic in their belief that Greenwood is destined to become the metropolis of the great Boundary country. In the evening, after the members of

the perty had been given time to visit the much needed barber and to otherwise refresh themselves after their long trip, a banquet was served at which the It was a great success, however, and

from the first dish to the ket toast there. was nothing of which anyone could complain, unless it were the surfeit of good He was but 22 years of age, and en-Hardy, presided, and during the evening Trustee Hall, in seconding Mr. Marchant's motion, said Vancouver teachers would see an advertisement in Victoria papers, if they were like all other teachers who kept a sharp lookout for value.

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The derivative motion of the Park of R. C. and McQuade, vice-president. Fred. The flags of the Bank of B. C. and of the J. B. A. are to day at ha f-mast out of respect to his memory.

Buseombe, vice-president of the Vancouver Board: T. J. Trapp. of the New Westminster Board: J. F. McCrae, of the Ross and Board, and others.

subjects discussed by the various

evening. Here there was more enthusiasm, brass bands, banquet, congratulatory speeches and much promise of in-

The banquet was spread in the newly completed Yale hotel, a magnificent structure which was a supprise to most of those in the party. Fully two hundred guests were seated around the board, the chair being occupied by Richard Armstrong president of the Board of Trade, who was supported by Mayor Maniey and Ald. Addison.

In the morning those who wished visited the smelter site and the mines in the vicinity, and were also given the opportunity of visiting Co'umbia, and then the irney was continued back to Robson, where the cars were ferried across the river and the Coast party and the Nelson contingent taken to Nelson, the Rossland visitors leaving for home. At Nelson the programme of banquets was changed very acceptably, and a

smoking concert given in the new opera house by amateur talent afforded lots of entertainment until the midnight hour. The next day (Sunday) was enjoyably occupied by sight-seeing in the snow-enshrouded city, the party being well and

The smelter was thrown wide open for gon and Washington. aspection, and the whole day was so These gentlemen have now returned well occupied that by the time the party home, Mr. Miller taking the Seattle train one to entertain them, "sleep, balmy ed by the brass band and a huge deputation of citizens bended by the mayor.

Mr. Miller Freeman, editor of Ranch antime wharf with her passengers for the first quarters, and left the sightseeing proceeds to Kamloops, Salmon Arm, which is the sightseeing the sightseeing

following day. Monday was another busy time. The ligs and other purposes. Le Roi and Centre Star mines aftracted Hotel Allan, where the boast of Mer to the farmers of the province: with hundsome and valuable souvenirs of the trip by the members of the party.

ed to the train through the snow by a large crowd, headed once more by the

Robson was reached before midnight, and the party divided into sleeping sections aboard the steamers Minto and Rossland, where they spent the night. and on Monday the beautiful trip on the lake to Arrowhead was thoroughly enjoyed. At Haleyon Hot Springs, the roprietor, Mr. W. C. Husband, generously threw the establishment open, not only for inspection, but for use, and the by-this-time tired excursionists duly appreciated the magnificent hot plunge

Reaching Arrowhead early in the evenng the comfortable Pullman cars were again boarded, and from that point the members of the party made themselves at home on the "Canton" and "Corea" at nome on the "Canton" and Corea until they reached the Terminal City at Twenty-five Years' Constant Use With noon yesterday."
En route a presentation was made to

cert, at which songs, recitations and pietely aback by receiving a very valuspeeches were given, and much enthus able gold watch, suitably inscribed, and asm displayed. Robson was reached in Mr Sykes being made even happier than sentations, which were accompanied by suitable addresses; and the felicitious remarks of Victoria's junior member were punctuated throughout by the enthusiastic app'ause of the members of the par-Ross and business men, and then a ty who had been treated with such unstart was made on the Columbia & failing courtesy by Messrs. Cameron and

Sykes, the major domos of the party. Then came hearty cheers to the repre sentatives of the press accompanying the excursion, who were complimented upon the attention they had shown to the other members by providing them with daily papers throughout the trip, and the compliment was briefly acknowledged by Mr. McLagan, of the Vancouver World. The porters were remembered in 'good the chorus "I love you. Ma Honey."

excursion. er Charmer, that vessel affording a wel- all. ome sight to the Victoria men.

bid their confreres from the capital fare- and a brain already busy with the cares last time "Ma Honey" and "For they ed to the citizen. If he has time to "Victoria is all right." with the accompaniment of a vocal vell made the exclusive property of the Capital contingent, the enjoyable excursion may be said to have ended, the Victoria people settling down once more to quietness on board the Gulf ferry and reaching "Home, Sweet. Home," in time for din-

This brief resume of the territory cov-The night was spent in Greenwood, and on Friday a start was imade on the return journey to Grand Forks, which reached at an early hour in the many mont, and it is to Mr.

such a true enture and true enture and true enture and unfailing contest. The provision for so large a body necessarily required that the freed." Name given on application.

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Cameron's credit that he was never at a loss to accommodate everyone. Mr. Earle, in making the speech of presentation to Mr. Cameron, expressed the hope very high position on the U.P.R., "it not that of pr sident, at least vice-president," a sentiment, heart ly applauded when uttered, will still be held in the memory of all who benfited by the trip and will lose nothing in heartiness of Because of a Missing Celestial wish as time goes on.

The series of articles by the Times representative to follow this will cover descriptions of the Columbia & Western extension, the cities of Greenwood, Columbia, Grand Forks, Nelson and Ross- Two Chinese Officials Arrive to land, the principal mines en route, and reference to the trade possibilities in the respective districts visited.

A SUCCESSFUL SERIES. to att

Mr. J. R. Anderson and Profs. Brodie and Miller Conclude an Interesting Tour,

The regular meeting of Farmers Institutes will come to a close on the 18th comfortably housed at the various well inst., the last one taking place at Kelappointed hotels, among which should be owns. As a rule the meetings have been mentioned especially the Phair and the well attended, especially those addressed by Profs. Miller and Brodie, of Ore-

again boarded the train for Rossiand on Sunday at Mission and Mr. Brodie here was Ittle need for anything to be coming on to Victoria with Mr. J. R. to entertain them, "sleep, balmy Anderson, the superintendent, for the being the main requisite for the purpose of giving his assistance in the steamer was admitted on declaration be comfort of all. Rossland was reached arrangement of the grasses in the de-late at hight and the party was welcom- partment of agriculture intended for the

purpose of attending the institute meet was not learned. Whether he had jump

Very successful meetings were held at to save the \$50, or whether he had fall nost of the visitors, and the work done, Agassiz and Chilliwack, which were en overboard none could say. It is most the busy sight presented, the wonderful largely attended by all the leading peo- probable that he was hiding to escape engineering work inspected, and the ple of the districts and many others, all the bath. A similar case occurred on general activity impressed all with the of whom evinced a lively interest in the one of the N. P. liners. A Chinese was importance of the Rossland camp. Late proceedings and were highly pleased in the afternoon a banquet, modestly with the lecturers who had so kindly left for four hours, and at last he was found called "a luncheon," was served in the their own work to give a helping hand

Majesty was duly honored, and the assistant engineer of the Columbia & Dominion Experimental Farm at Agwestern, Mr. John G. Sullivan; the assiz under the guidance of the genial one Chinaman who hides delays the language of the state of the superintendent, Mr. J. A. Gautstate of the farmers of the province.

Thus it is that under the uncarthed. Thus it is that under the province.

Thus it is that under the columbia of the guidance of the genial one Chinaman who hides delays the language of the superintendent, Mr. Thos. A. Sharpe, with those who go out on the tender, deous; and the C.P.R. agent at Rossland, who took his visitors by his "good road" popular "Archie" MacKenzie, presented to see his orchards on the mountain, where grapes were gathered in abund is uncarthed. Much enthusiasm prevailed through ing was passed in listening to the music out and the accursionists were made of a German professor on the piano, thoroughly, at home, being finally escent and the strains of dance music from an ance, as well as other fruit. The even-ing was passed in listening to the music adjoining hall, where the annual dance of the Odd Fellows took place.

Agassiz was left with regret, one the party remarking that the more he saw the more he wanted to see. At Chilliwack the different points interest were visited, amongst them the hop yard of Mr. Hulburt, and the dairy farm of Mr. A. C. Wells. The latter was pronounced by the visitors equal to the best in their respective states, a compliment which, coming from the quarter it does, was appreciated to its fullest extent. The visitors expressed themselves as more than pleased with their visit, and those who had the privil-

ege of listening to them regretting they could not stop for a longer period. A SURE CURE FOR CROUP.

out a Failure.

The first indication of croup is hourse-Mr. Allan Cameron, the assistant general freight agent of the Picific division, and ness, and in a child subject to that dis-vince. Although they declined to disto Mr. "Sid" Sykes, sleeping and dining ease it may be taken as a sure sign of cuss the object of their visit save in a car agent; the former being taken com- the approach of an attack. Following general way, they were ready to speak cough, If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy trouble, spoken of in these columns is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is Chinese warship and official seized by the used in many thousands of homes in French have been returned. The Chinese this broad, land and never disappoints officials were witnesses of the quarantine the anxious mothers. We have yet to incident. Other passengers were: Mr. A learn of a single instance in which it Arnoux, Mr. H. E. Austen, Mr. C. has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a recordtwenty-five years' constant use without twenty-five years constant as a failure. For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents, Victoria and Van-

THE EVENING PAPER'S BEST.

The day is ended. Fortunes have been won and lost. Statesmen, soldiers, writers, adventurers have done the deeds of the day; and night has fallen. The news has been gathered by a marvelous sysstyle, and all evening the homeward tem from all continents. It has been journey was enlivened by song and story. sifted, arranged, illustrated, commented upon, printed and published, and is servwhich was made throughout the trip the ed hot from the press, still palpitating, key-note of the fun, being ably led by as it were, with the action of the event musical "Jim" Scott, whose tenor voice recorded, interesting and startling with added no little to the enjoyment of the the freshness and excitement of the present, Readers over their soup learn A few hours' sleep and North Bend, what has happened in the wide world was reached at 7 a.m., where breakfast while they have been busy, each in his was partaken of in the magnificent hotel little round of duties toiling in his shop, of the C.P.R., and then the final stage arguing his case in court, earning his of the long journey of 1,500 miles was daily bread. They sit at ease and read ommenced, Vancouver hoving in at leisure. The evening is ahead of sight just a few minutes before the sche- thom, and a needed rest after the faduled hour of sailing of the good steam- tigues of the daylight hours will cap it

Fourteen hours later, while he bolts At the wharf the Vancouver delegation his breakfast with one eye on the clock well with musical honors, and for the of the day, the morning paper is handare jolly good fe'lows." were pealed out read the headlines he is doing well. In and when the gang plank was hauled in the night he has leisure to think of the affairs of the human race; in the mornclaimed for the thousandth time that ing he must think only of his private atfairs. San Francisco (Cal.) Bulletin. LA GRIPPE VICTIMS

Will in Thousands of Cases Have to Fight Powder Is Used to Prevent the Sowing of the Seed.

The wife of a prominent physician Poronto was a victim of Catarrh in its Being recommended to try Doan's Kid ered would be incomplete without a high worst form. She tried almost every treat-compliment being paid to Mr. Allan ment known in the world of medicine doses I noticed a great change for the without receiving any lasting benefit. better, and now I can get around P.R., under whose instructions he acted Hearing of the almost miraculous cures smart as a cricket. I can split my own speakers were many and important, the in arranging and corrying out the exkeynote being the opportunity and need cursion. From beginning to end, midshe propagated it, persevered in its use for man. My friends remark it, and 1 am for increasing the business relations of the thousand little trieds and tribulations eight months, and was fully restored, and glad to tell them that the credit for this such a trip entails. Mr. Cameron re- all symptoms of the dreaded disease remarkable change is all due to Doan's

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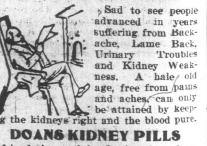
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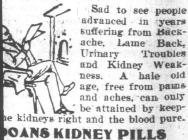
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50 cents a box, 3 for \$1.25. All sts or by mail. The Doan Kidney .. Toronto, Ont.

### Provincial **Gazette**

Incorporation Asked for the Esquimalt United Service Masonic Association.

A Number of Appointments on Main and-List of Incorporated Companies.

There are few items of public interest the official Gazette, which issues to-The announcements are as fol-

Court of Revision will be held; at New estminster city on January 12th at

Chas. and Frederick Thulin, loggers Vancouver, have assigned. The credirs meet at Vancouver December 26th Beeton & Owington, brokers, of Ross

and, have dissolved partnership. The following companies are incororated: American Corporation of Rossland, capital, \$200,000; Revelstoke Rink Company, of Revelstoke, capital \$10,000; Pactolus Gold Mines, of Nelson, capital,

The Bangwaketsi Concession Company, of London, Eng., capital £4,000. local office, Vancouver, W. J. Bowser, and J. J. Godfrey, attorneys; and The No. 7 Milling Company, of New York, capital, \$1,000,000, local office Anaconda, and Fred Keffer, attorney; are the new extra provincial companies which are

Application will be made at the next sitting of the Legislature for an act to authorize the City of Grand Forks to drain and deposit the sewerage of and from the said city into the main Kettle River, and the North Fork of the same

Application is made by T. N. Woodgate, Rev. C. Ensor Sharp and A. C. Munn for the incorporation of the United Service Masonic Association at Esquimalt. Incorporation is also applied for by the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has transfered the jurisdiction of Arthur Murray Jarvis, inspector N. W. M. P., Dalton Trail, Cassiar, as a stipendiary magistrate from the county of Nanaimo to the county of Vancouver. His Honor has made the following ap-

John E. Hooson, of Rossland, to be acting registrar of the county court of Kootenay, Holden and Rossband, during the absence of A. R. Townsend, regis-

Alf. de Rupe Taylor of Ladner to be a deputy, within the municipality of Decta, fidence in him by soliciting him to beof the district registrar of births, marri-Hugh B. Carmon, Grand Forks, to be

Kootenay: John R. Ferguson, Midway; Jas. K. Strachan, Nelson; Lading Wurzbody, Vancouver.

THE FIFTH REGIMENT BAND. The Regimental Officers Ask for the Support and Co-operation of the Public.

The officers of the Fifth Regiment C. A, are asking the more hearty co-operation of the citizens in maintaining the tion of the citizens in maintaining the gage and express, 2½c. per pound; regimental band in a proper state of freight, 1½ c. per pound. Bennett to efficiency. This organization is maintained entirely out of the pockets of the officers and by the precarious revenue derived from musical engagements and drill hall concerts, excursions, etc. At the present time the band is in good shape, but there is a danger of some of the members leaving the city for lack of employment. The colonel is therefore advertising in this issue of the Times for positions for two of the bandsmen in order that they may be retained in the organization. The band receives no financial assistance from the city treasury, although it is really the only one

Victoria The public are also reminded of the great assistance they can render in popuarizing the regular Saturday night concerts. At these a high class programme of the professors from the experimental is rendered, and the concerts formerly partook somewhat of the character of a attend. The dates fixed are as follows: social event from the numbers of society
people who attended it. The revival of Growers' Association at Vancouver. ped with disuse, would not, it is claimed, inconvenience those referred to and it would be a distinct help to this strug- ing of the Central Farmers' Institute at gling organization. The officers feel that a reasonable request of this kind needs only to be made to be understood and. acted upon by those in whose power it lies to assist the band with their

by their indifference. Indians have arrived at Juneau with news of the wreck on the east shores of Admiralty Island, Alaska, of the little two independent sources that Mr. James sailing schooner Adventure. At furious McGregor, inspector of metalliferous gale drove her on the rocks two weeks mines, is lying very ill at Greenwood in ago, tearing a hole seven feet long in sthe Kootenhy His brother, Mr. A. Mcthe port side of the vessel, just below Gregor, left on the Joan this morning to the water line. There were four people, attend him. Mr. McGregor is suffering down this season. Among her passengers three men and one weman aboard the from preunionial with complications.— were M. Venosta a late arrival from the chooner, all of whom escaped. The Indians Searned nothing of the identity of the castaways. They say that the shipwrecked people saved a few provisions from the schooner, but that they have nothing in the way of shelter and very little bedclothing

The greatest evils in human society are such as no law can come at; as in the case of ingratitude, where the manner of obligation very often leaves the benefactor without means of demanding justice, though that very circumstance should be the more binding to the person who has received the benefit.—Steele.

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On Friday night, in consequence of a communication from Mr. William Woodman. Nanaimo, asking if the council hooks to hang up grudges on. Some people's sensibility is a mere bundle of average and uses Carter's Iron ple's sensibility is a mere bundle of average and uses Carter's Iron ple's sensibility is a mere bundle of average and uses Carter's Iron ple's sensibility is a mere bundle of average and their husbands say so too!

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(From Tuesday's Daily.) One of Rev. J. W. Funton's fox terriers, Wanderer, has won first in the novice and first and special in the open classes at the Oakland kennel show.

Peter Jackson, the pugilist, has left the Jubilee Hospital, and hopes in the course of a few weeks to be sufficiently recovered to proceed South for the bene-

John Robertson, of the Store street Iron Works, has been awarded the con-tract for the iron work of the bridges to be erected shortly over the Courtenay river and at Revelstoke,

In the city police court this morning George McLean, assealer, was fined D. \$7.50 and \$1 costs for using obscene hunginge to Night Watchman Hooson The arrest was made by the watchman with the ass stance of Officer Walker.

-Among those who are applying tor the position of chief of police is ex-Constable Gilchrist, who left the force about two and a half years ago. He has since been mate on the Princess Louise and other boats. Mr. Gitchrist was for a number of years on the city police force and previous to that time served in the

The street railway company have under consideration the further improvement of the Esquimalt line by the placing on it of large cars such as are used on the Vancouver-New Westminster run. It is impossible for them to do so until the bridges are put in a strong condition. It was with the object of rendering this possible that the company suggested sharing with the city the expense of further bracing Rock Bay bridge.

-The provincial government have awarded the contract for the new bridge over the Courtenay river to D. F. neighborhood of \$5,000. The structure will be a Howe truss, and will be 222 feet in length. The main span will be 162 feet long, the king span 40 feet, the remainder being trestle work, Mr. Adams has sent men up to take out piles and hopes to have the structure completed in March.

-In connection with the suggested candidature of the appraiser of customs for the position of city alderman, Mr Marchant wishes the Times to say that Andrew's nicht." That the true-hearted he has not the slightest intention of seeking the latter office. While he maintains that there is nothing in either the statutes or in custom to prevent him he believes that it would be injudicious to the friends who have shown their con- drew's Society of Dawson sends greetcome a candidate.

-A quiet-wedding took place on Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. will reside on Henry street.

-The White Pass & Yukon Route office has been advised that the following rates have been established by the Red Line Transportation Co. for this winter on passengers, baggage, express and freight, from Lake Bennett, B.C.: Bennett to Cariboo, passengers, \$5; bag-Closeleigh, or to White Horse, passengers, \$20; baggage and express, 71/2c, per to Lower Lebarge, passengers, \$40; baggage and express, 121/2c. per pound; freight, 10c. per pound.

-At the forthcoming meetings of the fruitgrowers' and dairymen's associations and of the Central Farmers' inst tute, Brit'sh Columbia farmers are promised the assistance of some eloquent exponents of the science of agriculture. It is definitely settled that in addition to Mr. Frank Shett, the Dominion chemist, there will be present Mr. Marker, superintenders of the Dominion dairy farm in the Northwest Territories. It is altogether probable, too, that some farms in Washington and Oregon will his custom, which seems to have trop Tonnery 12th and 13th, meeting of the January 15th and following days, mert-Victoria.

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-Word was received yesterday from Nanaimo Herald to cheen

-At the tax sale held on Monday last by Auctioneer Jones for the dispos- steamboat man, who has been up to look and sixty-three parcels of property were disposed of, out of the three hundred which have been placed on; the market. The desirable of the properties, will be offered for sale by Mr. Jones on Thursday next.

-A special meeting of the local Trades, and Labor Council will be held on Eriday night in consequence of a

province—each city to send a deputation-for the purpose of considering the best means to adopt to present the provincial sources of wealth being operated by underpaid and overworked labor. The convention will consist of delegates from Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo, South Nanaime, Kamloops, Neison Ymir, Sandon and Revestoke, and will be held in Vancouver on Thursday even-

-The funeral of the late W. A. Lobb took place this afternoon from his faresidence at Esquimalt to St. Paul's Episcopa' church; and later to the Ross Bay cemetery, there being a large concourse of friends in attendance. Rev. C. Ensor Sharpe officiated, the interment being at the Royal Naval hospital. The following acted as pall-bearers: H. Gillespie, C. Pooley, A. Gillespie, A. Carrie, Alexis Marten and H. A. Goward.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The wedding took place yesterday afternoon of J. G. Wilson, of Vancouver, and Miss M. L. C. Griffin, daughter of Mr. Wm. Griffin, of Fergus, Ont. Rev.

Macrae officiated. At the meeting of the licensing board yesterday applications for transfer of licenses were granted in all the cases ntioned in yesterday's Times excepting three. The exceptions are the Roya! and Adelphia saloons and the Dallas hotel, whose licenses were all temporariextended until next sitting of the

At the meeting of the directors of British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association held at the city hall last night, Secretary A. J. Dallain tendered his resignation, but was renested to suspend it until the annual meeting. It was further decided to hold a special meeting of members at the city hall at 8 p.m. on December 27th for the election of officers and other business, which all members are urged to

-It is not often that a prisoner urges the count to increase the penalty flicted upon him, but that was what happened in the police court this morning when Ed. Scott, an old offender came up for being drunk. The magic trate imposed a fine of \$7.50 or fifteen days, whereupon Scott remarked: "Can't you make it a month, your honor? want to straighten up." The court evident'y thought fifteen days would serve the purpose for the sentence was allowed to stand.

One of the time-honored habits the Scotsman wherever he may be living is to send his greetings to fellow countrymen throughout the world on "St, Scots of Dawson City did not forget their duty in this respect was evidenced by the following dispatch from Dawson under date of November 30th, which was received, last night by the Associated do so. He is nevertheless thankful to Press representative here: "The St. Anings to their brethren of the outside world., Alfred Thompson, secretary."

-In connection with the coming eleca member of the board of licensing commissioners, vice Jeff Davis.

Robt. T. Graham, if Lilooet commissioner of East Lillooet license district, vice W. Livingstone.

Fred. Billings, of Vernon, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners and commissioners of police for sidners and commissioners of police for said city.

urday evening at the residence of Mr. Willard, Catherine street, Victoria West, will not seek re-election to the school board. Of the new candidates for the board of licensing commissioners and commissioners of police for sinterfered was supported by Miss Thompson and the groom Dr. Lewis Hall announces that he has The action of the Japanese authorities. tions it is announced that Mr. Belyeasioners and commissioners of police for said city.

To be justices of the peace for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo. Vancourer Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Nature of Caribo some presents. Mr. and Mrs. English perience on the aldermanic board,

pound; freight, 5c. per pound. Bennett All day long the sealers are hurrying longing to the two battalions in question sels carrying everything from com-passes to sail cloth. There is one con-and baggage away with them into tinual procession to the wharves of the hills. apper harbor, around which the vessels are clustered making ready. The clerks of the waterfront stores are being hardmorning en route to the West Coast to her seizure by a Russian vesse!. embark their Indian crews. It is expected that another trio will leave tonorrow, or the day following-the E. B. Marvin, Capt. Campbell; Vera, Capt. LeBlanc, and Carlotta G. Cox, Capt. Dairymen's Association at Victoria: Matt Ryan, All are now making their final preparations. A large number of -The contract for the erection of ad- Jacobsen of the Minnie, went up the coast on the last trip of the Queen City mait, has been awarded to Geo. Bishop Capt. Jacobsen is, it is understood, not and the collapse of the condemned man take out the Minnie.

Steamer Willapa, Capt. LeBlanc, arwere M. Venosta, a late arrival from the SON OF AN OHIO MERCHANT Omineca country; Rev. G. Robertson, a missionary of Kitkatlah; B. Madigan, a steamer. She will sail again to-morrow Victoria and Vancouver. evening for the North

Relations Between Japan and Russia Are Still Strained.

Sealing Schooner Feared to Bave Been Lost Off Copper Islands.

According to advices received from the far east by the Engress of India the Russo-Japanese relations are still strained. The Japanese naval yards are now. busier than ever. More work is being done than is compatible with the assertion by the government that the activity is simply occasioned by the anticipated arrival of the fleet. "It is rumored," says the Japan Mail, "that the destinaions of certain vessels have been changed and that the fleet is to be pared for a cruise. Considering that the summer cruise is usually the only one indertaken by the fleet during the year, this looks as though some demo tion was being prepared for. At all ovents we shall do well to keep an eye upon Russia during the next four

The Russian minister to Japan, Baron Rosen, has been transferred to Servia. His policy, that of securing cordiality among the Russians and Japanese not being regarded with favor by his gov-"It has been apparent some time," says the Jiji, "that the Russian naval' and military authorities in he east are not satisfied with Baron Rosen's policy, and are advocating the appointment of an official who will be nore aggressive."

Nippon seems to think that alhough war may ultimately be inevitable, the two powers are not on the threshold of strife. In a late issue it says: "Although collision between the two powers in the Peninsula may be inevitable sooner or later, there is no cause at present for any alarm. The only international problem in Corea is the Massapho affair which is nothing more than an endeavor on the part of Russia to place obstacles in the way of ordinary business transactions concluded between individuals. "It can hardly be made the subject of a diplomatic dispute between Japan and Russia. Recently there was a fracas at Fusan between Russian blüejackets and some Japanese, but that is too trivial an affair to be seriand Russia are struggling for supremacy in the pennsular kingdom, but there is no such immediate cause for alarm as appears to be entertained in England. The unexpectedly hurried departure of M. Pavloff from St. Petersburg for Seoul shows the auxiety felt by the Russian government.

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Rlong the Later and A Nankilly dispetch to the Annual Control of the Later and the Lat ting the sealing schooners ready for sea. Kanchow prefectures. The men be- and it was not until 1868 that it was between the ship chandlers and their ves- were evidently Kolso Hui secret society

and baggage away with them into the The Hakodate correspondent of the Japan Advertiser writes under date of worked and the sail-makers are working Japanese foreign manned sealing schoon-November 25th that it was feared the day and night, for this spring a great er, which left last June and was last Victoria Sealing & Trading Co.-the October gales. The schooner was in schooners Otto, Viva and Arietis-which charge of Capt. Wilson. No news has have been at anchor in James Bay since been received of her save in a rumor, dare-devils. Saturday last, were towed to sea this which, however, was unconfirmed, of

A Chinese robber was executed by Germans at Tsingtao on November 24th. In the forenoon, the available troops formed the three sides of a square on the dull ground whilst through the final preparations. A large number of fourth side was brought the condemned vessels will sail next week. Capt. Pep. man in a cart and tied to a post. This pett of the Umbrina, Capt. Balcom of dered the troops to present arms. The the schooner Zillah May, and Capt. sentence was read in German and Interpreted in Chinese. On a sign from the coast on the last trip of the Queen City commander, a couple of quiet commands, and secured crews for their vessels, a sharp volley was executed by ten men going out this season. Capt. Searle will indicated that the execution had been carried out. The corpse was placed in a coffin already prepared and carried Steamer Willapa, Capt. LeBlanc, ar-away. As to the necessity and advisa-rived from Naas and northern British bility of the execution both Europeans Columbia ports this morning with her and Chinese held one opinion, and it is hold full of salmon, she having brought to be hoped that the lessen will have a about the last, of the pack to be sent salutary effect.

OURED OF CHRONIC DIAR-

My son has been troubled for years last by Auctioneer Jones for the dispos-al of lands at Port. Angeles, one bundred at some property at Bella Coola; J. J. with chronic diarrohea. Some time ago Carthew and Mr. Green, cannery men, I persuaded him to take some of Chamwho have been looking for new cannery berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea sites on the Skeena and at China Hat; Remedy. After using two bottles of the remainder, including some of the most R. Cunningham, W. R. Lord, other can- 25-cent size he was cured. I give this nery men. J. Modder, C. S. Stewart, J. testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited. of any interest was reported by the by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents,

TRISH REGIMENTS? STOR ed by a shamrock wreath Something of Their Records and Their

"Faugh-a-Ballaghs" ("Clear the way"), or more ago, when it began to depend so called from its historic war cry. The on the pensant lads of Municipality and corps was originally raised in Ireland in its ranks, idogs 1793 by Colonel (afterwards General) Sir John Doyle, a veteran of the American Revolutionary war. It fought in Flanders, was captured by the French on the surrender of Bergerdrop-Zoom, and atterward served in Trin'dad and Porto Rico. A second battalion of the regiment, raised in Ireland in 1804, won fame under Lord Gough in the Peninsula, and afterwards took part in the abortive attempt on Buenos Ayres. The regiment fought and suffered defeat at Talavera; and at the battle of Barossa, May 5th, 1811, it brilliantly distinguished itself by capturing in a bayonet charge, the "eagle" or standard of the Eighth French Imperial Infantry—the knocked over, without moving an inch first trophy of its kind captured by the or firing a shot. British in the Peninsular war. The regiment was at Vittoria, where it captured the colors of the 100th French regiment and Marshal Jordan's baton of marshal of France, and other battles leading up to Wellington's triumphant entry into Toulouse and the abdication of Napoleon.

The Dublin Fusiliers. rious names, a record dating far back in for the oxen during the coming summer. the last century. Its first battalion long known as the Madras European sand is not a pretty sight, and when it late the One Hundred and Second, was here and there little bald, pate Regiment—the joldest regiment of whites in India. Clive, the conqueror of India, served in it as an ensign. It afterwards f ught under him at Arcot and Plassey, gles were strewn with its skeletons. In systematic pyrotechnic display. The the war of the Indian Mutiny it was vedt fires burn almost nightly capping satirically known as the "Sweet Lambs," and had part in the capture of Cawnpore and the relief of Lucknew, It was brought to England for the first time in 1868.

The Fusiliers' Second Battalion, late the 103rd Regiment, known as the "Old Toughs," was originally formed in 1661 to garrison Bombay, the dowry of Cather ne of Braganza, quren elect of King Charles II. As the Bombay European Regiment it fought under Clive. In that also had active part country it Indian warfare and contributed to the defeat of the Sikhs at the battle of Goojerat in 1849. in 1870, its 200th year of service, it was brought to England.

In 1882, in accordance with new military arrangements, the Madras and Bombay regiments, or the 102nd and 103rd, the "Sweet Lambs" and the Toughs," became respectively the First custy taken up by the government of and Second Battalions of the Royal Dub-either country. It is true that Japan lin Fus'liers w

The Munster Fus liers. In like manner of the Dublin Fusiliers, two other old Indian regiments, the 101st and 104th Infantry, respectively the Royal Bengal Fusiliers and the Bengal Fusiliers, were brought from abroad some thirty years ago, and made the First and Second Battalions of another Irish regiment, called the Munster Fusiliers. The first of these Clive's old and smell the acrid somewhat number, regiment, organized by him in 1756, smoke, they prick up their ears, put were nicknamed the "Dirty Shirts" on their noses to the wind, and fly for dear their noses to the wind, and fly for dear the Irish brigade at Cremona during a cuts off the encroaching flame, but if

The Royal Irish Lancers. The Fifth Royal Irish Lancers, who have natty blue-breasted uniforms, and A Nanking dispatch to the N. C. Daily News gives some startling news of the freent dispersion of two battalions of modern ammed troops belonging to the Nanyang administration, who had been sent with two others under the come.

A Nanking dispatch to the N. C. Daily were originally organized, like the Inniskilling Dragoons, to help William of Orange to take the crown from James II. They were then at the battle of Ramillies, in Flanders, where the French It has been long since things have mand of Taotal, manded Lin Chaotung been so busy at the ship chandlers to Kiangsi to assist the governor there along the water front interested in get R. C. missionaries in Kuangping and ting the sealing schooners ready for sea, Kanchow prefer times. The more large times and the sealing schooners ready for sea, Kanchow prefer times. The more large times and the sealing schooners ready for sea, Kanchow prefer times. The more large times and the battle of Ramillies, in Flanders, where the rench were defeated. The Fifth Dragoon Guards fought to suppress the Inish insurrection of 1798. In 1790 the regiment was taken home and disbanded, and the battle of Ramillies, in Flanders, where the French were defeated. The Fifth Dragoon Guards fought to suppress the Inish insurrection of 1798. In 1790 the regiment was taken home and disbanded, and the battle of Ramillies, in Flanders, where the French were defeated. The Fifth Dragoon Guards fought to suppress the Inish insurrection of 1799 the regiment was taken home and disbanded, ting the sealing schooners ready for sea, Kanchow prefer times. re-established

The Connaught Rangers. The Eighty-Eighth, or Connaught Rangers, hailing from the Irish province west of the Shannon, is one of the best known regiments in the British ar-

The corps was organized in 1796 Colonel Thomas de Burgh, afterward by Colonel Thomas de Burgh, atterward Earl of Cauricard. Its initiatory ughtmany vessels that have been lying idle reported off Copper Islands with 400 part in Whitelock's unsuccessful attempt are again to go out. The fleet of the skins, has been lost during one of the on Buenos Ayres. But it was in Spain that the Rangers achieved their reputation as a select aggregation of reckless

The Inniskilleners.

The cavalary barracks on the Curragh of Kildare is lonely since the Inniskilling Dragoons packed up their belongings and took shipping to the Cape. This crack corps, which takes its name from the town of Enniskillen, in the County Fermanagh, were originally Orange volun teers. King William led them in person at the Boyne Water, and afterwards as the Black Dragoons at Dettingen, Fontenoy, and other continental battles. Despite their anti-Irish origin, were military favorites in Ireland, and describing their peculiar warlike fascinations-They were all dressed up like gentle

men's sons With their bright-shining swords and their carabine guns. With their silver mounted pistols,

held tilem full soon. Lecause she loved her Enniskillen Dr

They fought at Waterloo and Balac lava, and they will be slow to underes timate the valor of the Boers, which they experienced in the war of 1881. The Royal Irish.

The Royal Irish Regiment, late the Eighteenth, is about the very oldest In ish regiment, tracing its origin to incependent companies of foot, which acted and J. E. Stark, a prospector. No news Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale All robust Orangemen, the Royal Eighteenth fought at the Boyne, and suffered severely at the siege of Limerick. For its gallant assault on the castle at Namur, in Flanders, in 1695, King William conferred on it the badge of the harp and crowns and the lion of Nassau which it still bears, the former surround-

In America the Eighteenth served among the most historical corps in the world, notably the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the famous gold Eciphy Source in the bedone. Of course it are light-

> Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. The Royal Inniskillings, First Battalion, late 27th Foot, dates its origin from New Year's Day, 1690, and is the only corps using the "old Irish war pipes." It fought throughout the wars in Ireland, joined in the slaughter of Culloden, made roads in Scottish Highlands, and exchanged volleys with the American continentals at Long Island, White Plains, and other places. It helped to gain British victories in the West Indies and Spain, and fought at Waterloo, where, posted in the square, it had 500 men and every officer but one

DODGING A VELDT FIRE. How the Boers Blacken Their, Native

Heaths. \_\_\_ About the middle of the Transvaal winter, which includes the months of June and July, the veidt is regularly and systematically burned up, an order to in-The Dublin Fusiliers have, under va: crease its productiveness in pasturage The arid black charred veldt

extends for miles and miles on either side by the wagon road or rai way, it is depressing in the extreme.

At night the illuminated At night the minimum around Pretonia convey the effect of a around Pretonia convey the effect of a

the hill-tops with a flickering "line of light, which now and then leaps up into a little flame of lambent indescence. Pretoria lies in a valley surrounded by hills, and these lines of burning grass seem to cut the sky-line with wivid red-gold dash of color, which butlines every undulation and rise or fall in the chain of hills.

These fires are, of course, often the result of accident, but they are also often stanted by the farmers for purely precautionary purposes, as the grass to-wards winter time is apt to get "sour" and bad for the oxen to grazem upon. From the burned-up stubble as sort of alkaline manure is formed, which fer tilizes the soil and acts most beneficially ipon next year's crop."

It is a very awkward and sometimes a langerous matter to be caught or even chased by a veldt fire. Owing to the short, coarse grass in the Transvael, and to the fact that only in a very few far northern districts are there anyth wooded lands, the fires cannot for a moment be compared for fierceness, or destructiveness, with those that rage on American prairies or in the black-blacks of Australia. But, at the same time, they are unpleasant enough, and need

ape from Horses especially dislike reidt fires, and when they hear the cracking of the short, parched dry grass behind them and sme! the acrid somewhat numbers, smoke, they prick up their ears, put at one's feet, fet it burn ahead of one, dash through it before the flames have attained any dir big fire comes racing up to the burned patch, it necessarily goes out for want

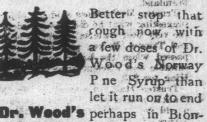
of fuel to feed upon The rush of burned-out little inveldt animals before an onrushing fire is something extraordinary. The meercat, the spring-bare, the veldt-mice, then larger rats, the stoats and even the great antbear himself, all run helter skelter ahead of the flames, regardless of danger in front of them. Many of them fly straight into the nearest water, and of-

ten get drowned. The systematic firing of sour velot is said to lead to a decrease in malarial fever, owing to the decaying vegetable matter being promptly disposed of, instead of slowly decomposing and thereby setting free all manner of unhealthy germs upon the atmosphere.

## Must not be confounded with common cathartic or purgative pills. Carter's Little Liver Pills are entirely unlike them in every respect. One trial will prove their superiority.

-When Mr. Justice Drake took his seat on the bench this morning to hear the proceedings in the matter of the elecpetition of Stoddart vs. Prentice. Mr. H. E. Robertson for the petitioner applied for an adjournment until the seventeenth day after the next session of the Legislature terminates, it being impossable to hear it within fifteen days after the session ends. This was not objected to by Mr. E. V. Bodwell, Q.C., for the respondent, and an order in accordance with the application was made:

Arthur Sharp, an explorer, ban arrived in England with interesting information regarding the region between Lakes Tanganyika and Albert Edward, All the country on the west shore of Lake Tanganyika is overrun with cannibala berds.



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### The Rival **Candidates**

The Mayor and Alderman Hayward Measured Swords Last Night.

Victoria West the Bone of Contention -- Mr. Sifton to Be Interviewed.

There was a foretaste of coming battle at the meeting of the city council last night, when the two candidates for mayoralty honors crossed swords over a question relating to a section of the city that has become notoxious for the knotty problems which it has submitted for solution. The mayor finally won his point, but Ald. Hayward pressed his contention with great vigor, and the principal discussion of the evening raged about the proposals of the rival candidates.

All the members were present, the mayer being in the chair.

F. Elworthy, secretary of the Board of Trade, forwarded a number of copies of the British Columbia Board of Trade annual report, adding that he would be giad to forward additional copies if

The same writer asked for an appropriation of \$700 for the use of the Klondike advertising committee. He mentioned that special illustrated articles, drawing attention to the Coast cities, were being published in Chicago, Minneapolis and other points.

The council felt unable at such a late stage of the year to make any appropriation and will so advise Mr. Elworthy. R. Seabrook, manager of the Albion Iron Works, wrote objecting to a request by the city engineer that the company improve the sidewalk on Store street, which is in an unsafe condition. The writer disclaimed responsibility. stating that it had previously been replaced by the city carpenter. Further, his company did not require the area under the sidewalk, but they would fill it in with cinders from their works if so desired. He further claimed that the retaining wall was originally put in, not for the sidewalk but to guard the property against the grading of the street. The communication was referred to the city engineer and solicitor for re-

John Earsmith and Geo. Gardner complained that no improvements had been made on North Parsington street for the last ten years, either as regards sidewalks, drains, etc., and asked for the same. Referred to the city engineer.

A request for permission to lay a permanent sidewalk on Government street, opposite their building, was made by Geo. Mesher & Co.

Ald. Maggregor said this work must come in rotation, and he did not think that there were funds on hand for the The mayor was of the opinion that

there was granite curbing enough on hand to meet the council's share of the Ald. Humphrey pointed out that this

was a new building, and that the city would have to lay a sidewalk of some kind, under any circumstances. Ald. Stewart said there was over 1,000

feet of curbing, far im excess of what the council had money to lay, and this would cover the city's portion of the ex-Ald. Cameron said this was a case

where the council should encourage the owners of new buildings. There was no cash outlay involved.

Ald. Kinsman took the same view, although he thought it was getting late in the year to lay permanent sidewalk anywhere, owing to the possibility of frost any night.

The mayor thought business men would object to the sidewalks being pulled up during the holiday season. The request was granted subject

the provisions of the by-law.

A request was tabled from the Sorby harbor committee, asking for an appropriation of \$450 for a boring plant, and \$300 for services and plans submitted

by Mr. Sorby. Ald. Brydon supported the reques

saying that it was a step in the right Ald, Beckwith seconded the motion. Ald. Humphrey objected that the re-

port should be signed by members of the committee. He had heard several members of it say that they were opposed to the expenditure as money thrown away. The Mayor-None of them said so in

the committee, Ald. Humphrey. Ald. Humphrey replied that several of them had said so to him. Continuing, he said he had no objection to paying Mr. Sorby if it was not apparent that it was intended to throw away more money on the scheme. Any one who said that borings could be taken for a few hundred dollars either knew nothing about it, or was crazy.

Ald, Brydon reminded Ald, Humphrey that the motion had been carried unani-And. Kinsman said that he was op

ed to paying Mr. Sorby a cent. He had given his services unsolicited, and he (the alderman) did not feel like payhim anything.

Ald, Hayward said that the amount was a modest one, and the committee believed that with \$450 they would be able to make the borings desired.

Continuing, Mr. Hayward said he bad gone into the scheme prejudiced against it as a crazy one, and it was confidently predicted that the financial part of would break down at the very beginping. Contrary to their expectation on development the scheme had proved anything but crazy, and that Mr. Sorby was quite within the mark in his figures. To condemn the scheme in the way Ald. Humphrey had done was unfair. The grant to Mr. Sorby was not to be taken as a precedent. He had rendered great service to the city, and the committee felt that a small gratuity such as was suggested was not at all out of the way.

Ald. Williams said that the question asked at Ottawa last year, namely, "What has Victoria done for herself? still remained unanswered, and if the city wished to convince the government all the clauses being adopted until the it. of their earnestness they must not quib-

confidence in the committee, and was prepared to accept their suggestion.

The mayor reminded the council that \$2,500 had been put in the estimates at the beginning of the year for the investigation of the scheme. The committee had acted economically, and even if this grant was made they would have spent only \$1,500 of this amount, leaving \$1,-000 still unappropriated. The request was unanimously grant-

The city electrician reported that the supply of carbons at the power house would be exhausted by February, owing to the increased use of the plant. He asked that 10,000 pairs of carbon be ordered to be delivered before the end of January. This was referred to the purchasing agent for action.

The city engineer reported as follows: Gentlemen:-I have the honor to submit the following report for your considera-

cluding blocks, which are on hand.

Communication from G. C. Mesher, re extension of Stanley avenue surface drain opposite lot 4, a distance of 140 feet, in a southwesterly direction. After due examtuation of the above locality, I find in order to get sufficient grade to drain the proposed property it will be necessary either to fill in the lane or use iron pipe on the surface. I would respectfully recommend this extension be constructed at un early date. Estimate cost, including rock, but exclusive of pipe, which is on

hand, \$145. Re petition from J. E. Wilson and others. extended: Although this is in accordance

funds are available, drain on Oscar street: Upon examination, it is found the proper outlet for the above drain would be in a westerly direction. but as Oscar street is not opened through the drain would empty into farm lands. In order to drain easterly it would be necessary to construct at least 650 feet of box and continue same down Moss street. I may say I would recommend the latter proposal be adopted when funds are available. Estimate cost \$150.

Re drainage on Lydia street: The present open ditch has no outlet whatever, and after consideration would recommend a cut be opened northerly along Lydia street and Howard street, thereby giving relief to the property owners thereon, Es-

timate cost \$85. Re drain excavated by B. C. Electric Ry. Co. on Pandora avenue: I may say said company are at the present time having the same put in proper condition

Re communication from E. Holness asking for a sidewalk on Putnam street, hetween Chambers street, and Fernwood road: As this portion of street is not graded, and as all the fences are more or less encroaching on the street, I cannot recommend that a sidewalk be laid at the present time.

The city carpenter reports and recommends the following sidewalks be renewed: Johnson street, north side, from Camosan street westerly, 246 feet by 6 feet. Hetimate cost \$52.

Estimate cost \$65. I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant, C. H. TOPP. City Engineer.

It was suggested that the report be laid on the table to be considered with the settlement of the Indian several previous ones at a special meet- question, with power to rent the land ing. His worship said that Mr. Shakes- from the Indian department. A good pointment of a fish specialist is also repeare had told him that the Port Angeles delegation would be present on Thursday night. It was therefore decid- to go over the whole matter. ed to leave that night free and have the streets committee meet on Friday night. The report was laid on the table,

A petition from Sam Clay and others particular district being shunned after ferred to the electric light committee for

Aged and Infirm reported the present views of Victoria West be met. All they building crowded and recommended the asked for was a rental of the ground, acquiring of an adjacent cottage for the and if that was asked for it might be and Australia leads the board to urge a accommodation of the remainder. The obtained.

report was adopted. A special committee appointed to inquire into the complaint of Mr. Baker that he was required to pay \$100 wholesale license submitted their report.

The committee held that although Mr. Baker did a small wholesale business, the amount mentioned was excessive, and as there was no way of remitting it they suggested that the wholesale license be done away with and the question of trade licenses gone into. The report was adopted.

The finance committee reported follows:

Gentlemen:-Your finance committee having considered the undermentioned subject, beg to report and recommend as follows: That the application of I. R. Gray for assistance towards a monument in the city of Toronto be not entertained. We would recommend, however, that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for repairing the fences at the old cemetery on Quadra

With regard to the application of the seretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for a small grant in posed had been received by the city, and to which by statute the society is entitled to one-half, have to state that during the last five years the sum of \$161.25 had been received from this source. We therefore recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be

appropriated for this purpose. We also recommend for payment the ac-

We also recommend that the sum of \$475 be placed at the disposal of the water comssioner for placing a water main on l eighton and Broughton streets.

The clauses were taken up seriatim, out in favor of asking for a portion of

ble over a matter of this kind. He had system to Mr. Ball at a cost of \$475 was a proposal to buy all the reserve and had until they knew what revenue free. would be derived from it. The clause was therefore laid over until the next meeting of the council and the report ad-

opted as amended. an appropriation of \$600.62 out of the as though the legislature would meet current revenue for the month. The re- again before the council had decided up-

port was adopted. The mayor's motion regarding the set-

Brydon and Beckwith as follows: "Whereas there is no public park or recreation ground in the northern and western parts of the city, it is desirable

for that purpose; "And whereas a portion of the Indian is admirably suited for the purpose of a was read a first time. Jark;

"Be it therefore resolved that the Do- ciding to meet on Friday night, as a Re crossing on Pandora street, on the minlon and Provincial governments be reeast side of Douglas street: The crossing quested, when the Indian reserve question in question is at present in a dangerous is settled, to set aside and convey to the condition. I would therefore recommend city of Victoria in trust for a public park the damaged concrete between, and at that portion of the Indian reserve north of each side of, car track be removed, and | Point Ellice bridge, and on the western wooden blocks on concrete foundation be side of the harbor, colored green on the substituted. Estimate cost \$24, not in accompanying plan, and containing about 35 or 36 acres;

"And that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable the Minister along the south side of Cadboro Bay road, of the Interior of the Dominion of Canada, and to the British Columbia senators and members of the Dominion parliament; also to the honorable the Premier and the honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of the province of British Col umbia, and to the Victoria members of the legislative assembly."

Ald, Hayward said that he understood from the conference the council had with Victoria West, the delegates from the west had asked for the rental of a porasking to have the sewer on Douglas street 'tion of the property for \$100 a year, which could be obtained at once. The with the system, it would be an expensive resolution submitted was illusive; as it extension. I would therefore recommend deferred any steps until the reserve ques-(providing the petitioners are satisfied) ex- tion was settled. He was in favor of tending sewer further up the lane, at the acquiring the whole of the reserve, but rear of the school grounds, the estimated in the meantime he thought this portion cost of which can be obtained when sewer that the people immediately wanted might be obtained at the rental named. Communication from Mr. W. Hodges, re He therefore suggested, the following amendment to the motion:

> Therefore be it resolved that a special ommittee be appointed with power to arrange with Indians in possession of certain suitable fand in the Indian reserve to the north of Point Ellice bridge, for a lease of the said premises at a fair rental subject, of course, to the approval of the Indian Department: and be it further resolved that the Dominion and Provincial governments be urgently requested to set aside and convey to the city of Victoria the whole of the unsold portion of the Songhees Indian reserve on such terms as may be deemed fair and equitable, having regard to the losses and injuries sustained during many years by the city by reason of the close proximity of these Indians and the cost and charges that have mavoidably been connected therewith.

> Ald. Macgregor seconded the amendment as meeting the wishes of the people of Victoria West. What they wanted was a park right away.

Personally, the mayor said he had no objection to the amendment, excepting that it asked too much. He thought it very unlikely that the city would obtain the whole reserve. He also pointed would not prevent the council from leasing a portion of it for a park.

Ald, Williams said no city on the con-Churchway, south side, from Humboldt suffered as Victoria had from the pres- ceived from Japan. street easterly, distance 300 feet by 6 feet. ence of the reserve in its centre. He The exceedingly low pack of salmon city should ask for the whole reserve text for the board's urging the establish-

a blot on the city so long. that a committee be appointed to urge so far reserve opportunity would be presented when Mr. Sifton was in the city in a few days

Ald. Beckwith urged earnest effort on the part of the council to get the matter of the reserve settled. The council ought to tell the government that they asked for a light on Johnson street, the wanted the question settled at once. Leasing part of the ground might defer night on account of the darkness. Re- the final settlement of the matter. Strenuous effort was necessary to induce the government to settle the matter.

The committee on the Home for the Ald. Kinsman was anxious that the the past year.

In view of the approaching visit of Hon, Mr. Sifton, Ald. Cameron thought the main question should be laid over. He diun't think that the city should be

obliged to buy the land. Ald. Brydon also opposed the suggestion of buying the land. The amendment implied that any right the city had in the reserve they would have to pay for, a view he thought few members

would endorse. Any value the reserve had, said Ald. Stewart, was due to the proximitiy of Victoria, and the city was therefore entitled to it. He suggested "pegging during the past twelve months:

Ald. Hayward failed to understand the position of the aldermen. Some would cripple their case by asking for a lease. thus admitting they had no right to it. Kaslo ..... If the city were to wait on Mr. Sifton Nanalmo and tell him that the land belonged to the city he would laugh at them, because it was well known that the land Vancouver (all outports in B

belonged to the crown. Ald. Beckwith thought that if Victoria provided another reserve, to which Victoria (Vancouver Island aid, based on the fact that the fines im. the Indians could go, the old reserve only) Inland Rev....... would become the city's property as an

exchange Ald, Humphrey's amendment was not. It would be very difficult to ascertain seconded. Ald. Hayward's amendment was lost on a tie vote.

His worship added to his motion a which duty has been paid in the east clause providing for the appointment of and excise upon goods manufactured a committee to confer with Mr. Sifton there. Large sums are also contributed count from the Mining Record of \$100 for and the provincial government on the through the fisheries and other Federal advertising the city in their Christmas subject and to arrange for a lease of the departments.

out a motion looking to the acquiring of data. the whole reserve. This they had thrown

reached. This the members refused to adopted one asking for a portion of it

Ald. Cameron asked if the legislative committee had made any progress. He had been unable to learn of a single The finance committee recommended meeting it had yet held, and it looked on what they wanted. Ald. Williams said the committee

ting apart of part of the Indian reserve would meet next week. as a public park was submitted by Ald. Ald. Humphrey, Stewart and Brydon were appointed a committee to wait unon the authorities in regard to the indian reserve.

Ald. Beckwith's motion asking that that a portion of land should be acquired leave be granted to introduce a by-law to enable the city to subscribe capital stock to the amount of \$500,000 in the reserve north of the Point Ellice bridge Chilliwack road passed and the by-law The council then adjourned after de-

> Board of Trade

committee of public works

The Twentieth Annual Report of That Body Issued This Week.

A Comprehensive Resume of the Development of the Entire Province.

The twentieth annual report of the British Columbia Board of Trade which has just been issued is a comprehensive review of the work of the board and in deed of the development of the province from July 1st, 1898, to June 30th, 1899. In dealing with the mining industry the report adudes to its gratifying development in eight years from \$4,000, the output of lode mines in 1890 to \$6,-529,420 in 1898, although a slight falling off has been noticeable during the past year owing to the decrease in the price of silver and the increase of duty

on lead entering the United States. Coming to coal the report notes with pleasure that the output (1.135,805 tons) for the year is the dargest on record. The pal shipments were to California, where Vancouver Island coal represents about one-third of the state imports. The number of hands employed in local mining in 1898 was 2,841. Coal from the Crow's Nest colliery has been tested on H. M. warships, and although the reports are not yet public, they are believed to be very favorable. The Crow's Nest article is taken as readily as the Vancouver Island coal, and costs little more than half, the price at Nelson being \$5.75 per ton, against \$10 for that from the Coast. The company's grants were issued conditional upon the sale of coal at the mine not exceeding \$2 per ton, thus giving a guarantee of cheap

fuel for all time. Passing to the timber question, the board recommends the strict enforceout that the passage of the motion mens of the law for the prevention of forest fires, to prevent the great waste caused through carelessness. Enquiries for wood pulp, of which British Columntinent, excepting perhaps in Mexico, had bia can furnish abundance, has been re-

felt like asking for all the reserve. The on the Fraser river in 1898 forms the not only on the Fraser, but on the Ald. Humphrey moved in amendment Skeens and Naas. The government have intimated their intention of erecting one new hatchery on the Fraser and another on the Skeena. The apcommended to act in an advisory capacity to the government, regarding the onserving of the supply of salmon, and adjusting disputes between canners and fishermen.

The low sealing catch of 1898, namely, 28,898 skins, is attributed to restrictions imposed on the industry by the Behring sea arbitration.

The extensive agricultural lands of the province received considerable attention, and the report also contains a resume of the railway building activity of

The success which has attended the subsidizing of the steamships to Japan similar step in regard to boats plying to Mexico and Central and South Ameriwhere there is a splendid outlet for Canadian products, but which is at present poorly supplied owing to defective transportation facilities.

It is also pointed out that although Winnipog is about 150 miles further from the eastern boundary of British Columbia than Victoria and Vancouver, it enjoys more favorable freight rates than the cities named, The provincial contributions to the

Federal exchequer continue to increase, the customs and inland revenue collecctions alone amounting to \$2,867,667.10 

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even approximately the additional contributions from imported goods upon

Ald. Hayward thought it folly to take usual statistical tables, copies of the the step mentioned. They had thrown mining regulations and other valuable

The clauses were taken up seriatim, out in favor of asking for a portion of all the clauses being adopted until the recommendation for extending the water.

Ald, Brydon said they had voted down of Hood's Sarsaparilla which is sure to do you good.

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Dated at the City of Victoria, this 4th day of December, A. D. 1809.

privileges in that behalf.

Dated at the City of Victoria, this 4th day of December. A. D. 1839.

BODWFLL & DUFF.

Agents for the Applicants. Certificate of Improvements.

MABEL, TEXADA AND CHEMAINUS MINERAL CLAIMS. Situate in the Nanaimo Mining Division of Nanaimo District. Where located—On Lot 15, Texada Island.

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A. S. GOING.

Notice is hereby given that the under-signed has applied to the Board of License Commissioners for the Cowichan District for a license, under the provisions of the Liquor License Act, 1899, and that the said application will be considered by the said Board at the Court House, Duncan, at the hour of eleven o'clock of the fore-noon of the 15th day of December, 1899. Pasquale Frumento, Central House, Cow-ichan Station, hotel license. pon of the 15th day of December, 1890.
Pasquale Frumento, Central House, Cowchan Station, hotel license,
JAMES MAITLAND DOUGAIL,
Chief License Inspector.
Government Office,
Duncan, 11th Dec., 1899.

#### NOTICE.

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at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct,
equip, operate, and maintain a railway
istandard or narrow gauge) for the carrying of passengers and freight from some
point on Horseshoe Bay. in the District of
Nanalmo, Vancouver Island, thence in a
northwesterly direction by the most convenient and feasible route to a point on
the Nanaimo lakes; thence by the most
direct and feasible reute to a point at the
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Chemainus river by the most feasible
route: and to build and overate transways build a branch line to the head waters of Chemainus river by the most feasible route; and to build and operate tramways in connection therewith, with power to construct, operate, and maintain branch lines and all necessary bridges, reads, ways and ferries; and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and with power to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and to generate electricity for connection with the said railway and branches; and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and for all and every other purpose mentioned in Sections 80, 81, 82 and 83 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and to do everything necessary or incidental to the carrying out of all or any of the objects referred to in said sections; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporation or o'her persons or bodies; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over, any of such roads. relight passing over, any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves, and vessels built by the Company; and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Dated at the City of Victoria this twentythird day of November, A. D. 1899.

BODWELL & DUFF,

Solicitors for the Applicants.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of acquiring and operating the railway and property of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Company, and to extend the sail railway to some convenient point on or near the harbor of Victoria in the the said railway to some convenient point on or near the harbor of Victoria in the business part of the city of Victoria and to some convenient harbor north of Sidney; to construct, maintain and operate a railway ferry from Sidney, or some point near thereto, to a point on the Mainland of British Columbia, between the mouth of the Fraser river and the international boundary line; to build, equip, maintain and operate a railway from such last point through the Municipalities and Districts of Delta, Surrey, Langley, Matsqul. Sumas and Chilliwack to the town of Chilliwack, and such branch lines in connection therewith as the Company may from time to time deem advisable; and to construct wharves, piers, docks, warehouses, steamers and barges, and to do all other things necessary and expedient to carry out the objects of the said Company.

Dated this 29th day of November, A.D.

A. L. BELYEA. Solicitor for the Applicanta.

NOTICE. NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated in Carlbod district. Commencing at a stake planted two chains north from French road and six miles in an easterly direction from the Carlboo trunk road, thence westerly 100 Carlboo trunk road, thence westerly 100 chains, thence southerly 50 chains, thence easterly 100 chains, thence northerly 50 chains to the point of commencement, containing 500 acres more or less.

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