

LONDON ALDERMEN USED THEIR FISTS

MOUNTED INFANTRY TO GATHER AT HALIFAX

Liberal Has Been Returned in the West Huron By Election—Railway Extension.

Hamilton, Dec. 4.—At a meeting of the creditors of Messrs. J. Hoodless & Son, furniture dealers, the statement showed liabilities \$36,532.02, and assets \$82,040.94.

Liberal Returned. Godrich, Ont., Dec. 4.—Hon. J. T. Garrow (Liberal) is returned in West Huron by-election by a majority of 267 so far as heard from.

Ask for Investigation. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 4.—Hon. David Laird, commissioner of Indian Affairs, was this afternoon presented with a petition from ex-officers of the St. Paul's Industrial school, Middlechurch, requesting the Dominion government to investigate the management.

David Keeleyside was found dead in a Calgary hotel this morning.

London, Ont., Dec. 3.—As a sequel to the verdict of the coroner's jury at the Kilbourne inquest, Dr. Alexander Graham was arrested charged with murder. The jury, who were out for nearly two hours, unanimously returned a verdict to the effect that the "infant child of Emma Kilbourne came to its death by its father being caused prematurely by Dr. Alexander Graham, with the consent of the mother."

Two aldermen indulged in fistfights in last night's meeting of the city council. Ald. Olmstead had the floor and was interrupted frequently by Ald. Jolly, who said several times that Olmstead was lying. Olmstead responded sharply, and the mayor interfered. Olmstead retired to the ante-room to indulge in a smoke. Jolly, not content to let matters rest, followed Olmstead and tapped him on the shoulder. "You were lying in there George," he said. This led to hot words and blows, in which Jolly appeared to be getting the worst, when his colleagues rushed to the scene with difficulty separated the combatants.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 4.—The Mounted Rifles are to be concentrated at Halifax instead of Ottawa. This change is made because it was found necessary to send the horses through and man and horses must be together. The corps is to be taken to South Africa on an Imperial transport.

Bishop Orth, of Victoria, is here consulting Hon. Clifford Sifton about the welfare of British Columbia Indians under his religious care.

The Y. M. C. A. have thrown out Stead's publications owing to his prober profivities.

Will There Be an Election? Toronto, Dec. 4.—Rumors that the Ross government has decided to go to the country instead of holding another session continue in circulation. The government held a council meeting this afternoon when considerable progress was made in the consideration of the estimates for presentation at the coming session.

Moving Westward. It looks as if the Grand Trunk railway were heading towards the Northwest. A contract was let today to the Grand Trunk by the Magnetawan Railway Company, the directors of which are Grand Trunk officers, to build and operate a line from Burks Falls, 40 miles south of North Bay, to Lake Magnetawan. The line is short, but it is the first move of the Grand Trunk toward the West, and railroad men believe the road intends to build to connect with the Clergue line and ultimately with the Canadian Northern.

Princess and Princess of Wales Attend Luncheon at the Guildhall, London—Address Presented.

London, Dec. 5.—The city entertained the Princess and Princess of Wales this afternoon at a luncheon given in the Guildhall, and presented them with an address of congratulation on their successful tour of the British Empire. The Royal party drove from York House to the Guildhall in an open four-horsed landau, escorted by Life Guards. They met everywhere with the heartiest reception from the sightseers lining the brightly bedecked and troop-guarded routes. The scene in the library of the corporation's historic quarters, where their Royal Highnesses were received by the Lord Mayor, Sir Jos. C. Dinsdale, and the corporation, was picturesque. Leves or diplomatic dress, uniforms or judicial robes, were worn by the majority of the guests, among whom were the agents-general of the colonies. Prominent among the other notables present were Lord Salisbury, Lord Rosebery and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain.

TO BUILD STEAMERS.

Sir C. Furness Has Arranged With Clergue Interests for Yards at Sault Ste Marie.

New York, Dec. 3.—Sir Christopher Furness, M. P., left for England to-day, taking with him a signed contract for the building of 13 freight-carrying steamers of from 6,000 to 10,000 tons dead-weight capacity, the capital, nearly \$4,000,000, to be furnished by Americans.

Besides this he has also made arrangements with C. Clergue, interests at Sault Ste Marie, Canada, for the erection of an immense ship-building plant, to be erected at Sault Ste Marie close to the junction of the Soo canal and Lake Superior.

He will erect steel works which will cost approximately \$10,000,000, and the iron and coal fields of Canada will furnish the raw material. Before Sir Christopher sailed during the two months he had spent in this country he had found why the United States manufacturer is crowding the British producer. Because he believes that Canada sure to profit by the greatness of the United States he has chosen to locate his next project there. The drawback of ice in the St. Lawrence river would be overcome by immense ice-carrying steamers, which would be constructed.

OFFICERS FOR THE MOUNTED CONTINGENT

The Staff Which Has Been Selected by Colonel Evans to Go to South Africa.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Col. Evans has selected his staff. The complete list is as follows: In command, Col. Evans; second in command, Major J. H. H. Bennett; adjutant, Sergeant-Major Church, Mounted Police, Regina; quartermaster, Quartermaster-Sergeant J. Graham, of the Winnipeg Mounted Infantry; medical officer, A. J. Devine, M. B. N. W. N. P.; veterinary-surgeon, R. H. Riddell, Calgary. The list has been sanctioned and forwarded to the war office. Its approval is a mere matter of form.

The report published here stated that they will send a British troopship to Canada for the mounted infantry. It has been practically decided to mobilize the troops at Halifax.

Queen Wilhelmina and Her Husband Are Now Frequently Seen Together.

Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—With the view of allaying public indignation and excitement, semi-official intimations have been circulated to the effect that Queen Wilhelmina and her husband, the Prince Henry of the Netherlands, suggestion being that the public ought to follow suit.

As called to the Associated Press at the time the Prince and his wife returned to Hetloo on December 2nd, since when the couple have been dining together and gradually resuming normal relations. Yesterday they walked together and afterwards drove through the market.

The relations between Prince Henry and the members of the court are, however, very strained. The former cordially has been replaced by an attitude of indifference on the part of the Prince Consort, and apparently the gentlemen of the court are equally indisposed to gloss over recent occurrences.

THE BRIGANDS' CAPTIVES.

Dr. Haskell Unable to Obtain Information Regarding Miss Stone and Mme. Tsika.

New York, Dec. 5.—Rev. Henry C. Haskell, D. D., superintendent of the board mission at Smokav, Bulgaria, has sent the following cable to the World regarding Miss Stone and Mme. Tsika.

ASSISTING FILIPINOS.

Gen. Chaffee Taking Steps to Prevent the Natives Obtaining Supplies.

Manila, Dec. 5.—Gen. Chaffee has issued orders for the closing of all ports in the Laganan and Batangas provinces. The quartermasters there will cease paying rents to the Filipinos for buildings used for military purposes. It is known that a large proportion of the money so paid finds its way to the insurgents in the shape of contributions, and Gen. Chaffee intends that no more government funds shall find their way into the hands of the enemy. The reason for closing the ports is that too many supplies are found to be getting into the pockets of the insurgents. Gen. Chaffee intends to order the commanding the troops in the Batangas, every assistance he may require to subdue the insurrection.

LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION.

The Convention is Now Being Held at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—When President Springer had called the convention of the National Live Stock Association to order to-day he said the program for the day was one of exceptional interest to cattlemen. The programme called for papers from Dr. J. H. Senner, of New York; Prof. Andrew H. Soule, of the Tennessee Agricultural College; Hon. E. G. Warren, of Wisconsin; F. Dorems, state engineer of Utah; and Col. G. W. Simpson, of Texas. Mr. Soule's paper telling of the cattle business in the middle south was the first one heard by the convention.

CANADIAN TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES

It is Probable That Several Changes Will Be Made in the Commonwealth Tariff.

Ottawa, Dec. 4 (delayed in transmission).—A report from Canada's commercial agent, J. S. Larke, at Sydney, Australia, is received. He says that while the Commonwealth government was sustained in its policy, intimations were given of changes yet to be made to the tariff. Premier Barton, in referring to a reciprocal trade agreement with Canada, said that a good many matters would have to be received from an authoritative source. Some information would have to be had as to the goods which should have the benefits of a preferential tariff. The recent experience of Canada in connection with Germany was referred to, and it was suggested that a conference of representatives of Australia, Canada and South Africa should meet at the time of the coronation. He feared, however, that such occasions were not favorable to the holding of a conference of that kind.

Mr. Larke goes on to say that little interest was taken in this matter in Australia, and only one leading newspaper took it up. He believes if the people were informed upon the subject they would favor a proposition from Canada.

In reference to the cable, Mr. Larke says that the Eastern cable has been laid from the Cape to Australia, and is now in use. A cable across the Australian Bight will be laid in a few weeks to South Australia, and to meet such a cable the Pacific cable projectors will require to be active. Mr. Larke then proceeds to discuss trade with Australia in a variety of lines, as he always does.

Census Returns.

The French population of the other provinces outside of Quebec, are as follows: Ontario, 183,000; New Brunswick, 80,800; Nova Scotia, 44,500; Prince Edward Island, 21,000; Northwest, 13,600, and British Columbia, 4,900.

BRITISH LIBERALS AT SIXES AND SEVENS

Meeting of National Federation Demonstrates That Discord is Rampant in the Party.

New York, Dec. 5.—The chaotic condition of the Liberal party was never more clearly revealed in a meeting of the National Liberal Federation at Derby, says the London correspondent of the Tribune. A resolution calling on the government to announce the terms on which they were prepared to conclude peace in South Africa was not passed without a noisy scene occasioned by differences of opinion in regard to the attitude taken up by Lord Milner.

Mr. Emmot, Liberal member for Oldham, objected to words declaring it essential, with a view to the conclusion of peace, that a special commissioner should be dispatched to South Africa. Cheers and groans greeted his statement that he would accept no vote of censure on Lord Milner, and the chairman was compelled to intervene to restore order.

SUING MRS DUNSMUIR.

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—J. B. Carlisle, insurance agent, this afternoon issued writs in a case against Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir for \$50,000 damages, alleged to have been incurred through the failure of Mrs. Dunsmuir to complete a contract for life insurance of \$1,000,000.

The Sunday School Association held a meeting last evening in the schoolroom of Christ Church cathedral. H. J. Knott occupied the chair, and there was a very large attendance. It was explained that the object of the meeting was to receive the reports of the different sub-committees engaged in taking a census of the city in the interests of the Sunday schools. The reports were given in a paper by Mr. Knott, who stated that of 2,500 were visited, all the districts being covered with the exception of the Victoria West division. The following distributing committee was appointed to take charge of the distribution of cards which were handed in: Anglican, Canon Beauland; Congregational, W. Sowerby; Methodist, H. J. Knott; Presbyterian, J. Weston; Baptist, W. Marchant; Reformed, Episcopal, Miss Calhoun. Before the adjournment of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the workers, and another was tendered the Anglican clergy for the use of the church as a meeting place.

DRESDEN BANK FAILURE.

Dresden, Dec. 5.—The Dresden Savings & Loan bank has made an assignment. The bank's share capital is 17,000,000 marks. Its depositors number 7,000 with aggregate deposits of 7,000,000 marks.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian high commissioner, who has been confined to his house in London with a severe cold for some time, is still seriously ill. He cannot leave his bed, and is unable to do any business.

DOMINION DISPATCHES.

Liberal Candidate for South Lanark—Diphtheria at Antioch—American Syndicate Negotiating for Land.

Perth, Ont., Dec. 5.—Mr. Joseph Cram, of Beckwith, has been nominated by the South Lanark Liberals to be the Liberal candidate for the forthcoming provincial elections.

Quebec, Dec. 5.—An urgent appeal has been received from Governor Commetant, of Antioch, calling for medical and other aid to check the ravages of diphtheria, which has assumed almost the proportions of an epidemic.

Shoal Lake, Dec. 5.—Thos. Sheppard, a farmer, living about 2 miles from here, was found dead yesterday morning about a mile from town.

May Purchase Land. Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—It is understood that negotiations for the purchase of a large block of land, amounting, it is said, to about 200,000 acres, by an American syndicate from the W. E. Sanford estate. Mr. E. T. Riley, manager of the estate, who had recently sold some people over the land, which is in the vicinity of Westbourne and around Lake Manitoba, but that nothing definite has been done as yet.

NELSON SAVED BY THE WALLA WALLA

TOWED INTO ANGELES BY THE 'FRISCO LINER

All of Her Crew Are on Board—Big Salvage Claim Will Be Laid Against Her.

An alarming dispatch from Astoria, referred to in the marine news in another column, that the ship Nelson had turned turtle off Astoria and that the crew of 28 men had been drowned, proved to-day to be totally false. Early this forenoon the S.S. Walla Walla, Walla Walla, was reported from Otter Point towing a disabled ship, and notwithstanding the reported turning turtle of the Nelson, marine men in the city of Astoria reported the ship was on her. This was confirmed later in the day, when the Walla Walla put into Port Angeles, and in response to dispatches sent by the Times, a report was received that the disabled ship was the Nelson, and that her crew were all aboard, and safe.

The dispatch received by the Times was as follows: "Ship Nelson, grain laden from Portland for Europe, which broke away from the tug Tatosoh off the month of the Columbia river during the recent gale and was supposed to have turned turtle in the vicinity of Astoria, where she prevailed, was towed here this afternoon by the steamship Walla Walla, from San Francisco for Victoria. The vessel was in a bad list, her rigging broken up, and from appearances she was in a waterlogged condition. As a result of this lucky pickup, Capt. Hall and his men have earned for themselves a neat Christmas present. No lives were lost, and cargo found in distress are easily worth \$50,000, and a healthy salvage claim will soon be filed against the Nelson."

The Nelson, being a British ship, certain legal proceedings are to be derived through towing her to an American port, and hence the reason of the Walla Walla going to Port Angeles instead of coming to Victoria, her destination. But it is no flatly stated that the vessel is owned by Saville & Company, of Liverpool. She is an iron ship, having been built in 1874 by R. Duncan, Glasgow. As stated in another column the Lorne received orders early this morning to hold her in readiness to go in search of the vessel, but these orders were later in the day countermanded, when it was learned that the Walla Walla had the ship in tow. Knowing that in such cases about one-third of the ship's value is usually obtained as salvage, and that considerable sums go to the crew of the rescuing vessel, it is not surprising that she has had an opportunity of a lifetime.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Less This Month Than in October—Numbers in Respective Schools.

The attendance at the public schools is always less in November than in October. The total attendance last month was 2,670, as against 2,726 in October, and the average attendance was 2,300 against 2,403 in October. The numbers in the respective schools last month were as follows:

Table with columns: School Name, Daily Attendance, Average, P. C. Rows include High School, South Park, Boys' Central, Spring Ridge, etc.

There are 56 divisions in all the schools, and of these 21 receive the daily average percentage of 90 per cent, as follows:

Table with columns: School Name, Attendance. Rows include High School, 1st Div., High School, 2nd Div., etc.

EXCHEQUER COURT TO SETTLE CLAIM

ARISING OUT OF THE ALL-CANADIAN RAILWAY

Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann Want the Government to Pay \$302,717 and Interest.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The claim of Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, which arose out of the proposed Yukon railway, is to be referred to the Exchequer court. An order-in-council has been passed referring the amount, which is \$302,717, to the court for its decision as to what ought to be paid.

After the gold discovery in the Yukon the Dominion government made a contract with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann to build an all-Canadian railway to connect with the waterways leading to the Dawson mining region. This contract was subject to the ratification of parliament. The House of Commons passed a bill ratifying the contract, but the Senate rejected it. Meantime, Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann purchased a large quantity of supplies and made other arrangements to go on with the work. They submitted a claim to the government to be repaid for their expenditures in this connection. Some of the material that was purchased, the company sold, and they ask the difference of what they were out from the government, and also for further interest on the money which they had on hand for which they get no return. What they ask is, as already said, \$302,717 and interest.

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Had the all-Canadian route been built, Canada would not now be the mercy of the United States, as far as trade goes in the Yukon, and there would be no talk of a revolution at Skagway to capture British territory in that country. Instead of building up American cities on the Pacific coast there would be cities situated in Canadian territory if that contract had gone through.

Sir Charles Tupper first approved of it, but for political purposes afterwards was willing to sacrifice the Klondike.

DELIGHTFUL MUSICAL PROGRAMME GIVEN

The Victoria Arion Club Charming Large Audience at the Institute Hall Last Evening.

When the immense audience rose last night at the Institute hall as the Arion Club choir struck the opening chord, full, ringing and soul inspiring, of "God Save the King," and listened to the beautifully balanced and blended voices render that simple, but always appealing air, the remark went the rounds, not interrogatively, "This is not the last number?" But it was, although for some reason it was not on the programme, and the audience filed out regretfully, forgetful of the fact that they had been sitting there for nearly three hours listening to a programme that gave delight all round, and dispersed the gloom which was expected to find fault, if there were any such there.

To individualise in the matter of mentioning the work of any of the performers would be perhaps unfair, as some might be overlooked, but it is no flattery to say that the voice of freedom, race, religion, laws, language and origin, which evolved a special type, conscious of separate entity and inspired by a common thought. He then dealt with the evolution of the British race from the tribes of Northern Europe, sea-born, seabred, seafaring, sea-ruling, always fighters and always traders. The predominant quality of such a type was courage, and their faith, showing marked appreciation of a cultured and critical audience. Of

course all this does not mean that the Arion Club has reached the perfection mark, there are still little rough places to be smoothed off, but this is unavoidable.

The club was assisted by Mrs. Whittlesley, who was announced in the programme as "a contralto from Seattle, Wash." This was a very poor introduction for such a singer, but the lady made up for it by winning everyone's heart with a voice that was full of melody and sweetness in its most casual tone. A vocalist combining much sympathy and delicacy in a voice of great flexibility and power, added to a refined ability of at once conveying the sentiment of the author of both the words and music. Mrs. Whittlesley is remarkably well gifted. Her numbers "In the Dawn," "The Dew" and "I Love You," were heard but rapturously enjoyed.

Another acquisition to the evening's bill of fare was Signor Salviini, who, although known to the club, is to be regarded favorably, yet has not met the critical musical patron of the community in such numbers as last evening. His best piece probably was his rendering of "Annie Laurie," which was a great success, and sorry that he did not give it first.

On the whole the evening was a delightful one, with it is hoped, many more like it to follow. Mrs. Mess and Mr. Russell were the accompanists, and were probably very successful in their accompaniment. The programme, besides being a tastefully gotten up affair from an artistic point of view, showed a remarkable knowledge of the diversified musical tastes of the public, and was a great success in that respect, as each taste was not only catered to, but thoroughly satisfied.

COLONIST'S CONDUCT STRONGLY CONDEMNED

Members of Mr. Bodwell's Committee Express Disapproval of Its Course.

The action of the Colonist in refusing to accept even an advertisement from Mr. Bodwell's committee has excited much surprise comment, although the morning paper to-day expressed the opinion that were there not five of the committee who would endorse what the Times had said regarding it.

A reporter of the Times asked a number of these gentlemen, casually, on the street to-day their opinion of the Colonist's action, and the sentiment among them was unanimously condemnatory. "It is a most foolish thing," said the veteran politician, Robt. Beaven, "and further, I think it a matter of regret that the paper which the public has supported so long is reduced to a state where it won't print news and doesn't want ads." He added that in his political career he had not seen newspaper refuse to insert such notices, when payment was proffered for them, and that the refusal of the Premier's organ to print such notice was a confession of political weakness on the part of Mr. Bodwell's committee.

D. W. Higgins, as an old newspaper man, stamped the Colonist's attitude as unprecedented. Dr. Jones had been through many a hot campaign in Ontario and had never seen such a course adopted.

Benjamin Boggs, as a life long Conservative, stamped such a course as unfair. Other committeemen expressed themselves in similar terms.

DUTY TO EMPIRE.

Capt. Wolley's forcible Lecture on the Mongolian Question Before the Empire League.

The British Empire League held a successful public meeting at the city hall last night, where a familiar word was known that such an examination of officers as Mr. Higgins contended for could not be had until all material which would support a charge of misfeasance would be placed in the hands of the examining counsel, and this could not be done until the audit was complete. The directors desired to use all economy in conducting the winding-up, and all reasonable efforts to sustain the audit were to be made; and nothing could be gained now by departing from the programme which was being pursued, as all property of the late secretary had been taken over, a full inventory of his accounts had been accepted which were being realized now.

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THE IMMENSE PINES OF CANADA

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BIRTHS.

O'CONNELL—At Rossland, on Nov. 28th, the wife of Morgan D. O'Connell, of 54 BROWN—At Trail, on Nov. 24th, the wife of Frank Brown, of a son. HARRIS—At Rossland, on Dec. 4th, the wife of George J. Cook, of a son. SHORT—At Nelson, on Nov. 29th, the wife of A. Short, of a son. MARRIED. CLARK—At Greenwood, on Nov. 29th, Miss E. Stair.

DECEASED.

KENNEDY—At Nelson, on Nov. 24th, James Kennedy, aged 44 years.

BUILDING SOCIETY AFFAIRS IN COURT

MR. JUSTICE MARTIN ON SECRETARY'S ACTS

Suggests That Criminal Proceedings Be Commenced—Lorenberg & Harris v. Dunsmuir Still in Progress.

In the Supreme court this morning before Mr. Justice Martin in the case of Milne vs. Macdonell was adjourned until the next sitting of the court, pending the result of negotiations for settlement. The case of Sumner vs. Lebery was likewise stood over until next sitting, being engaged at present by the defence lawyers at 10.30 to-morrow morning.

In Lorenberg, Harris & Co. vs. Dunsmuir, the plaintiff, D. R. Harris is still in the box, Mr. Peters now being the prosecutor. The case will probably not be finished some days yet.

In Chambers, before Mr. Justice Martin, R. H. Pooley, on behalf of the plaintiff, B. C. Corporation vs. Harris, obtained an order for proceeding with accounts under a foreclosure decree nisi.

A. C. White, of Eberts & Taylor, applied for judgment under Order XIV, of the Rules of Court, to set aside the defendant, opposing the application, which was adjourned till to-morrow in an affidavit put in, costs of adjournment being awarded plaintiff. The application of R. E. Brown in the matter of the winding-up proceedings of the Vancouver Island Building Society, which has been stood over several times, was also adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. Higgins contended that since notice under section 24 of the Winding Up Act, 1898, had been duly given by the liquidator, and had not been complied with, his client was entitled to take proceedings against the late president and secretary of the society to recover the losses which he had suffered by reason of their alleged misappropriation, and that since it had practically been admitted by the directors and the liquidator that the president and secretary were guilty of misfeasance, but no proceedings had been taken against them, it was evident that there was an intention on the part of the officers to so conduct the winding-up as to prevent recovery. And further, that it was idle for the liquidator's side to contend that nothing could be done until the audit was complete.

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The winding-up had been going on since May last, and the audit had been taken against the wrongdoers, and as speediest and proper method to protect shareholders' interests would be, not to allow the directors to so conduct the winding-up as to prevent recovery, and to proceed against them if misfeasance was proved. Since those who had charge of the winding-up refused to do this he applied for an order for the winding-up to be set aside, and for liberty to institute proceedings on his own behalf, as provided by section 24.

Mr. Duff advanced numerous reasons against such an order being granted. Any one familiar with legal proceedings knew that such an examination of officers as Mr. Higgins contended for could not be had until all material which would support a charge of misfeasance would be placed in the hands of the examining counsel, and this could not be done until the audit was complete. The directors desired to use all economy in conducting the winding-up, and all reasonable efforts to sustain the audit were to be made; and nothing could be gained now by departing from the programme which was being pursued, as all property of the late secretary had been taken over, a full inventory of his accounts had been accepted which were being realized now.

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FURIOUS GALES ON THE WEST COAST

QUEEN CITY'S HARD FIGHT WITH ELEMENTS

Indians Believed to Have Been Landed—Return to Coast—Kinshu Maru's Interesting Cargo.

Since the steamer Queen City entered service, a couple of years ago, she has never had a rougher voyage than that which she completed from the West coast last night. It was on her return trip from Quatsino that the worst weather was experienced. An effort was made to round Cape Scott in strong gale of wind, but with no success, and the steamer had to put back to Quatsino for shelter. Afterwards she was to run for North Bay and then to Winter harbor. At the latter place she will speed ahead against the wind, which has been blowing from the west since she left Quatsino, and she will probably not be finished some days yet.

In addition to the two Indians and crew who were picked up from the Highland Light, there arrived on the steamer Irving, who was down to Kyooquot, looking after his mining interests there. Two Japanese, Bremer Smith, who went on a prospecting expedition to Cape Scott; J. Dorn and Freeman, from Quatsino; Miss Sandson from Alberni; K. Campbell and a party of miners from an unnamed place.

Two Indians, who had been hunters in the schooner Quatsino, are reported to have arrived from the Queen City. They had come down from Dutch harbor in the schooner Arilla, the craft that went to the rescue of the crew of the Highland Light, after the vessel was wrecked. The story of their wanderings are thus related by Capt. Crowell of the Arilla:

"Vincent De Paul and Little Peter are the names of two Indians who were picked up by the schooner Umbrina, Capt. Jack Han, and owned by Capt. Peppert, of Victoria. On September 16th they left the schooner in

THE BRIDGE AGAIN.

The Mayor has refused to approve of the act of the city council in awarding the contract for the new Point Ellice bridge to the Puget Sound Company. In setting aside the contract there is no doubt whatever that he did not exceed the powers conferred upon him by the Legislature. We do not see that anything is to be gained by inquiries as to where the authority of the people's representatives begins or ends.

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What will the Great Britain do? She buys vastly more from the United States than Germany does. Will she be excluded from the benefits of any arrangement by the Germans by their policy of independence may effect? If the British government, in its desire for pleasant relations with its neighbor, should meekly acquiesce, as usual, would the people remain in such a humble frame of mind? These thoughts cannot but arise in this connection. If Germany persists in her course she will produce a great commercial crisis. There cannot be much doubt about that.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The speech from the White House in the abbreviated form in which it appears in the Times to-day is a very interesting document. It deals with matters of world-wide interest. The most notable feature is absence of all reference to a possible meeting of the Joint High Commission and the settlement of the Alaska boundary dispute. Possibly that point is considered settled, the United States having taken and being in possession of all it desires for the time being. The Golden Rule and the Monroe Doctrine combined do not extend to such high latitudes. Another matter which has engaged the attention of the great nations to a greater or lesser degree, the war in South Africa, is also entirely ignored. That will have a depressing effect upon the efforts of the agitators, but it will not prevent a few kinks being placed in the tail of the Lion when the great orators of the republic get down to business in the House.

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OSTRICH-LIKE TACTICS.

The letter published in another column of this paper over the signature of Mr. Matson scarcely calls for comment. The Colonel has always claimed to be guided in political matters by principles a trifle above the ordinary. It proposes to be a public journal established for the purpose of publishing the news of the day for the benefit of its subscribers. Its course in regard to the candidature of Mr. Bodwell proves that it merely exists to advocate the personal views of the Premier and to advance the personal ends and schemes of Mr. Dunsmuir. In pursuing such a course our contemporary is fully within its rights if it be the personal property of an individual, under the absolute control and giving utterance only to thoughts which harmonize with the views of such individual. But in such a case the Colonist has no right to pose as a public journal, actuated by the sole desire to conserve the interests and defend the rights and political liberties of the people of British Columbia. The course of our contemporary we believe to be without precedent in the history of any country enjoying constitutional government. It has been aptly described as bad business and poor politics. Of course business to a newspaper under such ownership is a minor consideration, and as to tactics, when we consider the occurrences of the past few years, what could reasonably be expected? Does the Colonist suppose it can conceal the fact that Mr. Bodwell is in the field? Does it believe that its subscribers are a lot of children or simple-minded creatures who can be deluded into the belief that there will be but one candidate asking for their suffrages; that the arguments of the opposition are political heresies which should be vigorously suppressed rather than controverted in the manner usual in the twentieth century? It is only a few days since our contemporary read Conservative newspapers in the East an able and timely lecture on the

evil and foolishness of misrepresentation. Yet these journals never in the least of suppressing the news of the day or declining legitimate business under the delusion that such a course would advance their cause. The advent of a candidate is always heralded with a flourish of newspaper trumpets from all sides. The British Columbia idea is decidedly original and quite worthy of the source from which it emanated. It was not an editorial conceit. In justice it must be admitted that our contemporary has always been ready to meet arguments in the one effective way—not by suppressing them.

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Curious statements were made at an inquest held into the death of an inmate of the Essex County Insane Asylum, South Wood. In the case of Albert Middlestead, a Strafford telegraph operator, who died from apoplexy, it was stated that he would not eat anything. Middlestead seemed to think that he was an ostrich. He had attempted to swallow stones, grass, leaves, wood and scrap iron—in fact, any article he could find.

On the resumption of the tariff debate in the Reichstag von Powdowski, Werner, secretary of the interior, took up the cudgels in defence of the bill.

Tame snakes are used in Morocco to clear houses of rats and mice.

MAKE THE FARM PAY

FARMER'S ADVOCATE

Progressive stock breeders, dairymen, poultrymen, grain, root and fruit growers, beekeepers, agricultural students, and home makers will find in this paper answers to questions in every issue of the

MORAL QUESTIONS WERE DISCUSSED

THE POLICE BOARD IN REGULAR SESSION

Communication From a Well-Known Clergyman Engenders Discussion on Gambling and the Social Evil.

The board of police commissioners held their regular monthly meeting in the city hall this morning. The session was more than ordinarily interesting, a discussion occurring as to the best means of dealing with the social and other evils, gambling being touched upon at some length.

The discussion was precipitated by a communication from Rev. W. Leslie Clay, who was also present. The letter, while warmly approving of the action of the board in so promptly investigating the allegations made at the Gill murder trial respecting St. George's inn, expressed regret that similar action had not been taken in consequence of the evidence adduced at the trial of Frank Nicholas. In this it was shown that the accused, his victim and another had visited a house of prostitution on the night of the murder, had been supplied with liquor and some of them had been in a gambling house. This indicated that these evils were still indulged in notwithstanding the instructions given by the board some months ago that they should be abated. They were all contributory to the death of one of the men. So far as he understood no steps had been taken to suppress them, while they were as flagrant as those complained of in St. George's inn. He therefore formally drew attention to them in the course of the meeting and would effectually deal with the matter.

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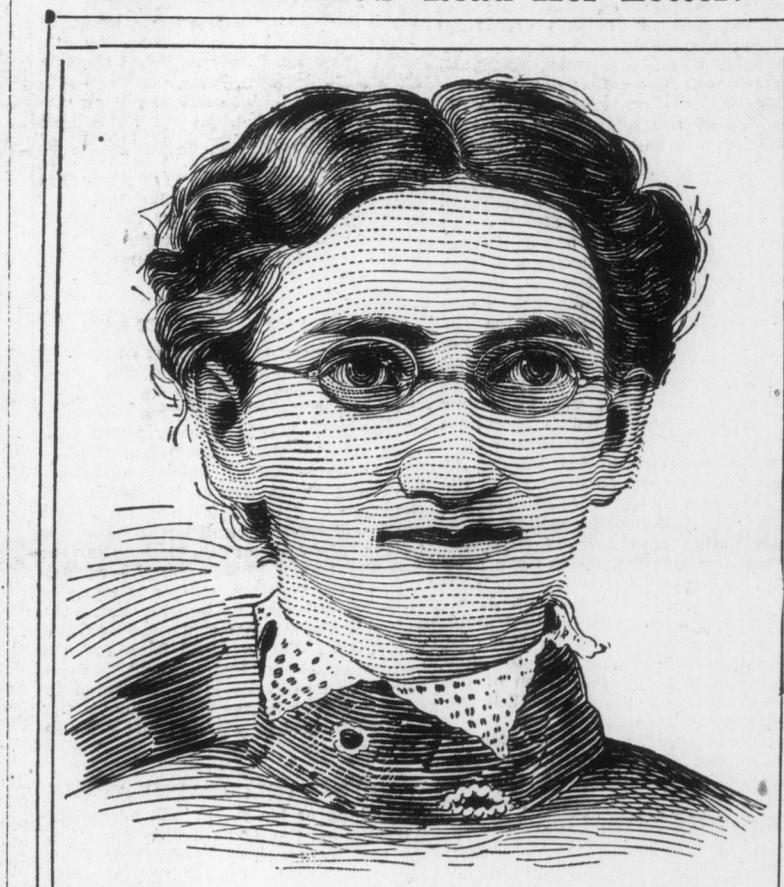
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Yours faithfully, CHAS. HAYWARD, Mayor.

FRIENDLY HELP. List of Donations—Arrangements for Christmas Work.

The monthly meeting of the Friendly Help Society was held at their rooms yesterday. The monthly reports showed that about thirty families had assistance during the month, thirteen had groceries, five fuel, five milk daily, three meat, and the remainder groceries.

The following donations for the month are thankfully received: Mrs. J. V. Wilson, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Bunting, Miss Angus, Mrs. Gore, A. Friend, Houghton street, Mrs. York, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. G. F. Bee, Mrs. Rose Robertson, Mrs. Luffman, Mrs. Rowley, Mrs. Potts, A. Friend, clothing; R. Porter & Sons, meat; Provincial government, City, Mrs. McTavish and Capt. Gould, cash.

The Christmas work was fully discussed, and all arrangements made. Mrs. McKelving was again appointed chairman of the Christmas committee. All visitors are asked to send a list of their poor to the corresponding secretary previous to the 25th inst. The members are also again reminded to provide at least two new garments each, and to ask two friends to do likewise.

The rooms will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the week preceding Christmas, and all donations deposited on Monday.

WIRE TROUBLES. Owing to the wires being down the Times is to-day without its usual service of telegraphic news.

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The catarrh usually begins as a cold in the head or throat, and is neglected until it becomes chronic; then it begins to dawn on the victim that he has catarrh. Unless he is very foolish indeed he will not rest easy until the catarrh is entirely cured. Thousands pay no attention to it until it is too late.

Mrs. J. Priest, Lee, Mich., writes—'I think there is no medicine on earth that excels Peruna. My husband wouldn't take any other. We have tested it and it worked a great change in my own health last spring when we thought we were going into consumption. We were on one bottle and he was all right. I tell everybody about how much good it has done us. My husband says he can't do without it. As for myself I saved me seven years ago from going blind. I could not see to read one word for six weeks. I thought I should surely lose my sight. I commenced taking Peruna and by the time I had taken one bottle I could see to read as well as ever. We think it is a grand medicine.'—Mrs. J. Priest.

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The meeting called by E. V. Bodwell in Pioneer hall last night for the purpose of organizing for the coming campaign was largely a business-like meeting, and the business-like nature of the preliminary arrangements which the preliminary arrangements carried out for the opposition candidate those present were representatives of the Liberal and Conservative parties, men of experience in public affairs, who were all actuated by the desire to secure the return of the candidate in whose behalf the meeting had been called. A hearty unanimity prevailed throughout, and the applause greeted the several speakers eulogized Mr. Bodwell's candidature was evidence that the audience was well-versed in favor of his advent in public life. While the meeting was principally of a business character, its details, consisting of the appointment of committees, etc., etc., carried out promptly and satisfactorily, leaving time for a number of brief speeches by some prominent guests present.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. 27th Nov. to 3rd Dec. 1901. The weather during this week has been remarkably cloudy, and rain has fallen upon every day but one.

wedding took place at the residence of the bride's father, 138 Menzies street. The bride looked charming in French lawn over which she wore a white and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.

At the annual plowing match will be held at McIlroy's farm, North Saanich, on Saturday, December 7th.

At 128 Cormorant street, on the 28th ult., Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Edward Edmonds and Nancy Boyle, of Seattle.

The regularly quarterly meeting of the board of licensing commissioners will be held this day week at the city hall.

Local News.

CLEANINGS OF CITY AND GROUNDS BY THE CONDENSED FORM.

Victorians interested in the establishment of a new steamship line to Nome expect to see a representative East shortly to obtain a steamer for the service.

The Centennial Methodist Sunday school scholars will hold their entertainment feast, on Monday, December 10th, at 8 o'clock, when, like last year, the children will render a cantata.

Advices from Dawson, dated November 22nd, report that the little daughter of Mrs. Frank Shoopland, of this city, according to the Vancouver Press, Mrs. Shoopland went to the Terminal City a few weeks ago for the purpose of visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Robson.

The customs returns for the month of November amounted to \$251,127, of which amount the value of the dutiable imports was \$180,495, and the exports were valued at \$44,632.

The funeral of the late John Dalles took place this morning from the parlors of W. J. Hanna at 10 o'clock, and was officiated by the Rev. J. D. Helcken, from the Roman Catholic church.

The following are the donations which were thankfully received at the Home for Aged and Infirm Women during November: Heisterman & Co.; S. M. Robins, New Vancouver Coal Co.; Capt. McCauley, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Wm. Henderson, boots; Mrs. Hamilton, preserves; Mrs. Noble, reading matter; Mrs. H. D. Helcken, bread, cake and oranges; Mrs. Tite, sweet pickles; Mrs. Sinclair, tea and cake; Mrs. Chas. Kent, sugar and reading matter; Mrs. McMichael, (King's Daughters), cake; Mrs. A. Davis, clothing; Mrs. Morrison, apples and tarts; Mrs. Todd, Victoria West, tea and short-cake; Mrs. Baker, preserves; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Burns, turkey; Times and Colonist daily papers; Mrs. Shannon, millinery; Mrs. Goodacre, plum pudding.

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Mining News.

Rossland Camp. The shipments of ore from the Rossland camp for the week ending last night are the largest since work was resumed in the mines on September 1st, last, says Sunday's Rossland Miner.

The output for the week ending November 30th and for the year to date is as follows:

Table with columns: Tons, Week, Year. Rows include Le Roi No. 2, Rossland G. W., and other mines.

Le Roi. The Le Roi shipments last week were exactly 20 cars per day for every day in the week, totalling 146 cars.

Nickel Plate. The work in the Rossland Great Western's property has proceeded without feature of special interest.

Green Mountain. The actual work of sinking the next 100 feet of shaft in the new mine at Green Mountain, owned by the Louis C. Hamilton Company's property has been started and for the past week the operations have gone ahead steadily.

Velvet. At the Velvet the arrangements for shipping are completed and the first snowfall sufficient to make sleighing will see ore moving out to the Red Mountain railroad for shipment.

Centre Star. The pumping operations at the Centre Star mine are still under way and the unwatering of the mine is proceeding rapidly.

Mica in the Big Bend. It is not generally realized by the people of Golden and this district just how rich the mica properties are.

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Our Young Folks

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The advent of the Roosevelt children in the White House brings to Washington the most notable array of pets which have been seen in the national capital since the days of President Cleveland. The young people of the Roosevelt family traveled from their home at Oyster Bay to Washington they were accompanied by Jackie, the black-and-tan dog which is the pet of the entire household. Arrangements were made to have Jessie, the Aberdeen setter, follow at an early date, and it is predicted that ere long a goodly proportion of the Roosevelt "menagerie," which includes cats, dogs, rabbits and guinea-pigs, will be transferred to the White House.

When President Cleveland's children lived at the White House the house was overrun with birds and animals. There were all sorts of dogs, from poodles to a big St. Bernard, several cats, a canary and a monkey, which is reported to have been on very bad terms with the members of the feathered tribe. Mrs. McKinley, while she lived at the Executive Mansion, had only two pets—a canary and a mocking bird, which she brought from Canton. For several years past the basement of the White House has been inhabited by a large cat of very commonplace appearance. One morning some months since the colored men who have charge of the lower part of the Executive Mansion found five pretty little black and white kittens nesting on a warm, soft bed made from an old coat, while the old tabby guarded them with jealous care. Naturally there was a great rush to secure a White House kitten, and it is stated that the enterprising young negro who had the animals in charge sold several dozen kittens at \$5 each. It is guaranteed that each little feline was surely one of the original quintette.

However, the presidential mansion does not enjoy a monopoly of the distinguished pets. There is scarcely a soldier, statesman or diplomat at Washington who does not boast of some wonderful four-footed friend. Senator Dewey has a wonderful yellow and white cat named Tux, and this feline animal is really of great value to the Senator from New York, since Mr. Dewey delights to tell good stories, and the happy feline furnishes him with many incidents which have caused hearty laughter. Countess Castelli, the daughter of the Russian Ambassador, has three fleecy French poodles, named Chocolate, Cosette and Mousette, which are much admired for their shaggy white coats.

Admiral Dewey has a green parrot which can pour forth a medley of sailor talk which will astonish a landsman. John R. Moran, the Admiral's brother-in-law, has a cow of which he is as fond as a boy would be of his first pet. General Miles has two of the most comical dogs in Washington—a pair of solemn looking pug-noses named Nip and Tuck. All the children in the neighborhood know these dogs, and in days gone by, before they attained to such advanced age, they constantly indulged in the most grotesque antics of which any canine was ever guilty.

There are some marvellously intelligent dogs in the distinguished canine assemblage. Senator McMillan has a sleepy-looking bull-dog named Victor, which probably gets into more trouble than any other animal in Washington. It all comes through his fondness for music. Whenever he hears a band or a hand organ playing far down the street he is off at a bound, and he will follow a procession for hours unless apprehended by some watchful attendant. Victor is a great fighter and well deserves his name.

Another confirmed runaway is Jacko, the light and scurvy fox terrier owned by Postmaster-General Smith. He has an excellent home, but he seldom remains there

longer than two weeks at a time. Occasionally he comes home of his own accord, but more often it is necessary to offer a reward to secure his recovery. Mrs. Perry S. Heath is the proud possessor of one of the best trick dogs in Washington, and Lord Pauncefote, the British ambas-

ador, has a dog named Briton, of which he is very proud. One of the handsomest cats at the national capital is in the possession of the little black-eyed daughter of Senator Calvo, the minister to this country

SUNDAY EDITOR—A NEW INDOOR GAME

A bright little girl, who has learned a great deal of the methods by which newspapers are conducted, by closely watching her father, has invented a game which is very interesting indeed, and which can furnish no end of sport if the players are as smart and quick-witted as this little girl and her companions. The gentleman in question was thoroughly astonished one day to find these little people earnestly engaged in a game which they called "Sunday Editor." It was very real to them, and they had introduced a perfect newspaper atmosphere into the play, which heightened his surprise.

One of the little folk had "chosen" to be Sunday editor of an imaginary paper, and, with one or two assistants, held at bay the hungry crowd of little authors, who all wanted to sell wonderful stories, poems, serious articles, suggestions and other things which a newspaper uses in its columns.

The Sunday editor could not, of course, see all of these writers, read their manuscripts or look at all the drawings, and the assistant was kept busy explaining that the editor was a very busy person, and that they would have to leave their work or call again. Of course, they all knew the editor was always busy, so they insisted on either seeing the "boss" or submitting their ideas for a hasty decision.

Some fortunate ones were led into the editorial office, and there they met this awesome person. But they were not a bit awe-struck! No sir! They told the editor how very good their stories were, and how very many great people wanted to buy their work. They were not a bit anxious to tell it, of course, but they really felt sorry for the paper and wanted it to have something good in its columns for once, anyway.

My! What high prices some things brought! Several stories were purchased for \$1,000 each, for this Sunday editor was a liberal person, and knew just how hard the little journalists had worked. The little contributors took their "pay" money with an air of nonchalance and went off to write more \$1,000 stories.

But all the work was judged fairly. Every decision on contributions was surprisingly accurate. When a story was rejected because it was "no good" the little author did not protest against fate, for all knew what kept young wits had passed judgment on it, and how well and carefully it had been examined before being refused.

This part was, of course, much more funny for the "Sunday Editor" and assistant than for any of the rest, although no doubt the best fun of all was in writing the various things that were offered for sale. Still, the "boss" "editor" was in great demand, and the little folk took turns in occupying that exalted position with the most amusing results. We print below a story by a little girl who thinks the game is really one of the very nicest she ever played.

To the Sunday Editor:—There was once a little child named Helen who was always up to some kind of mischief. One day, as her mother was going away, she said to her: "Helen, do not touch the jam, as I want it for supper." "Now, remember," Helen watched her mother out of sight. Then she went out doors to play with Don, the dog, but he was asleep. Then she thought came to her how nice the jam would taste on some bread. Helen remembered what her mother said, "That taste and mamma won't care," she thought. Helen got a chair, climbed up to the shelf and looked at it. How good it did look! She took down the jam and said, "I wonder if I can pull the cover off so I can stick my fingers down in it, and get some?" She pulled the cover off. Splash! splash! went the jam all over her dress. What would she do? What should she do? What would mamma say? She had disobeyed her mother and besides spilled the jam, also getting her frock all jammed.

This teaches little girls to leave what is well alone.

ETHEL.

To the Sunday Editor:—One time in London, on one of the poorest streets, there was a young man. He was very poor, and was not rich enough to get a position. When he was about 18 he had spent every cent he had for his sick father and mother, and they had died. How sad he felt when he thought of it. He got along for a year very well, but when a year was up he said: "I can't stand it a day longer." So he took his clothes, the few he had, and went out into the world alone.

He came to a village, where he saw men drilling up and down. He also heard a man holding a sign: "A man needed! He can come in the army for nothing." He said: "Here is my chance. I will join the army." So he told him he would join, but he did not have a cent. The man said: "Tell me about your life." After he told him that many of the fellows were like him he smiled. He took him to a room and put on a uniform and said: "We will be off to-morrow."

All day long he was thinking about the next day, but at night he slept well, for he was very tired, and woke up at the dawn of day. He ate his breakfast early, for they were to start early. He rested until it was time for the march, so he would not be so tired. After a while he got up, fixed himself, and got in his place in line, and he heard, "Left, right, forward." They had started, and he was very happy.

They marched all day and at night pitched

their tents, and some went on guard and some slept. They went on doing this about 10 days, taking turns being on guard. At last they got to the place where the war was to be, and the captain said: "We must be careful to-night." Many of the soldiers did not sleep, but the ones that did were aroused at the shooting of guns. They got

PRINCESS BRIGHTEYES

Long ago there was a forest which was as black as night. A beautiful young Princess lived not far away, who owned many pets.

Princess Brighteyes, as she was called, was very fond of animals of all sorts.

At last she stood in front of a beautiful palace. Two maids advanced to meet Brighteyes. Both were dressed in deepest black. They took her by the hands and led her into the palace. As the dreary music continued Brighteyes lost all will power. The maids led her into a beautiful apartment which they said belonged to her, and then they left her. The music had ceased, and gradually Brighteyes regained her senses. She became alarmed, as it was growing dark, and she was in this strange room.

As she sat there wondering the door was noiselessly opened and the maids again entered.

They fell on their knees before her and wept bitterly. Princess Brighteyes asked one what the trouble was. The maid answered that their master was made captive in the palace by a witch, but if Brighteyes would consent to become his wife, he would be freed from the spell.

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A PARTY TRICK.

Here is a trick which is always very effective at a party or any gathering of young people, and sometimes with older persons, too:

Take a tin cup, or a cup of some other metal, and fill it almost full of spirits of wine. Into this put a teaspoonful of common table salt and stir it thoroughly until the salt is dissolved. Place this upon a wire frame and fix the frame over a spirit lamp or a dark lantern, so that none of the light from the lantern can shine into any part of the room. This should be done in one end of the room and the company seated in a line as near the centre of the room as possible.

As soon as the cup gets so hot that you cannot rest the tip of your finger against it, hold a lighted match near the mixture of spirits of wine and salt. A very small yellow flame will arise from the surface and gradually increase in size. Now put out the other light in the room and in a moment you will observe a most peculiar effect. Everything in the room, whatever its previous color, will now be a most positive yellow. If the yellow light from the cup is not quite strong enough, throw some more salt in the mixture and the yellow flames will be still stronger in color. Reds, blues, blacks, whites, greens, everything will lose all its previous tint and become a ghastly solid yellow.

You will hardly be able to recognize your little friends and they will scarcely know you. Their hair, faces, clothes, the chairs they sit on and all the rest of the furniture, the carpet—in fact, everything in the room—will look as if it had suddenly received a thick coat of yellow paint. This is a very quick way of changing brunettes to blondes, and there will not be a single ladle or tinsie with raven tresses in the room.

Now place an ordinary light at the extreme other end of the room and the effect will be two lights, one white and the other yellow. You must be careful not to have the white light stronger than the yellow one, and then while one-half of each will appear in its proper colors, the other half will still be a vivid yellow, and the dividing lines will be sharply defined.

To get the best effect of this you and your friends should be seated in two lines facing each other, with a light on each end of the lines.

A little girl with black hair and a gray dress, for instance, will present a most peculiar appearance—looking perfectly natural on one side, while on the other side she will be yellow from head to toe.

A VETERAN'S STORY.—George Lewis, of Shamokin, Pa., writes: "I am eighty years of age. I have been troubled with Catarrh for fifty years, and in my time have used a great many catarrh cures, but never had any relief until I used Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder. One box cured me completely." 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—25.

AGGRAVATING.

Tramp—"Can you spare the price of a glass of beer, mister?"

Party Accused—"Yes, easily, and what's more, I'm just going down the street to get it. O'day!"

A LONG RECORD OF SUCCESS IN curing cuts, burns and bruises, as well as all bowel complaints, is held by Pain-Killer—over 60 years. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

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At a meeting held on Monday evening representatives from each part of the city, an organization was formed to consider names of suitable persons for the various civic offices during 1902. Several names had previously been held, and a national committee appointed for that ward. The name adopted was the Inevitable Electoral Union. At Monday's meeting F. F. Burns, president of the board of trade, was unanimously elected chairman; J. A. McNair, president of the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company, vice-chairman, and G. Gordon, honorary secretary. It was decided that at an early date meetings should be held in each ward to select the suitable candidate. The object sought to secure a representative council and progressive administration.

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TEDDY ROOSEVELT, J. R., ON HIS PET PONY.



YOU WILL HARDLY BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS.

MAYOR EXERCISES THE VETO POWER

THE BRIDGE CONTRACT IS ANNULLED BY HIM

Hot Words at the Council Board Last Night—Aldermen Want a Public Meeting Held.

There was an unusually large attendance of citizens at the meeting of the city council last evening in anticipation of some action by His Worship the Mayor in connection with the vetoing of the council's action in awarding the Point Ellice bridge contract.

The debate which ensued was at no time very elevated in tone, and at times descended to a plane which bordered closely on the personal.

The minutes having been read, the clerk read the following communication to the council from His Worship the Mayor:

To the City Council, Victoria, B. C.: Gentlemen—Referenced to an intendentally signed requisition which has been presented to me and which will be laid before you to-night, representing in number over six hundred citizens, including owners of real estate assessed at the value approximated of \$8,716,525, requesting me to intervene in the matter of the council's acceptance of the tender and plans submitted by the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, I desire now to intimate that I feel it my duty to comply with the prayer of the petitioners, being of opinion that the object sought to be attained by our first invitation to bridge contractors to tender, namely, to obtain competition, has wholly failed, and deeming it in the best interests of the city that an opportunity should be given to prepare plans, specifications and drawings for a bridge at Point Ellice that will meet the requirements of the citizens, in such complete form as to enable proper tenders in competition to be made, I do now, and hereby, in exercise of the statutory authority conferred upon me as Mayor of this city, veto the following resolution of this council, passed on the 25th of November last, namely:

"That the report of the city engineer be adopted, and that the contract for the construction of the Point Ellice bridge be awarded to the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, according to plan B.1. at a price of \$92,000, and that the Mayor be authorized to sign the said contract, and affix the corporate seal thereto."

And any other act, or proceeding of the council, its officers or servants whatsoever, purporting to establish the fact of such acceptance, is, and are hereby, vetoed.

CHARLES HAYWARD, Mayor.

His Worship instructed the clerk to enter the memorandum on the minutes.

Ald. Yates asked if that communication should not be considered at the next meeting of the council.

His Worship—"I am not aware of any such procedure."

Ald. Yates quoted sections to substantiate his view that a veto was open to discussion and action by the council.

His Worship said that his view of the matter was that the mayor's veto was final. It was a power rarely exercised, and he would not have taken such a step had he not felt that he was voicing the sentiment of a majority of ratepayers.

Ald. Yates said he would like a legal opinion. It was a strange thing if the mayor could override the whole council.

Ald. Stewart said that if the mayor's veto was absolute there was no need of aldermen. He asked the city solicitor for an opinion.

Mr. Bradburn said the mayor had the absolute right of veto, and his veto left the question at issue where it was before action was taken. The matter could then be taken up again within the time allowed by the statute.

Ald. Kinsman said ex-Mayor Redfern had vetoed a resolution of the speaker's, carried by a large majority.

Ald. Yates said that might be quite true if the council took no step subsequently. Still in his opinion the council had this latter option.

Ald. Brydon complained that the council was being treated with scant courtesy and that the mayor was carrying things with a high hand.

The clerk was proceeding to further business when Ald. Yates objected. He wanted to understand his position and status as an alderman representing the people. He did not think that if those who signed the petition understood that the exercise of the veto was absolute, many of them would not have signed it.

What was the effect of the veto? The Mayor—"The resolution of Monday is killed."

Ald. Yates wanted time for the council to consider the matter.

The Mayor—"You will have a month to consider it."

Tupper, Peters & Griffin wrote drawing the attention of the aldermen to properties injuriously affected by the construction of the Victoria Terminal railway.

Referred to city solicitor for report. The Hamilton Bridge Works Co., Limited, wrote as follows:

Wellington J. Dowler, Esq., City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C.: Dear Sir—We send you herewith copy of letter which we have mailed to Mr. Topp to-day, and the same will explain itself.

for the simple reason that on the 6th inst. we advised you by wire that we were making our tender that day. Surely with that information in your possession it would have been a simple matter for you to have wired us before other bids were opened, stating that ours had not been received, and we would have wired you the amount of same.

Moreover, we cannot see that the fact of our tender arriving a few hours after others should make any difference in opening it. The usual reason that tenders are barred out when they are too late is for the reason that parties submitting a late tender may have received certain information which would enable them to make use of certain figures that otherwise were not available before the opening of tenders, and if this were the reason in this case, you can very easily realize that it should not apply to us, for the very simple reason that we had no means of availing ourselves of any such action, and moreover, our tender was mailed from here several days before the appointed time for opening them, and in our estimate the course of time to have reached you before the opening of bids.

We would also remind you that for this bridge we have supplied at different times a considerable amount of information which no doubt has been valuable to you, and of assistance in preparing preliminary estimates for the work. We claim no particular credit for this, but at the same time think you should meet with somewhat better treatment than we appear to be receiving at the present time.

In December, 1900, you wrote us regarding this work, and also in January, 1901, you wrote us regarding same, and on January 29th, 1901, we sent you our estimates and sketch of the proposed bridge. Again in June, 1901, you requested further information in regard to this matter, and we sent you every consideration and when you recently asked for tenders on the work we submitted same in good faith, and went to much expense in preparing estimates and plans, and sent them forward to you, and also enclosed, with our tender the security cheques as required.

We feel very strongly regarding this matter, and we trust that the same will be brought before the proper parties, and that this company may receive every consideration that may in all fairness be accorded them.

Ald. Cameron said this opened up the bridge question, and bore out his previous contention that the council, having invited tenders and plans from this company and having shut out this company that the council should go back to the beginning and draw up plans and specifications upon which local firms might tender. The data for these bridges had not been available to local firms, and by an unfortunate chain of circumstances the Eastern firm had been shut out. Now the mayor's veto annulled the present contract, and he therefore moved:

That the communication with enclosure from the Hamilton Bridge Company be received and filed, and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the city engineer, and with him or any bridge contractor, to decide upon the style and construction of a bridge best adapted for Point Ellice, and after approval by this council, to prepare and complete plans and specifications, so as to enable tenders in competition to be made thereon.

Ald. Kinsman seconded.

Ald. Cooley denied that plans had not been available.

Ald. Brydon objected that the resolution was out of order, as conflicting with a unanimous vote of the council, who had decided on the width, etc., of the bridge.

Ald. Stewart denied that plans were not available, and characterized as nonsense the claims which were being made. He advocated holding a public meeting in connection with the plans, opposing in the matter arose from ignorance of the facts.

Ald. Hall held the same view, and thought a public meeting would result in a better understanding.

The mayor denied most distinctly that there was a plan definite enough for firms to tender on. There was a picture for a 30-foot girder and another a 42-foot girder.

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Aldermen—"No, it is you who are blocking the bridge being built."

The mayor suggested that the discontented aldermen suggest a better way, and the following resolution was moved by Ald. Yates:

That the letter be received and filed, and that the Hamilton Bridge Company be informed that while the council regret the non-acceptance of their tender owing to the same being late, the council do not deem it in the best interest of the city to receive any late tenders.

Ald. Kinsman held that the Hamilton Bridge Company's tender being in the mails they had no means of benefiting by the opening of those of their competitors.

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The Mayor—"You are mistaken. I distinctly stated otherwise, and aldermen will bear me out."

This would leave the council in a happy muddle, for which the mayor would be responsible.

He anticipated trouble, too, from the Dominion government.

Then followed some recriminations as to who was responsible for building the bridge, and a reading from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer by Ald. Beckwith on reciprocity in business.

He held that the great advantage was that the successful bridge company was that it was from an American one.

Aldermen—"No, no."

Ald. Beckwith continuing, said that he further held that the Seattle company was not the only one that had their materials being something none of the other tenderers had done.

Ald. Stewart thought the subject too important to be left to a committee of three. It should go to the whole board, you wrote us regarding same, and on January 29th, 1901, we sent you our estimates and sketch of the proposed bridge.

The amendment carried on the following division: Ayes—Ald. Hall, Cooley, Yates, Stewart, Beckwith and Brydon.

Noes—The Mayor, Alds. Kinsman, Williams and Cameron.

F. A. Devereux asked permission to use streets for the use of the Terminal railway. Referred to city engineer with power to act.

G. M. Rochon wrote intimating that he understood he would be allowed the use of the fruit stall at the end of James Bay free of rental, as compensation for the injury of his business by the improvement of the bridge, and by an unfortunate chain of circumstances the Eastern firm had been shut out. Now the mayor's veto annulled the present contract, and he therefore moved:

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of the appropriation of \$2,347 for the month. Adopted.

A supplementary report of \$1,200 was also adopted.

Before the council adjourned, Ald. Beckwith asked if the mayor intended calling a public meeting to be held on the subject. The mayor said he had no such intention at present.

The council then adjourned.

MADE APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of School Trustees Held Special Meeting Last Night.

A meeting of the board of school trustees was held last evening, when appointments were made for the coming term to vacancies which have been temporarily filled. Three of those vacancies were filled by the board of trustees.

They were Misses Margaret Johnson, Catherine Chapman and Alice Johnson. The other appointees were Messrs. George Hindle, B. A., L. F. Sprague, John C. Robson and Miss Ada C. Porter.

Their classes will be assigned to them by the city superintendent, and they will enter upon their duties at the beginning of the new term. The appointments were made privately, the chairman intimating that it would be inadvisable to give publicity to the discussion on the merits of the applicants.

A report was received from Mr. Baxter, Inspector of boilers, regarding the condition of boilers in the public schools, and recommending a few changes. This was referred to the building and grounds committee with power to act. There were present at the meeting Chairman Hall, Trustees Mrs. Grant, J. G. Brown, A. Huggett and G. J. May.

EX-PRINCIPAL DINED BY HIS COLLEAGUES

Teachers of City Presented A. B. McNeill With an Easy Chair and an Address.

Last evening at the Balmoral hotel the teachers and some of the ex-teachers of the city schools tendered an informal banquet to A. B. McNeill, late principal of the North Ward school, who has recently embarked in business in Vancouver city. A delightful repast had been spread by Mrs. White, the table decorations also receiving efficient attention at her hands.

After the banquet the company presented Mr. McNeill with an easy chair and the following address, which was read by L. Tait:

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 2, 1901. A. B. McNeill, Esq. Dear Sir—The teachers and ex-teachers of the North Ward school of the city of Victoria, British Columbia, desire to take this opportunity of expressing their deep regret that you have felt compelled to sever your connection with the teaching profession, and to resign the principalship of that school with which, since its inception, you have been so prominently identified.

We are compelled to say that the vacancy caused by your resignation from the city staff cannot be adequately filled. We, however, rejoice that you have been enabled to enter upon the more congenial and active field of the great business world, and sincerely hope and believe that equal or greater success than that gained by you in your noble work of teaching may be secured in your new venture. Your well marked energy and prodigious amount of prove valuable and sure stepping-stones to the desired end. We recognize, too, that your influence was ever for good, and that time will tend only to strengthen and deepen the marks of your life. In 1892 they were transferred from Halifax, and to the latter station they came from the Barbadoes. They are a fine able lot of men, and during their residence here cultivated the acquaintanceship of a large circle of friends.

With crew and all the ship had close on a thousand people aboard, there being included in the big exodus of Chinese some fifty from this city. The accommodation for the troops was provided in the aft part of the ship, which had been fitted up in a manner that greatly pleased the men. In addition to all the passengers the steamer had all the cargo she could carry, most of it consisting of flour and manufactured goods of Canada.

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CLEARING THE SITE. Preliminary Operations Will Be Under Way This Week—Plans Prepared in Butte.

This week witnesses the preliminary operations in connection with the erection of the smelter at Osborne Bay for the treatment of Mt. Sicker ore. Quarters for the workmen are being constructed and supplies and facilities are being taken to the scene as speedily as possible.

Until the completion of the line from Mt. Sicker to Osborne Bay, the supplies and materials will have to be transported either by team from Westholme, about five miles distant, or by water from this city or Sidney. The work, which is to be pushed forward at once, consists of clearing the smelter site. Altogether there are 30 acres reserved, and with the erection of the smelter docks, bins, sheds, men's quarters and other structures, the transformation will be nothing short of marvellous.

The plans are being prepared by H. C. Bellenger, at Butte, and are expected here in a short time. The contract will then be awarded and the work of actual construction proceeded with. Mr. Fotheringham, who is at the Dominion, is unable to say at present the number of men who will secure employment in the construction, but in consideration of the magnitude of the project a great number will, of course, be required.

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SOLDIERS DEPART FOR THE FAR EAST

TROOPS LEAVE TO-DAY ON EMPRESS OF CHINA

One Hundred and Four Officers and Men From Work Point Sail for Hongkong.

Amongst the lusty cheers of hundreds on the wharf gathered to see them off on their long voyage, No. 19 Company, western division, Royal Garrison Artillery, which for the last few years has been stationed at Work Point, sailed this morning for Hongkong on the majestic looking liner the C. P. R. Empress of China.

The event apart from the interest it contained from the mere departure of so many men from this city possessed a special significance, for it marked the first contingent transferred from Victoria to the Far Eastern station to go direct from here. The C. P. R. Company will have now carried troops both ways across the Pacific, and from the satisfaction of the men expressed on the comforts on board, and from the time saved in the passage either way, there is no reason for doubting that the many hundreds of His Majesty's forces almost continually going and coming from the China station in large and small bodies will all pass through this city. It has been demonstrated by recent experiments tried that from two to three days is saved in the long voyage from Hongkong, and that the men being transported are not subjected to the same trying atmospheric conditions as they experienced in making the trip via the Suez canal.

In command of the force which left this morning is Major Wynn, whose staff comprise Lieutenants Gregory, Langdon and Vahl. There are 104 officers and men all told, the remaining forty odd members of the company having been left behind because of their time being about to expire.

The Empress left the wharf sharp at 11 a. m. Between four and five hundred people assembled to witness the soldiers farewell. Long before the steamer pulled out the Fifth Regiment band was in attendance. The soldiers had been conveyed to the wharf in special cars kindly placed at their disposal by the B. C. Electric railway. Their baggage had been shipped aboard early in the morning, so that the last few hours in port were taken up with formal leave taking.

As the ship moved out into the offing great excitement prevailed. The cheering was deafening but amidst all the old familiar airs from the band were heard. The soldiers lined up the rigging of the ship and with five hundred Chinese aboard in another part of the vessel and the many first class passengers going to nearly all points of the compass the scene was indeed a stirring and most animated one.

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VOL. 32. THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH. UNITED STATES FARMER COMING TO CANADA. Large Increase in Number of Carried Last Year—Gifts for Railway Official.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The annual report of the postmaster-general, issued today, shows that 13,375,500 more letters were carried during last year than the previous year. Fatal Fall. Joseph Belanger, 18 years old, father is fireman in the public work partnership, fell from a window in Weston street and broke his neck. As the body was being lowered, it was instantaneously.

Caught in Ice Floe. River du Loup, Que., Dec. 5. plomse Richard, lighthousekeeper Brands Potts, and his assistant, attended to cross from the island to the land yesterday. Their boat was blown overboard and carried down the river in an ice floe and the thermometer was below zero. They probably have perished during the night from cold and exhaustion. Boy Drowned. Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Willie Muldoon 6-year-old son of a teamster, was drowned today in the Red River. He fell from a large hole while playing on the ice. His body has not been recovered.

Death of Dean O'Meara. Rev. Dean O'Meara died at 3 o'clock this morning. The Arnold Memorial. All Saints' church was this afternoon the scene of an impressive and interesting ceremony when a memorial window was unveiled to the memory of J. Arnold, who fell in South Africa. Coming to Canada. An exceptionally large party of 1000 people from Iowa arrived to-day of Great Northern train from the south. F. Tennant, Manitoba immigration agent, was in charge of the party which consisted of about 60 persons in a steamer. Some of the party are settlers who have already purchased land in the adian west and others are those who are in charge of the party which is to investigate for themselves before purchasing. These gentlemen all have a large influx of the most desirable lands is confidently looked for next spring.

Rescued by Teacher. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 5.—W. Walker, Charles Grant and H. Genge, of Verona, were skating on the lake when they ventured out too far and broke through and went down. They were struggling in the water when Brown, their school teacher, gallantly risked his life and rescued them. Prohibition. Toronto, Dec. 5.—Temperance enthusiasts were excited this morning upon learning that the License Association had requested to the Ontario government to limit the question of prohibition to referendum, the same not to be held until three months after the present elections, and that the result of referendum shall be dependent upon clear majority of registered voters only. This, it is said, would mean that all absentees would be counted as opposed to prohibition.

Price of News Prints. At a meeting of the Canadian Publishers' Association here to-day, it was decided in view of an increase of 85 per cent in cost of pulp to increase the price of news print 4 cent per pound. Fire at Hamilton. Hamilton, Dec. 5.—A fire which did \$20,000 damage to the stock plant of the Dundas Lithograph Co. insurance is \$17,000. This is the second time the company has suffered from within a year.

Royal Gifts. Montreal, Dec. 5.—That pleasant memories of their interesting tour through Canada still linger with the Royal party was evidenced by the arrival yesterday of two mysterious boxes at the head office of the Canadian Pacific Railway company here. They were addressed to Mr. W. R. Baker, assistant to the general manager, who accompanied the party across Canada by the Canadian Pacific railway, 1901. In the one box was a large silver cigarette box, sent by the ladies and gentlemen of the Royal party, all of whose autographs, including that of Prince Alexander of Teck, were lovingly inscribed on the lid, whilst the following pleasant greeting was engraved on the front: "To our friend, W. R. Baker, in remembrance of his happy days spent on the C. P. R., in September and October, 1901." With these valued gifts were letters expressing their appreciation of the tour and the suite's thoughtful