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UNITED MINE WORKERS.

More Paid Up Members on Roll Than Reported to National Officers.

(Associated Press.)

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 24.—After a long investigation national officers of the United Mine Workers are reported to have discovered that there are on the rolls 10,000 or 12,000 more paid up members than have been reported to them. This discovery explained the apparent loss of many members, which has disturbed the national officers. It is said to have been found that secretaries of some of the small divisions have failed to report all their members.

CHRISTMAS PAROLES.

Express Companies and Carriers in New York Overwhelmed With Packages.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 24.—Express companies and suburban package carriers doing business in this city have been swept in an avalanche of Christmas packages. Mountains of parcels are

piled up in the transfer office, and although extra men and wagons are at work the accumulation seems to grow larger instead of smaller. That many parcels containing gifts will not be delivered before the middle of next week is admitted by the express officials. Merchants of many years' experience said that the Christmas buying this year was begun earlier than usual, and that everybody seemed to have money. Large jewelry houses report the best holiday trade in years, and the fur trade which last year was near disaster, is now said to be in a prosperous condition.

THE PHOENIX MURDER.

Case of Bell Will Come Before the Cabinet To-day.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The case of Joshua Bell, under sentence of execution at Greenwood on January 13th, will probably be passed on at a cabinet council to-day. He was convicted of murder at Phoenix, and in view of the judge's report and the man's record in the United States, there is not much doubt that Bell will pay the death penalty for his crime.

DEPUTY MINISTER HAS RESIGNED

J. A. SMART LEAVES INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

W. W. Cory, Assistant Commissioner of Dominion, Selected to Fill the Vacancy.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—James A. Smart, deputy minister of the interior, has resigned. His resignation will take effect on January 1st, when he will be succeeded as deputy minister by W. W. Cory.

Mr. Smart resigns because he has not been in the very best of health for some time and he feels the work of the department, which is the largest in the public service, too confining and tiring, so that what on his constitution. There is no doubt Mr. Smart has been trying to do too much work. The department is altogether too large for one minister and one deputy, and should have been long ago cut in two. The whole region west of Lake Superior is under the control of one minister and until recently one deputy. It is still under one minister, but some time ago a deputy minister was placed over the Indian department. The immigration work of the department, which is growing and giving excellent results, is particularly heavy.

W. W. Cory, who succeeds Mr. Smart, has earned the position by hard and industrious work. He was for many years chief clerk in the Attorney-General's office in Manitoba. When he came to Ottawa he was appointed inspector of public offices in the West. Later on he was made assistant commissioner of Dominion lands, a position which he now holds. Mr. Cory knows the west like a book. He is thoroughly conversant with the needs of the country, and besides is a man of sound judgment and good tact. The fact that he was not an applicant for the position shows that this is another instance where the office sought the man, not the man the office.

Election Returns.

When all the Dominion election returns are in the total vote will be one million. The government will have a majority over the Conservatives of about 60,000, and over all parties of nearly 50,000. The returns from Mackenzie, in the Northwest and the Yukon have yet to be received. There are no figures for Gaspe and L'Assomption in Quebec, Dauphin in Manitoba, and Comox-Adin B. C., where the Liberals were elected by acclamation. Allowing the ordinary vote in these constituencies and the total vote will be over one million, and the government's majority over the Conservatives of over 60,000.

THE CLOSING OF NAVY DOCKYARDS

LONDON PRESS COMMENTS ON ADMIRALTY'S ACTION

Taking Great Risks in Abandoning the Yards at Halifax and at Esquimalt.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 24.—The Broad Arrow says: "To abandon the dockyards at Halifax and Esquimalt, unless, indeed, we have a good understanding with Canada as to their upkeep, is to take risks which are unduly great."

The Spectator says: "Though we fully realize that naval defence can never in the last resort be local, and that if the enemy are in the Mediterranean or the Indian ocean, it is there and not in the North Atlantic or Pacific that the coasts of Canada will have to be protected, we desire to see the sense of fighting, seamanship and of naval enthusiasm grow up in the colonies. In order to obtain this the formation of local naval forces, for which the colonies will pay and be responsible, is essential. With interest and responsibility thus created will come a knowledge of the command of the sea, not merely of the coasts, but of the blue water and untried paths of the ocean, and then colonial subsidies to the navies will be freely placed under the admiral's hand to do their share in securing the command of the sea wherever they may be required."

LACROSSE IN EAST.

Inter-University and Collegiate Associations May Combine.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 24.—If the plans of the Inter-University Lacrosse Association, as proposed at the annual meeting of the organization just held here, are successful, there will be no division of authority as at present, and the game may become one of the most popular of college sports. The amalgamation of the Inter-University and Inter-College Associations has been talked of for some time, but the matter has now been placed in such shape as to give encouragement to the promoters that the two organizations will work together. The object of the coalition is to have uniform playing rules among the colleges of the East. The Inter-University Association is composed of Columbia, Harvard, Cornell and Pennsylvania. The Inter-Collegiate is made of Lehigh, Swarthmore, Stevens and John Hopkins.

GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE.

Premier McBride Sends Messages to the Toronto Globe.

In response to the invitation of the Toronto Globe, sent to the various provincial premiers, Hon. R. McBride last evening wired the following to the great Canadian daily:

"My thanks to the Globe for the opportunity kindly accorded me as Premier of British Columbia to extend greetings to the people of Toronto on the occasion of the Christmas season. I am glad to hear that the people of Canada and to kinsmen beyond the mountains. We rejoice in the peace, harmony and prosperity which abound among them from ocean to ocean, and especially in those Eastern provinces from which so many of our citizens have come."

"Though far separated, distance or physical obstacles are no longer barriers to fraternal and commercial intercourse, united as we are by bands of steel, soon to be doubled, and let us hope, trebled, to meet the legitimate requirements created by vigorous national expansion."

"Hailed on the ever verdant coast of the Pacific, the hearts of British Columbians are at this festive season with kindred and friends whose homes extend to the other shore of our great Dominion, and are laden with messages of good-will."

"The outlook for the province has never been brighter than on the eve of this Christmas. Labour with a firm faith, that their claims on the Dominion, the justice of which can only properly be appreciated by those familiar with our peculiar physical conditions—the sole impediment to complete provincial development—will be duly recognized, our people have an ardent hope that their many natural sources of wealth and boundless opportunities are destined to an early and full fruition. Canadians all, Britons all, they have a strong and abiding faith that the ascendancy of united Canada, whose splendid future is now assured, will move brighter and ever brighter in the galaxy of Empire."

"RICHARD McBRIDE, Premier."

DEFENCE WORKS TAKEN BY JAPS

CARRIED AFTER BEING HEAVILY BOMBARDED

The Russians Made Determined Counter-Attack on the Positions, But Were Repulsed

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur yesterday stormed and now hold the heights east of Houwangshukou.

A dispatch from the Japanese army before Port Arthur, timed midnight, says: "On December 22nd the Russian defence works on the heights east of Houwangshukou, Saugashan mountain, Riblung mountain, and the 'H' fort, were bombarded by the Japanese with heavy guns, which inflicted considerable damage."

"As a result of the bombardment the Japanese right wing at dawn on December 23rd attacked the enemy on the heights east of Houwangshukou and captured the ridge and heights at 7.40 in the morning. The enemy afterwards concentrated his fire from several forts at Tai Yang-kou and Yahutsu upon our newly occupied position, following this with a determined counter-attack during which hand grenades were thrown, but our force finally repulsed the enemy. Later, as the enemy's bombardment abated we constructed some defensive works so that our occupation became more assured."

"As a result of our heavy guns, bombardment during and before the attack, the fort, Tain Talykou, was set on fire. One 15 centimetre gun in each of the forts was destroyed. The covers were also considerably damaged."

"According to the statement of prisoners captured at Keekwan mountain on December 18th, and of the Russians who surrendered in the vicinity of Eia mountain on December 22nd during the battle of 203-Metre Hill, Gen. Kondratenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian division, and Gen. Irman, commander of the Fourth artillery brigade, were killed, and Gen. Pook, commanding the Fourth East Siberian division, was wounded."

AN AWFUL DISCOVERY.

Iron Found in a Life Preserver Taken to a Tradesman for Repair.

A startling discovery was made this morning by a local tradesman when engaged in repairing a life preserver, one that had been in service on a local steamer. The exterior of the preserver had been pretty well worn out, and the tradesman on opening it found the contents to consist of a remarkable composition of some kind of wood pressed together. But more dastardly than this was the finding of a piece of iron several inches long, put in presumably for the purpose of increasing the weight to the standard required by law. Not a piece of cork, it is said, was found in the whole preserver. The contents were shown to a number of shipping men this morning and created the greatest indignation. At the hour of going to press it could not be learned to what vessel the buoy belonged, but the discovery is one that should undoubtedly be investigated by the authorities. Possibly the matter will be drawn to the attention of the Board of Trade, and unless shipping men are apathetic the incident this morning will lead to a rigid inspection of the equipment of all vessels. The buoy, it is true, was an old one, but the fact that it belonged to a local steamer is sufficient to arouse the greatest interest in the soundness of all those now in service.

Inquiries are being made as to the whereabouts of Mr. Nelson, formerly of Salt Spring Island. On November 29th he sold his farm on Salt Spring Island and came to Victoria. He was last seen here about December 2nd. Anyone with information respecting his whereabouts is requested to communicate with F. J. Bittancourt, 53 Blanchard street.

HOLLY CITY OF THE CONTINENT

VICTORIA IS SOURCE OF GENERAL SUPPLY

Beautiful Decoration Plant Has Been Shipped to All Parts of America.

Victoria, thanks to the advertisement it has received in late years, is now known throughout the continent as the "evergreen city," the "picturesque city," the "garden city," and several other appellations, but there is no reason why in addition to these it should not bear the distinction of being the "holly city" of America. It has furnished many hundreds of pounds of this beautiful decorative plant to all quarters of Canada and the United States, and it is believed that this year the demand has been greater than ever before. The local nurserymen began their shipments about three weeks ago, but the bulk was sent away some ten days back. Much of it went to California, the Victoria florists selling direct to the dealers and getting a dollar a pound for it. A considerable quantity went to other parts of the United States, even to the Atlantic coast, while Seattle dealers secured an unusually large supply. A Seattle nurseryman came over a short time ago with the object of getting a corner of the Seattle supply, but he was unsuccessful.

Holly has been shipped to Eastern Canada, several firms having sent large quantities as far East as Quebec. A vast amount of it went to Vancouver and other sections of the province. The supply is now exhausted, much to the disappointment of a host of local people, who neglected to speak for it in time. Many private garden boasts of beautiful arrays of these trees, as a tour of the city and suburbs will disclose. To visitors they present an indescribable charm, the force of which can hardly be appreciated by Victorians while dwelling in the midst of an abundance of it. It is to be hoped that it will be cultivated on a larger scale even than in the past. There are some citizens who are growing holly quite extensively, notably F. B. Penber-ton, who has several acres under cultivation. It should be borne in mind that the production of holly requires time. From the planting of the seed two years must elapse before the plant manifests itself. Then several years more must pass before the holly tree assumes the proportions which are the delight of so many visitors to the city at this time of the year. There is no demand for the holly which does not bear berries. If that is the case there will be a pretty fair-sized batch of unlucky Victorians in town, as some houses began to take on their Christmas garb several days ago. In Derbyshire the tradition obtains that according as the holly brought into the house is smooth or rough the wife or husband will be the master. Holly that has adorned churches at that season is much esteemed and cherished in Worcester-shire and Herefordshire, the possession of a small branch with berries being supposed to bring a lucky year; and London mentions a notion in its prime vulgarly prevalent in Germany that consecrated twigs of the plant hung over the door are a protection against thunder.

CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA

Will Be Observed by Special Services—Holiday on Monday.

Special Christmas services, particulars of which are given in another column of this paper, will be conducted in the various city churches to-morrow. There will be appropriate music and discourses, and many of the edifices have been beautifully decorated. Christmas Day will be ushered in by services in some of the churches to-night. In St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral the usual pontifical high mass will be conducted at midnight, Archbishop Orth officiating. A choir of about twenty voices under the direction of Miss Marrack will render Von Weber's celebrated mass. The features of the choral portion are as follows: Kyrie, Gloria, Crede, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei. These will follow the offertory "Noel," with harp-toned solo by C. F. Oliver. The beautiful Adeste Fideles will also be sung, including solo, duo, trio and quartette.

At St. Barnabas the choral communion service and carol singing will begin at 11.30 to-night. The programme: Procession, hymn, White Shepherd's Watch, "O' Little Town of Bethlehem," "Bethlehem," Robarts' communion service, Smper in B; Post Com. hymn, "Adeste Fideles"; offertory carol, "Angels From the Realms of Glory," Maunder; Reces. hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels"; post-lude, "Gloria in Excelsis," Twelfth Mass, Mozart.

Christmas will be officially observed throughout the land on Monday, which will, therefore, be a public holiday. It is on that day that the noble turkey will enjoy its final undisturbed repose, the children will romp around the Christmas tree, and those who are no longer children will be in that pleasant, congenial frame of mind that blesses them but once a year. Christmas dinners will be the order in the majority of the public institutions. At the Protestant Orphan-

age the little ones will gather around the well-laden festive board and demonstrate by their exertion the good health which they enjoy. Their Christmas tree will be held on the 24th. If there happen to be any inmates in the city lockup they will be well looked after. This is not the signal for a wholesale pilgrimage to the Coromorant street hotel, because, be it understood, the accommodation of the patrol wagon has its limitations. The twenty-eight prisoners at the provincial jail will dine royally on roast beef and plum pudding.

At the Jubilee hospital this evening the Daughters of Pity will have a Christmas tree in each ward. To-morrow afternoon a special Christmas service will be conducted by Rev. A. Ewing, while the regular Christmas dinner will be enjoyed on Monday. On Monday morning there will be a football match between the Victoria-United and Victoria West teams at Oak Bay. This will be one of the regular senior league games.

STEVE JONES RETURNS.

Proposes to Erect Building at Vancouver Early Next Year.

Last evening Steve Jones, proprietor of the Dominion hotel, returned from Vancouver, where he conducted the purchase of a lot on the corner of Hastings and Hastings streets, as mentioned in the Times yesterday. The sum involved was \$45,000.

Asked what his intentions were, Mr. Jones announced that a splendid building would be erected on the site mentioned at an early date.

"When pressed for details he explained that his plans were not yet fully matured. He considered that the property was one of the finest in the Terminal City. The dimensions of the proposed building would be about 52x120 feet. Outside of this he was not prepared to make any definite announcement as to the character of the structure. He expected work would be commenced early next year."

SEALING FLEET TO SAIL NEXT YEAR

EIGHTEEN VESSELS TO BE SENT ON CRUISES

There Will Be Four Independent Schooners—Profit Made, But No Dividend Declared.

The fourth annual meeting of the Victoria Sealers' Association was held yesterday afternoon in the board of trade building when officers were elected for the ensuing year, and the old board of directors were reappointed. The position of presidency is held in rotation by the various heads of the company. Last year Richard Hall, M. P., was president. At yesterday's meeting the honor was conferred on R. Seabrook. D. Bos-cowitz was elected vice-president; Capt. J. G. Cox, treasurer; F. Elworthy, auditor; A. Langley, secretary, and Capt. William Grant, manager. The new board of directors are: Capt. J. G. Cox, Capt. William Grant, D. Boscowitz, R. Hall, R. Seabrook, A. J. Bechtel and William Munsie.

Probably the most important matter reached at yesterday's meeting in so far as the public is concerned was the decision arrived at to send out a fleet of 18 vessels this coming season. This fleet in size is exactly the same as that operated during the past year. The only difference will be the replacing of the Triumph, which was lost during the season with the E. B. Marvin, which is on her way around the Horn, she having during the last few years been worked on the Falkland Island coast with headquarters at Halifax. These schooners will cruise on practically the same grounds as they were engaged on this year. A number of sealers will be sent down the coast according to custom to follow the seal herds in their migration northward. After replenishing supplies at some station on the West Coast of Vancouver Island they will cross to the Copper Island coast. These waters with the Behring Sea are the only sealing grounds to be exploited during the coming year, the Falkland Islands having been abandoned as previously reported.

Several of the schooners which were there employed during the last season will be brought around the Horn with the E. B. Marvin, the Florence M. Munsie, which will be operated as a private schooner, and the Enterprise also as an independent craft being among them. In addition to these vessels there will be worked outside the Victoria Sealing Company's business, the Rainbow belonging to Capt. Victor Jacobson, and the Umbria, belonging to Capt. Peart.

The fleet to sail on spring cruises will be made ready for sea as soon as the holiday season is over, and it is expected that the beginning of the new year will see the departure of several for the coast.

No dividend was declared at yesterday's meeting, although a profit on the business conducted during the year had been realized. This is because it was decided to carry what surplus there is over to the insurance account, which had sustained a loss in the disappearance of the Triumph. It will be borne in mind in this connection that the company carries its own insurance, and a disaster to any of the fleet falls heavily on the operating expenses.

Last year the company made a profit of \$10,000, and declared a dividend of 50 cents a share. Better success was obtained for the seal for this year, and had it not been for the loss of the Triumph the company might have done even better. It was shown that the skins this year brought 77 to 88 shillings for coast pelts and 77s. 6d. for Behring Sea skins.

No proposal was discussed to send any of the fleet to the Japanese coast, the probable effect of the war on the operations of schooners in Asiatic waters being not considered.

ULTIMATELY THERE WILL BE A SERVICE

SAYS MR. FARRELL, OF THE GREAT NORTHERN

Minnesota and Dakota Will Call Whenever There is Business Here For Them.

J. D. Farrell, assistant to the president of the Great Northern Railway Company, who was in the city yesterday to meet the steamship Minnesota, was interviewed by a Times reporter relative to the withdrawal of the company's passenger service on the Gulf between Sidney and Port Guichon.

Mr. Farrell denied that the company intended abandoning its interests in Victoria. It was true, he said, that the passenger service had been withdrawn, but this would work no injury in this direction. The C. P. R. Company was providing a good connection with Vancouver, and this is all he added, that is required at present. The Great Northern freight cars, however, will continue to be brought into the city. The company, he stated, had submitted a proposition to the city, which was not accepted. Now the city had made a counter proposal to the company, which they refused to entertain. This looked to the taking over of the market building and the right-of-way through the city.

Asked what the company's future intentions towards Victoria were, and whether the passenger service between the Island and Mainland would be re-established with the completion of the V. V. & E. railway, Mr. Farrell said that at present work had ceased on that line, but that just as soon as the road reached the coast a good passenger service with Victoria will be provided. Then, said Mr. Farrell, there will be something in it; at present there is nothing.

Mr. Farrell reports that the Minnesota and the Dakota when she has been completed, will call regularly at the outer wharf on their inward and outward voyages whenever there is business sufficient to warrant their stopping here. If the ships are too deeply loaded to come alongside the wharf they will anchor in the offing and a tender will be procured. He had been told, however, that there was plenty of water for the steamers at the wharves when the vessels were not loaded.

In this connection it might be stated that the Minnesota was yesterday drawing 26 feet of water, and she had 8,000 tons of cargo in her hold. When loaded to her full capacity she will draw, as previously announced, 38 feet of water. One of the strongest reasons why she did not call at the wharf yesterday was because the wind was so high that it was feared difficulty would be experienced in berthing. With so large a vessel it has been found by pilots and other navigators that once headway is taken off them, they drift. Yesterday the wind was blowing at times forty or fifty miles an hour, and as the vessel had only to take on her Chinese crew here Capt. Truebridge considered it advisable to remain at anchor in the Roads.

COMMISSION HAS BEEN APPOINTED

TO GO INTO SUBJECT OF THE ASSESSMENT

Two Cabinet Ministers, D. R. Ker and J. E. Buntzen, Selected—Enter Upon Duties At Once.

The commission promised by the provincial government to inquire into the whole subject of assessment in the province has been appointed.

At the last session of the legislature the Premier promised that the subject would be gone into exhaustively, and an appropriation of \$5,000 was made for this purpose. This was put forward as a circumstance calculated to mitigate the evils of the wonderful assessment act which was forced through the House. It was represented that the measure would be subjected to the criticism by the experts on the subject who would be appointed on the commission. Pressed for the personnel of the commission, the finance minister said that it was proposed to get the expert who had reported upon the subject in Ontario.

There has been little or nothing heard of the matter since that time. Apparently the subject has been thought of by some member of the government in connection with the preparations for the opening of the coming session. The commission has accordingly been appointed, and will get through with its work in time to report to the legislature. The government has not yet made public the personnel of the commission, but it is understood that it will consist of the following: Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Hon. F. Carter-Connor, D. R. Ker, of this city, and J. E. Buntzen, manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. It will sit immediately after the holiday season, and the report will be forthcoming when the House meets.

VICTORY FOR ARBITRATION.

Dispute in New York as to Wage Issue Been Settled.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 24.—Arbitration has been employed successfully to settle the wage scale difference between office building managers and 3,000 stationary fitters employed in 150-dome town-hall blocks. The arbitration tribunal has been in session for two weeks.

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WHOLE FLEET MAY PROCEED SOUTH TO MEET SHIPS UNDER ADMIRAL ROJESIVENSKY

Kamimura is Watching for the Approach of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron.

London, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing from Tokyo, the correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns that, in the event of Admiral Kamimura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers, notifying it of the approach of the Russian second Pacific squadron, the whole Japanese fleet which has been operating at Port Arthur will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice to give battle.

JAPANESE TRENCHES OCCUPIED BY RUSSIANS.

Mukden, Dec. 23.—Volunteers the night of December 21st occupied Japanese trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with scarcely a fight. The victors were surprised to find a box lying in plain view, which they opened carefully, fearing that it might contain explosives, but they found it to be, biscuits and sweets.

RUSSIAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN.

Moscow, Dec. 23.—V. T. Craznesky, correspondent of the Ruskaya Slava, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and hazardous trip through Japan, where he travelled as an American journalist under the name of Percy Palmer. He undertook the journey to ascertain the real situation of affairs in the enemy's country. He had a complete American outfit and arranged to have letters forwarded from various cities in the United States. He has telegraphed to the Ruskaya Slava from San Francisco that he visited Yokohama, Tokyo, Sasebo and several other cities, photographed the Russian prison camp, examined the hospitals, fortress and workshops.

IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT BURIAL OF COSSACKS.

Mukden, Nov. 25.—(Special correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Wild and rough as are the Cossacks, they are very sentimental and susceptible to emotion. A most striking sight was that of the whole of Mischenko's division paying respect to the remains of the four Cossack killed below Sunde, and his staff were there, and the Fourth Regiment, to which the men belonged, was accorded the place of honor. There were no coffins, the bodies being wrapped in straw, but smothered with wild flowers that ghastly bloodstains soaking through the covering were hidden till the corpses were buried. The church necessities were scanty. On an old table, brought from a deserted Chinese, was placed a regimental ikon, and before it a single wax candle.

The priest of the Barnaulski regiment officiated, and when he took his place before the table, the order, "Hats off," was passed down the line, and Mischenko, setting the example, removed and bowed his head, while the

THE JUDGE WHO TRIED LOUIS RIEL

HON. MR. RICHARDSON WAS A VISITOR HERE

Left his Mark in the Territories—Has Had an Eventful and Distinguished Career.

A short time ago a distinguished visitor was in this city in the person of Hon. Hugh Richardson, late senior judge of the Supreme court of the Northwest Territories, a position from which he retired a year ago, after a service of some 27 years. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Richardson, and they were registered at the Balmoral. They are spending a brief sojourn in the coast cities previous to a tour of Southern California.

SMUGGLING SCHEME.

How It is Proposed to Secure Admission of Chinamen Into States.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Information has reached the immigration authorities of a scheme by which it is proposed to bring into this country Chinese, who in the regular order of events might be refused admission. The proposition is to take the Chinamen from China to Liverpool, and then through to New York via Halifax or St. John. At St. John's point, on the border, no detention house of the immigration service is located, and the Chinese entering the country there would not be subjected to the investigation of the immigration board of inspectors. They would be searched, however, by United States marshals, but this procedure would bring the case in due course before the United States commissioner. Each Chinaman would be provided with papers indicating that he was a resident of this country, and had a right, therefore, to return to it. Such papers, the officials assert, are not difficult to obtain.

THREE FIRES.

Church Destroyed at Winnipeg—Fireman Lost His Life at Sioux City.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—The beautiful new Icelandic Lutheran church on Nona street, erected last summer and occupied only a month, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. It cost \$40,000, and was the finest edifice of the denomination in the world. The fire originated near the furnace.

Bakery Burned.

Boiseville, Man., Dec. 23.—Manno's bakery was burned to the ground to-night. A family named Hudson residing there barely escaped with their lives. No insurance.

Fireman Killed.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 23.—A fire which resulted in the death of one fireman and the destruction of nearly two entire blocks, entailing a loss roughly estimated at \$1,000,000, started in the basement of the Pelletier department store after 8 o'clock to-night. The district burned over lies in the centre of the business portion and among the buildings were several of the most substantial structures.

The belated Leyland steamer Caladonia, Capt. Slater, arrived at Boston on Friday after a round passage of sixteen days from Manchester. During the trip more than six hours of good weather prevailed.

It is reported that Grand Duke Vladimir will be appointed president of the Russo-American Council of the Empire, being succeeded as commander-in-chief of the Imperial Guard by Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaievitch.

Always Remember the Full Name Active Bromo Quinine

Cures a Cold in One Day, Cures in 3 Days

QUEEN'S ACADEMY.

Closing Exercises on Thursday—List of Prize Winners.

The closing exercises of Queen's Academy took place on Thursday in the presence of a large number of parents and friends of the pupils.

The first part of the programme consisted of showing in part the daily work of the school, which elicited due praise from those present.

A very interesting feature of the Academy Journal, a paper having for its chief aim the promotion of originality and interest in composition. The Xmas number was read in an excellent manner, the staff of publishers being as follows: Editor, Miss Nora Lugin; assistant editor, Miss Muriel Dunsuir; city news reporter, Miss Ethelred McElhinny; school news reporter, Miss Mabel Ebert; Miss Genieve Bone; chief, Miss Annie Flint; reader, Miss Noel Moresby.

A very pleasing and attractive drill was given by the Misses Mary Boggs, Madge Wolfenden, Mabel Eberts, Jocelyn Bridgman, Nora Jones and Ruth Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope were the recipients of handsome Xmas presents, and after the singing of the National Anthem the school closed until January 9th, 1905.

The following is the roll of honor based on competitive examinations: Reading—Fifth reader, Eileen Flint; fourth reader, Madge Wolfenden; third reader, Ethelred McElhinny; first reader, Jocelyn Bridgman and Ruth Jones.

Writing—Kathleen Dunsuir and Noel Moresby. Dictation and spelling—Mary Corson and Gwendydd Bridgman. Drawing—Muriel Dunsuir, Madge Wolfenden and Gwendydd Bridgman (equal).

Arithmetic—Nora Lugin and Genevieve Bone. Geography—First class, Nora Lugin; second class, Madge Wolfenden; third class, Ethelred McElhinny.

Grammar—Noel Moresby and Nora Lugin. British history—Gwendydd Bridgman and Nora Lugin. Canadian history—Eileen Flint, Noel Moresby (equal), Nora Lugin.

English literature—Eileen Flint and Gwendydd Bridgman. Latin—Noel Moresby and Eady McElhinny. The following pupils having attained first rank for the subjects named are entitled to be placed on the honor roll: Department—Eady McElhinny.

Regularly and punctually—Madge Wolfenden and Genevieve Bone. Neatness in work—Muriel Dunsuir, Jocelyn Bridgman, Ruth Jones, Madge Wolfenden, Mabel Eberts, and Ethelred McElhinny.

NO DIFFERENCE. No distinction is made as to the kind of Piles that Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid cures. The names Internal, External, Bleeding, Blind, Itching, Swelling, etc., are simply names of the different stages through which every case will pass if it continues long enough.

Piles are caused by congestion or stagnation of blood in the lower bowel, and it takes an internal remedy to remove the cause. Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid is a tablet taken internally. It is a permanent cure and no case of Piles has ever been found to fail to cure. Money back if it does.

A guarantee with every package. Price \$1.00 at any drugist's, or The Watson-Pyle Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont.

During a fog which completely disorganized traffic the London-Bonlogne express ran into the Lille express, smashing the last carriage of the latter. Six corpses have been recovered, and it is feared that many more are injured. All the victims are French.

Charged with having smuggled 934 pounds of tobacco into the United States from Canada, and indicted by the federal grand jury in Michigan, H. Hyman transferred himself to United States Commissioner Shields at New York on Friday, and was held in \$1,000 bail for examination. Hyman denied the charge.

HEADACHES FROM COLDS. Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause. Get the genuine call for the full name and look for signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

LOST AND FOUND. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

LOST—On Fort street, a ring set with 5 stones. Reward for finder at Times Office.

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PERSONAL. JOHN WILLIAM FLETCHER REYNOLDS, died at his residence, 189 Dundas street, James Tagg, C. R.; W. Noble, Sec'y.

COURT VICTORIA, No. 8090, A. O. F.—Meets first and third Wednesdays in each month at William Wallace Hall, Broad street. James Tagg, C. R.; W. Noble, Sec'y.

COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 5085, A. O. F.—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month at William Wallace Hall, Broad street. James Tagg, C. R.; W. Noble, Sec'y.

COURT VANCOUVER, No. 5756, A. O. F.—Meets first and 3rd Mondays in month. K. F. Hall, Douglas street. E. W. Smith, C. R.; Sidney Wilson, Sec'y.

CEMENT WORK. SLATE AND GRAVEL ROOFING, cement sidewalks laid, etc. John Bell, Leave orders at Nicholles & Renouf.

SCALP SPECIALIST. MRS. CAMPBELL, 161 Fort street, scalp specialist, dermatology, hairdressing, massage, manicure, pedicure. Molding appointments out at private houses. Phone 1112.

CONSULTING ENGINEER. JNO. S. PIELDING, Hamilton, Ontario, consulting engineer. Specialty—improved design of dams.

FOR SALE. Fine building lots fronting New City Park on Gorge road.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Rates for insertion in THE TIMES: All Classifications, except Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1 cent per word per day; six insertions for the price of four; no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Time rates on application.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—General servant; references required. P. O. Drawer 621.

WANTED—A good dressmaker. Apply Post Office Box 307, Ladysmith.

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WANTED—MALE HELP. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Youth; good talking orders. Address T. Times Office.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

YOUTH SEES EMPLOYMENT—Trade or office; good references. Address Box 600, Times Office.

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SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

EMPLOYMENT AGENT—60 Rae street, Bellevue, offers services and calls for notices by 11 a. m. and 1.30 p. m. Letters promptly answered. I. Devereux.

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LAND FOR SALE. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—A map, at Salt Spring, farm fruit and poultry ranch, orchard and buildings; \$10 per acre. Address Spring, Times Office.

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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

GENUINE MISTLETOE—At J. T. Higgins, Bristol, cor. Cook and Fort streets. Phone 1001.

WANTED—Buyers for second-hand furniture, stoves, heaters, etc. the cheapest in town. The I. X. L. Second-Hand Store, Store street.

BILLIARD AND POOL TABLES, ETC.—For sale, new and second-hand billiard and pool tables, with Monarch quick-setting cushions. Cash or extended payments. Catalogue mailed free. Brunswick Billiard Co., Vancouver, B. C.

RING UP TELEPHONE 7434 for decorative and flowering plants in pots; short and tall chrysanthemums, white, red and yellow anemones, geraniums, cinerarias, ferns, asparagus, begonias, etc. Cut flowers, chrysanthemums and carnations. At South Turner Street Greenhouses.

FOR SALE—Two first-class fresh calved cows, one general purpose horse, light three-spring wagon. Apply Fisher's Blacksmith Shop, Store street.

HOLLY—For Xmas decoration. Jay & Co., 13 Broad street, Phone 1024.

FOR SALE—Durham cow, Jersey cow; both will calve in few days. General purpose horse, light 3-spring wagon. Apply Fisher's Carriage Shop, Store street.

FOR SALE—Express and light wagons, carts and phaetons, cheap for cash; also our new invention, the family clothes wringer. W. A. Robertson & Son, 56 Discovery street.

FOR SALE—Cheap, all-light heaters, ranges, stoves, tables, single and double beds, mattresses, bureaus, etc. at Old Curiosity Shop, cor. of Fort and Blanchard.

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MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

REWARD—\$50.00 (thirty dollars) will be paid to anyone giving information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who wilfully and maliciously destroyed the fencing on our property on Catherine and Langford streets, on the night of the 23rd inst. Thos. Shotbolt; Richard Hall.

JACOB AARONSON—Dealer in new and second-hand goods, jewelry, shotguns, pistols, tools, bicycles, clothing, boots and shoes, sewing machines, etc. Comedy clothes of all kinds for performers. 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government street, Victoria, B. C.

KAI CHUNG & BRO., 158 Government St. Employment agency; servants and laborers for any work. Ring up phone 1123. Boot and shoe store.

L. L. AND HACK STABLE—Victoria Transfer Co., 21 Broughton street, Tel. 123. Hacks, baggage wagons, trucks, etc. at 25c per hour.

SING TAI—Manufacturer and dealer in ladies' silk and cotton underwear, dresses, wrappers, etc. 74 Douglas street, Victoria.

BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods at Kawal Bros. Co., 88 Douglas St.

BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Associations, etc., should consult with when preparing trade books, advertising literature, and all kinds of illustrated folders. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 42 Broad street, Victoria.

BUSINESS CHANCES. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

\$2,000 WANTED—For purchase of printing plant; excellent opening for sleeping or active interest; ample security; 10 per cent. guaranteed, payable monthly. Address first instance P. O. Box 178, Victoria.

BOARD AND ROOMS. Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

ROOM AND BOARD—\$4.00 per week; light cooking. Apply R. H. this office.

TO LET.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

TO RENT—A cottage on Bay street, Victoria West, facing harbor. Apply to Mrs. Jas. Bland, cor. Mary and Bay.

TO LET—House, near Douglas street car line, hot and cold water, sewer connected. Apply 109 Chatham street.

TO LET—Cottage, 5 rooms and bath, \$7 per month. A. Williams, 104 Yates.

TO LET—Newly furnished room, at 170 Yates street.

TO LET—Office, the very best position in Victoria. Three small rooms, with or without furniture, steam heated, electric light, marble floor, janitor's attendance, Imperial Bank, corner Government and Yates streets. Apply Norton Prints, 20th Century Business Training College.

TO LET—Boarding house, furnished rooms, first-class table, well recommended, ed. 27 Johnson, cor. Vancouver.

TO LET—Osborne Homes, Pandora and Blanchard streets; furnished rooms at reasonable rates, per week or per month.

TO LET—Furnished bedroom for gentleman, with use of bath. Gordon Hotel, Yates street.

LEE & FRASER.

Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trounce Avenue.

\$400 FOR GOOD BUILDING LOT, South Turner street.

\$100 EACH for 3 lots, 55x115 ft. each. Fenwick Estate.

HOUSES TO RENT in all parts of the city.

\$1,500 WILL PURCHASE fine cottage and large lot in James Bay.

FOUL BAY—On water front, 2 large lots, 60x150 each; \$150 each.

DISCOVERY STREET—16 cabins and lot 50x120 for \$1,000.

2 1/2 ACRES on Gordon Head road, with good house, barn, fruit trees; immediate possession; price \$1,400, and on terms.

2 1/2 LOTS on Dallas road, near Clover Point, for sale at very low figure in order to close out an estate.

QUEEN'S AVE., near Chambers street, one large lot, \$225.

PRINCESS AVE., near Chambers, good building lot, \$225.

LINDON AVE.—Very large lot, only \$1,000.

GOOD 5 ROOMED COTTAGE, centrally located, with stable, electric light, sewer connection; a bargain for \$1,000.

FARMS AND FARMING LANDS FOR SALE—Cheap and on easy terms. Money to loan at low rates of interest. Fire and Life Insurance effected in first-class companies.

LEE & FRASER, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trounce Avenue.

HEISTERMAN & CO.

Real Estate and Insurance, 75 Government Street.

TO LET—Comfortable five roomed cottage, with all conveniences, immediate possession; rent \$15.

FOR SALE—Sixty acres best fruit land in B. C., only five miles from town; 40 acres cleared and under cultivation.

TO LET—Several good houses with modern conveniences.

BELCHER STREET—Choice building sites for sale; only a few left.

A. WILLIAMS & CO., LTD.

104 Yates Street.

FOR SALE—Farm, 200 acres, 40 cleared, good buildings, etc., \$7,500.

13 acres, 5 cleared, with stock, good buildings, etc., \$3,000.

20 acres, 12 cleared, with good orchard, etc., \$3,000.

25 acres, 12 cleared, good buildings, etc., \$2,500.

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

THOMAS CATTERALL—16 Broad street. Building in all its branches; warf work and general building. Tel. 820.

BEAUMONT BOGGS

Real Estate and Insurance Agent, 42 Fort St.

FOR SALE—25 acres, one-third cleared, orchard, cottage, barns, etc.; price only \$2,000.

TO LET—Cottage, 10 acres land, orchard, etc.; 5 miles from Victoria.

FOR SALE—Two lots on Esquimalt road, within city limits; price \$300.

FOR SALE—5 roomed cottage, Hereward street; 2 lots; price \$900.

FOR SALE—One of the best farms in Cowichan, well stocked, and at a great bargain; call and see particulars.

FOR SALE—144-acre farm, good house, barns, orchard, 35 acres cleared, water frontage; price \$2,000.

TO LET—20-acre farm, house, barns, and 50 acres cleared, with orchard, and river frontage; option to purchase.

FOR SALE—House and 3 lots, S. W. corner of Belmont and Pembroke streets; price \$1,200.

FOR SALE—5 1/2 acres splendid land on North Dairy Farm, 3 miles from Post Office, mostly cleared pasture; price \$275.

HOUSES OR COTTAGES BUILT on lease payment plan, under best architects and by competent builders.

FIRE INSURANCE—On buildings or contents, written in the "Guardian" (British), Write for rates.

P. R. BROWN CO., Ltd.

30 BROAD STREET.

FOR SALE—Port street, lot 60x120, 6 roomed dwelling, with all modern conveniences; on terms if desired; price \$3,000.

FOR SALE—Five roomed cottage and two lots, near tram line; only \$1,000.

FOR SALE—New cottage of five rooms, on car line, all modern conveniences; \$2,400; very easy terms.

FOR SALE—New 5 roomed cottage, all modern conveniences, only two minutes' walk from car line; \$1,650; terms to suit.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay avenue, two story dwelling, fine lot; \$1,000; easy terms of purchase.

FOR SALE—Douglas Gardens; the only choice lots on the market. Price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Bevens avenue, corner, 7 roomed dwelling, with cellar and attic, nice garden with 6 fruit trees in bearing; only \$1,800.

FOR SALE—James Island, 105 acres, 30 acres cultivated, balance bush and excellent, well watered, excellent for sheep or cattle; cottage, barn, stables, sheep sheds, etc.; orchard of 112 trees, all in fruit. Price \$2,500. Terms very cheap.

TO LET—Oriental Hotel, containing 90 bedrooms, 5 parlors, bar, large dining room, kitchen, bakery, all fully furnished; will be let at a modest rent for a term of years.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 3 lots and 8 roomed cottage, nice house, \$2,800.

FOR SALE—Four miles from town, 20 acres, of which 12 acres are cultivated, balance light timber, principally oak, orchard of 140 fruit trees in bearing, five roomed cottage, brick dairy, large barn, three wells of excellent water, good roads; price and terms on application.

FOR SALE—Bellott street, east of Cook street, 2 story building in good condition, 8 rooms, all modern conveniences, a nice house on easy terms.

FOR SALE—Pine street, good lot, 55 ft. by 135 ft., no rock; assessed value \$240; our price \$125.

FOR SALE—Blanchard street, lot 20x90, 2 story building in good condition, cheap; would make a good factory.

FOR SALE—James Bay, corner lot, with five roomed dwelling, only \$1,800.

FOR SALE—Pandora street, 10 roomed dwelling, all modern conveniences; \$2,600.

FOR SALE—Nagara street, on car line, modern bungalow of 7 rooms; \$2,600.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 2 1/2 acres, 4 roomed house, good soil, city water laid on.

FOR SALE

WELCHERS-RED CROSS

Canadian Gin

"Tingles the palate and agrees with the Stomach."

Superior to Imported Gin because it's old

Distilled exclusively with the finest grains.

The Only Gin... which is fully matured for years in bonded warehouses and bottled under government supervision.

The Only Gin... having its age and quality guaranteed on every bottle by an official government stamp.

Melchers Red Cross IS THE FINEST TYPE OF PURE, WELL MATURED GIN. It has a delicate flavor, and an agreeable mellow taste.

Highly recommended by physicians because it's Old and Pure.



R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., Agents.

New Ebony Goods, Toilet Cases, Manicure Cases, Brushes, Mirrors, Military Brushes, etc.

Perfumes in fancy packages from 50c. to \$5.00.

Perfume Atomizers from 50c. to \$2.50.

Let us show you these goods while our stock is complete.

HALL & CO., DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 24-5 a. m.—The storm area has moved down the coast and is now central of lower Oregon, and its movement has caused a vast area of low pressure extending from the Pacific to the valley of the Mississippi; the weather is chiefly fair and cold; rain has fallen on the American coast, and snow and sleet inland from Cariboo southward. In the Northwest fair weather prevails and a cold wave covers the entire region.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 8 miles N. E.; rain, .04; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles N. E.; rain, .06; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 16; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 6; minimum, zero; wind, calm; snow, .30; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 58; minimum, 54; wind, 22 miles S. W.; rain, .28; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver—Mrs. Charles, B. W. Powell, C. P. Webster, T. A. Johnston, J. B. Phillips, Miss Polley, W. H. Bishop, C. Levy, G. Matthews, A. Hart and wife, Mrs. Hill, Mr. Whittam, Mrs. Thorn, Miss S. Thora, J. H. Willis, Miss Robinson, J. Kelly, Wm. Henderson, C. E. Ross, C. J. Joseph, Geo. Mitchell, Mrs. Miller, S. Stevenson, J. A. Howe, Miss Robertson, Miss Noble, Jeff Irwin, Miss Gordon, G. A. Keefe, Douglas Tuck, Miss Smith, A. Wilson, Miss Leland, Miss Wood, A. Russell, Miss Richards, H. W. Nibby, W. Murray, G. McFee, Stanley Johnson, G. E. Karl, —Wales, H. E. A. Robertson, J. Paddon, J. Foster, H. Smith, H. Murray, Miss Turner, C. Wurtel, A. Hartley, H. C. Hampton and wife, A. Dismore, Mrs. Windbank, R. V. Humes, G. H. Noble, A. Rowen, Miss Bowen, W. Peck and wife, R. J. Jantion and wife, G. Burnett and wife, C. Steers and wife, F. A. Swan, A. Faulds, Miss B. Fraser, Mrs. McDermott, F. H. McKee, W. Haggart, Steve Jones, F. J. Meher, S. Gripman, E. A. Ramsay, Dr. and Mrs. Baird, T. Beasley and wife, W. E. Boyd and wife, H. S. Hoar and wife, H. H. Morris, A. S. Turner, A. C. Marshall, Miss Butchart, Miss Butchart, Mrs. Probert, E. Simpson, J. Faude, C. S. Chowey, D. E. Kerr, S. B. Carme, O. Bell, P. Cochrane, Mrs. Baird, G. Adam, J. D. Townley, Mrs. Townley, T. B. Harlan, Mrs. and Miss Cane.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—D. E. Squires, Mrs. Anna Squires, C. V. Anderson, Miss B. Christensen, Lorenzo M. Benson, Geo. Maupin, Wm. Bosence, Dora Sanna, L. A. Sanna, Mrs. F. Perry, Hector Longpre, F. Jacobsen, T. Vogel, H. W. Brown, Wm. Levitas, Thos. Dunn, E. J. Cameron, Mrs. E. J. Cameron, J. S. Cameron, R. Stewart, J. L. Hay, Adella A. Haynes, C. H. Hopkins, W. Van Horne, E. Williams, R. B. Beeve, G. Compton, C. M. Spaulding, Jas. A. Sweeney, V. E. Gillespie, H. R. Belton.

Per steamer Queen from San Francisco—H. F. Mearse and son, Miss M. B. Kelly, J. F. Gordon, W. Iredale, J. McIntyre, R. Dennisson, A. R. Tutts.

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Albert Reynolds, of San Francisco; C. E. Blackburn, of Denver; and C. D. Emmons, of Portland, are at the Driard.

Mrs. W. S. Neales, of St. John, N. B., is at the Balmoral on her way home from New Zealand.

Sheriff Richards is again confined to his home owing to an attack of rheumatism.

Miss Wolley, of Pier Island, is at the Balmoral on her way from Vancouver.

Professor Julius Dollinger, of Budapest, has been acquitted of a charge of criminal neglect brought against him for leaving a corpse in the body of a person he operated upon.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

SPECIAL PROGRAMME HAS BEEN PREPARED

Sermons Appropriate to the Day Will Be Delivered by the City Pastors.

To-morrow, Christmas Day, special music, appropriate to the season, will be rendered in the city churches. Sermons in keeping with the day will be delivered. The hours of services and the musical programmes are published below:

CHURCH OF OUR LORD.

Services at 11 and 7, with sermons by Right Rev. Bishop Cridge and Rev. H. J. Wood respectively. The music for to-morrow is as follows:

Morning.

Organ—Pastoral Symphony Handel
Opening Hymn Crotch
Venite and Psalms—As Set for Christmas Day Dykes
Te Deum Dykes
Benedictus Dykes
Anthem—The Glory of the Lord Simper
Hymn 87
Solo—The First Christmas Morn Mrs. Moresby.

Evening.

Organ—There Were Shepherds Godfrey
Psalms—As Set for Christmas Day Magnificat Turner
Nunc Dimittis Turner
Hymns 87 and 83
Introit—In David's Royal City Trio—Hearts Feel That Love Thee Mendelssohn
Postlude—Edgar Fauchet.
Song—O, Holy Night Mrs. Heincken.
Anthem—Glory of the Lord Simper
Hymn 86
Vesper Hymn Sullivan
Organ—Hallelujah Chorus Handel

ST. BARNABAS'S.

Holy eucharist at 8 and 9 a. m., matins 10.30 a. m., choral eucharist at 11 a. m., evensong at 7 p. m. Preachers, morning, Rev. E. G. Miller; evening, Rev. S. R. Anderson, chaplain, H. M. S. Bonaventure. The music follows:

Morning.

Voluntary—Offertory C. Simper
Processional Hymn—Christians Awake Doherty
Communion Service Simper in E Flat
Communion Hymn 313 and 322
Post Communion Hymn 505
Nunc Dimittis St. John
Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus Handel

Evening.

Voluntary—Gloria in Excelsis, 12th Mass
Psalms for Day—As Set Magnificat Clare in E Flat
Nunc Dimittis 313 and 322
Hymns 50 and 62
Vesper Hymn—Lord Keep Us Safe Offertory Carol—Softly Fell the Shades of Evening F. J. Sawyer

ST. JAMES'S.

Rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. Holy communion at 8 a. m. and 10 a. m., choral eucharist at 11 a. m., evensong and sermon at 7 p. m. Special collection at the 11 o'clock service for the Clergy V. & O. fund. The music follows:

Morning.

Organ Voluntary 61
Hymn Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum 1st Setting, Cathedral Psalter
Benedictus Woodward
Kyrie and Gloria TMB
Anthem—Break Forth Into Joy Simper
Hymns 60 and 59
Organ Voluntary 61

Evening.

Organ Voluntary 50
Hymn Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat Barby
Nunc Dimittis Felton
Vesper Hymn 60 and 58
Organ Voluntary M. S.

ST. SAVIOUR'S.

Preacher, morning and evening, Rev. C. E. Cooper, M. A. Holy communion, 8 and 11 a. m.; evensong, 7 p. m. The music follows:

Morning.

Organ Prelude 61
Processional Hymn 61
Venite and Psalms Dr. Crotch
Proper Psalms—XIX, XLV, CXXXII
Te Deum Cathedral Psalter
Benedictus Woodward
Kyrie and Gloria TMB
Anthem—Break Forth Into Joy Simper
Hymns 60 and 59
Organ Voluntary 61

Evening.

Organ Prelude—Shepherd's Song Haydn
Processional Hymn 60
Proper Psalms—LXXXIX, CX, CXXXII
Magnificat 1st Setting, Cathedral Psalter
Nunc Dimittis Barby
Anthem—Break Forth Into Joy Simper
Hymns 62 and 58
Carols—
We Three Kings of Orient Are.
The Manger Throne.
The Christ Child.
Good Christian Men Rejoice.
Once in Bethlehem of Judah.
In Excelsis Gloria.
Recessional Hymn 379
Organ—March Joyeuse Scharwenka

ST. JOHN'S.

Preachers, morning, Rev. Percival Jenus; evening, Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard. The music follows:

Morning.

Organ—Pastoral Symphony Handel
Venite Crotch
Psalms Cathedral Psalter
Te Deum Sullivan in D
Jubilate Hayes
Anthem—Glory to God Clarke
Solo, Miss M. Todd.
Kyrie Ard in D Flat
Gloria TMB Tallis, No. 3
Hymns 50, 60 and 81
Organ—Pastorale Grison

Evening.

Organ—Noel Gullmant
Psalms Cathedral Psalter
Magnificat Christopher Marks

Dent's Kid Gloves \$1.00 and \$1.25

CAMPBELL'S Maggioni Kid Gloves \$1.50

Special Inducements for To-Day
Exclusive Novelties for Christmas

Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Neckwear

Dainty Real Lace Handkerchiefs Reduced

New Belts
New Bags
New Fans
New Pearl Necklaces

New Umbrellas
New Neckwear
Real Lace Berthas

Real Lace Collars
Real Lace Fichues
Real Lace Handkch'fs

Coats, Suits and Furs reduced. Raincoats and Umbrellas at special prices. Children's Fine Muslin Dresses and Pelisses, also Knitted Jackets and Bearskin Coats.

New Opera Cloaks Reduced

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VICTORIA'S NEW FAMILY PLAY HOUSE.
PROLONGED SUCCESS OF THE ED. REDMOND CO.
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY MATINEE AND NIGHT.

MADAME MYEE

And the Redmond Company, in the Good Old English Comedy, "CASTE"

Wednesday and Saturday Matinee, 10c.; a few reserved, 25c.
Night Prices—10c. and 25c. Phone No. 822. Call up and reserve your seats.
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Morning.

Anthem—O Come, All Ye Faithful, Novello
Hymn 142
Prayer
Anthem—Sweetly Through Another Night Shelley
Lesson—John L. 1, 18
Announcements
Hymn 143
Sermon—The Incarnation. The Pastor Solo—Star of Bethlehem. Adams Gideon Hicks. 143
Benediction
Evening.

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Morning.

Hymn
Prayer
Anthem—How Lovely Are the Messianic Lessons—Matthew II.
Solo—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Burnett
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Evening.

Announcements 133
Quartet—Gloria in the Highest Metropolitan Male Quartette.
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Hymn 25
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As Monday has been proclaimed a public holiday owing to the great annual festival falling upon Sunday, there will be no issue of the Times on what is usually the first working day of the week. The staff of the Times wishes the friends and readers of the paper a very merry, joyous and happy Christmas.

A GRAY GOOSE QUILL.

Manitoba, we now have reason to believe, produces something besides No. 1 hard, the finest wheat in the world—the product that is now greatly coveted by the Americans, the people who above all others in the world know a good thing when they see it. These lines are written by a pen manufactured from a quill taken from the wing of a gray goose, thoughtfully and fittingly forwarded by the Winnipeg Free Press as a feathered reminder of the fact that there is the best of sport as well as the hardest work to be had in what is now rapidly ceasing to be a Great Lone Land. We in British Columbia have a few game birds in our fields and in our woods, but we envy the prairie dwellers their gray goose. We see occasional specimens here when they come down to feed on their way to the southern feeding grounds. But they do not appear in such numbers as to warrant those who earn their bread by the scribble of the pen to discard typewriters and resort to the implement with which the great thinkers of past times recorded their majestic thoughts and sublime sentiments. Our Winnipeg contemporary is enterprising and progressive. Its Yule-tide souvenirs are always appropriate to the place from which they emanated. Winnipeg at its present rate of progress will in a few years become the principal commercial city in Canada. The Northwest may also become the centre of political influence. When that time comes Victoria will be the Mecca of all who, having made their fortunes in agricultural and commercial pursuits, desire to pass the remainder of their days in a clime where the flowers bloom in midwinter and the snows rarely fall, as the souvenir and the season's greetings the Times has sent to its contemporaries are intended to intimate.

BLANK SOUTHGATE, ESQ.

The Times is in receipt of a letter signed simply "Southgate," and from the tone of the document we fear the writer is not going to spend a very merry Christmas. He does not seem to have met with the success he anticipated in this new land, and consequently is inclined to revile at the conditions and to scoff at the people he believes to be responsible for them. Fortunate as we are, generally, high as the standard of living and of comfort may be compared with the great crowded centres where poverty is conspicuous because it is practically all-pervading, it is no doubt possible that there are some with us to whom this Christmas time will bring but little good cheer. To those who are so unfortunate as to be denied the labor they diligently seek we may say that the door of opportunity is not always respectably opened at the first knock. If "Southgate" be not the product of the abnormal, unnatural and ridiculous systems to which we alluded yesterday as prevailing in the Old Land, we can assure him that if he possesses his soul in patience his opportunity will come. If body, soul and spirit be willing, the labor he goes after and scolds because it is denied, will yet be forthcoming. If, on the other hand, "Southgate" be not of the stuff of which successful men are made, we fear he will sink into the place that is prepared for all slothful and incompetent misfits, reviling and scoffing till the end.

MAN AND BEAST.

It seems from the testimony of witnesses given before the committee that is investigating the fitness of Mr. Smoot to sit in the United States Senate that even in Utah, where there is every latitude for the man in search of marital felicity—that even in Mormondom there is room for a divorce court. As an excuse for the toleration of polygamous practices it has been urged that the prevalence of divorce cases was a disgrace to the American people. Now even that excuse has been removed. What apology still remains for the disgusting practices of the Mormons we do not know. It will possibly be contended that the evidence against Smoot was principally extracted from wives who had been supplanted in the affections of their enterprising spouses by younger women. It appears the class who had lost some of their youthful attractions through the operations of time and hard work were not disposed to be satisfied with the honor of

to give up their old-time positions as heads of their households to the newest fancies of the lordly male. Not unnaturally, perhaps, the matrimonial habit as it multiplied its desires caused trouble in many families. In fact, the female Mormon, it is clear, is not so enthusiastic a Mormonite as her wiser half. But, like the pilots of Victoria, she does not care to speak out and declare her side of the case. There are penalties, not always imaginary, hanging over her head. It might not be discreet for her to declare her impression, gathered from dear-bought experience, that Mormonism is a creation or invention of a set of creatures lower in the scale of animalism than the average of the beasts of the field.

Railway companies doing business in Canada have discovered that rails made in this country are just as good as can be secured from any other source. A dispatch from Montreal says the steel rail industry in Ontario has never received an endorsement tending so much to establish its permanency as when Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, announced that in future the big railway will buy all its rails in Canada. The announcement marks the close of a particularly interesting controversy between Sir Thomas and the leading officials of the Lake Superior corporation. At the outset Sir Thomas contended that standard rails could not be manufactured in Canada, and how entirely he has changed his views, so far as the big Ontario plant is concerned, is shown by his announcement. During the controversy both companies readily agreed to accept the reports of an investigation to be made by Capt. Hunt, of Chicago, a leading steel rail expert. After spending some time at the "Soo" he reported that no better rail was manufactured anywhere in America, and the Canadian Pacific at once accepted all the specifications of the company. The annual requirements of the line for renewal work alone would keep the "Soo" mill in operation for three months each year. A contract for 3,000 tons has been signed with the Pere Marquette railway, and one for 4,000 with the Michigan Central. The rails are for the lines of both companies in Canada. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has placed with the Algoma Steel Company an order for 25,000 tons of eighty-foot rails for prompt delivery. Thus are we establishing ourselves as a manufacturing nation.

Toronto Star: How can Christmas be mournful? We may grow older every year, but the world grows younger every Christmas; even the loved ones, who have gone before, come back at Christmas and sit in their vacant chairs, not waned and sad of aspect, but smiling, as they warm themselves in our thoughts, and struggle into the happy circle. And under the spell of that Christmas spirit which sweetens the past and glorifies eternity, we can look at them without sorrow, realizing that they are lost only for a little while. What other day can compare with Christmas to soften hard hearts and deliver men to their best impulses. All the opulence of human affection is released by its tender associations. Love, joy, charity, faith abound. Let the coldest man abandon himself to its enchantment, and he is a part, in love with the love that makes the world go around. And since the heart leaps to wisdom more quickly than the mind, Christmas teaches us to understand that God is love.

As we anticipated, New York State is at a loss to know what to do with Miss Nan Patterson. The authorities appear to have some doubts as to the propriety or the utility of continuing the burlesque attempt to administer justice.

THE OLD MAN'S CHRISTMAS.

(Holman F. Day in "Country Life in America.")
So you trilled me, sonny? I had some doubt that you'd see me leavin' when I slipped out;
One married old fellow more or less Ain't much in a Christmas party's press. And I'll stay, if I may, my good boy John, Here in your kitchen until they're gone. I haven't got used to your city folk. I'd rather stay here for a quiet smoke, Rockin' and thinkin' and dreamin', had. For I'm only a sort of a kitchen daff. It's a handsome sight, your house, to-night. But I haven't been missin' it, bub, a mite. My sittin' here alone for a while, For I reckon your neighbors ain't just my style.
I'm proud of my boy who has won his way In the world to the place where he stands to-day.
Your mother and I, we didn't begretch Boostin' you high as your 'arms could stretch.
Poor mother! If only your marm was here! Christmas ain't Christmasy now, my dear; For it's hard to relish the fun, my boy John, With your mother gone.

LITTLE BROTHER'S BASKET.

Newark News.
My little bruvver's awful red—en soft, ist like elastic.
He hasn't got a really bed, en so he has a basket.
Thur's bows en pretties, made up duff, en lots of wraps en cover,
But little bruvver kicks 'em off en holiers out for muvver.

When I had dresses en a bib I didn't kick or cry—
I had a crib, a boardin' crib, 'at rocked away up high;
It had a top ist like a gig, en rollers where you rolled it,
En when I got all growed up big, why, then we went en sold it!

Ma said it wouldn't do no more for great big me to sleep in;
Pa said it ist took up the floor en wasn't wort the keepin'.
En when I was gone, one day, a visitin' Uncle Ned,
My little bruvver come to stay, en thur wasn't any bed!

My little bruvver's awful red—en soft, ist like elastic.
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En don't I know what makes him mad? He want's a crib—'at's why!

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DECISION OF THE LOCAL KENNEL CLUB

Has Withdrawn From Western Association, Which Will Probably Go Out of Existence.

The Victoria Kennel Club no longer owes allegiance to the Western Kennel Association. It has been decided by local fanciers to sever all connection with the latter body. This action was taken owing to the fact that the California clubs have gone over to the American Kennel League, which practically means that the W. K. L. will go out of existence. In fact, not only have the California associations declared for the A. K. L., but Portland has followed suit, and it is altogether probable that Washington fanciers will do the same.

The matter was thoroughly considered at the recent meeting of the Victoria club, when it was thought best to desert the W. K. L., and British Columbia being altogether outside the jurisdiction of the A. K. L., join the Canadian Kennel League. Another meeting of the local club will be held early in January to arrange details and transact general business.

Secretary McConnell has received several communications from Norman J. Stewart, secretary of the Western Kennel Association, explaining the unexpected action of California clubs and the circumstances that led up to their decision to amalgamate with the A. K. L. He points out that the power placed in the hands of a Pacific advisory board appointed by the American Kennel League make so many concessions to the Western clubs that they are practically given the management of Coast shows. This was all that any of them desired, and, therefore, it was generally thought advisable to join the parent association.

Mr. Stewart also forwards the appended statement:

1. The Pacific advisory board shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be nominated by the California clubs, two by the Oregon clubs and two by the Washington clubs, in the manner specified under Sec. 2 by the body of representatives. These nominations shall be sent through the advisory board to the American Kennel Club for approval. On approval by the A. K. C. of those nominations the nominees shall take their seats on the advisory board, and this new board, nominated by the clubs

of the Coast and approved by the A. K. C., shall have all the powers and privileges of the old board.

This concedes to the Coast a board nominated by the clubs of the Coast and representative of the Coast, a concession the importance of which should not be underestimated, and which removes a serious grievance of many years' standing.

In the new board every section of the Coast will be represented. Clubs will feel that they have a personal interest in the board, and that in their delegate they are not merely a representative in, but a friend on the board, who may be relied on to promote and protect the interests of their part of the Coast.

2. In the event of the death or resignation of any member of the Pacific advisory board the body of representatives shall at once hold a meeting and shall send the names of three men whom it would suggest to fill the vacancy to the advisory board. The advisory board shall choose from these three names the one which in its opinion will make the most suitable member. Such nominee to be approved by the A. K. C. N. B.—If the advisory board is to be a success its members must not be merely representatives, but must be men who work harmoniously together. As the nominees of the body of representatives are approved by the A. K. C., and as the latter can be relied upon to approve only gentlemen in whom they have absolute confidence, a harmonious advisory board is assured.

The Body of Representatives.

2. The body of representatives shall consist of a delegate from each show giving club, a member of the A. K. C. This body shall meet in San Francisco and nominate by ballot seven men as members of the Pacific advisory board. The California clubs shall nominate three members, the Oregon club two members and the Washington club two members. (This ratio has been fixed by the number of clubs in each state. California has eight clubs, Oregon two, and Washington two.) These seven nominations shall be sent by the secretary of the body of representatives to the secretary of the advisory board. (For further proceedings see Sec. 1 advisory board.)

This body of representatives shall be recognized by the Pacific advisory board and shall be empowered to hold meetings at such places as the body of representatives may see fit and make such representations and recommendations to the Pacific advisory board from time to time as in the body's opinion are desirable. It is hoped that by this means the advisory board may be kept in touch with the Coast fanciers, a great majority of whom belong to no club and who in the past have had no official way of making suggestions to or bringing grievances before the advisory board.

N. B.—A show giving club is a club having a dog, or organized for the purpose of holding, all breed dog shows. A specialty club holding a show confined to its breed will not be considered a show giving club. These changes will not affect the local club to any extent. Shows will be held an-

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.
NEW WESTMINSTER.

"Fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman," so says the American wild man at large on Sumas prairie. A man, whose name is not known, is on the prairie with a gun, a club and a badly disordered imagination. This combination might make things hot for residents in that part of the district, and Capt. Pittendrigh, S. M., has received a letter notifying him of the presence of the lunatic in that vicinity. He is supposed to be an escaped inmate of one of the hospitals for the insane on the other side of the boundary line, and it is likely that the provincial police will take up the matter with the demoted man and return him to his native soil."—Columbian.

VANCOUVER.

Dr. R. E. McKechnie returned on Thursday from a two months' trip in the East, partly on business and partly for pleasure. During his absence, he visited the World's Fair at St. Louis, Salt Lake City and other places of note. He was also in Toronto, where he found the weather very cold, and it made him feel glad to get back to British Columbia's milder and more agreeable climate.

"It was feared on Thursday that F. M. Cowperthwaite, principal of Dawson school, had been the victim of a shooting accident, but developments proved that he had only been overcome by a fit of sickness," says the News-Advertiser. "Mr. Cowperthwaite is an ardent sportsman, and on Wednesday morning took the early train to Lulu Island to hunt ducks. Not returning in the evening, as was his wont, considerable anxiety was felt by Mrs. Cowperthwaite, and on Thursday morning J. H. Carlisle, chief of the fire department, a personal friend, and C. H. Barker, electrician at No. 2 hall, drove out to Lulu Island. They searched all day but found no trace of the missing man, but on arriving at Brighouse station toward evening, they met George B. Harris, of this city, who had been out shooting and who gave them definite information. Mr. Harris said that when he had gone out on Thursday morning his attention was attracted by calls from Mr. Cowperthwaite, who was found underneath a tree. He had been overcome by a acute bilious attack, and being alone was unable to help himself, and had spent the night in the open. Mr. Harris had assisted Mr. Cowperthwaite to a neighboring farm house, where he was seen by Chief

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Carlisle, who returned Thursday evening. At last reports Mr. Cowperthwaite was recovering rapidly.

According to careful figures of costs compiled by the management of the British Columbia Copper Company, Ltd., owing and operating the Mother Lode mine and smelter, that company has succeeded in reducing the cost of mining in no inconsiderable degree, being one of the elements that is putting that concern on a profitable basis now, with not a dollar of outstanding indebtedness outside of the regular monthly current accounts. Manager Keffler is authority for the statement that for the last three weeks the average number of men employed at the Mother Lode mine, including miners, muckers, engineers, carpenters, bosses and all others, is 64. In the same time the output shipped per week has averaged 3,253 tons of ore. This gives an average per week per man of 51 tons of ore, or a daily average per man of a little more than seven tons. It is known that the Mother Lode mine never looked better than it does to-day. Quite recently a body of ore was opened up that greatly improves the value of the property, it being of good grade, and especially acceptable at the smelter to mix with other ore from the mine. It is also said that there is a very large body of this ore. The Mother Lode smelting works are doing excellent work along with the converting plant, which handles also matte from the Boundary Falls and Trail smelters. When the new furnaces decided upon are installed this coming year, the output of this smelter will be doubled.

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—The Taylor Mill Company are giving their employees a Christmas treat in the shape of a turkey.

—The third annual newsboys' dinner will be given on December 29th, and not on the 27th, as erroneously stated yesterday.

—Mr. W. H. Knight, of Victoria, and Miss Jennie Beatty, of Vancouver, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. W. J. Sippell, B. A., B. D., on Wednesday, December 21st, at New Westminster.

—Owing to the holidays there will be no public meeting of the Socialist party in the Crystal theatre to-morrow evening, nor on New Year's day. The next meeting will be held on Sunday evening, January 8th.

—The examiners who are at work on the papers of candidates who wrote on the recent High school entrance examination may complete their labors this evening. There is a possibility, however, that the remaining papers may not all be read today, and that the examiners may have to return again after Christmas to complete their labors.

—A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held next Thursday evening at St. Columba church, Oak Bay. An excellent programme has been prepared by the children and teachers of the Sunday school, and a cordial invitation is extended parents and friends. Santa Claus will appear some time during the evening and distribute presents. A pleasant time is assured all who attend.

—The usual Christmas tree and entertainment of St. Paul's Sabbath school will take place in Semp's hall, Victoria West, on Tuesday evening next. The children will be served with supper from 5.30 to 6.30. The programme by the children, prepared under the direction of Miss Mary Hutchison, a sufficient guarantee of its excellence, will begin at 7.30, to be followed by the distribution by Santa Claus of a present to each child from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

—Great preparations are being made in the Metropolitan Methodist church for the coming Christmas services. The church will be beautifully adorned with floral and electrical decorations. An augmented choir, under the leadership of Gibson Hicks, will render special Christmas music, several of the solos, quartettes, etc., never having been given in Victoria. The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, will preach short sermons appropriate to the occasion. No pains are being spared to make these services especially conspicuous by their brightness and taste.

—The Victoria Orphanage has received a Christmas gift from Cariboo which is most acceptable at this season of the year. The donation is sent from Bakerville, B. C., and has been handed to the treasurer of the Home by Mrs. Charlotte Brown, of Beacon Cottage, Victoria, to whom the amount was sent. The Bakerville donors were: Mrs. A. Kelly, \$5; James Boyce, \$2.50; Harry Jones, M. P., \$2; James Innes, \$2; Harry Wilcox, \$2; Mrs. Harvey Flynn, \$2; John Stevenson, \$1; John Brown, \$1; James McKen, \$1; Geo. Walker, \$1; John Pomeroy, \$1; Wm. Anderson, \$1; Alex. Coutts, \$1; T. A. Blair, \$1; Mrs. James Stone, \$1; Mrs. Wm. Kelly, \$1; Patrick McKenny, \$1; Mrs. Chas. Horsey, \$1; James Ross, \$1; Wm. J. McCarty, \$1; H. Beedy, \$1; Robert Yorkston, \$1; Miss Catherine Brown, 50 cents; total, \$32.

—The Sunday school entertainment and Christmas treat of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday evening next at 8 o'clock. A splendid cantata, entitled the "Christmas Ship," will be rendered by the members of the school, which will be followed by the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree. The children have been practicing for some time, and a good entertainment is expected. A notable feature in connection with this year's joyful celebration will be gifts on the part of the children for those who are unprovided. A nominal admission fee will be charged for adults, children being free. This is done in order that whatever is over and above expenses may be contributed to the jubilee fund of the school. The public and friends of the church are invited.

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—The Chinese conspiracy trial is still in progress and is likely to occupy considerable time yet. Lim Siog is now in the witness box. He is one of the men whom Loo Gee Wing is alleged to have given money to in order to get witnesses against Wong Gow and Wong On. Under cross-examination witnesses admitted that there were details in the affidavit sworn to by him which were not exactly correct but that in general it was true.

—Yesterday afternoon the drawing took place for the gramophone drawn for in connection with the sales of White Swan soap. The drawing was held at the West End Grocery, and the winning number was 1,052. The soap which won the prize was sold by Johns Bros. The holder of the ticket can obtain the gramophone by calling at the office of the R. C. Soap Company, Humboldt street. Another drawing will be held for a gramophone about the end of January.

—A hockey match was played between the South Park and North Ward school girls' teams this morning at Beacon Hill. It was won by the former, the score being 5 goals to 1. The game was not as uneven as the score makes it appear, the opposing eleven being evenly balanced and putting up a first-class exhibition. The South Park girls undoubtedly had the fastest forwards and the best shots, and to this is their victory attributed. Miss N. Erskine did the scoring for the North Ward eleven. For the winners Miss Norma Hall was the most prominent. She made three of the goals, and played a clever reliable game throughout. It is understood that a return match between the two teams will be arranged for the near future.

—Mrs. E. C. Musgrave, wife of the manager of the Tyee copper mine, Mount Secker, passed away at the family residence, Duncan, on Thursday evening. Her illness was short but severe, and when it was realized that the patient was in a critical condition Dr. Meredith Jones, of this city, was notified and a special train engaged to combine him to reach there in time. Mrs. Musgrave, however, succumbed before the doctor reached his destination. Deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clermont Livingstone, and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, not only throughout the district surrounding Duncan, but in Victoria, among whom her sudden demise will cause much sorrow and regret. The funeral arrangements had not yet been announced.

—On her last trip south the steamer Leelanaw, chartered to R. W. Dunsinville, of this city, sustained considerable injury. A survey was made on Thursday to determine the extent of the injuries to the steamer's hull. Much water was pumped out of the hold, says the Tacoma Ledger, and one of the holes on the starboard side was discovered. It was impossible to learn the exact nature of the leak, as there is much sand and debris packed around the opening. A force of men is at work to clear the hold. The hole was partially stopped up with cement. Whether the Leelanaw will have to go into drydock before attempting another trip North is yet unknown. The work of discharging the inward cargo of 1,800 tons of concentrates from the Treadwell mines was pushed rapidly yesterday.

—T. G. Mitchell, who has been appointed Lloyd's surveyor for British Columbia, is recognized as one of the most competent engineers in Victoria. He has long been connected with the C. P. R. Company's fleet, and previously with the C. P. N. Company, and has held during this time about the most responsible positions in either service, it having been only last year that he was sent to England to superintend the installation of the machinery in the steamer Princess Victoria. He came out from England in charge of the engine department of the ship, and has since presided over that vessel's machinery. Previously he was engineer on the Charmer, and has earned for himself a reputation for ability that led to no delay with Lloyd's when a selection of their British Columbia representative had to be made.

—An Eastern exchange says: "A recent Canadian Pacific press dispatch from Victoria stated that the Great Northern railway proposed to withdraw from passenger business between the Mainland and Victoria. C. W. Graves, Canadian freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern at Toronto, yesterday received a letter from W. W. Broughton, general freight agent of the road, in which he states that this report may have created the impression among Canadian shippers that the Great Northern intended to withdraw from Victoria business altogether. He, therefore, desired to advise all parties interested, especially those shippers who have favored the Great Northern with Victoria business in the past, or who are in the habit of shipping to British Columbia territory, that it is not the intention of the company to withdraw from handling Victoria freight, and that shipments will be made as heretofore, namely, in the original cars without breaking bulk."

—The post office staff are smoking the health of Messrs. A. W. Knight, Shalcross & Macaulay and R. P. Ribbet & Co., who were so thoughtful as to remember them with the most fragrant of weeds.

—Under the head "Trafalgar Day Celebrated at the Western Outpost of the Empire," the last issue of the Navy League journal contains a lengthy account of the celebration held in Victoria on that occasion. It gives brief accounts of addresses by C. E. Redfern, J. Peirson, the local secretary; A. E. McPhillips, K. C., and Senator Macdonald.

—S. A. Perkins, of the Tacoma Ledger, has issued a neat little folder nicely illustrated, called the Perkins Press. It contains some interesting statistical information concerning Tacoma, and gives a brief history of Mr. Perkins's journalistic enterprises, the Tacoma Ledger, the Tacoma Daily News, the Bellingham Herald, the Olympia Daily Recorder, the Everett Daily Herald and the Tacoma Engraving Company.

—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's prediction before the board of trade in Victoria, when he was here last summer, namely, that it would not be long before the C. P. R. Company would be supplying a fortnightly service to the Orient, appears to be within measurable distance of fulfillment. The news from London, published in last evening's Times, confirms the information given out in this paper a few days previously, in effect that one or more of the steamers to be built would be for the Pacific. The company now provides a three-weekly schedule in summer with their Empress liners, but with two more steamers added to the fleet it would be in a position to provide the fortnightly service contemplated in a very efficient manner. According to the dimensions given of these liners, as announced yesterday, the ships will be considerably larger than the vessels now operated. They will also be at least two knots faster, and will doubtless in the matter of appointment and equipment rank first on the Pacific.

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Bread and Butter Plates \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 ea.
Toilet Pans \$1.75 to \$2.50 ea.
Fruit Saucers \$3.00 to \$4.50 doz.
Teapots, Sugars and Creams \$2.00 set up
Tea Cups and Saucers \$3.00 doz. up
Celery Trays \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 ea.
Biscuit Jars \$1.75 to \$2.00 ea.
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Pretty Brass Inkstands \$1.00 to \$2.25
Cigar Cutters \$1.00 ea.
Ash Trays from 50c. ea.
Blenched Trays \$1.00 upwards
Handsome Enamel Mirrors \$2.00 pair
Heavy Brass \$4.00 to \$5.50 doz.
Shaving Brushes \$2.00 pair
Black Witch Candelons \$2.50 ea.
Brass Fire Sets—Shovel, Poker and Tongs \$2.00 upwards
Belgate Coal Scoops, brass mounted
Pebble Trays \$2.00 pair
Kettles and Stands, in brass or copper \$3.50 to \$10.50 ea.
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Sheffield Table Knives, oval or square celluloid handles \$4.00 doz.
Dessert Knives \$5.50 doz.
Silver Tea Knives \$4.25, \$5.50 doz.
Carvers, buck, celluloid, ivory handles \$2.00 to \$5.00 pair
Steels to match from 50c. ea.
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Tea Pots, new styles, from \$8.00 ea.
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Toilet Brushes from \$1.00 to \$3.00 ea.
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Butter Knives 25c. to \$1.75 ea.
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Nur Trucks 50c. and \$1.00 pair
Sugar Tongs \$1.25 pair
Soup Ladles \$1.75 to \$4.00 ea.
Nur Sets \$6.00 complete
Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon 50c. to \$2.00 set
Sugar Shells and Butter Knives, in box \$3.00, \$4.00 the pair
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Dessert Sets, 6 knives and 6 forks, from \$10.00 up
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Crumbs Trays and Scoops, \$5.00 up
Liquor Frames \$8.50 upwards
Fruit Stands \$12.00 to \$22.00 ea.
Eggs Stands, for 4 or 6, from \$10.00 up
Nur Sets, same Price
Salts and Peppers, 50c. pr. upwards
Breakfast Casters \$2.00 to \$5.00
Toilet Caskets \$1.00 to \$5.00 ea.
Butter Dishes \$1.00 to \$10.00 ea.
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Oak Goods
Light or Dark Oak Trays, \$2.00 up
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OVER THE TEA TABLE

Senator and Mrs. Templeman entertained at dinner Friday night of last week Mr. Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Redfern, Dr. and Mrs. Watt, Mr. and Miss Lugin and Dr. and Mrs. Jones.

Mr. A. W. Vowell gave a dinner Tuesday night in honor of Miss Vernon. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon, Col. and Mrs. W. Jones, Miss Vernon, Miss Nellie Powell, Miss Eva Loewen, Mr. Forbes Vernon, Capt. Sandeman and Capt. Blandy.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Taylor, of Kelowna, are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Striding, Becher street. They will remain for a month or two.

Mrs. Loewen and Miss Eva Loewen have gone to Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Loewen.

Mrs. Sanson and children, of Clinton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Campbell, of Linden avenue. Dr. Sanson will be down for Christmas.

Miss Estelle Alkman has returned from a visit to Seattle and Tacoma.

Mrs. Jas. Forman has returned from a trip to Idaho.

A pencil sketch of Lady Sybil Grey, daughter of the new Governor-General, taken at Halifax, shows a very bright, spirited face, with slight figure and luxuriant hair, arranged in a most becoming evening coiffure.

Mrs. H. D. Helmecken is back from San Francisco, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ohlandt and Mrs. Crowell. Mrs. Helmecken is suffering from a slight attack of influenza, and is in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. Frank O'Reilly, of Cranbrook, is in town for the holidays and other attractions.

Miss Ethel Ferriss, of Tacoma, is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. M. Rogers.

Mrs. Hunter, wife of Chief Justice Hunter, has returned from a short trip to the Sound.

Miss Brady, who has been studying music in Europe for several years, is on her way home. She is at present in Golden with her father and mother.

Miss Angus is back from a short visit to Vancouver, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. T. Rogers.

Saturday night the Ladies' Hockey Club gave a very successful dance in Assembly hall in honor of the Vancouver Ladies' Hockey Club, the members of which had been their opponents on the field that afternoon. The men's clubs of the two cities had been playing the same day, so all the hockey enthusiasts were busy both the afternoon and evening. The energetic and capable committee, consisting of Misses Nason, Leeming, Bais, Wilson, Bowron and D. Sehl are to be congratulated on the success attending their efforts to entertain the visitors, and at the same time to provide fun for themselves and the younger dancing set of Victoria who attended in large numbers.

When midnight came many were the wishes that the clock might be turned back just a little, but all good things must have an end.

Some of those present were: Mrs. S. McE. Smith, Mrs. Carew-Gibson, Mrs. Simpson, Misses Jay, Newcombe, Reid, E. Sehl, Locke, Monteith, D. Sehl, Newling, Hardie, G. Hickey, T. Monteith, Fraser, Roberts, Goddard, Brownie, V. Hickey, Bechtel and Green, and Messrs. W. Williams, P. Austin, Cambie, Leslie Bell, Macrae, Tromp, J. Leeming, H. G. Lawson, D. McConnan, T. McConnan, R. Wilson, L. York, Gore, Newell, Goddard, G. Gaudin, G. Wilson, Hamilton, Patton and McKilligan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey, of Comox, are in town, the guests of Mrs. Harvey's father and mother, Capt. and Mrs. Gaudin, of Craigflower road. Mr. Harvey is now engaged in ranching near Courtenay, in the Comox valley.

Mr. Fred Foster is down from Ashcroft for the holiday festivities. He is staying with his parents on Simcoe street.

Mrs. Bais and Miss Bais went over to Vancouver Tuesday night. They will be away until after Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Watkins has returned from Vancouver, where she spent a week visiting her aunt, Mrs. Capt. Revely.

Mr. Fred Bodwell is visiting his brother and sister, Mr. E. V. and Miss Bodwell, of Rockland avenue.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. W. Bolton, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Vivian Bolton, will leave for New York immediately after the holidays. They intend including some of the principal cities of the United States in their itinerary, and will visit relatives residing in New York. After a short stay there Miss Bolton will go on to England to attend school, while Mrs. Bolton will return to Victoria.

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STEAMSHIP ASSOCIATION

"The Alaska Steamship Association, composed of the various lines operating between British Columbia and Puget Sound, met on Wednesday morning in the parlors of the Hotel Butler," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "It was not altogether a love feast, despite the fact that it was supposed to be a marine family reunion, for the purpose of agreeing upon rates for next season's business on rough traffic, which begins, so far as the purpose of the association is concerned, with the opening of navigation on the Upper Yukon. There were some of the members of the association disposed to charge others with having failed to keep faith in the matter of maintaining rates. The through traffic for next year was discussed in many phases. However, the definite result of the meeting, as those present manifested an inclination to increase the through rates somewhat over last year. Charles E. Peabody, of the Alaska Steamship Company, and president of the association, presided. Another meeting of the association will be called in the near future."

MARINE NOTES

A New York dispatch of yesterday's date says: "The fate of the 79-ton steamer, B. Schorer John M. Calderwood, which sailed from Dalhousie early in November, was learned to-day when the German steamer Barcelona came in with a story of a thrilling rescue at sea. The captain and four men composing the crew of the Calderwood were taken from their little craft after a frightful experience, when they were ready to abandon hope. The Barcelona's captain, and such reports are being considered, before any promotion or increase of pay is accorded to the persons to whom they apply. Moreover, the juniors are not allowed to stand on their dignity, for they may be sent indiscriminately either to an embassy or to a mission, without reference to their previous employment, so that they have no right to complain if they are sent from a higher to a lower post. But it does not follow by any means that the young diplomatist will spend all his time abroad, for it is within the power of the secretary of state to allow the secretary of state to attach to the exchange for a time their duties with clerks of the two junior classes in the foreign office. There is a pleasant tradition in the outside world that life in the foreign office consists in a gallant attempt to kill time in the morning by reading the foreign office on Sunday papers by the aid of the evening papers. This may have been the case 50 years ago, before the war of Italian independence, which really commenced the series of European wars and complications that has given so much work to the diplomatist ever since. At the time of crisis the work can only be compared to that at a big newspaper office. Even Sunday labor is not unknown where there is great pressure. A story is told of a famous foreign minister who, at a period of very delicate negotiations, came down to the foreign office on Sunday morning during church time accompanied by his wife. Not finding the head of the department at his post he inquired of one of the junior clerks

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIPLOMATIC CAREER

CANDIDATE MUST PASS EXAMINATION

Some of the Subjects—Those Successful Have to Serve Two Years in Probation.

Like the rest of the civil service the diplomatic career has been thrown open to examination, but, unlike the rest of the public service, appointments in and under the foreign office are confined to what is known as "limited" competition. That is to say, the mere passing of an examination is not all that is required of a candidate. He must, in fact, get a nomination before he can be appointed, and he must be of the stamp of man who is suitable for so peculiar and confidential a service. All foreigners are particular on points of etiquette and good manners, but more especially those who hold official rank, and hence it is obviously necessary for candidates for a diplomatic career should be well-bred gentlemen, capable of holding their own with polished men of the world, brought up at punctilious and precedent-loving courts, tact and savoir-faire are, perhaps, more needed than brains now that the telegraph has made so difficult a quest for a diplomat in Downing street, for diplomacy is still an old-world science, and one for which a long apprenticeship is needed. It is only the fact that the United States have little or nothing to do with the first-rate powers that renders it possible for them to continue without a properly trained diplomatic service, but it is absolutely necessary that the staff of H. M. embassies should be imbued with the traditions of the service, as we touch foreign nations, at every point, and all over the world. More desirable was to have been brought about by ill-manners—frequently deliberate, it is true—than any but close students of history are aware. The candidate who is allowed to enter for a "limited" competition finds himself confronted by a pretty stiff examination. He has to pass in arithmetic, handwriting and orthography, English composition, precise writing, French, German, general intelligence, geography and history. These subjects are obligatory, and in addition, the optional subjects are any two of the following languages: Latin, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Modern Greek and Arabic. The papers are not at all easy, and the examination is a sufficiently severe ordeal for a youth between 19 and 25; but supposing it successfully passed, the difficulties are by no means over. The civil service commissioners having granted him a certificate, the candidate becomes an attaché, but for two years he is on probation, and draws no pay. During that time he must be employed for six months in the foreign office, and for a year at one of the embassies or missions abroad, or one of the foreign offices for 18 months, and the probationary period is prolonged until he has fulfilled these conditions. Some there are who never get beyond this period of trial, and as it is impossible for the young diplomatist to live on his pay until he is well up among the second secretaries, it is absolutely necessary that he should be in possession of private means to the extent of at least three hundred pounds a year.

In the foreign office the newcomers are taught the routine of the diplomacy, and the old office in Whitehall Gardens, which was in use before the present building was erected, the younger clerks used to play many practical jokes. Sir Edward Heister tells how across the road from the attic, or "nursery," in which the youngsters were lodged, there were certain pretty dressmakers, and the "frivolous youth" were in the habit of greeting the girls every morning. In the nursery there was one clerk with a very red head. If the former opened his window first, the girls opposite, who generally worked with their windows open, would all out, "Good morning, Turnips; how's Carrots?" And should the latter be the first to appear the salutation would be, "Good morning, Carrots; how's Turnips?"

When the two years of probation are duly accomplished, the attaché will be granted a commission as third secretary, with the magnificent salary of a hundred and fifty pounds a year, provided that his general conduct and character have been satisfactory, and that the minister under whom he last served certifies that he understands his duties, speaks French well, and also one other foreign language. But in addition to his salary the energetic third secretary may get an allowance of a hundred pounds a year for knowledge of public law, provided he can persuade the examiners of his learning, and a further hundred pounds a year if he has a competent knowledge of one of half a dozen Oriental languages while serving in any country in which such language is vernacular. The next step is to become a second secretary, with a salary of from three hundred to four hundred and fifty pounds a year. But even so he is still more or less in statu pupillari, for the head of every mission has on January 1st in each year to report confidentially to the secretary of state on the way in which the second and third secretaries and attaches to his mission have discharged their duties, and such reports are being considered, before any promotion or increase of pay is accorded to the persons to whom they apply. Moreover, the juniors are not allowed to stand on their dignity, for they may be sent indiscriminately either to an embassy or to a mission, without reference to their previous employment, so that they have no right to complain if they are sent from a higher to a lower post. But it does not follow by any means that the young diplomatist will spend all his time abroad, for it is within the power of the secretary of state to allow the secretary of state to attach to the exchange for a time their duties with clerks of the two junior classes in the foreign office. There is a pleasant tradition in the outside world that life in the foreign office consists in a gallant attempt to kill time in the morning by reading the foreign office on Sunday papers by the aid of the evening papers. This may have been the case 50 years ago, before the war of Italian independence, which really commenced the series of European wars and complications that has given so much work to the diplomatist ever since. At the time of crisis the work can only be compared to that at a big newspaper office. Even Sunday labor is not unknown where there is great pressure. A story is told of a famous foreign minister who, at a period of very delicate negotiations, came down to the foreign office on Sunday morning during church time accompanied by his wife. Not finding the head of the department at his post he inquired of one of the junior clerks

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where Mr. — was, and on being told he was at church his lordship expressed some surprise, and was beginning to get indignant on the subject when he was stopped by Lady —, who said: "But you know, my dear, some people go to church on Sundays." The foreign secretary evidently felt that the circumstances, for he said no more, but went off to his own room. It frequently happens that when there is a crisis in Eastern or Far Eastern affairs the clerks belonging to the department in question, as well as one of the librarians, are in attendance on Sundays.

The secretary who sticks to the service may become secretary of legation or embassy, minister resident, envoy extraordinary, and minister plenipotentiary, and, finally, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary. Those who reach the higher ranks are few, for posts and influence as well as skill in handling delicate negotiations before he can get the chance of being entrusted with an embassy. The majority of those who enter the service never rise to these dazzling heights, for it must be understood that the diplomatic service differs in this respect from other services in that the foreign secretary can recommend any person, even though he is not in the diplomatic service, for the higher and more responsible posts in it; and that is not restricted by a membership of the service in making any selection. On the whole, diplomacy is more honorable than lucrative, and no consideration of money-making enters into it. But it has its compensations; an unenvied position, as a rule, plenty of rest, quiet, and interesting work. The diplomatist sees men and cities, and acquires a wide knowledge of the world. He looks on at, and very frequently helps in, the making of history. As a young man he is shifted from one end of the earth to the other every two years, and to be forgotten even by those few who hope to make the fullest use of his later middle age. For him the saddest time of life is old age; for the man who was for many years a principal figure at a foreign court retires on a pension to find his life-work unknown except to a few, and to be forgotten even by those few after the lapse of half a dozen years.—T. P. Weekly.

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This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the City of Victoria, at his office, City Hall.

Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.

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MINING NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

J. B. Hobson, managing director of the Consolidated Hydraulic Mining Company, operating on Quesselle river, has left for the East to attend the directors' meeting of the company and to lay before it his report for the past season's operations. Mr. Hobson has an expert knowledge of everything connected with hydraulic mining. In addition to this he possesses the quality of being most painstaking and methodical in everything which is carried on about the works. In consequence of the care bestowed by him in the management of its affairs, Mr. Hobson is always in a position to tell exactly how the mine is being operated and the relative cost of every branch of the work carried on.

Just previous to leaving for the East Mr. Hobson in an interview gave some particulars respecting the season's operations and the prospects for the future. The season which promised so well in the early months of the year, on account of the heavy fall of snow, proved to be a short one. Lack of water, which since about the year 1900 has been the bane of the company, shortened the run very considerably from that which was promised at the opening of the season. The total run during the past season was 88 days and 16 hours. This was about 35 days in excess of what it was the year previous, but was lost. During the number of days during which hydraulic operations were carried on in 1900.

According to the indications interference from the intrusion of rock slide in part of the ground being worked has been passed. With an ample supply of water Mr. Hobson thinks that the conditions at the mines are more promising than they have been since 1900. He holds the opinion, based upon careful observation throughout the succeeding seasons, that the gold product is dependent mainly upon the amount of precipitation and the water supply available during the season.

Last season the snowfall during the winter exceeded that of the year previous by about 27 inches. Mr. Hobson, therefore, looked forward to a good run. It went off, however, under unfavorable conditions, and much water was lost. During the summer the precipitation was not heavy. The showers were light and did little to increase the supply in the storage reservoirs. Another unfavorable condition of affairs was the hot dry winds which prevailed, and induced a very heavy evaporation.

Mr. Hobson gives figures to show that the product from year to year was proportionate to the precipitation and water available. In 1904 (last season) there was a precipitation of 24.39 inches, 225-198 miners' inches of water were used, allowing of 88 days 16 hours' run, and from 1,401,341 cubic yards of gravel washed, the return was \$85,936.80. The year previous, 1903, the precipitation was 17.48 inches, with 120,088 inches of water used; the run was 53 days 7 hours and 373,000 cubic yards of gravel gave \$44,943.70 in return. In 1902 there were 170,520 inches used, allowing of 95 days 15 hours' run, and from 800,442 cubic yards of gravel, \$61,895.19 was taken. In 1901 the company utilized 288,250 inches, had a run of 104 days 13 hours, and recovered \$142,275.41 from 2,420,288 cubic yards of gravel. In 1900, when 460,878 inches of water were used, the run was 171 days 15 hours and 3256,085.77 cubic yards of gravel, from 1,843,098 cubic yards of gravel. In 1899, from 388,060 inches of water, 144 days 8

hours' run was made, yielding \$67,678.93 from 1,952,533 cubic yards of gravel. Basing his estimate on these results, Mr. Hobson gives the opinion that if he had been able to have a run of 200 days instead of 88, he would have had a return of \$193,800 this season. After taking \$150,000 out for expenses of operation, the profit to the company would have been \$43,800.

The falling off in the amount of precipitation has forced Mr. Hobson to look to some alternative means for getting a sufficient supply of water. He has, after fully looking into all possible sources for increasing it, decided upon recommending to his directors the conveying of water from Spanish lake, about 17 miles distant from the workings. Spanish creek is a tributary of the north fork of Quesselle river. It has an altitude of 2,818 feet. It is five miles long and varies in width from half a mile to a mile. Its area is therefore about four square miles. The lake lands itself readily to the project for which it is proposed to utilize it. At its outlet into Spanish creek is a narrow canyon, which can be easily dammed, converting the lake into a splendid reservoir. The watersheds from which the lake derives its supply reaches all-though from 4,000 to 5,000 feet, so that the flow of water into the lake is constant. At the high water stage, from May 1st to July 1st, the flow averages 23,100 cubic feet a minute, which is equal to 15,400 miners' inches. This decreases gradually until at low water stage on into September there is a supply of 8,700 cubic feet per minute, which equals 5,800 miners' inches.

From Spanish lake, therefore, Mr. Hobson says a supply of 5,000 miners' inches for seven months in the year can be depended upon. He has carefully considered the cost of providing the means of delivering the water from this lake to Morehead Pooling reservoir, one of those for delivering 2,500 miners' inches. Mr. Hobson places the cost at \$245,000. To do this 15 miles of canal would be required, which would cost \$9,000 a mile, or \$135,000. It would be necessary to cross Poquette pass with iron piping. To do this would require 2,500 feet of 40 inch pipe, which would cost \$25,000. To cross the south fork of the Quesselle river, 8,000 feet of 40-inch pipe would be utilized, which is estimated to cost \$10 a foot laid, or \$80,000. The dam at the outlet of the lake would cost \$10,000, bringing the total cost up to \$245,000. In order to supply 5,000 miners' inches, the canal would be doubled, making it \$490,000.

The supplying of 5,000 miners' inches is the scheme which meets with Mr. Hobson's approval, however, as the profits would be proportionately very much larger. With a supply of 5,000 miners' inches of water, instead of 2,500 inches, as at the present time, the quantity of gravel washed in a 200-day run would be about 6,245,000 cubic feet. The average yield is about 16.8 cents a cubic yard. The gross product would be \$1,049,100. The cost of operation is estimated at \$1,000 a day, making a total of \$200,000 for the season. The profits would therefore be \$849,100.

As previously mentioned, the estimated profit for a 200 days' run, with 2,500 miners' inches, would not exceed \$43,800. The advantages are therefore all on the side of the successful system.

The putting in of this system of water supply would involve the delivery of a

SAMPLE OF RUSSIAN RULE

Informers Were Made Sheriff at a High Salary.

Russian rule is getting more and more unendurable every day, says a dispatch from Helsinki, Finland. All city and county officials are now either informers or Russian reproaches, who in some way get a pull on the Russian governor or his underlings.

As an illustration a sheriff in the small town of Perna was once a telegraph operator at the Perna telegraph station, but he was sometimes reprimanded in writing by the telegraph director as many as twenty-five times in one month, he was discharged.

He then went from bad to worse, and took to drinking. He lived on his sister, who was a seamstress. One day he overheard some Finlanders criticizing the Czar and the Russian government and went to the governor and reported what he had heard. The Finlanders in question were sent to Siberia and the informer was appointed sheriff of the city with a high salary.

"It was in 1868 that I first played Hamlet here," said Sir Henry Irving at a farewell banquet in Dundee. "In the last act we drank to Hamlet out of a marmalade jar, while a small and grimy curmy did duty for Yorick's skull."

More than 100,000 figures are depicted in the painting of the Battle of Waterloo just finished by the German artist, Herr von Driestren. The Duke of Wellington is shown in the background of the picture, which is only four feet long.

A bill to prohibit juvenile cigarette smoking has passed its second reading in the South Australian legislature, and will probably become law. The age below which smoking is prohibited is fixed at sixteen years.

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The public health committee of Camberwell, London, proposes to fit up the public baths in the borough for cricket practice during the winter months. Apparently the Camberwellians do not bathe in winter.

A horse trots when his off fore and near hind feet strike the ground simultaneously, or vice versa; and he paces when the legs "of a side" move in unison. Like those of the two tigers on a tandem bicycle.

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THE PAUL JONES.
United States Torpedo Boat Destroyer Arrives at Esquimalt.

The United States torpedo boat destroyer Paul Jones entered Esquimalt harbor and dropped anchor this morning. She arrived from the Sound, where she belongs to Uncle Sam's North Pacific fleet, which has its headquarters at Bremerton. The Paul Jones is a vessel of the usual four-funnelled type. It bears a historic name, the name of a courageous fighter, whatever else might be said of him. Paul Jones (original name, John Paul) was a Scotsman who forsook his country and led an eventful career in the service of France and the United States government, being particularly active during the war between Great Britain and her American colonies. His principal achievement was the capture of the British warships Serapis and Countess of Scarborough, off Flamborough Head. Jones was on the Bon Homme Richard, his other vessels being the Alliance and Pallas. It is alleged that the captain of the Pallas, a Frenchman, did not render the assistance that was expected of him, but on the contrary fired a few broadsides into the other ships of Jones's squadron.

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PERSONAL
H. B. Cameron, of Honolulu; C. Van Horn, of Seattle; Dr. Baird and family, of Winnipeg; and W. E. Bayard and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion.
W. R. Robertson, of Duncan; P. B. Wallace, of Tacoma; and Geo. E. Richards, of Seattle, are among those staying at the Victoria hotel.
Mr. H. A. Green and Mrs. H. A. Green, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. J. E. Elliott, 35 Alfred street.
J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., is in the city. He is among those registered at the New England hotel.
Thos. S. Burley, of Tacoma, and F. S. Munro, of Vancouver, are guests at the New England.

INCIDENTS OF A NOTABLE VOYAGE
OF SHIP ATTRACTING WORLD'S ATTENTION
The Minnesota's Troubles—Her Behavior as Seagoing Craft and Some Interesting Features.

With the arrival of the steamship Minnesota an important epoch in the commerce of the Pacific has been reached. The Times last evening gave some interesting facts and figures about this great leviathan in mercantile marine, but, owing to the lateness of the hour at which the tender Otter returned to port in the afternoon, some incidents in connection with the ship's arrival and of her voyage were omitted.
The day having been stormy, as was the preceding night when the ship dropped anchor in the Royal Roads, many Victorians, anxious to see the huge craft, were disappointed, comparatively few citizens being courageous enough to make any of the trips on the tender. As the Minnesota refused to stir from her anchorage, the Otter had to make several runs from the outer wharf, conveying out to the liner the Chinese crew, which has here been domiciled for the last few weeks, awaiting the ship's arrival. These men hailed with delight the end of their long confinement, and cheered lustily as they boarded the steamer in the Roads. They had been under the close surveillance of those who were responsible to the Dominion government to the tune of something like \$85,000 for their safe keeping, and were never permitted to leave the shed in which they were detained at the outer wharf.
These men once aboard, the Minnesota turned her curious bow to the eastward, leaving for Seattle at 2:19 o'clock, a little late, but time enough, J. D. Farrell thought, to reach Seattle by 9 o'clock. It had been hoped by the citizens of that city that she would reach there in daylight, thus giving those awaiting her an opportunity of carrying out the elaborate celebration programme arranged for her reception. Five Seattle newspaper representatives were on hand to meet the ship and to describe her and report her movements, there being no such waterfront event of the kind since the days when the first Klondike treasure steamer

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here in sight, and newspaper men from Seattle, San Francisco and Victoria gathered here and vied with one another in keen rivalry.
The Minnesota has been off described, but reports of her voyage from San Francisco, of mutiny, fire, etc., aboard, had tended to excite an interest in the remaining part of the trip, and to cause a certain speculation on what might happen as the Minnesota neared her destination.
Capt. Truebridge was asked concerning these reports, and made no denial. He frankly stated that at times various members of the crew rebelled, and he had to put them in irons until they cooled down, also that on two or three occasions fire broke out in the bunkers, causing considerable trouble. "But," added Capt. Truebridge, "this is a new ship. Things like this are bound to happen. This whole ship is an experiment, and when the bunkers have been better insulated there will be no fires." Capt. Truebridge acknowledged that the coal caught fire through being too close to the boilers, a fault which can, he says, be easily rectified. On one occasion while passing through the Tropics on the Pacific, the fire assumed serious dimensions, and before it could be extinguished the whole side of the ship affected was almost red hot, the deck being so warm that it could not be walked on, and the fire room so deluged that the firemen had to work to their knees in water. Thanks to an excellent fire fighting apparatus, however, the flames were quenched before leaving the bunkers. Fuel added to the firemen's difficulties and to the retarding of the passage, that obtained at Coronel being "of a quality that would fare up like gas when coming in contact with fire. This coal lasted no time in the furnaces."
Capt. Truebridge thinks lightly of all the troubles of the voyage, many of which were due to an obstinate crew of foreigners, and he manifested a distinct pride in his ship. The Minnesota, he says, had a taste of bad weather coming north, but heavy seas made no very perceptible difference in the even motion of the ship. All-aboard speak in admiration of this, and say that the worst she will do will lay over on her side a little. The speed of the ship on her trial run was 17 1/2 knots per hour, equivalent to the best that can be done by any of the Oriental fleet, but this was not maintained rounding the Horn. No attempt was made to rush the steamer, and it is possible that her greatest feat has yet to be accomplished.
In appearance the Minnesota, though massive, is no beauty. Her lines are not those of the ocean greyhound or yacht, but of the bulky freighter with straight sides, an elliptical stern, a curious blunt-like bow, flush deck fore and aft, and several stories of house work amidship, enveloping a tremendous forecastle. In appointment and equipment she has been pretty fully described. Innumerable derricks and what looks like a great flotilla of boats (naptha and row) are some of the attractions that first meet the eye. The house perhaps takes up a third of the length of the ship, but the latter is so large that everything and more than is included in a first-class room is provided. Magnificent suites of rooms, library, smoking room, parlors, barber shop, children's play room, dining saloons and numerous other apartments are found, probably more sumptuously furnished on some of the finest ships in the world, but none more substantially. The passenger accommodation is undoubtedly as good as seen on the Pacific, and considerably in advance of that on other Oriental liners. The equipment includes every electrical device known in maritime life, and to the average Pacific coaster was a revelation. Such things as an elevator and a laundry, furnished with all modern machinery used in such places are also features not generally seen on steamers plying these waters. The engines, boilers and other parts of the ship have been referred to so often that it would be superfluous to mention them now.
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DIED.
MUSGRAVE—At Mount Sicker, on Dec. 22nd, suddenly, after a few days' illness, Mrs. M. Musgrave, beloved wife of E. C. Musgrave.

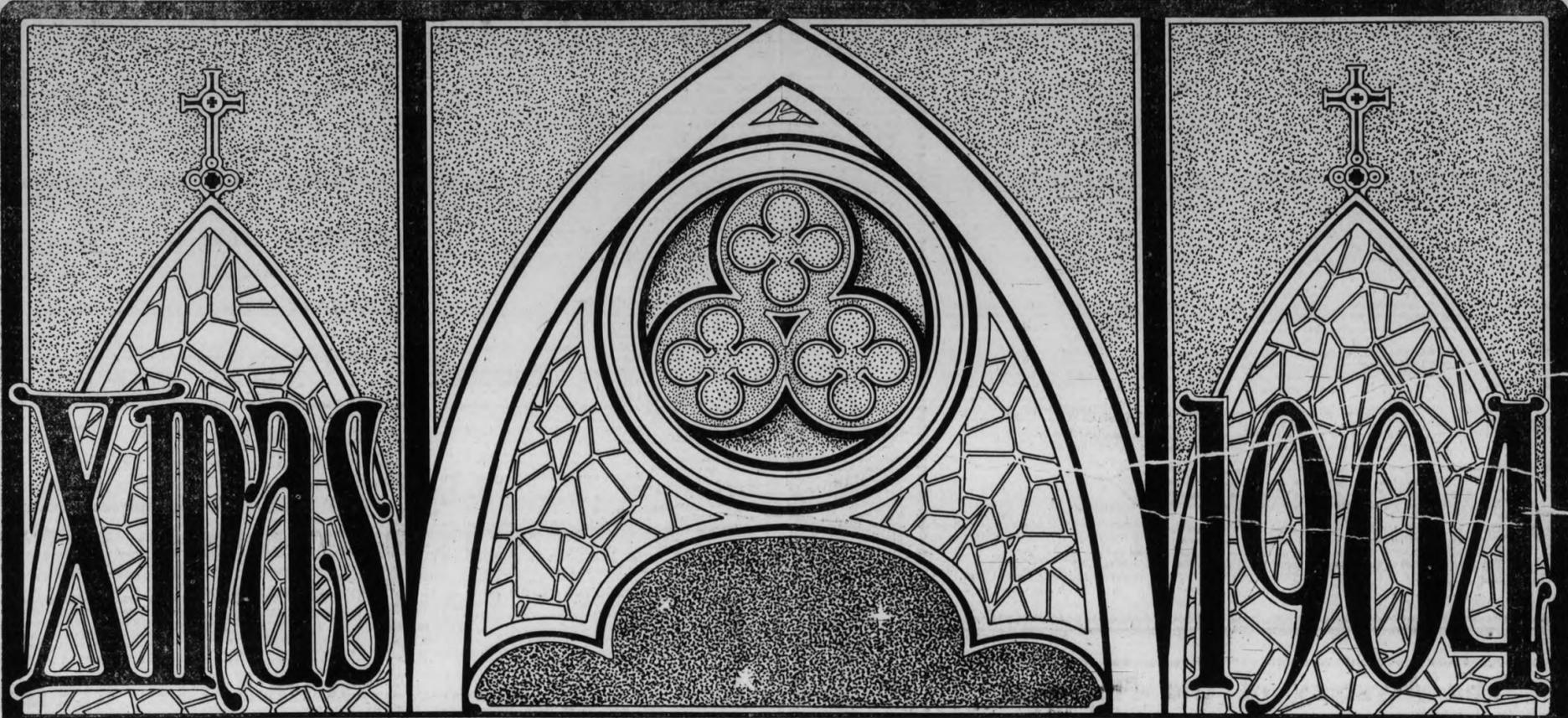
the general public the greatest feature of all is the great size of the steamer. Although the largest carrier, the Minnesota, however, falls short of the length of the Baltic. But she will doubtless remain the largest ocean-going craft in the Pacific for many years. She will, it is said, be full of cargo on her initial trip to the Orient and the Philippines, leaving the Sound next month, but whether her huge holds can always be filled remains part of the experiment to which Capt. Truebridge probably alluded. After having read of the steamer's building and seeing her now afloat, one is apt to form a misconception of her size in water, at least an impression of this kind is gathered by those not familiar with the construction of ships. For instance while the steamer is two or three times the size of the Shawmut, one of the biggest liners visiting this coast, she does not look it, and only after inspecting the ship can one come to any correct view of her great dimensions.

The Great Northern Steamship Company in operating the Minnesota successfully will demonstrate to the world the enormous potentialities of the Oriental trade, revealing to the eyes of many a field of speculation the most imaginative had not dreamed of.

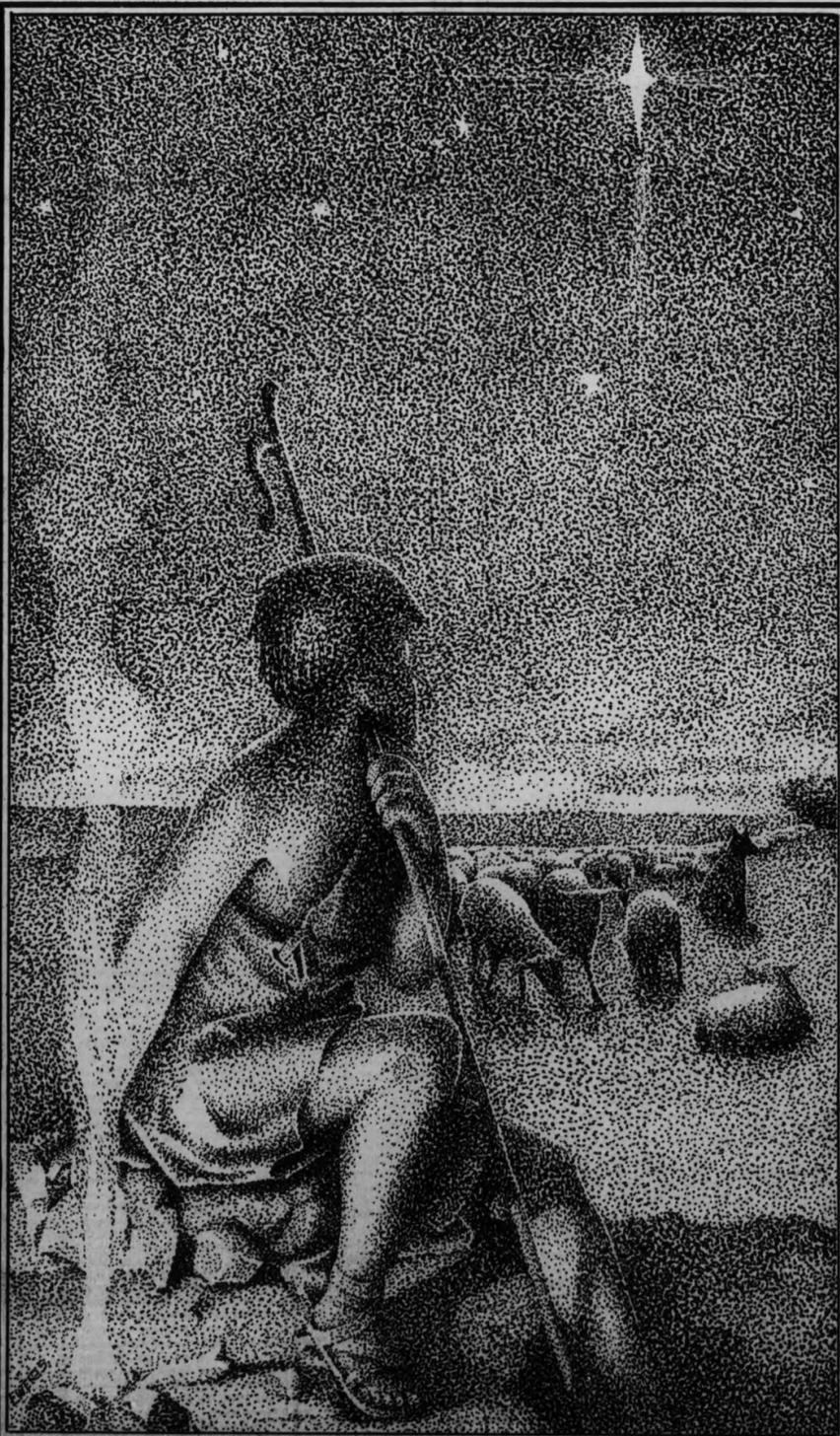
LADNER NOTES.
(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
Ladner, Dec. 22.—The Westham Island football team gave a pleasant social dance on Friday, 16th instant, in Kirkland's Hall, Westham Island.
Mrs. J. Matheson entertained a company of young people on Friday, 16th instant, at her home.
T. E. and Mrs. Ladner will spend Christmas in Victoria.
Bert Arthur is seriously ill with pneumonia.
W. J. Beaudry is around again.
Henry Jordan met with a serious accident on Monday last by being thrown from a cart. He received several bad bruises.
H. K. Wright, of the R. B. C., returned on Monday.
A. W. Hyndman, of the Royal Bank of Canada, returned to Vancouver on Tuesday.

"What do you mean by talking about 'coppers' before me?" said Mr. Paul Taylor to a man in the dock at Southwark police court. "It is a gross impropriety to refer to the police as 'coppers' in a court of justice."

VICTORIA, B. C., SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 1904.



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Britons Beyond the Seas

A BALLAD.—BY HAROLD BEGGIE.

"Beyond the Seas, Within the Fold."

God made our bodies of all the dust that is scattered about the world. But we might wander in search of home wherever the seas are hurled; But our hearts He hath made of English dust, and mixed it with one beside, That we might love with an endless love the land where our kings abide.

And tho' we weave on a hundred shores, and spin on a thousand quays, And tho' we are truant with all the winds, and gipsy with all the seas, We are touched to tears, as the heart is touched by the sound of an ancient tune, At the name of the Isle in the Western seas with the rose on her breast of June.

And it's, O for a glimpse of England, and the buds that her garden yields, The delicate scent where her hedges wind, and the shimmering green of her fields, The roll of her downs and the lull of her streams, and the grace of her dew-drenched lawns, And the calm of her shores where the waters wash rose-tinged with her thousand dawns.

And it's, O for a glimpse of London town, tho' it be thro' the fog and the rain, The loud-throated streets and the glittering shops, the pagant of pomp and pain; And it's, O for a sight, tho' it be in a dream, of the Briton's beacon and pride—The cold, grey Abbey which guards our ghosts on Thames's sacred side.

But, lo, we have buried our fathers here, and here we have reared our sons, These are our Britons, and here the word of the British people rings; Wherefore the whole we call you Home, and dream of your gentle shires, We are rooted here by the smile of our babes and the pilgrim dust of our sires.

Out of the grave our fathers reach dead hands to hold us here, And never we open the earth with tears but the land becomes more dear,— Sweet with memory, brave with love, and proud with the hope a head That our sons shall be stronger, our homes more fair, when we go down to the dead.

Loved, you are loved, O England, and ever that love endures; But we must have younger visions, and mightier dreams than yours; Cleaner London and wider fields, and a stately bridge to span The gulf which severs the rich and poor in the brotherly ranks of Man.

Yet with the bolder vision, we cleave to you, look to you still; That you gather our scattered folk and bind our strength in a single will; That you build with us out of the coasts of the earth, a realm, a race, and a rede That shall govern the peace of the world and serve the humblest State in her need.

Haply we are but fools in the Hand of a Power we do not know, And for ourselves we plough the waste, and not for ourselves we sow; Yet by the vision that leads us on to the goal of a single State, We are blest that our own great weal is woofed with strands of eternal Fate.

Come, let us walk together, we who must follow one gleam, Come, let us link our labors, and tell each other our dream; Shakespeare's tongue for our counsels, and Nelson's heart for our task,— Shall we not answer as one strong man to the things that the peoples ask?

—Harold Beggie in London Mail.

The Mystery of the Mermaid

Unravelled at a Christmas Party in Victoria

By C. Dell-Smith, the Author of Many a Yarn, Etc., Etc.

(Specially written for the Times.)

"We'll have two passengers with us this trip, Mr. Connor. You have no particular aversion to petticoats aboard, have you?"

The speaker was Captain Tyre, of the barque Mermaid, and the party addressed was the first officer of the good ship, lying at the Liverpool docks, taking on a general cargo consigned to San Francisco, but with a goodly tonnage for the Hudson's Bay Company at Victoria. "No, no, sir," replied Connor, who had seen a good deal of the world, and during his travels had lost the prefix to the name—a capital O. In the town of Passage, county Waterford, Ireland, his family were known for many generations as the O'Connors.

Captain Tyre was a sturdy Englishman, and a man of very few words, but when he did speak it was a command. He was careful in the selection of his crew, and somewhat proud of the fact that on this voyage he had all British subjects, with the exception of one—The cook was a darky, but claimed London as his birthplace, and one of the men before the mast was an Italian—Orlando Viacava. The rest were made up of Irish, English and Scotch—seaworthy and trustworthy old salts.

"Two ladies," suggested Connor. "No, said the captain, 'one lady, my wife; a boy, my son.'"

"Hope we'll have a pleasant voyage for their sakes, sir," said the mate. Next day the captain's wife and son were brought on board and duly installed; the day after we were towed out to port, and setting sail faced the Atlantic waves on what in those days was at least a five months' voyage, for we had to go round the Horn and make the acquaintance of that misnomer, the Pacific, ere we reached our destination.

Mrs. Tyre was a tall, lanky personage, a somewhat of a spinster, and her name, as "Spud" Murphy (of whom more hereafter) described her, and had a crooked eye. The captain affectionately called her Mary. Young Tyre was a lad of about twelve years of age, and built on the maternal model. He was an only child, and "Spud" Murphy, who had the unhappy faculty of poking his nose into everyone's business and carrying tales to his ma and his pa, which sometimes made things very disagreeable on board. Hence he did not establish himself as favorite among the crew. The skipper called him Tony.

"Spud" Murphy did not take kindly to the passengers. "Spud" was so called to distinguish him from another member of the crew who boasted of the euphonious name—Murphy. Then there were two Sams on board—the cook and a sailor. The one was called Jet-Sam (he was black enough for anything) and the other Flot-Sam. The Italian was nicknamed "Garlic" in fact every member of the crew responded to a name which their godfathers or godmothers would never have recognized, and "Spud" was the proud sponsor in all instances. It is not necessary to introduce the reader to every member of the crew, the above-named only being those with whom our story brings us in contact.

For the first couple of weeks the Mermaid made good headway, before a strong sou'west breeze, and all went well on board. We were then carrying every fath of sail we could put on. This was, however, too good to last, and an ominous friskiness among the clouds one morning told us to look out for squalls. Capt. Tyre took the hint and had his canvases reduced not an hour too soon. Oh, didn't it blow! Didn't the Mermaid rock and roll and heave! Her only competitors in this last respect were the captain's wife and Tony, alias Rubber. We did not see them on deck for more than

a week, and then only at very brief intervals.

"Mary is not looking herself to-day," remarked "Spud" to the other Murphy as the skipper's wife held on to the railings of the poop. "The poor woman's sick," said the second son of the Emerald Isle. "But I have not seen Rubber on deck for a couple of weeks. Where's he?" "Rubber's stretching down in his bunk," suggested Spud. "The Lor knows neither of them Tyres can stand a strain."

The "Tuber," as Murphy No. 2 was known as, smiled at Spud's joke as Connor O, or O'Connor, politely tendered his services to the pale-faced lady on route to the cabin. Evidently the skipper's wife had overheard the conversation between the Murphys; nor did she at all appreciate the allusion to "Rubber" or the "Tyres." As a matter of fact, she vowed vengeance on any member of the crew but the Murphys. Spud "caught on," but only made fun of it. He was the life of the crew when we met for a day or two, always having a good story to tell, a joke to crack, or an impromptu song to sing. His parodies on Mary and her little lamb were a source of endless amusement.

One night when all hands below appeared in a merry mood, Spud rattled off a few "Merry Marys" as he named them: Mary had a little son, They used to call him Rubber, And every cross look Mary gave The lad was sure to blubber.

All hands joined in the chorus, as Spud called it—repeating the last two lines, which they did in no suppressed tones. Mary a sensation had, Right underneath her vest, And every time the Mermaid rolled Poor Mary heaved her best.

Chorus. Poor Mary heaved her best, Poor Mary heaved her best, And every time the Mermaid rolled Poor Mary heaved her best.

Mary had a little corn 'On her little toe, And everywhere that Mary went The corn was sure to go.

Chorus. Mary had a little lamb With which she used to tussle, One day she pulled off all its wool And put it in her bussel.

Chorus. The Mermaid had a jolly crew, For passengers she'd Tyres, Spud Murphy he won't join again When this 'ere voyage expires.

Chorus. At the height of the jollification it was noticed that "Rubber" had occupied a secluded spot throughout, and was taking it all in. As soon as the youngsters discovered that his presence was known he crawled out, avowing that he would tell his pa and his ma that the sailors were singing about them.

"If I know that young Tyre was there," said Spud, "I'd have punctured him." That the youngster did report was soon evident to the crew, without exception. The skipper proceeded to make things hot all around, and for a month at least nothing was done on board that was not found fault with. "Rubber" became more unpopular than ever; he was snubbed on all hands, never allowed to mingle with the men, while his mother was barely treated with common courtesy whenever she made her appearance on deck. General gloom and despondency appeared to pervade the whole ship; even "Spud" Murphy had lost his humor.

For a couple of months longer this dull

tedium was the rule, day in and day out, and then came the first sensation of the voyage.

One bright moonlight night—not a speck on the horizon to indicate life above the rolling waters into which the Mermaid dipped and rose again with monotonous precision—the man at the wheel was heard to whistle a shrill note of alarm. The man was "Tuber" Murphy, one of the stoutest hearts aboard. Mr. Connor was on the bridge and promptly responded, as did also the other deck hands. When they reached "Tuber" they found him in a terrible state of agitation, trembling from head to foot.

"Did YOU see anything, sir?" asked the wheelman, in a voice that denoted some well-grounded fear. "I did," was the calm reply, "but not a word about it, Murphy. We may both have been mistaken." The other men were now on the spot, and among them "Garlic," the Italian. The son of the sunny south was as pale as what he said he had seen—a ghost. The other men on the watch had not observed the apparition, not occupying good vantage ground. "Garlic" rattled off the calendar of saints in supplication or invocation. It was done in his native tongue, so that the others did not quite understand the sudden fit of eloquence.

"What did you see, Murphy?" asked Mr. Connor. "A ghost, sir," came the ready reply. "It showed up on deck as if it dropped from the yardarms. It prowled about in front of the galley, in the shadow of the bridge, and then went aft. I lost sight of it as it was making for the cabin gangway."

"Did it go below?" "The devil a know I never, sir. But Mr. Connor, I was never aboard a haunted ship before, and I wish we were nearer port. Do you know, I never liked the name of this ship. There's something unnatural about a Mermaid!"

While yet the men spoke the ghost again appeared and as suddenly vanished, how they were too fear-stricken to say. Mr. Connor was the only one who remained cool, and feeling his hip pocket to make sure his revolver was at hand, declared he would investigate. Murphy pleaded hard not to be left alone at the wheel, and "Garlic" was ordered to stand by him. The first officer brought one of the men with him and searched every likely ghostly hiding place on the ship, but, of course, without locating his object. Ere he was through his tour of investigation the bell rang, and the next watch came on duty to the great relief of "Tuber" and "Garlic."

Now, sailors are naturally superstitious and the crew of the Mermaid was no exception to the rule. It did not take long to circulate the ghost story, the truth of which was substantially verified by Mr. Connor, who had seen the uncanny thing. Next morning that gentleman reported to Capt. Tyre, and knowing the feeling of the men, suggested that it would be well to keep a close lookout, as they would abandon the vessel on the first opportunity. There was a regular reign of terror on board, although none would confess that they were in any way afraid or superstitious.

The skipper appeared most philosophical of all. He practically po-pooped the ghost story, despite Mr. Connor's positive assertion that he had seen "something unusual in his experience as a sailor—and that on board the Mermaid."

Matters were not improved by a conversation which Jet-Sam reported as having overheard between the captain and his wife. "I heard de cap. say," said Sam, "dat de family ghost was on deck de odder night 'n' dat de sailors was awful 'feerd. Be careful, Mary, says he, ob family secrets, an' see they don't get out."

"Jet" was manifestly very uneasy over the ghost incident, and told of sev-

eral colored folks' ghosts that he had seen or been told about—especially the latter proposition.

"Well, what's Banagher," chimed in Spud Murphy after one of Jet's stories. "What color are your ghosts, anyway?" "Da'k, sah," was Jet's reply. "And what clothes do they wear?" asked Spud. "Da'k, sah," answered Jet. "They're all that's lovely (and that's myself)," said Spud, "I'd rather the Irish style, where a ghost appears in clean, white clothes direct from the angelic laundry."

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A newspaperman is supposed to be amazed at nothing. If, in the middle of his Christmas dinner he were to receive the tidings that half the world had been swallowed into an awful void his digestive establishment would continue to do business at the old stand and he would at once form in his mind an elaborate plan for the display of the announcement in a glaring double-headed "discontinued" with the same enthusiasm and professional zeal that he would chronicle a less astounding announcement. The man who passes his life amid a continuous whirl of excitement is never astonished, even if he, himself, is drawn into the vortex.

That is why I was not startled when, on the third Friday after accepting the extraordinary offer of Charon, the reverie into which I was wont to fall while awaiting my visitors was interrupted by—not one, but two shadowy strangers. I confess I did not expect to participate in a three-cornered conference with distinguished arrivals from Elysium, for I interpreted the terms of my agreement as stipulating that the illustrious shades would visit me one by one. This had been my lot up to that time, as those who have followed my interviews with Napoleon and Demosthenes are aware, but as I had entered into the spirit of the enterprise with so much excitement and interest I was not disposed to kick over the traces. I knew that I was about to meet two strangers, before they entered; I could hear their voices in a dialogue just outside the door, and was able to establish their identity by the names they applied to each other.

"I'm sure this is the place, Walter," I heard a decisive, clear, but not altogether musical feminine voice say. "Charon's wife wasn't very explicit, but it stated that the office was at the house of the first flight of stairs on the left side of the street as you enter." We'll pass through this way, Elizabeth, you always did have your way, as Essex remarked just before his head went into the basket," was the reply in submissive, but manly tones, as the pair passed into my view, the lady leading.

And they were a stately couple indeed. There were never two finer stars in their respective firmaments than Queen Elizabeth and her noble courtier, Sir Walter Raleigh. It was unnecessary, indeed, for them to submit their credentials for my inspection, for Christendom has presented but two of their kind for the contemplation and admiration of posterity. And right here I will admit that whatever inaccuracies can be charged to history with reference to this illustrious pair, they have not been caricatured, and I would have known them at a glance among ten millions.

Elizabeth to me appeared stately and majestic. Her face was broad but fair, her eyes small but black and pleasant. Her nose was a trifle hooked, and her lips narrow. Her hands were slender and her fingers long, a fact that she adverted to no little extent during her conversation with me. She wore pearls with rich drops in her ears, while on her head was a false red wig. She had a small crown of which she seemed rightfully proud. Her dress was of white silk and was bordered with pearls as large as beans. Instead of the famous ruff, which I afterwards learned was stolen by Professor Moriarty, a short time ago, she wore a collar of gold and jewels. Under her arm she carried the shade of a small Spanish terrier, a present from King Philip of Spain, before the Armada expedition. The apparel worn by this canine was alone gorgeous enough to stock my entire wardrobe for ten years if it were transmuted into coin of the realm.

Sir Walter Raleigh, on first sight, was plainly the counter of his pictures. He was distinguished by that graceful carriage and winning manner which won the frigid heart of England's brilliant ruler in the days of her earthly glory. The smiling eyes, genial expression, flaxen beard, so familiar to those of us who have seen his portraits, were there, while he wore the rich apparel—silken doublet, breeches and hose—that only a man of his birth was able to order without getting into the small debts court. A poignard hung loosely at his girdle, while the imposing picture his appearance presented was crowned by the feathered cap which was the custom with courtiers of the Elizabethan era.

I had arisen when the sound of voices first reached me, so that when they entered the apartment I was prepared for my courteous host, an anatomical disfigurement I had copied from a celebrated Chinese diplomat who had recently visited this place.

"Ha, ha, he does that pretty well, doesn't he, Walter?" queried Elizabeth with a tinge of irony in her tones as she surveyed me from tip to tip, much to my well-concealed annoyance.

"Yes, nearly as well as my Lord of Leicester," the courtier replied, winking at me, with a world of mischief in his smile.

"Pooh, you talk like a fool, Walter Raleigh; you know very well that Robert Dudley was nothing but a friend to me," retorted Elizabeth in withering tones.

"Well, perhaps not," the gallant knight quickly returned, "but you made him Earl of Leicester and told one of his men that you would raise him higher than any of his names had been before. As his father was a Duke, Bob would have had to be a king to go him one better. In the parlance of the gaming table, you would have raised him—with the king. I know he lost his head over you."

"Yes," tartly retorted the late Queen, "and you lost your head, too, but in a different way—and to a man."

At this cruel reminder of an embarrassing and uncomfortable incident Sir Walter reddened and bit his lip. "Have your say, your Majesty," he said with a sweeping bow in which there was much magnificent mockery; "but permit me to remind you that you are keeping this gentleman waiting, indicating me with a lordly wave of his hand."

He was quite right; I was waiting, waiting with one of the largest chairs in the office in my outstretched hand, and my arm was beginning to feel the strain. Her Majesty wholly ignored me and the chair while this characteristic little tiff was on, but when her attention was called to my presence she turned around and most graciously craved my pardon for her rudeness.

"You see," she explained, as she gingerly seated herself in the chair and deposited the terrier in her lap, "Walter is so aggravating, and often makes me very angry. He is always trying to score a point on my friendship for Leicester, of whom he was very jealous."

"I suppose you are surprised to see us, especially me, here, as in Victoria, I understand, ladies are not admitted to the clubs as members, excepting, of course, the Women's Council, Mincebees and W. C. T. U. Well, they tried to

keep us out of the Union Club of Elysium, but one night Delilah, Lucretia Borgia, Semiramis, Dido, Zenobia, Boadicea, Helen of Troy, Cleopatra and myself, went in a body and demanded admittance. A stormy few hours followed our arrival there. I can assure you, Samson, Marc Antony, Henry the Eighth, my father, and you, Secretes, Solomon, and Brigham Young wanted us excluded. Raleigh, Essex, Lord Byron, Bobbie Burns and Louis the Fourteenth were our champions, while fifty-headed Napoleon, Caesar and Alexander were indifferent. The meanest man in the batch was Brigham Young, who said he had all he wanted of our sex in Utah, and that if we were admitted he would resign. Well, a compromise was effected by the organization of the Union Club, don't you know, and as we are interested in the crusade for the correction of historical inaccuracies we are determined to have our say."

"I shall be only too happy to speak for you, your Majesty, volunteered, with my best double shuffle, "but I must protest against a visit from Lucretia Borgia. Much as I would like to mingle among the pleasant company of Elysium, I would prefer to keep my candle alight until it is legitimately snuffed out by poor Lucretia Borgia," he concluded, feebly. "She isn't so bad as she is painted. I know she never deliberately poisoned anyone in her life, but she was so unctuously with her salads and mince pies. Somebody had to be inconsiderate enough to die in fearful agony every time she prepared the culinary delights of a Borgia banquet. I can assure you—"

"By Jove, Elizabeth, look here!" broke in Sir Walter, who, during my conversation with the Queen had been curiously inspecting the gallery of notables on the wall. "This face is familiar," pointing to a picture of a man with a sword on his side. "Why, yes," she exclaimed; "it's the new arrival who recently joined the Union Club. They call him the Rhodesian."

"Yes," chimed in the knight. "He's dreadfully exclusive. Chums with fellows like Clive, Warren Hastings, Col. Chingamling and that sort don't know you. I can't make him out; he's always daubing the map of South Africa with red paint."

"Will you be seated, Sir Walter?" I asked, offering the courtier a chair. "No, thanks," he replied, solemnly. "I would rather stand and smoke, and he drew from his pocket the shade of a pipe, which he filled with tobacco from a capacious pouch. "You don't get this tobacco, nowadays," he pursued, expelling smoke from his mouth like the outpouring from the Crofton smelter stack. "This is the real authentic original stuff I brought to the Old Court from America about three hundred and fifty years ago. I called it Virginia Sweet, after Bess, here."

"Yes, and a piece of insolence on your part it was, too," came the unappreciative response, like a pom-pom. "That's about the only thing you ever did do besides attacking a few Spanish towns and fitting out futile expeditions. All for my glory. D—n!"

I literally leaped from my seat. It was then a fact that I had often read—the mighty Elizabeth swore. Her father, I knew, was never very choosy in the selection of his expletives, but I thought that surely Queen Bess had been foully slandered by historians when they wrote that she occasionally dropped an oath. In my introductory I said that a newspaperman should never be amazed. Well, I wasn't exactly amazed, but I was indignant, pugnacious, eloquent and indignant at the shade of Elizabeth sounded to me like the bursting of a shell. Sir Walter contemplated my agitation with a smile of amusement, while the Queen wore a puzzled expression on her face.

"What's the matter?" she inquired, inquisitively and sweetly. "Subject to apology?"

"Oh, no," I answered. "I merely remembered that my life insurance policy was about due; that's all, that's all."

"I thought it was something serious," she replied with apparent relief. "As I was saying, Raleigh did nothing wonderful in his life."

"Oh, I don't know," Sir Walter remarked, airily. "I named a state after you; it was called Virginia, and a pretty good one it is, despite its name."

"Wretch!" broke in the enraged Queen. "And thou sittest that on earth I'd have had thy head!"

"Yes, I've no doubt. You seemed to have a penchant for collecting heads. You handled the axe by proxy with better skill than any of your descendants, and the only person to-day who can equal you is Carrie Nation. Oh, yes, you'd have had my head right enough, if I hadn't good enough sense to keep out of the way; I was experimenting in tobacco cultivation, not in that little game of basketball which seemed to be so popular with your own coy, sweet self and your dear, old, corpulent, polygamous papa."

I expected to see the Queen hair the shade of her terrier full in the knight's face. But a wonderful trait in her character disclosed itself here. Instead of making a terrible profane onslaught upon him, she rose to her feet, and in the most gracious manner held out her hand for him to kiss. Sir Walter, taken wholly back, made a lowly obeisance and paid his handsomest homage to the virgin ruler.

The noble pair becoming thus reconciled, I was able to pursue the interview. "Is there anything you wish me to say regarding historical inaccuracies now?" I asked—my old stereotyped question.

"Well, there are two or three points," Elizabeth replied, resting her terrier to her lap. "It has been hinted, just hinted, mind you, that I died unmarried because I couldn't get anybody to have me. Now look right at me; take your time. Do you think that possible?"

"No, your Majesty, a thousand times no!" I replied with fervor. I must confess that I would have hated to play second fiddle to her in the good old days, but I wasn't fool enough to say so. Hell know, instead, I said, "Why, your Majesty, had I lived in your time, I would have died in an effort to win the fa'iest smile from your gracious lips."

"Nicely said, nicely said," she murmured, with a conscious, pleased giggle.

"Yes, spoken like my Lord Burleigh," Raleigh, burst in; "the Cecil was always a diplomatist. They never told what they really thought."

"Oh, you shut up!" forcefully commanded the shade of Bess. "As I was about to say I had a galaxy of admirers. There was Philip of Spain. I repelled his advances, and his subjects were so incensed that they sent to Armada to bring me to Castle by force. Then

there was the Duke of Anjou, a Frenchman. I didn't want him, but Leicester got horribly jealous of him. Then, of course, there was Leicester, there was Phil Sidney, there was the Earl of Essex, poor, misguided boy, and lastly and leastly, my good friend Raleigh, here."

"There's nothing like being in the swim," quoth Sir Walter, blithely.

"But I thought too much of my country," calmly continued the Queen, interrupting the interruption. "I couldn't marry them all, and prized them as friends too much to pain one by choosing another. I had to remove Essex's headpiece, he drove me to it; he drove me to it," she wailed, wiping away the shades of two tears from her cheek. The terrier wept in sympathy.

"How about that cloak incident?" I asked, feelingly.

"What cloak incident?" she inquired.

"Why," I replied, "that little affair on the street when you walked across a mud puddle on Sir Walter Raleigh's cloak."

"What?" whistled Raleigh. "Have they got that down in their precious narrative?" Elizabeth was on the verge of hysterics and was fiercely manipulating her smelling salts.

She wasn't disconcerted for long, however. She was too self-possessed for that, and quickly burst out with "What nonsense! What silly rot! Does anybody believe that? Do the people imagine that Raleigh wore a suspension bridge about his form? That his pockets were full of poisons? I happened to be on horseback at the time that incident is said to have occurred, and Raleigh, who had been out all night, offered to throw his cloak in the mud if I would walk in it. I took him at his word, and I said, didn't I, Sir Walter?"

"I believe you made some such remark," responded her companion, sheepishly.

"Will you explain your quarrel with Mary Stuart?" I asked, tentatively.

"No, I won't," she replied, emphatically. "Mary will be along, herself, one of these days and let her tell you. I scorn to hang our family linen on a public clothes line. If I hadn't added Mary's head to my collection she would have had mine on her palace gatepost. But don't you think we'd better move?" she asked, turning to her courtier. "I want to drop into Spencer's and have a look at their latest millinery. I would like to compare it with some of mine."

"Please wait," I pleaded; "I would like to ask Sir Walter a few questions."

"Oh, never mind," he replied; "some other time. Besides, Bess has told you enough about me. I trust you know what I wanted to ask, Sir Walter, but how does it feel to have your head cut off?" I pursued, anxiously following the couple to the door.

"Go down to Taylor's mill and try it yourself. I should be glad to welcome you at the Union Club," he added, earnestly.

"Yes, and me too, and—Lucretia Borgia," Elizabeth called back and then burst into a peal of laughter.

They had gone and Sir Walter had cleverly evaded my interesting question. I suppose I will have to wait until the next provincial election, when President McBrick will be politically decapitated. There is a difference, I know, but from a psychological standpoint the impressions of a man who has lost his political head will make engrossing reading.

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TO MAKE A CHILDREN'S PARTY SUCCESSFUL.

Before very long the children's party season will be in full swing, and some hints may be useful. To begin with, there is one fact concerning a children's party that some people never seem to realize—that the less elaborate and ceremonious it is, the more the children enjoy it. The generous folk who hire expensive conjurers, gorging Christmas trees, often do not give half the pleasure to the youngsters that they derive from an informal romp affair, when they are permitted a real romp at round games, a nursery tea, and jellies and pretty confectionery for what they call "grown-up supper."

So if you want to give a really merry, successful children's party, be simple in your preparations. Ask some congenial grown-ups. Let invitations be from four to six for the babies, from four to seven for those a little older, or if your young guests are to be school boys and girls, from six to ten to fifteen. But for school-room guests you will probably arrange a dance; and that is more elaborate than the "party" we are considering. Let the small hosts and hostesses receive their guests in their own childish fashion, they will soon fraternize, and if a little judicious grown-up intervention is necessary, after the youngsters have commenced their first exuberant meal that should be a cosy nursery one.

For amusements there is nothing that your little guests will enjoy more than a magic lantern, and a good-natured big brother or uncle can easily arrange that, and the children will sit still—at least for a little while—and be hugely amused. A bout of old-fashioned round games might follow, and later on "light refreshments."

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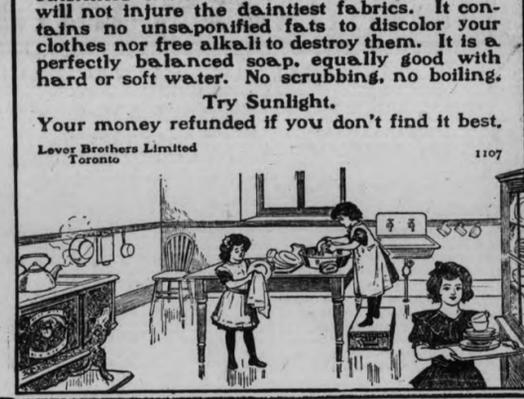
Theatrical Gossip

This has been a noteworthy week in Victoria in a dramatic way. Playgoers have had a wide variety before them, ranging from the powerfully impressive miracle plays by the Greet company at the big playhouse, to the clever comedy drama at the doors of the Victoria opera to amusement seekers, Florence Roberts starting the ball rolling in the play that Mrs. Fiske immortalized, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles." Miss Roberts will have to climb a considerable distance before she can be classed with Mrs. Fiske, but nevertheless she has strong emotional talent, which, under proper management, will establish her among the galaxy of fixed stars. It is the intention of Chas. Frohman to give her a chance in the East next season, and Victorians may expect to hear flattering reports about her progress.

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights and on Wednesday afternoon, Ben Greet's company commanded the situation at the Victoria. Their miracle plays proved to be no novel that their performances were indelibly impressed upon the mind. But while they appealed to the highest taste from the view point of literary and dramatic excellence, the writer will hazard a hat that if a referendum of playgoers were taken the great majority of hands would shoot into the air when the name of "Pretty Peggy" was called. The party who goes to the Victoria for entertainment only should avoid a play like "Everyman." Its great merit is that it causes a whole lot of sober thought and speculation, with a resultant verdict which is more often self-condemnation than anything else. Therefore at this particular festive season the public cannot be blamed for not taking overkindly to a sombre stage presentation, despite the all-round excellence in which it is given.

West's minstrels will be among the early offerings at the Victoria in January. Then will follow the Jefferson Brothers (Joseph, Jr., and W. W.), in the famous old comedy "The Rivals," Williams and Walker in "Dahomey," the biograph, Willie Collier, the imitator, in "The Dictator," the "Sultan of Sulu," and White Whittlesley in the stirring military drama, "The Second in Command."

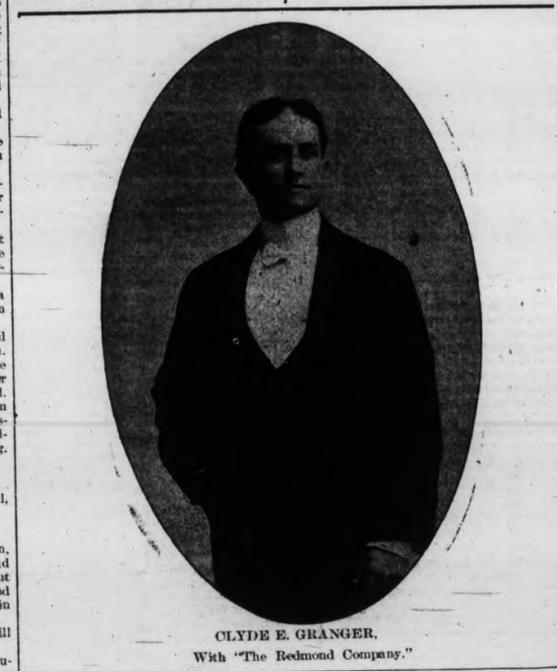
It is not unusual for stock company houses to close down during Christmas week owing to counter attractions, in which Santa Claus is the star. The Redmond theatre, however, continues open, and by the grace of the company's many patrons, as Manager Bronson would say, they intend to remain open. They have done good business throughout the week, which will be wound up to-night by the final performance of the comedy "Caste." It was in the first presentation of this piece on Thursday night that Madame Mryee made her debut in professional company in Victoria. For the first half of next week the side-splitting comedy "Niobe" will be the attraction. Those who saw the Neill company give this exceedingly funny play here some years



MISS GEORGIA BRYTON, In "Chinese Honey-moon."



MAXINE ELLIOTT, In "Her Own Way."



CLYDE E. GRANGER, With "The Redmond Company."

worked out the converse proposition, and said: "We'll startle the people with simplicity; the early drama didn't need the accessories of colored lights, and concerted orchestra, gorgeous scenery and costumes by Worth; I will strip the stage of all this tinsel and in the grim nakedness of a morality play force home the world-old truth, 'As a man sows, so shall he reap.'"

So "Everyman" has become a household word through the length of two continents.

Mr. Greet's opening remark was a protest against the constant carping of the

histrionic efforts ever beheld in this city. She ran the entire gamut of human emotions with marked facility, and remained the cyrenose of all eyes for nearly an hour and forty minutes the play consumed. This is a feat, which in itself is worth special consideration. With the exception of the few minutes during which Everyman is supposed to receive extreme unction, Miss Crawley was continuously before the footlights, and in view of the heavy emotional work that fell to her part, the strain must be more than ordinarily intense. Ben Greet has a comparatively secondary role, so that Victorians were not in a position to form an adequate idea of his ability. But all must admit that the man who has the courage to venture into the dramatic fields of two continents with plays so much beyond the orthodox class, is no ordinary exponent of the drama—in the triple capacity of scholar, player and manager.

When anybody suggests to Manager Bronson of the Redmond theatre, the rumor that the theatrical "trust" would be inaugurated a crushing crusade against the popular-priced houses throughout the country by installing stock companies in their various theatres, he bursts into a roar of laughter, and then proceeds to give the whys and wherefores of his levity. "Just reset for a moment," he says, "the syndicate controls about 500 houses, but for the purpose of my explanation I will cut this figure down to 250. This means that they will have to place 250 stock companies in the field in opposition to the popular-priced companies. Would the result be the result? Why there wouldn't be the result. The syndicate would find the popular-priced companies a pretty substantial item on the expense account. In the meantime the big stars in the syndicate, too big for the stock companies that the trust would be maintaining, would find their occupations gone unless they withdrew and played in independent houses. And then what in the meantime would the syndicate desire to crush? The climate getting too warm they would pull stakes, fold up their tents like the Arabs and wander away, away to some other town where the syndicate couldn't reach them. Then when the coast was clear they would return and resume business at the old stand. That is why Mr. Bronson does not fear annihilation in the tentacles of the octopus."

ago will back up the assurance that it will well repay witnessing.

Charles B. Hanford, who appeared here last year in "The Merchant of Venice," will play the dashing, reckless Don Caesar De Baza when he again comes here. This is a role admirably suited to Mr. Hanford's personality and versatile talent. His leading lady will be Miss Marie Drouhau.

Nat C. Goodwin will evidently not be reunited (theatrically) with his wife (Maxine Elliott) for at least three years longer, as he has signed a contract with Charles Frohman for that time. His play is "The Beauty and the Barge."

The following interesting article is from the pen of Miss Agnes Deans Cameron:

At the regular meeting of the Tuesday Club on Tuesday, the president, Mrs. Rocke-Robertson introduced Ben Greet, who spoke for a pleasant hour on Miracle and Morality plays, old Christmas Masques and Pageants, and the Drama generally.

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The Ballad of The King's Son

Written for the Times by J. H. M.

"Come hither, come hither, thou minstrel old,
And strike us a song on thine autoharp.
Of jousts and tournaments, mail of gold—
Of frowning fortress, grim and bold—
Of clanking chains and dungeons cold—
Of culverin and counterpane!"

"Nay now, nay now, but Your Worship's jest!
Great is the power of minstrelsy;
But faint a skill could I unweave
Of ballads from my music chest,
The heavy 'tis with palimpsest—
Old songs, rag-time rest, d'ye see?"

"And what in the Dell's name, old man?
Do ye think when gentles ring ye up
Ye've nought to do but rush the can
And whimper away with 'f' and 'an'?

"For 'twere well our high estate to hide
In a land where Pyrrhus Grits abide,
Till we're sapped unkened at their loving
cup,
And sort of sized the matter up."

"Oh, the King threw his arms around his neck,
Has gazed him a kiss, and a Royal cheque,
Has waded the drops frae his Royal eyes,
And says: 'Go, get you a good digress!'"

"Oh, I may not go as a belted Earl,
To tempt the fierce Canajeh chief,
Lest they pish me tight w' my ain broad-
sword
Hard and fast to a mining board."

"And I may not go as a General,
Nor yet a deep sea Admiral,
Nor yet a regular old-timer's Christmas,"
The senior staff sergeant said, as he looked
out of the window of the sergeant's mess.

"The Northwest Mounted Police in the post
were having a lively time preparing for the
morrow; liquor was plenty and duties few,
and inspection of Mt. worried no man's soul."

"No news about the Indian yet, I suppose,"
said Wright. "Don't suppose we
will hear of him until the spring!"

"Now, you bet," replied Howson. "Mr.
Indian is lying low in some comfortable
teepee, and not very far off either, I should
say."

"Just here the conversation was broken
into by the appearance of an orderly in the
door."

"And a fare end scarf like a butterfly,
A collar just three inches high,
Then a gore sleeved coat on the Raglan
plan,
And plug hat, a la lierman."

"Oh, he'll get what orders he may bespeak,
And bears no wrong to his cheek;
And this is the beat of the drummer man,
To beat the railroads when he can."

"Hold up, hold up, with thy endless drone,
Thou minstrel bald with the autoharp;
Thy witless tale's as dry's a bone,
Thy harp is flat, a semi-tone;

"He struck a match—the night was dark—
They stepped aboard the Allan bark,
The mast they called the Pittsford mark,
High up and outen danger."

"The King's son lies in troubled sleep,
And, ranging o'er the soundless deep,
Flare farwelled lights to Erin,
Syne landward rises Heaven's lamp."

"Then up, refreshed, the Prince arose
And dressed himself in drummer's clothes,
To him, on deck, comes one of 'those'—
'How's a' w' ye, my buck oh?'"

"The bounder fled in pale amazement,
And kept below for two-three days,
The King's son turned and walked his way
Till the cabin smothered."

"But when the King ranks third in place,
He ten spot following the ace,
Indeed, 'twould be a rank disgrace—
'Tis not to be permitted."

"'About 5 o'clock the trail is pretty good,
and with this warm weather it won't be
much of a job getting there.'"

"I'd advise you to take your buffalo
coats along all the same. You never know
what this sort of a day is going to turn
out," said the sergeant-major.

"No, I don't think I will. They will be
in the way if any trouble comes along, and
would only interfere with a fellow's move-
ments," Miller replied.

But, recking little what they say,
The King's son, silent, goes his way,
While piping forward day by day
The good ship makes her westing,
Her bows the blocking billows spurn,
And fling in shattered flakes astern,
The wing-worn seagulls scream and turn,
Her restless pace protesting."

"You Keeping lad is just a pote,
An' pleased w' winter's petticoat,
He coils the pretty phrase ye quote,
An' prents it in his pages."

"Alas! there comes an angry roar
From one, whose outcry witnesseth
That ungodly, apocalyptic death
Shall end the cycle of 'enore!'"

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VIEW OF EDMONTON FROM STRATHCONA.

and waded out knee deep into the ice cold
water, sounding in front of him, as he
went, with the pole. It was desperately
cold, and the current was fairly strong.
The water rose over his knees and he was
forced to return to the bank in a few min-
utes without having been able to get far
enough out to find the opening. One of the
men then volunteered to try, but he got no
further out than Miller.

"Well, boys," said Miller, "I guess there
is only one thing to do, and that is camp
here for the night, make a crossing in the
early dawn and trust to luck to get out
to rights westward, now in grief,
Cadastral, registered, in brief—
Brought down to Toronto."

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versation and let his rifle slip from his
hands on to his lap. In an instant, Miller
sprang across the fire and landed squarely
on the astonished Indian. Moonchild
struggled fiercely, calling on his friends to
aid him. For a moment, they were unde-
cided; then the burly form of Constable
Leeson appeared in the tepee door, and the
muzzle of a six-shooter convinced them
that they had better remain seated. Moon-
child succeeded in releasing one hand from
Miller's grip, and drew his knife, making
a vicious stab. Fortunately, he aimed low,
and the point was caught in Miller's car-
tridge belt. Then Miller drew his revolver,
and striking the man on the head with the
butt, stunned him, and quickly fastened
his hands behind his back with the hand-
cuffs. Lifting the senseless man easily, he
took him out of the tepee and carried him
to where the men were with the horses.

"On getting outside the tepee, however,
Miller found the space around was filled
with shouting, howling Indians. Evidently,
there had been a larger camp hard by, and
word had been sent of his coming. Some
200 Indians were present, shouting insults
and threats at the police. One stepped up
to Miller as he was carrying Moonchild to
ward the horses and presented a rifle full
in his face. Miller never flinched—the man
altered his aim and fired in the air, so
close to Miller's head that his head rang
with the report. Another fired in front of
his feet. The police drew their revolvers
and took a step to the front.

"For God's sake, don't fire, men," cried
Miller, "we'll take this beggar in all right;
don't fire, it's no use, anyway. Sheath
your revolvers."

"'Begob, an' I'll be even wid ye for that,
me buckles," muttered Leeson, but he did
not use pistol or fat on the man; discipline
was strong, and he knew that the lives of
the party depended on appearing careless
and indifferent to the mob of savages that
surrounded them. With the assistance of
a constable, Miller threw Moonchild to
the horse which they had brought with
them, and hastily tied his feet under the
belly, then gave the order to mount. The
Bloods took up the ground between the
Bloods and the open prairie; some were en-
deavoring to stampede the horses by firing
between their legs; one or two of the ring-
leaders were haranguing their fellows on
to the attack.

"The little party broke into a trot and then
put their horses at the full gallop, straight
for the yelling mob of Bloods who awaited
the onset. 'No shooting,' men," cried Mil-
ler, and for a moment things looked black.
Then the shock came, the Indians wavered
and gave way, some of their number being
trampled down by the police, among them
being the gentleman who had slung Lee-
son. 'Shut it up, will ye, ye red devil!'"
Miller shouted the latter as he caught the
Blood under the chin with the point of his
tongue.

"In a few moments the police were
through and on their way home. Not an
Indian dared to fire on or follow them."

"The barracks were reached before dinner
and all the post turned out to meet the
prisoner and his escort. After delivering
up the prisoner to the jail orderly, who
was accompanied by a constable, Miller
was warmly complimented by the O. C.
on the way in which he had effected the
arrest. Miller stalked off to the ser-
geant's mess where he was received with
great effusion. Of the remainder of that
memorable day he has but a slight recollec-
tion, as, indeed, have few of those who
were there, but, when the temperance
editor of the local paper was discovered at
revellie vainly endeavoring to climb the
flagstaff in the square, under the impres-
sion that it was the staircase of the hotel,
little remains to be said.

Shortly afterwards, Moonchild was tried
and suffered the penalty of his crime, Mil-
ler having before that day received the
right to don an extra cherry for the able
manner in which he had presented that
worthy with his Christmas present.—A. E.
K. in Canadian Military Gazette.

"The wire buzzed back to Montreal
(Wae's me, the Beaver);
'Come hame at once, er worse befall,
You gay deliver!'"

MR. SARTORIS PLAYS THE MATCH-MAKER

"Marriage, sir, is being completely under-
mined," said Mr. Sartoris.
"It will last our time," said Mr. Chap-
man, yawning.
"Novelists scoff at it—philosophers scorn
it—Mr. Meredith suggests a time-limit—Mr.
Hoop speaks of it as an irksome harness."
"It has become worse attacks," said Mr.
Chapman. "There was Godwin and Shel-
ley—and Mr. Grant Allen—where are their
teachings now?"

"The position is very grave," said Mr.
Sartoris.
"The gravest thing to my mind," said Mr.
Chapman, "is the terrible scarcity of gen-
tle, trustworthy bachelors."
But Mr. Sartoris determined to take ac-
tion.
He would become a match-maker.

"I wonder if they know," said Elsie Bow-
man to Tom Lucas, when they found that
they had both received invitations to dine
with Mr. Sartoris on the following Mon-
day.
Tom was making his way as a rising
young barrister, and Elsie was still very
young.
Tom burst out laughing.
"Here's a spree!" he cried. "I don't be-
lieve they know anything about it—I believe
they've asked us because—because—"

"They think we'd suit one another?"
"That's it. The old boy is frightfully
romantic, and is always doing out-of-the-
way sort of things—and his wife has just
got to follow my leader—"

"Shall you go?"
"Rather—and you, too—and we'll pretend
we've never met—get moonstruck with one
another—and have no end of a time."
"Monday is the last day of our secret
year, isn't it?" said Elsie tentatively.
"Of course it is!" cried Tom. "Splendid!
We'll go the pace all the evening, and then
if the old boy or his wife say anything—"

"What fun!"
Mr. Sartoris was just a little alarmed at
his own success. From the moment of
"being introduced" young Lucas and Elsie
Bowman had spoken to no one else. Dur-
ing dinner their neighbors on either side at
table were left to Arctic neglect. When
young Lucas came up to the drawing room
he rushed instantly to Elsie's side and
stayed at the door the next hour.
The situation was so marked that it be-
came the cynosure of all eyes.
"The girl will get compromised," whis-
pered Mrs. Sartoris to her husband. "I really
must separate them."

"Thanks, no," said Elsie, when Mrs. Sar-
toris suggested a visit to some pictures.
"Mr. Lucas and I are going into the green-
house."
Into the greenhouse they went—and
stayed.
When Mr. Sartoris came downstairs to see
his guests off Tom was putting on Elsie's
cloak in an intimate sort of way which
made Mr. Sartoris descend more slowly.
As he reached the foot of the stairs, Tom
gave Elsie a resounding kiss.
Mr. Sartoris stopped short, confounded
at the openness of the thing. Mr. Lucas
turned to him.
"Mr. Sartoris," he said, "it was jolly
good of you to ask us. We've been engaged
for a year to-night, but pledged to secrecy
for our parents. You are now the first
friend to know of our happiness."

In the course of his great humanitarian
effort it seemed a kindly thought to ask
Edmund Gunter, the distinguished but
lonely journalist, from his rooms in the
Temple to meet Phyllis Carstairs, the real-
estate political beauty.
But in these personal matters it is always
important to be well-informed.
The two spent the dinner-time in polite
conversation, varied by strange fits of
silence. There seemed to be a sort of un-
derstanding between them, but an entire
and rather dreary lack of personal interest.
Almost immediately after dinner Edmund
Gunter came up to say good-bye to his
hosts.

"Sorry to be going so soon," he remarked,
"but I'm in luck. Miss Carstairs and I
have found that we are both bent on the
same errand—going to the same dance to
meet our fiancés—so I'm going in her car-
riage."
"The great thing," said Mr. Sartoris one
day, "is to bring people together who have
opposite views and tastes."
And so it happened that they asked Miss
Phyllis Brooks, the secretary of the Wo-
men's League for the Assertion of Funda-
mental Rights, to meet Mr. Clement
Standen, the president of the Guild of the
Superior Young Men.
"Woman," Mr. Standen was saying slow-
ly in a pause of the general conversation,
"woman is naturally and inevitably an in-
ferior. She is born to a position of subjec-
tion—"

"Oh! indeed," Miss Phyllis could be
heard saying in a loud staccato voice; "and
supposing she refuses to accept it? What
then?"
"Why, then, all the worse for her. There
is nothing more miserable on earth than an
ungoverned animal."
Miss Phyllis Brooks rose from her seat
in wrath.
"Mrs. Sartoris," she said, "I am very
sorry to say that I must go, I cannot stay
here to be insulted."
And she went.

Next morning Mr. Sartoris was sitting in
his study in a profound state of gloom. All
his plans seemed to have gone astray, and
the human race seemed no better.
Suddenly a knock came at the door, and
young Charles Oxford, a friend of Mr. Sar-
toris's eldest son—now an undergraduate—
made a deferential entry.
"Well, sir, what do you want?" said Mr.
Sartoris, not too gently.
"Your daughter and I, sir, are fond of one
another, and we wish to be married."
"What, Janet? But she is only a child!"
"She is seventeen, sir, and I'm twenty-
one."

Blind Cupid had shot his dart without
asking for any aid from human arm.—Har-
old Spender in Chronicle.
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above land, issued to Ellen Carroll on the
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S. Y. WOOTTON.
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Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C.,
13th day of December, A. D., 1904.

Notice is hereby given that under and
pursuant to the "Revised Statutes of Can-
ada, 1886," Chapter 92, the Taylor Mill
Company, Limited, of Victoria, B. C., has
applied to the Governor-General in Council
for a lease of certain foreshore rights, and
for approval of the plan and site for the
erection of a new wooden wharf adjoining
the present wharf of the said Company in
Rock Bay, in the harbor of the said City
of Victoria.

A plan of the said proposed works and
improvements, and a description by metes
and bounds of the proposed site of the
same, has been deposited with the Minister
of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates
thereof have been deposited in the Land
Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.
Victoria, B. C., the first day of December,
1904.

FELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for the said Taylor Mill
Company, Limited.

Bear River, Portland Canal

The Times is indebted to the B. C. Mining Exchange for the following article and accompanying cuts on the above mentioned district.

During the past year this district has attracted some little attention, on account of its possibilities as a mineral-producing country.

Situated as it is at the head of Portland Canal, a magnificent waterway, sixty miles in length, affording cheap communication with the outside world, timber and water power in abundance, and a comparatively mild climate con-

carry values from \$10 to \$200, the average value for all the ledges combined being \$90 per ton in silver and copper, with a little gold.

There is a very large showing of high grade ore on the American Girl. The ledge is thirty feet in width and can be traced for several hundred feet; the showings on the other ledges are equally good.

Beyond the necessary trails and a tunnel fifteen feet in ore on the American Girl, no work has been done in the exploitation of this property which was

number of locations in the district on which work has been done for the past two seasons but with what result is not known. They have done a large amount of work in constructing new trails. They have also strung a cable and travelling carriage across Bear river, and by so doing have conferred a boon on the community who can now cross the river in comfort instead of risking their lives in the dangerous ford.

From the Hector group on Bear river a small shipment of molybdenum ore was made, but the returns, thirteen per cent. in molybdenum, preclude the



HEAD OF PORTLAND CANAL, LOOKING UP BEAR RIVER.

a mining expert who visited the district three years ago. It presents all the characteristics of a great mining country; this opinion which was given on inspecting the Roosevelt group, then the only mining location in the district, is now being amply borne out by the later discoveries.

The similarity of the ores of the Unak camp and the trend of the mineralized zone being the same—northwest and southeast—there is a strong probability that the zone is continuous from one camp to the other, a distance of about forty miles.

How far south the zone continues it is impossible to say, but mining locations have been made at different points on Portland Canal and Observatory Inlet as far south as Maple Bay, where the Portland Consolidated have twenty-eight claims. This is a copper-gold property. The ledges are well defined and the average value of the ore is \$37.

In the spring of this year, H. W. Brightwell crossed the divide at the head of American creek, and following a river a large lake, which he estimated to be about thirty miles long; north of the lake, the country is covered with low rolling hills, through which he believed a pass could be easily found to the Unak.

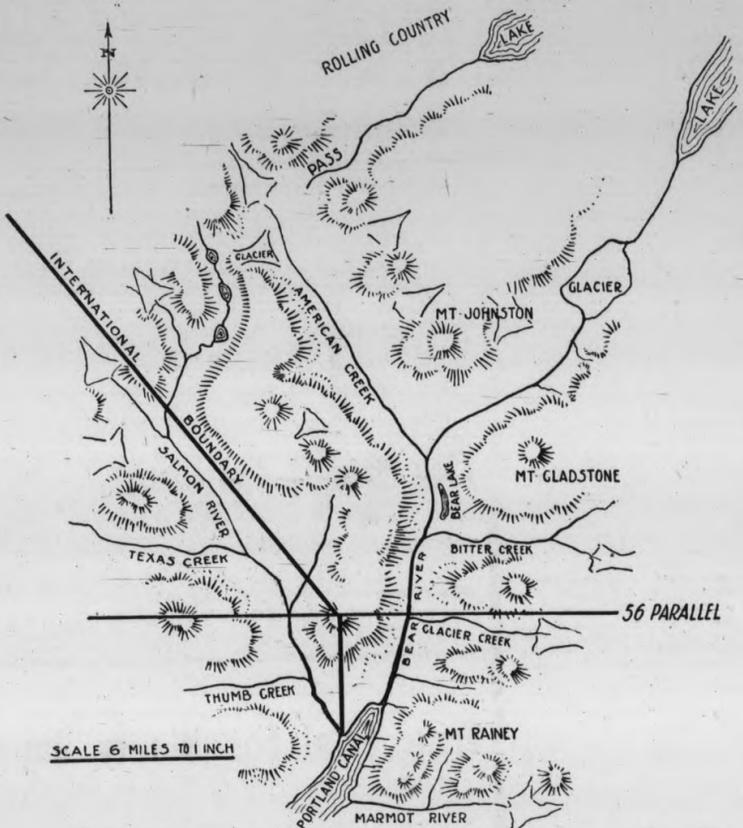
plentiful and in the spring the marshes are the homes of myriads of ducks and geese.

The location line of the boundary between Canada and Alaska will be run next summer; it will traverse for some distance the mineralized zone, and new discoveries in the track of the surveyors may be expected. The bronze obelisk marking the commencement of the line has already been erected; it stands in a prominent position, at the mouth of Salmon river.

THE CHILDREN'S SUPPER TABLE.

Very rich cakes or nut confectionery ought to be avoided. Jam sandwich and several varieties of sponge and chocolate cakes are always favorites, and there are many simple sweet cakes which can be made at home. Have flowers and crackers on the table, for the tea table is also an early supper table, if you prefer it, it is certainly better for the children. Here are some simple recipes:

Lemon solid is a favorite party dish with children. Peel thinly three lemons and squeeze all the juice, add eight ounces of castor sugar and half a three penny packet of shredded gelatine which has been soaked overnight in half a tumbler of cold water, and half a pint of milk. Heat these in-



SKETCH MAP OF BEAR RIVER, PORTLAND CANAL.

sidering its geographical position, it will, with the development of its mineral resources, undoubtedly become an important factor in the future wealth of the province.

Previous to 1899 few white men had visited the district, but in that year a party of argonauts, lured by a schemer with a tale of fabulous placers, made an attempt to reach the head waters of the Naas by way of Bear river; but the difficulties attendant on the journey proved too great, and abandoned by

recently bonded to C. B. Russell of Seattle for the sum of \$100,000.

The property is eighteen miles from deep water and a good trail has been constructed to the mouth of American creek; from there to the mine a rough track winds along the mountain side.

In the vicinity of the American Girl group a number of locations have been made; among them the May Bee looks the most promising; on this claim there is a ten-foot ledge with a pay streak of two feet of nearly solid galena; a canyon

possibility of shipping this ore in bulk, but should the deposit—on which a tunnel is being run—prove to be of any extent, the installation of an electrical separator would allow the ore to be worked at a profit.

On Harris creek, a tributary of Salmon river, Messrs. Harris and Raerick of Ketchikan, located six claims last August. The ledges are large and well defined, the ore is galena, and some splendid samples of brittle silver have been taken from the claims, one picked



OBELISK SHOWING COMMENCEMENT OF BOUNDARY LINE AT MOUTH OF SALMON RIVER, PORTLAND CANAL.

their leader, the party broke up and returned to civilization.

Three of the party decided to remain and try their fortunes in the country; these three, F. P. Stewart, D. J. Rainey and H. W. Brightwell, have all acquired properties, which in view of the outlook for the district, should eventually make them wealthy men.

In the summer of '92 Stewart and Brightwell located the American Girl group of four claims on American creek; there are four ledges on the group, which

cuts the ledge in two at right angles exposing the vein for a perpendicular depth of two hundred feet; the ore is similar to that on the American Girl.

On Bitter creek a number of locations have been made, chief of which is the Roosevelt group owned by Rainey and Chambers. On this property, which was the pioneer location of the district, a sixty-foot tunnel has been run on the vein, which is twenty-five feet wide and assays \$28 per ton in gold and copper.

The M. K. Rodgers Company have a

sample giving over \$1,000 in silver.

Dan Linderborg, of Kitimat, located three extensions on the above claims, the strike of the ledges being in line with that of the American Girl on the other side of the mountain; there is a probability that the ledges are continuous, but owing to the ice cap on the mountain top it is impossible to trace them.

As a field for the prospector this district offers many inducements. The country yet to be explored is of vast extent, and according to Le Roy Dana,

ANOTHER VIEW OF BOUNDARY OBELISK, MOUTH OF SALMON RIVER.

If such is found to be the case, this would be the best route to the mines there, the present route by way of the Unak river being long and difficult.

The climate of the district compares favorably with the other mining regions of the province. The summer as a rule is warm and sunny with occasional showers of rain. Winter sets in about the end of October, but the snowfall is not great until December, when it falls to an average depth of four feet, and lies till March or April.

On Bear river there is a good deal of first-class agricultural land, lightly covered with alder and easily cleared. The soil is black loam and produces crops of good quality.

D. J. Rainey has a comfortable ranch at the mouth of Bear river, and raises all the ordinary garden vegetables successfully. No farming has been attempted on a commercial scale, there being as yet no market for the produce, but with the increased activity in mining, it will play an important part in the future of the district. The scenery is of the most rugged nature, the mountains towering precipitously to the height of six thousand feet; their tops covered with eternal snow, and their valleys filled with glaciers, from whose blue caverns turbid streams rush furiously.

From time immemorial the Indians have made the district their hunting grounds; bear, both black and grizzly, are found in plenty; and mountain goats may be seen from time to time, cropping the herbage on their aerial haunts.

The rivers team with salmon at different seasons of the year, grouse are

gradients in an enamelled saucepan till the gelatine is thoroughly dissolved; bring to the boiling point, but do not allow to boil. Remove the thin yellow lemon peel, and pour quickly on to a half-pint of cold milk ready in a bowl. Give one stir, and pour into a wetted jelly mould. This will set in a few hours.

Lemon sponge from the following recipe is quickly prepared. Make in the ordinary way a lemon jelly from a quart packet of some good brand. When it is still soft, and not too firmly set, beat into it the thoroughly whipped whites of three eggs. Heap up in a glass dish.

Apple snow is a delicious sweet. To make it, peel, pare and core a pound of good juicy apples. Cook in covered jars in a slow oven, with six ounces of sugar. When soft beat together with the whipped whites of three eggs. Pile up lightly in a glass dish, decorating with little bits of red apple jelly.

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To-night beneath my cottage-eaves;
While, smiling by a lofty window,
The encircling laurels, thick with leaves,
Gave back a rich and dazzling sheen,
That overpowered their natural green.

Through hill and valley every breeze
Had sunk to rest with folded wings;
Keen was the air, but could not freeze
Nor check the music of the strings;
So stout and hardy were the band
That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened—till was paid
Respect to every inmate's claim;
The greeting given, the music played,
In honor of each household name,
Duly pronounced with luscious call,
And "Merry Christmas" wished to all.

Oh, brother, I reverse the choice
That took thee from thy native hills,
And it is given to rejoice
Though public care full often fills
Heaven only witness of the toll,
A barren and unfruitful soil.

Yet, would that thou, with me and mine,
Hads heard this never-falling rite,
And seen on other festal days
A true revival of the light
Which nature and these rustic powers,
In simple childhood spread through ours.

For pleasure hath not ceased to wait
On these expected annual rounds,
Whether the rich man's sumptuous gate
Call forth the elaborate sounds,
Or they are offered at the door
That guards the lowliest of the poor.

How touching when, at midnight, sweep
Snow-muffled winds and all is dead,
To hear—'tis said—again to sleep—
Or, at an earlier call to mark,
By blazing fire, the still suspense
Of self-complacent innocence.

The mutual nod—the glad disguise
Of hearts with gladness brimming o'er;
And some unbidden tears that rise
For names once heard and heard no more,
Tears brightened by the serenade
For the infant in the cradle laid.

Ah, not for emerald fields alone,
With ancient streams more pure and bright,
Than fabled Cythera's zone
Glistening before the Thunderer's sight,
Is to thy heart of hearts endeared
The ground where we were born and reared.

Hail, ancient manners, sure defence,
Where they survive, of wholesome laws;
Remnants of love whose modest sense
Thus into narrow room withdraws;
Hail, usages of pristine mould,
And ye that guard them, mountains old.

Bear with me, brother, quench the thought
That slights this passion or condemes;
If these fond fancy ever brought
From the proud margin of the Thames
And Lambeth's venerable towers,
To humbler streams and greener bowers.

Yes, they can make, who fall to find
Shant'ed laurels even in busiest days,
Moments, to cast a look behind,
And profit by those kindly rays
That through the clouds do sometimes steal
And all the far-off past reveal.

Hence, while the Imperial city's din
Beats frequent on no satiate ear,
A pleasant interlude I may win
To agitations less severe,
That neither overwhelm nor cloy,
But fill the hallow vale with joy.

—Wm. Wordsworth.

WHAT LITTLE SAUL GOT CHRISTMAS.

Us parents mostly think our own's
The smartest children out—
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And then he lay in the scumming sand
With his mouth wide open an hour or two,
And a thousand flies flew in and down
To the Kingdoms of Tip-Tu.

—Push.

THE RABBITS AND THE TERRAPIN.

Two Rabbits chanced to chat in
Beside the country road;
When came along old Terrapin
Who passed without a word.

He swelled up great and put on style;
Puffing his big clear white;
"Rabbits are such poor fresh," quoth he;
"They can't expect to go with me."

One Rabbit overheard him say
This sarcastic thing;
And turning to old Terrapin
Did give him quite a fling.

"Indeed, old sport," he said, quite gay,
"We'd much prefer to go our way,
For should we walk with you, you know,
Into the rich man's soup we'd go."

PERFECTION AND STUPIDITY.

Little Miss Perfection
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For—

She can elpher, spell and write,
And read long words quite well at sight;
She is her mamma's darling toy,
Her papa's only, only joy!

Small Mr. Stupidity
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He can neither spell nor write,
Nor read long words right off at sight;
He does his mother much annoy;
Is never called his papa's joy.

Little Miss Perfection
Is never spanked, you know,
Little Miss Perfection
Does as she's told to do;

Small Mr. Stupidity
Is spanked from noon till night;
Small Mr. Stupidity
Does everything for spite.

Now, here's a warning to you all,
If you'd be good, why, be a girl,
For you can't help but be annoy;
The whole big world—if you're a boy!

—M. Walker.

THE DISPUTE.

Together they sat at the dinner,
Little May and Anna Bell,
Playing their very great ladies—
Stylish and very well.

But a slight dispute rose between them;
At each other's hair they flew,
And, crying loudly, they ran for home,
I think they were had—don't you?

CHRISTMAS IN DIXIE.

(Uncle Ned's Explanation to a Northern Visitor.)
Go 'long, boss, an' quit 'yer foolin' o'er;
For names once heard and heard no more,
Tears brightened by the serenade
For the infant in the cradle laid.

Ah, not for emerald fields alone,
With ancient streams more pure and bright,
Than fabled Cythera's zone
Glistening before the Thunderer's sight,
Is to thy heart of hearts endeared
The ground where we were born and reared.

Hail, ancient manners, sure defence,
Where they survive, of wholesome laws;
Remnants of love whose modest sense
Thus into narrow room withdraws;
Hail, usages of pristine mould,
And ye that guard them, mountains old.

Bear with me, brother, quench the thought
That slights this passion or condemes;
If these fond fancy ever brought
From the proud margin of the Thames
And Lambeth's venerable towers,
To humbler streams and greener bowers.

Yes, they can make, who fall to find
Shant'ed laurels even in busiest days,
Moments, to cast a look behind,
And profit by those kindly rays
That through the clouds do sometimes steal
And all the far-off past reveal.

Hence, while the Imperial city's din
Beats frequent on no satiate ear,
A pleasant interlude I may win
To agitations less severe,
That neither overwhelm nor cloy,
But fill the hallow vale with joy.

—Wm. Wordsworth.

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De win' is blowin' walmah,
An' hit' blowin' 'em de bay,
Dey's a sot o' mist a-risin',
All erling de meddah way;
Dey ain't a hint o' frostin',
On de groun' ner in de sky,
An' dey ain't no use in hopin',
Dat de snow'll 'mence to fly.

It's de goin' to be a green Christmas,
An' de goin' to be a green Christmas,
I wish dis was de las' one
Dat ever I should see.

Dey's dancin' in de cabin,
Dey's spakin' by de tree;
But dancin' time an' spakin'
Are all done pas' fer me,
Dey's feasin' in de big house,
Wild all de windahs wide—
Is dat de way 'er people
To meet de Christmas-tide?

"I wish I could fly up in de clouds
And gather snow and rain;
I'm sure I never would come down
To this ole earth again.

"If I could only make a ship
An' carry me away,
I'd sit right in an' 'sout' o' my
An' on de moon I'd stay.

"I'd live up there with that ole man,
An' eat an' run an' play;
I'd do no work of any kind,
But just have fun all day.

Just then the old man in the moon
Reached down and grabbed him there,
An' lifted him up through the clouds
By holdin' to his hair.

Benny bleeked and screamed and cried,
An' he was in an' 'sout' o' my!
Please let me go back to my home;
I don't like it no high!

But the old man up in the moon
Said, "This is your desire;
And if you do not like the moon
I'll take you on up higher.

"I'll lift you up to great Neptune;
So far away 'tis dark,
For not a ray of sun gets there;
No, not a single spark."

Then Benny thought of home and love,
And thought of his mamma;
Thought of his little sister dear,
And thought of dear papa.

And straightaway he began to cry,
To wring his hands and weep;
Just then he woke up with a start
To find he'd been asleep.

LELLARY.

Little Man! Little Man! come to me now!
I will hold you tight!
I will fold you away in the nest of my
heart.

Far from all harm to-night—
Deep in my heart is a garden
Of lilies of love, and they glow
In the light, looming into an Eden
That only a mother can know.

Little Man! Little Man! close your dear
eyes;
I'll sing you off to sleep,
While mystical effluvia of babyhood dreams
Hover about you, and creep,
Ever so lightly to lead you
Into the realm where love
Dimplex your pathway with kisses
As pure as the dew from above.

Little Man! Little Man! now you are safe,
Forever safe on my breast,
Your heart in my heart is embedded,
And night guards your slumber of rest.

Best while the hours that are his
Of love guard your slumber and glow
In the light of an earthly Eden
That only a mother can know.

THE MISSING TREASURE.

(S. E. Kiser.)
I know a man who has marble halls—
But he hasn't got my boy;
There are blooded chargers in his stalls,
His yacht is anchored in the bay,
He wants for pleasure all the day;
He goes where he pleases to go,
And there is none to say him no—
But he hasn't got my boy.

No master lays down rules for him—
But he hasn't got my boy;
No other will or wish or whim
Is suffered to overthrew his plans,
Yet with the joy that are this man's
Is one great woe he has to bear,
No child is given to his care—
And I have you, my boy.

"I can see the flowers in the garden-bed,
Shining so pretty, and sweet, and red;
And Sammy is swinging, I guess,
Oh! everything is so fine out there,
I want to put it all in the prayer,
Do you mean I can do it by 'Yes'?"

"When I say, 'Now I lay me—'word for
word,
It seems to me as if nobody heard,
Would 'Thank you, dear God,' be right?
He gave me my mother,
And papa and brother—
O, mamma, you nodded I might."

Clasping his hands and hiding his face,
Unconsciously yearning for help and grace,
The little one now began,
His mother's nod and sanction sweet,
Had led him close to the dear Lord's feet,
And his words like music ran:

"Thank you for making this home so nice,
The flowers, and my two white mice—
I wish I could keep right on;
I thank you, too, for every day,
Only I'm 'most too glad to pray;
Dear God, I think I'm done."

"Now, mamma, rock me—just a minute,
And sing the hymn with 'darling' in it.
I wish I could say my prayers!
When I get big I know I can,
Oh! won't it be nice to be a man,
And stay all night down stairs!"

The mother, singing, clasped him tight,
Kissing and cooing her "Good night,"
And treasured his every word,
For well she knew that the artless joy,
And love of her precious innocent boy,
Were a prayer that her Lord had heard.

—Mary E. Dodge.

OUR CHRISTMAS GREETING

In Acrostic

From the Pens of Empire-Builders

Compiled for this issue by Agnes Deans Cameron.

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MAY God forbid that we should ever be so intolerant as to make conformity to our own opinions the price of our assistance to others in their efforts for national independence.—Canning.

EXCELLENTLY well I know that I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart of a king, and of a king of England, too; and I think foul scorn that Parma or Spain, or any prince of Europe, should dare invade the borders of my realm.—Queen Elizabeth.

RIGHT warm work is it, and this may be the last to any of us at any moment; but, mark you, I would not be elsewhere for thousands.—Nelson (at Copenhagen).

BEST assured, the true glory of a nation does not consist in the extent of its dominions, but rather in the moral and intellectual pre-eminence of the people.—Sir John Lubbock.

YET we must realize that it is not the United Kingdom only, but the whole British Empire which needs consistent and united organization for defence.—Sir Charles Dilke.

CHANGE is life, and to be perfect is to have changed often.—Cardinal Newman.

HEAVEN'S rich gift comes down on every one—American, English, Turk—who will help to heal this open sore of the world.—Dr. Livingstone.

RAPINE and assassination have never changed the history of the world.—Beaconsfield.

IF it be a duty to respect other men's claims, so also is it a duty to maintain our own.—Edmund Burke.

SO peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.—Milton.

THE world belongs to him who has seen it.—Sir John Lubbock.

MOREOVER, there is nothing so safe as great meetings. Come together, look each other in the face.—John Bright.

AND it is the boast of the British Empire that it rests on men.—Lord Rosebery.

SLOWLY but assuredly during his brief journey from nothingness to nothingness, each man may add his pebble to the slowly-rising foundations of an ideal world.—A. J. Balfour.

FOREVER the breath of liberty, like the word of the holy man, will not die with the prophet, but will survive him.—Henry Grattan.

REALIZE that slaves cannot breathe in England; if their lungs receive our air, that moment they are free.—Copper.

While the German grows fat and the Frenchman withers, the Englishman plays lawn tennis under a tropical sun.—Lord Curzon.

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THE penny post is an institution through which you seriously offer a man a penny for his thoughts.—Thoreau.

HUSH! Never the lotus closes, never the wild-wind wake, but a soul goes out in the East wind that died for England's sake.—Rudyard Kipling.

ENVENOMED bigotry may survive persecution, but it can never survive toleration.—Henry Grattan.

THE old order changeth, giving place to new.—Tennyson.

I contend, a man always is to be himself the judge how much of his mind he will show to other men.—Carlyle.

MURMURING, "Here, and here did England help me; how can I help England?"—Robert Browning.

EVER keep the plough in the hands of the Owners, and not mere Hirelings.—King Henry VII.

SO it is essential for the greatest success of a country that in every part of it men should take a real interest in national affairs.—John Bright.

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Notice of Application for Grant of Fore-shore License to Construct Wharf.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886, Chapters 39 and 42, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Statutes, has applied to the Governor-General in Council for the grant of a portion of the foreshore on the northeast of Rock Bay, in Victoria Harbor.

A plan of the said foreshore and of the works and improvements proposed and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof has been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, on the 24th day of December, 1904.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1904.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
Clerk of the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria.

REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, CHAPTER 92.

Notice is hereby given that one month after date application will be made to the Governor-General in Council for approval of the plan and site of a wharf and seawall to be erected by William Moore and Ernest W. Whittington on and opposite Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block B, Work Estate, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia.

A plan of the site with description thereof has been deposited with the Department of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate of each has been deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., on the 24th day of November, 1904.

WOOTTON & GOWARD,
Bank of Montreal Chambers,
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NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, being petitioners for the incorporation of the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a Municipality, hereby give notice of our intention to apply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters Patent under the Public Seal incorporating the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a District Municipality (accepting only such portions thereof as form Indian Reservations), under the name of the Corporation of the District of Saanich.

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