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Will Likely Be Postponed Until June—Some of Probable Cardinals.

"Kid" Sullivan Defeated Sammy Meyers at Baltimore.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, Jan. 5.—It seems that the Papal consistory will be postponed until June, when among the cardinals to be created will be Monsignor Nagiano, the Pontifical major, Monsignor Lorenzelli, the nuncio at Paris, and Monsignor Rinaldini, the nuncio at Madrid, who have often been mentioned as certain of becoming princes of the churches. Mr. Bisleti, the master of the Pontifical chambers, will be created major-domo and also prefect of the palace, the position held by Cardinal Merry Del Val, the Papal secretary of state.

(Associated Press.)
Baltimore, Md., Jan. 5.—"Kid" Sullivan, of Washington, D. C., knocked out Sammy Meyers, of New York, last night in the second round of the 15 round bout before the Eureka athletic and social club. A hard left to the stomach followed by right hook to jaw did the trick. The men weighed in at 131 pounds.
Ogilvie Milling Company has declared an advance on four of 10 cents per sack and 20 cents per barrel to bring prices more in accord with the present cost of wheat, says a Winnipeg dispatch.

LARGE JAPANESE FORCE FOR KOREA

THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND MEN WILL BE SENT

Russia May Object to Dispatch of So Many Soldiers—Reply Not Yet Received.

(Associated Press.)
Tokyo, Jan. 5.—1:05 p.m.—The Russian reply to Japan has not yet been received.

It is reported from Vladivostok that the Russian squadron there is preparing for action.

An extra edition of the official gazette has been issued containing army and navy orders prohibiting the publication of any reports of the movement of troops or war vessels from this time. Otherwise the Japanese authorities are not interfering with press messages.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—In her reply to Japan, Russia made great concessions and hopes her proposals will prove acceptable to Japan.

Troops For Korea.
Paris, Jan. 5.—An official dispatch sent from Tokyo late last evening says the minister for foreign affairs had not received the Russian reply up to that time. The officials here conclude from this that Viceroy Alexieff is awaiting an opportune moment to present it.

The general tone of the comment in official circles is less hopeful.

The most significant feature of the dispatch from Tokyo is the statement that Japan is hastening final preparations for a far more extensive dispatch of troops to Korea than it first contemplated.

The government has now decided to send an army of 35,000 men, organized as two divisions, to Korea. This is more than double the strength of the expedition first contemplated, and requires a large fleet of transports, and extensive arrangements are proceeding rapidly towards completion. The destination of this army is expected to be Southern Korea, particularly Fusan and Masampo. Russia may object to the dispatch of this large army, and it may develop into the first attack of the impending conflict.

Rumors are in circulation at Versailles that a French naval division is about to receive orders to sail for the Far East.

Hopes For Peace.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The foreign office informs the Associated Press to-day that instructions had not been sent to Viceroy Alexieff on which the reply was based. The letter was drawn up in the most conciliatory spirit. Some of the Japanese proposals were accepted, while others were made the subject of extended observations and were met by counter proposals. There are strong hopes that on Thursday next, the Russian Christmas, the czar may be able to announce that peace is assured.

Waiting Further News.

London, Jan. 5.—The statement made by the foreign office at St. Petersburg to the Associated Press to-day regarding instructions sent Viceroy Alexieff, was communicated to the British foreign office and to the Japanese legation here. They both expressed pleasure at the fact that Russia had evinced such a friendly attitude, but they said no definite conclusions could be drawn until the nature of the counter proposals was known. The Japanese legation reiterated that the cardinal points of the Japanese proposals admitted of no counter proposals, and said if serious points were included among those accepted there was a possibility of reaching a settlement by further negotiations.

Probably For Korea.

Tokyo, Jan. 5.—10:15 p.m.—A Russian cruiser reported to have left Port Arthur with a small military force on board. Its destination is probably Chemulpo, Korea.

Decided on Sunday.

Cologne, Jan. 5.—According to advice received by the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg, the terms of the Russian reply to Japan were decided upon at a council on Sunday, presided over by the czar, and attended by the Grand Dukes Vladimir and Alexis, the foreign-war-and-marine ministers, and M. Witte, president of the council of ministers. This correspondent, like others, understands that the reply rendered a peaceful issue possible.

Open Ports in Korea.

London, Jan. 5.—The Korean charge d'affaires in an interview says he has good reason to believe that the negotiations between Korea, the United States, Great Britain, Japan and Russia regarding Wiju and Yongnampho will result in the opening of those ports at an early date.

Russia, he added, is still opposing the opening, and a few Russian troops have occupied Yongnampho.

Korea, he declared, would never agree to Russia's proposal to establish a neutral zone in Northern Korea, running south from the Manchurian frontier, as far east as Yuesan and west to Ping Yang, as it would prejudice the sovereignty and integrity of Korea, which

is guaranteed by the Anglo-Japanese treaty. Telegraphic advices received from Seoul by the charge d'affaires two days ago, did not mention the possibility of Japan sending the troops at Masampo, Seoul, however, such action as taken Korea would not offer armed opposition. Korea's relations with Russia and Japan were friendly, and the charge did not believe war would result from the present negotiations.

Review of Situation.

New York, Jan. 5.—The Associated Press has been furnished with the following statement of the Japanese view of its present contention with Russia by one who is in constant communication with Tokyo and whose knowledge of Japanese affairs and intimacy with prominent Japanese give right to his opinion. The negotiations between Russia and Japan have reached a critical stage, although an amicable adjustment is still possible. Russia's reply to Japan's latest representations will decide the issue.

While neither government has taken the initiative in concluding it is not difficult to surmise the general tenor of the views which the Japanese government would express. Something in the nature of an agreement between the two governments whereby they bind themselves to respect the independence and territorial integrity both of China and Korea would naturally come first. Such an agreement would probably include also mutual recognition of the special interests of Russia in Manchuria and Japan in Korea.

Russia's reply has evidently been a surprise and a disappointment to Japan. It is now generally understood that Russia has virtually refused to discuss the situation in Manchuria and has proposed something in the nature of a neutral zone in Northern Korea on the Manchurian frontier. It is difficult to perceive how Japan could possibly accept this proposal. To consent to the indefinite prolongation of Russia's stay upon the borders of Korea and to the neutralization of nearly one-third of the latter's territory would be a fatal menace to the independence of Korea, while Japan must defend all the coast as the outpost of her line of defence, is indispensable to Japan's own repose and security.

So far as regards Korea, it is known that the joint efforts of Great Britain, the United States and Japan to open Yaito to foreign commerce at large was on the eve of success when the Russian occupation of Yongnampho blocked the plan for the time being.

THEATRE CURTAIN WAS DEFECTIVE

IT FAILED TO WORK DURING PREVIOUS FIRE

The Panic Might Have Been Averted—Warnings Which Were Unheeded by Management.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 5.—A special grand jury may be called to investigate the responsibility for the Iroquois fire horror. The coroner's jury will inspect the ruins of the theatre during the day, after which the public prosecutor will be given an outline of the evidence to be produced at the inquest. On the report of the assistant state attorney will hang the decision as to the summoning of the special grand jury.

Evidence showing grosser criminal negligence more than anything previously developed was given under oath to-day in the fire department investigation. Joseph Dougherty, who had charge of the curtains, swore that two weeks ago during a matinee performance there was a fire on the stage, and that when he attempted to lower the asbestos curtain it was stopped by the same obstruction that prevented its operation last Wednesday, the fatal afternoon. The curtain manager declares that he protested at that time, but no attention was paid to his warning. In his opinion, if the curtain had run down during the fatal matinee, the lives of many, if not all, the victims of the disaster might have been saved. It was only by the merest chance that a panic was averted as a result of the first fire.

One hundred and forty witnesses have been summoned for the inquest on Thursday, among them being Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, managers of the theatre, City Building Inspector Williams, Chief of Police O'Neil and his assistant, Schuttler, and Fire Chief Musham. The state attorney said to-day that the coroner's jury would undoubtedly fix all responsibility.

Charles F. Koester and Henry Zander, real estate dealers, were passing the theatre when the fire broke out and attempted to get into the theatre, while smoke was issuing from the cracks in the front door, and were denied admission. They declare that the doors were kept closed by ushers and attendants in the lobby for nearly five minutes after the fire was discovered on the stage.

Foreman Jones of the Fuller Construction Company, is said by witnesses to have smashed in the skylight of the theatre after the fire had been found. The Fuller Company has agreed to aid the fire department in every way possible by supplying witnesses.

THE COLD SPELL IN EASTERN CANADA

SUDDEN DEATH FROM EXHAUSTION AT HALIFAX

Fireman Killed and Several Injured at Montreal—Windsor Methodist Church Burned.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Jan. 5.—Eastern Canada is experiencing the coldest snap known for years. Toronto reports 15 below, Ottawa 20 below, Montreal 22 below, Quebec 20 below, while some of the county places report 30 below. St. Agathe, in Laurantine mountains, reports 20 below.

Closed For Two Weeks.

The first act of Graham Frazer, the new manager of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, was to close down Openhearth and Blooming mills for two weeks.

Fatal Fire at Montreal.

Fire this morning for the third time in three years destroyed the palatial rooms of the Mount Royal Club, Sherbrooke and Stanley streets. The former residence of the late Sir John Abbott. The fire was due to an overheated furnace pipe. The blaze was discovered about 6:30 by a passer-by, who rung in the alarm. The whole fire brigade responded, but were unable to check the flames, owing to the poor water pressure, due to the extreme cold weather. The whole building was ablaze when the firemen arrived. A falling roof struck Fireman Hutt, No. 1 station, who received injuries which resulted in death a few minutes after his arrival at the hospital. Fireman Reynolds, No. 1 station, sustained a severe scalp wound. Firemen Harigan, Puddy, Pluff and Millen were severely cut and burned about their faces. Col. Liardit, honorary secretary of the club, was severely burned and cut. Secretary Hill's back was broken by jumping from the second story. Miss Omm, typewriter, had a leg broken, and sustained internal injuries through jumping from the second story. Jas. Wilkinson, messenger of the club was also injured. It is feared Col. Liardit will die of his injuries.

Railway Paralyzed.

Sydney, Jan. 5.—The worst storm in ten years, raged here since early yesterday morning up to midnight. The wind blew fifty miles an hour, snow drifts are ten feet high, and the electric railway system is paralyzed.

Lasted All Day.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 5.—One of the most severe storms of years ended last night. The wind blew thirty-two miles an hour and six inches of snow fell. The mercury registered fifteen below.

A Blizzard.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 5.—Halifax and vicinity have been in the grasp of a blizzard. Snow is piled six feet high on some of the streets. The wind blew a gale from the north, and the mercury dropped to eight below zero. Daniel Connors yesterday walked over a mile to mass, and was so exhausted when he entered the church that he fell dead.

Killed by Tree.

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 5.—Thos. Morden, twenty-three years of age, was killed in the bush by a falling tree on Saturday.

Candidate Selected.

Quebec, Jan. 5.—Montmorency Conservatives have nominated Hon. T. Chas. E. Casgrain, sitting member, as candidate for the House of Commons.

Church Destroyed.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 5.—Windsor Avenue Methodist church was totally destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$25,000; insurance \$15,000.

Police Raid.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The police last night raided what is believed to be the largest Chinese gambling den in the city at 100 Queen street, west. The names of 110 Chinamen were taken and three white women. One of the latter was arrested.

Children Escaped.

The public school of Hamilton district was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$25,000; insurance \$7,000. Six hundred children marched out of the burning building in one minute and thirty-five seconds.

FIRE AT OTTAWA.

Post Office and Customs House Were Destroyed Last Night.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Last night the post office and custom house were totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The conflagration was caused by the explosion of an electric pump.

The post office officials are to-day doing business at House of Commons post office.

BEATEN TO DEATH.

Budapest, Hungary, Jan. 5.—Paul Eremitis, a Liberal member of the Hungarian Diet, was murdered at Nagy, Kiskung, this morning by two peasants. He was first shot at and wounded, and was then beaten to death with iron bars. The motive of the crime was revenge for the loss of a law suit brought by the father of the murderers.

THE FULL COURT.

Two Appeals Disposed of This Morning—Remaining List.

The Full court sat this morning, Chief Justice Hunt and Justices Irving and Martin being in attendance. There was quite a galaxy of legal lights present, including counsel from Nelson, Vancouver, Rosland, Grand Forks and other points. Quite a number of appeals stood over when called, the majority going to the "foot of the list." Two, however, were disposed of before the court rose for luncheon. One was an appeal from Mr. Justice Drake regarding the B. W. Pearce estate. The appeal was dismissed with costs. H. A. McLean appeared for the plaintiff and W. E. Oliver for the defence. In Rex vs. Tanghe, C. C. McColl moved for the quashing of a previous conviction. The motion was refused.

The court this afternoon is hearing the appeal from Judge Leamy in Traders' National Bank vs. Ingram.

The other appeals on the list are as follows:

Plath (R.) vs. Grand Forks & Kettle Valley railway, appeal from Judge Leamy. W. P. Clement for plaintiff, L. Whiteside for defendant.

Currie vs. Van Ande Copper Company, appeal from Judge Harrison. J. H. Senkler for plaintiff; W. E. Burns for defendant.

Oppenheimer vs. Sperling, appeal from Mr. Justice Drake. J. H. Senkler, plaintiff; E. E. Wootton, defendant. Alaska Packers' Association vs. Spence, appeal from Mr. Justice Irving. J. H. Lawson, plaintiff; W. M. Griffin, defendant.

Esquimaux Water Works vs. Victoria, appeal from Mr. Justice Drake. A. P. Lutton, plaintiff; J. M. Bradburn, defendant.

Centre Star Co. vs. Rosland Great Western Mills, appeal from Mr. Justice Irving. A. C. Galt, plaintiff; C. R. Hamilton, defendant.

Koppacher vs. Columbia Hydraulic Mining Co., appeal from Judge Henderson. W. E. Fisher, plaintiff; C. L. Mason, defendant.

Centre Star Co. vs. Miners' Union, appeal from Judge Forin. A. C. Galt, plaintiff; S. S. Taylor, defendant.

Leadbeater vs. Crow's Nest Co., appeal from Mr. Justice Irving. Jas. O'Shea, plaintiff; H. W. Herchermer, defendant.

Silla vs. Crow's Nest Co., appeal from Mr. Justice Irving. J. O'Shea, plaintiff; H. W. Herchermer, defendant.

City of Victoria vs. Weston, appeal from Chief Justice. J. M. Bradburn, plaintiff; H. B. W. Aikman, defendant.

CANDIDATES LINE UP TO THE MARK

MANY ASPIRANTS TO TEST THEIR STRENGTH

First Gun Will Be Fired on Wednesday Night—Who the Competitors Are.

If present indications hold true there will be about thirty candidates nominated on Monday next. So far the electors may feel reasonably sure of twenty-five, for that is the number of those who have expressed their intentions of testing their strength on the ballot paper next Thursday week. Of these nine will be candidates for school trustees, fourteen for aldermen and two for the majority. The campaign will be virtually opened on Wednesday, when the aspirants to the chief magistracy chair will hold forth in the fire hall, Oaklands. An organization meeting of the supporters of Ald. Barnard will be held this evening in the rooms over the Army and Navy cigar store, Government street.

C. E. Redfern's supporters held their first meeting in Pioneer hall last evening, when election matters were thoroughly discussed, and everything possible was done in his interests. Loyal pledges of support were given, and after arranging to meet again on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the same place, the meeting adjourned. The promises of support received last night were most gratifying to Mr. Redfern, and effective measures were taken in order that the campaign may result in a victory. As Saturday's gathering will be the last meeting of Mr. Redfern's friends before the election, and as final arrangements will be made, he will be pleased to meet as many of his supporters who can make it convenient to attend on that occasion.

Following is a list of the candidates to date:

For Mayor.

C. E. Redfern and G. H. Barnard.

For Aldermen.

North Ward—Aldermen Kineman, Grahame and Dinadale, and W. F. Fullerton.

Centre Ward—Ald. Goodere and Stewart, H. E. Levy and J. Elford.

South Ward—Ald. Vincent, T. I. Worthington, James A. Douglas, B. S. Oddy, Wm. Prout and Thornton Fell.

For school trustees—Mrs. Jenkins, Beaumont Boggs, E. A. Lewis, W. G. Eden, P. J. Riddell, Aaron Lewis, W. McKay, D. Spragge and J. Mowat.

Thomas Nixon, a Winnipeg pioneer, and who for many years was right-of-way agent in the West for the C. P. R., died on Sunday at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

DR. THORN CALLED BY THE DEFENCE

NOTHING IRRATIONAL IN ALEX. DUNSMUIR

Evidence to Effect That Except When Intoxicated He Showed No Signs of Weakness.

In the trial in Hopper vs. Dunsmuir yesterday afternoon the cross-examination of Dr. Davis, of this city, was concluded. This occupied all the afternoon. In reply to E. V. Bodwell, K. C., Dr. Davis said with the stopping of the cause for the destruction of the tissue decay would proceed. It would be arrested, but not stopped, was the opinion of all medical authorities. Witness had not had many cases of alcoholic dementia in his practice, because alcoholism did not usually result in that. He did not believe that dementia resulted unless there was from heredity a weak brain. The effects of alcohol were better understood by the general practitioner than by those who made a specialty of studying it. Witness was the one who made a wide general study, and then eventually proceeded along one particular line.

Upon the question of alcohol affecting the brain preferentially, the witness said that this applied to the functional action on the brain, and not as to organic change.

Mr. Bodwell contended that on account of more blood circulating through the brain, and the tissues of the brain being the most delicate, that therefore it would be the more affected.

Witness said that this did not follow, as it was only functional action which would be affected. Witness said that counsel had, by thinking so much on this case and consulting so much with experts, came to believe that every one who uses alcohol was suffering from dementia.

Taking up the evidence of Dr. Janeway, witness said that when he said that there was hope of an improvement, he was clearly not referring to alcoholic dementia.

Mr. Bodwell asked if it was not possible if the patient suffering from alcoholic dementia could not improve physically from his condition as then described.

Witness thought not. The man was dying from alcoholism.

Mr. Bodwell wanted to know if it would surprise him to hear that Alex. Dunsmuir got up and went out after that.

E. P. Davis, K. C., objected to this. He contended that there was no proof that this took place.

Witness persisted that Dr. Janeway had used alcoholic dementia instead of meningitis, because the words were out in his mouth. "The medical men do not always use words in their exact sense."

Mr. Bodwell wished to have the opinion of witness as to the statement of Dr. Janeway that alcoholic dementia was the "best word" to describe the condition.

Doctors preferred to describe these diseases by their pathological condition, replied witness. Meningitis described the pathological condition; alcoholic dementia characterized the disease.

Mr. Bodwell could not see why Dr. Janeway should have chosen the latter term when meningitis was the one best adapted to describe the condition.

The witness still persisted that Dr. Janeway wished to describe meningitis. Mr. Davis called attention to the fact that Dr. Janeway when he was being examined knew that the issue in this case was this very fact of whether or not it was a case of dementia.

Witness still was set in his opinion that this was a case of meningitis.

Upon Dr. Janeway's answer that there might be "alcoholic dementia, and yet be recovery if you use it in the sense in which I do," witness said this bore out what he said. Dr. Janeway meant alcoholic dementia in a different sense to that generally used, and bore out his contention that it was not really dementia which was described.

Mr. Bodwell pointed out that "recovery" was the word that was intended to be qualified by this latter phrase. It was meant that the recovery was not in the strict medical sense, but in another qualified sense.

Witness thought not, but Mr. Bodwell pressed that it was quite as likely intended in that way as in the other. Witness when he saw Alex. Dunsmuir after he recovered under his treatment in 1898, noticed that he (Alex. Dunsmuir) was looking remarkably well. He brightened up very much. Alex. Dunsmuir's liver was affected when he examined him then. There was no sign of Bright's disease. He had returned to the stomach also. His condition was such that he expected his life shortened very much, if he continued to drink. Witness told him that he must stop the use of alcohol or die. Witness would not have been surprised to hear alarming reports as to his condition. If there was an hereditary predisposition he would not have been surprised to hear of dementia affecting him.

As to the symptoms of hereditary

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In Connection With Chicago Theatre Fire—Chief Fisher in Custody.

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Report That the Russian Reply is Now in the Hands of Admiral Alexieff.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—As a result of the fire in the Iroquois theatre and public, in which 500 persons lost their lives...

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Three N. W. M. P. constables, who were found guilty of neglect of duty in allowing murderer Cashel to escape, have been sentenced by Commissioner Perry at Calgary.

He intended to take the audience in imagination down among the Cornishmen of old England. Some sweet association with the old folks at home would do many good.

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London, Jan. 4.—Dispatches from the Far East say market prices in Tokio have fallen rapidly. A dispatch from Yadvostock reports the departure of a Russian cruiser, presumably for Port Arthur, and the impending departure of four other cruisers, while the population is alarmed at the incessant arrival of Russian troops.

The police to-day arrested George M. Dusenberry, chief usher of the theatre, on a charge of manslaughter. He is held to furnish evidence on the statements made by many people in the theatre that the ushers closed the doors and for a time refused to allow people to pass out.

Calgary, N. W. T., Jan. 4.—Evidence in the trial of John Cashel was of a sensational nature this afternoon. The woman in the case, who gave evidence, was Flora Brazeau, an interesting and attractive young woman.

Continuing, he told of preaching among these fishermen; how he had spoken on one occasion for fully an hour and a half, and was about to close when his congregation cried for more.

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Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, says he assumes that the marine engineers from the Clyde who have left for Japan, are now engaged for the transport fleet, though the minister says he has no definite knowledge of the circumstances of their departure.

The closing down of the Chicago theatres, by order of Mayor Harrison, has caused a paralysis of business in many directions. It is estimated that 2,500 persons will suffer.

Rev. Mr. Pearse also spoke of the huge bonnets which were worn by the ladies in those days, remarking on the side to the ladies that "there was protection in those bonnets."

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock a Bible reading will be given by Rev. Mr. Pearse at the Metropolitan Methodist church on the "Twenty-third Psalm."

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On the Stock Exchange Chinese securities have been heavily sold on Berlin account. With such a gloomy opening of the year, the volume of the week's business has been of the smallest.

Toronto is at present experiencing the most widespread epidemic of grippe since 1880, it being estimated that there are at this time 20,000 people confined to their homes. Many deaths are being reported.

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On being asked about his visit to Port Simpson and the northern coast of British Columbia, Lord Dundonald, on arrival at Ottawa, said his desire was to ascertain by personal observations the facilities for defence afforded by any of the places suggested as a possible terminus for the proposed new transcontinental railway.

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Paris, Jan. 4.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that the reply of the Russian government to the Japanese government is now in the hands of Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy in the Far East, who will deliver it when he considers that a fitting moment has arrived.

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DR. S. D. POPE
Day School for Girls Only
This school will provide a full public school course, and will open on Jan. 6th, 1904.

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On being asked about his visit to Port Simpson and the northern coast of British Columbia, Lord Dundonald, on arrival at Ottawa, said his desire was to ascertain by personal observations the facilities for defence afforded by any of the places suggested as a possible terminus for the proposed new transcontinental railway.

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AN INQUIRY INTO THE RECENT FIRE

JURY WERE UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN CAUSE
A Number of Witnesses Were Examined But Their Testimony Afforded No Clue.

An investigation into the recent fire at the Army & Navy clothing store was held yesterday afternoon in the police court before Magistrate Hall. A jury consisting of W. F. C. Pope, M. Young, J. Barnsley, H. G. Ross and F. Norris sought to ascertain the origin of the fire from the evidence adduced, but after the examination of a number of witnesses they were unable to arrive at the cause. G. H. Barnard appeared for the underwriters, and Frank Higgins for Mr. Cohen. After some discussion between counsel and magistrate regarding the withdrawal of witnesses, which is of especial interest to readers of the Times, the examination was proceeded with. Detective Perdus and Duncan Grieve gave evidence of seeing the fire in its earliest stages. To them it appeared to be burning fiercely in the upper part. E. J. Cohen, proprietor of the store, said that he was notified of the fire by Mr. Lenx, while at Pendleton, Oregon, on December 31st. He originally intended going to San Francisco. He explained the character and situation of the insured goods, and said that in the upper section there were household furniture insured for \$2,000 belonging to a sister, and \$200 of \$700 worth of light stock not used in the winter. He estimated his general stock at \$18,000, on which he carried \$17,500 insurance. On the fixtures there was \$500. Goods amounting to more than \$8,000 were en route. When he took stock, which he finished on December 22nd, it was at its lowest.

Questioned by Mr. Barnard, he said it was not unusual to have stock lowest during the Christmas trade. He had no particular conversation about the fire with his clerks when he returned, but only made inquiries. Austin, the head man, had told him that when he left at 9 o'clock he had put enough wood in the stove to last until morning. Witness considered this careless. None of the employees could account for the origin of the fire, although they thought that possibly the stove pipe or electric wires were responsible.

In reply to jurymen, witness held the theory that the fire originated in the stove, although possibly the electric wires may have caused it. They had had considerable trouble from the latter, which were often out of repair. He did not know whether there was any stock under the stove pipe.

Edward A. Augsten, a clerk, stated that when he left the store at 9.15 p.m. Frank Smith and James Simpson, clerks, were in the upper part of the store painting signs. At 9.15 o'clock he put three large pieces of wood in the stove and closed the dampers. He first learned of the fire when Smith called at his house with the information about 7.10 o'clock next morning. He did not know how much stock was upstairs. He did not tell Mr. Cohen that he made a fire large enough to last all night. When the latter returned from the other side he asked "What's this?" and witness replied, "Well, you can see for yourself." He didn't interrogate witness as to the cause. When witness accompanied Smith to the store in a hack the next morning the latter said nothing about the fire on the way. Smith and Simpson said that everything was all right when they left on the night of the fire. Witness might have mentioned to Mr. Cohen that the wood he put in the stove might have lasted until the morning, but he was unable to recall the conversation with the proprietor. His theory was that the fire was due to a defective flue—originating from where the stove pipe entered the chimney. When Smith called for witness in a hack the day after the fire he did not give witness any information, doubtless thinking he knew about it.

James Simpson, salesman and cashier, said that he and Smith were in the rear part of the store upstairs painting signs on the night of the fire. Smith was smoking cigars. Witness got on the Willows car for home at 11.30 o'clock. When Smith lit his cigars he threw the matches on the floor, which was wet. Smith was upstairs a few minutes after witness, who went to wash the paint off his hands with turpentine. They left the store together. Witness did not hear of the fire until the next morning. As far as he knew the stock where the fire occurred comprised straw hats.

Questioned further, the witness said he did not know how much turpentine there was upstairs. They used it in the making of paint. He did not know whether it was on the floor or on the table. Witness had no conversation about the fire with Cohen on the latter's return. He thought the fire was due to a spark from the stove pipe.

Frank Smith corroborated the previous witness's evidence regarding their employment upstairs. He did not learn of the fire until next morning. He asked if Austin had been down and was told that he had. He went for Austin with a hack. He noticed Austin seemed bothered, and when Austin told witness that he had not been down, thought he must have been "fooling." There were three or four cases of hats and some cases of other goods stored away in the upper part. On the night of the fire he had smoked a dozen cigars, finishing probably half a dozen matches. He was drinking lemonade as he painted, having bought the lemonade and made it earlier in the evening. When Simpson left work at the signs, witness poured some turpentine on his hands and he went off to wash his hands, witness wiped his brushes. After leaving the store he went home. Mr. Lenx notified Mr. Cohen of the fire. When Cohen returned he asked witness what had happened; if he had any idea how the fire occurred. Witness said he had no idea. Cohen made

no inquiries regarding what they had been doing. Witness did not notice the stove when he left and could not say whether there was a big fire. It was not customary to build a fire which would last until morning. The furniture upstairs belonged partly to Mr. Cohen and partly to Mr. Lenx. There was some excelsior lying about upstairs that had been thrown there from the packing of the furniture and lamps. He had thrown down his matches after using them.

Chief Watson also gave evidence regarding the operations of the department and his inability to ascertain the cause of the fire. He was positive electric wires were not responsible for it.

The jury, after some consideration, returned the following verdict: "We are unable to find the origin of the fire from the evidence submitted."

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 5.—An area of high barometric pressure covers the North Pacific coast, its centre lying off the Oregon coast; light to moderate rainfall has occurred along the immediate coast, and moderate snowfall east of the Cascades on the higher levels of the plateau districts; the weather is chiefly fair and colder. In the Northwest the cold wave has greatly moderated and the weather is fair with higher temperatures in all sections.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate wind; generally fair and cold. Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, 35; minimum, 23; wind, calm; rain, .01; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.40; temperature, 32; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles S. W.; rain, .01; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 28; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Rapierville—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 19; minimum, 14; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 10 miles N. rain, .01; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 14; minimum, 14; wind, calm; weather, fair.

FIRE PROTECTION AT THE THEATRES

TO BE INVESTIGATED BY CITY OFFICIALS

Council So Decided Last Night—Movement for the Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis.

An important item of business came before the city council at their meeting last night in the shape of a communication from a citizen requesting that the fire protection at the local theatres be looked into by the authorities. It was inspired by the recent terrible disaster in Chicago, and the council in consequence took the view that the request was a most timely one. It was decided to have the various local playhouses thoroughly inspected by competent officials. The communication was from Thos. R. Smith, and was referred to the chief of police, the chief of the fire department and the fire wardens for report.

The secretary of the Ottawa public works department acknowledged the receipt of the council's communication relative to harbor improvements. Received and filed.

Dr. Fagin, secretary of the provincial board of health, communicated the following, copies of which are being circulated in different parts of the province:

A preliminary meeting, with the object of forming a British Columbia association for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis, has been held. A constitution and by-laws are drawn up and will be submitted to a general meeting to be held in Victoria on January 20th, 1904. The public generally are invited to attend this meeting, but I am instructed to make a particular appeal to your body to send a delegate; and further, to ask you to take means to see that your local members be asked to attend, as delegates from your district.

I need hardly point out how urgent this great question is, and when I remind you that Canada loses 8,000, United States over 100,000, and the world 2,000,000 human lives every year from tuberculosis, I think you will admit it is time something should be done, especially in view of the now established fact that consumption is preventable and curable.

As you do not know, there is absolutely nothing being done in British Columbia to prevent the spread of this disease or assist those already afflicted with it. Not only is it a fact that there is no special institution for those who could be assisted, but the ordinary hospitals close their doors to these unfortunate and leave them in despair to die unaided, with the result that they pass on their troubles, not only to the members of their own and their neighbors' families, but the danger to the general public is correspondingly increased.

To attempt to fight such a state of affairs is the reason for calling this meeting. I quote article II. in proposed constitution. It will give you a comprehensive idea of the general aims of the association:

"Article II.

"The object of the association is to prevent the prevalence of consumption and other forms of tuberculosis and to further remedial measures:

"(1) By enlisting the co-operation of the people generally with the medical profession, and by stimulating an interest in measures for lessening the ravages of the disease;

"(2) By investigating the conditions of tuberculosis in British Columbia, and by collecting and publishing useful information;

"(3) By advocating the enactment of appropriate laws for the prevention of the disease;

"(4) By encouraging all concerned to provide suitable accommodation for consumptives in hospitals, sanatoria, and otherwise;

"(5) By such other methods as the association may from time to time adopt."

Faithfully yours,
C. J. FAGAN.

May McCandless expressed himself in sympathy with the movement, which should be endorsed by all citizens. Mr. Hobbins, secretary of the Dairyman's Association, requested the council to establish a standard for butter fat sold in the city. In this connection the Mayor said that Dr. Tolmie had prepared a report showing where the present by-law should be amended.

H. H. Carter, M. D., applied for a refund of the tax paid by him in 1901-02. Referred to the city solicitor.

Jas. Phillips demanded \$500 as compensation for being dispossessed of certain property by the city of Andrew street, James Bay, owing to non-payment

AT THE PLAYHOUSE

"Foxy Grandpa" Amused Audience at Theatre Last Night—"The Bonnie Brier Bush."

There was a fair house and a very much pleased audience at the Victoria last night when Wm. A. Bray's "Foxy Grandpa" was presented by Joseph Hart, who is well known to Victoria playgoers. Carrie De Mar and a strong company, numerically and artistically. There is no original plot to follow in "Foxy Grandpa"; it is a potpourri of musical, scenic and funny events, and a very contagious humor permeates all. The scenic effects were among the best that have been seen on the local stage for some time. The company possesses an excellent chorus, and a number of solos and duets were sung in an attractive manner.

As central figures in the play, Joseph Hart, the wily old grandpa, and his grandchild, Harry Pilcox and Bobby Harrington, gave excellent portrayals of their characters, while Carrie De Mar, the grandpa's protegee, acted her role in a captivating manner. Eugene Redding also came in for a good deal of applause, his facial representations being given with lightning rapidity and with accurate delineations.

"The Bonnie Brier Bush," in which J. H. Stoddart has taken rank among the foremost American stars, is booked for presentation here to-morrow and Thursday night, and local theatre-goers will have opportunity to again see the acting and the play that have won from critics and public the highest commendation given in many seasons. The piece is primarily a romantic comedy, although Mr. Stoddart's role as the bigoted Lachlan Campbell is serious enough. The New York Times, in commenting upon this said: "It is in the scene where Lachlan doubts the validity of his young daughter's secret marriage with young Lord Hay, and thrusts her into the night, that Mr. Stoddart reveals in all their fullness his splendid dramatic powers. His acting is tremendous, but when the girl is gone and he sits down to blot her name from the family Bible, the consciousness of his loss overcomes him. Here the actor touches a note of pathos so profound as to be solemn—almost sacred. His quiet, touching delivery of the Biblical lines with which the play ends is a study in consummate theatrical art." Mr. Stoddart is accompanied upon his tour by his New York support.

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OPINION IN THE WEST.

We are pleased to observe that the Colonist has seen the error of its ways and is now a strong supporter of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway scheme.

It will be a curious thing to find the political parties in the Dominion in harmony on the two great questions of the day, preferential trade and the development of a new Canada by the construction of another transcontinental railway.

But while Liberals contently view the confusion of argument that is proceeding from various parts of Canada, there are patriotic Conservatives who have their doubts as to the sincerity of their leader's professions.

Why? Because, in his own words, "feeling as I do in a very strong and clear way that I cannot agree with the Conservative policy on the two main matters affecting the West, I wish to briefly explain a few of the reasons which are taking me out of my accustomed course. I refer to tariff and transportation. It is a matter of consistency with me, or very largely so, I find it hard to go back on declarations that I have been making on the house-tops, as it were, in elections for many years past, and indeed I decline to do so. I am not conscious of any change of view. The change is elsewhere."

The Colonist's Ottawa correspondent has given us just four days to prepare for a Dominion general election. It is scarcely credible that the government would hold an election without going through the formality of nominating candidates. But one never can tell. Grits are capable of anything, if the voracious correspondent is reliable, which we fear very much he is not, judging from the marvels of imagination he is sending out and asking innocent readers to believe.

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the tariff wall. Their policy is no longer one of moderate protection, but of high protection. The policy was to lower duties where possible. It seems to me that it is now to raise duties where possible. This policy—this change of policy, and a most drastic change at that, because it involves a difference as absolute as the difference between walking up a ladder and walking down—I say that in my humble opinion, after the best thought I can give it, I feel this policy is opposed to the interests of the Western country. Believing this, I have no option but to oppose it.

"As to transportation, I have been advocating increased facilities to the best of my humble power for many years. When the Liberal party evolves a bold and statesmanlike scheme like the G. T. P.—when it proposes to throw another railroad clear across the continent—to practically double the habitable area of Canada, to give the West a thousand miles of new road and probably with spurs and branches double that mileage—when it proposes to do this without calling for one specific dollar of money or of one acre of land from the West, I cannot stultify the utterances of half a generation by refusing it because it comes from Liberal hands.

"Exception will be taken to the statement that not an acre of Western land will be called for. I have read Mr. Sifton's speech, and am satisfied that not an acre of our land or the proceeds of an acre of our land will be confiscated or appropriated for the purpose of building the G. T. P. I have expressed myself somewhat fully on this matter in a letter printed some time ago, and need not go into it further here. I will only add that we should be foolish to reject it and to wait for the possible materializing of the Borden scheme, which has, among others, the fatal objection that it would divert the voice of the C. P. R. upon our tracks for the next twenty years. I prefer a scheme which, if it does not remove that yoke entirely, will lighten it very appreciably."

"THE MAKERS OF CANADA."

For the patriotic Canadians there should be no course of reading of greater interest than the history of their country as depicted in the lives of the great men who have gone before. The Canadian people have within the last half dozen years had brought home to their minds in striking fashion the fact that for no country in the world is there a greater future than for this Dominion. No doubt the makers of the country foresaw the possibilities. To some of them the future probably did not stand out as clearly in the foreground of the national panorama as it did to others. British statesmen who came over to guide us in the days of our somewhat "tottery" footsteps did not appreciate the potentialities of the young community divided as they were in sentiment and separated into, at that time, necessary political divisions. The fathers of Confederation, however, were men of faith, and they exemplified that faith in their works. Differences of a racial character, even the religious prejudices of a period when such antipathies were strong and deeply rooted, were forgotten in the great work of laying the foundations of the Dominion. If such had not been the case the East and the West, in the restricted sense of more than three decades ago, could not have been united, and the greater union of later years must inevitably have been postponed, involving the possibility of permanent disharmony. But the great blow was struck at the right time, and the result is the Canada of today.

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We sincerely hope the air is so dry in the East that the cold wave is not causing serious inconvenience to flesh and blood. We confess we have our doubts. When the mercury drops below zero the atmosphere must be cold, whatever the amount of moisture carried. And is it not a fact that dryness of atmosphere is a result of intense cold? If it is not a fact it is a fact that drought in the atmosphere and low temperatures usually travel together. The Lord tempers the conditions to shivering mortals. While we should like to see the youth of the city and environs having a gay time, we hope the cold wave will devote itself exclusively to the East, where they are used to such conditions. We do not want your weather here, whether the atmosphere be heavily or lightly charged with moisture.

The McBride government, it is announced, will have enough money when it disposes of its million dollars worth of debentures to meet all obligations up to the end of the financial year, or for about six months. The extent of the retrenchment practiced appears to lie in the discharge of a few civil servants. But the taxes will be coming in by the time the loan is exhausted, and as they will be increased under the new Assessment Act, it is evidently hoped an appeal to the bank will not be necessary. We shall see. A good deal depends upon the attitude of the masters of the administration, the Socialists. Any demands they may make must be satisfied.

Conservatives claim the preferential trade policy is theirs and that they are in favor of the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific (all of them in the West except McBride and his colleagues, who forwarded that remarkable minute of council to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and nearly caused the First Minister of the Dominion to resign). Haven't the great limiters heard that no Chinese are coming into British Columbia. Wasn't that their work, too?

Maude Geoghegan Sullivan, 1st in proficiency, 1st in nature study, 1st in Canadian history; Constance Elinor Fisher, 1st in British history; Winifred Greig, 1st in writing, 1st in grammar and composition; Tillman Alfred Briggs, 1st in geography, 1st in English literature; Florence Georgina Spencer, 1st in arithmetic, 1st in reading; Dorothy Olivia McTavish, 1st in spelling; John Stanley Piatt, 2nd in general proficiency; Ethel May Abery, 2nd in British history, 2nd in literature, 2nd in reading; Archibald A. Boyd, 2nd in Canadian history; Catherine Adelaide Munsie, 2nd in reading; Robert Tindal Mackay, arithmetic; Ralph Carmichael Bamford, nature study; James Petticrew, British and Canadian history; Eugene Clair Hewarson, 1st in drawing; Elsie Sparrow, head of division two; Lawrence Brunell, composition, division three.

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An' Miss Maclean, she's lo'ed by a', She needs nae strain to teach a'; It comes an' an' t'ral, ane can see, She's at hame wi' you an' me.

Then Miss McFarlane, we a' ken, Is anxious that the children cheer; An' for Miss Wriglesworth we cheer, She's first to teach the wee weans here.

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75c Black Taffeta Wednesday 50c yard.

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\$1.00 Taffetas for 50c Checks and Stripes.

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City News in Brief.

Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktail.

Baxter Hive, No. 8, L. O. T. M., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at Seuple's hall, Victoria West.

Shortly after arrival at San Francisco from Victoria, J. Seward, an oiler on the steamer City of Puebla, had three ribs broken. While in the engine room he received a tremendous blow from which he sustained his injuries.

City police officer, Harry O'Leary, who has been off duty for a week or two in consequence of an attack of quincy, is still unable to take his place on the force. He is now improving, and is expected to resume duty in the course of a few days.

Commencing this evening at 8 o'clock a series of socials will be held in St. John's schoolroom, Herald street. The programme for the occasion is being arranged by the younger members of the congregation. All who attend are assured a pleasant evening.

The young ladies' basketball team are putting in some hard practice for their game with the New Westminster lady players at the drill hall next Saturday evening. At their practice last night they played excellent combination and clever shooting. The game will be played in the second part of the programme, and will commence at 9:30 o'clock.

The meeting of the annual week of prayer to-night will be in the Congregational church, Pandora street. The choir will be taken at 8 o'clock by Rev. D. MacRae, and Rev. W. C. King and Geo. Carter are expected to deliver short addresses on "The Church and Young People." It is hoped that there will be a good turnout of those interested in this movement.

On Tuesday, January 12th, at 7:30 a.m. an entrance scholarship for new day scholars will be competed for at the Collegiate school. The subjects will be: Bible history, English grammar, dictation, spelling, English and Canadian history, geography and arithmetic. The names and ages of the prospective candidates must be in the hands of the head master before the end of the week.

Last night the Edison played to crowded houses. Everybody wanted to see the gun spinners, who entertain with the most marvellous variety on the coast. Their sensational finish causes no end of comment and applause. Owing to the illness of Miss Beane, Frank LeRoy will sing the beautiful illustrated song, "Life's Game of See-Saw." Scaries and Grospe, the most comical comedy sketch team here for some time, received an encore. The moving pictures, as usual, are interesting and laughable. The transformation scene in the tunnel is most amusing.

An enjoyable Christmas tree was given to the children of the Prospect Lake school on Tuesday evening, December 29th. In connection with the tree a very good programme of songs and recitations was rendered by the children and adults. A beautiful supper was supplied by the ladies of the district, and nearly a hundred persons sat down to the tables and enjoyed themselves. H. E. Tanner, M. P. P. for the district, who was present, delivered an appropriate address. The proceedings were closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts, of Saanich, who very kindly drove over with his gramophone, and greatly assisted in passing the evening off so merrily.

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Agnes Marie Elizabeth, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harvey, died at Comox on Sunday, January 3rd.

W. H. Adams, sporting goods store, beg to inform their friends and customers that they have removed to 104 Government street, opposite B. C. market.

Owing to the forthcoming Christmas tree entertainment of the Foresters, the next fortnightly dance of this society will be held on the 7th inst., and on Thursdays thereafter.

The honorary president of the Daughters of City acknowledges with grateful thanks the promise of \$30.80 from Mr. G. H. Barnard, for the purpose of purchasing new chairs for convalescent patients in the free wards at the hospital.

Mr. Rutherford Durham Noble, of Edinburgh, Scotland, and Miss Mary Fowler Withers, of Reading, Berkshire, England, were united in matrimony on New Year's Eve by Rev. Dr. Rowe. The happy couple have taken up their residence on San Juan avenue.

A meeting of the general committee of the local L. O. O. F. lodges will be held on Thursday evening for the purpose of considering arrangements for the masquerade ball to be given Friday, January 15th. Present indications are that the affair will be an unqualified success.

This evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, at Sir William Wallace hall, a special meeting of Court Columbia, No. 834, Canadian Order of Foresters, will be held. Among the business matters to be dealt with will be the election and installation of officers. All members are asked to attend.

For thirty days we are making a large reduction in the price of overcoats. No reason why you should freeze, so call and see our large stock of fashionable overcoats, purchase one and keep warm. And reduction in price of suits and pants. Kinnaird, The Cash Tailor, 62 Johnson street.

The children's Cinderella, usually given in connection with the hospital ball, will take place this year under the auspices of the Daughters of City on or about February 12th. It will be a Valentine party, and all friends are asked to make a note of the date. Further particulars will appear later.

Arrangements are about completed for a charity concert to be given in Victoria West in Seuple's hall, Friday evening, by the leading musical talent of the city, assisted by the talented mandolin and whistler, A. K. Prince, and the celebrated G. L. Duffin, guitarist and vocalist. Under their skilful handling these instruments seem to live and breathe. Mr. Prince's whistling accompaniments are in themselves musical gems of high order. Begin the New Year by assisting this laudable object, and at the same time enjoy an excellent and unique entertainment.

This is a cosmopolitan age in which we live—an age in which men travel on both business and pleasure. Have you considered how important it is when you may have to take a journey to the Yukon, to China and Japan, or to the torrid zone, that you should have a world wide policy, under which you have complete freedom of travel, residence and occupation? In most life insurance companies a man is required to obtain a permit and pay an extra premium for these privileges, but in the old reliable Mutual Life of Canada you have complete freedom of travel and residence without extra cost. For rates and information apply to R. L. Drury, provincial manager, 34 Broad street.

The following donations are thankfully acknowledged for the month of December at the Aged and Infirm Women's Home, including Christmas donations: Ladies' Aid Reformed Episcopal church, pies and jelly; Friend, sack potatoes; Mr. Durham, sack potatoes; Mrs. Watson, jam and reading matter; Mrs. Manning, box oranges; Mrs. McNeil, 3 boxes oranges and reading matter; Miss Shore, pair gloves; Mrs. Carne, soup, pudding, cake, tea and handkerchiefs; A Friend, box oranges and sack potatoes; A Friend, plum pudding and fruit; Mrs. W. L. Clay, 2 boxes oranges; Miss Rita McTavish, cakes; A Friend, pudding; Mrs. Goodacre, cakes, cards and handkerchiefs; Miss Dorothy McTavish, box candy and handkerchiefs to all inmates; Mrs. Russell, short bread to each inmate; R. Porter & Sons, turkey; Mrs. Sylvestre, reading matter; Miss Spencer, cards to all; Mrs. Wm. Grant, nuts and chocolates; Mrs. J. D. McNiven, box oranges; Miss Geismann, box oranges; Mrs. A. McKeown, tea; Mr. Wm. Don, cheese, figs, cakes, etc.; Dr. Lewis Hall, oranges, nuts and candies; Mrs. W. R. Higgins, sausages; Mrs. A. L. Dickenson, oranges and jam; Mr. J. L. White (druggist), basket candies; Mrs. (Senator) Templeman, tea and turkey; Mrs. B. W. Pearce, turkey; E. Carne, jr., 1 box cakes and tinned pears; Mrs. F. W. Dempster, candies, cake and reading matter; Mrs. Van Tassel, aprons and slippers; Mrs. P. C. MacGregor, doughnuts and jam; Mrs. C. H. Todd, 55; Mrs. Geo. Berridge, 55; Mr. Bagshaw, 52; Wm. Grant, 510; Times and Colonist, daily papers.

The Paterson Shoe Co.'s Stores January Shoe Bargains

- See Them in Our Windows.
- Boys' Standard Brand Laced Boots, sizes 1 to 5, \$1.50
 - Youths' Standard Brand Laced Boots, sizes 11 to 13, \$1.25
 - Ladies' Fine Dougala Laced Boots, stout soles, patent tips, regular \$2.50, now \$1.75
 - Ladies' Velour Calf Laced Boots, stout soles, Mat kid tops, regular \$3.00, now \$2.00
 - Misses' Box Calf Laced Boots, regular \$2, now \$1.50
 - Child's Box Calf Laced Boots, \$1.00, \$1.25
 - Men's Box Calf, Goodyear welt, leather lined, regular \$4.00, now \$3.00
- It doesn't pay to miss bargains like these—they're money savers.

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A Question for To-day

Don't wait until the best has been selected. Early buyers have the advantage of better selections and better service. Everything is here now to your liking. Far in advance of all competitors, this store stands pre-eminently in the first place for Holiday Shopping.

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77 Government Street.

Yesterday the local branch of the B. C. Electric Railway Company received a car from the Mainland, similar to the two new cars recently put on the Fort street run. It is understood that it will also be used on the latter route.

Next Wednesday evening, January 13th, the annual meeting of the B. C. Agriculture Association will be held. Important matters will come up for consideration, and an executive will be elected for the ensuing term. Retiring officers will submit reports. A full attendance is requested.

The opening of St. Ann's Academy for the spring and summer session took place this morning. After a pleasant Christmas vacation the pupils will take up their studies with new energy. Besides the usual classes the department for shorthand and typewriting will be continued this term, as the results during the past several years have been most satisfactory.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ada Harrington, widow of the late Rev. Edward Tompler Harrington, of Devon, Eng., took place this morning from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Clark, Oak Bay avenue, at 10:30, and at Christ Church cathedral at 11 o'clock. The Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, assisted by Rev. E. Esnor Sharp, conducted appropriate services. Mr. Pauline presided at the organ. Rev. E. Esnor officiated at the graveside. Beautiful floral emblems were presented and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. D. M. Ebbetts, J. Simon, A. F. W. Welby, Solomon, A. S. Drumblerton, W. Ridge-way Wilson and J. H. Poff.

At the regular quarterly meeting of Court Vancouver, A. O. F., held last evening in the K. of P. hall, the following officers were elected: J. H. Mansell, P. C. R.; A. F. H. Brown, G. R.; L. Smith, V. C. R.; W. B. Hall, Treas.; S. Wilson, Sec.; A. P. Mansell, S. W.; F. Mottram, J. W.; T. Pabey, S. B.; P. J. Davies, J. B.; Dr. F. Hall, surgeon. These were duly installed by District Deputy Wm. McKay, assisted by the following officers: P. Nelson, J. W.; J. P. Hancock, S. C. R.; E. P. Watson, Sec.; H. Maynard, Treas.; Wm. Wrightworth, S. W.; Dr. Carter, J. W.; Mr. Bailey, S. B.; A. E. Greenwood, J. B. The installation being concluded the officers elected entertained the installing officers and members of the court to a supper in the dining room of the hall.

W. B. Gibbons, of the Tacoma First Congregational church, has taken over the duties of organist at St. John's church, the position recently vacated by A. Longfield. Referring to Mr. Gibbons' departure the Ledger says: "The resignation of W. B. Gibbons as organist of the First Congregational church was received with the deepest regret by the trustees and congregation. Mr. Gibbons came to Tacoma two years ago from Valparaiso, Chile, where he had held a prominent position in musical circles. He has been in charge of the Congregational church organ and choir for nearly a year and a half, and the little organ recitals given by him at the close of each evening service have been extremely popular and delightful. Mr. Gibbons has accepted the position of organist at St. John's church, Victoria, B. C., and will remove there with his family. For the present he will continue to teach and direct the chorus of the Ladies' Musical Club, coming down every week for that purpose."

Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Bracer, Clam Cocktails, K. P. C. Wine. Try them


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THE SECOND DAY OF OUR JANUARY SALE

Truthfulness is a cardinal feature of our daily store news. When we promise exceptional values, no one is going to be disappointed. Shoppers come with confidence, knowing that goods and values will be just as we say. To-morrow will be the second day of our January Sale. Being Wednesday it ought to be the busiest day of the week. We are sure it will be. Our reasons for thinking so will be found in the following items:



Good Waterproof News

This is about the best money-saving information our Mantle Department has handed out for months. These Waterproof Coats are not all this season's styles—but just look at the price, \$6.50 to \$11.50—Rain coats for \$1.50.

- 24 Ladies' Rubber Lined Raincoats, Regular values \$6.00 to \$11.25, Wednesday till sold, Your Choice \$1.50
- Ladies' Stylish Heptometre Raincoats, Regular values \$7.75 to \$9.00 each, WEDNESDAY \$5.00
- Children's Rubber Lined Raincoats, Regular values \$3.50 to \$5.00, WEDNESDAY \$2.50

Men's Underwear

Men's Pile Lined Drawers, Regular value 60c, pair, WEDNESDAY 25c

Men's Heavy Elastic Lined Underwear, Pants and Vests, Regular 50c, to 60c, each, OUR PRICE WEDNESDAY 35c

Men's Extra Heavy Ribbed Underwear, All Wool, Pants and Vests, Although they are exceptional value at 75c, our regular price, they are yours on WEDNESDAY FOR \$1.25

"Turnbull's" Hand Knit Underwear, double breasted Vests, pure wool, all sizes, Regular values \$1.50 to \$2.00 each, WEDNESDAY \$1.25

NEW LACE TIE, REGULAR VALUE 35c EACH, SALE PRICE 25c.

Flannelette Wear

- Ladies' Flannelette Shirts, Regular value 60c, each, WEDNESDAY 40c
- Ladies' Stylish Flannelette Nightgowns, Regular value \$1.15 each, WEDNESDAY 75c
- Ladies' Dainty Flannelette Drawers, trimmed with lace, Regular value 50c, pair, WEDNESDAY 60c
- Ladies' Flannelette Dressing Scaques, new style, Regular value \$1.25, WEDNESDAY \$1.00

Dressing Jackets

There's no reason under the sun why these beautiful Dressing Jackets should go on the bargain counter—except that they have fallen victims to our January Sale price cutting habit.

Ladies' Elderdown Dressing Jackets, in plain and fancy, velvet trimmed, all sizes, Regular values \$2.50 to \$2.80 each, YOUR CHOICE ON WEDNESDAY \$1.25

LADIES' SILK WAISTS, REGULAR \$3.75 TO \$6.50, SALE PRICE \$1.75.

Children's Dresses

Here is an instance showing how our January Sale is of interest to those buying Dress Needs for Children. We're making three of our January Sale values do the honors for Wednesday:

- Children's Pretty Cashmere Dresses, lace trimmed, Regular values \$2.50 to \$3.00, WEDNESDAY \$1.50
- Children's China Silk Dresses, Regular value \$4.00, each, WEDNESDAY \$2.00
- Children's Silk Bonnets, Regular values \$1.75 to \$4.00, each, WEDNESDAY \$1.25

Kid Gloves

Ladies' Lined Kid Gloves, with fur tops, Regular value \$1.25 a pair, ON WEDNESDAY 35c

Suede Evening Gloves, Regular value \$1.50 pair, WEDNESDAY 50c

Ladies' Real French Kid Gloves, in all shades, Regular value \$1.25 a pair, WEDNESDAY FOR 50c

Ladies' Real French Kid Gloves, in Modes only, with fancy tops, Regular value \$2.00 a pair, WEDNESDAY 75c

Other small lots of Wednesday Bargains will be ready at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, but quantities and prices are too small to advertise.

THE HUTCHESON COMPANY, LIMITED, VICTORIA, B. C.

IF YOU'VE SEEN A MAN SINCE XMAS

These are the Goods People Are Looking for After the Holidays.

Seville Oranges, per box 75c
The only oranges suitable for Marmalade.
Finest Manitoba Jersey Creamery Butter, 1 pound blocks 25c

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At current rates. Improved real estate security.

Insure in the **Manchester Fire Assurance Co.** Established 1824.

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New Year For An **OVERCOAT**

A few choice ones left and they are being sold at REDUCED PRICES. See for yourself.

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No. 25 Stanley Ave.
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With All Modern Conveniences.

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No. 52 Pandora St.
No. 45 View St.
No. 281 Johnson St.
No. 99 Pandora St.

P. R. Brown, Ltd.,
30 BROAD ST.

APPETIZING... Grosse & Blackwell's Marmalade, 1 lb. 15c Each. Never Forget That Our Guarantee Goes With Every Sale We Make. Mowat & Wallace, Leading Grocers, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.



ATHLETICS. NAVAL TOURNEY. A naval boxing tournament will be held at the Pillingham hall on Thursday evening, and an excellent programme has been arranged for the occasion.

MONTHLY COMPETITIONS. The third monthly medal competitions of the Victoria Golf Club resulted as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Score, H.C.P., Result. Lists names like Miss Todd, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Martin, etc.

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HOCKEY. OTTAWA WON. Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The last of the Stanley cup championship hockey matches took place to-night, the Ottawas beating Winnipeg two to nothing.

THE KENNEL. PREPARING FOR SHOWS. A meeting of the bench show committee of the Victoria Kennel Club will be held on Monday next for the purpose of arranging a premium list for the annual show.

MR. J. C. FROST. A Victim of Severe Headaches and Bilious Attacks. Mr. John C. Frost, Toronto, Ont., a sufferer for fifteen years, writes that: "I have been subject to severe headaches and bilious attacks for the past fifteen years."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. PROFESSIONALISM LEGALIZED. The London Football Association have at last bowed to the inevitable, and after considerable pressure brought to bear upon them in certain high quarters have agreed to legalize professionalism.

At zero Centigrade, crude rubber loses its elasticity and softness and becomes rigid and inelastic. When heated to 100 or 120 Centigrade, it gets soft, viscid and inelastic.

We have to treat crude rubber chemically to make it stand extremes of temperature and everyday wear. We had a secret chemical process fifty years ago—it's a better one now, of course—as near perfect as can be—actual experience proves that.

TRY THE Scotch Bakery. 103 Douglas Street. FOR THE REAL Christmas Scotch Short Bread. TENDERS. For the purchase of the Gwynne Estate, situated on Salt Spring Island, B.C., will be received up to the 8th day of January, 1904.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOEL TWAY, LATE OF LAKE DISTRICT, B.C. DECEASED. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Joel Tway, who died on the 18th day of December, 1903, are required to send in to the undersigned full particulars of their claims.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GODFREY KENNEL, DECEASED. Take notice that pursuant to the Trusts and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Godfrey Kennel, who died on the 18th day of December, 1903, are required to send in to the undersigned full particulars of their claims.

PAINE'S Celery Compound Cured Him. Medical advice free to all who desire it. "Consulting" Physician. The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, 200 Mountain street, Montreal P.Q.

TRIAL SHIPMENT. Capt. John Irving Will Go North in Order to Bring Ore From Arctic Chief. Capt. John Irving will leave to-night for the north. He will visit the Arctic Chief mine near White Horse, in which he is deeply interested, and will superintend the shipment of about two hundred tons of copper ore for treatment at the Vancouver Island smelters.



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PATENTS TRADE MARKS AND COPYRIGHTS. PROCURED IN ALL COUNTRIES. Searches of the records carefully made and reports given. Call or write for information. ROWLAND BRITTON, Mechanical Engineer and Patent Attorney, 200 Mountain Street, Montreal P.Q.

The Most Critical Tastes SUGGUMB TO "CANADA" GEYLON Tea. Black, Mixed or Natural Green. It is delicious and pure. Sold only in sealed lead packets. By all Grocers.

Bleached Sheetings, Grey Sheetings, Bleached Cottons, Grey Cottons, Cantons, Ducks, Drills. COTTONS. Also 10-4 and 11-4 Cotton Blankets. J. PIERCY & CO., Wholesale Dry Goods, VICTORIA.

15 Per Cent. 15 Per Cent. 15 Per Cent. Table Lamps. Which, arriving too late for the Xmas Trade, we are offering at 15 per cent. discount to reduce our stock. These are genuine bargains.

THE HINTON ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED. 62 Government Street. Lett's and Canadian Office Diaries. T. N. Hibben & Co. Than anywhere else in the city.

Creditors' Notice. IN THE MATTER OF ACHILLE BOSSI, DECEASED, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, AND OF PORTO CERESIO, COMO, ITALY, INTESTATE. Letters of administration of the estate and effects of the said Achille Bossi, have been granted to Leonard Calvert Mills, an Attorney-in-Fact of the said Achille Bossi.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. "THE FLYER" The People's Train. Leaves Seattle 8.30 a. m. daily to Spokane, St. Paul, Duluth, Chicago, Buffalo, New York, Toronto, Montreal and points West.

OCEANIC COMPANY FOR Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. S.S. MARIPOSA, for Tahiti, Jan. 6, 1904, 11 a. m. S.S. ALAMEDA, sails for Honolulu, Saturday, Jan. 9, 11 a. m.

PUGET SOUND NAVIGATION CO. STEAMER FOR PUGET SOUND. Steamer Clallam. Sails daily, except Sunday, at 7.30 p. m. for Seattle and Port Townsend.

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY. TIME TABLE NO. 48, TAKING EFFECT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29. Table with columns: Direction, Station, Time.

CANADIAN PACIFIC And Soo Pacific Line WORLD'S SCENIC ROUTE. LOWEST RATES. BEST SERVICE. To all points in Canada and the United States.

ALASKA ROUTE. Port Simpson and Shagway, Jan. 5. Amur to Northern British Columbia way ports, 1st and 15th each month, 11 p. m.

Atlantic Steamship Sailings. From St. John, N.B. Pretorian-Allan Line, Jan. 2. Sicilian-Allan Line, Jan. 16.

THE GREAT NORTHERN. 75 Government Street, Victoria, B. C. 2 TRANSCONTINENTAL - TRAINS DAILY - 2. Direct connection with steamers to and from Seattle.

CHANGING OF TIME TABLE—IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 19th, 1903. VICTORIA TERMINAL RAILWAY & FERRY CO. By Daylight. TO VANCOUVER & NEW WESTMINSTER DAILY TRAINS.

SIDNEY & NANAIMO TRANSPORTATION CO., LTD. Time Table Taking Effect 30th Nov., 1903. Victoria & Sidney railway train leaving Victoria at 8 a. m. connects at Sidney with steamer "Troquois."

3-TRANSCONTINENTAL-3 - TRAINS DAILY - WHEN GOING TO St. Paul, Chicago, New York or Eastern Canadian Points. TAKE THE Northern Pacific Railway.

During the Winter THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROUTE. Will keep up a continuous Mail, Passenger, Express and Freight Service between White Horse and Dawson in connection with the daily train from and to Shagway.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM. SOLID THROUGH TRAINS BETWEEN Chicago, Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia. "VIA NIAGARA FALLS."

FOR San Francisco. LEAVE VICTORIA, 8 P.M. Queen, Jan. 4, 10, Feb. 3. City of Seattle, Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 8. Umattila, Jan. 14, 28, Feb. 12.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. -AND- China Mutual Steam Navigation Co. (Limited). Joint Service From Antwerp, London, Glasgow and Liverpool.

NORTHERN PACIFIC TICKET OFFICE. Car. Overpass and Value Streets, VICTORIA, B. C.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

VANCOUVER.

The number of cases tried in the police court during the month of December was 158. If to these are added 12 cases adjourned till this month, it brings the total to 170 in all.

After a lingering illness, Charles Donald Needham died on Friday at St. Paul's hospital, aged 40 years. He was a relative of the Earl of Kilmorey, and leaves a widow to whom his son is heir.

About two weeks ago the four robbers left of 70 which were shipped, were liberated in Stanley Park. They remained in the vicinity of the house for a few days, and then flew away. One pair was taken up quarters on DeLima's Island. In the aviary at the park were about 50 gold finches, and a dozen of these were allowed to go on Thursday. They disappeared immediately among the trees surrounding the deer park. Twenty-five meadow larks, also of the consignment from England, were taken to Sea Island on New Year's Day and given their freedom.

The fire department answered 36 calls last year. The amount of insurance on the property affected is \$132,000 and the total losses by fire \$10,326, much less than in 1902. The principal blaze on Fourth street. The vital statistics for last year were: Births, 176; deaths, 172; marriages, 52. In 1902 they were: Births, 203; deaths, 185, and marriages, 116. The returns from Lander sub-registry for the last three months are not included in the 1903 returns.

The ferry boat Surrey carried in the neighborhood of 80,000 passengers last year. About 15,000 teams and carriages crossed the Fraser during the twelve months on the ferry. There were also hundreds of loads of cattle and other live stock. The receipts were about \$11,000, an increase of \$2,000 over 1902.

The police records for 1903 show: Number of offences charged, 415; convictions, 323; dismissed or otherwise disposed of, 76; committed for trial, 16; fines, \$2,850. Among the notable captures here last year were: Boles wanted in Denver for murder; Penucaua wanted in California for murder; Leonard and Lorenzo wanted in Victoria for robbery under arms.

Frank Rische, the unfortunate Italian killed at the Coquitlam end of the Vancouver Power Company's tunnel last week, was not the victim of an explosion as first reported. He was asphyxiated through inhaling smoke in one of the small outbuildings at the tunnel works. Rische was employed in handling the dynamite and other explosives used in blasting in the tunnel, and part of his work was to keep on the fire in a small building attached by hot water pipes to one in which the dynamite sticks were "thawed" before using. About 10 o'clock in the morning the building took fire, and Rische went to put it out. He went back to the place. The other men were busy placing the explosives in the other building out of danger and later, when they heard of Rische, they found the poor fellow in the shack quite dead, his body being completely burned.

Wednesday night saw the end of the mortgage on the Methodist church. The liabilities of the church having been paid off, a public burning of the mortgage deed was held in the now unincumbered edifice.

Contractor Robt. MacKay has commenced work on the boarding house and sawmill at the Iron Peak mine. The sawmill will be used for preparing lumber for the construction of the concentrator and for general mine purposes.

Although the names of only a few of the better known mineral claims are mentioned in connection with the mining operations carried on within the district, there is a good deal of work done in a quiet way, attracting no special attention but which will, or much of it, in the near future have an abundant reward. Since January 1st, 1903, there were issued at the office of the mining recorder here 306 miners' licenses, and 108 claims were recorded. Assessment work has been done on no fewer than 187 claims, the number representing a cash value of \$18,700 in assessment work done.

During the past twelve months there has been a considerable amount of activity in the building trades, the local contractors being kept busy, not only in the city itself, but in the country. A partial list of the new buildings erected in the city shows that the value of these additions amounts to between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

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encouraging record. That 1904 will equal the shipments of last year there can be no doubt, and the promise is of much better things. The outlook is cheering, with few bad features in sight.

Monday was the fourteenth day of one of the severest cold spells in the memory of the oldest inhabitant of Montreal. No excessively low thermometer has as yet been established, but there has been a succession of cold days without intermission that weather records do not show an equivalent for.

Wood's Phosphatine, The Great English Remedy, is an old, well established and reliable preparation. Has been prescribed and used over 40 years. All druggists in the Dominion of Canada sell and recommend it as being the only medicine of its kind that cures and gives universal satisfaction. It promptly and permanently cures all forms of Nervous Weakness, Epilepsy, Spasmodic Cholera, Indigestion, and all other ailments of the stomach, and is the only medicine of its kind that cures and gives universal satisfaction. It promptly and permanently cures all forms of Nervous Weakness, Epilepsy, Spasmodic Cholera, Indigestion, and all other ailments of the stomach, and is the only medicine of its kind that cures and gives universal satisfaction.

Delegates from Nelson city to the Liberal nominating convention to be held here on January 12th were elected at a special meeting of the Liberal Association last week. On the basis of representation agreed upon, that is, one delegate for each fifty votes or fraction thereof cast at the recent provincial elections, this city is entitled to 17 delegates. The following were elected as delegates: Dr. E. C. Arthur, W. W. Beer, M. Scully, A. K. Wattie, James McIlhee, R. J. Hamilton, S. S. Taylor, Wm. Gilbert, John McLeod, Otto Gebert, Thos. Madden, John A. Turner, John Hamilton, G. Gilchrist, F. J. Deane, Dr. Geo. A. B. Hall and P. Fred Hume. Four alternates were also elected. They are: P. E. Wilson, A. B. Dockstader, G. Hale and J. A. McDonald. On the question of whether or not the delegates should be instructed as to whom to support, some discussion arose, but while all present were unanimously of the opinion that W. A. Gallier, M. P., was entitled to the gratitude and support of the entire constituency, it was decided that his candidature would not be strengthened by binding the delegates to support him. A motion to the effect that the delegates should be given a free hand was carried. A committee consisting of Dr. Arthur, J. Fred Hume, J. A. Turner, T. Madden and John Hamilton was appointed to engage a suitable hall and make all necessary arrangements for the convention.

For the week ending December 26th all previous records were smashed in the output of the Crown's Nest Base Coal Company. Not only was the aggregate output of the three collieries large, but the record for each colliery was likewise broken. The total output for the week of six days was 21,000 tons.

German subjects are liable to military service between seventeen and forty-five.

DIAMOND DYES CONTRIBUTE LARGELY TO WINTER'S PLEASURES.



DIAMOND DYES will restore to new life and usefulness last year's faded skating dresses, skirts, jackets, stockings, caps, tams, knickerbockers, trousers and coats. Try them and save money.

W. D. Stout has been elected president of the Dominion Express Company, succeeding the late John Cassils. He organized the company 21 years ago.

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Public meetings will be held by the candidates for the Mayoralty at the following times and places: Fire Hall, Oklandis, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 8 o'clock; People's Hall, Victoria, West, Thursday, Jan. 7, 8 o'clock; South Ward School, Friday, Jan. 8, 8 o'clock; North Ward School, Monday, Jan. 11, 8 o'clock; Odd Fellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, Tuesday, Jan. 12, 8 o'clock. All other Candidates are invited to attend. Chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.

THE MAYORALTY. Organization Meeting. A Meeting of the Supporters of MR. G. H. BARNARD Will be held on Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, at 8 o'clock, at the rooms over the Army and Navy Cigar Store, corner of Government and Bastion streets. All supporters of Mr. Barnard are invited to attend.

Manual Training School DEPOT FOR TOOLS For Boys. Nicholles & Renouf, Ltd., Corner Yates and Broad Sts., Victoria, B. C.

Northwestern Smelting & Refining Co. Buyers of GOLD, SILVER AND COPPER ORES, MATTES, BULLION, FURNACE AND CYANIDE PRODUCTS. Location of Works: Crofton, Vancouver Island, B. C.

To the Electors of Central Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce that I will be a candidate for the Central Ward and respectfully request your vote and influence at the coming election. A. STEWART. Cor. Yates and Blanchard Sts.

To the Electors of Central Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the Central Ward and respectfully request your vote and influence at the coming election. H. E. LEY.

To the Electors of Central Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. WM. HUMPHREY 103 Cadboro Bay road.

To the Electors of South Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the opening election. F. W. VINCENT.

To the Electors of South Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. W. WILSON.

To the Electors of South Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. JAMES A. DOUGLAS. Fairfield road.

To the Electors of South Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. B. S. ODDY.

To the Electors of South Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. THOMAS I. WORTHINGTON.

To the Electors of North Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I beg to offer myself for re-election as one of your representatives on the Aldermanic Board at the forthcoming municipal elections, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. H. M. GRAHAME.

To the Electors of North Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for North Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence at the coming election. JOHN KINSMAN.

To the Electors

At the solicitation of a large number of electors, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for School Trustee in the approaching municipal election, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence. P. J. RIDDELL.

Municipal Notice

Municipal Elections, 1904.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7.30 p. m., in the manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid. For the office of Alderman for North Ward, in Room No. 9, Public Market Building, Cormorant street. For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, in Room No. 7, Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, in Room No. 5, Public Market Building, Cormorant street, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are natural British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for, and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are natural British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of five hundred dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904. WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Returning Officer.

Municipal Notice

Election of School Trustees.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing four (4) persons as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District is eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee. The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid, from 9 a. m. to 7.30 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor, will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate, of which ever person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

NOTICE OF REGULATIONS FOR THE TREATY OF MINERAL RIGHTS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES, AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 520 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location. A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital. A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within the limits of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$130 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and nickel, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 160 acres. The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty, not exceeding five per cent.

Placer Mining, Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory, and mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water marks, the latter being 100 feet long, but extending back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory, free miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each five miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent, collected on the output after the first year. Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease. The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from the date of the lease, at \$100 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured from the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 200 feet square. Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days. If the claim is within ten miles of mining recorder's office, one extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction. The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate. The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet altogether, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party or ordinary claims only. Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims on purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another claim staked on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee. Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200. A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year. If the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner. The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette. Hydraulic Mining, Yukon Territory.—Locations suitable for hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for twenty years, provided the ground has been prospected by the applicant or his agent, and is found to be suitable for placer mining; and does not include within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. Rental of \$150 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent on the value of the gold shipped from the Territory are charged. Operations must be commenced within one year from the date of the lease, and not less than \$500 must be expended annually. The lessee extends all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of competent land for agricultural or building purposes. Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for a particular or company having machinery on the land to be prospected, an area of 640 acres. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of \$1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council. Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept., 1903. JAMES A. SMALT, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

Stock-Taking Sale Men's and Boys' OVERCOATS, SUITS and RAINCOATS HALF-PRICE FOR CASH B. Williams & Co., 68-70 Yates St.

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W. JONES, Dominion Government Auctioneer, is instructed by Mr. W. G. Eden, who is retiring from business, to sell AUCTION On the Premises, No. 125 Fort Street, Monday, January 11th

Entire Stock in Trade, Fixtures, Etc. Four Ranges, 2 Heaters, Large Coffee Mill, 6 Women Wire Springs, Lot Beds, Pillows, Tables, Chairs, New and Used Tools of every description, Platform and Other Scales, Hanging and Other Lamps, Writing Desk, Counters, Carpets, Clocks, Baby Buggies, Guns, Curries, Sewing Machines, Hay Chairs, Pinks, Shovels, Spades, Fancy Goods, etc., too numerous to mention. W. JONES, Auctioneer

W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer, Furniture and Effects. Uph. Arm Chairs; Rattan Arm Chairs; Bed Lounges; Centre Tables; Hall Stands; Bureaus; Mirrors; Axminster Carpets; Matting; Portieres; Blinds; Curtains; Oak Extension Dining Table; Oak Dining Chairs; Oak Federal Writing Desk; Glassware; China; 3 Chests of Drawers; One Chipendale Bureau; Washstands; Enamelled Bedstead; Wire and Top Mattresses; Spring Glass; Book Case; Fire Irons; Heaters; Metal Safe; Nugget Steel Range (almost new); Enamelled Ware; Baby Buggy; Lawn Mower; Garden Tools; 90 Feet Garden Hose and Reel; Garden Glass Frames, etc.

Auction. Under instructions from the executors of the late Joshua Davies, I will sell at 195 Cook Street, Friday, January 8th, at 1 p. m. The Whole of the Valuable Antique and Modern FURNITURE Including some rare pieces brought to this country by the late J. P. Davies. Chicking Concert Grand Piano ORGAN, ETC. Particulars later. W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer.

THE ALSEK DISTRICT. Harry Ella—Will Leave For New Diggings in February. Harry Ella, who returned from the north last week, is one of those Victorians enthusiastic over the new Alsek diggings. He says that while in the north he had seen some of the gold brought from the country, and had also seen a number of the prospectors who had come out of the new district. From no one has he heard a poor word spoken of the country, and he considers that it is quite as rich as represented. He believes that Victoria business men should be alive to their interests in the new district, for the "district" may rival the Klondike as a producer, and next spring will see a large exodus thither. So impressed has Mr. Ella been with the reports that he has determined on making a personal investigation, and will head for Bullion creek or some of its tributaries in February next. He may not stay in the country, but he is very anxious to see it. The question of routes, he believes, will be an important matter in connection with the travel into the country, and there may be a new road opened up by entreprising Seattle people by way of Entersburg.

E. J. WALL. THE FIRST SEALER SAILS THURSDAY TRIUMPH AND CASCO LEAVE THIS WEEK Peleus Arrived This Morning With a General Freight for Victoria and Esquimalt.

At the Victoria Sealing Company's wharf, in the upper harbor, there is more activity these days than can be seen elsewhere on the water front. The sealers are busy preparing for sea, and the first will sail on Thursday, according to present plans. The Triumph will head the fleet away, and the Casco will follow on Saturday. Both, as already stated, will head for the Japan coast, and will carry a full complement of white hunters. Next week others of the fleet will sail. All will get away now as soon as possible. This island for their Indian hunters, as in years gone by, and after shipping these, will sail south to meet the seals in their migration north off the California coast.

WAR PROBABLY ENDED. Flour and wheat rates from North Pacific coast points, which have been fixed by monthly agreements at \$3 per ton, will probably be advanced at the end of the present month to \$4 per ton. Negotiations with San Francisco steamship companies, whose rate-cutting has forced down the rates from North Pacific ports, are progressing satisfactorily and it is probable the ruinous war will be ended, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

PELEUS FROM LIVERPOOL. With 400 tons of freight for this city, 300 tons for the navy, Esquimalt, and a large general freight for Seattle and points beyond, the blue funnel liner Peleus arrived at the outer wharf from Liverpool, via Asiatic ports this morning. The Peleus is a freighter much after the type of her companion steamers on the line, having a gross tonnage of 7,441, and an immense carrying capacity. This is the vessel's first trip to British Columbia. Capt. Barwise reports that he left Liverpool on October 17th, having had a voyage devoid of incidents of an interesting character. The ship left Muroan on December 23rd, and makes the previous arrival of the same line brings no passengers, either Asiatic or European.

MARINE NOTES. The owners of the steamer Flyer, which vessel was one of the participants in a triple collision on the Sound between that boat, the Dode and Bellingham on December 6th, have filed an amended libel in the Federal court, demanding \$10,000 from the owners of those vessels for damages inflicted. The owners of the Flyer also filed an answer to the libel instituted against that vessel by the two other participants in the collision, denying responsibility for the accident. Steamer Anmr, in command again of Capt. McCroskie, sails for Skagway to-night, after spending a brief period on the Esquimalt Marine railway. Steamer City of Puebla and Queen

Do not forget that Cowan's Cake Icings Are exactly what you want. A child can ice a cake in 3 minutes. Chocolate, pink, lemon color and white. The Cowan Co., Ltd., TORONTO.

W. A. SMITH. WE ARE MAKING A CLEAN SWEEP OF Apples and Eggs WINDSOR GROCERY COMPANY Opposite Post Office, Government St.

LEGAL NEWS. Number of Applications Disposal of in Chambers This Morning. Before Mr. Justice Martin this morning the following applications were heard: B. C. Land & Investment Agency vs. Jeffrey—Application made by E. E. Wootton to examine judgment. The order was made. John Menzies, deceased—On application, Lindley Crease, probate of will was granted. Re Choy Min—Presentation of infants to the court. Application stood over until tomorrow. A. D. Cruise for infants. Re Times Printing & Publishing Co. J. H. Lawson applied for a winding up order, explaining to the court that the period for which the Times Company was incorporated had expired some time ago, and it was now necessary to wind up the business in its present form, and to re-organize. The order was accordingly made, Senator Templeman being appointed liquidator.

A SUCCESSFUL SMOKER. Members of the Fifth Regiment Pass an Enjoyable Evening. The members of the Fifth Regiment last evening held a smoking concert at the A. O. U. W. hall. The first-class programme was much appreciated by all. Noticeable amongst the talent the committee were fortunate enough to secure was the ever popular J. G. Brown, whose two good songs were well received. Messrs. Keen, Hall, Worlock and Booth gave a splendid rendering of "Sweet and Low," which received a hearty encore. Messrs. Wrightworth and Mellich's exhibition of tumbling and club swinging was greeted with rounds of applause. Mr. Wrightworth's electric club swinging being a particular favorite with the audience. Mr. Duncan, of South African fame, sang in good style "The Admiral's Brown." Three rounds of sparring with the gloves proved to the audience that Trumpey's Earle and Metcalf were no mean exponents of the art of punching. An exhibition of art, which must not be passed over without mention, was given by Mr. Paul Beyrnan. Mr. Edgar Lawrence displayed his talent by giving two selections on the violin, which were much appreciated. The ever popular sergeant Fred Richardson successfully amused the audience with one of his little banjo song sketches, which was vociferously encored. The principal item in the evening was the appearance of Miss Kate Rockwell in her repertory dance. The programme was brought to a successful ending by the singing of "Soldiers of the Queen" by Vera Peter Earle, with illustrations. The chorus was joined in heartily by the men. Such an entertainment as that given last night should prove a strong inducement to intending recruits, as it was solely a regimental affair, and only members could obtain admission. This will not be the last smasher the regiment will hold this winter.

PERSONAL. Cyril Bate, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who is at his home in Nanaimo in consequence of a threatened attack of blood poisoning, is progressing very favorably and is expected soon to be fully recovered. R. C. and J. M. Galletly, J. Hannah, Alex. Dixon and L. C. Fowler were among the passengers from the Sound by the steamer Clallam yesterday. Walter R. Pooley, H. C. Stillinglee and J. L. Eridham, of Kelowna, and John R. Palmer, of Everett, Wash., are among the guests at the Delta hotel. Joseph DeWitt and family, of Crofton; E. L. Burgess, of Tacoma; and Robt. W. Bullen, of Bellingham, are in the city, guests at the Dominion. Sergt. S. L. Redgrave, of the city police force, is seriously ill. It is expected that some weeks will elapse before he is able to attend to his duties. W. B. Gibbons, who has recently taken over the duties of organist at St. John's church, left yesterday by the Clallam for Tacoma. T. C. McCaul and E. V. Dangerfield, of Vancouver; and Mrs. L. B. Hastings, of Port Townsend, are guests at the Vernon hotel. C. H. Dickie and J. H. Whitton, of Duncan, and P. B. Graves, of White Horse, are at the Victoria. K. P. Wollaston, traveller for Turner, Boston & Co., left for the Kootenay yesterday by way of Seattle. Hugh A. Grover, advance agent of the Marie Walworth company, is in the city. He is at the Delta. Alex. Swan, of Slate Creek, B. C., is visiting the city. While here he is staying at the Dominion. K. E. Fow, manager of the Puget Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, is in the city. J. H. Bonser and J. A. Montgomery, of New Westminster, are at the Dominion. G. L. Clayton and A. Von Hoyer left for the Sound yesterday by the Clallam.

DR. THORN CALLED BY THE DEFENCE (continued from page 1) nervous weakness showing a predisposition to mental weakness, witness admitting that he had a disposition to want his opinion to prevail, with limited education, a disposition to think their opinion should not be questioned, were all included among the indications. It would be necessary to take a person's actions into account with his previous actions in determining a case of alcoholic dementia. Men doing business with such subjects might not notice anything containing an error. Witness had examined Mrs. Alexander Dunsmuir for cancer. He could not recall the date. It was an advanced case and he recommended immediate attention. Cancer produced dependency very generally. It undermined the whole system. With the conclusion of this cross-examination the court adjourned until this morning. This Morning's Proceedings. In the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir trial this morning the time was taken up with medical evidence. Dr. Davie was re-examined for a few minutes, after which Dr. Thorn was examined. Dr. Davie being re-examined by E. P. Davis, K. C., was asked whether from his knowledge of Alexander Dunsmuir he was liable to become an alcoholic demont.

ADVANCES IN PRICE. Quotations on Rice Take Sudden Rise in View of Prospects of War. Local importers of Japanese rice were advised by cable advices on Monday of an increase of 87 per cent on the price of rice, in consequence of the feeling of war in the Far East. The present increase brings the import price up to \$91.50 per ton of the Japanese produce, and makes the total advance since December 10th aggregate \$10. The effect of Monday's advance will immediately be felt in the local market, for wholesale dealers have not been in the habit of carrying large stocks owing to the convenience of the source of supply and the readiness with which they could import by steamer. On an average there is brought in by every steamer from forty to fifty tons of rice. None of this is ever shipped East, but is all consumed in British Columbia. In the East there is little or no Japanese rice in use owing to the comparative cheapness of the article grown in the West Indies. There has been a very large crop of rice harvested in Japan this last season, the yield being greater than ever before, and that prices should now take a sharp increase is a pretty fair indication of war.

ROXBURGH RESIGNS. London, Jan. 5.—The Duke of Roxburgh has resigned his commission as a Lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards, known as "The Blues." Only two cases were dealt with in the police court this morning, that of an Indian who was in possession of liquor and a drunk. The former was convicted and fined \$25 and \$150 costs or one month in prison. In the latter case a fine of \$5 was imposed, with the alternative of ten days' imprisonment.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. WANTED—Victoria West and Esquimalt. To general servants; good wages. Apply 1 Richardson street. WANTED—Two nurse girls, about 14 years old; also mother general help (city). Apply 1 Richardson street. WANTED—Position as governess, English, music, drawing, needlework, etc. (country preferred). Apply 1 Richardson street. EMPLOYMENT AGENCY—J. Devereux, 1 Richardson Street. Hours, 10 to 12.30 p.m. TO LET—Four roomed furnished cottage on Pandora street, bath and pantry, electricity, light, good piano. Apply W. Gerrie, 217 View street. LOST—Child's White Angora fur. Kindly leave at Times Office.

To the Electors of North Ward Ladies and Gentlemen: At the request of a representative deputation of the electors, I am a candidate for the Aldermanic Board, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. W. F. FULLERTON. January 4th, 1903.

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