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We have just received a shipment of "King" Apples, and selling same at
\$1.25 PER BOX.
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TELEPHONE 413. 87 and 89 YATES STREET.

Always energetic in seeking new methods of advertising the city, Herbert Cutbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, has hit upon the idea of sending out to the cities of the Northwest and Manitoba specimens of flowers which grow outdoors here in winter as an evidence of the mildness of Victoria's climate. Contributions of such flowers are requested by Mr. Cutbert, as he intends sending away specimens to Winnipeg and other points. The flowers should be at the tourist rooms by this evening.

The Olympia Opera Company, a famous Eastern aggregation of comic

opera talent under the able direction of Messrs. Seaman & Matchette, opens here to-morrow night. Their present company comprises some of America's best and most popular comic opera artists. Miss Lottie Kendall, the prima donna, is without a doubt one of the cleverest little comic opera sopranos in the business. The engagement is for four nights and Saturday matinee, December 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, and "Said Pasha" is the opera to be sung on Wednesday. It would be hard to find a more popular and amusing vehicle to introduce these clever artists to local theatre goers.

CANADIANS DO NOT REQUIRE A BRIBE

MINISTER RESENTS THE INSINUATION

Hon. Clifford Sifton Speaks at Ottawa on Question of Imperial Preferential Trade.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, minister of the interior, addressing the Canada Club here last night, dealt with Imperial preferential trade. He said that preference upon grain would mean stimulating its production and enhancing the price, but to what extent it was difficult to say. If Britain accepted the proposed colonial preference a bargain could be struck, but until such time as Britain said what she wanted in return it could not be decided. It was preposterous to suggest that Canada should refrain from controlling her own manufactures for the benefit of Britain. He protested against Canada being pictured as a squalling infant demanding preference, otherwise it would break up family peace and leave the Empire. The suggestion that Canada should be bribed, otherwise it would join the American union, was contemptible. Every self-respecting Canadian could manage his own affairs, and if necessary at times aid Britain. Nothing could be more destructive to manly self-reliance than the insinuation that Canadians required to be bribed in the performance of their duty as citizens of the British Empire. If Britain came to Canada with a trade treaty he was prepared to give as much as we got, but would not support anything that was not mutually advantageous. It was not in the interest of the Empire for the colonies to harass Britain with extra burdens. Canada would not give up any of its autonomy. The British navy was not necessary for the protection of Canada, but land protection was necessary. He suggested all school boys should be trained to use rifles. He approved of A. S. Aylesworth and Sir L. Jette not signing the Alaska award, and said that it would strengthen the ties between Britain and Canada in all cases in which Canada was interested there should be three Canadian commissioners.

Father Fulham, Dead.
Rev. Father Fulham, a victim of the Ottawa university fire on Wednesday last, died at Water street hospital this morning from the effects of his injuries.

From Dakota.
There entered the Canadian Northwest from Dakota during October and November 1,394 people and 180 city of settlers' effects. Their effects, not including cash, amounted to \$250,000.

HERBERT SPENCER DEAD.

Famous Author Passed Away After Illness Which Lasted Several Months.
(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 8.—Herbert Spencer, the famous author, died this morning at his home in Brighton.
His health had been failing for some months. The illness took a critical turn a few days ago, and he became unconscious last night, passing away without pain. By his own desire, the least possible information was given out during Mr. Spencer's illness. He was born in 1820.

MISSING PASSENGERS.

Failure to Locate Two Who Shipped on Queen—Did They Land Here?
(Special to the Times.)
Seattle, Dec. 8.—San Francisco special says the steamer Queen arrived from Seattle this morning with two passengers missing. When she left Seattle Mrs. Harry E. Oldt and a little child were seen aboard by Capt. Conroy and passengers. The Queen touched at Victoria, but passengers says Mrs. Oldt was seen on the steamer after leaving that port. A few hours later neither could be found.

TWO HUNDRED SLAIN.

Russian Troops Surrounded Body of Chinese Robbers Who Suffered Heavy Losses.
(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 8.—The Russian troops have defeated a band of Chun Chines (Chinese robbers) on the Liao river, Manchuria, killing 200 of them and wounding as many more.
After the conflict reported on November 28th between the force of Russian soldiers and a body of Chun Chinese at Tachelou, in which five Russians were killed and nine were severely wounded, the Russians pursued the fleeing tribesmen and finally surrounded them in the mountains. The great loss of the robbers is attributed to a Russian attack which was directed against the Chun Chinese.

MINERS' STRIKE OVER.

(Associated Press.)
Halifax, Dec. 8.—The Springhill strike has been declared off, and the miners resumed work to-day. An agreement satisfactory to both parties was reached last night.

SUDDEN DEATH.

(Associated Press.)
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Rev. Father O'Brien, who was completing his studies in the city at the Scholastic school in connection with Ottawa University, dropped dead today. He was 24 years of age and came from the United States.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

London Papers Do Not Devote Much Space to Criticism.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 8.—White House President Roosevelt's message to congress is known to the outside world, it evokes by every striking comment from the London press. Both sides in the fiscal controversy set points in it which they contend favor their particular claims. Perhaps the part attracting the most serious attention is the President's reference to the necessity for creating a great mercantile marine.

The Standard refers to the entry of the United States upon a career of colonial dominion as "entailing heavy national expenditure, so that henceforth the problem for the government will be how to get rid of its automatic surplus, but how to maintain its financial equilibrium."

The Daily Telegraph refers to the question in dealing with trusts as "sound common sense," and says his opinion is to the effect that the Alaska boundary difficulty is "in the best of taste."

The Daily News views with some alarm the entrance of the United States into world politics, and says "America is fortunate in opening an aggressive diplomatic career with statesmen as able as President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay, but she will not always be so favorably situated, and must be prepared for heavy losses such as Europeans to have—American superiority will soon be rapidly multiplying in number and strength; let us hope the world's peaceful instincts will grow at the same pace."

CONSUL ASSAULTED.

United States Representative at Alexandria Attacked by the Local Police.
(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, Dec. 8.—The United States flag over the consulate at Alexandria, Asiatic Turkey, has been hauled down, and Consul Davies has left his post for Beyrout in consequence of a serious diplomatic incident, during which Mr. Davies was insulted and assaulted by the local police. The affair grew out of the arrest of an Armenian, Olanthes Attarian, a naturalized American citizen.

Official Dispatch.
Washington, Dec. 8.—The state department has received a brief cablegram from Consul Davies, at Alexandria, saying that he had trouble with the local police at Alexandria, and had left for Beyrout in consequence. The state department promptly cable Minister Lelshman at Constantinople to institute a thorough investigation of the whole affair. It is said that Lelshman will call at the foreign office to-day to inquire of the Turkish officials regarding the matter.

DANCER MURDERED.

Stabbed by a Jealous Lover Because She Looked Too Often at Another Man.
(Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 8.—It has not become known what the leading female dancer at the Metropole theatre, Fraulein Frieda Boelke, was murdered at a hotel in Cologne on December 2nd, by Ferdinand Tessler, a manufacturer of machinery at Vichy, France, who had several times been a National candidate for member of the Chamber of Deputies. They were engaged to be married and had dined together at the hotel, and quarrelled in a private sitting room because the woman had looked too frequently, her lover thought, at another man in the dining room. He first tried to chloroform the girl, but she was a strong woman and pushed him away. Tessler then took a hatchet, which he had concealed about him, and struck the woman once ineffectually, and then stabbed her fatally three times with a dagger.

ONE DEAD ANOTHER DYING.

Four Strikers Shot By Guard at Coke Oven at Colorado Coal Company.
(Associated Press.)
Trinidad, Col., Dec. 8.—Four strikers were shot in the battle which took place at the Secundo coke oven last night between the striking 1,000 miners and guards in the employ of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company. One of the strikers is dead, one is shot through the head and will die, one is shot in the groin and his wound will probably prove fatal, and the fourth, who was shot in the wrist, is in jail. There were seven strikers in the party and three escaped.
The men were all Italians or Sicilians. The dead man has not been identified. The wounded men are Jose Velano and Benedetto Bonelli.

ALL-RED CABLE.

Report That Press Messages May Be Handled Free Between Canada and New Zealand.
(Associated Press.)
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—It is likely that an arrangement will soon be made between Canada and New Zealand for the handling of free press messages over the Pacific cable.

OPENS CAMPAIGN.

R. L. Bowen, the Conservative Leader, Declared Address at St. John, N. B.
(Associated Press.)
St. John, N. B., Dec. 8.—R. L. Bowen, leader of the opposition, opened the campaign in New Brunswick here last night at a big gathering in the York theatre. He dealt at length on the new transcontinental railway bill and the fiscal policy of the Conservative party. He was frequently cheered in the course of his speech. Mr. Bowen leaves for Moncton to-day.

LIBERALS WILL NOMINATE.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 8.—A meeting is called for Thursday night to nominate a Liberal candidate for the Dominion elections.

There is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Princess Elizabeth of Wiplich-Gratz, wife of Prince Otto, shot an actress whom she is alleged to have found in the apartments of the actress, says a Prague dispatch. It is alleged that the whole story originated in the jealousy of the actress's theatrical colleagues.

UNABLE TO MOVE FLORA FROM ROCKS

FURTHER ATTEMPTS PROVE UNSUCCESSFUL

Heavy Guns Taken From Ship—Additional Tugs Will Try to Haul Her Off.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Dec. 8.—A dense fog has obscured operations on the Flora from observation all day. Word has been received that the vessel is still fast on the reef, but the heavy guns were removed last night, and she is now on an even keel with fore and aft inclination. At high tide last night the Grafton, Egeria and two small tugs attempted to haul her off, but the vessel never stirred. By the removal of the contents the Flora is now almost a hulk. Again this morning an effort failed. It is now established that the present steam force is insufficient, and a fleet of tugs will be assembled. It is reported that at the time the vessel struck the weather was clear except for a fog bank which was lying on Denman Island, into which the Flora ran.

Pending the news of the success or non-success of operations on the Flora the contract for the repair of the steamer Monna in dry dock is being held, it not being known whether the dock will be required for the use of the cruiser within the next few days.

With the crews of all ships around here boards of a thousand men are on the water, and labor is therefore not wanted. The crew of the Flora are still camped ashore, their tents and shanties being plainly in view of passing vessels.

Pilot Owens, of this city, saw the Flora on Sunday morning. He says that she is well sheltered from a southwest or southeast gale, and the wreck could only be effected by a northerly wind, which at this time of the year is not expected. Capt. Owens states that from what he heard of the crew of the navigating officer was made through mistaking a spar buoy on Village Point, three miles distant from Union, on Denman Island, for that on Base Flats, five miles distant from Union and on Vancouver Island coast. The Grafton occupied a position at the stern of the Flora, and the Egeria stood off some distance. The flag ship has a big nine-inch steel hawser from the naval yard, Esquimalt, on which to put a strain, and if the bow of the stranded cruiser can be raised sufficiently by means of huge hydraulic jacks some good results will be expected from to-morrow's work.

It has been stated here that in event of other plans failing, it might become necessary to brace up the ship and then blast out the rock now offering greatest resistance.

INITIAL SHIPMENT.

Three Hundred Tons of Ore Arrives From the Southern Cross.
From another new mine just opened on the West Coast there arrived on the steamer Venture last night the initial shipment of ore taken from the property. The mine is known as the Southern Cross, and is situated at Uchucklesett, and is operated by Victorians. In the shipment are 90 tons of ore, which has been taken to the Crofton smelter to-day. Regular shipments will follow. A great deal more ore has been quarried out for shipment, but it is taken out in such large blocks that before it is loaded on the steamer it has to be broken up. The day before the steamer left Uchucklesett one piece of ore was blasted out weighing 150 tons. Operations are being carried on between 100 and 175 feet up the mountain side. A timber chute conducts the ore to the water, where a wharf has been built for the accommodation of the steamer.

IN THE HOUSE.

Municipal Committee Organized—The Coal Mines Act.
The municipal committee of the House met this afternoon and organized for the session. J. F. Garden was selected as chairman, and W. J. Bowser as secretary.

In the House this afternoon, upon the motion to consider the report on the bill to amend the Coal Mines Act, J. R. Brown, seconded by J. D. McVern, moved to strike out the section for the increasing of the coal prospecting license from \$50 to \$100.

The motion was lost on a division, the figures standing 20 to 15. W. Davidson, Labor, voted with the government, while three Liberals were paired.

PERSONAL.

F. W. McCready, the well known mining engineer of Vancouver, returned last night by the Queen City from a trip up the West Coast. He is staying at the Dominion.

F. E. Shute, a mining man from Vancouver, Clarence Scott, of Port Townsend, and W. J. Leary, surveyor, from Ladysmith, are staying at the Dominion.

T. J. Smith, R. M. Marpole and J. F. Finerton, of Vancouver, are in the city on business. They are staying at the Arriad.

J. H. Taylor, of the New York Life Insurance Company, is in the city. He is registered at the Vernon.

C. A. Clough, W. H. Bunner and A. A. Fountain, of Seattle, are among the guests at the Victoria hotel.

J. A. Fairborn, of White Horse, arrived by the Cottage City yesterday, and is at the Dominion.

A. E. Planta, of Nanaimo, and W. G. Thomson, of Vancouver, are guests at the Vernon.

E. C. Hadley, a Chicago business man, is registered at the Dominion.

J. M. Robinson, of Sumnerland, is at the Driant.

The sum of \$30.80 is gratefully acknowledged from Ald. G. H. Barnard for the funds of the Home Nursing Society.

The annual meeting of the mayor and reeve of the Island and lower Mainland will be held here to-morrow night for the purpose of discussing proposed amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act. Mayor McCandless will represent this city at the meeting.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.

Rally of Young People of Local Methodist Churches at James Bay Last Evening.

The anniversary of the James Bay Epworth League was celebrated by special services on Sunday, and a grand rally of the young people of the different Methodist churches last evening at the James Bay Methodist church.

On Sunday Rev. C. F. Connor preached to large congregations both morning and evening. The interior of the auditorium was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

At last evening's grand rally the pastor, Rev. C. F. Connor, occupied the chair, and the meeting was opened by singing the doxology. Rev. Dr. Osterhout led in prayer, after which a letter of regret at their inability to be present was read from the members of the Epworth League, Vancouver, Reynolds, vice-president of the Christian Endeavor department of the James Bay League, delivered a short address of welcome to all present.

Mr. Connor next gave a short talk on the Epworth League motto, "Look up, lift up." A vocal solo, and Mr. Ritchie's extended heartiest greetings from Metropolitan Epworth League.

F. Schroeder gave a recitation entitled "The Dutch Choir," receiving a merited encore, to which he responded with a selection entitled "Bobs."

Centennial Young People's Society was responded to by Rev. J. P. Westman. Mr. Le. Spinkling gave a reading entitled "Wanted, a Minister's Wife," which caused a great deal of amusement.

Victoria West League was responded to by Mr. Bowden, who extended congratulations on behalf of their society. A vocal solo by Miss Fick was rendered in her most pleasing style. Excelsior League was responded to by Mr. Braag, after which a duet was rendered by the Misses Winkel and Morris. A recitation by Mr. Connor completed the programme, after which refreshments were served by the social department of the James Bay League. All present then joined hands and the meeting closed by singing the well known hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." This one of the most successful gatherings of its kind ever held in the city was brought to a close. Miss Haughton and Miss Fick were the accompanists of the evening.

HEARING OF WILL CASE CONTINUED

MRS. JOAN DUNSMUIR IS PARTY PLAINTIFF

Application to Allow Her to Intervene is Granted by Mr. Justice Drake.

The cross-examination of H. Cole Skinner, bartender of the Occidental hotel, San Francisco, was read when the hearing of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir was resumed yesterday afternoon.

Geo. A. Koch, a mining engineer, knew Alexander Dunsmuir slightly, and met him in the Occidental bar, he believed, in 1885 or 1886. He gave evidence as to Alexander Dunsmuir's drinking in the bar. Witness tried to get Dunsmuir interested in a mining deal, but he would talk on one subject for a while and then switch off to something else. All the conversation was laid back to the first subject. He seemed to have no business qualification or keeness.

Augustine P. Douglas, a friend of Alexander and Mrs. Dunsmuir in San Francisco, gave evidence as to Alexander's drinking and foolish and silly ways in speech in 1880.

Pat Rafferty gave instances of Alexander Dunsmuir's conduct at the Pacific Union Club of San Francisco. At one time he threw money by handfuls into the street through the window.

The case was further adjourned till 10:30 this morning.

To-day's Proceedings.
The chief feature of the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir trial to-day was the adding as party plaintiff Mrs. Joan Olive Dunsmuir, mother of the defendant and of the late Alexander Dunsmuir.

When the court met this morning C. A. Bury and D. M. Rogers appeared on behalf of Mrs. Joan Olive Dunsmuir, and made application to have their client added as party plaintiff in the suit, for the purpose of protecting her interests.

After Mr. Bury had made his application E. V. Bodwell, K. C., of counsel for plaintiff, took the view that in the interests of justice Mrs. Dunsmuir should be added; otherwise it might result in her being estopped from taking action.

E. P. Davis, K. C., argued it was not necessary to add Mrs. Dunsmuir. The question was the validity of the will, and this could be settled without the intervention of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir. She had had plenty of time to move to take part in the action before the trial commenced.

Mr. Bury claimed the right of Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir to come in at any time during the action.

Mr. Justice Drake saw no objection to Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir being added as plaintiff, but this meant a delay for her to put in some statement of claim. The defendant had rights also, and the question was whether the plaintiff was prepared to pay the costs of such an adjournment and costs already incurred.

Mr. Bury argued that the delay would be very brief, and while prepared to pay costs of any delay his client should not be obliged to pay for what had already been done.

Mr. Davis opposed an adjournment, and finally the court decided that the case should proceed without an adjournment, and that Mrs. Dunsmuir should have two days to put in her pleadings, the question of costs being left in abeyance till then.

The reading of the evidence taken in San Francisco was then resumed, that of Ursi McKee being the first. It dealt with Alexander Dunsmuir's excessive drinking at the Occidental hotel.

Harry H. J. Smith, elevator boy, and bell boy at the Grand hotel, gave similar evidence to other witnesses regarding Alexander Dunsmuir's conduct and appearance at the Grand hotel.

This closed the reading of the San Francisco evidence, and the taking of oral testimony began.

Lewis Giltner, of San Francisco, was until lately bell boy and parlor boy at the Grand hotel, San Francisco. At that time Alexander Dunsmuir had rooms at the Occidental hotel, but would come over evenings and stay at the Grand with Mrs. Wallace. Later in 1885 or 1886 he went to live at the Grand hotel altogether. Witness had performed various services for Alexander, such as taking up liquor to him, helping him to dress and other duties. He would give witness \$5 gold piece to purchase a bottle of whiskey, and declined to accept the change. Witness stated Mr. Dunsmuir drank heavily, and gave similar evidence regarding a trip on which witness traveled with him as yacht to Portland, Tacoma and Victoria in August, 1898. In October they left Victoria for Vancouver, and thence to New York.

The court then adjourned for luncheon.

The following donations have been received at the Aged Woman's Home during November, and are gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. McTavish, \$5; Lady Cross and Mrs. Muirhead, cash; A Friend, peas; Mrs. C. Spencer, apples; Mrs. Kinne's daughters, cake; Mrs. Frank Kernode, reading matter; Mrs. Becker, sack of potatoes; Sons and Daughters of St. George, cake and bread; Mrs. Vigor, two suits of underclothing; Baptist Missionary Society, cake and sandwiches; Mrs. Van Tassel, pear; Mrs. A. H. Bostock, Mrs. A. S. Marston, Mrs. C. M. Cox, and Mrs. George Berridge, reading matter; Mrs. J. D. Hemrick, brown bread; Mrs. J. C. Gray, sandwiches; Mrs. S. A. Spenser, cake; I. C. C. Society, china tea set and cake; Times and Colonist, daily papers.

PONSETTA'S SKIN SOAP

We have just received a large consignment of this fine soap. It is manufactured by the Anita Toilet Co., Los Angeles, and is very largely used in the United States. To introduce it we will sell it for 50c a box of three cakes.

Campbell's Prescription Store

COR. FORT AND DOUGLAS STS.

What About Electric Light This Fall?

Before Xmas is the time to have the work done so that you may have the benefit of the light during the holidays. Our offer to assist in the wiring of rented houses will close in a few days.

B. G. ELECTRIC RAILWAY CO., LD., 35 YATES STREET.

CLAIM AGAINST CITY FOR DAMAGES

WEILER BROS. ASK SEVEN THOUSAND

Recommendation That Mr. Bertucci Be Offered Ten Thousand—Other Business Before Council.

The regular weekly meeting of the city council last night was another of those exemplary ones in the matter of dispatch of business and harmonious working.

An adjournment was reached shortly after nine last night. In the order of communications a letter was received from J. P. Wall, solicitor for Weiler Brothers, asking \$7,000 for damages to property consequent on the construction of the James Bay wall.

The letter was referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee, and to the city assessor for report.

W. L. McEwen, for the deputy minister of marine and fisheries, wrote as follows: Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, 28th Nov., 1903.

Sir:—The Hon. John S. Helmecken, of Victoria, B. C., who obtained a grant from the Dominion government of a water lot in Victoria harbor immediately fronting the city lots Nos. 1,307, 1,368 and 1,369, and containing by measurement sixty-two hundredths of an acre, is now applying for an extension of the said water lot some thirty feet further into the harbor, which will give him an additional water area of twenty-two hundredths of an acre.

As an extension further into deep water might be a serious impediment to navigation in so confined a space as Victoria harbor, the department will be obliged if you will submit the present application to the city council of Victoria for their consideration, and favor me with their views thereon.

WM. L. MAGRE, For Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The City Clerk, Victoria, B. C. Referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee for report.

James Parfitt, secretary for the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, wrote asking for an extension of the day system of labor on the sewers, or for an increase in wages from \$5 to \$6 a day. Laid on the table.

Mrs. J. A. Brocklehurst requested an extension of time in which to connect her residence with the city sewers.

The Mayor said he thought this case was one where the council did not wish to press matters.

The letter was referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee for report.

City Clerk Dowler reported as follows: Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that the following communications have been received since the last meeting of the city council and referred to the city engineer for report, viz: Elizabeth Palmer, again requesting that a few loads of gravel be placed on the roadway in front of her premises, Michigan street.

Wm. Hawky, re draining facilities Hillside avenue.

R. Chapman and eight-one others, asking that a four-foot sidewalk be laid down on Cedar Hill road.

W. Davis, calling attention to the condition of the sidewalk on the south side of Simcoe street, between Beadall and Oswego streets.

Hoop & Wattins, requesting that the sidewalk on the west side of Gordon street be repaired.

In connection with the communication from Mr. Hawky, Ald. Grahame moved that the city engineer be given authority to act. The matter was accordingly referred to that official.

John T. Elliott, secretary of the Vancouver Island board of underwriters, wrote urging in view of the festive season approaching that special precautions be taken in enforcing the law respecting gas and electrical fixtures, and also in regard to the storage of inflammables.

NATIVE SONS HELD ANNUAL BANQUET

THOSE PRESENT SPENT A PLEASANT EVENING

Was One of the Most Successful in the History of Post-Visitors From Vancouver and Nanaimo.

One of the most successful banquets in recent years was held by the Native Sons of British Columbia last evening at the Victoria Hotel.

The banquet was held in the grand ballroom of the Victoria Hotel, and was one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

The guests were seated at tables, and the banquet was a most enjoyable affair.

The evening was spent in a most pleasant manner, and the banquet was a great success.

The Native Sons of British Columbia are proud to have held such a successful banquet.

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DR. SHOOP'S Rheumatic Cure

Coats Nothing If It Fails

Any honest person who suffers from Rheumatism is welcome to this offer. For years I searched everywhere to find a specific for Rheumatism.

I do not mean that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure can turn bony joints into flesh again. That is impossible.

My offer is made to convince you of my faith. My faith is but the outcome of experience of actual knowledge.

Write me and I will send you the book. Try my remedy for a month, for it can't harm you anyway.

Address Dr. Shoop, Box 15, Racine, Wis. Mild cases not chronic are often cured by one or two bottles.

MAN RECEIVED BATAL INJURIES WHEN RETURNING FROM RAILWAY

An accident occurred on Friday near Beaver which resulted in the death of "Scottie" Stewart.

Stewart was returning from the railway station when he was struck by a train.

Stewart was struck by a train while he was crossing the tracks.

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Dr. H. Barnard, by a strange coincidence had been placed side by side at the table. He proposed the health of "The Rivals," adding "may the best man win."

"The Grand Post" was proposed by E. H. Hopley, and "Subordinate Posts" was proposed by T. H. McInnes.

The President of the Pioneer Society was proposed by D. E. Kerr and acknowledged by R. Hall, M. P. P.

The Ladies' toast on the list, was proposed by Charles Wilson, and acknowledged by W. Walkem Wilson.

DONATIONS TO ORPHANAGE

Business Transacted at Monthly Meeting of Ladies' Committee Yesterday.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Protestant Orphanage yesterday afternoon a considerable quantity of business was transacted.

A favorable report from the visiting committee for November was received.

The matron reported the receipt of the following donations in November, which are acknowledged with thanks.

The following were present: Mrs. G. A. McTavish, in the chair, and Mesdames McTavish, Hutchison, Pearce, Sewcroft, Shakespeare, Wilson, Berridge, Baker, Denny, Van Tassel, Andrews, Crow Hall, Higgins and Miss Perrin.

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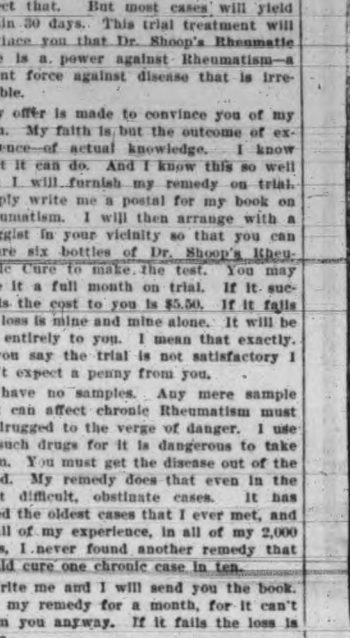
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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 8-5 a. m.—The barometer remains high over the North Pacific slope and low further south. Generally fair and cold weather prevails along the Coast, accompanied by fogs on the Straits and Puget Sound. The winds are moderate in force on the Coast, except at Cape Flattery, where an easterly gale with a maximum velocity of 52 miles is blowing. Light snow has fallen in Cariboo. In Alberta a chinook wind is causing mild weather.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Northerly winds, generally fair and cold, with fogs. Lower—Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold, with fogs.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.43; temperature, 39; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy, fog. New Westminster—Barometer, 30.44; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, clear, fog.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.54; temperature, 30; minimum, 29; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.46; temperature, 39; minimum, 28; wind, calm; snow, 10; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 42; minimum, 28; wind, 16 miles N.W.; weather, fair.

PASSENGERS.

For steamer Princess Beatrice from Vancouver—J. A. Fullerton, Mrs. F. H. Brownell, J. H. Brownell, E. E. Quinn, W. W. Bird, W. Holliday, J. Schlafer, W. G. Thompson, T. J. Smith, Mrs. L. H. Homer, D. Curtis, J. Cramer, W. Dickson, T. E. Atkinson, E. F. Moltray, Mrs. T. P. Reed, L. A. Knox, O. Smart, R. Gallaway, D. Healey, P. Coughlan, Smith Curtis, Miss Mitchell, Miss Wells, M. Hall, E. J. Smith, M. J. Cohen, A. F. Griffith, A. Taylor, F. Shute, T. Carter, J. Brown, J. H. Taylor, A. F. Armistead, C. Reed, Mrs. A. Wilson, H. V. Wilson, A. L. Reed, M. Armstrong, Alex. Henderson, Geo. Ham'ton.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

- Monday. Examination, written, 8 to 10 p. m. Tuesday. Recruit drill, 8 to 9.30 p. m. Wednesday. Examination, practical, 8 to 10 p. m. Thursday. 1. Gymnastic night. 2. Practicing, baggy band. Friday. Target practice with gallery ammunition. Saturday. Band concert.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

HOUSE CONSIDERS THE ASSESSMENT BILL

Government Gave Evidence of a Lamentable Lack of Knowledge Regarding Its Working.

Victoria, Dec. 7th.

The House to-day held its first evening sitting for the session. The immediate cause of it was the consideration in committee of the new Assessment Act.

Prayers were read by Rev. W. L. Clay.

The following petitions were received: From the city of Vancouver, for a private bill to amend their corporate act, No. 2. From G. W. Hobson and others, for a private bill to incorporate the Vancouver Insurance Company, No. 4.

By W. J. Bowyer, from the city of Vancouver, for a private bill for enlarged corporate powers for the purchase or expropriation of lands in False creek.

From T. Gifford, from J. Warren Bell and many others, holders of special licenses to cut timber, asking amendment to Land Act, re such licenses.

The following bills were introduced, read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow:

By G. A. Fraser, bill (No. 14) intitled "An Act to amend the Pharmacy Act."

By W. G. Cameron, bill (No. 15) intitled "An Act to amend the Municipal Clauses Act."

The Pharmacy Act, introduced by Mr. Fraser, aims at placing the sale of drugs in unincorporated towns and villages on the same condition as that now in force in cities. It does away with other than graduates of the college of pharmacy having the right to sell drugs anywhere in the province.

Committee's Report.

F. Carter-Cotton, chairman, presented the first report from the private bills committee as follows:

"Mr. Speaker: "Your select standing committee on private bills and standing orders, beg leave to report as follows:

"That the time limited for the presentation of petitions for private bills be extended until January 12th, 1904.

"That the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until the 22nd January 1904.

"That the time limited for the presentation of reports be extended until January 29th, 1904, and beg to recommend the same accordingly.

"All of which is respectfully submitted."

The report was received, the standing rules and orders were suspended and the report adopted.

Questions and Answers.

W. W. B. Melanes asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Has the government received any communications from the Federal authorities relating to the acts passed by the legislature in session? If so, what is their purport? 2. Has the government any reason to believe that chapter 8 of the British Columbia Statutes, 1903, being an act effecting the cancellation of certain Columbia and Western railway land grants, will be disallowed by the Federal authorities?—If so, what is it?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. No communications on the subject have been received from the Federal authorities. 2. The government has no reason to believe that the statute will be disallowed."

John Oliver asked the Premier the following questions: 1. How many temporary assistants (and the names of each) were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903? 2. How many permanent civil servants were engaged by the government since June 1st, 1903, and the names of such civil servants?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. 11—E. F. Richards, Vancouver; H. D. Morton, Duncan; G. E. Winkler, Princeton; E. Marshall, Ladysmith; G. Outbett, Kamloops; J. Downing, Princeton; W. Armstrong, Trout Lake; N. Taylor, Trout Lake; W. J. Green, Kaslo; J. M. Carney, Kaslo; J. A. Monteth, Frievue, all of whom have been discharged. 2. G. A. Sutherland, boiler inspector; T. B. Hall, assessor (in lieu of C. Booth, deceased); J. L. G. Abbott, district registrar (in lieu of T. O. Townley, resigned); C. N. Haney, clerk (in lieu of F. Hartley, resigned); H. B. Cameron, clerk, Atlin (formerly employed temporarily); J. Haslop, mining recorder, Fort Steele (in lieu of L. Patmore, resigned)."

Mr. Oliver asked the Minister of Finance the following question: "For what particular journeys did the Hon. Mr. McBride, the Hon. C. Wilson, the Hon. R. F. Green and the Hon. A. E. McPhillips receive travelling expenses, and what amount did each of those gentlemen receive on account of each particular journey since June 1st, 1903?"

Hon. R. G. Tatlow replied as follows: "Hon. Mr. McBride: Travelling expenses to and from Atlin and Cassiar districts (including railway and steambus fares, berths, hack hire, etc.), \$395; travelling expenses to East and West Kootenay (including railway and steambus fares, berths, etc.), \$222; hack hire (sundry times), \$10.50; total, \$627.50.

Hon. A. E. McPhillips: Travelling expenses to and from Atlin and Cassiar districts (including railway and steambus fares, berths, hack hire, etc.), \$395; travelling expenses attending at Vancouver in cases of R. Cook and R. South, installing new registers at Vancouver, and examining into work and staff at New Westminster land registry office and at New Westminster jail, \$50; hack hire (sundry times), \$9; travelling expenses, conducting assizes at Vancouver, \$103; total, \$557.

Hon. C. Wilson: Travelling ex-

penses to and from Ottawa (including railway and steambus fares, berths, parlor car, etc.), \$719.75; travelling expenses as President of Council from Vancouver to Victoria and return (11 trips), \$141; total, \$860.75.

Hon. R. F. Green: Travelling expenses to and from Ottawa (including railway and steambus fares, parlor car, berths, etc.), \$668.75; travelling expenses to and from East and West Kootenay, \$140; hack hire (sundry times), \$2.50; total, \$812.25.

J. N. Evans asked the Provincial Secretary the following question: Is it the intention of the government to provide in the estimates this session for a school house at Crofton?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "Provision will probably be made for the erection of a school house at Crofton in the estimates of 1904-1905."

Mr. Melanes asked the Premier the following questions: 1. Have any applications been made for crown grants under the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1903?" 2. If so, how many? 3. Have any crown grants been issued under the said act? 4. If so, to whom? 5. If not, why not?

Hon. Mr. McBride replied as follows: "1. Yes. 2. 19. 3. No. 4. Answered by the answer to No. 3. 5. The matter is now receiving the attention of the department."

J. N. Evans moved "That an order of the House be granted for a return showing what lands in Cowichan district were assessed as wild land for the years 1902 and 1903, by whom such taxes were paid and the amounts so paid."

The motion carried.

Dr. King moved "That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of instructions given to Bullock-Webster in connection with 'East Kootenay hotel license.' Also copies of all correspondence in respect to this matter. Also copies of Mr. Webster's report."

The resolution was passed.

Third Reading.

The Loan Bill passed its third reading. The bill to amend the Income Tax Act (doing away with the right of the Lieut. Governor-in-Council to increase the tax to 85, passed its third reading.

Coal Mines Act.

The House then went into committee on the act to amend the Coal Mines Act, with C. W. D. Clifford in the chair.

J. M. Brown, seconded by J. D. McMillen, moved to strike out the clause raising the coal prospector's license to \$100 instead of \$50. Mr. Brown thought this would do away with coal and oil prospectors. He compared this fee with that of the ordinary prospector for minerals.

Hon. R. F. Green held that this was not properly conceived. The license fee was not paid until after a man had located his claim. He contended that tax was not an exorbitant fee.

Mr. Oliver thought the Chief Commissioner had not taken into account that the prospector, after getting the claim, had only to pay a rental of \$10 an acre. The annual rental was placed at 15 cents an acre. He thought that these charges were out of proportion. He preferred to leave the prospector's license as it was and increase the rental or price of land after he had discovered the coal.

The Chief Commissioner alluded to the fact that a royalty would be collected after the coal mined on the property after it was converted into a mine. The amendment was lost by a vote of 18 to 16. Messrs. Davidson and Houston voting for the amendment, and the Socialists against it.

The Chief Commissioner amended the proposed enactment by substituting the power for granting a lease from the Chief Commissioner to that of the Lieut. Governor-in-Council.

This was greeted with applause by the opposition, who had contended against the proposed change in the debate.

The amendment was carried.

The bill as amended in this particular and in other respects to make it consistent passed committee and was reported to the House.

Assessment Act.

The House then went into committee on the new assessment act.

Henry Tanner pointed out in connection with the section dealing with the taxation of pre-emptors that pre-emptors should be exempt from taxation for two years. The conditions should be made as easy as possible for settlers upon agricultural lands.

It was agreed that this should be considered later on.

Again under exemption, Mr. Tanner objected to one acre alone being exempted in connection with agricultural societies. One acre was useless to such an organization. The association got aid from the government and it was like giving with one hand and taking away with the other.

The Attorney-General was agreeable to agricultural societies being exempt for larger areas than one acre, and the clause was allowed to stand over.

On the section of the act exempting personal property up to \$1,000, the Finance Minister introduced an amendment to alter it by exempting all under \$500 instead. He did so because under the first proposal many would be exempted whom it was not thought wise to deal with. It would also exempt Chinese merchants whom it was not the intention to allow off.

The amendment carried.

W. G. Cameron wanted to know if land owned by a municipality outside of the municipality should be taxed. Under the clause exempting "Land within the limits of any municipality," he thought this would require clearing up. He contended that a city might acquire waterworks or hospital property, though this might be outside that city. This should, he thought, be exempt from taxation.

J. A. Macdonald thought it easy to amend the section in the line contended for. Municipalities could only acquire property for certain well defined purposes, and therefore it might well be free of duty.

It was agreed to consider this later. Upon the clause specifying that "mineral and coal lands upon the output of which a royalty is received in favor of the crown to the extent of such royalty but no more," Stuart Henderson wanted to know what it meant.

J. A. Macdonald held that this clause

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seemed to provide for double taxation. The Attorney-General thought it was not open to that construction. In compliance with the wish of H. Tanner, a pre-emptor's land was relieved of taxation for two years. Municipal property was also exempted whether within the municipality or not. The Finance Minister also introduced clauses which exempted the unpaid amounts of a merchant up to a certain proportion relative to the stock in trade; also exempting timber under lease or license under certain circumstances. Proceeding to read these additional sections, W. W. B. Melanes expressed the opinion that these should be printed, notice being given in the usual way. It was perfectly impossible to understand these unless this was done. Others pressed for this and the Finance Minister had to give way. "All permanent improvements up to the value of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) made on land used for agricultural purposes should be exempt, Mr. Melanes contended that everything should be done to assist the bona fide farmer, who went on his land and by increasing its value made a permanent asset for the province. The mining man, the timber cruiser and others did not do this in the same way. He thought the government should give every aid to occupiers of farm lands. The Minister of Finance thought the government had given aid enough in this matter. They had exempted personal property up to \$500, and then exempted pre-emptors for two years. He thought this was sufficient. Mr. Oliver contended there was nothing in the argument of the Minister of Finance. Mr. Tanner held that the mainstay of every country were the farmers. He contended that farmers should be relieved as far as possible from taxation. He instanced cases of men coming in and by their exertions raising their property to an assessed value of \$70 an acre, while wild lands held alongside of them were only assessed at about \$12 an acre. The Attorney-General said the argument in favor of exempting farmers from taxation was going too far. He feared that it was reaching a stage where farmers would be exempt. Mr. Oliver contended that in many sections trails and bridges had been put in in order to induce settlers to go in and take up bush lands. The taxation which resulted as soon as the land was improved had had a deterring effect upon the settlement of these lands. He thought the opposition would accept, if not exemption up to \$2,500, then \$2,000 or \$1,500. F. Carter-Cotton wanted the clause laid over until they ascertained just what loss would accrue from this change. It would be unwise to vote on this resolution at the present time. Before passing from the section the Attorney-General proposed the exemption of 20 acres of lands in connection with agricultural and horticultural societies when used exclusively for that purpose. Mr. Oliver called attention to the fact that the Delta association had 25 acres of land in connection with their grounds. The Attorney-General asked: "For racing purposes?" "Yes," replied Mr. Oliver, "for racing and for other purposes of the agricultural society." The Attorney-General objected to exempting land for racing purposes, not because he disapproved of sport, but because he thought it was hardly to be construed as strictly for agricultural society work. The section was allowed to stand over. John Houston objecting to race courses being excluded, because he believed that in spite of the opposition of some to faces he believed it would be enjoyed by more full blooded men in British Columbia than anything else in an agricultural show. In the section dealing with the rate of taxation, the Finance Minister amended the section under wild land by raising the tax from 3 per cent. to 5 per cent. Under the personal property tax Price Ellison objected to the 1 per cent. tax imposed. The farmers were taxed sufficiently at the present time. If the farmers understood clearly that the rate was being increased the city would be full of those registering their protest as other industries did. This doubling of the tax was more than the farmers could bear. The tax would result in municipalities being formed so that the tax would be taken away from the government and handled by themselves. R. L. Drury thought if it had the effect of forcing the formation of municipalities it would be a good thing to increase this tax for that reason alone. He did not wish to see farmers pressed more severely than they could bear, but if others were to hear greater taxation so should farmers. T. W. Paterson pointed out that the tax meant a fifty per cent. increase. The Finance Minister contended that it was necessary to increase the revenue. The farmers under the new tax were not bearing their share in the general increase. On the taxation of banks, J. A. Macdonald wished to know whether a greater revenue would be derived from the

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ON THE ROCKS.

The government is in a hurry to bring the session of the Provincial Legislature to an end. We do not wonder at it. We have had some rather rickety things in British Columbia which we attempted to dignify with the name of government, but the McBride combination presents about the most pitiable spectacle that has yet been seen in working order. We wonder that it has discernment enough to comprehend its own imbecility and to desire to hide it in obscurity.
 The Finance Minister was led into the mazes of the assessment bill by the opposition yesterday. The Attorney-General endeavored to assist his colleague over the rough places. He stumbled and floundered worse than Mr. Tattow. The member for Richmond essayed to guide the tottering steps of the ministers, and retired with his great reputation as an authority on assessment, taxes and "how to raise the wind," hopelessly shattered. The two ministers are still lost in the labyrinth, with little prospect of finding themselves.

The government knows absolutely nothing whatever of the nature of the measures it has laid before the House. It has apparently not attempted to arrive at an intelligent comprehension of the effects of its provisions. It has been left to the opposition to dissect the bills, estimate their purposes, determine the weight of the burdens they will impose, and calculate the resultant effect upon the business of the province. No information can be got from those who are supposed to have framed the measures and are looked to to enlighten the members in regard to their purport. Piled with questions, the ministers simply take refuge in silence and confusion, having learned that attempts to explain result in entanglements and embarrassment.

The opposition has succeeded in tapping the intellects and letting the light in on a sufficient number of members on the government's side to cause the abandonment of the proposal to tax the rental value of houses as income. It has induced the ministers to consent to the abandonment of the two per cent. tax on the output of mines and the substitution of some more equitable method of levying taxation on the leading industry of the province. But there is still a great deal of work for it to do, and the ministers will let it do it. Their part is to sit by and acquiesce, drawing their salaries and travelling expenses as consolation for the sense of unworthiness the opposition has inspired in them.

As a concrete example of the lack of knowledge or disregard for the welfare of the settlers the McBride government is displaying, we might cite the case of the settlers on the Dominion railway belt. As is well known, the former government of the Dominion reserved the timber on those lands, and, when opportunity offered, sold it to lumbermen. The Laurier administration placed those settlers upon the same footing as their neighbors. The timber was decided over to them along with the land. Many of them have been disposing of the resources thus placed in their possession to mill men at the rate of 50 cents per thousand, just the rate at which the McBride government proposes to assess the product. In a word the ministers would entirely nullify the effect of the Dominion government's generous and just act. The settlers will be placed in exactly the same position as they were in before they owned the timber. In addition, we suppose the mills which depend upon the supply of timber from those lands will be compelled to close down and one of the industries of the province will be destroyed.

This is merely a sample of the blundering manner in which the government has gone about a business that should have received the deepest consideration and should not have been touched until the ministers were absolutely sure of their ground. It is not at all improbable that the effects of the government's

policy upon business generally will be quite as destructive. It is scarcely possible for the opposition to foresee every contingency and safeguard every single interest.

A CONUNDRUM.

We have as yet seen no satisfactory explanation of the fact that in the country which enjoys "adequate protection" if any country in the world does, the wages of eighty thousand workers in one line of industry have been reduced from ten to twenty per cent. at one "fell swoop" and that thousands more have been laid off entirely because of the ill effects of dull times, while in Canada factories are busy, there is no diminution of demand, nor is there any prospect at present of the dawn of a period of lean years. There is, according to all accounts, work in this country for all who desire to earn a livelihood. Manufacturers in some lines in the East insist that they cannot get a sufficient number of mechanics to assist them in keeping up with the demands of consumers. In the city of Chicago alone thousands of workers in agricultural implement manufacturing have been released from their employment, while in Canada all the existing foundries are running overtime in order to catch up with their orders and workshops are being erected in the city of Hamilton which will furnish employment for thousands of men. We think it is up to the "adequate protectionists" to tell the people why these things should be and to justify their demands for a larger measure of protection. It is unfortunate for the Conservative party that the facts should work against them and furnish just on the eve, as they say, of a general election, the most convincing proof that, whatever the inherent virtues of extreme protection, it does not furnish immunity from dull times. Temperance in all things is the safe and sure path for individuals and nations to travel along.

THE TRUTH.

Mr. J. W. Carey, a life-long supporter of the Conservative party, speaking at the Pioneer dinner last week, expressed the view that the Dominion Liberal government should be returned to power. Mr. Carey, who has always been an outspoken politician, is an old-time resident of the province, and has always taken an active and intelligent interest in public affairs. He is an excellent judge of what is best in the interest of British Columbia, and no doubt reflects the views of a great majority of that splendid class of our citizens, the pioneers of the province. At all events, Mr. Carey gives expression to his strong personal convictions, which have been arrived at after a careful consideration of the policies of the two Dominion parties, and especially in their bearing upon British Columbia.

A BROKEN-DOWN PROPHET.

Sir Charles Tupper is a fine old man, and he is gradually acquiring wisdom in the course of his experience. In twenty years more Canadians may look for predictions approximating accuracy from Sir Charles. The grand old baronet has arrived in Vancouver. After his usual manner he donned his prophetic robes as soon as he stepped from his railway car (not a private one this time) and announced to the Western world that the Conservatives are "almost sure" to carry the next Dominion elections. We can remember years when the retired statesman was plain Dr. Tupper, and when there was no halting in his speech or in his prophecies. Sir Charles was a strenuous politician in the years of his prime. He was charged with having dragged Nova Scotia into confederation by the "scruff of the neck," and with being the instrument which made that province a far from cordial member of the Dominion family for a great many years. The Tory rank and file of the old school regarded Sir John Macdonald with reverence, mingled with affection. His principal fighting lieutenant they looked upon as a prodigy. Words did not flow from his lips. They rushed forth as a torrent. Farmers were heard speculating as to the nature of the material of which his vocal chords were composed. He could keep on talking for an indefinite period. The Hohenzollerns would willingly give half of their empire for the Tupper throat.

In the days when Sir Charles was in his prime the shorthand reporters were compelled to undergo a regular course of muscular development in preparation for the "taking" of one of his speeches. The first personal pronoun was a prominent feature in all his sentences. The printers on the newspapers which possessed a shorthand man with the endurance necessary to take him verbatim loaded up their cases with extra fonts of capital T's. There is a tradition among old time members of the craft in Toronto that the foreman of the Mail on one occasion was compelled to order the reporter to reduce his "stuff" to the third person because the stock of capitals in the city had given out. The resources of all the newspapers of those days had been drawn upon, and yet there was not enough. Sir Charles was then called by the Grits the "Great Stretcher." Probably he never stretched a point to a more attenuated thread of credulity than that. But it may be true. There were no typesetting machines in those days. Now when all newspapers are in a position to do Sir Charles justice, he is upon the whole, if he were not to be otherwise, a broken-down prophet.

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sure to win in the next federal elections. He would have proclaimed not his belief, but his absolute certainty, of the fact that the great Conservative party was "going to sweep the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific." He would have doubted whether the "Grits would have a corporal's guard" in the new House.

We admit our bias and refrain from venturing an opinion, but we appeal to those who have followed political affairs for any length of time if the fact that a Tupper is merely hopeful of winning is not a sure sign that the Conservatives are doomed to a disastrous defeat when the next appeal is made to the electors of the Dominion.

First the opposition in the Dominion House of Commons said the government had made an extravagant bargain with the Grand Trunk Pacific for the construction of the new transcontinental road. Now the Tory newspapers blame the ministers because, as is alleged, the financial men will not look at the "proposition" in its present form. They want a clearer insight into their prospects for dividends. We fancy the road will be built all right and that it will be found to be a good bargain for the shareholders as well as for the country. Perhaps the financial men of London have been spoiled by the "good thing" they have always found in British Columbia. They must be taught that they cannot exact a profit of nearly four hundred thousand dollars on every deal "put through" on behalf of any part of Canada. They realised in the neighborhood of that amount out of the last loan we floated. And we must all "dig down deep" to pay the cost of borrowing.

Herbert Spencer, scientist, speculative philosopher, writer and teacher, is dead. He was one of the remaining brilliant intellectual products of the nineteenth century. His works were not of the class that appeals to the popular mind, but his taking off will create a great gap in the circle of the celebrities in that centre of the world's thought, London.

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Sale of Men's Neckwear Wednesday 50c Ties for 25c About 100 Boxes picked from our regular stock to go at this price. Four-in-hand, flowing ends, Ascots, puffs and long narrow Derbies.	A Late Delivery of Blankets 13 bales of White and Grey Blankets came to hand yesterday that should have been delivered in September. The maker is satisfied to lose a little, and we are prepared to sell at small prices in order to save carrying over any more stock than we can help. Blankets ready for selling Wednesday. See Broad street window for display. All-Wool White Blankets, \$3.00 to \$4.00. All-Wool Grey Blankets, \$2.25 to \$3.50.	Furniture Many pieces of furniture suitable for Christmas gifts are reduced during this week. Oak and Mahogany Dressers, regular prices \$45.00 to \$150.00. This week \$30.75 to \$125.00.
		Furs Alaska Sable Ruffs; special at \$10.00 each. Special values in Mink Ruffs and Stoles at \$15.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00. White Fox Boas, \$25.00.
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Large congregations, good sermons and liberal offerings, were the order at St. Paul's mission on Sunday when Rev. J. P. Westman, of Victoria, conducted services at Strawberry Vale, South Saanich and Sidney.

A concert will be given in St. Columba's church, Oak Bay, this evening, when the following programme will be rendered: Organ solo, A. Longfield; solo, Miss McCoy; reading, Miss Cameron; solo, Mrs. Gregson; violin solo, Jesse Longfield; solo, W. Kinnaird; solo, Miss McCoy; reading, Miss Lawson; duet, Mrs. Gregson and Mr. Brown; solo, Miss Baker; violin solo, Jesse Longfield; solo, J. G. Brown, and "God Save the King."

The Ministerial Association met yesterday morning when it was decided, after the disposal of routine business, that a week of prayer should be held in the city churches during the first week in the coming year. Arrangements for this were left in the hands of a special committee. The paper on "Relation of the Pastor to the Sunday School," which was to be read by Rev. J. P. Westman, was not given, the reverend gentleman being unable to attend. J. T. Little, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was appointed a member of the association.

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There will be a meeting of the Y. W. C. T. U. on Friday at the Refuge Home. Important business will come up for consideration. A full attendance is requested.

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A. S. Angell, of the B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., has published a very attractive calendar for 1904. It is in three parts, neatly ribboned together, and each is a work of art. The cover contains a picture of the parliament buildings, while artistically grouped views of Victoria's beauty spots adorn the other two pages.

A. F. Gwin, formerly engaged in mining on the Island, and now operating at Princeton, feels confident that the Similkameen country will equal or exceed the Boundary country as an ore producer, so soon as railway communication gives proper access to that part of the province. Mr. Gwin as proof of his statement points out that not only are there vast bodies of ore that can be mined as easily as in the Boundary, but the coal fields in the Similkameen make the question of fuel even simpler than in the other district. All that is needed is the railway, and that must come before long.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

A move is on foot to form an amateur orchestra in the city, and the first meeting took place yesterday at Dr. Cobbett's office. The following—committee and officers being appointed: Executive committee, T. R. Smith (chairman), Dr. Nash, H. Kent, G. Hicks, G. Jay, W. C. Sampson, J. Longfield, Dr. Dawie, Dr. Cobbett and E. N. Russell; musical committee, F. Watkins, T. R. Smith, Dr. Nash, Dr. Cobbett and J. Longfield; conductor, F. Watkins; librarian, H. Kent; secretary, Dr. Cobbett; treasurer, T. R. Smith.

The regular meeting of Court Vancouver, Ancient Order of Foresters, will be held this evening in the Knights of Pythias hall, when a large attendance is requested, as matters of importance will be dealt with. There will be a number of initiations, and nominations of officers for the ensuing term will take place. After the transaction of business the second whist tournament of the winter season will be held. Two prizes are offered, one for the persons winning the highest number of points and the other for the one having the lowest number to his credit. A cordial invitation is extended to all members interested to participate in this tournament.

SIGNS OF COMING MUNICIPAL FIGHT

CANDIDATES ARE NOW ROUSING THEMSELVES

Expected That There Will Be Quite a Large Field of Aspirants—Who They Are.

Up to noon to-day less than 50 householders and license-holders had qualified for the exercise of their franchise at the approaching municipal elections. The average is about half-a-dozen a day, and most of these, doubtless, would not have made their declarations at such an unfashionably early time had their attention not been drawn to the forms lying on the counter in the city assessor's office as they entered for some other purpose. The period in which they can qualify will expire at the end of the present month, and those householders and license-holders who neglect to qualify in that time will be unable to give tangible evidence of their preferences among the large field of candidates who will shortly be buckling on their armor.

It is not anticipated that there will be the same degree of fervid excitement in the mayoralty contest this year as that which characterized the struggle for the chief magistracy last January. That was probably the hottest municipal contest ever waged in Victoria, the rival candidates being exceptionally strong as well as men who had been in the public eye in connection with civic administration—for years. There were other elements in that memorable campaign which will be altogether lacking in the one that will be precipitated shortly, and, therefore, while the fight between Ald. Barnard and Mr. Redfern will be an interesting one, it will not be so wholly engrossing as its predecessor. It is quite possible that another candidate will enter the arena, but so far he has not disclosed his identity—by sending forth those almost imperceptible indications which enable students of election campaigns to make sage deductions and reliable predictions. The candidate who gets into the field the earliest enjoys an unquestioned advantage, so that if a third aspirant to mayoralty honors sends up his colors he will necessarily have to devote his energies to a fast finish.

There is a likelihood that the majority, if not all, of the present aldermanic board will essay election again in January. The present representation of North Ward, Ald. Kinsman, Graham and Dinsdale, will be on the ticket, in addition to W. F. Fullerton, who has recently announced himself a candidate for that ward. He made a close run at the last election, a very few votes separating him from Ald. Dinsdale. In Centre Ward it is expected that the present trio will be in the contest. Ald. Yates just now is in the Old Country, so it is impossible to state definitely what his plans are. He will probably be back before nomination day, and in that event will very likely again present himself for the suffrages of the electorate.

In South Ward there will be two vacancies, Ald. Barnard's candidature for Mayor creates one and Ald. Cameron's election to the provincial legislature the other. This will leave Ald. Vincent the lone representative of the three from that ward for the year 1904, if he runs. On that subject at present he is non-committal. Thos. L. Worthington has announced himself a candidate for aldermanic honors for South Ward.

The terms of four school trustees will expire at the end of the present municipal year. They are R. L. Drury, who has been presiding over the board's deliberations; Mrs. Jenkins, Samuel Matson and Beaumont Boggs. To a Times representative to-day Mr. Drury definitely stated that he would not seek re-election. Mrs. Jenkins has not yet announced herself, but it is not improbable that she will again be a candidate. Trustee Matson will positively not run again. He has said so, and he means it. Trustee Boggs, on the other hand, will take to the hustings again. There are, he says, a number of projects in connection with the schools that he wants to see carried out, among them being the organization of a cadet corps in the High school, and the introduction of athletic exercises on a systematized basis. These are enterprises dear to his heart, and he thinks he will be able to accomplish them in another year.

Wm. McKay will try for one of the vacancies on the board, having announced his candidature some days ago.

A SATISFACTORY PILE REMEDY Will cure the conditions causing the piles. Try Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut; their frequent use prevents piles. No case ever known where the use of Dr. Hamilton's Pills failed. Price 25c.

The board of school trustees will hold their regular monthly meeting in the council chamber, city hall, to-morrow night, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Erysipelas is now classed as a contagious disease.

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A gift of Lowney's Candy is always acceptable and in good taste. We always keep a complete assortment of these delicious candies, but around Christmas time our stock is of necessity much larger and more varied. We are taking orders now for delivery on Christmas Day, any hour you may wish to send it out of town, we will wrap it and attend to its shipping.

Leave your order in plenty of time. Remember nothing in the way of Candy takes the place of Lowney's. Call in and see our large display of Basket Goods. "They are pretty nifty."

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Board of Licensing Commissioners

The next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners will take place in the Police Court, City Hall, on Wednesday next, the 9th inst., at 2.30 p. m. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, G. M. C. Victoria, B. C., December 4th, 1903.

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WEDNESDAY'S SALE OF Ladies' Silk Waists

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SILK WAISTS

Ladies' Silk Waists, in colored Taffeta, Louisine and China Silk, neatly tucked and hemstitched. Regular values \$3.25 to \$6.25 each. Wednesday \$2.50

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Ladies' Soft Finished Taffeta Silk Waists, in rich evening shades, also Black and White. Regular values up to \$15.00. WEDNESDAY \$6.50

Our Xmas Sale of Handkerchiefs Will Commence Thursday

See Wednesday's Times for Particulars.

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Pure G-G Jelly Powders, 3 packages 25c.
Best Cooking Sherry, per bottle 50c.
Pure Brandy for Cooking per bottle \$1.00
Boiled-Cider, a superior article, bottle 35c.
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A present a gentleman appreciates, in cases fitted with our best goods, \$2.50 to \$15.00. We have a special set for \$3.00, which we fully warrant. See our line of Military and Shaving Brushes, Mirrors, Shaving Cups, etc., at

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Bon Bons, Stockings, and Xmas Novelties. MOWAT & WALLACE, GROCERS. Corner Yates and Douglas Streets.

ZION CITY FINANCES. John Alexander, Dowle Places Assets at more Than Four Times His Liabilities. Chicago, Dec. 7. In a statement which places his assets at more than four times his liabilities, John Alexander Dowle today, at a meeting of his creditors, submitted a proposal by which it is believed that the financial tangle at Zion City will be straightened out.

By Its Wonderful Drawing Qualities and Delicious Flavor "SALADA" CEYLON tea captivates the most critical tastes. Black, Mixed or Natural Green.

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY. TIME TABLE NO. 49. TAKING EFFECT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29. Table with columns for Northbound and Southbound routes, including Victoria, Shawigan Lake, and Nanaimo.

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(Continued from page 5.) taxation on the personal property or the incomes of the banks; It was quite right not to tax them on both. Getting no satisfactory answer, Mr. Macdonald asked if the Minister of Finance could say how much they intended to get from the tax on the income of banks.

The Mikado Bazaar Christmas Goods Just Arrived. All kinds of Embroidered Silk and Linen Goods. Greatly reduced prices on all lines. Best Japanese store to get Christmas presents in the town.

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WE GUARANTEE "White Horse Cellar" SCOTCH WHISKY. 10 Years Old. W. A. WARD & CO., Victoria, B. C. Sole Agents for B. C.

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Canadian Magazine FOR 1904. During 1903 the circulation of THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE has increased with remarkable steadiness. The articles on Canadian history have proved exceedingly attractive.

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

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 trains from and to Skagway.

CHINA AND JAPAN SAILINGS. Athenian Dec. 14. Empress of India Dec. 18. Empress of Japan Jan. 25.

ALASKA ROUTE. For Skagway Direct. Amur Dec. 20. To Northern British Columbia way ports, 1st and 15th each month, 11 p. m.

ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP SAILINGS. From Halifax, N.S. Ionian-Allan Line Dec. 12. Tunisian-Allan Line Dec. 21.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. LEAVE VICTORIA, S.F.M. Queen, Dec. 5, 25, Jan. 4. City of Puebla, Dec. 10, 25, Jan. 10.

PUGET SOUND NAVIGATION CO. STEAMER FOR PUGET SOUND. Steamer Clallam. Sails daily, except Sunday, at 7.30 p. m.

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for his defence with witnesses and counsel at said assizes? If not, why not?

SPORTING ITEMS.

FENCING.

A general meeting of members of the Victoria Fencing Club will be held this evening at the club's room, five stories block.

THE GUN.

While out hunting in the Sooke hills last Sunday, James Sprinkling became separated from his companions, Louis Young and Walter Jesse, and failed to meet at the Summit, which they had decided should be the rendezvous.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

A soccer league match will be played to-morrow at the Work Point grounds between the Y. M. C. A. and Garrison teams.

The teams follow: Y. M. C. A.—Goal, Whyte; full backs, Ritchie and Northcutt; half backs, Robertson, Davidson and Connor; forwards, Shobolt, Hooker, Rate, Allott, and Oakes.

SOCCER.

Yesterday afternoon a match was played between the Garrison and Vancouver teams, which resulted in a victory for the latter eleven by a score of 2 goals to nothing.

Mr. Oliver, on Wednesday next, will ask the Premier: 1. Why was the name of M. S. Wade, of Kamloops, omitted from the list of employees dismissed by the government?

Mr. Oliver, on Wednesday next, will ask the Minister of Finance: 1. Did the work of construction consist of 5. Is the work being diligently prosecuted to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council?

Mr. Oliver, on Wednesday next, will ask the Minister of Finance: 1. What amount of money was paid out of the provincial treasury by way of aid to sufferers from the floods on the Fraser river during the present year?

Mr. Oliver, on Wednesday next, will ask the Provincial Secretary: 1. Was Mr. John Armstrong sent to jail from the Old Men's Home, Kamloops?

Mr. Cameron, on Wednesday next, will ask the Premier: 1. What steps have been taken by the government to facilitate the removal of the Indians from the Songhees Indian reserve?

Mr. McInnes, on Wednesday next, will ask the Attorney-General: 1. How many convictions were secured on December 2nd last against the Wellington Colliery Co. for employing Chinamen below ground?

Mr. McInnes, on Wednesday next, will ask the Premier: 1. How many applications have been received for coal licenses and leases in blocks Nos. 4,583 and 4,594 in Southeast Kootenay?

Mr. Murphy, on Wednesday next, will ask the Attorney-General: 1. Is the intention of the government to proceed with the prosecution in the case of cattle stealing for which W. P. McInnes was indicted for the assizes held at Clinton in May last?

penetrated. Occasional rushes were made up field by Rivers, centre forward for the Garrison, but through lack of combination the advantage was always lost.

When the game recommenced after a short intermission, the Garrison team achieved a determination to secure a lead by means of a series of passes which were almost successful.

The teams lined up as follows: Benedicts—Goal, F. Jones and J. Renoff; centre, W. Peden; forwards, P. Marchant and H. Griffiths.

There will be a full practice of the Fernwood seniors and intermediates on Thursday evening, and all members are requested to be present as the team for Saturday's game will be selected.

Last evening a junior league match was played between the Victoria West and Cloverdale teams at the Y. M. C. A. hall.

The game commenced promptly at 8 o'clock, and for the first half the match was evenly contested. Playing was fast, and it was seldom that the forwards on either side were allowed to shoot.

Notter did most of the scoring for Victoria West and Dakers for the Cloverdale team. T. Hutchison acted as referee.

Out of every 1,000 letters used in writing English, T is used eighty-eight times.

In buying, note the package. The name tells the quality.

If it's

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MUNICIPAL.

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the THIRTIETH DAY of December, 1903, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1887," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

Table with columns: Lot, Area, Section, Length and Improvements, Registered Owner, Total Arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs, and other financial details.

N. B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land, and "I." and "L." mean Land and Improvements. Dated this 27th day of November, A. D. 1903, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

Municipal Election 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

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.

Consignee's Notice, BR. SHIP "Pass of Killiecrankie" VINT. MASTER. FROM LIVERPOOL. This vessel is now discharging cargo at the outer wharf.

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ALL CLAIMS. BR. SHIP "Pass of Killiecrankie" VINT. MASTER. All claims against the above vessel must be forwarded to the office of the undersigned on or before Wednesday noon, December 9th, 1903.

Subscribe for the Times. Dressing Gowns, \$7.50, 10.00, 12.00. 500 Ties and Scarfs, Special for Xmas Trade, at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Special prices quoted doz.

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Notice is hereby given that at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria we will apply for a transfer of the license to sell spirits and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the "Commercial Hotel," corner of Douglas and Cormorant streets, in the City of Victoria, to W. H. Stafford.

Notice is hereby given that we, Hannah Wall and William A. Smith, carrying on business as Grocers under the name of The Windsor Grocery Company, of the premises Numbers 19 and 21 Government street, intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria to sell spirits and fermented liquors upon the said premises, in quantities of not less than a reputed pint to any one person to any one person, not to be consumed upon the said premises.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the north by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the M. & N. Railway Land Grant.

Notice is hereby given that I, Harry Thomas Cole, intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at its next sitting for a transfer of the license held by me to sell spirits and fermented liquors, by retail, on the premises known as the "Pritchard House," situate on part of Lot 102, in the said City of Victoria, from the said Pritchard House to the premises situate at number 64 Yates street, in said city.

Tenders, sealed and endorsed "Tenders for Debentures," will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday, the 7th December, 1903, at 3 p. m. for the purchase, in whole or in part, of debentures of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, amounting to \$4,632.21, maturing the 31st August, 1913, secured upon the credit of the whole Municipality, and issued under authority of the Langley and Bastion Streets Paving Local Improvement By-Law.

Also debentures to the amount of \$4,704.90, issued under authority of the same by-law, payable on the same date, secured upon the credit of the real property immediately benefited by the work of local improvement described in the said by-law.

The tenderer must state the net price at Victoria which he will pay. In addition to the net price the purchaser will have to pay the Corporation the interest on the said debentures between August 31st or November 15th, as the case may be, of the current year and the date of receipt of the purchase money by the City Treasurer. The Corporation does not bind itself to accept any tender.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 24th, 1903.

MEN AND WOMEN. The Big G for natural discharges, inflammations, gonorrhoea, etc. This treatment will relieve all such ailments. Painful, and not abating. Free examination. The Evans-Owens Co. Original and Best. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, on receipt of \$1.00, or 3 bottles \$2.75. Circular sent on request.

Useful Xmas Presents. Morris Reclining Chairs, from \$8.50 up. Sleepy Hollow Chairs, from \$5.50 up. Fancy Oak Rockers (upholstered), from \$7.50. These goods are all extra good value, and make very acceptable Xmas presents. Call and see them. SMITH & CHAMPION, 100 DOUGLAS STREET, PHONE 718.

WILLIAMS & CO. Suits Cases, - \$2.50, 3.00, 6.75 and 10.00. Self Op. Sk. Umbrellas, \$1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 5. Smoking Jackets, - \$5.00, 7.50, 10.00. Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs with and without initials. Silk Mufflers .75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. Christy Wals, D. M.'s Gloves; Linen-Mesh and Dr. Jaeger's Undertwear. Fancy Vests and Waistcoats, at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50. Cambric's Semi-ready Suits and Overcoats. Dressing Gowns, \$7.50, 10.00, 12.00. 500 Ties and Scarfs, Special for Xmas Trade, at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Special prices quoted doz. 68-70 Yates Street.

CHRISTMAS PERFUMES. EXQUISITE HOLIDAY PACKAGES. We have a splendid assortment from the best English, French and American makers. Prices range from 25c to \$5.00. Let us show you the opportunity of showing your friends goods.

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CITY AUCTION MART. 58 Broad St. Wm. Jones. Dominion Government Auctioneer. Appraiser, Real Estate and Commission Agent.

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AUCTION. Under instructions of several owners, we will sell at our store, 105 FORT STREET, Wednesday, Nov. 9th, at 2 p. m. 5,000 CIGARS. Pipes, Matches, Furniture, Crockery, Glassware, Lamps, Stoves, Chairs, Jam, Jellies, Harness Blacking, Shoemakers Tools, Beds, Pillows, Bedsteads, Baby Buggy, Sewing Machine, Saws, Cross-cut Hand Saws, 30 Boxes Chewing Gum, Double Barrel Shot Gun.

AUCTION. I am instructed by Mr. Bennett to sell at his residence, 31 View St., near Douglas, Friday, 11th Dec., 2 p. m. FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.

W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer. The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 8th December were \$120,755.

There will be a meeting of the Victoria Poultry Association this evening at 132 Government, corner of Johnson street. Preparations for the annual show to be held on the 15th of January will be discussed. A large attendance is requested as the business is important.

At the drill hall this evening a practical examination in the use of Maxim guns will be held. Lieut. Colonel Hall will be in charge. All members of the classes of instruction in connection with the Fifth Regiment are requested to attend.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Bleeding and Protruding Piles. No cure, no pay. A druggist will authorize by the manufacturers of Pazo Ointment to refund the money where it fails to cure any case of piles, no matter how long standing. Cures ordinary cases in six days; the worst cases in fourteen days. One application gives ease and rest. Relieves itching instantly. This is a new discovery and it is the only pile remedy sold on a positive guarantee, no cure, no pay. Price 50c. If your druggist hasn't it in stock send 50 cents (Canadian stamps accepted) to the Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo., manufacturers of Laxative Beans—Quinine—the celebrated "Red" Beans.

E. J. WALL. W. A. SMITH. A CHANCE FOR CHRISTMAS. FIVE \$1.00 BILLS GIVEN AWAY. ZEBRA PASTE STOVE POLISH IN TINS.

Windsor Grocery Company. OPPOSITE POST OFFICE. GOVERNMENT STREET. NOW OPEN. The Palace Barber Shop. 34 Government Street, OPPOSITE WEILER BROS.

CARRIED FEW PASSENGERS. On returning, as on her outward trip, the steamer Queen City, which arrived this morning from West Coast ports, had a very light passenger list. Those to arrive were Miss Spence, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mould, J. Jensen, F. W. McCredy and Miss J. Wright. Mr. McCredy here or six years ago was manager of the Electric Tramway Company in this city, and is now a resident of Vancouver. Being a mining expert he has been down to Clayoquot looking for some prospects. "Here" in the district of a syndicate. Mr. McCredy says that he never saw better looking ore than he has seen on the West Coast of this island. A good deal of the ore is in pockets. It is true, but this is the case all over the world. The great trouble with the West Coast mines has been that they pass from one to another's possession, a thousand dollars or so being now and again spent in improvements, but little if any development work has been done to thoroughly exploit the character of the ore. On the outfit trip the Queen City carried a couple of Seattle men, who went down the coast with a view to reopening the mines on Bear river.

NEW APPOINTMENT. The Vancouver World's special London correspondent writes, under date November 2nd, stating that Lieut. K. N. Lawson, R. N., who lately reached home in H. M. S. Caesar, of which he was navigation officer from the Mediterranean, has been appointed to a similar office on H. M. S. Grafton, flagship of the Pacific squadron. Lieut. Lawson has over 17 years' service, the last in his present rank. He was a lieutenant of H. M. S. Phoenix on the west coast of Africa in 1894, when Sir F. G. D. Bedford, K. C. B., dispatched an expedition against Chief Nema of Broheima up Bear river. Lieut. Lawson accompanied the expedition which captured and destroyed Broheima (wedged with clasp). A vacancy in the staff of H. M. S. Egretta has just been filled by the appointment of Sub-Lieut. C. W. Tappan from the flagship Grafton, with which he served for the winter months.

OANFA A NEW VESSEL. The British steamship Oanfa, now on her way to San Francisco from Yokohama, and which after loading 6,000 tons of cargo will be coming north to Victoria, is a new vessel. She was built in the early part of this year at Glasgow. She is steel hulled, is propelled by twin screws and lighted throughout by electricity. Her gross tonnage is 7,902 and her net tonnage is registered as 4,867 tons. She is 480 feet long, 58.5 feet beam 32.7 feet deep. She has triple expansion engines, six cylinders, develops 2,800 horsepower and makes an average speed of 14 knots. She is managed by Holt & Co., of Liverpool.

MARINE NOTES. The Hope has had bad luck in getting a beam of logs up the Straits from the Gordon river. The boom broke after it was gotten into salt water, and half of it has been scattered about the Straits. The ship Pass of Brander has undergone Lloyd's survey on the Esquimalt marine railway. The steamer Kaga Maru arrived at Yokohama on December 3rd.

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