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DUTCH CAPTURE ANOTHER PRIZE

WARSHIP TOWS VESSEL INTO WILLEMSTAD

Strict Patrol Will Be Maintained Along Venezuelan Coast.

Willemstad, Dec. 15.—The Dutch battleship Jacob Von Heemskerck arrived in the harbor at 8 o'clock this morning, towing as a prize the Venezuelan coastguard vessel "23 De Mayo." Word of the capture had already been received here and a great throng of people lined the quays to witness the entrance of the Dutch battleship conducting her capture within the harbor. The flag of the Netherlands had been hoisted to the peak of the captured Venezuelan coastguard ship, and astern of the Dutch flag floated the Venezuelan flag. Although the Venezuelan flag was still shown, it was in minor contrast to the Dutch pennant flying from mainmast and foremost both of the warship and its prize.

The "23 De Mayo" was captured on December 13th at a point a little north of Cumana, a city of 12,000 people on the Gulf of Caracac. The battleship Jacob Von Heemskerck observed the "23 De Mayo" in the offing, and promptly took possession of her. A mine sweeper, made up of members of the crew of the Dutch warship, was sent aboard the "23 De Mayo," assuming command and direction of the coastguard ship, and raising the Dutch flag at the foremost. At the same time the Venezuelan crew, which had been in charge of the "23 De Mayo" was sent ashore in the small boats of the captured ship. The battleship Jacob Von Heemskerck then proceeded back to this port, towing her prize.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland left here yesterday for the Venezuelan coast. She had on board a most experienced seaman, thoroughly acquainted with the small bays and inlets along the Venezuelan shore.

DIES FROM INJURIES

Aged Clergyman Run Over by Street Car in Toronto.

HUGE WATER TANK BURSTS

St. John, N. B., Dec. 15.—The Intercolonial railway water tank at Island Yards, holding 100,000 gallons of water, burst with a mighty roar on Sunday night. Yesterday morning broken timbers and twisted iron hoops marked the spot. The force of the escaping water broke the bridge across Marsh creek, also all the windows in the dynamo room and stores department of the railway. No one was injured. Rotting of the iron bands which held the tank was the cause. The damage is estimated at \$10,000.

BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Dec. 15.—The House of Commons last night concluded the final stage of a large number of bills, including the miners' eight hour bill. This bill will be strongly opposed and considerably amended in the House of Lords. It is not expected that parliament will be able to rise on Saturday.

"DIVINE HEALER" MOBBED.

Macomb, Ill., Dec. 15.—Declaring at a meeting here that the late President McKinley was an anarchist, that he turned more people loose to prey on society than any man in the world, and that the assassination of McKinley was all right, except that it did not happen soon enough, the self-styled "Divine Healer," Scatterly who escaped personal violence at the hands of a mob through intervention of the police. The officers escorted Scatterly to a hotel, and also to the first train out of town, followed by citizens threatening to do him violence if he did not leave at once. Scatterly went to Quincy, Ill.

WILL FORFEIT LANDS.

Saskatchewan Farmers in Arrears With Taxes Will Have Land Taken From Them.

INDIAN UNREST.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 15.—The provincial government has issued orders to all secretary-treasurers of local improvement districts that arrears of taxes are not to be collected after to-day. On that date forfeiture proceedings are to be taken against all land under arrears, and farmers desiring to reclaim will have to pay charges in that connection.

B. C. FRUIT IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 15.—The exhibition of B. C. fruit opened to-day at the Imperial Institute.

RAPID PROGRESS MADE BY G. T. P.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 15.—The G. T. P. yesterday completed the Battle River bridge. It is announced the line will be into Edmonton in March. The grading is completed into Edmonton, a distance of one hundred and ten miles from the terminal. Steel and ties in enormous quantities are stored at Wainwright ready to prosecute the steel-laying all through the winter.

UNEMPLOYED IN OTTAWA.

Says Newspapers Are to Blame Because Charities Are Inactive.

GOOD OLD-TIME 'VARSITY' ROW IN TORONTO

Black Eyes, Smashed Hats, Torn Clothing and Broken Windows.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—Medical students and the school of science had a battle royal on 'varsity grounds' yesterday. The "meds" were having a photograph taken when science men spoiled them. The result was a melee, resulting in black eyes, smashed hats and torn clothing. President Falconer, who had been unwell from a cold, had to be called to quell the disturbance. Sixty-nine windows in the school of science and 23 in the medical building were broken.

PHONOGRAPH TO GIVE DAMNATORY EVIDENCE

Cries of Woman Assaulted Are Recorded in Talking Machine.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—Through the testimony of a phonograph record C. A. Rumstay was to-day held for trial on a charge of assault and battery by Magistrate England. The complaint was made by J. E. Hinds, of Taggart street, on behalf of his wife. Hinds declared that the screams of his wife were recorded on a blank record that had been placed in the machine to produce a piano solo which a lady friend of hers was playing.

The music had suddenly ceased and the sensitive disc had recorded cries for help and wails of pain instead. The record was admitted as evidence. It is remarkably clear and the voices can be easily distinguished.

It is alleged that Rumstay went to the house in Taggart street to get a photograph he had sold to a Mrs. Rhinehart, formerly a tenant of the house. Mrs. Rhinehart had sold her photograph to the Hinds family. Mrs. Hinds explained the facts to Rumstay and it is asserted that he wanted to take the instrument away. Mrs. Hinds refused to give up the property and, it is alleged, Rumstay struck her and knocked her down. The pianist left her seat to assist Mrs. Hinds and forgot to stop the turn-table of the instrument which contained grinding away, according to the excited conversation and the cries of the woman.

GERMAN AIRSHIP LINE.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The newspapers of Berlin yesterday published details of the plans of a German company of aeronauts, with headquarters at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, which purports to build seven airships and maintain regular sailings between twenty-four German cities. A number of capitalists and sporting men are said to be interested. The papers, however, treat the idea with skepticism.

HIS MAJESTY TO SPEND WEEK AT BRIGHTON

Has Apparently Fully Recovered From Attack of Influenza.

London, Dec. 15.—King Edward left here for Brighton to-day, his appearance indicating that he had practically recovered from his recent attack of influenza. He will remain at the seaside resort until about December 21st, when he goes to Sandringham for the holidays. By that time he expects to have fully regained his health.

As he boarded the train here to-day His Majesty chatted pleasantly with the railroad officials on the platform and cordially acknowledged the salutations of his fellow passengers. His eye was bright, his step brisk and he gave every indication of rapid convalescence.

SIX HINDU IMMIGRANTS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The total Hindu immigration to Canada this year has been six, compared with 453 last year.

THINKS EMPIRE IS IN DANGER

MACKINDER GIVES HIS VIEWS ON CANADA

Commercial Reciprocity With United States May Lead to Political Union.

London, Dec. 15.—Halford, John Mackinder, director of the London School of Economics and Political Science, in an address last night said that the tendency of the younger generation in Canada was toward independence, though they hardly realized the fact at the moment. There was a strong feeling almost throughout the Dominion against annexation to the United States, but there existed also a standing temptation to give that power commercial terms which must end in political union. If such a coalition was formed it would arouse European hostility, not active perhaps, but still real. America in self-defence would be compelled to take command of the ocean and the power in the Far East. Instead of looking to Great Britain Canada would look to America.

Could Britain in such circumstances retain India and South Africa. An Lord Milner said the Dutch would be loyal for reasons of policy, not of sentiment. But if Canada parted from Great Britain the empire would end and the attraction for the Dutch would disappear.

ROASTED TO DEATH.

Aged Californian Rancher Seized With Apoplectic Stroke Falls Across Stove.

REFUGEE OF INVESTOR, NOT THE SPECULATOR.

Stock Exchange Members Will Co-operate With Governor Hughes' Commission.

PAPKE VS. KELLY.

Middleweights Meet To-Night at Los Angeles.

SMELTER RESUMES OPERATIONS.

Tyee Plant Probably Will Have Long Run.

PREACHERS WANTED.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Speaking at Trinity Methodist church, Principal Sparling, of Wesley college, Winnipeg, made a strong appeal for support for the education of young men for the ministry. The shortage of preachers in the western province was now, he said, 100.

YORK LOAN REAL ESTATE.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—The liquidators of the York Loan Company state that \$30,000 has been realized from the sale of real estate of the defunct company this month so far.

TO SUPPRESS "BUCKET SHOPS."

Washington, Dec. 15.—The House yesterday passed a bill designed to suppress "bucket shops" in the district of Columbia.

CALGARY'S NEW MAYOR.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 15.—Former C. P. R. General Superintendent Jamieson has been elected Mayor of Calgary.

EMBEZZLER OUT ON BAIL.

Will Be Given Chance of Making Restitution Before Sentence Is Pronounced.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 15.—Sentence has been suspended until the next autumn assizes in the case of Wm. Martin, Jr., a "tax collector" for the town of North Bay, who pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement. Martin will be allowed out on bail of \$10,000. It is understood the object of the judgment is to enable Martin to make progress towards restitution, which will have an important bearing on sentence.

BAYSIDE YACHT CLUB MURDER

MRS. WM. ANNIS IS WITNESS FOR STATE

Interest Shewn in Widow of Slain Man—A Second "Thaw" Case.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 15.—With six jurors in the jury box and counsel for both sides hopeful that the remaining jurors may be selected during the first session of court, the state's case against T. J. Hains, a writer now on trial as an accessory to his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of Wm. E. Annis, publisher, at the Bayside Yacht Club last summer, will in all likelihood be presented in court late to-day. The decision last night of Justice Crane not to look up the jury has removed a fear among taleymen that if selected to act in the case they might be locked up over-Christmas.

An additional panel of 150 taleymen drawn last night filled the trial room to overflowing to-day and when Thorton Hains was brought into court, his wrist locked with steel nippers to a deputy sheriff, he had to edge his way through the throng. Hains does not like being menaced to a deputy sheriff, declaring that he would not escape if given the opportunity.

"They could turn him out of Long Island jail every morning unattended and he would immediately come to court," said Lawyer McIntyre.

Mrs. Wm. E. Annis, widow of the publisher, held a conference with District Attorney Darrin to-day before court convened. Dressed in black, Mrs. Annis was the cynosure of all eyes. She will be one of the principal witnesses for the state and as an eyewitness of the shooting, tell of the events that transpired from the time of the arrival of the Hains' brothers to the shooting at the water's edge. Justice Crane announced at the opening of court that he had received from the county judge a certificate authorizing the appointment of Elmer S. White and James A. Dayton as special prosecutors.

Lawyer McIntyre vigorously opposed the employment of other counsel for the state, declaring that it was wrong practice. He insisted that Mr. Dayton came into the case at the instance of the Bayside Yacht Club but Justice Crane stopped the argument on this line and directed that the appearance of the two special prosecutors be noted and the order of the court judge to have the order vacated.

The examination of taleymen was then commenced and Mr. White as special prosecutor undertook the questioning of taleymen.

The seventh taleymen examined was Alexander Jardin, a plumber of Long Island City, who was selected as the seventh juror in the case. Counsel for the state had withdrawn all challenges when it was developed that Jardin had, up to a few years ago, lived in Texas. Prosecutor West thought to submit a peremptory challenge after stating that the taleymen was satisfactory to the state. Justice Crane said that he believed the taleymen to have qualified as a most satisfactory juror and directed that Jardin be drawn. Hains appeared delighted with Jardin's selection. The seventh juror is said to have Indian blood in his veins.

Hugh McCallagh, a milk dealer, was secured as the eighth juror. Justice Crane ordered a recess at 12:30 for an hour. Twenty-two taleymen were examined during the morning session, and two additional jurors were selected. Four more jurors remain to be chosen before the jury box is filled.

WANTED TO GO TO JAIL.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition in the Commons, arrived here yesterday from Hot Springs, Ark., looking the picture of health. He says he has benefited greatly by his three weeks' rest. When questioned about election protests, Mr. Borden said he knew nothing about the arrangements made.

PROVINCE WILL APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, says that the provincial government will take an appeal to the privy council, the highest court, for a final decision in the fisheries question. A decision was given against the province in an appeal to the full court yesterday and from that decision the appeal is to be taken. It will probably be brought on at the sitting of the privy council in May or June.

The act passed last session by the provincial government was announced to be one intended to test the rights of the province to make regulations relative to the province as against the Dominion government's rights. The test in the courts has followed and has been against the province so far. The attorney-general will take it to the highest court of the realm.

With the fisheries appeal will also be made a test of the rights of the province in the matter of passing immigration laws. An appeal is to be taken in the case decided against the province in passing the immigration act.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL SAYS TEST WILL BE MADE IN FISHERIES REGULATION CASE.

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POLICE CHIEF BIGGY'S BODY IS RECOVERED

(Special to the Times.)
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—Chief of Police Biggy's body was found floating off Goat Island, face upwards, the face was unrecognizable, but there were Biggy's long coat, his gloves, both worn when he disappeared on November 30th, to identify him by. The arms were outstretched.

WOMEN NOT WANTED.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association on Saturday night a motion to admit women to membership was rejected.

FARMERS FOR NORTHWEST.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 15.—Three hundred German farmers have sent word from Pennsylvania that they will go to Edmonton in the spring on their way to take up farming land in the Peace river country.

BOWSER ACTS ARE NUGATORY

B. C. CANNOT ENFORCE ITS FISHERY LEGISLATION

Field Is Covered by Federal Laws—Decision of Full Court.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—The provincial fishery regulations were late yesterday declared by the full court to be beyond the power of the local legislature and wholly within the power of the Dominion parliament.

Justices Irving, Morrison and Clement were unanimous in this decision, while both Justices Morrison and Clement in addition held that the province had not even the power to issue the present \$2 license for revenue purposes. In this Justice Irving dissented, holding that the province could continue to exact this license fee from fishermen by way of a revenue tax. The province, however, could not impose with it any conditions in the nature of regulations as to time and place for fishing, as these were solely within the competence of the Dominion government.

The result was dismissal with costs of both of the province's appeals in the long-fought case of North v. Kendall.

It is understood that the province will carry the case to the Imperial Privy Council, as it involves the whole of the tidal water fisheries. Being undisputed owner of the fish the province contends that it has the right to say when and where fish may or may not be taken, while not disputing the right of the Dominion government to exact its present license for Dominion revenue purposes only. But in effect the decision of the court yesterday is that in this matter the province cannot intervene and that the local act exacting a license fee and imposing regulations is ultra vires of the legislature.

John A. Kendall, fisherman, took out both a Dominion and a provincial license. He obeyed the conditions of the former, but disobeyed the conditions of the latter. He was fined in a prosecution by Provincial Inspector North, County Judge Howay set aside the conviction, and to-day the province failed in its double appeal to have that conviction restored.

NO REFLECTION ON G. T. P. COMMISSIONERS

London Times Regrets Construction Put on Its Antielection Article.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

Members Will Meet City Council on Friday Evening.

GUILTY IN VIVISECTION CASE.

Dean of Veterinary College Is Convicted of Cruelty to Animals.

ROCKEFELLER ON HIS ORIENTAL GRANT

Will Take Years to Secure Legislation for Establishment of \$50,000,000 Fund.

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Cleveland, O., Dec. 15.—Before leaving for New York last evening John D. Rockefeller said that he was unable to understand why the newspapers were directing attention to his proposed establishment of a \$50,000,000 fund for the education of Orientals in the Far East.

"It will take years to obtain the necessary legislation to accomplish the end I attributed to it and it is much too early to make a public announcement at this time," he said.

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CANADIAN NORTHERN EXTENDS SYSTEM

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 15.—D. C. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern, officially announces that his company has concluded the purchase of the Duluth and Winnipeg railway, which runs from Fort Francis to Duluth, making it a short line from this city to Chicago.

U. S. TRANSPORT ASHORE.

(Special to the Times.)
Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 15.—Artillery transport Evan Thomas ran ashore during the night at the foot of Tyler street, where she made her berth. With the assistance of other craft she was pulled off at high tide, and went on her run, apparently without damage.

ALDERMEN WERE REMINDED IN A COUPLE OF COMMUNICATIONS READ AT THE COUNCIL MEETING LAST NIGHT THAT THE DAYS IN OFFICE OF SOME OF THEM ARE PROBABLY NUMBERED; THAT NOW IS THE ACCEPTED HOUR IF THEY WANT TO WIN THE FAVOR OF THE RATEPAYERS. BOTH COMMUNICATIONS HAD REFERRED TO SANITARY COMPLAINTS OF LONG STANDING, IN REGARD TO WHICH CITIZENS' ALLEGATIONS HAD BEEN DONE.

FRANK ARMSTRONG WROTE ON BEHALF OF HIMSELF AND OTHER RESIDENTS OF MICHIGAN STREET, IN CONNECTION WITH A FORMER COMPLAINT AS TO THE SPENCER STABLE ON THAT THOROUGHFARE, TO ASK WHAT THE RESULTS, IF ANY, WERE OF THE COUNCIL'S DELIBERATIONS, AS NONE WERE VISIBLE IN THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE. HE INTIMATED THAT IT WAS A YEAR AND A HALF SINCE THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL WAS FIRST DRAWN TO THE MATTER, AND THAT IT MIGHT HAVE A BEARING ON THE ELECTION OF SOME ALDERMEN.

WILLIAM NEAL HAD ANOTHER CRASH AT THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE CHINESE WALK AT THE CORNER OF FORT AND QUADRA STREETS. HE THOUGHT HE HAD "THE WORD OF HONORABLE MENTION" THAT NOVEMBER 1ST WOULD SEE IT "NO MORE," BUT IT WAS STILL THERE. HE REMINDED THE ALDERMEN THAT "YOUR PRESENT TENURE OF OFFICE IS SHORT AS A BODY OF BUSINESS MEN," AND ADVISED THEM TO TAKE ACTION IN THE MATTER BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE.

MR. ARMSTRONG'S LETTER WAS REFERRED TO THE SOLICITOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR, AND MR. NEAL WILL BE INFORMED THAT THE COUNCIL HAS TAKEN CONCERN AND HAS THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE.

A final report from Ald. Hall, Henderson and Gleason, the special committee on garbage disposal, was read. It was as follows:

"That the offer of Capt. W. Gardiner to contract to do all the work in connection with the disposal of all consumable and non-consumable garbage brought to the city wharf and furnace for the sum of \$2,522 per annum and absorb all receipts from tickets, provided the city enter into a two-years' contract be approved of and a contract be entered into stipulating for the thorough sanitary and efficient disposal of all garbage. Capt. Gardiner is willing to arrange for a contract for one year, should a two-year contract not meet with your approval, for the sum of \$3,100 and absorb all receipts from tickets.

"We submit that in our opinion the first above-mentioned offer was the one more advantageous for the corporation to entertain and whereby a saving of \$1,270 a year would be effected as against a saving of \$1,000 on the one-year tender.

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Ald. Hall said Capt. Gardiner had done the work most efficiently in the past and the contract now proposed was the best one that could possibly be made in the interests of the city.

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The report was adopted.

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"I am directed by the board of this association to forward to you a copy of the resolution passed at the annual general meeting of this association held on the 8th inst., as follows:

"That in the opinion of this board the engineer staff with regard to roads in the city of Victoria is entirely inadequate. A first class engineer should be appointed who would have absolute control of the roads, subject of course to the council; he should be a well paid official with a thorough knowledge of the subject, both macadam and block pavement roads, more especially the latter, as laid down very successfully in London and other large cities. This engineer should have funds enough to repair systematically all roads and keep them in thorough repair all the time—that is to say all the main thoroughfares. He should keep proper repair gangs at work; he should have control of any trenches that are dug by the water works, or by any other persons, and see that these are properly filled in, tamped and finished off. A first class man would save a great deal of the money that has been wasted in the past through want of proper knowledge and sound judgment."

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Ald. Pauline considered that there were some points in this resolution worthy of consideration, and she therefore moved that the communication be referred to the streets, business and travel committee.

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SAYS THAT CIVIC LIFE IS SHORT

RATEPAYERS GIVE A REMINDER TO ALDERMEN

Suggestions for Street Work—Garbage Contract Awarded.

Algermen were reminded in a couple of communications read at the council meeting last night that the days in office of some of them are probably numbered; that now is the accepted hour if they want to win the favor of the ratepayers. Both communications had referred to sanitary complaints of long standing, in regard to which citizens' allegations had been done.

Frank Armstrong wrote on behalf of himself and other residents of Michigan street, in connection with a former complaint as to the Spencer stable on that thoroughfare, to ask what the results, if any, were of the council's deliberations, as none were visible in the abatement of the nuisance. He intimated that it was a year and a half since the attention of the council was first drawn to the matter, and that it might have a bearing on the election of some aldermen.

William Neal had another crash at the council regarding the Chinese walk at the corner of Fort and Quadra streets. He thought he had "the word of honorable mention" that November 1st would see it "no more," but it was still there. He reminded the aldermen that "your present tenure of office is short as a body of business men," and advised them to take action in the matter before it was too late.

Mr. Armstrong's letter was referred to the solicitor and sanitary inspector, and Mr. Neal will be informed that the council has taken concern and has the matter under consideration.

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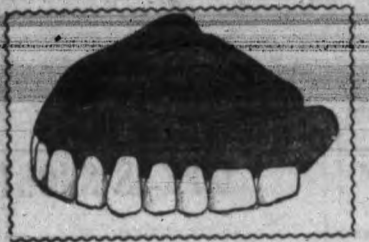
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FIGS, Stoving, California, new, 4 lbs for	50c
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JAM, Pure New Zealand, 4-lb. tin	50c
MARMALADE, Crosse & Blackwell's, 2-lb. tin	25c
MARMALADE, Kellie's, 7-lb. tin	50c
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PREMIER MCBRIDE WILL FILL HIS CABINET

New Minister Expected to Be Appointed at Early Date.

Premier McBride is expected within a few days to make an appointment to the position of minister of public works, the portfolio which was created by statute last session.

The cabinet probably will be filled before the House meets, and a by-election will be necessary, the date for it and Nanaimo, a seat made vacant by the resignation of J. H. Hawthornthwaite, will be brought on at the same time.

Among the names mentioned for the vacant portfolio are A. E. McPhillips, K. C. of this city; Price Ellison, of Vernon, and Thomas Taylor, of Revelstoke. Mr. Ellison has been recognized as a very strong candidate for the position owing to his long service in the Conservative party; but Premier McBride has always shown a disposition to favor those Conservatives who were associated with him in the days of opposition. For that reason Mr. McPhillips is regarded as a likely one to secure the portfolio, with Mr. Taylor also having claims on the same count.

MAYOR HALL WILL ADDRESS ELECTORS

Public Meeting Will Be Held in the City Hall This Evening.

In the council chamber at the city hall this evening Mayor Hill will address the ratepayers, giving a detailed account of what the council has done during the year. At the conclusion of his address he will answer any questions that may be put to him regarding the council's doings. The meeting commences at 8 o'clock and a large attendance of ratepayers is looked for.

As this will afford an excellent opportunity for the electors to become conversant on public questions it is desirable that a large attendance should be at the city hall.

All members of the Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Columbia, No. 524 are requested to meet in St. William Wallace hall at 8 o'clock this evening. Business of importance will be transacted.

The North West basketball team that will meet the Victoria West team to-morrow night will be composed of Menzies and Finlayson, guards; Johnston, centre; McGregor and Baines, forwards; and Humber, substitute.

There will be a jury trial in the county court to-morrow, when the action of Frank Crompton vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company comes up. The plaintiff was sawing wood in his cellar when the saw came in contact with an electric light wire and he received a severe shock. He claims \$1,000 damages. The defence will be a denial of liability and a contention that the accident was either an unavoidable one or due to plaintiff's negligence. Against this the plea is set up that under the old charter the present company is responsible for all accidents, however caused.

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ROOSEVELT'S BITING ATTACK ON N. Y. WORLD

Says Panama Canal Scandal Needs No Investigation—Message to Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt to-day sent to the senate a statement concerning the purchase of the Panama canal property by the United States, denouncing in strong language charges that there was anything wrong in the acquisition by the United States of the canal property.

"These stories," he continues, "were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis, called the News, edited by Mr. Delevan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character, and false in every essential particular.

"Mr. Smith shelters himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in New York, the World, owned by Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspapers are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody. Unfortunately thousands of persons are influenced in this respect, and believe the statements they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer."

Summarizing the charges made in the editorial, sometimes in the news columns, sometimes in the shape of contributions from individuals, either unknown or known to be of bad character, they are false in every particular from beginning to end. The wickedness of the slanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. So baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part stories originally concocted with a view of possible blackmail. The inventor of the story about Charles P. Taft, for instance, evidently supposed that at some period of the Panama purchase W. H. Taft never became secretary of war until long after the whole transaction in question had been closed.

"The inventor of the story about Douglas Robinson had not taken the trouble to find out the fact that Mr. Robinson had not had the slightest connection, directly or indirectly, with any phase of the Panama transaction from beginning to end. The man who attacked Mr. Root in the matter had not taken the trouble to read the public documents which would have informed them that Mr. Root had been entirely unconnected with the department of justice under the then Attorney-General, Mr. Knox.

"Now these stories as a matter of fact need no investigation whatever. No shadow of proof has, or can be produced in behalf of any of them. They consist simply of a string of infamous libels. In form they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson for instance, but they are in fact wholly and in form partly a libel upon the United States government. I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who write the libelous editorials, or articles from correspondents, or articles in the news columns.

"The real offender is Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World, with the criminal offense of which Mr. Pulitzer has been guilty is in form a libel upon individuals, the great injury done is in blackening the good name of the American people. It should not be left to a private citizen to sue Mr. Pulitzer for libel. He should be prosecuted for libel by the representative authorities. In point of infamy, of use and of danger, there is nothing to choose between a public servant who betrays his trust, a public servant who is guilty of blackmail, or theft, or financial dishonesty of any kind, and a man guilty, as Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has been guilty, in this instance.

"It is therefore a high national duty to bring to justice this villain of the American people; this man who wants only and wickedly and without one shadow of justification seeks to blacken the character of his own country in the eyes of the civilized world, of wrongdoing of the basest and foulest kind, when he has not one shadow of justification of any sort or description for the charge he has made. The attorney-general has under consideration the form in which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be brought.

The president refers to various papers which he transmits with his message, and calls attention to numerous utterances and acts relating to the canal and its purchase. He cites the act of congress by which he was authorized to pay \$40,000,000 for the canal property, and says it was no concern of the president what the new Panama Canal Company did with the money. The president states that the money was paid through the New York banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., acting as financial agents of the Bank of France in Paris.

"In the payment," he said, "we followed to the letter the decree of the governmental tribune of France which had the authority to make such a decree, the civil tribunal of the Seine. I wish to make as clear as possible, and as emphatic as possible, the statement that we did not have anything to do with the distribution of a dollar of the \$40,000,000 we paid, as regards any stockholder or bondholder of the French companies, save that we followed out the award of the arbitrators appointed in accordance with the decree of the French court, which has dealt with the subject in awarding a certain proportion to the old company and a certain proportion to the new company. Any question concerning the stockholders, bondholders, or other beneficiaries of the proceeds of the sale was purely a question for the civil tribunal of the Seine, the French gov-

ernmental body, with which this nation had nothing whatever to do."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Later, in the House the message with its accompanying papers were referred to committees.

H. M. CRUISERS COMING ACROSS PACIFIC

Cambian and Flora Detached From China Squadron for American Service.

London, Dec. 15.—With a view to showing the British flag on both sides of the American continent, the admiralty has ordered the cruisers Cambian and Flora detached from the Australian and China squadron, respectively, for a visit to the southern ports on the Pacific coast of South America. This will make three separate squadrons cruising in the waters of the American continent.

CASTRO CALLS ON CHANCELLOR BUELOW

German Foreign Secretary Also Included on His Visiting List.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—President Castro, of Venezuela, who arrived in this city last night from Paris, called this morning on Chancellor von Buelow and Foreign Secretary von Schoen, leaving his cards. The foreign secretary later in the day sent Councillor Goetech, who acted as the German indemnity commission at Caracas in 1903 to return the call and inquire concerning President Castro's health.

The local newspapers to-day publish various accounts of the luxurious living of President Castro and the members of his party at their hotel in this city.

DYING MILLIONAIRE SETS FIRE TO HIS WEALTH

London, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail relates that a dying Moscow millionaire named Petroff had his whole fortune withdrawn from the bank and the bank notes brought to the sick-room. They were then piled before him and set on fire. Petroff then called his relatives and showed them what he had done, congratulating them on escaping from the evils of wealth.

PROMINENT ODD FELLOW DEAD

The Late Judge J. Nelson Received High Honors Last September.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Judge J. J. Nelson, grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, died at a local hospital yesterday. The cause of death was heart failure following an operation for cancer of the stomach. Judge Nelson was 75 years old in June last and has practiced law here for 30 years. He was a native of Nashville, Tenn. He was elected grand sire of the order at the Denver convention on Sept. 22nd last. He leaves a widow, four sons and a daughter.

TAX ON CIGARETTE DEALERS.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The House yesterday passed a bill placing an annual tax of \$100 on all dealers in cigarettes and cigarette paper in the district of Columbia.

FIRE LOSSES IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—Fire losses in Toronto for 1908 will probably be \$100,000 or \$200,000 below 1907, which amounted to \$1,100,000—a very abnormal figure.

ROBBERS SECURE \$15,000.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 15.—Robbers dynamited the safe of the First National bank of McAlester, Okla., 20 miles north of here, early to-day and escaped with a sum said to be \$15,000.

BUTCHER'S HORSE AND CART FALL INTO BAY

Runaway Unable to Make Turn is Drowned in Harbor.

A delivery horse attached to a cart, the property of J. Porter & Sons, butchers, Government street, this afternoon between 12 and 1 o'clock plunged down the embankment on Belleville street between Government street and the James Bay Athletic clubrooms and went over the side into the inner harbor, where the horse was drowned.

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POUND AND FRUIT CAKE.....1 AND 2 LB. TINS

DECREASE IN OIL SUPPLY OF UNITED STATES

Interesting Evidence by John D. Archbold in Standard Suit.

New York, Dec. 15.—Vice President John D. Archbold, the active head of the Standard Oil Co., again was a witness in the government suit for the dissolution of that corporation when the hearing was resumed to-day before Referee Farris here.

Lawyer Rosenthal, for the Standard, asked Mr. Archbold if he had ascertained how many miles of trunk pipe lines had been purchased and how many constructed by his company in 1882. He replied that of the 1,082 miles existing in that year, the Standard had built 1,042 and purchased the remainder.

Mr. Archbold testified that the amount of Russian oil exported from that country to European markets was 979,923 barrels in 1886, and 10,500,000 barrels in 1893. He added that the supply of oil in this country was steadily decreasing, while it was steadily increasing in Russia.

PERSONAL.

M. M. Lyter and Mrs. Lyter, of Seattle, are in the city.
A. M. Kollberg, of San Francisco, is visiting the city.
T. E. Ford and Mrs. Ford are visiting here from Portland.
C. and Mrs. Sabine, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who are spending the winter in the West, are guests in the city.
Mrs. W. De Witte, of Yokohama, has taken winter quarters for herself and daughter at the Dominion hotel.
Mrs. Brew, wife of Captain Brew, of the British ship Halcyon, is expected to arrive on the Australian liner Makura, which is now due.
The Australian liner Makura was passing up the straits at 3 o'clock and was expected at the outer wharf at 5. The weather being so rough a call at William Head will not be made. Arrangements have been made to have her examined at the outer dock by Dr. McKicking.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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DIED.

RUSSELL—At the Royal Jubilee hospital, on Dec. 14th, Joseph Russell, a native of Austin, aged 82 years.
The funeral will take place on Wednesday evening, the 16th, at 8 p. m., from Eagles' Hall to the 14th inst., at Jubilee hospital, Wellington, only son of Q. L. and E. J. Walker, of Nanaimo, and beloved grandson of Mrs. J. D. Byles, aged 82 years and 2 days.
Funeral will take place on Wednesday, the 16th, at 2 p. m., from 975 Frederick street. Friends please accept this intimation.

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W. H. CRAIG, Found Keeper, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 14, 1908.



Funeral Notice

The members of Victoria Aerie, No. 12, F. O. E., will meet in Eagle's hall, where funeral service will be held, on Wednesday evening, December 16th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of escorting the body of our late Brother J. Russell to the Sound boat.
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A Bit of Red Tape Before Asking Authority to Borrow.

Red tape has stepped in between the school board and the city council in the matter of the loan by-law which the board at its last meeting decided to ask the city to submit in January. The board has asked in polite terms for the submission of a by-law to raise a loan of \$60,000; the city council refuses point blank. The board will now demand that the by-law be submitted; the council is bound to comply with the demand.

It is desired by the school board that the sum of \$60,000 be raised. Of this \$20,000 will be added to the balance of \$47,000 from the last loan to complete the new Chambers street school. The other \$40,000 will be devoted to building a much-needed school in the south-eastern section, at the corner of Moss street and Fairfield road. A letter asking the council to submit a by-law which will produce \$60,000 net was read at last night's meeting.

The mayor did not think the city could give a net amount. It was for the board to ask for a by-law, for whatever sum would, after allowing for the expenses of floating the loan, give them that net sum.

Recalling the fact that the board is short of money for Chambers street school for the reason that its \$70,000 loan last spring netted much less than the \$70,000 which the board expected to have, Aldermen Mable and Pauline wanted to know why this point had not been raised then, and why a sufficient amount of debentures had not been sold to give the board the net sum it required.

Mayor Hall replied that it was because the city was never asked to do so by the board.

Ald. Cameron remarked that the board were profiting by their experience in the spring.

City Solicitor Mann said the council pay the expense of submitting the by-law and floating the loan. The board had to look to it to be financed, and the school act stated that council were bound to give school boards the amount they asked for.

Ald. Henderson thought it would be better to follow the course pursued in former years, that is, refuse the request on the grounds that the city had no funds and let the school board, as was its right, demand that the by-law be submitted, which the School Act compelled the council to do.

The mayor took this view also. The city solicitor did not see any necessity for this.

Aldermen Pauline and McKeown moved that the request be granted and a by-law be prepared, and this was carried.

The mayor was still assailed by doubts in regard to the necessity for a petition and so on.

Later in the evening, after a consultation with the city solicitor, he asked council to reconsider the matter.

"I would now request," said his worship when the motion to reconsider had passed, "that a motion be passed disapproving of the school board's request, and that the board be notified accordingly. I will see the chairman of the board and ask that they make a request on us and insist on us putting a by-law, the same as we have always done before."

Ald. Henderson made the necessary motion and it was adopted.

It is understood the school board is meeting this week and the matter will come before it.

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POLICE OFFICERS AS COURT INTERPRETERS

Council Decides That They Are Not to Draw Pay for Acting.

Members of the police force on duty must no longer be paid for acting as interpreter in the police court, even though the fee is paid by the defendant or not at all. So the city council decided last night on the motion of Ald. Gleason, who drew attention to the matter some time ago and asked the mayor to look into the matter.

A report was read from the police commissioners stating that the interpreter's fee was part of the fine. To avoid delay police officers sometimes

acted as interpreters and got \$1. The regular interpreters got \$2.50. Where the accused goes to prison in default of the fee, in the case of the police officer, is not paid to him, but in the case of a regular interpreter the \$2.50 is paid by the city. Where the fine is paid the fee is paid in all cases by the accused.

Ald. Gleason wanted to know if he understood the purport of this report aright that they did not mean to discontinue the practice.

"We were not asked to discontinue it," replied the mayor. "We were only asked to investigate and report. If the council wants anything further done it is for it to say so and the commissioners will act upon it."

Ald. Gleason insisted that the commissioners were asked to have the practice discontinued, but the mayor advised him to consult the minutes.

Ald. Mable said the whole thing was a matter of officers drawing extra pay, but it was now explained. It was compulsory to have somebody to act as interpreter, and if a police officer off duty did so he was entitled to be paid. In any case the city never had to pay anything out, although in the case of a regular interpreter it had to pay him where the accused went to jail. It was really a saving to the city to have a police officer to act, and looking at it from the practical standpoint he would leave the matter alone.

Ald. McKeown took the same view, and reminded the council that in many cases pay for extra work was allowed.

Ald. Hall preferred to let an outsider have the little extra, and did not think it right, when there was extra work, for police officers or other employees to charge additional for it.

"If we cut off one we will cut off all," declared Ald. Mable, referring to a recent case in which a city hall official was given remuneration for special work done. "There will be no making fish and flesh here."

Ald. Gleason objected to any police officer getting additional fees, and moved, seconded by Ald. Hall, that in the opinion of the council the practice should be discontinued in the case of police officers while on duty.

Ald. Mable, after further discussion, told the council it was straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel, besides wasting half an hour's time.

The motion was passed, however, and hereafter defendants who happen to have a police officer act as interpreter and pay their fine will be in a dollar.



AN INTERESTING RELIC

The above is the old worm-eaten mahogany chair which was formerly the property of Sir Walter Scott, the great novelist. It now belongs to Mrs. B. Cuthbert of this city, having been bequeathed to Mrs. Cuthbert's father, who was a relative of the author's. Some time ago the British Museum offered a considerable figure for the relic, but the present owner was unwilling to sell. A description of the chair appeared in the Times of recent date.

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"FIGHTING OTTAWA."

Hon. W. J. Bowser, K. C., a gentleman learned in the law, etc., is evidently going to involve the taxpayers of British Columbia in a pretty bill of legal expenses as a result of the provincial government's programme of "fighting Ottawa." Any mere or despatched layman could have told the Attorney-General that the provinces and the Dominion have concurrent powers over the fisheries of the country. That fact has been established by a legal decision of the highest court in the realm, and it is generally known to every one who reads the newspapers, which every one, practically does in these latter days. But the same authority could have advised Mr. Bowser that in cases where the power is concurrent, the fact that the Dominion has covered the field by legislation shuts a province out absolutely. The Full Court has so decided upon an appeal of the Attorney-General against a decision of a lower court in the case in which the province sought to usurp the powers of the Dominion in making regulations governing taking of fish upon the Fraser River. The judgment of the Full Court will occasion no surprise here or anywhere else. Nor will the announcement that it is the intention of the Attorney-General to carry the case to the Privy Council. It would be an insult to the intelligence, not to speak of the legal attainments, of Mr. Bowser to assume that he has any hope of success in such an appeal. But the McBride government must keep up the farce of affecting to be the strong bulwark of provincial rights and provincial liberties, if it were to cease posing as the champion of the people of British Columbia, incidentally creating the impression that the federal power is the enemy of the people of British Columbia. It would stand revealed in all its nakedness as a very commonplace collection of notoriety-hunters and scheming politicians. But the public must also remember that the policy of "fighting Ottawa" serves another purpose. It furnishes the legal hangers-on of the government with very profitable employment, not to speak of the pleasures of regularly-recurring jaunts to London. It would probably be safe to say that the greater part of the extra hundred thousand dollars a year received by the province from the federal government under the advice of the Conference of Provincial Premiers will dribble into the pockets of Tory lawyers either as payment for so-called legal services or on account of the services they rendered during the late campaign in fighting candidates of the Dominion government. How long will the electors of the province remain blind to the actual calibre of the men-astute politicians they are called by persons who confound trickery with statesmanship—whom they have set up as their rulers.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S POSITION.

We think we can safely assure the Colonist, which is again "in a state of mind" about the situation in regard to representation of the province in the Dominion Cabinet, that nothing will be done to outrage the feelings of the majority of thirteen electors of Victoria who elected Mr. Barnard to Parliament. The Prime Minister, we are confident, will do nothing which cannot be defended in the House of Commons. Our contemporary, we thoroughly understand, would prefer to see Mr. Templeman out and Mr. Smith or Mr. Sloan in. We shall not attempt to disguise our feelings in the matter: We would like to see Mr. Templeman retain his position, and we believe the people of Victoria, irrespective of party, will sympathize with our position. But if circumstances will not permit of such an arrangement, whoever is taken into the Cabinet will have our hearty support. As the Colonist has said, both the member for Nanaimo and the member for Comox-Atlin are capable men, quite simply endowed in every respect to sit in council and to represent the people of the province. We believe it would be a mistake, now that the right of British Columbia to representation in the government has been conceded, if that privilege should be lost as a consequence of the vote cast on October 25. We fought a very long time for the right, and while it would perhaps not be a calamity, it would certainly be a matter for regret, should that right be lost. We cannot overlook the fact that there are other provinces, exceeding British Columbia in population and rapidly growing in population, which consider their rights superior to ours. It will be the duty of the Premier to carefully consider the representations of these provinces. At the same time, it is generally conceded by those authorized to speak for the provinces in question that British Columbia's claims are paramount. Would it be unreasonable for us to suggest, all the circumstances considered, that the people of British Columbia and the press of British Columbia, seeing that the political status is fixed for another five years, should for the time being sink all mere political considerations and work together for the purpose of holding what we have got, representation in the government of Canada?

The Colonist at last admits that it misrepresented Sir Wilfrid Laurier in repeatedly quoting the Premier as saying he did "not care for the sentiments of British Columbia" upon the matter of Asiatic exclusion. Our contemporary also expresses the hope that nothing more will be said upon the subject. But may we be permitted to draw attention to some other forms of misrepresentation in which the Colonist indulged during the late election campaign for which regret has not been expressed, although time has fully established their deceitful character. The people of the province were told daily for a considerable period that Mr. W. T. R. Preston was employed by the Dominion government to induce Japanese immigrants to come to Canada. They were also told that the new immigration sheds were being built at the outer wharf for the purpose of providing accommodation for a great influx of Orientals, and that vessels loaded down with Asiatics were either landing or about due from the Orient. Will our contemporary, now that its statements are proved to have been absolutely untrue and in order that its soul may be shriven of the meanness of all sins, bearing witness which it knew to be false against a political opponent, confess that in these matters also it erred. If it will—but be frank and candid and unburden itself completely, the public may possibly believe that its repentance at the eleventh hour is sincere.

"GOOD FOR THE SOUL."

The following from the Toronto Globe deals with the question of government patronage in Ontario. If the reader wherever the reference is to Ontario will substitute British Columbia he will be forced to admit how exceedingly apropos the criticisms are:
 "Conservative newspapers that affect to sneer at the abolition of patronage lists by Liberal Ministers at Ottawa would show some sincerity were they to demand the abolition of the extreme patronage system worked under the Whitney government in Ontario. Never in the whole history of this province was the power of government patronage used for party purposes as systematically and as insolently as by Cabinet Ministers in the present Ontario government.
 "As never before the licensing power is used wholly for party purposes, and holders of liquor licenses are coerced into doing campaign service, as never before the power of the Crown, in the matter of mining claims and timber limits is exercised with party ends in view. As never before the civil service is made part of the campaign machinery. As never before the administration of justice, the most sacred obligation of the government, is under the gravest suspicion, and the action of the Attorney-General's Department during the recent Dominion elections in responding to a demand for organizers and polling booth helpers from party friends in northern Ontario gave just ground for that suspicion. Indeed were protests filed and prosecuted in at least a dozen constituencies there could be revealed a system of coercion and a prostitution of the offices of the provincial government in the federal elections, involving Cabinet Ministers and Conservative candidates and members of Parliament, such as might surprise and possibly shock even the smug hypocrisy of the Toronto Conservative journals.
 "From what is known of the facts in several constituencies not even partisan administration of Ontario justice would hide the corruption and criminality in which some Conservative candidates and party leaders were involved in the recent Dominion elections.
 Ladysmith Chronicle: If the wishes of the press of Canada are consulted, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will retain Hon. William Templeman in his Cabinet as Minister of Mines. He has filled that office with credit to himself and the Dominion, and the fact that he was defeated in the recent elections can in no way be regarded as a condemnation of Mr. Templeman as a Cabinet officer. He was sacrificed because the policy of the Liberal government with regard to Asiatic exclusion was decidedly unpopular. He upheld Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party at a heavy sacrifice at a time when it was unpopular to do so, and it now remains with Sir Wilfrid to stand by Hon. William Templeman. Will he do so, is the question. Politicians are very forgetful sometimes and it may be that Mr. Templeman's services will be forgotten by the men and the party he helped into office.

IN ONTARIO ALSO.

The clash between the President and Congress has developed already. The representatives of the people cannot be cowed by terror of the Big Stick. Very appropriately, the name of the latest Venezuela "warship" captured by the Dutch is "22."

To-night's 7.30 Specials

Sale of Men's High Grade Slippers

\$2.50 AND \$3.00 SLIPPERS WILL SELL FOR \$1.50
 A timely bargain this offering is, to be sure. Christmas time is slipper time, and you can buy some of our very highest grade slippers at half-price. We can hardly say too much about these goods. They are made of Dongola Kid and Calfskin, Seal Leather and Snakeskin, in different colors. They are Everret and Opera Cut and all have genuine hand turned soles. Some men will be made happy by this bargain offering. You can't do better than **\$1.50** buy him slippers. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 qualities, 7.30 to-night

Sale of Boys' Fancy Overcoats

REGULAR \$6.75 TO \$8.75 FANCY OVERCOATS, \$4.75
 Buy the boy a new OVERCOAT for Christmas, a sensible and useful gift. These coats are some of our best, made of pretty fancy cloths in good weights; also plain colors in shades of red, green and other colors, finished with emblems on the sleeves. Very smart, natty little garments—these are with emblems on the sleeves. **\$4.75**
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A Clearance of All Brass Goods

7.30 SALE IN THE ANNEX TO-NIGHT
 We intend to clear out all the BRASS GOODS that we have in the hardware store. Some beautiful high class goods will be offered in some cases at half-price, in many cases less than half. A big lot of goods to choose from, including Fire Screens, Brass Screens, Bronze Screens, Jardiniere, Wood Baskets, Coal and Wood Hods, Andirons, Fire Dogs, Lamps, and other articles. These lines mentioned give some idea of the reductions.
 BRONZE WOOD HOD, was \$18.75. 7.30 to-night **\$11.50**
 BRASS FIRE SCREEN, was \$12.00. 7.30 to-night **\$6.75**
 BRASS SCREEN, was \$13.50. 7.30 to-night **\$7.40**
 BRONZE JARDINIERE, was \$10.00. 7.30 to-night **\$5.00**
 BRONZE WOOD BASKET, was \$17.50. 7.30 to-night **\$9.50**
 COPPER COAL HOD, was \$1.75. 7.30 to-night **\$1.00**
 COPPER COAL HOD, was \$10.75. 7.30 to-night **\$5.75**
 BRASS ANDIRONS, were \$5.75. 7.30 to-night **\$3.25**
 TALL BRASS LAMP, was \$50.00. 7.30 to-night **\$20.00**

Toys on Sale at 7.30 To-night

Tin Tea Sets

Seven pieces, printed in gilt and red
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A very attractive toy, indeed.
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A Wonderful Belt Sale To-night

NOT ONE BELT WORTH LESS THAN 25c
 A clearance in the BELT department. All our 25c belts will be offered at 10c for to-night. They are principally in the elastic styles, in shades of brown, navy, also black. Some are plain, others studded with steel. Included in the lot will also be some belts of colored tinsel and some of black silk. This is the best belt bargain of the season.
 Regular values at least 25c. 7.30 to-night **10c**

Furs for \$13.90 at 7.30 To-night

Another splendid FUR BARGAIN for to-night. A limited quantity only of stylish furs, the skins being Marmot, Japanese Mink and other furs. They are made up in the best possible styles in stoles and throws, and are in every way desirable and attractive **\$13.90**
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Orchestra Concert To-night at 8 o'clock

Holiday Furniture at Special Prices To-morrow

A gathering together of all Leather Furniture, Easy Chairs, Couches, etc., and marked at special prices for selling to-day. These are good furniture gifts for those who naturally want the best value obtainable. We have just unpacked a car of novelty pieces, and besides these we will place on sale all pieces of leather upholstered furniture. Visit the Furniture Store this morning. It will be worth while.

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 MUSIC CASES, three only to sell, light fawn crocodile leather, silk lined. Regular \$5.00 and \$7.50. To-morrow **\$2.50**
 LEATHER BLOTTERS AND WRITING CASES, in suede and plain leathers. Regular \$5.00, \$5.75 and \$6.75. To-morrow **\$2.50**
 COLORED LEATHER BLOTTING CASE. Special to-morrow **\$1.25**
 TRAVELLING WRITING CASES, two only to sell, were \$12.50 and \$17.50. To-morrow **\$5.00**
 LEATHER GLOVE AND HANDKERCHIEF CASES, in seal leather, silk lined, at, per set, \$3.50 and **\$7.50**
 LEATHER COLLAR BOXES, in plain and suede leather. To-morrow, 75c, \$1.25 and **\$1.50**
 TRAVELLING DRESSING CASES, in pigskin and seal leather; were \$12.00. Two only to sell. To-morrow **\$6.75**

Women's Colored Slippers

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 WOMEN'S SLIPPERS, a very dainty kind for Christmas wear, made of fine quality denim, a pump shoe with covered heels; hand turned soles; colors, Copenhagen and Alice blue, pink and white. At the price quoted these slippers are away below cost. Regular price, \$2.00.
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Buy the boy one of these nice SWEATERS for Christmas. He is sure to appreciate it. They are made of fine worsteds, in plain and fancy designs; the fancy one being colored stripes on plain grounds. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75.
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TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, dainty shapes and decorations. Special **25c**
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China Specials To-morrow, 50c

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—To Seattle 25c, S.S. Whatcom daily except Thursday, at 8 p. m.
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High Class Entertainment Was Given Last Evening by Local Talent.

Institute hall was crowded last evening to hear the high-class concert given by the Victoria Male Voice choir, assisted by other musicians of local fame. The choir, which is among the recent musical organizations of Victoria, is one of which the city should feel proud. Under the leadership of the veteran conductor J. M. Morgan the organization has acquired a perfection which will ensure crowded houses whenever they appear again in this city. Mr. Morgan has another male voice choir under his charge in Nanaimo and it is hoped that the opportunity may soon be afforded of hearing the two organizations combined in a grand concert in Victoria.

At last evening's concert the choir was heard to advantage in several stirring numbers and in every instance the result was most inspiring. They were repeatedly cheered and the programme which averaged without exception a high one, proved all too short for the audience. Gounod's "Soldiers Chorus," the opening number, was followed by "Rouse ye Comrades," "On the Ramparts," Dr. Prothero's "Crusaders," "How Merrily We Live," "The Hunters' Farewell" and "Martyrs of the Arena." In every one and the scores of the fifty singers acquitted themselves well. There was a freedom and at the same time precision that marked most careful attention and training on the part of all.

In keeping with the work of the organization, under whose auspices the entertainment was given, the other numbers on the programme were of a high order. In the first half Mrs. Harry Young, B. Bantly and H. Foot gave an instrumental trio for piano, violin and cello. Too much cannot be said in praise of the playing of these three musicians. The applause they received was well merited.

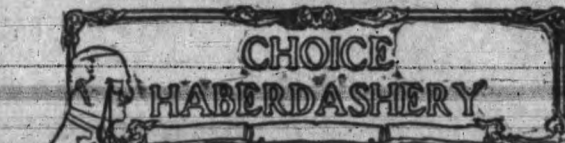
Miss Nyland, a talented singer, gave "Sweet Vale of Avon" in a most finished style, which was vociferously endorsed. Miss Nyland is too seldom heard in the city, her artistic rendering of her songs being a rare treat. She is a pupil of Mr. Morgan, the conductor of the Male Voice choir.

Miss E. Schl, always a popular singer, sang "Good-Bye" with expression and in a manner quite in keeping with her reputation.

L. Williams, in "The Last Watch," well sustained the general character of the entertainment, as did also R. Morrison, who sang "The Raft."

The choir was composed as follows: First tenors—J. Evans, A. M. Gregg, B. P. Johnson, J. Gardner, R. Murray, W. Crowther, F. J. Schroeder, S. Holloway, E. J. Henshall, E. Walter, L. Williams, D. Jones, T. Lewis and A. Dunford.

Second tenors—D. Lewis, D. McKenzie, E. Fairley, D. F. Sprinkling, A. F. Walker, J. Dinsmore, P. E. Moncrieff, J. Hourston, R. Moore, T. Roberts and J. Griffiths.



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The regular weekly meetings of the French Alliance will be discontinued until the holiday season is over. The next meeting will be held in the first week in January.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Baird Hutchison will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Bullen, 915 Frederick street. Rev. T. R. Holling will conduct the services.

The third of the series of Advent lantern services will be held in the St. Barnabas' church schoolroom this evening at 8 o'clock. The pictures will be on the life of Joseph, Moses and others of the patriarchs.

The funeral of the late Herbert Wellington Walker will take place to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Bullen, 915 Frederick street. Rev. T. R. Holling will conduct the services.

Last evening in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the Young People's Society gave a most enjoyable social. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Paterson's Young Ladies' Bible class, and were carried out perfectly. The programme opened with a well rendered piano solo by Miss Marriot, followed by an excellent vocal selection by Miss Ethel Grant, Miss McGillivray read a pleasing selection, after which all indulged in an old-fashioned spelling match, which was won by Mr. Simpson. A chorus of young ladies, consisting of Misses Malcolm, Miss McKay, Misses McGillivray and Miss Simpson, rendered in a pleasing manner a medley of old songs. A couple of promenades and refreshments closed the evening. A fortune-telling booth and picture taking establishment afforded much amusement, as did also a Limerick contest, which was won by Miss Whitley. The society announce a debate for next Monday and invite all to take part.

IN POLICE COURT.
Cases Disposed of This Morning by Magistrate Jay.

After two or three strenuous days there was comparative calm in the police court to-day. Two cases which were down for hearing were further postponed. Bootah Singh, for stealing from Rala Singh, and Alexander Vied, for taking part in the Roumanian stabbing affray, were committed to jail in the week.
Jumbo, accused of assaulting a kitchman, has been sent up for trial at the assizes.
Alvin Anderson, said to be an opium victim, was given a month for vagrancy.
Three drunks were disposed of, but being entrained in one case for failure to appear.

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The regular monthly meeting of the public parks board will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. This will be the final meeting of the present board, and all members are requested to be present, as the work of the present season will be wound up and a number of accounts passed.

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RICHARD ARNST IS NEW CHAMPION

W. WEBB BEATEN IN BIG SCULLING RACE

Winner Establishes Record Over 3 1-4 Miles Course on Wanganui River.

(Special to the Times). Wanganui, N. Z., Dec. 15.—The sculling championship of the world between William Webb and Richard Arnst, the challenger, rowed to-day over 3 1/4 miles on the Wanganui river, was won by Arnst by eight lengths in 19 minutes 52 seconds, after leading throughout the course.

Arnst's time of 19 minutes 52 seconds made over the 3 1/4 miles course of the Wanganui, is but five seconds behind the record for three miles made by Towns, on the Parramatta, in 1905. The first race was rowed on the Thames between C. Campbell and J. Williams in 1831. Campbell won, and again beat Williams in 1838. No time was taken. In 1848 H. Coombs beat Campbell on the Thames in 28 minutes 15 seconds, and held the world's championship until beaten by T. Cole in 1852. Coombs won from Newell in 23 minutes 46 seconds, and from McKinney in 27 minutes 26 seconds. In 1852 Cole again beat Coombs in 22 minutes 25 seconds, but was beaten by Messenger two years later in



RICHARD ARNST, World's Champion Sculler.

23 minutes 45 seconds. In 1857 Kelly beat Messenger in 24 minutes 20 seconds. R. Chambers beat Kelly two years later, and held the championship three years until in 1865 Kelly again won it from him. Kelly then beat Hamill and Chambers in one year, but in 1868 was beaten by Renforth, who established a record time of 23 minutes 15 seconds.

J. H. Sadler in 1875 beat R. W. Boyd, after which E. Trickett beat three opponents, and was beaten by E. Hanlan in 1889. Hanlan beat Laycock in '91, Boyd in '92, with a new record of 21 minutes 25 seconds; Trickett in '93, Laycock in '94 and was beaten by W. Beach on the Parramatta river, 1881, with a new time of 20 minutes 25 1/2 seconds. In 1885 Beach beat Clifford Hanlan and Mutton on the Parramatta. Gauder in '86, Ross in '88, Hanlan again in '87, making another new time on the Nepean river of 19 minutes 55 seconds. The next year Kemp beat Clifford and the same year beat Hanlan twice on the Parramatta, but was beaten by Searle, who the next year won the English and beat O'Connor. On the return journey home Searle died, and Kemp beat Mutton in 1890 and McLennan the same year. McLennan, however, reversed the defeat that year, but was beaten by Stanbury in '91 twice.

Stanbury also beat Sullivan and Harding in '92 and '96, but lost the title that year to Gauder, who in 1898 beat Johnston, Vancouver, in 20 minutes 54 1/2 seconds, the fastest time since '87. Towns, however, beat Gauder in Canada in 1901 and Tredder in 1904.

One year later Stanbury regained the championship, beating Towns in record time on the Parramatta, in 19 minutes 7 seconds. The next year Towns regained the title from Stanbury and in 1907 beat Dvnan, and was beaten by Webb. The present holder on the Parramatta, Webb, then beat Tredder on the Wanganui February 25th this year, and was beaten over the same course to-day by Richard Arnst, the new champion.

BOWLING. ELITE TOURNAMENT.

The elite bowling tournament commences to-night at the Port-street alleys, with the match between Ackland's and Parrall's teams. Ackland's team consist of McNair, Burnett, Heath and Campbell, and Parrall's team of Bell, Edwards, Petticrew and Greenshaw.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sydney, Aus., Dec. 14.—F. B. Alexander, the American tennis player, and Walter Dupon, of Victoria, to-day won the Australian tennis championship in doubles. Alexander won the Australian singles.

FIFTEEN IN NEW YEAR'S DAY RACE

Entries for Big Road Event Will Close on December 27th.

There are now fifteen entries for the New Year's Day road race under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. The race will commence at 10.30 a. m. and the course which has now been measured is six miles, 352 yards. The time for the race last year was 37 minutes 40 seconds, and the race was won by F. Baylis. The day, however, was not suitable to fast time being made owing to bad weather.

The men who have so far signified their intention of entering for the event are: Walter Sproule, Chumgranes, Kiddie, Dinsdale, Dixon, Paul Beckwith, C. Baylis and C. Baker of the Y. M. C. A.; Frank Baylis, of the J. B. A. A.; Jasper and to other under the Esquimalt Athletic Club colors; Rowan and Beatty, of Nanaimo, and possibly Mulcahey of the Bays and Smith of the North Ward Athletic Club.

The complete course is from the Y. M. C. A. room to Yates street, thence to Government to Belleville street, and down to Penderay's soap works, along Dallas road to Beacon Hill park, twice round the hill, back down Superior street to Government street, to Fort, to Broad and finish at the Y. M. C. A.

The trophies for the event are for the first man a silver cup, second, a gold medal, and third a silver medal. The race is open to all British Columbia amateurs and entries with fee of 25 cents, close not later than December 27th. Arrangements will be made to keep the roadway cleared and to prevent interference with the runners. From the list of entries the race promised to be among the most successful ever held here.

CEDAR HILL SUPPORTERS EXPECT A VICTORY

Keen Competition for Saturday Games—Garrison to Meet Bays.

The Cedar Hill soccer team has several supporters who are willing to wager that it will beat Victoria West on Saturday next at the Royal Athletic ground. Other soccer enthusiasts have been asking for a tip on what has been going in the quiet stillness of the little suburb lying under Mount Tolmie. The last match between the teams resulted in a defeat of the Cedar Hill team by 2-1, but they played the first half with only ten men in the team, and Victoria West were fifty minutes playing before they could open the score against them. Maybe there has been something doing in the new athletic hall the Cedar Hill people have secured. However, Victoria West with their position in the league not yet certain, will make an earnest endeavor to beat Cedar Hill for the second time in the year, and they will leave nothing to chance on Saturday. If the Cedar Hill men win they will have the double satisfaction of also having beaten a team in first class condition, and trained to the minute.

At Oak Bay the Bays are scheduled to play the Garrison on Saturday afternoon for the second match of the year. The first played at the Garrison was won by the Bays 2-1. Both teams, however, have improved since then and while the Bays on present form should win there is still a possibility of their meeting a reverse at the hands of the soldiers. These matches end the original programme of the Victoria and District league for the year, with the exception of the matches standing over from Pacific coast league dates. These matches are: Bays vs. Regiment; Esquimalt vs. Cedar Hill; Esquimalt vs. Regiment; Garrison vs. Cedar Hill; Victoria West vs. Bays; Cedar Hill vs. Garrison and Esquimalt vs. Fifth Regiment.

Dates for these matches will be set at the next meeting of the league. COLLIE HILL FIGHTS VINSON TO DRAW Tame Glove Contest at Nanaimo Before Fair Sized Audience.

(Special to the Times). Nanaimo, Dec. 15.—Collie Hill and Jack Vinson fought 15 rounds to a draw before a fair sized audience last night. The last round was the best of the fight and ended just in time to save Vinson, who took the count several times, from being put down and out.

According to the articles of agreement if both men were on their feet at the end of the 15th round the match was to be called a draw. Throughout the whole 15 rounds, with scarcely an exception, Hill had the best of the fight, although up to the tenth Vinson had earned a decision. He forced the fighting and stood ready to take all that was coming to him, while Hill, on the other hand, contented himself with blocking Vinson's advances and looking for a sure thing. This did not prove popular with the crowd and much advice was given to the local man as to how he should take care of himself. From the tenth on, however, Hill got into going form, and the best that Vinson's friends could hope for was that he would last to the end of the fifteenth. A knock-out for him seemed impossible.

PEACE RIVER DISTRICT. Montreal, Dec. 15.—Fred Lawrence, F. R. G. S., of Fort Vermilion, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Canadian Club here yesterday. He dealt with "Pioneer Life in and the Resources of the Peace River District." He prophesied a great future for that country.

NEXT OLYMPIC TEAM TO BE SMALLER ONE

Member of Olympic Council Thinks Six to Eight Enough.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Will Canada be represented at the next Olympic games? The next series of international athletic competitions will be held at Athens, and although the events are two years away, many Canadian athletes are already looking forward to having a chance to wear the Maple Leaf in Greece. A member of the Canadian Olympic Council was asked the foregoing question.

"That is hard to say at present," was his reply. "But the chances are that Canada will send a team to Athens. However, it is certain that the team from Canada will not be nearly as large as that which we sent to England this year. Now that the London Olympic games are over, it is easy to see or tell what we should have done, but we have gained by experience, and will have a better knowledge of how many and of the kind of athletes we should send to Athens."

"How many would you think would be advisable to send?" was asked. "Well, not more than six or eight—two sprinters, two middle distance men, a couple of Marathon runners, one pole vaulter and one jumper would be enough, I think. We have not in Canada good enough athletes to warrant our sending more than eight or ten across."

Nothing official as yet has been announced with regard to it, but it is understood that the appeal for subscriptions to wipe out the \$1,500 deficit met with a fairly generous response.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL THE MATCH AT LADYSMITH

The Times correspondent at Ladysmith sends the following report of the match played there on Sunday, which resulted in a victory for the home players by one goal.

The Pacific Coast league game played here yesterday between Ladysmith and Seattle, provided no lack of surprises and furnished no little sensation. The home boys had counted upon a decisive victory, and did not expect that they would have to unduly exert themselves. As a matter of fact, they had to play for all they were worth to pull the game out of the fire. The game stood for a considerable time 1 to 1 against them.

Certainly it looked easy for the home boys at the beginning of the game. At one time they were noted for their slow starting and their whirling finish. They were breaking away from these traditions yesterday, as against Nanaimo, they simply played all round Archer and his charges, but, as in the last game, they failed to score. All the players had a try. Adams missed, Graham lost what looked like a certainty. Provins and McDowell shot over, McGuire just grazed the upright, and even the halves had a try but failed.

Then came the opening goal of the match. McDowell tipped to McGuire, and the latter closely transferred to Adams, who ran round the back and scored at a different angle. Still the home boys held the game down, but could not improve on their lead. Seattle meantime had warmed up and getting down on the left, the outside man scored and drove into the net. There was no more scoring in his half.

The home boys started the second half as they had done the first. But again they failed to find the net, and again, from a rush up field, Seattle scored. The point came from a corner kick. Thus the home boys were left with two goals to get to win. At length as the result of a pretty piece of work, McDowell tipped back to Adams, who, for the second time, beat Archer.

The struggle became even more desperate. The remaining point came from a well-judged pass to McGuire, who ran up to his check and deftly pushed the ball out to McDowell. The latter crossed to right back and McGuire ran straight in and when tackled, landed the ball out of Archer's reach. Full time came shortly after, and then a desperately contested game ended in Ladysmith's favor by the score of 3 goals to 2.

A. E. Bradshaw of Nanaimo, acted as referee.

FIFTH REGIMENT MEETING.

The Fifth Regiment soccer team, having entered in the second division of the Island league, will meet Thursday night for the purpose of perfecting their Island league organization. It is given out that there is room in the line up for new blood and that several new men have signified their intention of joining. All who have the interests of the club at heart are invited by the officials to be present at the meeting.



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DELAY IN LETTING GLENFARG CONTRACT

Lloyd's Central Office Thinks Price Too High and Hesitate About Closing.

The contract for the repair of the steamer Glenfarg has not yet been let, and there is doubt as to whether or not she will receive any more than temporary repairs while here. Lloyd's central office at London is of the opinion that the tenders for the work were too high and have asked if temporary repairs could be made.

There were four tenders for the work and the lowest was that of the B. C. Marine Railway company. The other tenders were J. T. Heffernan & Co. of Seattle, the Victoria Machinery Depot and Marine Iron Works of this city. The amount of the tenders has not been made known, but it is understood that the lowest was in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

The amount of the tenders was called to London by Capt. Gardner Johnson and this morning a reply was received asking if temporary repairs could not be made. In the meantime T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor, had gone to Vancouver. He was at once telephoned for and is expected to arrive back on the Princess Victoria this evening. Just what action will be taken is not at present known.

The damage to the steamer is on her bottom very near the keel. She seems to have scraped along the sharp rocks and scored and buckled some of the plates, denting in others. The worst damage was very near the stern. The result is that twelve plates have to be taken out and replaced, ten taken out and fastened, and others faired without removing them.

NEW DRYDOCK FOR PUGET SOUND

Work Will Commence at Bremerton at Beginning of New Year.

A telegram has been received at the navy yard at Bremerton from Rear Admiral R. C. Hollyday, chief of the bureau of yards and docks, to the effect that the secretary of the navy has signed the contract with Contractor C. J. Erickson, of Seattle, for the construction of the new \$2,000,000 dry dock at this yard. Mr. Erickson is in San Francisco making arrangements for supplies and machinery needed in the work. He has stated that he will be well started in the work by the first of the year.

According to the contract, Mr. Erickson must complete the dry dock in thirty-six months. He will be obliged to forfeit \$100 per day, according to the specifications, for every day required to complete the work in excess of the three-year limit.

The building of the dry-dock will employ from 200 to 500 men.

CUTTING CORNERS DANGEROUS.

Vancouver Shipmasters Say Large Craft Should "Open Out the Narrows."

An echo of the Chamer's accident was heard at a recent weekly meeting of the Vancouver Shipmasters' Association. It was brought to the notice of the meeting that fast steamers operating from that port passed between the spar buoy, marking the Burnaby shoal, and Brockton point, instead of outside it. This practice of cutting corners is considered dangerous and the shipmasters were of opinion that a steamer should "open out the Narrows" before starboarding her helm. Accordingly the secretary was instructed to write the department of marine and fisheries and inform it that the shipmasters were of opinion that all vessels over 150 feet in length should be forced to go outside the buoy.

NO SHIPBUILDING.

Industry in Norway is Languishing Owing to Lack of Orders.

The shipbuilding industry in Norway is lifeless at present, and even the most reputable shipyards are practically without orders, writes the Canadian commercial agent in that country. The price of materials, coal and labor is low, so that as a consequence the prices of new ships are going down. This should under ordinary circumstances stimulate building, but as the freight markets of the world are suffering the owners do not in most instances, receive common bank interest on their investments. There is, therefore, no inducement for building.

ANOTHER DRYDOCK NEEDED.

Steamer Tweeddale Unable to Overhaul Here Owing to Lack of Accommodation.

The need of another drydock at Esquimalt was emphasized this morning when the steamer Tweeddale passed the city by on her way to coal at Comox. Arrangements had been made for the steamer to dock and she would have been here only that the steamer Glenfarg had her place in the Dominion government dock. Happenings of this kind are quite common. The Tweeddale is a large tramp steamer which left Misadragina Bay on November 5th. She will coal at Comox and then load on the Sound.

SIX WINDJAMMERS FOR USE AS BARGES

To Be Dismantled and Employed in Carrying Rock.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—James Griffiths, president of the Griffiths & Sprague Stevedoring Company, and also of the Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company, returned from San Francisco last night, where he completed one of the biggest deals in sailing ships that has been recorded on this coast in years.

For the Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company Mr. Griffiths purchased six American wooden sailing ships. These will be dismantled and transformed into barges. For the next two years they will be engaged in freighting rock from Port Orchard to Grays Harbor to be used in the construction of the north jetty being built by the government.

The vessels sold to Mr. Griffiths are: Ship St. David, barge St. David and ship James Drummond, by the California Shipping Company. Barque Big Bonanza, by James Madison, of the Golden Gate Shipping Company. Barques Carondelet and Palmyra, by the Puget Sound Commercial Company (Puget Mill Company).

The first four vessels are registered at San Francisco and their sale was negotiated by Rinder & Matthews, shipbrokers. The Palmyra and Carondelet, are registered at Port Townsend. Mr. Griffiths stated last night that the terms were private. However, it is understood that the vessels purchased from the California Shipping Company were offered at from \$10,000 to \$15,000. It is believed that the transfer of the six windjammers involves an investment of from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Negotiations for the sale were conducted without delay as Mr. Griffiths left here only a week ago to-day. Mr. Griffiths states that his purchases will be brought to Seattle within a short time. They will be dismantled and necessary alterations made. This work will include taking down the topmasts and yards and altering the hatches to adapt the ships for carrying rock. The St. James is discharging at San Francisco and will leave for Seattle in about ten days. The Big Bonanza, sails for this port about the same time. The St. David will be ready to come here in two weeks. The James Drummond is disengaged at Port Winslow while the Carondelet and Palmyra are anchored at Port Ludlow.

The Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company has a two-year contract with the Northwest Contract Company to freight rock from the latter company's quarry at Port Orchard to Grays Harbor, where it has the government contract for building the north jetty. This work will keep the fleet of six barges busy for at least twenty-four months and under the terms of the contract they will be towing back and forth constantly. After this contract expires Mr. Griffiths expects to keep the barges engaged in freighting to and from Alaska.

The barge company will not purchase tugs to move its hulks, but has a contract with the Puget Sound Turboat Company, whose tugs will be employed. The Coastwise Steamship & Barge Company already owns six barges operating on Puget Sound, in Alaskan waters and to Portland, the American is returning from Suiter with ore. The Quatsino is discharging coal at Portland. The Charger is engaged in freighting from Alaska and the Haydn Brown is engaged in bringing coal from British Columbia. The Melanope and Argus are idle at present.

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SHIPPING REPORT

Cape Lazo, Dec. 15, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; southeast gales; barometer, 29.69; temperature, 41; sea rough.

Point Grey, Dec. 15, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; wind southeast; barometer, 29.82; temperature, 42. Passed in steamer Ironquols, at 7:50.

Tatoosh, Dec. 15, 8 a. m.—Light rain; wind southeast, 25 miles; barometer, 29.73; temperature, 43. Passed out a steamer, at 6:40 p. m. Passed in a steamer, at 6:45 p. m. and passenger steamer, at 6:50 p. m.

Estevan, Dec. 15, 8 a. m.—Clear; variable breeze; barometer, 29.71; temperature, 36; sea rough.

Pachena, Dec. 15, 8 a. m.—Rain; wind southeast, barometer, 29.55; temperature, 38; sea rough; heavy gale all night; no shipping.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 15, noon.—Rain; southeast gale; barometer, 29.66; temperature, 40; sea rough. Steamer Chicago off Cape Mudge, at 11:30.

Point Grey, Dec. 15, noon.—Rain; strong southeast gales; barometer, 29.77; temperature, 41. Passed out steamer Otter, at 11:30. Passed in steamer Joan, at 10:05.

Tatoosh, Dec. 15, noon.—Light rain; wind south, 35 miles; barometer, 29.66; temperature, 47. Passed out 5-masted steamer, towing 4-masted schooner, at 10:30.

Estevan, Dec. 15, noon.—Cloudy; wind east; barometer, 29.81; temperature, 41; heavy swell.

Pachena, Dec. 15, noon.—Cloudy; wind northeast; barometer, 29.63; temperature, 36; sea rough.

New York, Dec. 15.—Arrived steamer La Bretagne, from Havre.

STEAMER TRANSIT TORN FROM MOORINGS

Freighter Compelled to Drop Anchors in Order to Withstand Gale.

(Special Correspondence.)

Prince Rupert, Dec. 14.—One of the worst and rain storms that has occurred on this part of the coast for some years, was experienced last week. For two weeks the weather was perfect and the harbor as calm as a mill pond; but on Thursday a strong southwest wind began blowing, which quickly developed into a hurricane. It caught the water up in sheets and tossed it in every direction until the whole harbor looked like a huge steaming cauldron.

The inch and a quarter cables with which the steamer Transit was tied to the wharf were snapped as though they had been threads, and the big freighter drifted before the gale. The engines were started and an anchor dropped to hold her until a full head of steam could be got up. Several attempts were made to tie up in shelter of the G. T. P. warehouse, but without success, for the wire cables were snapped as quickly as they could be got ashore. The big ship finally dropped both anchors which held her firmly, and waited until the storm had abated before finishing her loading.

L. Morrow Company's large floating slaughter house was torn from its moorings by the force of the gale, and drifted to the opposite shore, where it now lies piled upon the rocks. Although there were no cattle on board the loss through damage to the float will be considerable. The tug native, and McKensie Bros' tug Escort, which arrived Wednesday with a large load of steam-shovels and engines from New Westminster, tried to save it, but were unable to get within reach before the float drifted into shallow water and grounded.

CAPT. LITTLER DIES LIKE BRITISH HERO

Stood by Wheel of Burning Steamer—Killed by Falling Mast.

Not even in the glorious history of British seamanship—a history which contains on every page the record of some deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice more noble than that of Charles Littler, the captain of the ill-fated Ellerman liner *Sardinia*, which caught fire a mile from Malta recently. In the attempt to save the 200 persons on board Captain Littler worked the steering gear on the bridge until scorched by the flames. Then he went aft, and by means of the emergency wheel, steered his vessel to the shore. At the last moment a falling mast struck him, and he perished amid the flames. Mrs. Littler is not eligible for a pension under Mr. Carnegie's hero fund, but Mr. Carnegie has been asked to extend its provisions to deeds performed outside the British Isles.

Captain Littler had been in the service of the Ellerman line for twenty years, and was noted for his great skill as a navigator. He made innumerable friends, and on all sides the deepest regret is felt at his death in the prime of life. That he died fearlessly and bravely at his post has surprised no one who knew his character. "Captain Littler was a typical British skipper," said one of his oldest friends. "He was as brave a man as any could wish to meet, and he was as cool as he was brave. I can well understand that he refused to leave his ship in time of peril, and the fact that he remained there calmly giving orders to his crew, when he must have known that he was doomed to die—well, that's true heroism, isn't it?"

The suggestion that Mrs. Littler should be asked to receive a pension from the Carnegie hero fund is one which is sure to commend itself to everyone, and the facts have been called to Mr. Carnegie's attention. In the hope that Captain Littler's noble conduct will be duly recognized.

There is one circumstance which may prevent the honor being bestowed, and that is the act of heroism was committed beyond the waters of the British Isles. It is hoped, however, that Mr. Carnegie will remove this restriction in the case of the late Captain Littler.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 15.—5 a. m.—A high pressure area covers the North Pacific states, but a storm area is developing on the Vancouver Island coast, and its progress is expected to cause fresh waters and winds or gales on the outside waters and Straits; rain has fallen in Western Washington, and snow at Kamloops. In the Pacific province the pressure is increasing and the weather is fair and cold.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh southerly winds or gales, unsettled, with rain. Lower Mainland—Southerly winds, fresh or strong on Straits, unsettled, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.89; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 12 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, 38; minimum, 35; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, 26; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 4 below; minimum, 4 below; wind, calm; weather, fair.

GREATEST OF DREDGES TO WORK IN MERSEY

Will Load With 10,000 Tons of Sand in Fifty Minutes.

The Leviathan, the greatest of dredges, was launched a few days ago at Trammors-on-Mersey.

An unceasing fight has been waged by Liverpool's harbor engineers with the never-ceasing insect of sand by means of the dredges, ever increasing in size, power, and ingenuity of construction. Now comes the Leviathan, which will lift and load herself with 10,000 tons of sand in fifty minutes from a depth of seventy feet. Four enormous suction pipes, each ten feet six inches in circumference, will wrest from the seabed in ten minutes less than an hour the load of a thousand ordinary railway trucks—the burden of twenty ordinary heavy trains.

Only an engineer can grasp the alteration of stresses in such a vessel as this by reason of the sudden dumping into her of ten thousand tons of dead weight, and the even greater strain by the still more sudden falling out of the load through the great valves in her bottom.

There are four sets of triple-expansion engines necessary to work the gigantic pumps, an immense hydraulic installation, used for working the many enormous valves which keep all the "cargo" portion of the vessel in direct communication with the sea, steam winches apparently everywhere, and, of course, a complete electrical installation. In the captain's room there is a multiplicity of indicators, electric pushes, dials, telephones, and recorders, almost as many as in the conning tower of a battleship, all to keep him in touch with the working of every part of the mighty machine.

Behold him standing there, the gigantic labors of the centrifugals below him making the whole fabric throb and leave. He watches the draught indicator showing how foot by foot she is settling in the water. A bell rings, she is full. He presses a button, which is answered by the clangour of the wind-ropes, more ringing of bells, communications from the anchor-lifters to the engine-room. Away she goes with her load from the huge burrow-pit beneath at the rate of ten knots an hour. She reaches her marks. He who must be obeyed touches a button here and there, she stops, shudders, and rises, free of ten thousand tons of weight, then turns and speeds back again.

MARINE NOTES

Steamer City of Nanaimo left this morning for Comox and way ports.

The Princess May sailed last night for Skagway and way ports, via Vancouver.

D. G. S. Quadra is making an inspection of the buoys between this port and Vancouver.

Steamer Queen is due here from San Francisco to-morrow night with 137 tons of freight and some passengers.

Steamer Vades is not expected to arrive from the north until to-morrow. She went to the Queen Charlottes this trip, hence the delay.

A. H. McGowan, representing McGowan & Co., of Vancouver, was in the city to-day to meet the steamer Makura.

Steam collier Titania arrived from San Francisco this morning and passed up to Nanaimo. She left the Golden Gate on December 11th.

Sealing schooner Agnes G. Donahue arrived at Durban, South Africa, December 2nd with 260 seals, taken in the far south. She is the property of Capt. Spratt Balcom of this city, and is in charge of his brother, Captain R. Balcom, of the British Is. Coasting and also sailing in the neighborhood of the Antarctic coast. This vessel is owned by A. J. Betchel of this city.

ANOTHER MARKET FOR CANADA.

Governor of British Honduras to Seek Extension of Steamship Service to Capital.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Brigadier-General Swayne, Governor of British Honduras, will on his return to Hongkong enter into negotiations with the Dominion government for an extension of the Elder-Dempster Steamship Company's service from St. John, N. B., south as far as Belize, the capital of British Honduras. Great quantities of sugar will be brought north as return cargo. Flour and pork can be sent from Canada.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December 1908.

Date.	Time Ht.	Time Ht.	Time Ht.	Time Ht.
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2	1:25 2.8	10:45 8.5	17:47 6.5	19:48 6.3
3	1:15 2.8	11:02 8.2	18:34 6.2	20:13 6.0
4	1:12 2.5	11:18 7.9	19:19 5.9	20:38 5.7
5	1:07 2.1	11:33 7.6	20:02 5.6	21:04 5.4
6	1:02 1.7	11:47 7.3	20:44 5.3	21:31 5.1
7	1:00 1.4	12:00 7.0	21:25 5.0	21:58 4.8
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The time used in Pacific Standard, for the 15th Meridian west, it is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height are to distinguish high water from low water. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

INTERESTING POINT IN ADMIRALTY COURT

Question of Jurisdiction Was Argued Before Mr. Justice Martin.

An interesting and very important point of law was raised before Mr. Justice Martin in the Admiralty Court yesterday in the case of Robert Barber vs. the owners of the Dutch steamship *Nederland*. It will be remembered that this vessel came in with a cargo of copper and nitrates on September 6th and on Labor Day, while the hatches were being removed, three men fell to the bottom of the hold, one being killed and Barber and another injured. Barber sued for \$1,000 damages and had the ship seized. In order to enable it to proceed cash bail to the extent of \$1,500 had to be put up to secure its release from arrest.

Frederick Peters, Esq., moved for the dismissal of the action on the ground that it was not within the jurisdiction of the court. He relied on the wording of the Admiralty Courts Act of 1881, which says "the court shall have jurisdiction in any claim for damage done by any ship," and judicial interpretations to cases where the damage had been caused by the ship itself as in an instrument. Thus the act applied where a ship collided with another or with a pier, and where a diver had been struck on the head by a propeller, but not in a case where a man had fallen into a hold covered merely with a tarpaulin. In the present case, Mr. Peters contended, an action in rem could not lie.

Col. F. B. Gregory, for the plaintiff, adduced a judgment to the contrary by Mr. Justice McLeod in the Admiralty Court of the Maritime Provinces and argued that as the accident was due to faulty construction and misplacement of hatch covers and because it must be held that the ship had caused the accident.

"Is a man in British Columbia removed from every form of recourse for an accident sustained in the course of his duty on board a foreign ship while in our waters?" asked Colonel Gregory. "I cannot believe the Admiralty court has no means to that end."

His Lordship said he would give the point careful consideration, particularly in view of Judge McLeod's decision.

An application from Mr. Peters to substitute a surety company's bond for the cash bail will also be considered. His Lordship considers that if possible a Canadian company's bond should be taken, if permission is found desirable, as being more convenient for legal purposes.

REPORTED CURE FOR CANCER.

A Belgian doctor, Professor Laurent, states that he has invented a method of curing cancer.

It is claimed that the professor, who has been investigating the matter for ten years, has now cured over fifty cases of cancer through his method, which consists in the injection of large doses of a mixture of alcohol and formal (formic aldehyde). The cancer becomes mortified, and destroyed in a few weeks. Internal cancers are said to have been cured by this method in a couple of months.

Professor Laurent has read a paper on his discovery before the Academy of Medicine in Paris.

The semi-annual high school examinations will be held to-morrow at the High School, commencing at 9:30 a. m., under the supervision of Supt. Paul.

SHIPPING GUIDE.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS

Vessel.	From the Orient.	Due.
Empress of China	.....	Dec. 15
Montague	.....	Jan. 5
.....	From Australia	.....
Aorangi	.....	Jan. 14
Makura	.....	Dec. 16
.....	From Mexico	.....
Lonsdale	.....	Dec. 16
.....	From Liverpool	.....
Titan	.....	Dec. 23
Princess Charlotte	.....	Dec. 21

TO SAIL

Vessel.	For the Orient	Dec. 22
Aki Maru	.....	Dec. 22
Empress of China	.....	Jan. 6
.....	For Australia	.....
Makura	.....	Jan. 1
.....	For Mexico	.....
Lonsdale	.....	Dec. 11
Teucer	.....	Dec. 31

SAILING VESSELS TO ARRIVE

Name.	Left.	Date.	Port.
Puritan	Boston	Sept. 14	Vanc.

COASTWISE STEAMERS TO ARRIVE

Vessel.	From San Francisco.	Due.
Queen	Dec. 16
.....	From Skagway
Princess May	Dec. 21
.....	From Northern B. C. Ports

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NOTICE is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of license to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises known as the Mayne Island Hotel, situated at Mayne, B. C. C. J. McDONALD, Mayne, B. C., 21st November, 1935. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at the next Session thereof, for an Act to incorporate a Company to be named "The Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Company," with all powers, rights and privileges necessary and expedient for the construction, equipment and operation of a line of railway from Victoria, by way of Otter Point and San Juan, to a point on Barclay Sound near Sarita River, such railway to be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada. Victoria, B. C., 19th November, 1935. W. H. LANOLEY, Solicitor for the Applicants.

FRUIT FOR AUSTRALIA. J. S. Larke, Canadian trade commissioner for Australia, in his report to the department on the first importations into Australia, says: "Unusually large supplies of apples with some pears have already arrived from California. Canadian-Australian mail steamers have not only brought the full capacities of their storage, but freight steamers have contributed an unusual share. The walnuts, which arrived from San Francisco, had 18,000 cases of apples. Some Canadian are expected by the Canadian mail steamer, but they will meet with a pretty full market. As a consequence, prices have been obtained last year by from 2s. to 4s. per case. These prices will still yield a good return to the grower, and it is believed that, though the quantity imported will be at least double that of last year, Australia will readily take the quantity at fair prices."

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The Local Markets The retail prices are as follows: Oil—Pratt's Coal Oil 1.65 Esso 1.75 Meats—Hams (B. C.), per lb. 35 Bacon (B. C.), per lb. 35 Hams (American), per lb. 35 Bacon (American), per lb. 35 Bacon (trolled), per lb. 35 Shoulders, per lb. 35 Bacon (long clear), per lb. 35 Beef, per lb. 1.09 Pork, per lb. 1.25 Mutton, per lb. 1.25 Lamb, hindquarter 1.50 Lamb, forequarter 1.50 Veal, per lb. 1.25 Farm Produce—Fresh Island Eggs 90¢ Eastern Eggs 35¢ Best Dairy Butter 30¢ Butter (Creamery) 40¢ Lard, per lb. 20¢ Western Canada Flour Mills—Purity, per sack 2.70 Purity, per bbl. 27.00 Three Star Patent, per bbl. 2.15 Hungarian Flour—Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack 2.00 Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl. 7.75 Lake of Woods, per sack 2.00 Okanagan, per sack 2.25 Calgary Hungarian, per sack 1.75 Moose Jaw, per sack 1.75 Moose Jaw, per bbl. 2.00 Excelsior, per sack 2.25 Oak Lake, per sack 2.00 Hudson's Bay, per sack 2.00 Hudson's Bay, per bbl. 2.00 Enderby, per bbl. 2.00 Pastry Flour—Snowflake, per sack 1.70 Snowflake, per bbl. 1.70 O. K. Best Pastry, per sack 1.70 O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl. 1.70 O. K. Four Star, per sack 1.70 O. K. Four Star, per bbl. 1.70 Drifted Snow, per bbl. 1.70 Grain—Wheat, per ton 40.00 Oats, per ton 22.00 Barley, per ton 35.00 Whole Corn 35.00 Cracked Corn 40.00 Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 45-lb. sk. 1.35 Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 50-lb. sk. 1.35 Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 55-lb. sk. 1.35 Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack 2.25 Oatmeal, 20-lb. sack 2.25 Rolled Wheat, 10 lbs. 45 Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs. 45 Wheat Flakes, per packet 35 Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs. 40 Graham Flour, 10 lbs. 40 Graham Flour, 20 lbs. 1.00 Feed—Hay (baled), new, per ton 16.00 Straw, per bale 75 Middlings, per ton 35.00 Bran, per ton 35.00 Ground Feed, per ton 35.00 Shorts 35.00 Poultry—Dressed Fowl, per lb. 35.00 Ducks (Island), per lb. 35.00 Turkey, per lb. 35.00 Garden Produce—Cabbage, per lb. 1.00 Potatoes (Ashcroft) 1.40 Onions, per bunch 35 Onions (Cal.), per lb. 35 Spinach, per lb. 35 Carrots, per lb. 35 Cucumbers 35 Pumpkins, per lb. 35 Squash, per lb. 35 Green Peppers, per lb. 35

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Listed Stocks. Bid. Asked. Burton Saw Works 120 B. C. Pulp & Paper Co. 74 75 Imperial Trust Co. 110 Portland Canal M. Co. 75 Western Oil 25 Unlisted Stocks. American-Canadian Oil 10 Hoover Valley Oil 10 B. C. Pulp & Paper Co. 74 B. C. Trust Corporation 90 Canadian Con. S. & R. 90 Canadian Northwest Oil 90 Carbon Camp McKinney 11 Diamond Vale Coal & Iron 15 Dominion Trust Co. 125 Great West Permanent 115 Granite 100 Nichols Valley Oil 100 Northern Bank 100 Pacific Whaling 80 Rambler Cariboo 12 13 Royal Collieries 24 27 Vancouver Ice & C. S. 10 Cour D'Alene. Alameda 2 3 Charles Dickens 1 1 Gerlie 2 3 Humming Bird 5 8 Idora, pref. 2 3 Missoula Copper 2 4 O. K. Cons. 2 3 Oom Paul 4 11 Rex (S. to D) 10 12 Snowstorm 25 26 Tamarack & Chesapeake 60 62 Wonder 2 3 Sales. 100 Western Oil 85 400 American-Canadian Oil 10 500 Diamond Vale 16 1 Northern Bank 194.50

GRAIN MARKET (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Wheat—May 1042 1052 1048 1054 July 971 98 97 971 Corn—May 611 62 611 613 July 611 62 611 613 Sept. 611 62 611 613 Oats—May 521 523 52 523 July 473 473 47 474 Sept. 49 49 29 299 Pork—Jan. 15.67 15.75 15.67 15.72 May 16.05 16.12 16.05 16.07 Lard—Jan. 9.15 9.15 9.12 9.12 May 9.40 9.40 9.35 9.37 Short Ribs—Jan. 8.15 8.17 8.15 8.17 May 8.45 8.47 8.43 8.47

NEW YORK STOCKS (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) New York, Dec. 15. High. Low. Close. Allis Chalmers 154 152 154 Amal. Cop. 82 80 81 Amer. Car & Foundry 47 46 47 Amer. Cot. Oil 42 41 42 Amer. Ice 84 83 84 Amer. Smelting 101 101 101 Do, pref. 101 101 101 Amer. Sugar 131 130 131 Amer. Woollen, pref. 54 54 54 C. C. & S. E. 68 68 68 Atlantic Coast 110 110 110 Atchafalaya 91 91 91 B. & O. 111 109 110 B. R. T. 91 90 91 C. C. & S. E. 68 68 68 C. E. R. 178 178 178 C. & O. 67 66 66 C. & A. 53 53 53 C. & G. W. 12 12 12 C. & N. W. 12 12 12 C. M. & S. P. 150 148 148 Central Leather 31 30 31 C. F. & I. 29 28 29 Colo. Sul. 25 25 25 Do, pref. 25 25 25 Do, 2nd pref. 65 67 68 Corn Gas 164 162 163 Corn Products 178 178 178 Do, pref. 75 74 75 Do, 2nd pref. 172 172 172 Erie 35 34 34 Do, 1st pref. 49 49 49 Do, 2nd pref. 49 49 49 Gen. Elec. 154 154 154 G. N. Ore. 72 71 72 G. N. pref. 143 143 144 Inter-Met. 111 110 111 Int. Pump 35 35 35 L. & N. 122 122 122 Met. St. Ry. 31 30 31 Mex. Cen. 37 37 37 N. Y. C. & H. M. 178 178 178 N. Y. C. & H. M. 178 178 178 Nat. Lead 70 70 70 Nat. Steel 121 121 121 N. Y. C. & H. M. 178 178 178 N. Y. C. & H. M. 178 178 178 Pacific Mail 34 34 34 People's Gas 100 100 100 Reading 143 143 143 Rep. Steel 25 25 25 Rock Island 27 27 27 S. I. 75 75 75 Sou. Pac. 110 110 110 Tenn. Copper 43 43 43 Third Ave. 31 31 31 U. S. Gas 183 183 183 U. S. Cast Iron Pipe 29 29 29 U. S. Steel 44 44 44 Do, pref. 112 111 111 Do, 2nd pref. 45 45 45 Va. Car. Chem. 45 45 45 Wabash 18 18 18 Do, pref. 42 42 42 Western Union 64 64 64 Westinghouse 29 29 29 Do, pref. 29 29 29 Do, 2nd pref. 29 29 29 Money on call 4 4 4 Total sales, 1,029,000.

MINING STOCKS (By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.) Spokane, Dec. 15. Bid. Asked. Copper Kings 40 40 40 Gerlie 2 3 Humming Bird 5 8 Lucky Calumet 8 9 Missoula Copper 2 4 Nabob 2 3 O. K. Consolidated 1 11 Oom Paul 4 11 Panhandle Smelter 2 3 Pacific Furture 2 3 Snowstorm 25 26 Tamarack 60 62 International Coal 70 80 Rambler Cariboo 12 13 Kendall 110

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AUSTRALIAN MINES. The total mineral production of Australia in 1935 is given as £28,847,502, as against £26,643,295 in 1934. New South Wales produced more than one-third of the quantity and Western Australia slightly over one-fourth. The production has almost doubled in ten years. Since 1925 the production of gold has slowly but steadily decreased; silver in that time has nearly doubled; copper and tin more than doubled and coal has increased 30 per cent. Other minerals have increased three-fold. The production of the State of Victoria has remained almost stationary and is very nearly the same as that ten years ago. The production of New South Wales in the ten years has more than doubled; Queensland's production has increased by 50 per cent. South Australia 2 1/2 times, though its yield is much below that of the other states; West Australia nearly doubled and Tasmania more than doubled.

TOULON EXCITED OVER DROWNING MYSTERY Wealthy Old Lady Found Dead in Fountain—Cry of "Assassin."

Tremendous excitement has been caused at Toulon, France, by the mysterious death of a wealthy and eccentric woman, Mlle. Françoise Bauchere, an old maid of seventy-eight, who was found drowned in circumstances that point to murder in a fountain in the grounds of her chateau at Pont du Las. Mlle. Bauchere had been for years one of the most noted characters in Toulon. Every morning she could be seen leaving her splendid chateau, which she had inherited from her brother, at five o'clock, dressed in shabby old clothes, going to the market with a basket full of fruit and vegetables under her arms. At her stand she haggled as keenly over bargains with her customers as the other marketwomen, though it was known that she was worth some 4,000,000 francs, which, in her surroundings, seemed to be a fabulous fortune. All this wealth had been accumulated by her brother, who, from being a gardener, had become a veterinary surgeon, and invented a number of very excellent remedies for diseases of horses and poultry, which were widely sold, and brought him in large profits. At his death a few years ago he left all his fortune, including a chateau near the city, to his sister, the market woman, who took to live with her another sister, who is eighty-six years old, for which no provision had been made in the will. The inheritance caused no change in the old woman's life, and she lived as if she was the poorest of the poor. She leased out the most important wing of the chateau to stangers. Mlle. Bauchere left her portion of the chateau at about 5.30, a few weeks ago, saying she was going on to the terrace. About six o'clock the occupant of the neighboring wing says he thrice heard the cry "Assassin!" and a little later saw a shadow pass out of the castle grounds. Later in the evening the body of the old lady was found by the stewards of the chateau in an artificial lake attached to a fountain in the grounds some twenty yards from the terrace. There were observed on the body numerous bruises of a nature indicating that the lady was seized by an assailant and thrown into the lake; the bruises, it is thought, being caused in the course of the struggle that followed the attack, for notwithstanding her great age, the lady was fairly vigorous. On Mlle. Bauchere's body were found two drafts of two separate wills, purporting to have been written by herself, but which are not in her handwriting. The authorities have been making a close inquiry, but so far no clue has been discovered as to the probable murderers.

AIRSHIP'S LIMITATIONS IN WAR. What could a whole fleet of airships achieve? All the projectiles it could drop would hardly do as much harm as a battery of modern howitzers, for they have to be concentrated in target at which to strike, and the chances of hitting even a mass of ammunition wagons from a height of a couple of thousand feet when going at an estimated speed of about sixty miles an hour would be very small indeed.—Colonel F. N. Maude, in Contemporary Review.

ARMY OF SHAREHOLDERS. An extremely interesting statement has just been compiled by the N. Y. Journal of Commerce. It shows that railroads and industrial corporations in the United States having an aggregate capital of \$5,846,051,973, are owned by 574,269 stockholders, whereas one year ago the same companies had \$5,708,652,593 stock and only 507,361 holders. The average number of shares now owned by each railroad stockholder is 119.92 shares, which compares with 136.73 just before the 1927 panic and 188.55 in 1924. Industrial stockholders to-day carry an average of 88.30 shares, against 94.45 shares a year ago, 115.51 before the panic and 126.44 in 1924. Pennsylvania Railroad heads the railroad list with 58,739 shareholders (nearly half of whom are women), while U. S. Steel heads the industrial list with 110,000 shareholders.

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMITTEES

The President Makes Clear Her Position With Relation to Work.

At the first regular monthly meeting of the Women's Council since the recent election of officers, held yesterday afternoon, Mrs. E. C. Cooper, the new president, gave attention to some points which she thought should be borne in mind by members to the advantage of all concerned. She read the following statement with reference to her own position and the relation between the council and the different affiliated societies:

"While asking for the hearty co-operation and support of each one of you both personally, and as delegates of your societies, I wish to emphasize what I think was made clear at our annual meeting, namely that this council has no right to control or to censure the action or methods of the societies which are affiliated to it. In article 2 of our constitution it is distinctly stated that 'no society entering a local council shall thereby lose its independence in aim or method or be committed to any principle or method of any other society in the council.' 'Hence it is plain that no society or individual can control or criticize other societies through the medium of the council. On the other hand it must be distinctly understood that this council is in no way committed to the action or methods of working of its affiliated societies, except, of course, with regard to those resolutions which have been presented by the societies and passed by the council, therefore the affiliated societies must not look to the council to support their action, unless they have both sought and are following the advice of the council.

"Again, as president, I feel that whatever my private inclination may be, I have no right to give my signature as president to any petitions or circulars of affiliated societies unless I am confident that such have the approval of the local council. I must not commit the council to any policy which it has not fairly adopted."

The corresponding secretary read a communication relative to the subscription to the Toronto Saturday News, containing the report of the doings of the local councils and the national council executive. The price was reduced to 50 cents, the communication said.

The matter was recommended by the president to the attention of all members. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$14.48 on hand.

The proceeds of the rest tent at the provincial fair was given as \$54.23. To this had been added a contribution of \$10 from the Ladies of the Maccocheas. This would constitute a fund to defray the expense of sending a representative to the National Council.

Committees were struck to carry out the resolutions passed at the National Council with the following result: Woman's Suffrage—Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Gordon Grant, Local Option—Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. Willisroff, Mrs. Reid.

To remedy untidy condition of streets—Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. Andrews.

Maternity Ward—Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Sheldon.

Proper protection of food from dust—Mrs. John Grant, Mrs. (Dr.) Ryan.

Establishment of Infirmary, Legislative committee, re Farmers' Institute: Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Whidden, Mrs. Birch.

In response to a resolution of regret at her resignation as press representative, and a request that she reconsider her decision, a letter was read from Mrs. Hazel saying it was impossible, but that she would assist the work of the council in any other way in her power.

After some discussion a press committee was appointed, consisting of Miss Lawson, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Graves.

The members of the standing committees of the National Council were then appointed:

Laws for better protection of women and children—Mrs. Spofford.

Objectionable printing matter—Mrs. Wood.

Care of aged and infirm—Miss Mary Lawson.

Immigration—Miss Crease.

Press—Mrs. Day.

Domestic Science—Mrs. Willisroff.

Agriculture—Mrs. Watt.

Citizenship—Mrs. Gordon.

Peace and Arbitration—Mrs. Gould.

Education and Supervision of Play-grounds—Mrs. Jenkins.

Care of Feeble Minded—Mrs. Mitchell.

Public Health—Mrs. (Dr.) Ryan.

After a discussion concerning the question of nominating a woman as candidate at the ensuing elections, the matter was left in the hands of the sub-executive.

It was decided to send a letter of

condolence to Mrs. Gordon Grant and Mrs. J. G. Brown on their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Perrin reported that no cases of great poverty had been found among the Hindus. Mrs. William Grant appealed to the ladies present to remember the claims of the Friendly Help for assistance at Christmas. New garments were needed for the women and children. The ladies of the council had in former years supplied these. The rooms would be opened on Saturday and Monday.

There were present the president, Mrs. Cooper; vice-president, Mrs. Burns; corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Fitzgibbon and representatives of fifteen societies.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Andrew Wright leaves to-day on a visit to Winnipeg.

J. A. Knox, of Vancouver, is at present a guest in Victoria.

Mrs. Palmer, of Menzies street, is entertaining this evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Blumüller have gone for a short visit to Seattle.

R. S. Lennie, barrister, of Nelson, spent yesterday in town.

Miss Day, daughter of R. S. Day, left this morning for Winnipeg.

Mrs. Shallcross is entertaining this afternoon at her home, Foul Bay road.

Mrs. Malingay, of Chemaluis, is a guest in town, and will remain for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blygh, who have been in town for some days, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. West C. Nelson will make their home at the Driad hotel for the winter.

Mrs. Burton, of Charles street, has issued invitations for a dance on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dennis, of Calgary, have arrived in town, and purpose remaining for some time.

Mrs. Richard McBride is entertaining the Bridge Club this afternoon at her home on the Gorge road.

Mr. and Mrs. George McTavish, of Rivers Inlet, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Denton, 625 Superior street.

Invitations have been issued for a subscription dance to be held in the A. G. U. W. hall on Tuesday, December 22nd.

Miss Baptiste left this morning for Vancouver en route for Toronto, where she will remain until after the holidays.

J. M. MacKinnon, managing director of the Canadian Pacific Pulp Company, is again in the city. Work is proceeding steadily, he says, at Swanson Bay.

The Victoria Social Club is arranging for a grand masquerade ball to be given on the evening of Monday, Dec. 21st. Preparations will be made for a very large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Christian, who have been making an extended visit with friends here, left this morning by the Princess Victoria en route for their home in New Westminster.

Miss Miles has issued invitations for a pupils' recital in Waitt's hall to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock. Miss Grylls and Mr. Hicks will assist with the programme, which is a most attractive one.

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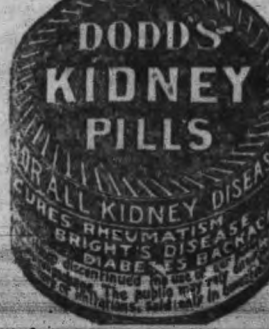
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ELECT OFFICERS.

Young People's Union of First Baptist Church Name Office Bearers.

The Young People's Union of the First Baptist church at its meeting last evening elected officers for the ensuing six months as follows: Hon. president, Rev. Christopher Burnett; president, Miss Margaret Freeman; vice-president, Wm. Dinsmore; secretary, Miss E. Gilmore; treasurer, Miss W. Beckwith; organist, Mrs. R. W. Coleman; reporter, Mrs. R. W. Coleman; and A. Middleton were appointed to serve on the executive.

At the conclusion of the meeting a short social session was enjoyed, the social committee having provided refreshments, consisting of coffee, cakes, etc.

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Is this not a charming frock for wear, with a fur coat, and it is as practical as smart-looking. The material used is heavy dark blue serge, without trimming of any sort, save five buttons on either side of bodice, and two on each cuff. The cut shows the clever use of tucks and revers on bodice, which is joined to skirt of walking length by a deep-shaped girde.

The Sandringham estate was purchased by His Majesty, then Prince of Wales, in 1862. In 1870 Sandringham House was built. It is now regarded as a barren country, is now producing a great deal of foodstuffs.

News From Four Corners of B. C.

Interesting Happenings Gleaned From All Sources in the Province.

FIRE BRIGADE FOR PORT ESSINGTON

Meeting Held to Discuss Organization—Man Injured by Explosion.

(Special Correspondence.)
 Port Essington, Dec. 10.—An Italian rockman, employed at a Grand Trunk Pacific construction camp up the river, was brought into town on Tuesday suffering from a broken leg and forearm and flesh wounds, the result of being struck by a rock flying from a blast. He was yesterday taken to the hospital at Prince Rupert, the victim of the accident was one of a gang of "station" men engaged on a rock cutting. An old stump near their work had afforded convenient shelter on previous occasions from the rocks flying from the blasts. But the stump was so rotten that when a rock struck it squarely the missile went clean through it into the gang of four men who were hiding behind it.

Another effort is being made toward the protection of the town against fire. A meeting was held by the citizens in the schoolhouse Tuesday night looking toward organization of a fire company, and at least some provision in the way of ladders and buckets for fighting fire. The sentiment prevails that something should be done at once, and this is a start.

The spirit of Christmas is beginning to take possession of the town. The first hint of it came with the passing round of the annual subscription lists by the children to meet the expense of the Christmas tree. They collected over \$135. Then there is practising in the schoolhouse, singing at the Methodist mission, the organization of an orchestra under C. F. Lallemand's leadership, and finally the revival of the burnt-cork minstrel troupe under the same leader.

FLOOD IN SQUAMISH VALLEY.

Logs Swept Against Dikes Which Are Reported Damaged.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Blown by a southerly gale, which at times spurted up to the velocity of a hurricane, the sea last Saturday morning invaded the farming lands at the mouth of the Squamish river, the water pouring over the dikes lining the banks of the stream for a distance of about one mile from the point where it empties into Howe sound.

The flooding tide was the highest known since the settlement of the valley. At several points the dikes are reported to have been broken, but no great amount of damage was done to these protecting walls, the water in most places simply pouring over the tops of the embankments. Where breaks were made the damage was caused by logs being hammered against the earth by seas and winds.

Men who have lived in the lower Squamish valley for years declare that the tide thrown up by the gale rose fully four feet higher than it was ever known to have done before.

INSTALLING AERIAL TRAM LINE.

Will Connect Volcanic Mountain Mine With Railway.

Phoenix, Dec. 14.—An aerial tram line is being installed on the Golden Eagle Mining Company's mine on Volcanic mountain to the tracks of the Kettle Valley lines north fork branch. The tramway will be a single track affair with a crossing in the middle to permit of the cars passing one another and will be worked by gravitation.

One of the furnaces at the Granby smelter is out of commission at present undergoing repairs. A number of experiments are being made at the smelter in the treating and fluxing of ore and the furnaces are being run slower than usual while the tests are being made. The work of enlarging the remaining seven furnaces will not commence till after the first of the year.

MARKET FOR APPLES.

Kamloops, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. David Hamilton, of Winnipeg are in the city on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hill, Mr. Hamilton, on seeing some specimens of desert apples grown in this neighborhood, expressed considerable surprise at the good and even quality of the fruit shown him. Mr. Hamilton enthusiastically recommended the shipment of a carload of British Columbia apples to one of the great Eastern markets to serve the purpose of an introduction.

PANAMA CANAL WORKS.

British Employees Discharged For Refusing to Take Oath.

The Panama correspondent of the Daily Telegraph of Kingston, Jamaica, says that the canal commission contemplates closing down work in December for three months in order to give time to get a grasp of the situation.

The correspondent adds that he has good authority for saying that the reports of the progress of the canal are "moonshine." The commission is discharging British employees holding responsible positions in consequence of their refusal to take the oath of allegiance.

The Panama Canal zone is under the jurisdiction of the United States.

ORE SHIPMENT FROM KASLO-SLOCAN MINES

Output of Silver-Lead and Zinc for Year to Date Nearly 12,000 Tons.

Kaslo, Dec. 14.—The ore shipments through Kaslo for the month of November show a decrease owing to the lopping off of the Sandon end of the K. & S. Only one property of the Silver City appears on the list. The total output for the month was 853 tons, of which 204 were silver-lead and 544 zinc. The latter ore came entirely from the Whitewater Deep, which mine also leads in silver-lead. One new shipper, the Comstock, up South Fork, appears on the list, while the Rambler output is not as large as usual, for which the low price of metals is undoubtedly the cause. But taking the depression and all other things into consideration the output of the Kaslo-Slocan section for the year to date is rather encouraging. It is close to 12,000 tons of silver-lead and zinc, and likely to reach close to 12,000 by the end of the year. The following are the shippers and output in tons for the month just passed:

Silver-Lead—Whitewater Deep, 123; Rambler, 51; Whitewater, 40; Province, 40; Comstock, 20; Reco, 20. Total, 204.

Zinc—Whitewater Deep, 554.

Total Shipments to Date.—Silver-lead, 4,554 tons; zinc, 6,556 tons. Total, 11,110 tons.

DOMINION COPPER CO. BONDHOLDERS MEET

Report Is Submitted Regarding Assets of Mining Concern.

Greenwood, Dec. 14.—A meeting of the bondholders of the Dominion Copper Company, of which P. F. Reams is the provincial liquidator, was held in New York and the following is part of the report as given by the Boston Commercial:

"After the appointment of a receiver, our general manager visited the mines at Phoenix and the smelter at Boundary Falls, and inspected the machinery, plant and stores.

"The assets consist of the following: Mining properties, Rawhide, Idaho, Brooklyn, Stewindler, Montezuma, Standard, Mountain and Jackpot mining claims, owned by Dominion Copper Company at date of the trust mortgage, together with mining claims formerly owned by the Montreal and Boston Copper Company, the Morrison Mines, Ltd., and the Atholton Gold and Copper Mining Co., Ltd., and transferred to the Dominion company, including among others the Sunset, C. O. D., and Crown Silver mineral claims, and the Florence and Atholton fractional mineral claims; machinery, plant, tools and equipment; smelter at Boundary Falls and machinery and plant connected; stores having book value of approximately \$50,000.

"It would appear that in addition to bonded indebtedness of \$300,000 and accrued interest there are outstanding claims for about \$75,000, inclusive of wages for August and September, aggregating \$20,000. The miners have filed liens against the properties.

"Pending sale the receiver has been authorized to borrow \$20,000 in priority to the trust mortgage securing the bond issue to defray expenses of the receiver, the principal item being cost of power and labor in keeping the mines pumped out. The receiver estimates that his expenses will aggregate \$4,000 per month.

"It is not possible to say what time will be required to bring the properties to sale."

COLLIERY FUND.

Ladysmith, Dec. 14.—The following are the disbursements of the Wellington Colliery A. & B. Fund for the month ending November 30th: Geo. Smith, \$20; C. Matson, \$30; Ben Berto, \$25; Robt. Bell, \$9; John Jones, \$9; Mat Alton, \$12; Jas. Deeming, \$16; Mitor Portovitch, \$21; Wm. Andrews, \$5; Wm. Russell, \$5; E. Lowe, \$5; Geo. May, \$7; Jas. Sharpe, \$4.

From the Canadian North-West.

Wapella, N. W. T., Dec. 14.—This town was treated to a piece of sensational news to-day when it was announced that John Rowell had recovered his hearing after years of deafness. Catarthozone cured Mr. Rowell, and all others afflicted with impaired hearing or catarrhal deafness should use Catarthozone and be cured also. No treatment is so pleasant and so certain as Catarthozone, which is sold by all druggists under guarantee to thoroughly cure if the large dollar outfit is used; sample size, 25c. Remember the name—"Catarthozone."

RADCLIFFE AT WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, Dec. 14.—Public Executioner J. R. Radcliffe reached Westminster early this morning. He is accompanied by an assistant. On Wednesday and Thursday he will supervise the final arrangements for the execution of the three condemned murderers, Jim Jenkins, Jack Pertell and Leo Chung.

SAYS HINDU QUESTION WILL SOLVE ITSELF

Brigadier-General Swayne Declares it Would Be Unwise to Deport Them.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Brigadier-General Swayne, governor of British Honduras, came to the conclusion to-day that there is no chance of taking British Columbia Hindus to British Honduras. He will leave for the east in a few days. But he is very strongly of opinion that even indigents should not be deported because of the bad effect the move would have on the unrest in India.

"During my brief investigations I have been unable to find half a dozen indigent East Indians here," said Gen. Swayne after reviewing his interviews at various boarding houses.

"If the Dominion government is animated with imperial sentiment and has any regard for the situation in India, it will not deport one of the East Indians, whether indigent or not. The question will solve itself in time. These people will find their way back to India in three or four years, or at least as soon as they have sufficient money. They are thrifty people.

"Any coercive measures adopted here will only fan the flames of discontent and play into the hands of the Bengali agitators. A deported Hindu or Sikh could and would do great mischief. While I am not reactionary, it is paradoxical, but true, that much of the discontent in India is due to over-education, due to England's liberality. If an educated Bengali cannot get civil employment—and this is inevitable—the disappointed office-seeker becomes an agitator.

"But I am not one of those who foresee in the present discontent any possibility of Britain's rule in India being seriously threatened. We met and overcame a situation just as serious less than fifteen years ago. The point to remember is that the native rulers are still loyal, and that the agitators and their followers do not represent the military races.

"It should be remembered also that the artillerymen in India are all whites save in a few mountain batteries. The white troops control the big centres of population, the lines of communication and ammunition. There will be no general mutiny.

"Thus far the Sikhs have proved absolutely loyal. I would not guarantee a continuance of this feeling if their countrymen in other colonies and dependencies receive ill-treatment. If these soldiers went on the warpath it would take an army of one hundred thousand seasoned white soldiers to subdue them."

James Schrum of Dartmouth Makes Valuable Discovery

SAYS THE MOST OBSTINATE CASE OF STOMACH OR LIVER TROUBLE IS QUICKLY CURABLE.

Dartmouth, N. S., Dec. 15.—There is a strong moral in the statement of James Schrum, of Pleasant street. Like thousands of people, he was failing in health because his stomach and digestive organs were out of repair. His vitality was slipping away, he was losing ground every day.

"I could not have held on much longer. I was wasting away simply because no remedy I used gave me tone and strength to my stomach that I craved for. The vital forces of my system seemed dead. I was advised to try Dr. Hamilton's Pills. What hidden weakness they searched out I don't know, but in a miraculous way they have made a new man of me. My stomach troubles are cured, rich blood now runs through my veins—clear skin and unmistakable evidences of health and vigor I feel every day. Dr. Hamilton's Pills have certainly mastered the secret of curing the sickly enervated man and I strongly urge everyone in failing or lost health to use this grand remedy."

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- 6—Montreal and Sincro Sts.
- 7—Ontario and Dallas road.
- 8—Avalon road and Phoenix Place.
- 9—Victoria Chemical Works.
- 10—Vancouver and Burdette Sts.
- 11—Douglas and Humboldt Sts.
- 12—Humboldt and Rupert Sts.
- 13—Cook and Fairfield road.
- 14—Yates and Broad Sts.
- 15—Fort and Government Sts.
- 16—Yates and Wharf Sts.
- 17—Johnson and Government Sts.
- 18—Victoria Theatre, Douglas St.
- 19—Headquarters, Fire Dept., Cormorant St.
- 20—Spencer's Arcade.
- 21—View and Blanchard Sts.
- 22—Fort and Quads Sts.
- 23—Cook and Yates Sts.
- 24—St. Charles St. and Rockland Ave.
- 25—Cudbore Bay road and Stanley Ave.
- 26—Cudbore Bay road and Oak Bay Ave.
- 27—Cudbore Bay and Richmond roads.
- 28—North Pembroke and Shakespeare Sts.
- 29—Quads and Pandora Sts.
- 30—Chatham and Blanchard Sts.
- 31—Chatham and Cook Sts.
- 32—Spring Ridge.
- 33—North Chatham St. and Stanley Ave.
- 34—Pandora and Chambers Sts.
- 35—Douglas and Discovery Sts.
- 36—Government and Princess Sts.
- 37—King's road and Second St.
- 38—Fountain, Douglas St. and Hildaide.
- 39—Oaklands Fire Hall.
- 40—Cormorant and Store Sts.
- 41—Discovery and Store Sts.
- 42—John and Bridge Sts.
- 43—Craigflower road.
- 44—Esquimalt road and Mary St.
- 45—Douglas St. and Burnside road.
- 46—Esquimalt road and Russell St.

WHAT IS A "SOUL"?

SCIENCE AS MISSIONARY TO RELIGION AND POLITICS. By Harold Begbie in the London Chronicle.

Nothing is more significant in our time than the quiet and almost imperceptible invasion of the moral sphere by the forces of science. The priest and the philosopher are, strangely enough, the first to be influenced by rational science; the practical politician, tangled in his party traditions, is almost as ignorant of this influence as Mr. Chesterton and those other roccoco pillars of Orthodoxy who seek to divert men and gratify angels by adopting a quizzing attitude towards every fresh discovery of natural law which makes the Universe more intelligent and august.

Perhaps it may be that only through the moral sphere can the armies of science enter and occupy the region of practical politics. Legislation, as recent Parliaments have revealed to us, is the distracted sheep-dog of quizzing pastors, churchmen and chapels divide the House. The division bell is rung by the scribbler. "Until science has inspired the religious mind we cannot hope that she will rule and administer the political mind. Parliament will be Babel till the Churches, converted by science, cease to quarrel with each other in languages unintelligible to the rest of the world."

Strange is it to think that humanity suffers itself to be buffeted and distracted by two forces as ignorant of terrestrial life as itself, while near at hand, doing so much for the happiness and comfort of mankind, definite knowledge walks steadfastly the road of peace.

A Remarkable Argument.

Professor Leighton's book, "The Greatest Life," addresses both to the priest and to the politician a remarkable argument. It is an argument which makes a lawyer of religion and politics, for it concerns the soul of man, and treats that mystery as something physical, something with which politics is very much concerned. The spirit of the book is the spirit of St. Chrysostom—"granting us in this world, knowledge of Thy truth." Its argument unifies religion and politics, and consolidates humanity.

The beginning of the matter lies in clear thinking concerning the soul. Theologians, who have been accused of employing the awful term God without thinking what it really means, more glibly and more carelessly make use of this other term. They use it as vaguely as any ballad-monger. Science herself once thought so loosely about the soul as to deny its existence. But now that she has reformed herself in this respect, she seeks in an admirable spirit of reverence to determine its quip-to ascertain all that is knowable of this entity. What do we mean by a man's soul? If there is one thing about which we should seek definite information, surely it is that spirit within us which has invented such tremendous words as Eternity, Infinity, God.

Professor Leighton declares that "the existence of the 'soul' is not denied or even doubted. Far from it. What is asserted is that the quality of a 'soul' is not more than it is essential to have definitions of morality, modesty, or any of the other traits already dealt with. For our purpose it matters not what the 'soul' is exactly; it is sufficient to recognize that the term represents to the majority of people a something that man possesses, one of his characteristics. But . . . the question arises: How does a soul develop, and what is its origin?"

"Growth" of the Soul.

"It is still asserted by some," says the writer, "that every human being, every new-born babe, comes into this world with a perfectly developed 'soul.' The idea is really unthinkable. . . . Can anyone for a moment imagine anything which the word soul signifies to their being possessed by an infant who has absolutely no conception of right or wrong, no idea at all of any ethical standard, almost no mind as yet. . . . The idea of a perfect 'soul' being an attribute of a new-born babe involves one in ideas almost too absurd to mention, so grossly fantastic are they." He asks at what period of the life in the womb did this "soul" enter into the embryo? When does it arrive? Is it there whether the child be born alive or dead?

The conclusion is that the soul is an attribute of man just as much as his mind is; "any reasonable conception of it demands its gradual growth to perfection like any other attribute, and consequently its possibility of degradation by processes of atrophy. Those who see no reason to doubt its immortality will probably lean to the belief that it never reaches perfection in this life, but demands another environment for its full development."

A very little thought will force us to the conclusion that if every human being has within him the innate capacity to develop a "soul," it will depend largely upon his environment after birth whether and to what extent that capacity is utilized. In other words, a "soul" is not born, but made. It is no more born than mind is born. Both are acquired, even if we suppose they are independent. The soul of a man of forty is no more the same as that of the same being at the age of four than his mind is the same. And, curiously enough, even those who seem to "love that the 'soul' is fully present in every human being at all times of life act upon the biological view that it has to be gradually formed by training, in other words, that it grows in response to its environment.

And from this flows naturally the great argument which reveals the oneness of religion and politics. This soul of man, this acquirement which can be damaged and destroyed as can the mind—what is its clamor, what is its hunger and thirst, but for room to grow?

"Saving a soul." If it means anything at all, means giving a man the oppor-

tunity to live in an environment in response to the stimuli of which his soul-capacity may grow. "Saving a soul" means depriving a man of this opportunity of a suitable soul-environment, or it means his own voluntary refusal to live in that environment, which alone will grow a "soul." The greatest of ethical teachers maintained that from the point of view of profit and loss, it did not pay a man to gain even the whole world, if in so doing he failed to allow his "soul" to grow.

The Religion of To-morrow.

If this biological view of the matter be accepted, if the growth, nurture, and increase of the character of man—which is the relation between himself and immortality—depends so entirely upon environment, then with what irresistible force should religion demand of politics a condition in the State favorable to the saving and not favorable to the losing of immortal souls? At present many, indeed, are called, but few chosen. The fig-tree of humanity might well be cursed, "the whole earth drenched in a flood, for the little fruitage of immortality yet produced. There are millions of men, black, yellow and white, but how many souls? Sentimental people call the nigger their brother, and credit him with the possession of a soul like Newton's, like Darwin's, like Pasteur's; and the same with millions of Chinamen whose habits can only be discussed in medical works; and with every son and daughter of European desecration, but is it really true?—are these men immortal souls, souls conscious of God, and doomed to perdition? or are they barren fig-trees, houses without tenants, animals?

Science seems to teach that the soul is a possibility as liable to destruction as the body and the mind. Disease kills the body; sin kills the soul. The soul demands a healthy body, pure surroundings, gentle and refined influences, a perpetual stimulus to the self-ignition of love. Without these influences it dies, as the mind of a man dies who neglects to cultivate his brain, as the eye of the mole has died because it has elected to live in darkness. Humanity is presented with this doctrine. Those who desire an eternity to explore the wonders of the universe must strive for it, they must struggle to make themselves immune from sin; those who are content to abide as animals must know clearly that annihilation is their end.

The growth and development of the human soul in the science, the religion, and the politics of to-morrow. The man of science will demonstrate with increasing clearness the important laws of soul growth—its susceptibilities and its immunities; the religious teacher will discover in these laws the hidden secret of his Master; the politician will legislate at last with a definite and intelligent end. Nothing is more certain in the future than this conjunction of science, religion, and politics. Existing opposition to shorter hours of labor, better houses, greater opportunities for education and pure pleasure, will be seen, not as an economic opposition, but as a blasphemy. And the rich will be spoiled, not by the envy of proletarian politicians, but by religion at last awake to the meaning of these words: "How hardly shall they that

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have riches enter into the Kingdom of God." It will be an act of mercy to the rich which prospers the poor. The Socialism of Christianity will prove to be the Socialism of science. This, if the chance of immortality hangs upon environment, seems to be the future of humanity.

I venture to commend Professor Leighton's remarkable book particularly to religious people. He says harder things of the sacerdotal mind that does Sir Oliver Lodge, but like Sir Oliver Lodge, his work is inspired by intense reverence for the personality of Christ, and by a sober realization of that divine revelation. It is one of the portents of our time that those men who master his socialismandism—(Professor Leighton speaks of the sentiments of the Athanasian Creed as "the grossest intellectual immortality") should be most conscious of the immense importance to evolving humanity of the Christ character. Religious people ought to seek to understand this phenomenon. However difficult it may be for them to adjust their habits of thought to newer knowledge, they will not excommunicate these earnest teachers who certainly appear to have found the Christ. Professor Leighton's book is the religion of a biologist.

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FOR THE HOME DRESSMAKER

PRETTY EVENING WRAPS FOR THE YOUNG GIRL

ALL the afternoon and evening wraps for girls are full and loose and built on the kimono lines, with long, droopy shoulders and capelike or shawl effect.

New models along these lines are blossoming thick and fast in the shops, and as they can easily be fashioned at home at an expense of less than \$10 they offer suggestions of much interest to the home dressmaker.

As sheer materials are to hold their own throughout the winter, and are to be worn more than ever for daytime purposes, these coats will be one of the most pronounced features of this season's styles.

The day when heavy stuffs were considered for winter wear has long passed, and thanks to our over-heated houses only thin materials are possible for indoor wear.

Women have gradually recognized this fact, and on the heels of this recognition has come the demand for the long coat or wrap, which makes it possible to wear these frocks to winter afternoon and evening affairs.

Many of these coats are in colors, soft shades of deep cream or yellow bound with black satin. The new shade of blue is also much used, as are the fruit reds.

The quality which distinguishes these coats from the coats of older women is their freedom from elaborate decorations.

They are pretty and fine in quality, dainty and exquisite in finish and quaint in style rather than rich looking.

Perfect grace of line is the first thing sought for by the fashionable builders of these coats.

Very young girls with their slender figures can well afford to wear garments of the most simple design if they be gracefully cut. The evening coats which are now being turned out all have this quality of simplicity and gracefulness of line.

For lightweight evening coats the material most employed is broadcloth; soft, fine novelty cloth

For the Woman in Mourning

THE introduction of many soft and supple fabrics in place of the stiff silks and cloths of days gone by has entirely revolutionized mourning attire.

Crepe as a trimming is not likely to be taken from its place of honor, while there is no denying that as a trimming it combines admirably with soft fabrics, which are so high in favor nowadays, the new make of crepe being as amenable as the thin fabrics themselves.

The old-fashioned, glossy crepe, which in times passed caused such endless anxiety to its wearer, lost its brilliant surface and unimpeachable stiffness should be marred by the first drop of rain, and which was apt to assume a depressing rusty look after a short period, has been succeeded by a crepe that will stand the weather and hard wear without showing the effects of either.

With dresses of taffeta, mousseline is a favorite trimming, and is represented by tiny frills, outlining straps or by bands of tightly pleated crepe edged with narrow strips of dull silk.

Black serge is now included in the list of mourning fabrics, but of as dull a black as possible. A good-looking dress could be made up of this material for \$10.

The mourning of today is exceedingly becoming to young and old. The deep mourning of a few years ago, which consisted in dressing in unrelieved crepe and unbecoming gowns and hats for an indefinite time, no longer is considered essential as a mark of respect to the departed; yet mourning is obligatory and the dressing in crepe necessary to the correctly gowned.

Veiling in dull black is the fashionable material for mourning gowns for indoor wear.

Pleated mousseline de soie and chiffon blouses are fashionable for mourning, and can be made simply or most elaborately trimmed.

The effect must be of dull black, and no white is allowed on the neck or sleeves. A simple, pretty waist of this type can be made for about \$6.

While in mourning as much attention is paid to fashions nowadays as in colors, there is one point which must be emphasized and never forgotten: a mourning woman attires herself so as to escape the notice of the world at large, rather than by inconspicuous and startling effects to draw attention to herself.



Small Hats Gaining Favor

IT seems now as though small hats were trying to take the place of the large shapes, which, however, still hold the field. The small position shapes, placed on much fluffed-out hair, are very quaint—the crowns are high and trimmed with very high panaches or puffs of aigrette.

A Watteau shape, raised behind, the brim slightly rolled, is trimmed with three feather tips placed at the back, with a small cache-peigne of three bright-colored roses; it is made of this felt, lined with black panne.

A small Louis XVI shape, in silver-gray, lined with dark gray, is trimmed with a wide galoon ribbon.

Winter Colors

ALL the new colors for winter have been stolen from flower and fruit.

Gowns are not made of yellow or purple, but of "bloom of apricots" or daffodil materials.

Our blouses may be fashioned of bat's wing chiffon, our hats wreathed with "palm of pansies" tulle.

A toilet is arranged to represent autumn in shades of copper, flame and dead oranges.

A sunshine robe is a cloth of gold veiled in turquoise gauze, and a storm gown is in shades of gray chiffon.

embroidered with silver, crossing over the hat, and a large bunch of roses in mixed colors placed at the back.

A small cloche, fitting well on the head, is raised on one side, made of dark Nattier blue velvet, draped; the crown is of vision fur, and it is trimmed with a large fantasia of feathers placed low on the side, but very voluminous.

A huge Marie Antoinette beret shape is made of dark-green velvet; the brim is of stretched taffeta, lined and pleated in wide pleats, and this brim is almost on a level with the beret, separated from it by a scarf of mole-colored mousseline de soie, knotted on one side at the stem of a fantasia of light shaded brown stilet. There is a wide but low baretté all around.

A very pretty hat for morning wear has a flat brim of dark reddish-brown taffeta; the crown is made of large choux of fringed taffeta, green and brown. The fringe forms a fantasia, which lightens up the hat.

A small hat raised on one side in mousquetaire style is lined with black satin; blue velvet ribbon crosses the hat, and ends in the midst of a large post of gray marabout, placed on the right side. The hat itself is of sapphire felt, lined with black satin.

The Newest Coats

THE tight-fitting coats are by far the smartest, and the striped, rather than the plain materials, more popular.

But be it remembered that Paris fashions are subject to sudden changes, and that stripes have been in favor some months.

Combining two colors in the stripe is considered smart—brown and green, purple and black and gray, blue and brown, blue and green or two shades of one color are all most attractive.

If a plain cloth is chosen in preference to the stripes, a collar and cuffs of a much lighter shade, edged with braid, are considered effective. Sometimes leather is used, but this is really not so new or so attractive as the lighter shades of cloth.

A velvet collar of lighter or darker shade is also a new fashion, and then the coat is fastened with velvet buttons of the same shade.

Long coats are far more fashionable than the short ones. In truth, for the moment the short jacket has disappeared to appear again, however, in fur.

The three-quarter length or the long and fanciful are all popular.

All coats are cut so as to more clearly define the figure, though the box coat has by no means been given up; but as the fashions of the moment are all apparently designed to show the waist at the back and to have it look as small as possible, the coat must be cut accordingly.

Responsibility of Clothes

IT is quite as much of a responsibility to look after a lot of clothes as it is to take care of a lot of silverware. Such things need constant going over, cleaning, brushing and overlooking generally.

A much better appearance can be made by the average woman if she restricts herself to a few gowns and sees that they are well cared for, brushed and pressed, and, above all, hung properly when not in use.

Little economies of dress are not the practice of the shabbily dressed woman, but of the one who takes some thought. She who buys indiscriminately is always the one who complains that she has nothing to wear.

Most women have six or seven coat-hangers in their closets, but they rarely have enough. Yet they are cheap luxuries.

Every coat and every skirt should have a hanger to itself, and in the case of thin materials the hangers should be padded and covered.

They may also be scented if so desired. Bodices and even wash waists should be kept on hangers.

In the same way hats should be brushed and put away carefully, boots should be slipped on trees and gloves and veils smoothed out before they are put away.

It must be remembered in these days of freshness and neatness are the requisites rather than the costliness of the older times.

The woman who stacks up her veils and gloves and even lingerie

showing the slightest possible design in the weaves are also used.

Colors of all sorts are shown in these new evening coats.

The young girl who wishes to select one needs only consider what is becoming in color and what will best harmonize with her frocks.

All colors in the light shades are alike fashionable, and for those who prefer a darker cloth red is extremely picturesque.

White evening coats or cloaks are always fashionable and becoming, and for girls who are to have only one evening coat white, cream, gray or any of the ten shades would perhaps be the best selection.

There is one beautiful design which suggests the Empire and partly a monk's habit. This coat is shortwaisted and has a single inverted box pleat down the back.

The skirt of the coat is slashed up above the knees on each side, the slashes being so wide that the dress skirt would show plainly. The coat is made with the kimono effect of the bodice and sleeves, showing

no seam at the armhole or shoulders.

The pointed hood hung to the belt.

This coat was made of very pale green broadcloth, with the hood lined in shirred green chiffon. The hood, sleeves and collar were trimmed with bands of darker green velvet.

Very attractive, indeed, are the sleeveless coats, which are particularly suitable for wear with fragile frocks. The armholes of these frocks are very large, being cut down well below the arm.

Many young girls have need of a comfortable coat which will do for afternoon wear over fancy frocks such as are worn by girls at dancing classes.

For such an occasion an evening coat is sometimes too elaborate. At the same time a storm coat or ordinary walking coat looks too rough and commonplace. For such occasions are these new coats, which are sufficiently elaborate for evening wear for the young girl whose wardrobe is not unlimited.

Some of the coats are shown made double breasted, with shawl collar and full sleeves. The only trimming is the velvet collar and cuffs.

The first illustration shows a model built on long capelike lines. Three capes form the sleeves, each cape edged with a fold of black satin, as is the long stole collar.

The sides are slashed and also ornamented with buttons and satin.

The second figure is a Japanese model, in supple cloth in the apricot shade. The embroidery is done in a dark brown chenille. An exceedingly easy model to copy.

The third drawing shows a simple model made of long strips of the cloth, embroidered on one edge and cleverly arranged "so as to form sleeves and hood.

This charming model can be fashioned in supple cloth, velvet or chiffon. The lining is of soft white silk.

Helps for the Home Dressmaker

IN MAKING garments of thin materials, if the edges of the seams are laid even and run through a narrow hemmer, a French seam is easily made with a fraction of the ordinary trouble and time.

To give a fitted coat a rounded, well-shaped look over the bust, and also to prevent its losing its shape, take a piece of well-shrunk hair-cloth, cut to the shape of the front, but about two inches smaller at the front, neck, shoulders and armholes. Finish in a point at three inches above the waist line. Cut a V-shaped piece out at this point and draw edges together, to make it fit, instead of a dart.

Over this seam and around the haircloth edges baste strips of ordinary lining cambric. This serves to cover raw edges and gives something by which to sew it to the canvas lining.

Attach the haircloth piece to the canvas by padding stitches, and hem it all around at the bound edges.

Baste a piece of canvas about three inches wide, cut to shape and carefully fitted, around neck at back and armholes to meet canvas lining in front.

A well-fitting coat should keep to the figure at the bust even when not buttoned. If it is inclined to flare at this point and not to lie close to the form, take one or two tiny dart-like tucks in the canvas lining about one-fourth of an inch at front edge, running out to nothing, about two inches back.

Mark then and slash the canvas taping over the same spaces made by the tucks. Draw these together and cover with a strip of lining cambric.

The cloth will now have a slight fullness where it has been taken out of the canvas by tucks. This must be gathered on a thread and shrunk by means of a wet cloth and hot iron, pressing until it corresponds with the canvas lining.

New Materials

COMBINATION of materials is decidedly the thing this season. For example, take the use of trimming hems of broadcloth, velvet or silk on skirts of various materials.

The idea is really of Japanese origin, as are so many of the fashions of the present day.

The fashion designers have made an extremely clever use of this fancy, and are putting broad hems of plain material, often contrasting in color and always in texture, at the foot of dressy skirts.

Another attractive use of this new hem is for evening wraps of broadcloth, lace or silk. These are quite often finished with a hem three or four inches deep, made of broadcloth, in white, pink, blue or any light contrasting color.

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From now until the clock stops, every Dollar spent in the store will entitle the customer to one guess as to what day, hour and minute the clock will stop.

The only information which will be given to anyone regarding the clock is that it is listed in the "Sonoma Catalogue as an Eight-Day Timepiece. It may stop in less than eight days, but it will probably go quite a while longer. TWELVE PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN. VALUE \$211.75.

To the twelve nearest guessers, whether they guess the right time or not, but only one prize to any one person.

As the clock when running down, will probably vary in time, the time at which it shall be said to stop, shall be the time registered by itself.

Coupons should be handed in at as early a date as possible, as, in the event of two or more winners guessing the same time, the first of them handed in will be given the preference.

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With a View to Marriage

by FRANK RICHARDSON.

Author of "The Bayswater Miracle," "The Man Who Lost His Past," etc.

"It's not a bad idea. But isn't it rather rough on the girl?"

"Not at all," replied the editor of the "Hyde Park Magazine." "The chances are she won't fall in love with you. Of course, my dear Claud, I admit you're not a blot on the landscape; still, I don't think your fatal beauty is such as to make it a dead certainty that her heart will fall at your feet."

Claud shook his head thoughtfully. "Yes, but you forget that the girl is anxious to marry a peer, and that your scheme is that I shall pretend to be a peer. She won't fall in love with me, but she will probably fall in love with my bogus peerage. Hang it all!" he exclaimed, "the more I think of it the less I like it."

The editor leaned back from his American desk. "All right, my dear Claud, if you don't like the idea, don't do it. I thought it was just the sort of thing that might amuse you, and that you would do well."

Claud Carrington and the editor of the "Hyde Park Magazine" had been great friends at Oxford. Their rooms in Canterbury Quad had adjoined. Neither had done much in the way of work; Claud, in fact, had not spent a very laborious life, even after leaving Oxford. He had been called to the bar, after being ploughed twice at Lincoln's Inn. Since then, having a private income of £20 a year, he had devoted himself to journalism more for amusement than anything else, mainly through the assistance of the editor of the "Hyde Park."

"All right, Willie," said Claud suddenly. "I'll do it. How many words do you want?"

"I can take up to four thousand five hundred," was the answer.

"Show me the advertisement," said the editor, handing over a cutting from a morning paper.

The only daughter of an American millionaire desires to meet an English peer with a view to marriage. Reply with photograph to Box 317—

"Pretty vague address," said he, "Box 317."

"Never mind the address," said the editor, "have you got a decent photograph?"

"I have got one that does me more than justice."

"That's what you need," said Willie, smiling. "Now then, we must decide what peer you are to pretend to be. One must be careful about that."

"I suppose I had better invent a title," said Carrington.

"Nonsense! The girl is sure to look you up in the Peerage. If you're not there, well, over goes the whole show. By the by, do you remember Wintersholme? He used to be at the house with us."

Claud thought for a moment, and then answered: "Yes, indeed smart chap, wasn't he? A member of the Bullington and Vincents; did a lot of polo?"

"That's the fellow," replied Willie. "He's our man. I had a letter from him to winter there. He's not the sort of peer who splashes about in the papers, so our American millionaire has probably never heard of him."

"Then he produced a 'Peerage.' 'Ah, yes, Lord Wintersholme is thirty-four. That's your age, isn't it, Claud? Yes, you shall be Wintersholme.'"

Claud behaved a little uneasily at his sudden elevation to the Peerage. "Now you write to Box 317."

"But where shall I write from? I can't write from the Oxford and Cambridge Club."

"That's just what you can do. You can write from the club, and you must ask her to reply to Ryder street. You can tell the people there that you expect Wintersholme to stay with you at the flat."

"No, no, no," said Claud, "that's too risky. If, by any chance, she were to write to the club the letter would, of course, be returned marked 'not known.' I'll write from Ryder street."

The result of this interview was that within a week Claud received a letter, signed "Mary B. Chapin," from the Savoy hotel, asking him to call at 315 on the following day.

Not a little uneasily did Claud, now Lord Wintersholme, drive up in the court-yard at the Savoy. He asked for Miss Chapin. In reply to the question, "What name, sir?" he felt a tingle of shame as he replied "Lord Wintersholme."

"Yes, my lord."

He was glad that the man turned instantly round as he said: "Miss Chapin is waiting for you, my lord."

He felt that his face was as red as the carpet as he followed the man through the hall, through the crowds of people who were sipping their coffee and liqueurs, towards the restaurant. Just before reaching it, the man stopped.

Carrington found himself in the presence of a typical American blonde. Exquisitely dressed, she could not be more than twenty-four or twenty-five. As she rose, she smiled, showing the beautiful teeth so characteristic of American women.

"Lord Wintersholme, I presume?" she said, with scarcely the suspicion of a twang. Then she motioned him to a chair by her side. For a moment she did not speak, but looked curiously at him. He felt intensely awkward.

He felt that he was being inspected like an exhibit at a horse show. Miss Chapin, to his great relief, spoke, she spoke slowly and deliberately. There was no touch of nervousness in her voice.

"Of course," she said, "my advertisement is very unusual. My position is very unusual. My father—you may have heard of him, the late Jefferson B. Chapin—was the artificial oyster king."

Claud's face clearly showed that he had never heard of the late Jefferson B. Chapin, and also that he was lamentably ignorant, not only of the fact that there was a monarch of artificial oysters but also that artificial oysters actually existed.

He made an apologetic movement. She smiled forgiveness.

"My father," she continued, "was a bright mind. He discovered that the only form of hygienic oyster was the artificial brand; he therefore started making it; incidentally, he made his millions. With my fortune I should have no difficulty in getting into society. I could pay, without inconvenience, any sum that any of your impecunious peers or peeresses or hangers-on of peers or peeresses charge for introducing me into the smart set. But I'm a go-ahead girl. I propose to deal direct with the trade."

"Quite so," replied Claud.

Suddenly he remembered that he had forgotten all about the article he proposed to write. He should have listened with extreme care to every word spoken by the millonair's daughter in order to reproduce her conversation accurately. But his embarrassment had got the better of him.

"I must say," she went on, "that I am disappointed. I inserted that advertisement for three days, and yours is the only reply I have received. What does that show? That American heiresses are no longer needed by the British peerage, or what?"

"I suppose," he replied, "it shows that no other peer has had the infernal cheek that I have."

She laughed. "I like infernal cheek. Do you know that infernal cheek and genius are very closely allied?"

Magazine." He was indignant with Willie.

"Confound it!" he said, "this infernal idea of yours has got me into a most frightful mess."

"How do you mean?"

"Well, just night the girl dined with me at the Carlton."

"Is she ugly?"

"No, she's a dream."

"Well, what's the trouble? Are you complaining of the expense? If the article is all right, my dear Claud, I will pay you your out-of-pocket expenses."

"Oh, it isn't that. The devil of it is that editor."

Willie jumped up from his chair. "I see it," he said. "You're in love with the girl."

"I admit I'm in love with the girl."

"Well?"

"Oh, don't keep saying 'well.' That's what Miss Chapin always says."

"Don't you like to be reminded of her?"

"Don't be an infernal fool, Willie. Can't you see what a beastly position I'm in?"

"Doesn't the girl love you?" inquired the editor.

"I don't know whether she loves me or not. What's that got to do with it?"

The editor explained. Said he: "There's nothing awkward about being in love if the girl loves you. Of course, if she doesn't, it's beastly. But she may get to love you."

"How does that help?" replied Claud. "I'm a fraud, I'm posing as a peer; I'm not a peer."

"Oh, of course, I never thought of that."

"Oh, confound it! You never think of anything! But you've got me into this mess, and you must get me out of it."

"Good heavens, no! That isn't part of my duty. I engaged you to do an article, old friend, I didn't engage you to fall in love with a complete stranger. Cheer up and be bright! And the girl may yet be yours."

"Can't you see that's impossible?"

The editor considered. "Not if the girl really loves you," he said judicially. "You see, but for this fraud you would never have met her. So the fraud has brought you together. A fraud that has performed that great service ought surely to be forgiven."

But Claud couldn't see it in that light.

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She appeared radiant with happiness. The expression with which she greeted him settled the matter, so far as he was concerned. Beyond question he was madly in love with her. He felt a shiver of delight when, after lunch, she proposed that they should have coffee in her sitting room. As they sat in the delicately decorated Louis Seize room it seemed to him that the moment had come to propose marriage—and that the moment to propose marriage was the moment to confess all.

The idea of the confession appalled him. On second thoughts, the moment to propose marriage had not come.

For the next three days he saw much of Miss Chapin. They lunched together, dined together, and supped together. He called her Marnie and she called him Claud. Evidently he found great favor in her sight.

One day he was shown up into her sitting room. A voice from the bedroom cried: "I'll be with you in two seconds."

The seconds seemed long. He walked anxiously about the room. On the table, lying in a blotting-book, he saw a quantity of sermon paper covered with Marnie's huge, sprawling hand-writing. He had only seen one specimen of it, but he felt that her handwriting was the most beautiful in the world. A smile played over his lips.

"Dear old girl," he said to himself. He was fascinated by the handwriting. Suddenly he gave a start as his eyes caught sight of—

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"So you are reading my private papers," she said bitterly. "I assure you not," he answered, "my eyes just caught your handwriting, and—"

"Well?" she said. "What do you make of it?"

He shrugged his shoulders. "I can't make anything of it at all. So far as I can see, and I have seen hardly anything, you have written down an account of our conversation."

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"I don't believe," he blurted out, "that you are a millionairess at all."

Chapin?"

"Well, in the States," she said, dropping her eyes with modesty that was almost ostentatious. "Mary Chapin is not the least known of our authors, and she has made quite a name for herself as a journalist, and I'm doing this for the 'New York World.' I wonder if I am asking too much if I inquire who—and she mimicked him—'the dickens you are?'"

He explained. His arm was round her waist when they settled that a story entitled "With a View to Marriage" should appear in the "New York World" and the "Hyde Park Magazine" from the joint pen of Mary Chapin and Claud Carrington.

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"Well," she inquired, and she added "Lord Wintersholme."

The tone in which she uttered "Lord Wintersholme" proved to him that she was well aware of his imposture.

"What do you mean?" he stammered.

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CHAPTER X (Continued) Maurice mounted the plinth and drew a key from his pocket. "What are you going to do?" asked Norah. "I am going into the statue."

"You go first," she whispered. He turned on the electric switch, closed the door, strode unhesitatingly to the lift, pushed back the iron grille, and illuminated the lift as he had illuminated the entrance hall. She stepped into the lift; he joined her, shut the grille, pressed a button, and the lift shot upwards.

The lift stopped with a jerk. They got out. He turned on more lights, and they found themselves in the great chamber of the statue. They were alone. No two people could have been more alone, even in mid-Sahara, than they were in the secrecy of the statue's vast bosom.

"Yes," said Maurice, pointing to a semicircular patch in one corner of the table, comparatively free from dust. "They've been here."

"Sibthorpe and Carfax, Sibthorpe has sat down on that corner of the table to explain his idiotic theories to Carfax. I've never told you, Norah, but I'll tell you now, that that sublime ass suspected that I was not unconnected with the catastrophe that happened to my poor old dad. On the night of his murder I was also out in the gardens. I went out to calm myself. You know how disturbed I had been. I came back after about an hour and a half and went to bed. I didn't see anything of dad. In fact, I didn't go near the statue. I spoke to nobody. There was no likely to be anybody to speak to."

"My poor Maurice!" Norah gasped. He noticed that she had gone pale. "Ah!" he chided her gently. "It's no use feeling indignant. The ass Sibthorpe is only doing his business. It's his business to suspect everyone. But he's altogether too mysterious, is Sibthorpe. Or else it is Carfax. Now, the inquest no questions were put to me as to my being in the gardens at the time of the murder. Not a question! Yet I had given no explanation to Sibthorpe. I haven't been in the humor for giving explanations to anyone. And what's more, the German wasn't called to give evidence; not a word was said about him. And he's left the estate. And no one seems to know where he's gone. How do you explain that? Have they still got their eyes on me as a witness, or have they not? By heaven, sometimes it makes me feel as if I had had—"

Maurice spoke coldly and disdainfully. "I committed the murder—without knowing it!" Norah's answer was to sink to the ground. "Don't!" she murmured. "I can't stand it." He stood over her like a philosopher full of the weariness of wisdom. He did not attempt to raise her. "My dear," he said, "I feel you have married something excessively garbolic, excessively mischievous, and capricious, and I feel you don't understand me."

hate of her pierced her heart as a dart might have pierced her. "Maurice!" she cried; "I loved you too much! I know now I was wrong. But I said nothing because I loved you. I thought if you knew before, you would never marry me; that the world would never let you marry me; and so I—"

"You wish already that you hadn't married me!" cried she, and her voice expired in a moan. He bent and lifted her, picked her up swiftly and with a violent caress clutched her to himself. "Ah, no!" he said, with a sudden sincerity almost frantic. "Not that! Anything but that! Child, when I think of what my life would be if I hadn't you—and I do think of it sometimes—I almost go mad. It is marrying you that will save me. You mustn't mind how I talk. You mustn't worry about anything. You must just quietly remember all the time that you are my salvation. Don't fret about Millicent. That's nothing, simply nothing. It will come right. We'll go away to-night." He paused, gazed at her eyes which were close to his. "How fond the dad was of you!" he exclaimed. "He thought nearly as much of you as I do."

CHAPTER XI An Earldom. Four days later Mr. Slade Beakbane knocked, in the late afternoon, at the doors of Irving Park. Being no longer in control of an automobile, he had come down from London by train, and he had walked from Dunstable station because there had been no vehicle there to meet him. The absence of a carriage cast a melancholy over Mr. Beakbane's arrival. Happily he had not brought his fur coat.

"Mr. Crampion is not at home, sir," said the butler, opening the doors to Beakbane's question. And he uttered the word "sir" somewhat reluctantly. Beakbane's appearance, without fuss, not being impressive. "I know that," Beakbane replied pompously. "He will be here by the next train." Mr. Beakbane paused. "You surely were aware of that?" he questioned with sternness.

"Yes, sir," the butler admitted. "Then why did you not tell me that at once?" he demanded, squinting the butler almost to inanimate dust. "Be good enough to show me to Mr. Crampion's study. I am to await Mr. Crampion. And I have writing to do." Decidedly Mr. Beakbane had a way of being superior to his inferiors that was both effective and final. It left nothing to chance.

"Then he opened a little bag which he had brought, drew forth some papers and began to write at the American roll top desk, an ugly contrivance, which in no manner recalled the Empire secrets in the sanctum of Tudor Hundreds. In a little less than an hour a loud-ticking alarm clock struck six with an unpleasant voice. Five minutes afterwards Abraham Crampion, followed by the butler, stepped energetically into the room. Beakbane nervously looked up. He would have much preferred not to rise—he would have much preferred just to nod carelessly to Crampion as Crampion nodded carelessly to him. But, as in the Regatta with Maurice Courlander, so now he could not refrain from rising. Something within him stronger than himself compelled him to rise, and to greet Crampion with elaborate respectfulness. He was serious against butlers, but he had never yet succeeded even a little bit in proving that he was the equal of his superiors.

"Dinner at seven. For two," snapped Crampion, turning swiftly on the butler. "Yes, sir," said the butler, holding forth a bent salver. "The letters, sir." "Stick them down anywhere," said Crampion. The butler obeyed and left. Crampion resumed his examination of Beakbane. "Sit down, you fool," Crampion exclaimed abruptly. "What the Hades is the matter with you?" "Nothing, sir," said Beakbane, meekly. "I got your telegram. So you're back to Berlin?" Crampion removed his coat, dropping it on a chair, and stood displayed in a flannel shirt with detachable white cuffs—white cuffs he deatched and threw on the floor. He then hitched up the shirt-sleeves by means of red elastic bands which encircled his arms above the elbow, and sat down opposite to Beakbane, puffing. "The day was hot."

"Look here," he said, grimly, "have you never seen a murderer before? Because if you can't get accustomed to being for you. If you can't convince yourself that a murderer is very much like any other human being, you'd better shut."

"Oh, of course, sir—" Beakbane began, entirely nonplussed, and furious in his heart that he was nonplussed. "Murder is a mistake," Crampion continued. "I never meant to murder; but that's no excuse for sheer clumsiness. I never meant to tell you. But that's no excuse for doing a silly thing under the influence of temporary excitement. However, we needn't discuss my errors of discretion when I'm in a temper. All I beg is that you not make eyes at me as if I was a freak at Barnum's. Murder has been done. Good! Nobody is any the worse. At least one person is a little the better. So try not to be a sentimental ass. You've made out those lists?" "Yes, sir."

Beakbane passed some papers across the desk, and Crampion looked at them carefully. "You do this sort of thing pretty well," said Crampion. "Yes, sir, I think I do," Beakbane paused, and then splashed suddenly into a subject which had a profound interest for him. "I suppose I am now to consider myself in your employ, sir?" "Well," said Crampion, "either you're in mine, or I'm in yours. Which do you think it is?" "Certainly, sir. It's all over the city that I've transferred my services to you. There is a tremendous talk about it."

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nothing that I want to buy. So say no more. There was a silence. "Blackmail!" Crampion burst out again, laughing harshly. "A nice idea! He turned and leaned over the desk, and whispered: "You aren't the only person who knows." "Who—" Beakbane was too agitated, too undone, to construct a whole sentence. "My daughter knows. She overheard me. And she ran away. And she's married to Maurice Courlander. When first she cleared out I was upset. I was afraid. But I've got over that. I can see I'm perfectly safe. You daren't tell, and she can't. Strange I didn't see that at once. She can't tell. She might possibly tell her husband, of course. But then he couldn't tell—it wouldn't do! The situation is a very curious one."

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"And we have discussed all these things in committee," added Ald. Fullerton. "There is nothing new at all in them."

The Wilson Agreement.

The draft agreement with the B. Wilson Company, covering the laying by the company of a salt water main on Store and Chatham streets to its cold-storage plant, was considered in committee and approved, except insofar as dealt with the provision for taking the waste water back to the bay.

The company purpose putting down a return main to carry away the waste water, as the city engineer thinks the city surface drains are not large enough to meet the demands, but negotiations will be opened in the direction of having the company pay the cost of enlarging the city drains if it is willing to guarantee for \$5,000 has to be put up by the company.

The Publicity Grant.

The Board of Trade forwarded the resolution adopted last Thursday in support of the Tourist Association's request for finances.

The Mayor was authorized to sign the contract for the supply of meters for the water department.

The matter of water rates was left to the finance committee and water commissioner for report.

A letter from Moresby & O'Reilly in relation to a balance of \$15 due McDougall & Jenkins to the cemetery wall contract was referred to the cemetery committee and city engineer.

The city will purchase 1,000 copies of the Jubilee number of the Colonist for \$50.

Permission was granted to the Victoria Poultry and Pst-Stock Association to hold its annual show at the Victoria market building. William Baylis and William E. Nachtrieb appeared before the council in support of the request.

The Government street paving indemnity by-law was finally disposed of, and the same was done with the Cook street local improvement by-law.

Committee Reports.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was adopted as follows: Re communication of A. T. Goward, local manager Victoria Gas Co., stating in reply to the council's inquiry of the 24th ult., that his company had on hand about 20 tons of coke-breeze, which it would sell to the city, and also that they had about 15 loads of clinkers to dispose of.

Recommended that Mr. Goward be thanked for his offer, but that as the breeze is unfit for the purpose intended, the council cannot recommend its purchase, but that the council may be able to make use of the clinkers, and, if so, the company's offer will be taken advantage of.

Re communication of W. Ridgway Wilson, desiring sewer connection for the premises of Dr. T. J. Jones, proposed to be erected on the corner of Rockland avenue and Linden street. It was recommended that the council contribute the sum of \$50 towards the construction of a sewer, as desired by Dr. Jones, from his lot southerly at the rear of lot 22, to connect with the main sewer at avenue, the understanding that lot 22 shall be allowed to connect with same when required.

Re communication of D. S. Tait, desiring compensation, on behalf of the Victoria Athletic Association, for damage alleged to have been done to the approach to, and the steps leading to, the association's building on Catherine street. It was recommended that the city engineer be instructed to replace the steps in as good a condition as they were formerly.

Re communication from Pemberton & Sons, re surface water on the lot adjoining the building of E. Porter & Sons, on the west side of Douglas street.

Recommended that Messrs. Pemberton & Sons be notified that, inasmuch as the water complained of comes out of a private drain which was laid from the west end of the culvert crossing Douglas street, and being partly on the lot in question, that it will be necessary for them to drain off the water and take the necessary steps to prevent the flooding of premises immediately opposite said lot by keeping said drain clear, and for the purpose of so doing your committee would suggest that they (Messrs. Pemberton & Sons) continue the private drain to connect with the one on Broad street.

Re repairs to roadway, Carberry Gardens. Recommended that the petitioners be informed that as this road has never been taken over by the city, and is shown on the map as a private street, any improvements desired thereto will have to be made by the petitioners.

be carried out by the property owners interested at their expense.

Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to have the sidewalk on Niagara street, north side, near Beacon Hill park, moved out to the street line, and that the Tramway Co. be furnished with the proper line for their poles on said street.

Recommended that the sum of \$8 be tendered Messrs. Crease & Crease, with the proviso that the settlement of the claim of Mr. Fleet Robertson for damage alleged to have been done to his residence by rock blasting on Rockland avenue.

Re communication of Mrs. L. W. Chandler, complaining of the undermining of her fence on lots 8 and 10, James Bay, by corporation workmen. Recommended that Mrs. Chandler be informed that the matter of her complaint will be referred to the streets committee.

Recommended that the water commissioner be instructed to make good all damage caused to the city streets by reason of the laying of fresh water mains therein, and have the same repaired so as to restore them to as good a condition as they were in before the work of laying the mains was commenced, to the approval of the city engineer.

Re communication of F. Napier Denison, complaining of poles in the middle of the sidewalk on the Patricia road, opposite the eastern portion of Ross Bay cemetery. Recommended that Mr. Denison be informed that the matter will be rectified as soon as possible.

Re communication of D. Grant, asking for sewerage extension on David street, between Bridge and Turner streets, and on Turner street from David street southerly. Recommended that Mr. Grant be informed that the sewerage extension approved by the council, and should the sewer loan by-law receive the endorsement of the electors when it is submitted to them, the work will be carried out.

The request of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home that Cook street, between Queen's avenue and the Home, be improved by the laying of a sidewalk, was referred to the streets committee.

The city engineer reported that the cost of laying permanent sidewalks on both sides of Alpha street from the Burnside street to Douglas street, and to main, as some might think, the same will be \$2,500, of which the city's share will be \$1,125. The work will be done.

THE B. C. POSITION.

(Regina Leader.)

The Victoria Colonist refers to the statements of Premier Scott that Premier Borden's attitude on the Oriental Exclusion question cannot be classed as one of loyalty to British interests; and the Colonist declares that Mr. Scott's words merely indicate chagrin over the defeat of the Liberal candidate in Yale-Cariboo.

Let us see. The Ottawa Journal made the remark that Hon. Wm. Tompkins, when in Victoria, had a defence of an Imperial policy." The Journal further remarked that Laurier's policy on the Japanese immigration question was taken by direction of the home government. If the Colonist can honestly charge to motives of chagrin over the British Columbia election results these assertions of the Conservative Ottawa Journal, then it may also honestly adhere to its declaration regarding Premier Scott. If on the other hand the Colonist cannot without making itself too palpably foolish impute such motive to the Ottawa Journal, then neither will its imputation hold good against Mr. Scott.

The London Times and in fact the British press in general have unequivocally commended Laurier's course respecting the vexed Japanese question as being a course demanded by Imperial interests. Some English newspapers since the Canadian elections have expressed regret that Mr. Borden's candidates in British Columbia opposed and condemned that course. Will the Victoria Colonist accuse the London Times or other English newspapers with voicing biased views on account of chagrin over the British Columbia election results?

The Colonist's reference to Premier Scott may be accepted as an encouraging sign of shame because of the character of the campaign waged by the British Columbia Conservatives, abetted by Mr. Borden, on the Japanese question. It is a sign—and a welcome sign,—that the Colonist itself at any rate hates to be considered as lacking in loyalty. But neither Mr. Borden nor the Conservative party in British Columbia can so easily square their conduct in the recent campaign with substantial regard for the welfare of the Empire. They did condemn and cannot deny that they condemned Laurier's policy on the Japanese problem. That policy was essential to Imperial interests according to the views of the British government, according to the views of the British press, and according to the view of everybody in Canada outside of British Columbia with the single exception of Mr. B. L. Borden. When the Ottawa Journal said that Tompkins "succumbed in defence of an Imperial policy," it said in effect that the position taken by Mr. Borden and the B. C. Conservatives was one of disloyalty to Imperial interests, and it said what was shamefully true.

Married men of Belgium have two votes and the single ones but one. Priests and some other privileged persons have three.

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LECTURES ON WORK OF CECIL RHODES

Rev. Tremayne Dunstan at First Congregational Church.

Rev. Tremayne Dunstan, of West Seattle and formerly of Australia, who lectured last night at the First Congregational church, Pandora avenue, on "Cecil Rhodes, Empire Builder," explained in the beginning to his audience that a mistake had crept into the printing of the tickets, and he wished to be understood as one who knew Cecil Rhodes and not as a man who might think was intended from a perusal of the notice.

Having been introduced to the audience by Rev. Herman Carson, pastor of the church, who occupied the chair, the speaker said in reference to Cecil Rhodes: "Three decades ago two men leaped to the front rank of British statesmanship by sheer force of ability. They were Joseph Chamberlain and Cecil Rhodes, and I think the Empire has been shaped by the hands of these two men more than by any other two."

He then went on to recount Chamberlain's history from the time of his birth in Camberwell, London, and afterwards again referred to Rhodes about whom, he said, many people had made the mistake of imagining he had made himself notorious simply by the use of his colossal fortune. "That, however," said the speaker, "is an absurdity. That he was immensely wealthy there can be no doubt, but so were Belt and Barnato, yet no one would call either of them great men. Rhodes was a great man in spite of his millions. He was the son of a Herefordshire minister and first made the acquaintance of South Africa when a lad accompanied by his brother. The brother, however, met his death while big game hunting in the interior. He rolled into his fire one night, and while asleep was burned to death. The survivor, who was to make such a mark on the face of the continent in future years, remained in the south, and at the time of the Kimberley rush, pegged out a diamond claim from which his wealth grew, and with it his great idea of the expansion of the Empire. He amalgamated mines, the capital of which amounted to thirty million pounds sterling, and the dividends to \$1 million and a half sterling per annum. His greatest effort in his life was the obtaining control of Bechuanaland for Britain and the concession from Lobengula of the Chartered company. His great idea was the connection of the north at Cairo with Cape Town by rail, and although he did not live to see his desire formulated, it will probably come in years ahead, while the telegraphic line is at present progressing."

"When I reached the Cape in '82 I heard everywhere of the comparatively young man who had been in the country only ten years, but who had proved himself a business man, and a financier without a rival. He had at that time accomplished a great deal towards the consolidation of the Kimberley diamond mines. I saw him again from a Cape coast cart at Grahamstown, and I felt convinced that

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

St. Andrew's Society Held Monthly Meeting Last Evening.

At last evening's monthly meeting of St. Andrew's Society, held in Sir William Wallace hall, the officers elected were installed.

The installation was in charge of E. B. Paul, M. A., who after a short speech installed the following: Honorary president, James Taylor; president, P. J. Riddell; 1st vice-president, D. Melver; 2nd vice-president, Edward Wishart; recording secretary, William Wishart; financial secretary, A. Mansson; treasurer, James Angus; guard, Robert Wilson; marshal, James McInosh; pipe-major, E. McIver; pipers, N. F. McDonald (sergeant), Donald Cameron, John Ross, A. Chisholm, A. G. Smith, J. G. Burnett, J. Knox, Edward Wishart and Wm. Wishart.

P. J. Riddell thanked the society for electing him to the position of president for the third term. Several of the other officers expressed their thanks also.

The society now is the strongest in the history of Scottish societies in Victoria. The membership totals 160. A committee was formed to report on the advisability of forming a ladies' auxiliary in connection with the society.

FANTAGES THEATRE.

Four Star Numbers Put on by Management This Week.

Fantages theatre this week has an entertainment that cannot fail to fill the house at every performance. In a list of attractions, all of which are so good, it is difficult to select the star.

Perhaps among them all "Le Vieille Heloise, the dancer in 'A Vision of Salome,' is the one which will be the greatest drawing feature. Given with spectacular accompaniments in the shape of lights and stage dressing, the dance is a sensational one.

The Hawaiian septette of singers, who play their own accompaniment on stringed and reed instruments, are a strong attraction. The melodious nature songs is a strong feature of the week's entertainment. In McCune and Grant a splendid pair of acrobats are presented, their work being marvellous. Francisco Maracer, the Venetian violinist who was here some weeks ago, reaches the heart of all in his mastery of the violin. His playing is of a high class and at his initial appearances for the present engagement he was greeted with a grand reception, having to reply to repeated encores.

The illustrated song, "Rainbow," sung by Harry De Verra, and amusing moving pictures complete the bill.

Still as fine as any from a cocoon is spun by the prima motiva, a shellfish found in the Mediterranean Sea.

GLOBE SMASHER IS BUSY IN CITY

City Council Offers Reward of \$50 for Arrest of Vandal.

A number of electric light globes have been smashed recently by vandals, and the suspicion is that they are not boys either. The city council has decided to offer a reward of \$50 for their detection, and any who are caught will be severely punished.

At last night's council meeting a letter was read in which the police commissioners recommended that the city offer a reward of at least \$50 for the discovery and conviction of the parties who smashed all the globes along Esquimaux road a week ago.

Mayor Hall explained that there has been a good deal of trouble with the breaking of lamps in the outskirts, and the chief trimmer was of opinion that the culprits were not boys. The commissioner thought a good sized reward would lead to the discovery of the guilty parties and enable an example to be made. These globes cost \$10 each.

Ald. Norman said he would like to see the reward extended to all public property, in view of the fact that there was a good deal of vandalism.

Ald. Mable moved that the reward be offered for the apprehension of those who smashed light globes in any part of the city and at any time.

The motion was adopted.

What Other People Think

AN OMISSION SUPPLIED.

To the Editor:—In your biographical sketch of the author of the 'Me and God' poem you do not say that he once resided at Victoria. He was a member of the Standard staff about 1886, and was an excellent writer of prose and poetry. He went under the name of F. M. E. Gordon, but he was recognized one day as the Rev. A. McGregor, a former Scotch clergyman, of great ability as an exhorter, who lost his gowls for some cause that was deemed sufficient. He also resided at San Francisco, where he contributed many brilliant pieces to the press. He was a remarkable man, but he buried the talent with him which God had endowed him. D. W. H.

SOUTH POLE HONEYMOON.

Honeymoons in balloon, boat, and caravan have been known, but it remained for Mr. John Orr Ewing, of the 16th Lancers, and Miss Gwendolen Curtis, daughter of Colonel Herbert Curtis, who were married at Holy Trinity church, Brompton, to fix on the Antarctic, says Lloyd's Weekly News.

They mystified all their friends by gravely informing them that they would spend their honeymoon at the South Pole. The young couple have departed on their honeymoon tour, and it remains to be seen whether they are really taking a yachting trip to the Antarctic, or have been having a little amusement at the expense of their friends.