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## Another Lot of New Jewellery.

Our last shipment is now in. Fine new goods in Watches and Jewellery, also in Sterling Silver Goods. Come now and pick out what you want and have it put away for you. We are selling everything of the best quality and guarantee it to be exactly as represented and our prices are the lowest.

Challoner, Mitchell & Co.

THE JEWELLERS. 47 GOVERNMENT STREET.

## Solid Worth vs Sensation



The following catalogue (most respectfully submitted) represents a few specialties for the Holiday trade. We live in an age of specialties and our intent is to set great values before you in the way of suitable goods for Xmas presentations.

- 20 doz. Fancy Boxes of Handkerchiefs, 20c each.
- A Handsome Box containing three embroidered Handkerchiefs, complete for 35c.
- Very pretty Box containing three fine H.S. Handkerchiefs, 30c.
- Novelty Boxes with six fine H.S. Handkerchiefs, complete, 50c.
- A few doz. extra large rain umbrellas (men's) 90c each.
- 2,000 yds Silk Baby Ribbon, all colors, 25c dozen.
- Real Kidderdown Comforters, maker's prices.
- 60 pairs fine hemstitched Sheets, \$1.50 pair, worth \$2.50.
- New Paisley Flannels, for Wrappers, 9 different patterns, very wide, 6 yards for \$1; a great holiday novelty.
- 250 doz. Japan Silk Handkerchiefs, 20c, 30c, 40c.
- New Blouse Silks, very latest, 90c.
- Silk Belts, Black and Colors, 25c.
- New Gloves (Silk Stitch), 25c.
- Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, starting at 10c.
- Specialty fine assortment at 25c each.
- Lacing Kid Gloves, Black and Browns, 90c.
- 210 doz. superior Hem Stitch Handkerchiefs, 60c doz.
- Perrin Frere's celebrated Kid Gloves, every size, every color; every pair guaranteed.
- 30 pieces Heavy Cheviots, double fold, full dress for \$1.50 (6 yards).

## THE WESTSIDE.

J. HUTCHESON & CO.

## Have Been Laying for You



**SOME CUTS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES.**  
Non Bona less than cost. We are clearing out 200 boxes Jap Oranges, to arrive, way down in prices. Bring your own straw. We have Ontario Sweet Apple Cider. No burg in the barrel.  
Those fat, soft Plums reduced to 3 lbs. for 25c.  
Canned Currants reduced to 3 lbs. for 25c.  
French Imperial, in bottles, \$1.25 Port 50.  
Raisins and Almonds 75 Sherry 50.  
Wilton Cheese, in jars 1.75 N Oranges 40.  
Dewar's Scotch, the best blend ever left the Land of Oakes.  
Morgan's Oysters, luscious bivalves.

H. Ross & Co. Government St.

## New Xmas Umbrellas

JUST OPENED.

STEEL RODS FROM \$1.00 TO \$12.00.

At Geo. R. Jackson's  
57 Government Street.

Body—Nourished  
Digestion—Assisted  
Nerves—Stimulated  
Brain—Invigorated

## TAMILKANDE

Simon Leiser & Co., TEA  
Leal Packets. Never in Bulk. All Grocers.

## Gibson Mining and Milling Co.

Capital, \$200,000; Treasury, \$20,000 shares.  
This company owns and operates the two claims "Gibson" and "Paisley" on the South Fork of Kaslo river, near Kaslo. Three strong parallel leads traverse both claims a distance of 4,000 feet, all three of which leads are being worked at present, even men are now employed on the property, which force will be increased as an early date and work will be vigorously prosecuted all winter. They are in 40 feet on the cross-cut on No. 1 Lead, and have drifted on the Lead 40 feet, on the drift they have 4 feet showing of very fine galena ore. They are working on the surface of No. 2 Lead, and on No. 3 they are in 35 feet and taking out ore. Smelter returns from a car of ore shipped from surface of No. 2 Lead, in January last, were 73 ounces silver, and 65 per cent lead per ton. A run at telegram from Mr. Chas. Schick, the treasurer of the company, states that they have made a strike on the Gibson ore running \$300,000 to the ton.  
We have secured the sole agency for this company's stock, and have every confidence in recommending it to the investing public as a safe and safe investment. 25,000 shares are now offered at 10c per share. Apply to—

## CORNWALL IN LINE

The Old Tory Stronghold Gives the Liberal Candidate a Good Majority.

First Catholic Constituency to Elect a Premier Laurier's School Settlement.

Result of Sir Adolph Caron's and Mr. Foster's Campaign Speeches.

Cornwall, Dec. 19.—Sir Adolph Caron and Hon. George E. Foster, the Tory campaigners, for Catholic constituencies, made their last frantic and pathetic appeal to the voters of Cornwall and Stormont to stand by the "old party," at a meeting held last evening in the interest of the Conservative candidates. Messrs. Foster and Caron have been allowed to do all the fighting in the constituency, the Ontario leaders of the party keeping well out of the way, Cornwall being too near at home to oppose the school settlement. The settlement has been the war cry of Foster and Caron all through the campaign, but strange to say, at last evening's meeting Mr. Foster complained bitterly because Premier Laurier and Hon. Mr. Scott, at the Liberal meeting defended the settlement instead of devoting their whole time to the tariff.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Reviewing the campaign and discussing the outlook in Cornwall, the Globe says: "To-day, if this constituency should be won by the Liberals, it will be one of the greatest surprises of the season. In 1891 Bergin carried the town of Cornwall by 330 while Snettinger, Liberal, then and now, carried the township by 121. In June last the situation was complicated by the presence in the field of a Patron, Bergin then polled 1838; Adams, Patron, 1519, and Snettinger, 1456. The total number of voters on the list was 8250."

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The libel suit of Rev. George Brooks against Mr. Henry Labouchere resulted in a verdict for "Lalby" with costs, together with the jury's opinion that Truth had conferred a benefit upon the public by exposing the "Fynce of Begging Letter Writers," who aroused unusual interest. The plaintiff is known as "Bounty Brooks" owing to the first lord of the treasury, Mr. A. J. Balfour, giving him £200 out of the Royal bounty fund on account of an anti-Socialist book of which Brooks was the author. The evidence in the suit just ended showed that Brooks, from 1889 to 1895, realized over £7,000 by begging letters. During the course of his testimony Brooks attributed his financial troubles partly to a disastrous speculation in a lecture of the late Henry Ward Beecher, who, the plaintiff said, demanded a fee of \$50 in advance, while only £20 was taken at the door. Brooks also said he went to the United States to study the Socialist question and found himself too English to get on in America. The press, with the "Times" at its head, united in a chorus of approval of Mr. Labouchere for his continued exposure of the impostor and said that it had developed that he had expended for this purpose £10,000 in lawyers' fees alone during recent years. Altogether, "Lalby" is the lion of the week, for in addition to his legal victory, there has been Truth's annual distribution of toys for the children's hospitals, at Albert Hall, which has been the centre of attraction, and where 4,200 dressed dolls were on view and 25,000 other toys.

Dr. Benjamin Howard, surgeon, well known in England and America, who since 1850 has made a special study of penology, has just arrived in England from his tour to Russia and Siberia, undertaken for the purpose of confirming and bringing up to date the observations made by him at Saghalien and elsewhere since 1888. During an interview with a representative of the Associated Press Dr. Howard said: "The special object of my last journey, which lasted six months, was to complete my studies regarding the reception, redistribution and means of forwarding Siberian exiles. I have been through every convict exile prison between St. Petersburg and Siberia; I have waylaid exile gangs along the road, rail and river, examined convict barges in which they are conveyed, when empty and when full; I had opportunities for speaking to every man on board; for hundreds of consecutive miles I have kept observation of the gangs so as to observe them under all conditions. My object was not merely to confirm or deny the statements made by others on Siberia, but to bring my personal knowledge on the Russian penal system up to date." "I have," continued Dr. Howard, "made a special study of penology for over thirty-five years, and during that period have examined the systems of the West Indies, East Indies, China, Japan, Siberia, Europe and America. In 1888 I commenced my study of the Russian system and that year I visited the convict establishments of Moscow and St. Petersburg. Next I went to Siberia and the great exile island of Saghalien. I was the first foreigner to live on the island, although various persons have touched the place. The unique feature of my visit, which lasted from July to September, lay in the fact that I went as a personal friend of the governor, whom I met casually at dinner. During my visit I accompanied him on his tours of inspection, and frequently saw more than the governor himself. I was practically an official, only without official responsibility, and was able to avail myself of the singular opportunity afforded me by the first person, other than a Russian official of exile, to spend so long a period at the place."

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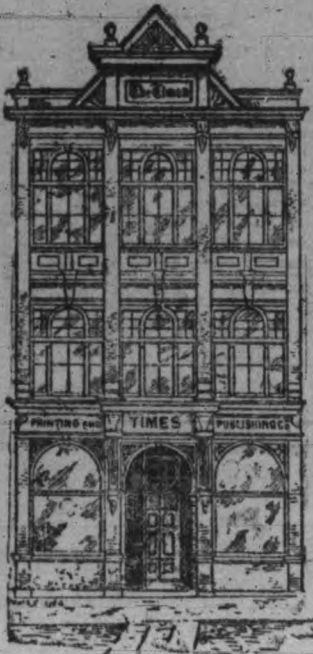












The Daily Times.

CORNWALL ELECTION.

The Liberal candidate was elected in Cornwall and Stormont to-day by a large majority. That constituency has been for many years Conservative, the late Dr. Bergin having represented it in several parliaments, and its conversion is therefore especially significant. There is further significance in the fact that the Conservative leaders presented the school settlement as the leading, if not the sole issue of the contest. They undoubtedly hoped to gain through this because there was a large Catholic vote in the district. Catholics as well as Protestants have condemned their programme, a fact over which the country has cause for gratification.

THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

Yesterday's News-Advertiser and this morning's Colonist give explanations regarding the Municipal Clauses Act which are intended to remove the doubts entertained by citizens of the inland cities as to their municipal status. If the Hon. Attorney-General cannot be awakened from his slumber, perhaps the perplexed gentlemen of Kamloops and Vernon will be satisfied with the legal lore of our learned contemporaries. It seems necessary to explain to the government organ that the question was not raised by either the Kamloops Sentinel or the Times, but by the Kamloops city council, who thought it would be well to have their doubts removed by a statement from the chief law officer of the province. With characteristic obstinacy the Colonist has failed to properly locate the source of the complaint. Our own part in the matter was to comment on the failure of the government to set the doubts at rest when applied to, and also on the failure of the government to keep a proper watch over the state of the municipal law. This failure would not be so very conspicuous if the government were not so persistently represented as the special guardian angel of municipalities, the only source from which remedies for municipal evils can be expected. What a nice middle civic affairs would be likely to land in if entrusted to government commissioners may be judged from the amount of care exercised in the present instance. Those who were doubtful as to the state of the law are now told by the Colonist and News-Advertiser that sections 6 and 7 of the Municipal Clauses Act provide for their case, containing in existence the corporations not specially mentioned. If this is the case, why should not the Attorney-General have promptly given the information to the people of Kamloops? Why should not Hon. Col. Baker have been able to answer their question in less than a month's time. Those are two of the ministers, be it remembered, who are supposed to stand ready to choose heaven-born rulers for all the cities on application. Then the extremely silly, excuse is offered for the government that its members did not have charge of the act in the house. Once upon a time the public might have been tempted to ask what the Attorney-General is for if not to keep an eye on such legislation, but there is plainly no utility in putting the question under existing conditions.

The U. S. authorities could hardly get into a more petty business than the deportation of Canadian nurses now employed in some of the U. S. hospitals. Such contemptible actions as this naturally create the impression that while our American cousins form a big nation they are, collectively, about the smallest-minded people on the face of the earth. Nor is it to be wondered at that such mean treatment of Canadians should provoke in Canada a feeling of retaliation. That feeling may at any time grow

so strong that parliament will be compelled to enact retaliatory legislation. How would Americans like to be excluded from our mines and from our field of labor and investment generally?

Montreal Herald:—The British agriculturist on preferential trade: "We might just as well be ruined by Minnesota as by Manitoba." The Canadian manufacturer on preferential trade: "A man might just as well be kicked to death by a mule as by a horse."

SUNDAY SERVICES.

When and Where Victorians Will Worship To-Morrow.

St. Saviour's Church, Victoria West.—8 a.m., holy communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and litany; 3 p.m., Sunday school; 7 p.m., evensong.

Congregational church, Temperance Hall, Pandora avenue.—Christmas sermons morning and evening. The pastor and his brother, P. C. Harris, of Vancouver, will sing a duet at the evening service. Sunday school and bible class at 2:30 p.m. Y. P. S. C. Z. at 4:15 p.m. All welcome.

Reformed Episcopal.—Morning sermon: "The Approaching End of the Age," by Bishop Critche. Evening sermon: "Love waxing cold," by Dr. Wilson.

James Bay Methodist Church.—The pastor, Rev. T. J. McCrossan, B.D., will conduct both services. Evening subject: "Peter withstood by Paul." Strangers welcome.

Victoria West Methodist Church.—Morning service by Mr. L. Tait; evening by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Hicke. Subject: "Judah."

The Rev. D. H. Reid, who has been applying the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell, will again occupy the pulpit to-morrow. In the evening he will give an address to Christians. Subject: "The fullness of the Holy Spirit." Evening theme, "The Gift of Gifts."

Emmanuel Baptist Church.—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pastor, Rev. P. McEwen, will preach. Morning subject: "The Genesis of Sin." Evening subject: "The Genesis of Redemption," with special reference to Christmas occasion. Sunday school and pastor's Bible class at 2:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Methodist Church.—Sunday school anniversary (35th) to-morrow. Special sermon by the pastor to the school in the morning with music by the orchestra and choir. In the evening Christmas service of songs, Sunday school, orchestra and choir combined. Address by the pastor.

Calvary Baptist Church.—Rev. Ralph Trotter, pastor. Services both morning and evening by the pastor. The evening sermon will be on "Light," and will be specially illustrated.

Home of Truth.—Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Theosophical Society, 28 Broad St.—Public meeting at 8:15 p.m. Subject: "The Law of Laws."

DELUGED IN MONTREAL

Tremendous Efforts Made to Meet the Rush.

Never before in the history of the Wells & Richardson Co., manufacturers of the celebrated Diamond Dyes, have they been so completely deluged at the present time. Thousands of letter orders are crowding in from all parts of the Dominion for the great popular Ten Cent Combination that was advertised a short time ago. The avalanche of letters is so vast that a largely increased staff of hands is necessary to attend to it. The enterprising Diamond Dye firm have been obliged to hold over for a few days some thousands of orders before filling them.

This fact should discourage no one; there will be no disappointments; every order received will be well and truly filled, as steps have been taken to double the daily supply of Photos and Excelsior Rhyming A-B-C-Books, illustrated.

For the benefit of those who have not seen or heard of the advertised Combination offer, it is here repeated:

First—One "Excelsior Rhyming A-B-C Book, illustrated"; no two large letters of the Alphabet are of the same color.

Second—One full size rich Cabinet Photo of the "Three Future Kings of England." Every loyal Canadian should have it.

Third—One package of "Diamond Dye Powder," for making sixteen oz. of best black writing ink.

The whole Combination, worth 45 cents to any address for ten cents.

Send small silver coins, or the proper amount in one, two or three cent stamps. Stamps of larger denominations will not be received.

Send your letters accurately, and before mailing be sure you put on full postage, three cents in stamps. If full postage is not prepaid, letters will not be accepted.

Address Wells & Richardson Co., Montreal.

ESQUIMAULT PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Closing Examinations Held There Yesterday Afternoon.

There was a large attendance of parents and friends at the closing examinations in Esquimault public school which took place yesterday afternoon. Prizes were given to the successful pupils and presents to the others. Mrs. Langley presented the prizes to the girls and Mr. E. Baynes Reed those for the boys. Speeches were made by Rev. C. E. Sharp, Rev. Mr. Hicks, the trustees and others, in which the teacher, Mr. Campbell, was congratulated on the successful work of the term just closed. The promotion list follows: From Senior Fourth to Junior Fifth—Lizzie Wensley, Mabel Porter, Ethel



Corded Velvet Skirt Protector.

Fashion, time and economy demand that skirts be saved by METEOR PROTECTOR. Ladies are wearing nothing but "Meteor." See "Meteor Protector" on all imported gowns. Sold by all drapers in all shades.

JAS. JOHNSTON & CO., Montreal. A McNAUGHTON, Agent, Vancouver, B.C.

Advertisement for A. Gregg & Son, featuring the text 'A Good Thing Bears Repetition.' and 'Our Direct Importations of Fall Woolens'. Includes an illustration of a man in a suit.

Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Ointment, listing various ailments it treats such as piles, scrofula, eczema, and skin eruptions. Includes testimonials from satisfied customers.

WHY SUFFER WITH PILES?

Advertisement for Dr. Chase's Ointment, emphasizing its effectiveness for treating piles and other skin conditions. Mentions that it is a household remedy.

KOOTENAY HAS MADE THE MOST STARTLING CURES OF RHEUMATISM EVER RECORDED.

Advertisement for S. S. Ryckman Medicine Co., highlighting their success in treating rheumatism and other ailments. Mentions that their cures are well-documented.

YOUR BABY'S SKIN NEEDS "BABY'S OWN SOAP"

Advertisement for Baby's Own Soap, describing its benefits for infants' skin. Emphasizes its gentleness and effectiveness.

Advertisement for S. S. Ryckman Medicine Co., listing various medicines and their uses. Includes the address in Hamilton.

NEW GOODS FOR XMAS NOW ARRIVING.

Leather Goods

Advertisement for leather goods, listing items such as calendars, mounted bells, brushes, and mirrors. Mentions that the goods are of high quality and suitable for Christmas gifts.

C. E. REDFERN, 43 Government Street. (Established 1862.)

The Monumental Surprise Price Sale

Large advertisement for a 'Surprise Price Sale' by H. Freeman. The text describes the sale as a 'staggering' event where prices are significantly reduced on a wide variety of goods, including overcoats, suits, and household items. It emphasizes the limited nature of the sale and the opportunity for customers to acquire high-quality goods at exceptional prices.

H. FREEMAN, The Workingman's Friend, 111-113 Gov't St., VICTORIA, B.C.

Toys, Toys, PARKER BROS. GAMES, DOLLS, ETC. Now Opening.

JAMIESON, BOOKS AND STATIONERY, 61 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Advertisement for Campbell & Co., featuring the text 'Genuine...' and 'Scotch Tweeds, English and Irish Serges, Fine Overcoatings, Nobby Trousers.' Includes an illustration of a pair of glasses.

Advertisement for F. W. Nolte & Co., featuring the text 'Suitable, Appropriate and Appreciated HOLIDAY PRESENTS.' and 'Solid Gold and Gold Filled Spectacles and Eye Glasses.' Includes an illustration of a pair of glasses.



WE call the attention of the coughing public to the superiority of the U. C. Cough Drops.

BOWES, Dispenses Prescriptions, 109 Gov't. near Yates st. Victoria, B.C.

LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

The verdict of epistles all over the world has been given in favor of Yorkshire Relish.

Many articles suitable for Xmas Presents at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

At St. Barnabas church yesterday evening Right Rev. Bishop Perrin delivered the last of his lantern lectures on "The Advent of our Lord."

Blank books, memo, books and a nice line of stationery at wholesale prices. Johnston's, Kirk Block.

Elegant Pictures in massive frames; real works of art. Landscapes, pastoral scenery, sea sketches, figures, etc., at Weller Bros.

A slim pocketbook will not hinder you from having a fine rain coat on Xmas day for we are selling them at cost to clear. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

The closing exercises were held at Crestview public school yesterday. The oral examination of the pupils was enhanced by songs, recitations and short addresses. The reading of the promotion list and the distribution of prizes concluded the exercises.

The ladies in charge of the bazaar held recently in Institute Hall are awaiting for the owners to call for several articles which have been left on their hands, including a large cake worn by W. Foley, a cushion by J. McCarrah, and a toy stove by S. H. Haake.

In a word, we know it and the same knowledge will be yours. We are selling off all our trimmed and untrimmed millinery 25 per cent. less than the marked price. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

The following gentlemen dined with Dr. G. L. Milne at his residence last evening: Hon. G. Blain, Lt. Col. Donville, M.P., Senator McInnes, F. L. Bejot, William Templeman, Geo. Riley, A. H. Scaife, H. A. Munn, R. Hall, A. Martin, A. L. Belyes, Dr. Watt and C. E. Renouf.

President Cleveland has commuted the sentence of Mrs. Margaret Morrison, the Port Townsend opium smuggler, to five months. She must pay her fine, \$50, and the costs of the trial before she can go forth a free woman. Mrs. Morrison was sentenced to imprisonment for eight months, five of which she has already served.

Yesterday the students of Victoria College completed their Christmas examination and broke up for their usual vacation. Quite unexpectedly the fifth and sixth forms availed themselves of the opportunity to present Principal and Mrs. Church with a splendid silver and oak dinner gong. The silver forms, not to be outdone in generosity, also remembered their master, Mr. W. R. Wilson, being the recipient of a particularly handsome present.

The teachers of South Park school will be in attendance at the school on Monday from ten to twelve to take charge of gifts for the poor from the children of that ward. Any older people desirous of contributing fuel, food or clothing are assured that their offerings will be wisely distributed in houses where there is real need. "Kind wishes and good deeds they make not poor. They'll come again, full laden to thy door."

A San Francisco dispatch says: The sleek and costly sealskin seems to be somewhat out of fashion. The tale of a falling demand in the product of Behring Sea and the Pacific has just been told by the yearly sale at Lampton's, London. Telegrams have been received in this city stating that the price for Alaskan fur was 10 per cent. less than that of a year ago; that of Copper Island (Russia) furs 17 per cent. and that of coast furs, including California and Japan, 20 per cent. lower than in 1895. This news comes as a surprise to local traders, for the catch of this year was much lower than that of 1895. The entire catch of the Canadian sealers a Japan waters and Behring Sea amounted to 55,677 seals. In 1895 the catch of the Canadians amounted to 74,424 and in 1894 to 97,474 skins. The catch of the American pelagic sealers entered at this port amounted to only 5,000 seals, valued at \$10,000, in 1896. To the former number, 30,000.

Awarded Highest Honors - World's Fair. DR. PRICES' CREAM BAKING POWDER. MOST PERFECT MADE. A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

skins are added as the catch of the North American Commercial Company on the seal islands.

Embroidered Silk Mantel Drapes, Table Covers, Ties and other Fancy Articles at Weller Bros. Buy a nice Buggy Robe for baby.

Hon. Mr. Blair and Col. Domville left on the regular train for Nanaimo this morning. They will be taken by the Quadra to Vancouver to-morrow.

If you're looking for toys call and inspect the stock of A. Barker, 122 Yates street. The very newest mechanical toys; no old stock. Prices the lowest.

As there was not a quorum present the meeting of the Christian Citizens' League, which was to have been held in Temperance Hall yesterday evening, did not take place.

John Plow, who was arrested on Thursday for stealing two pieces of iron from the Sidney sawmill, was convicted in the provincial police court this morning, and fined \$10.

Among the many handsomely decorated show windows now attracting attention none are more conspicuously beautiful than those of the store of Messrs. Dean & Hiscocks, druggists, corner Yates Broad streets.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria Teachers' Institute held on Friday, these officers were elected: President, S. B. Netherby; Vice-President, Agnes Deans; Cameron; Secretary-Treasurer, D. Dallas; Executive Committee: A. B. McNeill, A. F. Doran, Miss A. F. Barron, Miss A. F. Gardiner.

Messrs. Erskine & Wall, local agents for the Commercial Travellers' Association of the Dominion of Canada, have received the certificate of the association for 1897. By calling at their office past members may obtain renewal cards and travellers heretofore unconnected can affiliate.

The auction sale which has been in progress for some time past at Messrs. Davidson Bros' jewelry store will be brought to a close this evening because of the departure of Col. E. P. Moody, the auctioneer. The remaining portion of the stock will be disposed of at private sale during the interim between now and Christmas.

In the police court this morning the three cases remanded from yesterday were disposed of. Alfred Langley, in a case of variance, was convicted and sentenced to five months, and a like sentence was imposed upon William Gustave Meier for the theft of an overcoat from the Occidental hotel. The assault case preferred by a Chinaman against Ah Long, another Chinaman, was withdrawn, the complainant refusing to prosecute.

At the last regular meeting of Behnsen Temple, Rathbone Sisters, the following officers were elected: Past chief, Mrs. G. B. Moss; M. E. Chief, Mrs. J. W. Walker; B. Senior, Miss E. Hall; E. Junior, Mrs. W. Wallace; M. of R. and C. Mrs. M. J. Conlin; M. of Finance, Mrs. C. Cox; Manager of Temple, Mrs. R. Johns; Protector, Mrs. E. Wall; Outer Guard, Mrs. M. Cauterelli; Trustees, Mrs. J. Shaw, Mrs. W. Cox and Miss J. Behnsen. Arrangements were also made to hold an anniversary social in the new Pythian Hall on January 20.

Camp No. 52 Woodmen of the World elected the following officers yesterday evening for the ensuing term: Consul commander, L. Hall, D.D.S.; advisor, Lieutenant H. C. Edwards; banker, J. D. Warren; clerk, W. Jackson; escort, W. B. Shakespeare; physicians, E. A. Hall, F. W. Hall and L. L. Fraser; watchman, W. H. Fenwick; secretary, R. Davidson; and auditor, W. H. Brooks; with H. C. Edwards, Theo. Bradbury and F. A. Cutbert as visiting committee. At the next regular meeting of the camp, which will take place on Monday, January 4th, these officers will be installed.

Dr. W. W. Walker, M.P.P., Nanaimo, who was in the city to-day, is a great fancier of carrier pigeons. Last spring he received two birds from Major-General Cameron, of Kingston. Both were of the purest breed, and each had a silver band around one of its legs on which was stamped its number and the initial "C." One of these birds escaped from the Doctor's aviary several weeks ago. He was sure it was lost, but was surprised to learn from an eastern paper that the pigeon found its way back to its old home in Kingston, a distance of over 3000 miles. Meier-General Cameron recognized the bird by its number.

Piper Macdonald opened last night's meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society with "Lochaber No More." This followed a song by Mr. Brownlee; Highland fling by Mr. Anderson; song, Mr. R. Foster; Gaelic song, Mr. J. Munro; reading, Mr. Beggs, and song, Mr. Douglas. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: A. Hay, chief; E. B. McKay, chieftain; J. McCurrah, treasurer; R. J. Jameson, secretary; A. B. Fraser, recording secretary, and Revs. Winchester and Campbell, chaplains; Robertson, Munro, W. Anderson, M. McDonald, P. McDonald were chosen as the society's pipers; and Colin Cameron and H. Brown were elected as drummers. A program of concert will be given under the management of Mr. Clement Rowlands.

Fernwood Lodge No. 178 C. O. O. F. yesterday evening elected the following officers and board of management: L. M. P. N. G., J. R. Wesscott; P. N. G., W. H. Coster; N. G., A. Campbell; V. G., J. D. Campbell; Rec. Sec., G. E. Wilkerson; Fin. Sec., T. W. Carter; Treas., W. F. Fullerton; Con., R. Hayke; Warden, P. T. James; Trustees, R. Carter, J. J. Walsh and Wm. McCormick; Auditors, B. Cooper, J. T. Wesscott and J. D. Campbell; Pin. Con., A. Campbell, L. Campbell and J. R. Wesscott; R. S. N. G., W. C. Kerr; L. S. N. G., P. Christensen; R. S. V. G., B. Cooper; L. S. V. G., W. Shaw; L. G. E. Being; Joffroy; O. G. L. Sharpe; and lodge surgeon, Dr. E. Hill. January 5th was fixed as the date when the Christmas treat will be given to the children, and on the next regular meeting falls on New Year's Day, it was deferred until January 14th.

The Queen of Sauces and the unfailing resource of every economical housekeeper is Yorkshire Relish.

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For a Xmas present than an elegant bottle of Perfume. We have them of the best French and American manufacture. See our windows.

JOHN COCHRANE, Chemist, N. W. Corner Yates and Douglas St.

BEHRING SEA CLAIMS

Captain Hansen Gives Evidence in the Case of the Schooner Winnifred.

Testimony as to the Portion of Seals Lost Out of the Number Shot.

Yesterday afternoon when the commission resumed its sitting Capt. Clarence Cox and Capt. O'Leary gave evidence as to catches of seals made in Behring Sea and the distribution of seals in the sea. Capt. Bissett was this morning examined as to the probable catch in 1889 and the seizure of the schooner Pathfinder. In that year he was mate on the schooner Theresa on her sealing cruise in Behring Sea. On the last day of July the Theresa was boarded by an officer of the United States cutter Rush, who told witness of the seizure of the Pathfinder. After that day they went southwards and sealed for fear of seizure. Seals were not so plentiful there. They got a very small catch, that season, between 600 and 700 seals.

To Mr. Dickinson—Seals were very plentiful on the day they were boarded by the Rush, but they did not lower any boats.

To Mr. Peters—The reason why they did not lower any boats was because they were running away from the cutter, which was pursuing them.

Capt. Hansen gave evidence in the case of the Carolina. He said that in his experience the proportion of seals lost by sinking after they were shot was about two per cent. The majority of seals are lost when they are traveling. In 1888 he went to Behring Sea as master of the Adele. On July 4th he entered the sea and stopped hunting on August 8th. About 1300 seals were taken in Behring Sea. In 1889 he went again to Behring Sea, staying from July 8th until the middle of August. He took about 800 seals in the sea. In 1889 he tried Haida Indians as hunters, but found them unsatisfactory, as they would not lower the boats on a Sunday and were not as good hunters as the other Indians. They would go out in the morning, and when they got about nine or ten seals, say at about ten o'clock, they would return to the schooner. In 1890 he again went to Behring Sea on the Adele. That year he only got between 500 and 600 seals. The weather was rough and his hunters were not very good.

To Mr. Lansing—Witness said in 1884 he raided the Pribiloff Islands. He was seized by the Collector of Customs of this port for raiding the Pribiloff Islands and fined \$800.

Examined by Mr. Peters as to the case of the Winnifred, he said he was on her in 1892 when she went to Behring Sea. He was warned not to go into Behring Sea by British and United States ships, but went in a south-easterly opening up and they then got on the shore. For the safety of the schooner he was obliged to run through the Unimak pass into Behring Sea. When the storm sprang up on July 12th they were hunting off Afognak Island. After the storm they started to leave the sea. While doing so they shot a few seals. On July 20th the Winnifred was seized by the United States cutter Rush and taken to Ounalaska. He and the crew were put on board the United States ship Albatross there and taken to Sitka. The schooner also was taken in tow and taken to Sitka. Witness was put in jail at Sitka. He was never tried. A barrister named Maloney hailed him out and he went down to Fort Wrangel. He did not go back to Sitka.

The United States counsel reserved their cross-examination of this witness until Monday.

Emile Ramlose, called as to the proportion of seals lost out of those killed, said he had kept a record of the number shot by him and lost since 1892. He gave details of the number lost out of the total number shot from that year until last year.

James Munger, of Seattle, gave evidence in the case of the Carolina. He said he was on board the Carolina at the time of the seizure in 1886. He never heard any report that there was a shortage of provisions on board the Carolina. He (witness) was asked how much provisions were on board the schooner at the time of seizure.

To this Mr. Dickinson objected, saying that the witness was not a party to the case. He said that if they wished to question this witness on the point they

That Boy of Yours

Wants, above all else, something interesting and amusing at this joyous Xmas season. Have Santa Claus make a selection from our stock of

Mechanical Toys

We have got the newest, best and most complete stock of Toys in the city. No old stock—everything bright and new. Prices lower than the lowest. Give us a call

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should have called him previously, before the case was closed.

The British counsel showed that they had endeavored to do so but had been unable to find him. A letter was written to him at Seattle asking him to appear and give evidence on behalf of Mr. Munger. This letter was returned through the dead letter office. A man was then sent to Seattle in search of him and by him Mr. Munger was found there and asked to come over and give evidence, whereon he had come.

After conferring with Mr. Justice Putnam, Mr. Justice King said he thought the counsel should confine the evidence as to the provisions on board at the time the inventory was taken at Ounalaska. The commission then adjourned until 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning.

TRAVELED HALF THE GLOBE TO FIND HEALTH, WITHOUT SUCCESS.

Took the Advice of a Friend and Now Proclaim It from the House-top—South American Service Saved My Life.

Mrs. H. Stapleton of Wingham writes: "I have been very much troubled for years—since 1878—with nervous debility and dyspepsia. Had been treated in Canada and England by some of the best physicians without permanent relief. I was advised about three months ago to take South American Nerve, and I firmly believe that I owe my life to it to-day. I can truthfully say that I have derived more benefit from it than from any treatment I ever had. I can strongly recommend it, and will never be without it myself."

The musical-loving Victorians will have the pleasure next Saturday evening of enjoying a rare and to them a unique musical treat, provided by the combined Mandolin and Glee Clubs of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, as the clubs are on a holiday tour of the cities of the Pacific coast. A programme of songs—comic, college and secular—as well as mandolin, guitar and piano performances, together with interesting specialties in the way of comic recitations and acting, will be rendered by about thirty-five college students comprising the picked musical talent of the university. The praise accorded the clubs and the generous patronage bestowed upon them in the cities in which they have appeared, testify to the high class merit of this musical organization.

Captain John S. Bennett, well known on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, died this morning at his residence, Richmond avenue, after an illness of a year's duration, he having been a sufferer from cancer of the tongue. He came to Victoria from Digby, N. S., a number of years ago. A widow and a large family survive him. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon from his late residence.

The ladies of New Westminster are taking up a subscription to give the orphans of Sapperton a good dinner and presents of Christmas. Subscription lists have been sent to Victoria, one of which is at the Times office, where subscriptions will be received.

Jack Hayes, the popular proprietor of the Louvre, who is a red-hot McKinley man, has a silver dollar in his possession such as would have been coined if Bryan had been elected. It measures 34 inches in diameter.

The coroner to-day held an inquest on the body of the Jap Tough, who hanged himself on Thursday last at his boarding house on Rae street. The jury brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by hanging himself.

A very good programme has been prepared for the usual weekly band concert to be given at the Drill Hall this evening by the Fifth Regiment band.

Dr. T. R. Allison, L. R. C. P., says: "Drink Kops Cheer in preference to other beverages."

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Samples of Ore can be seen. Prospectus and all Particulars can be had on Application to

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Christmas Comes But Once a Year

And it takes very little to show the Christmas thoughts. Perhaps these suggestions will help you to decide what to get. Neckwear in Ties, Four-in-Hands, Bows, etc., Hats in Stiff and soft Fedoras, brown, black or tan, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Cuffs, Shirts, Shirt Buttons, Cuffs, Cuff Buttons, and a variety of other useful articles suitable for Christmas presents.

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Just Tell Them That...

We are having a big sale; 10 per cent. discount on all cash sales (except on the Slater Shoes), and a regular slaughter of odds and ends of stock. We have the choicest array of slippers for holiday gifts on the market. Ladies' in satin and kid; gentlemen's in plush, kid and patent leather.

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CHAPTER XV. "AMO" IN THE COOL OF THE EVENING.

The Doctor went up to London, and was told by his lawyers that an action for damages probably would lie. "Amo" in the cool of the evening...

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"I do not want them to alter it," said the Doctor, biting thoughtfully. "Their eating dirt will do no good to me. They are nothing to me. It is the Bishop."

"You will not accept their apology?" said the lawyer.

"Oh yes,—or rather, it is unnecessary. You may tell them that I have changed my mind, and that I will ask for no apology. As far as the paper is concerned, it is dead. I should never have troubled myself about the newspaper if the Bishop had not sent it to me."

But did he really want to crush the Bishop? Had this man been so bitter an enemy to him that, having him on the hip, he wanted to strike him down altogether?

"What did he believe? When he read that article, did he see in it a true rebuke against a hypocrite, or did he see in it a scurrilous attack upon a brother clergyman, a neighbor, and a friend?"

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And then what would his life be afterwards? His parish and his school had not been only sources of income to him; the duty also had been dear, and had been performed on the whole with conscientious energy. Was everything to be thrown up, and his whole life here after be made a blank to him, because the Bishop had been unjust and injudicious? He could see that it would be self he were to carry this contest on. He knew his own temper well enough to be sure that, as he fought he would grow hotter in the fight, and that when he was once in the midst of it nothing would be possible to him but absolute triumph or absolute annihilation.

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"But the Bishop would be brought into it."

"Yes, he will certainly be brought into it."

"And as an enemy. What I mean is, that he will be brought in very much against his own will."

"Not a doubt about it," said the Doctor. "But he will have brought it altogether upon himself. How he can have condescended to send that scurrilous newspaper is more than I can understand. That one gentleman should have so treated another is to me incomprehensible; but that a bishop should have done so to a clergyman of his own diocese shakes all my old convictions. There is a vulgarity about it, a meanness of thinking, an aptitude to suspect all manner of evil, which I cannot fathom. What did he really think that I was making love to the woman? Did he doubt that I was treating her and her husband with kindness, as one human being is bound to treat another in affliction? Did he believe, in his heart, that I sent the man away in order that I might have an opportunity for a wicked purpose of my own? It is impos-

ible. When I think of myself and of him, I cannot believe it. That woman who has succeeded at last in stirring up all this evil against me,—even she could not believe it. Her malice is sufficient to make her conduct intelligible; but there is no malice in the Bishop's mind against me. He would infinitely sooner live with me on pleasant terms if he could justify his doing so to his conscience. He has been stirred to do this in the accusation of some presumed duty. I do not accuse him of malice. But I do accuse him of a meanness of intellect lower than what I could have presumed to have been possible in a man so placed. I never thought him clever; I never thought him great; I never thought him even to be a gentleman, in the fullest sense of the word; but I did think he was a man. This is the performance of a creature not worthy to be called so."

"Ob, Jeffrey, he did not believe all that."

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At the next meeting of the Licensing Commissioners application will be made for the transfer of the license of the Adelphi Saloon, now held by M. C. Brown to G. K. Fisher and R. C. Davies. M. C. BROWN, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 18, 1896.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, for a transfer to E. Q. Romano Quagliotti of the license held by me for the sale of liquors by retail, upon the premises known as the Nickel Plate Saloon, No. 25 Government street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia. Dated this 16th day of November, 1896, GEO. E. FISHER, no 23-1m

NOTICE

Mortgages' Sale. Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the nineteenth day of December next for the purchase of all that and those four Town lots situate in Courtenay Township, District of Comox, and described and known as Lots 55 (fifty-five), 56 (fifty-six), 57 (fifty-seven) and 58 (fifty-eight) on the plan of Courtenay, and the hotel thereon known as "The River-side Hotel." Mortgage registered in Charge Book, Vol. 12, Fol. 330, No. 79 D.

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To the Ratepayers of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—At the request of a number of my fellow citizens, I have the honor to announce that I will be a candidate for the office of Mayor at the next election, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.

CHAS. E. REDFERN, Vancouver Island Building Society.

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By Order of the Owners JOSHUA DAVIES

Has been instructed to sell by Public Auction

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At 12 o'clock noon, on the premises

All that piece or parcel of land situate in Victoria District, British Columbia, and known as Subdivision G, Lot 129 (D) and Subdivision C, Lot 3 (B), Section 13 (D) (seven (7) acres) in said district, according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, and numbered 22, containing thirty-five (35) acres, more or less, known as

MUNICIPAL VOTERS' LIST, 1897.

The municipal voters lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.

By order, WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, 17th Dec. 1896.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.—Changes for standing advertisements must be handed in at the office before 11 a.m. of the day the 'Change' is desired to appear.

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Together with all buildings and improvements which comprise Two-story Dwelling House, 4 rooms, Bath, Laboratory, Store, Book House, Boiler House, Chicken House, Pigsty, Washhouse, Fruit Shed, Implement Shed, Double Action Pump, together with the Nursery Stock, Implements, Tools, Horses, Cows, Chickens, Express Wagon; 66 Fruit Trees, and growing a variety of Pears, Plums, Cherries, Apples and Crab Apple Trees.

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## INCREASE IN TRADE

Exports and Imports Increased During the Last Five Months but the Revenue Drooped.

Result of the Civil Service Examinations Recently Held in Victoria and Vancouver.

Mining Company Seeking Incorporation—New County Court Judges for Ontario.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—(Special)—The official Gazette to-day contains the statement of exports and imports for five months of the fiscal year ending November last. The grand aggregate trade increased in that period by about \$7,000,000 compared with the same time last year. The imports were \$50,068,000 compared with \$48,873,000 for the same period in 1895, and the exports were \$38,042,000 compared with \$35,381,000. The duty, however, dropped in 1896 nearly \$300,000. This was due to the large increase in iron goods and drop in dutiable.

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. Mr. Tarte returned last night, being summoned by Premier Laurier to attend an important meeting of the cabinet.

Duncan Chisholm, junior judge, has been gazetted for the county of Waterloo, Ontario, in place of Anthony LaCour, dead. George Henry Freyven Dartnell has been appointed junior judge for the county of Ontario in the place of Zachewas Burnham, deceased.

The Ontario & Kootenay mining company is the name of a new company seeking incorporation.

Frank Colley and Harry W. Welch of Victoria have passed the entrance examination for the civil service. At Vancouver Percy Richard Peck, Duncan B. Reed and Walter S. Strapnel passed.

The capital of the gold mining companies in Canada totals \$290,000,000, of which over \$250,000,000 is represented by British Columbia companies.

The Liberals of Brant meet this evening to select a candidate to contest the constituency at the election made necessary by Henry, the Conservative being unseated.

The Canadian Atlantic, Manitoba and South-Eastern, Calgary and Edmonton, Richelieu and Lake Mepphreaugog railway companies will all apply at next session for an extension of time to complete construction work. The Calgary and Edmonton also wishes to remove its head office at Montreal to Toronto.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' Association will be held this evening. The annual report shows an income for the year of \$24,880, of which \$4042 was paid for working expenses; \$21,740 for benefits, leaving a surplus for the year of \$8407, or a total surplus of \$140,505.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The funeral of the Rev. A. M. Phillips, pastor of Douglas street Methodist church, Montreal, took place this morning from St. Paul's church to Mount Pleasant cemetery. The remains arrived from Montreal on the morning train. All Methodist ministers in the city attended the funeral, and many prominent laymen. The services were conducted by the Revs. Dr. Potts, Briggs, Burwash, Michael, Fawcett and J. F. Onley. An eulogy was delivered by Dr. Burwash. Douglas church, Montreal, sent a large number of floral tributes. Rev. J. C. Speer conducted the service at the grave side.

WHAT WILL SPAIN DO.  
Europe Comments on the Action of the Senate Committee.  
Madrid, Dec. 19.—The decision of the United States senate committee on foreign relations to report Senator Cameron's resolution for the recognition of the republic of Cuba caused a great sensation here. The papers enlarge upon the significance of the joint, compared with the concurrent resolution, and reproach the government and especially the Spanish minister at Washington for having been over-confident. The ministers here decline to talk on the subject and it is expected a cabinet meeting will be held to-day to discuss the situation.

Paris, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Journal from Madrid quotes the Spanish premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, as saying Captain-General Weyler intends to authorize the gathering of the Cuban insurgents.

London, Dec. 19.—The Evening News, referring to the Cuban situation this afternoon, says: "There is little doubt as to what will be the answer when as strong a nation as America recognizes the rebels, which is decidedly unfriendly and cannot be disguised by the offer of good offices. Spain is not strong, but she is high-spirited, and will on doubt see in this action a determination to force a quarrel. We have hope in the firm attitude of President Cleveland and the sober American feeling and that any action of American will not be taken in such a way as to incur reproach, but it has stirred instead of healed the strife."

The Sun says: "If America recognizes Cuba the fate of Spain's colonial empire and the present monarchy will be decided next year as it is hard to

see how Spain can avoid responding to the recognition by declaring war." After dwelling on the fact that she has only herself to blame by adopting "pizarro methods" in Cuba, the Sun says: "Affairs show that America must henceforth be seriously counted on in the settlement of international questions, whenever the interests or sentiments of its people are affected."

The St. James Gazette urges Spain to remain calm and throw the odium of aggression on the other side, adding: "If she keeps quiet the United States will be in an awkward dilemma, having either to allow the recognition to remain an empty demonstration or take an offensive action, and Americans will think twice before assuming the responsibility of such hopeless anarchy as the so-called Cuban republic."

### NEW MINING CAMP.

Richness of Shoal Bay Camp, Thurlow Island.

Mr. James King, the well-known tinber cruiser, who has just returned from a six months' sojourn to Loughborough Inlet, is enthusiastic over the mining possibilities of that district, where he made some rich finds during the past summer. Mr. King spent the greater portion of the summer on Thurlow Island, situated directly opposite Loughborough Inlet on the Mainland, and about 220 miles north of Victoria. Mr. King has mined in Montana, California and Alaska, and has no hesitation in saying that the prospects on Thurlow Island eclipse anything he has ever seen. The whole country seems rich in minerals, principally sulphide ores carrying gold, silver, copper, iron and a small quantity of galena with veins varying in width from one to 1500 feet. The ledge upon which is located a number of very promising claims is of the latter width and can be traced for four or five miles.

Mr. King and Thomas McGuire, his partner, located upwards of a dozen claims for a Victoria syndicate, who will commence the work of development in the spring with a large force of men.

The White Pine mine, owned by John Wolcott, of Seattle, located on this ledge, is being actively developed; a force of fifteen men were at work when Mr. King left.

The Alexandria claim has been sold for \$120,000 to San Francisco parties and the Bobbie Burns has brought its owners the neat little sum of \$110,000.

Mr. King only came to Victoria for the holidays and will return to the camp almost immediately with a party of Victorians who propose engaging in mining operations in the rich Shoal Bay camp. Mr. King is stopping at the Oriental and will be pleased during his stay in Victoria to meet any one interested in the new camp.

### PERSONAL.

E. Hutcherson, Ladner, is at the Oriental.

P. C. Dunlevy returned last night from the Interior.

A. G. McCandless returned from Kootenay this morning.

Mrs. Leo Bradley has gone to England to visit friends.

Mrs. F. J. Bailey, Port Townsend, is visiting friends in the city.

Allan Cameron and Mrs. Cameron came over from the Mainland last evening.

A. H. Davis, Helena; Sidney W. Miller and H. L. Bellings, Chicago, are at the Driard.

R. P. Rithet, M.P.P., returned this morning by the overland route from San Francisco.

D. Cartmel, Lloyd's surveyor, was a passenger on the Charming from Vancouver last evening.

Miss McDowell, Vancouver, and Miss Irwin, Brampton, Ont., are guests at the New England.

D. W. Gillies, R. G. Penn and G. M. Leshman were passengers on last evening's Charming from Vancouver.

### OUT OF THE TOILS.

Physicians Failed Cure—Alls Failed—But the Great South American Kidney Cure, a Specific Remedy for a Specific Trouble, Cured Mr. A. E. Young of Barstow, P. O., Quickly and Permanently.

This is her testimony: "I was taken sick in January, 1895. I employed several of the best local physicians and was treated by them for kidney disease until the autumn of the same year without receiving much benefit. I then began using your South American Kidney Cure, and derived great benefit almost immediately. I feel that I am quite cured. I have taken no medicine for some length of time and have not had a return of the slightest symptom of the disease."

The annual Sunday school concert of the First Presbyterian church will be held on the 22nd inst.

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For Table and Dairy, Purcell and Best

DIED.  
BENNETT—At his residence, Richmond Avenue on the 19th inst. John B. Bennett, aged 61 years, late of Digby, N.S.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Monday at 2 o'clock. St. J. and Digby papers please copy.

CELEBRITY—On the 17th instant at Haxby, near York, England, Elizabeth Cartwright, widow of a late William Cartwright, of York, shire, England, aged 88 years.

## GOSSIP OF LONDON

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and the other \$360. Of course they have the first folio in the United States, but their prices are dear, but not for the condition the books are in. I have a letter from Sir Edwin apologizing for the fact that the matter was not going on. The Chaucer printed by Caxton would have been much appreciated in the United States. I sold a copy the other day to an American collector for \$6000, but it was not so perfect a copy as the one shown Sir Edwin, as eighteen leaves are in the fac simile. It is believed Sir Edwin Arnold hoped to obtain \$12,000 and secure the Caxton copy of Chaucer and the best of the two first folios, or failing an enthusiastic response, to secure the manuscript Chaucer and a folio at the expense of \$1900. When the list closed subscriptions were announced for \$840.

The second international art exhibition is to be held in Venice the coming spring. Professor A. Fradeletto will again assume the secretaryship, and so many exhibitors from all parts of the world have already sent in their names that three new halls will be built to accommodate the pictures. The exhibition will be opened by the Prince and Princess of Naples, who will then make their first appearance in a public capacity.

Leo Stern, the Vienna violinist, who was recently summoned by Emperor William to play at one of the Imperial concerts at Berlin, will sail for America for a prolonged concert tour at the end of January.

George Alexander, so encouraged by the success of "As You Like It," proposes producing in turn "Henry the Fifth," "Taming of the Shrew," and "Hamlet."

Blackburn gave a brilliant exhibition of chess at Batham on Monday, playing six simultaneous games blindfold against strong players. He won five games and drew the sixth.

William Morris, the poet who died on Dec. 3, left a fortune of \$275,000. The Socialists are greatly disappointed at the terms of the will. Though Morris often preached on the community of goods he has not left a penny to his comrades in socialism.

The new Armenian opera, which has been rehearsed for months, has been entirely rewritten as to libretto. This proved such an improvement upon the original that now entirely new music for it has been written by Cecil Raleigh and Seymour Hicks.

Adelina Patti is hard at work rehearsing a new operatic role in "Dolora," a comic opera written for her, by M. Andre Polonnais.

## Grip Here Again.

Uread Bacilli Which Came From Russia in 1899 Still at Work.

If You Have a Stubborn Cough and Sore Throat, You Are a Victim.

## Epidemic Checked by "77."

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The malady has been prevalent for perhaps a month, but it is only within the last few days that it has been recognized as our dread visitor from Russia, who came in December, 1880.

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