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### Only 4 More Days IN WHICH TO SELECT YOUR Xmas Gifts

WE WANT TO HELP every perplexed Xmas shopper in their endeavor to make others happy.

**Watches**

There is no more fitting time to present your wife or boy with a watch than at Xmas.

**Watches**

We have made a special provision of Watches for the Xmas trade.

Beautiful Cases. Standard Movements.

Various Styles for Moderate Prices.

ALL OUR WATCHES ARE GUARANTEED.

**Challoner & Mitchell,** JEWELERS AND OPTICIANS  
47 Government Street.

### Your Xmas Dinner

Will not be complete without some of the Xmas delicacies to be found only in our well assorted stock.

A Complete Line of NEW NETS, FIGS, TABLE RAISINS, CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS, CHOCOLATE CREAMS, CHRISTMAS CLARK'S, CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S PLUM PUDDINGS AND MINCE MEAT, WINES AND LIQUORS.

OLD PORT WINE ..... 50c. bottle  
JAP. ORANGES ..... 40c. box  
MIXED NUTS ..... 20c. lb.  
PINNAC HADDIES ..... 12 1/2c. lb.  
MORGAN'S EASTERN OYSTERS

**Dixie H. Ross & Co.**

### Dolls, Fancy Goods AND Christmas Notions

At Wholesale. From all the leading European and American makers

**J. PIERCY & CO.,**  
Wholesale Dry Goods, Victoria, B. C.

### TOYS, TOYS, TOYS.

Fancy Goods, Xmas Gifts and Glassware  
AT WHOLESALE.

The largest and most complete stock of the above in B. C. now ready to deliver to the trade, societies, or the public at regular wholesale prices.

**C. C. Russell,** MARBON BUILDING, DOUGLAS ST.

### Christmas Slippers

Ladies!—On the threshold of the Social Season we bid you welcome to the largest and most complete assortment of Party and Dress Footwear in Victoria. Everything that refined taste, correct fashion and elegance can suggest is here. Everything in "Dress Footwear" is at your command.

Unlimited Assortment

of Ladies' Glaze Kid, Jet and Silk Trimmed Party Slippers, \$1.15 to \$4; Ladies' Colored Satin and Kid Slippers, \$1.50 to \$3; Ladies' Finest Patent Leather and Kid, "Duchess," "Grecian" and "Court Pump," High Louis XV, heel, Jet and Steel Ornament Slippers.

If there is a lady in Victoria we can't please in Dress Footwear we would like to see her.

**Shoe Emporium**  
(Late Erskine's.)  
Cor. Government and Johnson Sts.

### A CHEAP HOME FOR SALE IN JAMES BAY ON EASY TERMS

ONLY \$500.  
APPLY  
B. C. Land & Investment Agency.  
40 Government St.

### 3 BARGAINS Sold By Us Last Week

And we offer several more to you this week.

An S roomed cottage on South Turner street, very cheap, only \$1,800  
A 2 story house on Bay street, 1,700  
Light, hot air furnace, hot and cold water, for \$2,500  
Large lot on Niagara street, close to Park, on easy terms, for \$500  
Choice building site on Terrace Ave., cheap

We solicit your Fire and Life Insurance. We sell your Coal and Wood Supplies. We sell your patronage at the "Hub" for bargains.

P. G. MACGREGOR & CO., BROKERS, OPPOSITE BARRACK.

### OUR BARGAINS IN REAL ESTATE ARE TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION. LOOK AT THIS!

HERE ARE SOME GENUINE BARGAINS:

The finest hotel proposition offered for sale. Investigate it.  
For \$1,500 cash, we offer you a property that will give you a net income of over 15 per cent.  
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2 story house on Yates street, cheap, \$1,450  
2 story house on Hillside avenue, 1,350  
2 roomed cottage, centrally located, 1,000  
Good building lot on Fernwood road, 350  
2 lots on South Turner street, cheap.  
2 lots on Niagara street, a snap.  
Other properties too numerous to mention. Call and inspect our lists.

**F. G. Richards,**  
THE VICT. FIN. REAL EST. AND INR. BROK. CO., LTD.

### LEE & FRASER, REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

**Houses For Sale**

Cottage, N. Chatham street, with large lot, only \$550  
James Bay, large cottage, hot and cold water, gas, lot, on easy terms, 1,200  
Six roomed, 1 1/2 story house, Chatham street, and lot, 700  
Five roomed 1 1/2 story house, First street, and lot, 650  
James Bay, 5 minutes from P. O., 2 story house, 8 rooms, hot and cold water, stable and coach house, a bargain, only \$300 cash required, 2,300

**Lots For Sale**

Richardson street, a nice lot for \$350  
Port Phillip, splendid building lot, 300  
Cheap lots, off Oak Bay avenue, 125  
James Bay, good lot, 125  
Perry street, large lot, cleared, 500  
Two splendid business properties in heart of the city, cheap.

**Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.**  
9 and 11 Trounce Ave., Victoria, B. C.

### HOUSES FOR SALE.

5 rooms, North Chatham St., cheap, \$400  
6 rooms, Spring Ridge, 750  
8 rooms, James Bay, 1,200  
2 houses, Sayward avenue, Open to offer, 1,200  
6 rooms, Cedar Hill Road, Open to offer, 1,200  
8 rooms, Craigflower Road, 1,500  
Small cottage off Esquimalt road, 1,000  
Houses and lots in all parts of the city from \$500 to \$40,000.

**A. W. MORE & CO., Ltd.**  
86 Government St., next Bank of Montreal.

### CHARLIE BO & BRO., Merchant Tailor.

Be glad to notify the public that they will open on Monday, Dec. 3rd, a branch store in the Hepburn Block, on Government street, No. 102, near Cormorant. All new goods. Prices cheapest in the city. Give us a call.

**JONES, CRANE & CO.**  
We are instructed by Mrs. Hammond (who is leaving the city) to sell, without reserve, by  
**Public Auction**  
At her studio, 131 Douglas street (opposite the City Hall),  
1 p. m. THURSDAY, DEC. 20  
A Very Valuable Collection of Framed OIL PAINTINGS, WATER COLORS, PASTELS, ETC.  
Including: Water Color Paintings of Gen. Buller, Gen. Baden-Powell, Niagara and other Falls, Mounts Rosney, etc.; Oil Paintings of Minnie H. H. (2430). Prince of Wales's Russian Wolf Hounds, etc.; Crayon Drawing of Diligents and Impudence (2429), and numerous others.  
Open evenings.

### YICK LUNG JIM, MERCHANT TAILOR

48 Cormorant Street,  
CORNER OF GOVERNMENT STREET.

**LADIES' JACKETS A SPECIALTY.**

TO LET—Large and well lighted rooms in the new building, 111 Government street, suitable for offices and sample rooms.  
Apply to John Barnsley & Co.

### May Now Be Fighting

Heavy Cannonading Heard Near Krugersdorp, Where Clements Faces Delarey.

### Gen. Kitchener Tells of the Movements of the Boers in Cape Colony.

Strong Mounted Force Has Been Sent to Deal With the Boers.

London, Dec. 20.—A special from Johannesburg, dated December 19th, says that heavy cannonading was heard this morning north of Krugersdorp. Ascribed to the Associated Press from Krugersdorp, Transvaal, under the date of Sunday, December 16th and sent out last night, a pitched battle was then impending between the British under Gen. Clements, who had been reinforced, and the Boers under Gen. Delarey.

### Hudson's Bay Co's Agents.

These famous brands secured the Grand Prize at the Paris Exhibition.

### CHICKENS

Black Minorcas and Leghorn Pullets for sale. All kinds of Grain, Feed and Hay.  
**E. M. NODEK,**  
12 Store St. Next to E. & N. B.

### J. & J. Taylor's FIRE SAFES And Vault Doors.

**J. BARNESLEY & CO., Agents,**  
115 Government St. Guns and Ammunition

### Picture Framing of all Kinds

Orders Promptly Attended to. First Class Work.  
**J. W. MELLOR, 76 and 78 Fort Street.**

### HOUDE'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES

MANUFACTURED BY  
**B. HOUDE & CO., QUEBEC**  
Are Better Than the Best.

### NICHOLLES & RENOUF, LD

Poultry Netting, Garden Tools,  
Bone Mills, Lawn Mowers,  
Garden Barrows, Paints and Oils.

**NICHOLLES & RENOUF, LD.**  
61 Yates Street, Victoria.

was dispatched north yesterday evening. Welcomed by Boys.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—Mr. Kruger attended a crowded meeting today at the Nieuwe Kerk. The speakers declared that Britain had sold her birthright for a handful of gold, and that the continental powers would forever bear the brand of Cain unless they intervened in South Africa.

Subsequently Mr. Kruger repaired to the palace of Industry, where five thousand schoolboys welcomed him with a choral.

May Visit America.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—A Grand Rapids, Mich. dispatch says a cablegram was received on Tuesday from Oom Paul Kruger, through his secretary, saying that he might possibly visit the United States when he had exhausted his efforts to secure recognition in Europe.

London, Dec. 20.—(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Trooper Malloy, Winchester, who was blinded by a bullet during the fighting in Africa, has received information from the war office that he is to receive from the British government a pension of 2 shillings and 6 pence per day.

### Britain and Treaty

Convention as Amended by United States Senate Would Not Be Accepted.

London Correspondent Says the Government Might Make Some Concessions.

New York, Dec. 20.—A cable from London says: "If the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is amended in the sense in which all Washington dispatches affirm the senate will vote today, it will not be accepted by the British government. It is not expected, in official circles here, that President McKinley will carry the matter to such an inevitable issue, but will avoid unnecessary rebuffs by withdrawing the instrument. Neither the British government nor the people will seriously regret the resulting situation, for it will be assumed here that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty remains as binding on the United States as upon Great Britain." It is expected that the United States would then propose a simple abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Lord Salisbury would decline to entertain such a proposal unless certain rights guaranteed therein, or their equivalent, were reconveyed to Great Britain by another instrument. I inferred from my informant's words that Great Britain is willing to make some concessions to the strong American feeling on the subject by accepting a slight modification of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. I merely state the fact without comment.

### RENEWED OUTRAGES.

Chinese Desperadoes Are Burning Houses, Murdering and Pillaging.

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### BRUSH WITH FILIPINOS

Small Force of Americans Surprised Natives, Twelve of Whom Were Killed.

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Washington, Dec. 20.—The following cablegram from Admiral Remy, giving account of a sharp brush with Filipino insurgents, was received today at the Navy Department.

Manila, Dec. 20.—Fifteen troops of the 40th Cavalry and five of the crew landed from gunboat Base yesterday at Limbanes. They surprised 80 insurgents, and a sharp skirmish of half an hour followed. Thirteen insurgents were killed, 12 rifles captured, and a large amount of stores destroyed. One soldier was wounded. Signed, Remy.

**A YEAR FOR FORGERY.**  
(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Albert Hudson, an ex-railway engineer and identified with local interests, has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment for forgery.

### Alaskan Boundary

Negotiations Reported to Be in Progress Between Washington and London.

Ministers May Be Able to Make Statement When Dominion House Meets.

Sir Hibbert Tupper Will Lead Party Until New Leader is Chosen.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent in a dispatch to that paper this morning, says that while there is no immediate prospect of the resumption of the high joint commission sittings, negotiations with respect to the Alaskan boundary are said to have recommenced and an active interchange of diplomatic notes is more understood to be in progress between the United States and the British government. It is impossible to say, owing to absolute secrecy maintained, whether any progress has been made toward a settlement of the question, but it is possible the negotiations may be so far advanced by the time parliament meets that ministers will be able to make some announcement.

Robert Gore, superintendent of the provincial greenhouses in Queen's Park, says his Welsh pony has taken to flesh-eating, and his favorite meat is a live chicken. Noting that a brood of Seabright chickens were mysteriously disappearing, Gore watched the stable in which the pony and chickens were housed, and discovered the pony in the act of killing and eating one of the chickens. Mr. Gore claims to have lost about fifty chickens within a few weeks, due presumably to this cause.

Kingston, Dec. 20.—Local Liberal papers publish an Ottawa dispatch that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper will be leader of the Conservative party in the next house until a new leader is chosen.

Oakville, Dec. 20.—Fire broke out at an early hour this morning in the dental office of Dr. T. T. Harris, above Wilson's grocery on Colborne street. Before the ladies were extinguished Harris's office, Wilson's grocery, Gullidge's harness shop, Urquhart's store room (unoccupied), Black's photograph studio, Ferris's confectionary and a Chinese laundry, were all gutted by fire. The loss is over \$10,000, insurance small.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Alderman Laurent, president of the Butcher's Association of this city, died this morning after a few weeks' illness from congestion of the lungs.

A clever trick was played on a local police constable last night by Madame Masse, of Valleyfield, who had been arrested at the instance of her creditors. During the night she feigned sickness and was allowed to go to a neighboring hotel in charge of a constable, but while the constable slept Madame Masse disappeared and her whereabouts are now unknown.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—T. D. Shipman, for many years ticket agent here of the Grand Trunk railway, and late proprietor of St. Lawrence hall, Cacoma, died suddenly this morning. Deceased was one of the best known railway ticket agents in Eastern Canada.

London, Dec. 20.—Jack Levy, son of Col. F. B. Levy, M. P. F., while unloading a revolver belonging to his father yesterday, shot himself in the breast just below the heart. The wound is not considered dangerous.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20.—Colbrook rolling mills, situated four miles from this city, were burned to the ground last night. The loss is \$100,000; insurance not known.

Petrolia, Ont., Dec. 20.—Manner B. S. Vantour, of the firm of Vantour & Fairbank, hardware merchant, died suddenly yesterday. One of his sons, Thomas, is now in South Africa with the second contingent.

Although the provincial general elections are fully fifteen months away, the Liberals are getting candidates in various places. Yesterday, in West York, they renominated W. J. Hill, the present member.

Clark Wallace this morning filed his defense in the slander action brought against him by Senator Fulford for having stated that the senator had paid \$50,000 for a seat in the senate. The defense in substance is that if words spoken were uttered by Mr. Wallace they were spoken in good faith and in reasonable belief of their truthfulness, there being a generally accepted custom that seats in the senate had been purchased, and Mr. Wallace, if he gave expression to these words, was discharging his duty as a member of a former government of Canada and as a candidate seeking re-election, and as such the occasion was privileged.

Brookville, Dec. 20.—Samuel Dear, one of the oldest freight conductors on the Grand Trunk railway, running between Hamilton and this place, died suddenly of heart disease while on his train here last night. He was about 60 years of age.

### LARGE CHRISTMAS MAIL.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Steamer Majestic, now on her way from here across the Atlantic, carries the largest mail. It is said that ever left this port on a vessel. The Majestic will not arrive on the other side until the day after Christmas, but she carries 2,398 bags of mail and 114 sacks, containing 18,945 registered packages.

Campbell's Prescription Store...

Christmas Goods

COR. PORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

Invasion of Cape Colony

The Boers, It is Stated, Are Being Assisted by the Local Dutch.

London, Dec. 20.—The war office last evening could give no information regarding reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony.

Lord Kitchener in the meantime keeps a tight rein over the news, which increases the public disquietude.

According to the Daily Mail, private telegrams received in London yesterday describe the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous.

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Preparations at Vancouver. Vancouver, Dec. 19.—Preparations are being made for the reception of the returning South African heroes.

French Government Denies American Embassy Was Connected With Disclosures.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French government has given the most emphatic denial to those French papers which tried to involve the American embassy in the Paris disclosures.

Wonders of Health Restorer

Wilson's Invalids' Port is scientifically admixed by Expert Chemists according to the Pharmacopoeias.

Mushers From Dawson

Amur Brings an Instalment of Miners From the Klondike Capital.

Typoid is Reported Prevalent There—Tragedy at Hata Lake, Near Howcan.

Contrary to expectations the steamer Amur when she arrived from the North yesterday had neither word of the Alphas, wrecked at Baynes Sound, or the City of Topeka, lost somewhere between Skagway and Juneau.

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is our strong point. When we recommend you a watch you can be sure that it is as we say. We learned watch making from its foundation up, and understand all the different mechanisms of watches and therefore our guarantee is unexcelled.

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Minnie Baker were drowned in Hata lake, near Copper mountain, recently. No one witnessed the catastrophe, which must have occurred just after midday.

Thomas Parker, a native of Lincolnshire, Eng., was found dead on the trail near White river last week. He and another man were building a cabin in which to live during the winter.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—James Robertson, president of James Robertson Co., Ltd., of this city, was found dead on the trail near White river last week.

Work began to-day in the C. P. R. Company's Hochelaga shops on ten heavy consolidated engines, which will be put into service next year on the Northwestern division of the system.

Clinton, Dec. 19.—A fire in Blyth destroyed Hamilton's drug store and fancy store, Canadian express and G. N. W. telegraph offices, a jewelry store, furniture store and Mason's hotel.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Premier Roblin announces to-day his intention of introducing at the next session of the Manitoba legislature, an act which would make the attendance at school of children between the ages of 6 and 14 compulsory.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—Rene Dupont, colonization agent of the Lake St. John railway, says the Quebec government is negotiating to bring out a big colony of Finns to settle in the Lake St. John district.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The Governor-General has accepted the invitation of the Toronto garrison to attend the banquet in honor of Colonel Otter next week.

Halifax, Dec. 19.—Vice-President Avery D. Andrews, of the National Asphalt Company, received a second cablegram this afternoon, concerning the revolution which has broken out in Venezuela.

Osborne House.

Go to the... "IDEAL" FOR YOUR Christmas Poultry Sausage Meat Mince Meat.

"IDEAL" 22 Yates Street. John Sluggett & Son.

Great Clearance Sale

XMAS SLIPPERS

For the next three days we will make a big Clearance Sale of all our Fancy Slippers.

We got a big variety in for the Xmas trade and every one must be sold by MONDAY NIGHT. We will make such a cut in the prices that will insure the sale of every pair.

25c to \$3.00.

Remember the store,

MUNDAY'S SHOE STORE,

89 Government Street.

Sole agent for Dick's Old Country Boots. Sole agent for the Empress Shoe for women.

APPEAL FOR AID.

Situation of United States Citizens in Venezuela is Serious.

OSBORNE HOUSE.

Corner Blanchard and Pandora Streets.

Go to the... "IDEAL"

Christmas Poultry Sausage Meat Mince Meat.

"IDEAL" 22 Yates Street. John Sluggett & Son.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that in virtue of the Act of the Dominion Parliament, 63 and 64 Victoria, chapter 103 and chapter 104, the name of the Merchants Bank of Halifax will be changed to

"The Royal Bank of Canada"

from and after the second day of January, 1901.

Monkey Monkey Monkey

F. J. BITTENCOURT,

VICTORIA UNDERTAKING PARLORS

"Searchlights" Moving Pictures

Continuous exhibition for ladies, children and gentlemen at 62 Fort Street. Open 1.30, 5.30, 8.30. Admission 10c. Showing Galveston Wreck, High Diving, etc.

New Vancouver Coal Co., LIMITED.

NANAIMO B. C. SAMUEL M. ROBINS, SUPERINTENDENT.

New Wellington Coal

Washed Nuts, \$5.00 per ton. Sack and Lumps, \$6.50 per ton.

KINGHAM & CO.,

E. ANDERNACH,

Xmas Jewelry.

SONS OF ENGLAND FUNERAL NOTICE.

All members of the above order are requested to meet at the A. O. U. W. Hall, Yates street, at 1.30 p. m. sharp on Friday, 21st Dec., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, H. Hancock.

# The Final Session

## The Central Farmers' Institute Terminated Their Proceedings Last Evening.

### Interview With Minister of Agriculture in the Afternoon—Mayor's Visit.

The afternoon session of the Central Farmers' Institute was called to order at 2 o'clock. Before commencing the regular business, J. B. Anderson, deputy-minister of agriculture, asked for an endorsement of the course pursued by him with respect to the application of those who desired admittance to the deliberations of the institute. He asked for a resolution to be entered on the minutes in order that it could be referred to on future occasions.

Chairman (Graham) said that they would have considered that Mr. Anderson's action in the matter was not taking any other steps than those he did. The opinion of the board was unanimously favorable to the action taken by the institute on the subject.

In reference to Mr. Phillip's remarks regarding the mutual fire insurance, an amendment was submitted, in favor of which the original resolution was withdrawn. The amendment was referred to a committee of three to adjust, and it was ultimately embodied in the form of a new resolution, seconded by L. R. Authier, as follows:

"That the matter of farmers' mutual fire insurance be referred to a committee of three, to compile a full statement of information on the subject obtainable, to be laid before the district institutes in printed form for discussion, with a view, if so desired, to definite action being taken, and to direct that the speakers be arranged with by the superintendent to explain the matter at district meetings when called for."

Messrs. L. R. Authier, Capt. Stewart and A. Phillip were named as the committee.

The defects of the Medical Act were dealt with by Mr. Stewart, who incidentally remarked that he could not say a good word in favor of the medical council. Under the act the medical council appointed an examiner to examine candidates who desired to practice here. He considered that it was time that some amendment should be made in the act which was responsible for the fact that many portions of the province were without medical attention.

He instanced a case in his district on the island in which there was no physician for twenty-three miles. He referred to the death of a man at Porterville, in pneumonia, pointing out that it had been necessary to telegraph to Nanaimo for medical assistance, which had arrived too late to be of avail.

Mr. Anderson was of the opinion that the institute was exceeding its scope in suggesting amendments to the Medical Act. If it was a question bearing on agriculture, the institute would be justified in bringing it up, but he considered that otherwise it would be highly injudicious to take any action, and would perhaps result in a snub.

Mr. Authier said that the question was really a wide one, and was being carried through the subject channel, and Mr. Hutcherson pointed out that the institute could take up any subject which concerned its interests. No action was taken on the subject, however, the discussion terminating at this point.

remarks reminded his hearers that since the settlement of this province it had produced \$100,000,000 from its mines and \$150,000,000 in taxation, pointed out in Mr. Gosnell's year book, and the question presented itself, where has that money gone? A large portion of it had been expended away from the province, having been devoted toward the purchase of supplies in other provinces. Another salient feature of the times was the increasing demand for farming produce.

The farmers themselves, the mayor pointed out, combined all the attributes to the best citizenship, and would always place their confidence in men whom they consider most qualified to hold authority in the country.

Before concluding, he invited the members to a drive around the city and suburbs this morning.

The mayor's remarks were received with applause. It was pointed out, however, by the chairman, that a large number of the farmers would probably leave for their homes in the evening. However, those who remain over would undoubtedly be pleased to accept the kind invitation.

He pointed out that farming in the province had not been as profitable as many believed. Among the causes of this was unfavorable transportation rates.

The discussion regarding the Fruit-growers' Association was also resumed. In continuing his remarks on the subject, Mr. Hutcherson said that there was a time when this organization was a valuable one, but now the horticultural board and the Farmers' Institute were doing much of its work. For instance, the question of transportation rates was taken over by the Farmers' Institute.

Mr. Authier deprecated this suggestion. The Fruit-growers' Association was only in its infancy.

Hon. J. H. Turner, minister of agriculture, arrived at this point, and Mr. Graham gave him an account of the principal subjects that had been dealt with in the deliberations of the past few days, together with the suggestions which the institute desired to make to the government. The matter of appointing an advisory board in order to maintain closer communication between the institute and the government was mentioned, as was the amalgamation of some of the farmers' institutes and sister organizations; the establishment of an agricultural college in the province; an increase in the staff of assistants in this branch of the agricultural department; the maintenance of a uniform size for fruit boxes, as those of this province were smaller than those from the south, which made successful competition difficult.

The necessity for the appointment of a fruit commissioner was also pointed out, while that of introducing agricultural education was mentioned as having occurred the attention of the institute.

# Have You Heard The Story



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meeting be incorporated in the report of the institute proceedings.

An evening session, which occupies the attention of institutes in the older provinces almost annually came up for consideration on the following motion submitted by A. Phillip, and seconded by J. R. Miller:

"That this institute, in view of the serious difficulty in the way of settling the bush lands, and of the urgent need to have a large proportion of the best of these lands brought into cultivation, respectfully urge that the provincial government, alone or in conjunction with the Dominion government, should borrow \$2,000,000 and place the same in the hands of reliable loan commissioners, to be advanced to farmers in well-settled districts, to finance regulations, to aid them in reclaiming lands, and at least to be made repayable by payment of 5% per cent. per annum for 40 years—such loans to be only for the purpose of making intractable improvements, and to be advanced only as the work is carried out, and that continued residence on the farm be an express condition in every case."

To illustrate how the scheme would work, Mr. Phillip instanced a bush farm worth, unimproved, say \$10 an acre, or \$1,000. He applies to the loan commissioners. They examine the property and fix the loan at, say, \$1,200. This also fix the number of acres that this should fit for cultivation. It has been said that a good farmer could bring in an acre for \$50 or 24 acres of new land for \$1,200. In this estimate, a great many people had concurred. By the details of the loan arrangement, \$300 would be advanced for each 6 acres, as it was brought into cultivation. When the whole 24 acres is cleared the permanent value of the property would be \$2,800, and all this was the security for the annual payment of \$60 a year for 50 years. This makes the charge a long way short of 40 per cent. of the permanent value, besides which the improvements would have to be included in estimating the security. Then suppose that \$2,000,000 were thus advanced; that would mean 40,000 acres in cultivation, at a rate of \$20 gross product per year per acre, and would add \$800,000 to the products of the province. Besides \$200,000 would be the profit to the province each year. This would not impair the credit of the province one iota, and so had a vast advantage over any other scheme of government loans. By one of these it was proposed to borrow money to pay off existing mortgages, and it is estimated that already \$10,000,000 is the total of the mortgages on agricultural lands in the province. Here the saying between says, 0 and 6 per cent. would amount to a large sum, but the provincial credit would be greatly affected as a result.

This created quite a discussion, the president opposing the motion as unsound in principle. He did not consider, however, that the assistance of \$50 was sufficient for clearing up the lands of the province.

Mr. Purvis gave it as his opinion that the value of a cleared farm if divided by the time which was spent in making it such, would show that the farmer got about 25 cents a day for his trouble.

Mr. Anderson, while not able to endorse the scheme, owing to his not having gone into the matter thoroughly, considered that it should be a feasible one.

Messrs. Palmer, Authier and Stewart also contributed to the discussion. Mr. Phillip then withdrew his motion, expressing satisfaction that such a lively and instructive discussion had been promoted through its submission.

On the matter of the importation of under-twine J. Shopland reported that 2,300 pounds had been brought in at a cost of twelve cents a pound. The freight amounted to about five cents.

At the close of the discussion the members repaired to the luncheon room of the legislature, where under the direction of Mrs. Anderson, the wife of the superintendent of institutes, a supper had been spread for the delegates. Here for several hours, the members indulged in reminiscence and story, there being gathered with them Hon. B. McBride, R. Tarrow, M. P. P., and others. An informal toast list, which included the "Cabinet," "Legislature," "Institute," "Sister Organizations," "Superintendent and Mrs. Anderson," was opened and a most enjoyable time spent by all. The gathering broke up about midnight.

### Personal.

Dr. P. E. Scharschmidt and wife, and Harry Price, of this city, who were to have arrived from the North on the steamer Amur, missed that vessel and will probably take the Danube on her next trip down. When Mr. Scharschmidt arrives he will have with him half a ton of the ore of Gleaner mine, at Taku, and he has made a bet that the ore will yield \$12,000 at least.

Capt. E. Ladner, of Ladners, and F. A. Howey, delegates to the Farmers' Institute from New Westminster, are at the Driford. Capt. Tarrow was among the passengers from Vancouver last evening. A. W. Wright, of Sandon, is registered at the Driford hotel. E. F. Baxter, of San Francisco, is a guest at the Driford.

### Along the Waterfront.

In connection with the report given out some time ago that Messrs. Dowdell & Co., Ltd., had entered into an arrangement with Messrs. McGregor, Gow & Co., of London, owners of the Glen line of steamships, to place one of their ships on the line between Manila, Singapore, Colombo and London via the Suez canal, comes the announcement that the service is to be a regular one. The first two sailings will be on the 7th and 17th of next month from Tacoma, commencing with the Gleanturret, 4,600 tons register, and followed by the Glengray, 3,647 tons register. Tacoma is also reaching once for the Siberian trade, one vessel being low on route to Vladivostok with general cargo from that city.

Steamer Walla Walla, which arrived from San Francisco this morning, experienced the full force of last night's wind storm in coming up the Strait. The gale blew at a velocity of sixty miles an hour, and the Walla Walla, on shelter port put into Port Angeles for better, remaining there until early this morning. The steam collier San Mateo, which passed up from sea this morning, also had a rough voyage, while the Umatilla, on her monthly trip, was four days in reaching San Francisco. The Walla Walla had for Victoria a big crew of Christmas stocks and 15 cabin and 9 steerage passengers.

All cabin accommodation aboard the steamer Senator will be occupied when the ship sails this evening for San Francisco. Among those embarking here will be Miss K. Hastings, Miss S. Prescott, W. Kinaston and wife, J. D. Fleming and wife, D. Mills, Mrs. W. S. McDonald, Miss D. Cameron, F. Dooling and wife, H. Barber, G. R. Porter, Colin C. Brown, Mrs. Aikins, Mrs. M. Ferguson, Mrs. Gale, F. De Grey and wife, E. Mann, A. Maline and Thos. Farquhar.

Tug Lorne left yesterday to tow the hulk Colorado North to the Tredyvil mines.

FORESTERS AT SALMON ARM.

A new court of the Independent Order of Foresters was instituted at Salmon Arm on Monday evening by W. E. Gillespie, D. S. C. R. of Ontario. This court starts under very favorable auspices, having 25 names on its charter roll. The following members were selected and duly installed as officers for the ensuing year: Court deputy, Jas. T. Brimmore; C. R., Jas. R. Thompson; P. C. R., Chas. W. Brooks; V. C. R., S. H. Lawrence; Roy. Secy., D. J. Smith; Fin. Secy., C. V. Wells; Treas., Jas. J. Mead; Orator, A. M. Balch; Organist, Mrs. H. Forrest; S. W., B. J. Noble; J. W., Jas. W. Brantley; S. B., Thos. E. Sweeten; J. H., Louis A. Dean; trustees, A. M. Edwards and Herbert Noble.

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BOER ACTIVITY. The news from South Africa continues to be somewhat disquieting, although there is no real cause for alarm. We have no reason to believe that the Boers are receiving assistance in men, ammunition and provisions from their traitorous brethren in the southern colony. If such were the case, it is almost impossible to understand how, after the quantities of arms and ammunition that have been captured, they would still be in a position to keep up their effective guerrilla tactics.

AS TO THE FUTURE. The banquet tendered to Mr. Sifton in Toronto by the Liberals of Ontario was not only a notable tribute to the Minister of the Interior; it was an event of the greatest importance to the people of Canada on both sides of the political dividing line. The policy which the government intends to pursue was set forth by the Premier, and in that policy the West is now even more interested than the East. To a certain extent the work of placing the population on the other side of the Rockies in as close communication as possible with the markets in which the indications are they shall deal with great profit to themselves and with satisfaction to the consumers for many years to come.

stationary. A new spirit has come over the dreams of Canadians. The policy with regard to British trade which has proved so successful in the past the Premier announced would be continued. But the announcement at the banquet which was of great interest to the people of British Columbia was that of the Minister of the Interior that more attention will now be bestowed upon the West. The hopes of Canada are centered upon the present West, with its millions of acres of fertile lands and its vast stores of minerals of all kinds. In order that development may proceed apace means must be taken to open up the country, and it is the intention of the government to substantially assist all works of a bona fide character having that end in view. We are sorry the demands upon our space by advertisers at this Christmas season will not permit us to give the speech delivered by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the banquet in full. However, the portion of special interest to British Columbians is as follows: My friend Mr. Tarte has been successful in establishing a telegraph system, which is almost completed, barring perhaps a few miles. We would have completed it this year but for the early winter. As it is in very poor shape next year we shall have telegraphic connection. If Mr. Sifton's ideas had been realized we would today have had a railway connection in Canadian territory to the Yukon. (Cheers.) He had prepared a plan, and the scheme was submitted to the Canadian Parliament, was approved by the House of Commons, and was rejected by the Senate, which deliberately committed a crime against Canada, in throwing out that bill. (Cheers.) In 1897, in the session of that year, a charter was given to a company composed of English and American gentlemen for the construction of a railway from Skagway and the Lynn Canal towards the waters of the Yukon. That charter was given unanimously; it attracted no attention. We did not know what the Yukon meant at that time; the gold discoveries had not been brought to the attention of the people; that charter would not have been passed a year after, when the gold discoveries had taken place, but in the month of July the gold discoveries were brought to the attention of the world. Mr. Sifton had undertaken the administration of the Yukon, and he realized that it was most essential that there should be railway communication. Unfortunately that charter was there. Why do I say unfortunately? Because it was for a railway from the waters of the Lynn Canal, the town of Skagway, which, according to my judgment, belongs to Canada, but which is in the possession of the American nation, and which is in the disputed territory. The following session Mr. Sifton brought a bill before Parliament, and if the bill had been passed we would have a railway from the Stikine river, to the waters of the Yukon, and afterwards down the Yukon. The other railway would not have been built, the railway chartered by the Parliament of Canada would not have been created, and we would have today a railway system all through Canadian territory. (Cheers.) The consequence is that all the trade of the country which belongs to us, and which would have been ours if our railway had been constructed, has been diverted towards American harbors, chiefly Seattle and other American ports on the Pacific Ocean. (Cheers.) There is a crime committed against Canada. That is not all; there is perhaps worse than that. Our boundary, the boundary line between Canada and Alaska, has not been yet defined, not yet determined. It is a subject of great difficulty to-day. According to my own judgment, and the judgment of eminent legal authorities, the town of Skagway belongs to us. It is in Canadian territory, but it is in possession of the Americans, who are building a city there, and you can imagine the difficulty we shall have in ever obtaining our own under such circumstances. If the railway had not been built there would be no difficulty whatever in settling the boundary between Alaska and Canada. There is the other crime which has been committed by the Senate against the Canadian people. If the idea of my friend Mr. Sifton had been followed and adopted it would have been very much more simple. We have not done it; we have to settle that boundary question. We have received a new mandate from the people. We are now just entering into the execution of that mandate. What shall it be? It shall be the continuation of the policy which we adopted four years ago, a policy of conciliation, a policy of justice for all, a policy of equal rights for every British subject upon this part of the globe, a policy of progress, a policy of development. We shall continue our preference to Great Britain—(cheers)—as we have, and on no other terms. We shall endeavor to increase our trade amongst other nations, and I hope that when again the bugle is sounded, when we have to call again to the people of Canada, we shall be able to present to their attention a brighter record, a brighter record even, if I may say it modestly, than the record which we have presented to the people, and which, received their sanction and approval on the 7th of November. (Great cheering.) HOLD FAST. It is true, as the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says, that it is a simple thing to define the boundary line between British Columbia and Washington. All the same if the landmarks have been removed it would be well to have them replaced as soon as possible. Some of our estimable neighbors might raise Old Glory to the breeze in Canadian territory, their government would probably sustain their objections to being placed under the tyrannical rule of Great Britain, the contention might be put forward that a certain tract of land had always been recognized (by Americans) to be under the jurisdiction of the United States, and therefore

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Uncle Sam's title could not be successfully disputed. If arbitration were suggested we would be laughed at, or if our neighbors were in generous mood they might offer to allow some specially constituted court to decide whether or not they were entitled to take possession of the remainder of British Columbia. That is precisely the spirit in which we have been met in the negotiations with regard to the Alaska boundary dispute. We feel that if we had our rights and justice done, done all the territories we have claimed and adjacent waters would be in our possession. Our neighbors cannot but be convinced in their minds that they have no title or they would have no hesitation in joining in an appeal to an impartial tribunal. But they are in possession and they intend to remain in possession. Apart from the unique relationship which exists between Great Britain and the United States, the days when two great nations could make war upon each other over comparatively trifling matters have forever passed away. It behooves Canadians, however, to take measures to guard jealously all they now possess and to keep a watchful eye upon their aggressive neighbors.

MR. McPHILLIPS HEARD FROM. A. E. McPhillips, Q.C., M.P.P., carried his propensity for saying things away from British Columbia with him. He pronounced a benediction upon this province, when he left and admonished it to beware of excommunicated Grips. Through the medium of the Paris edition of the New York Herald he asks a blessing upon the people of France and seems to express gratitude because they refrained from kicking him out of the country on account of the unmistakably John Bull cast of his countenance. The unobtrusive member for Victoria seems to consider it a remarkable thing that he was not pounced upon during the Kruger demonstrations and banished from Paris amidst shouts of "a bas McPhillips!" "Vive Kruger!" According to Mr. McPhillips's own statement he was treated with all the politeness for which Frenchmen are deservedly famous, was provided with a seat of honor in the Chamber of Deputies, but refrains from mentioning his disappointment that he was not invited to "say a few words" in appreciation of such courteous treatment. It was a new experience for Mr. McPhillips to be compelled to sit on the floor of Parliament and listen to other people grinding out orations. There are many unfortunate gentlemen in British Columbia who will indulge in the hope that he has profited by such experience.

A gentleman in a position to know the facts denies that the White Pass Railway took any part in the election for Burrard constituency by contributions to campaign funds or otherwise. He says the company exists for the purpose of making money for the shareholders, and in order to do this more effectually it is contributing freely of its resources to open up the country tributary to it. As an instance of the policy of the company in this respect it is pointed out that it is transporting, at its own expense all the way, one hundred and fifty tons of iron from White Horse to the Tacoma smelter in order that its quality may be proved. The Times could not understand what consideration could have induced the company to occupy other than a position of strict neutrality between the political parties in this country and it has no hesitation in accepting the statement herein contained. For an American paper the Seattle Post-Intelligencer is eminently reasonable. It does not believe Uncle Sam should assume the attitude of a great national bully and tell the world that he will stand by the provisions of the treaties to which he has put his hand and seal just as long as he considers it in his interests to do so. Perhaps when it is in a liberal mood the Post-Intelligencer will also explain what right our overgrown neighbor has to dictate the policy European nations with large interests here shall pursue on the continent of America.

The Colonist announces that it is in the forty-third year of its labors in life. Apart from a slight tendency to act as if it had digested all the wisdom of the ages during these four decades of activity, it is a vigorous and enterprising neighbor, fully up to the requirements of its constituency. TURKS KILL CHRISTIANS. London, Dec. 19.—A Daily Express dispatch from Vienna reports recent Muslim excesses against the Christian population in the central provinces of Turkey, where 200 Christians have been killed.

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**WEATHER BULLETIN.**  
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 20—5 a.m.—The interval of quiet weather yesterday was only brief, and was followed by a southeasterly gale which appeared off the Vancouver Island coast and quickly developed in intensity until, at 10 p.m., a wind velocity of 50 miles an hour was reached. This storm has prevailed over the Pacific Coast region and will be succeeded today by another southeasterly gale which will probably shift to the southwest. Rain is general at most points west of the Rockies. Low barometer areas are traversing the Northwest Territories. The warnings for a southerly gale were displayed here yesterday, and are continued to-day here and at Vancouver.

**Forecast.**  
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday. Victoria—wind strong southerly winds or gales, continued unsettled and mild, with rain. Lower Mainland—light or moderate southerly winds, becoming stronger on the Straits, continued unsettled and mild, with rain.

**Reports.**  
Victoria—Barometer, 30.27; temperature, 55; minimum, 47; wind, 20 miles E. rain, 30; weather, cloudy.  
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 50; minimum, 45; wind, 10 miles S.; rain, 2; weather, rain.  
Nanaimo—Wind, S. W.; weather, cloudy.  
Seattle—Barometer, 30.25; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S.E.; weather, fair.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 58; minimum, 52; wind, 6 miles S.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

**CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.**

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The sacred concert to be given in the St. Barnabas church this evening will be a treat to all music lovers. Almost all the available local talent will take part in the programme and a most enjoyable evening will undoubtedly be spent by those who attend. The following are some of the selections to be rendered: Miss Armon, a contralto solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock"; Gideon Hicks, the bass solo, "It Is Enough"; Miss Harris, "Gloria to Thee"; and J. G. Brown and choir will render "The Holy City."

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In the police court yesterday afternoon the case of Charles Robinson, charged with the theft of a patent cork extractor from Messrs. Pither & Leiser, was dismissed.

The high wind last evening played havoc with a number of fences throughout the city. About fifty feet of the Central school enclosure was blown down, while the fences of several residents in the vicinity, suffered somewhat.

The Christmas entertainment of the Calvary Baptist church will be held this evening. Tea will be served at 6 o'clock, after which a programme of music, recitations, etc., will be rendered. Santa Claus will appear later in the evening and present prizes, candy, etc., to the children.

The first division of the South Park school paid a very enjoyable visit to the British Paint Works this morning. The young people arrived about 10 o'clock, and were escorted throughout the works by the employees of the company. The way in which the soap was made was described to them, and every detail of the works was examined.

In the county court this morning two cases came before Mr. Justice Drake, both of which were adjourned. The first was an action for the recovery of \$246 in J. and J. Taylor vs. Jensen. The prosecutor of the sale of a safe to defendant. Mr. Belyea appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Fell for the defendant. The other was a Chinese action, King Kum Chee vs. Yee Yick & Co., involving the sum of \$266. Mr. Langley for prosecution, and Mr. Croase for the defence.

The boys of the Chinese Methodist mission will give their customary Christmas social to their English-speaking friends in the Chinese Methodist church, Pignard street, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be delivered by Revs. W. H. Barracough, E. S. Rowe, J. P. D. Knox, R. Hughes and J. P. Hicks. There will be singing by the boys of the mission and selections on Chinese instruments. The meeting will also include a farewell to Miss Church, who expects to leave shortly to take up mission work in China. Refreshments will be served at the close. Admission free. All friends of the mission are cordially invited.

**REMAINED UNTIL SATURDAY.**  
Case of Dominion Trading Stamp Company Adjourned This Morning—Other Items.

The case of the city against the Dominion Trading Stamp Company for refusing to pay their December license came up in the police court this morning. It was remanded until Saturday morning. There was considerable discussion between counsel, Mr. Hrubara for the city, and Mr. Cleland for the company, before the adjournment was decided upon. The former wanted a straight assurance that the case would be proceeded with on Saturday. He pointed out that the proceedings were allowed to drag no decision would be gained before the close of the year, and the return of another council would complicate matters. Mr. Cleland, who had only been notified by Messrs. Bodwell & Duff at the last moment, pointed out that some adventurous circumstances might come up which would militate against the commencement of the proceedings, although he was almost certain that the defence would be ready for the hearing. The magistrate adjourned the case until the aforementioned time, pointing out, however, that it must be proceeded with unless sufficient cause was shown on affidavit why it should not go on.

The charge against three merchants, James Hastie, Lionel Dickinson and B. C. Market Company, of refusing to pay trading stamp license was also remanded until Saturday.

A drunk paid \$2.50 in preference to five days' imprisonment. Circus Jimmy, a West Coast Indian, was fined \$15 or fifteen days' hard labor for drunkenness. George Jackson's name was called in almanacs three times for vagrancy. He did not appear, so it is assumed with a considerable degree of certainty that he has left the city. A warrant will be issued.

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20 per cent. FALL MILLINERY discount off all.

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Cranberry Sauce, Turkeys and Chickens. Every kind of delicacies and all kinds of Xmas cheer.

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Calendars with Clocks and Aneroid Barometer. Purses and Pocket Books in Morocco, Russia, Crocodile and Seal. Silver Mounted. Blotting Cases with Silver Corners.

**LADIES' WORK CASES.**

The above mentioned articles make very useful and pretty presents and are very moderate in price.

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**COLDS THAT HANG ON.**

Pneumonia is the result of neglected colds, colds that hang on and inflame and irritate the bronchial tubes and lungs. To promptly and thoroughly cure chest colds, tightness in the chest and all colds in the throat and bronchial tubes Dr. Chase's Syrup of Iodized Turpentine has proved itself the most effective remedy extant. Its sale is simply enormous. 25 cents a bottle. Family size 60 cents.

**TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY**  
Take **Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.** All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

When you are passing Weller's store, don't pass too quick, but step in and ask one of the clerks for their handsome Xmas Catalogue—it is free.

**A Lady...**

Can't have too many gloves. No matter how many pairs she has she is always glad to get more. They are always acceptable.

Make your selection here, where we have left in for the holiday trade a special stock of Fowne's, Dent's, Alexandre and other noted makers.

All gloves not suitable either in size or color will be cheerfully exchanged after Christmas. We cannot make it too well known that our gloves are

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See Our  
Dent's 2 Lock Russia Leather Gloves, Absolutely Guaranteed, \$1.00.

**For the Men**

We also provide all the good kinds of gloves in Dent's and Fowne's makes.

Dent's English Made, \$1.00  
Dent's Digby, \$1.25, \$1.50  
Fowne's Fiji Russia Leather, with dainty Silk Linings, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

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There is a snap and style in our neckwear that the other stores don't catch, an unusually fine assortment especially imported for the Holidays—in rich heavy silks of uncommon design.

from 50c to \$1.50

DRESSING JACKETS, HANDKERCHIEFS, DRESSING GOWNS, UMBRELLAS, SUNSPENDERS, SILK MUFFLERS, ETC.

Store open every evening this week.

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LADIES' UMBRELLAS, from \$1.00 to \$5.00 each.  
KID GLOVES, at \$1.00 and \$1.50 per pair guaranteed.  
SHAWLS, HANDKERCHIEFS, etc., in a great variety.  
Also GENTLEMEN'S INITIAL SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, large size, only 50c each.

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THE WESTSIDE WILL BE OPEN EVERY NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

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**Santa Claus**  
Giving Away Boxes of Candy  
At The Grotto.



EVERYBODY SHOULD SEE HIM.

**New Panorama of Cinderella and the Glass Slipper ON FRIDAY.**

A pretty representation of this ever interesting Fairy Tale, showing the Fairy God-Mother, transforming Cinderella into a beautiful lady.

**SANTA'S XMAS TREE.**

Follow the Red Line after leaving the Grotto, it will lead you to

**SANTA'S DIP PONDS**

There's lots of fun to be had at the Dip Ponds. You just put your hand into a Big Red Box and draw out a prize every time.

**GIVEN AWAY WITH KID GLOVES**

Thousands will take advantage to purchase their Kid Glove wants at The Westside. We will give away one bottle of Grooming & Co. perfume with every pair of Kid Gloves purchased at The Westside.

The quality of the Kid Gloves sold at The Westside are celebrated all over Canada. The prices are 10 to 15 per cent. lower than at ordinary stores.

Prices, 90c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a pair.

**NEW FURS**

It's hardly possible to hit upon a more appropriate or acceptable Xmas Gift. Ladies' Fur Neck Ruffs, Blue Hare, regular \$4.50. FRIDAY \$3.50.  
Red Fox Fur Neck Ruff, with perfect head and claws, regular \$10. FRIDAY \$8.50.  
Alaska Sable Neck Ruff, with perfect head and claws, regular \$11.50. FRIDAY \$10.00.

**BOY'S SUITS**

Make the boys happy on Christmas by clothing them well. Good clothes beget confidence, and confidence is one factor of success.

Boys' Navy Serge Suits, two pieces, brass or plain buttons, \$1.95 a suit.  
Boys' Extra Tweed Suits, well made, exceptional value, from \$2.45.

**Men's Ties**

Men's Handsome Neckwear in every style imaginable. Friday special prices, 25c, and 50c, each.

**Grand Handkerchief Sale....**

Handkerchiefs are by far the most popular Xmas gifts for ladies or gentlemen. This fact is reason enough for The Westside to offer tremendous bargains, priced with the object of selling all surplus.

120 Dozen Ladies' Full Hemstitched Linen Lawn Handkerchiefs, regular 129c, each. FRIDAY 100c.

35 Dozen Men's Linen Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, regular 40c, each. FRIDAY 25c, each.  
50 Dozen Men's Heavy Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched handsome initial, regular 75c, each. FRIDAY 50c, each.

Thousands upon thousands of Xmas gifts for suit fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers—at almost every price.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Scissors, table and pocket cutlery, razors, etc. Shone's Hardware. Two days more of the... Photograph album... John Kennedy, the engineer who was relieved of his duties at the provincial buildings by the Martin government, has been appointed engineer at the court house.

The importance of pure food and pure beverages is daily becoming more fully recognized by law and common sense. The purity of Honi Ceylon Tea is guaranteed by its history. Don't forget the Golden Rule Bazaar still leads with Fancy Goods Notions, Dolls and Toys, also splendid collection of Gift Books, Picture Books, Autograph and Photo Albums.

On Tuesday night the aged colored man Shakespeare, who was recently admitted to the Old Men's Home, wandered away from the institution. He was subsequently found at Clover Point, and returned to the home. Selecting Christmas presents is always a difficulty. Kodaks and finishing outfits make appropriate gifts. We have them, for beginners, from \$1.00. Best quality Kodaks, \$8.00 to \$25.00. Fleming Bros., 52 Government street.

Don't fail to take in the Grand Prize drawing for the six tier fruit cake and the display of fine Xmas and New Year confectionery which will be on exhibition during the holidays at the noted Caledonian Bakery, 112 Yates street. Encouraged by the success of their dance about a week ago in the A. O. U. W. hall the members of A. C. O. R. G. K. are preparing for another event of a similar character. The date has not been fixed, but it will likely be held about the middle of next month.

The last of the Advent series of organ recitals will be given every evening at St. John's church on Sunday next, when the following vocalists will assist: Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. Macfarlane, Jr., Major Munro and Mr. Carroll, and violinists E. Powell and Jesse Longfield. A very considerable and generous action has been taken by the management of the Westside. Yesterday all the children of the Protestant Orphanage were admitted to the Christmas grove and had a try at the dip pond free of charge, and needless to say to their boundless delight. Today the children of the Roman Catholic Orphanage were similarly privileged.

Robertson & Robertson give notice that at the next meeting of the legislature they will apply for the incorporation of a company for the transmission, supply and sale of power, light and heat, and of construction and operation of telephone lines for the transmission of messages by wire within the electoral districts of Esquimalt, Victoria City, North and South Victoria. A very successful entertainment was given by the young people of the Congregational Methodist church last evening. The occasion was that of the annual treat given to the Sunday school children. After the cantata, entitled "The Chains of Silver" had been rendered by the young people of the Sunday school, Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed candy. He then presented prizes to those entitled to them.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the First Presbyterian church was held last evening. Despite the inclemency of the weather a large number of people were in attendance. An excellent musical programme was rendered, after which those present sat down to a splendid repast. Prizes for merit, catechism and general Sunday work were then distributed, and the entertainment broke up after a thoroughly enjoyable evening had been spent. In a letter recently received from Johannesburg, South Africa, by V. I. Mogford, of the Queen's hotel, the writer says that everything is in a flourishing condition, and the only thing wanted is more men to do the enormous amount of work that there is to be done. He says that as much as \$15 to \$20 is paid for ten hours' work. Living is just as cheap as it was before the war commenced, the expenses of the average workman amounting to about \$7 a week. The streets, bridges and sewers committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon and dealt with a large number of matters that have been referred to them. The result of its deliberations will be contained in a report to the city council on Monday evening next. The committee then transferred itself into the city council to consider the consolidated by-laws. Quite a lot of ground was covered, but it was decided to reserve the consideration of the subject at a special meeting to be held on Friday evening next. There was a small audience at the Victoria theatre last evening, as a company presented the farce "A Stranger in a Strange Land." Although the production is a laughable one, as far as the histrionic ability of the various characters is concerned, it might be pointed out that they are also strangers in a strange land, trespassers in the realm of Thespis. There is no doubt that the noted raskin immortalized by James Fenimore Cooper and Mayne Reid has deteriorated somewhat, but even a reservation Sioux after six months' sojourn at the New York Bovey would find it difficult to embody more profanity in such few words as the painted individual last evening. None can be blamed for laughing at the play, for those who were not roused to indignation through its immanent birth provoking features, laughed at the very ridiculousness of it all. However, it were better to remain under the friendly, though not ornamental roof of

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Men, why will you be weak? Why do you not listen to the flight of time, to the echo of the thousands of grateful voices raised in thanks to DR. McLAUGHLIN'S ELECTRIC BELT? Why do you go on from day to day realizing that you are losing your nerve force, when you see a cure within your grasp? Reach for it, take it to your heart, and feel the life-blood flowing, jumping, dancing through your veins; feel the exhilarating spark of power warm your frame, the bright flash come to your eye and the firm grip to your hand—the grip which clasps your fellowman and tells him that you are no longer a weakling, but a man of power; do not allow a disease to destroy all possibility of future pleasure for you. Whatever your condition to-day, you will not improve as you grow older. Age calls for greater vital force, and the older you get the more pronounced and apparent will be your weakness; so cure it now—cure it.

A GRATEFUL LADY CURED. Buckly, Wash, Nov. 15, 1900. Dr. M. E. McLaughlin:—Dear Sir, Your Belt is simply a wonder. I could not live without it, I consider it the only cure for Kidney Trouble and Female Weakness. Before using your Belt I had given up all hopes, having been treated by the best doctors who make women's diseases a specialty. I am now well in every way and cannot tell you how thankful I am. Yours very truly, MRS. D. L. COOLDRIDGE. WILL ALWAYS RECOMMEND IT. ROCK CUI, Stevens Co., Wash., Nov. 8, 1900. Dr. M. E. McLaughlin: Dear Sir,—I am pleased to say that the Belt has done me a great deal of good. I cannot say too much for it. I have improved greatly and will always recommend your Belt. Yours very truly, W. M. KILL.

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the theatre than go outside and run the risk of being blown through a hotel window.

So far, only two names have been attached to the petition circulated by residents of the agricultural settlements of the Malheur asking for railway connection with the coast. At the meeting of the Vancouver Island Veterans' Association to-morrow night, Capt. Michael will give personal reminiscences of the Crimean war, while Capt. Hamdan will describe his adventures on a man-of-war on the Chinese coast. In addition to members, regulars and militiamen in uniform are urged to be present. For the past three weeks a company of Chinese actors has been delighting the drama patrons of Chinatown. They number about thirty, all men, of course, and each performance draws a large attendance. The proceedings commence at 7 o'clock, and are continued several hours. Although it is not quite apparent to the tourist what the nature of the production under presentation may be, it is understood that the company's repertoire covers a wide range from heavy tragedy down to the most intimate stages of melodrama, comedy and farce comedy, to burlesque. The present engagement will expire at the close of the week, but the company will appear here at the beginning of the year. They came from Vancouver.

There was a plethora of fish at the police station this morning. As mentioned in these columns yesterday an Indian was gathered in for peddling young salmon in contravention of the fisheries regulations. In connection with his apprehension a rather amusing incident occurred. Constable J. Wood was after him and located his man in the vicinity of Second street. The Indian observed his blue coated Nemesis and bolted with such grace as would be commensurate with a manifested consciousness of innocence. He made a detour, should he will to make a turn in the opposite direction, and the pursuer and pursued met with a startling suddenness on one of the corners. Some of the fish have been forwarded to the cold storage, where they will be preserved for evidence in the case against the culprit, which it is understood, Mr. Galbraith, fishery overseer, intends instituting. The remainder of the fish specimens were confiscated. To the victors belong the spoils. ON THE FIRING LINE. Ladies of Canada. Side by side stood Canada's noble sons with the best brass of Ceylon and India in the recent unpleasantness. The slogan was "help one another," and no one forgot the watchword. You, ladies of Canada, have the power to wage a relentless warfare on the impure teas that come into your homes from China and Japan, and at the same time assist your brother colonists who produce the pure Ceylon and India teas. If you drink Japan tea, try Salada, Monsoon or Blue Ribbon packets of Ceylon and India Green teas—Colonist.

CONVINCED BY PRINTED TESTIMONY of the hundreds of the cured, Mrs. B. of 215 E. 3rd street, New York, who was for years a great sufferer from Catarrh, procured two bottles of Dr. Arrow's Catarrhal Powder and it effected an absolute cure in a very short while. One puff through the blowler will clear the head and stop headache, 50 cents. Sold by Deans & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—112.

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Notice to Architects. The Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works hereby invites the Architects of British Columbia to submit proposals for the construction of a Government House at Victoria, B. C. Particulars of conditions and further information can be obtained from the undersigned. W. S. GORE, Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works, Lands & Works Department, Victoria, B. C., October 31st, 1900.

TENDERS. Tenders will be received for the purchase of the Dominion Government steamer "Victoria" by the undersigned till noon on 15th January next, at the Indian Superintendent's office, Victoria. Lowest, not any tender, not necessarily accepted. Description: Schooner rigged, length over 25 feet, beam 10 feet, 49 feet beam, 12 feet lapelum compound engines, in good order; nominal horse-power, about 8 1/2; machinery and outfit built by Albion Iron Works Co., Victoria, in 1890. The "Victoria" is admirably adapted for cannery service. A. W. VOWELL, Indian Superintendent, British Columbia, Victoria, B. C., 17th December, 1900.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company with power to construct and operate a railway from the City of Victoria, thence northwesterly to a point at or near Seymour Narrows, Vancouver Island, and thence northwesterly to the mainland of British Columbia, thence northwesterly alternatively by way of Tete Jaune Cache or Yoho Head Pass or vicinity of Port George or Pine River or Peace River Passes to a point at or near the coast or the Province, and thence to any point on such line to the northwestern boundaries of the Province, or to any point or points thereon, and with power to construct, acquire and operate telegraph and telephone lines (authorized to charge tolls thereon) for the transmission of messages for the public, ships, vessels, wharves, works, water powers, and other purposes, and with power to acquire lands and lands for all such purposes, and for such other rights, powers and privileges as are usual, incidental, necessary or conducive to the attainment of the above objects. E. G. TILFON, On behalf of Applicants.

Notice. Take notice that an Extraordinary General meeting of the Fairview Corporation Limited, will be held at the office of the Corporation on the 21st day of December, 1900, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering and confirming the following resolutions: (a) Authorizing the Directors to borrow upon the credit of the Corporation the sum of thirty thousand dollars from George Gooderham, Esquire, of the City of Toronto, at a rate of interest of 5 per cent, upon such terms as to repayment of the loan and otherwise as they may deem proper, and to hypothecate, mortgage or pledge all or any of the real or personal property, rights or powers of the Corporation to secure the repayment of the said sum of thirty thousand dollars and interest thereon to the lenders. (b) Authorizing the directors to give an option to the said George Gooderham upon an undivided one-half interest in all the lands, mines, properties and assets of the Corporation at the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for the period of five months, and in the event of such option being exercised to convey an undivided one-half interest in the said Gooderham. (c) Sanctioning an agreement, dated the 24th of November, 1900, entered into between the Fairview Corporation, Limited, represented by its Managing Director, and the said George Gooderham, setting forth the terms of such loan and option, and further providing for the formation of a new Company with a capital of one million five hundred thousand dollars divided into shares of one dollar each, to which it is proposed that all the assets now owned by the Fairview Corporation Limited, shall be conveyed subject to the provisions of said agreement. The said one million five hundred thousand shares to be divided as follows: The Fairview Corporation, five hundred thousand; George Gooderham, five hundred and ten thousand; the balance, namely, four hundred and ninety thousand, to remain in the treasury for the purpose of being developed as occasion may require in the future development and equipment of the property. A copy of the agreement in question may be inspected at the head office of the Company. A full attendance is requested. If not in the books of the Corporation, it may be obtained by proxy. Dated the 17th day of December, 1900. G. A. ROBINSON, Secretary-Treasurer. RICHARD RUSSELL, President and Managing Director.

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Table with columns for departure times and destinations: Shagay, Los Cabos, Bennett, Caribou, White Horse, etc.

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Pacific Coast Steamship Co. For San Francisco. The company's steamships Walla Walla, Umatilla, etc. will leave Victoria for San Francisco.

E. & N. RY. CO. Christmas Excursions. Excursion tickets on sale to and from all stations, available for going journey December 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Returning not later than December 27th. GEO. L. COURTNEY, Traffic Manager.

Victoria & Sidney RAILWAY. Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney as follows: DAILY: Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: Leave Victoria at 7:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m., 5:15 p.m.

Steamer Iroquois. Connecting with the Victoria & Sidney Railway (weather permitting), will sail as follows: Monday and Thursday—Leave Sidney at 8 a.m., calling at Fulford, Ganges, Mayne, Fernwood, Gabriola and Nanaimo. Tuesday and Friday—Leave Nanaimo at 7 a.m., calling at Gabriola, Fernwood, Mayne, Ganges, Fulford and Sidney. Wednesday—Leave Sidney at 8 a.m., calling at Fulford, Ganges, Galiano, Mayne, Fulford, Saturna and Sidney. Saturday—Leave Sidney at 8 a.m., calling at Saturna, Pender, Mayne, Galiano, Ganges, Fulford and Sidney. Close connection made with steamer by trains leaving Victoria at 7 a.m. For passenger and freight rates apply to board agents of the Victoria & Sidney Railway, T. W. PATERSON.

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Sporting News

BASKET BALL

GAME IN BOYS' BRIGADE HALL. At the Boys' Brigade hall, James Bay, on Monday evening, the second game of the series of matches was played.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

GAME ON CHRISTMAS MORNING. A match will be played at Beacon Hill on Christmas morning between the city intermediate teams—Comet and Columbus.

PASSENGERS

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—Miss Morrison, G. W. Bacon, Miss Arthur, G. A. Bartlett, Mrs. Bartlett, A. W. Washburn, W. H. D. Fote, Thos. Gray, E. Seft, W. D. Aden, F. G. Barde, R. Keed, J. H. Delano, N. M. Kelly, S. Thompson, A. Strangevin, J. P. Healy, J. McLaren, R. W. Nevin, B. S. Byron, Miss Williams, O. N. Ramsay, O. Bloomquist, J. P. Laing, E. B. Christensen, C. Van Horn, Wm. Helms, F. O. Ker, W. Ashburn, J. J. Jorgensen, Neenan, J. Bell, A. Strangevin.

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Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, and various numerical values representing taxes and costs.

N.B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land and "I." means Land and Improvements. Dated this 27th day of November, A.D. 1900.

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**SHIPPING NEWS**

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

**VICTORIA TIDES.**  
By F. Napier Denison.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the 13th and will be due to arrive on the 25th. Her cargo includes some 200 tons of general freight for Victoria.

Time	Height above zero	Time	Height above zero
5:00 a.m.	0.4 feet	8:30 a.m.	0.3 feet
8:15 a.m.	0.2 feet	9:00 a.m.	0.6 feet
12:30 p.m.	0.6 feet	1:15 p.m.	0.2 feet
5:30 p.m.	1.3 feet	9:00 p.m.	1.1 feet

Schooners Dorcas, C. R. Rand, Mary Ellen and others of the idle sailing tonnage have been towed to the upper harbor, where they will be hauled out on the ways to be appraised by the representatives of the sealing combine. Among the vessels ready to leave on their annual cruises as soon as the weather improves are the City of San Diego, Capt. Blackstad; Carlotta J. Cox, Capt. Le Blanc, and Vera, Capt. C. Burns.

Steamer Olympia of the N. P. fleet, will sail for the Orient on Sunday. She will be chucked-block with cargo and will therefore not receive aboard the large consignment of fish at the outer wharf that is there awaiting shipment. The fish will be forwarded on the next steamer of the line to sail, which will be the Tacoma, due here from China and Japan on January 6th.

H. M. S. Phaulon, Capt. Fleet, left the night before for her southern cruise. She has provisioned for four months' absence, and will visit while away all the southern stations.

Steamer Amir sails this evening for Skagway. Few passengers have been booked for the trip.

Steamer Charmer left Vancouver at 1.20 and connected with the train.

**CLOSING OF SCHOOLS.**

Children Conclude Their Work For the Year of 1900.

To-day is the last regular school day of the year 1900, and for several weeks after to-morrow a desolate loneliness will reign supreme in the various public schools. To-morrow morning the High school, Victoria West, will close, and the closing of the Girls' Central school in the afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The Kingston street school will also close in the afternoon, the exercises commencing at 2 o'clock. The North Ward school closes also in the afternoon with appropriate exercises.

The trustees will visit the various schools as follows: Victoria West, Mrs. Wm. Grant; North Ward and Hillside, Mrs. Gordon Grant; Central school, Mr. Denny; North Ward and Hillside, Mrs. McCandless; South Park and Spring Ridge, Mr. Brown; Kingston street, South Park and will not be confined to any particular school, and will act as a "free lance" visitor as it were.

**A WOMAN'S AWFUL PERIL.**

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver, and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by F. W. Fawcett & Co.

**Ludgate Case Redivivus**

Famous Lawsuit Again Engaging the Attention of Besch and Bar.

Able Array of Counsel Engaged—Ours of Proof is on the Dominion.

The notorious case of the Attorney-General of British Columbia vs. the Attorney-General of Canada and Ludgate was given the attention of the Dominion press this morning when the case was called before Mr. Justice Martin. The different parties to the suit were represented by the following members of the bar: For the Attorney-General of British Columbia, Messrs. Bodwell and Lawson; for the Attorney-General of Canada, Fred. Peters, Q. C., and Mr. Howe, Vancouver; and for Theodore Ludgate, D. G. McDonald, of Vancouver.

In opening the case, Mr. Duff said that the defence set up by the Attorney-General of Canada was simply that the Dominion belonged to the province under these circumstances he held that the onus was on the Dominion government to show that the unoccupied crown lands belonged to the Dominion.

Mr. Peters held that it would be incumbent on him to do so only when the plaintiffs had shown that the lands mentioned were unoccupied.

After some technical argument between counsel the court remarked: "I think you hold this in common that we have crown property in this province which, unless otherwise alienated or reserved, belongs to the province."

Mr. Peters held that there were lands in the province which never came under the B. N. A. Act. The court—it would be for those alleging that to prove it.

Mr. Peters retorted that this was the case with lands at Esquimalt, and at every military and naval reserve in the province none of which came under the act. The presumption of imperial ownership was stronger than that of the province. The title of these lands, he said, went back to a time when they were vested in the crown.

The court—the result of these pleadings is that there are crown lands; that the Dominion government claim it is theirs by imperial reservation. The onus of proving this is on the Dominion government.

Mr. Peters asked that a note be taken of his objection to this ruling.

Mr. Howe then went into the history of the lands in dispute. He said that the defence would largely rest in the plea that Deadman's Island was reserved in the early days of the colony. He proposed to show that it was a reserve; he plotted and placed on the map of the office as a reserve, and was recognized by Imperial, Dominion and Provincial governments as such.

In 1857 there was a gold excitement in British Columbia. In the following year the province was created, and Sir James Douglas appointed governor. By section 2 of his commission he was instructed as to the way in which he should exercise his powers as then given, as well as subsequently. Some time thereafter Col. Moody, with a body of B. E., was sent out. Col. Moody was described as a devoted Governor of British Columbia and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. When they were dispatched, certain instructions were given Douglas by the Colonial Secretary, appraising him of the mission of the Engineers, among other things to select a capital. When the Engineers arrived the capital was at Langley. This was changed to New Westminster by Moody. In his letter home Moody described the aptness of his choice from a military standpoint. He added that five miles from there was Burrard Inlet, which could also be defended. The plan afterwards he reserved Deadman's Island and Brockton Point.

In 1868-69, Turner, of the Ordnance Department, surveyed Burrard Inlet from Hastings along the shore, including Stanley park and Deadman's Island, to False creek. His filed notes show the park and island marked off as a reserve. A plan of it was filed in the Lands and Works Department, a copy sent the Governor and another filed with the Inspector-General of Forts in England.

In 1878 the government of British Columbia published a return to the legislature of reserves in British Columbia, and in that schedule Deadman's Island and the park were included. On the return opposite those names were the words, "commanding the entrance to Burrard Inlet," thus admitting it as a reserve. Subsequently the Imperial government

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**STORM AND SHIPWRECKS.**

Much Uneasiness Is Felt at Queenstown Regarding Channel Steamers.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 20.—Depressions of great size and depth are spreading over Great Britain from the westward. Storms are reported on all the coasts; numbers of minor wrecks have occurred, and the southwest gale continues with unabated fury on the Irish coast. The White Star line steamer Teutonic, which sailed at noon to-day from Queenstown for New York, experienced the full force of the storm.

**Disabled Liner.**

London, Dec. 20.—The Teutonic arrived at Queenstown somewhat late, and had some difficulty in clearing port. The Teutonic passed the White Star line steamer Cuthbert in tow at 1 a. m. off Tuskar Light. There is great uneasiness at Queenstown in regard to the cross-channel steamers which left yesterday evening, so violent is the storm.

**PROPOSED SALE OF ISLANDS.**

(Associated Press.)  
Madrid, Dec. 20.—The cabinet council has decided to present to the chamber the project of the sale to the United States of Cagayan Island and other islands of the Philippine group.

**To the Public.**

All trains on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway will be cancelled on Christmas day, December 25th, 1900.

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