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LAST DAY OF RACE. Three Teams, Unable to Stand the Furious Pace, Withdraw From Contest.

New York, Dec. 10.—Owing to the furious pace which has been kept up during the night the Dussot-Mazan, Palmer-Agras and Downing-Limberg teams were compelled to abandon the contest on the last day of the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. The last two of these teams had dropped hopelessly in the rear last night, and during the early morning lost lap after lap, leaving the track from time to time. It is not at all unlikely that the Keegan-Logan team will be forced to retire during the day. Keegan is said to be in a bad state. The team composed of Turville-Metting lost another lap during the hour between 7 and 8 o'clock. This puts Turville and Metting practically out of the race, as they are now five laps behind the leaders. At 8 a.m. this morning the Vanderturft-Stol and Root-Dorton teams had covered 2,158 miles 5 laps; the Sanderson-Williams teams 2,158 miles 4 laps; the Gouglitz-Berton, Keegan-Logan and Krebs-Fogler teams 2,153 miles 2 laps, and the Turville-Metting team 2,157 miles 9 laps. The record for the 128th

ADMIRALTY PLANS AT LAST DISCLOSED Lord Selborne Makes an Important Statement in Explanation of the New Naval Policy

New Particular Service Squadron for North American and West Indian Waters—Premier Balfour on Colonial Responsibilities—Esquimaux's Importance.

Special dispatches to the Times to-day and the Associated Press service throw the whole question of naval changes in both the Atlantic and the Pacific into a rather new light. The statement of Lord Selborne, while it makes no reference to admiralty plans for Esquimaux, does not bear out the ominous predictions of those correspondents who prophesied that the plan when made public would disclose a scheme in which both the Atlantic and Pacific stations would play little, if any part. So far as the North American squadron is concerned Lord Selborne's statement leaves no doubt. That station and the West Indies is to be maintained in the form of a new particular service squadron. If this be the plan with reference to a command within a few days' sail of London, it is reasonable to suppose that a remote base like Esquimaux, in a sea which has become the cockpit of international complications, is not destined to the summary treatment which some have predicted.

In the meantime, as the Times's London special shows, Secretary Wynt, of the Navy League, is proving an able champion of the importance of this station, and it behooves the board of trade, local branch of the league and other representatives bodies to back him up.

ESQUIMAUX'S IMPORTANCE. (Special to the Times.) London, Dec. 10.—Interviewed by the Westminster Gazette regarding the withdrawal of the garrisons at Esquimaux and Halifax, H. F. Wynt, of the Navy League, said the importance of Esquimaux as a naval base is no better understood generally by the man in the street in Canada than by his contemporary in England. In war Esquimaux is the only resting place for the British navy north of the equator. If the mastery of the Pacific was of any significance for the British Empire, Esquimaux is a base that may in the future possess incalculable importance to the whole British people.

BALFOUR'S SENTIMENTS. London, Dec. 10.—Sir M. Hicks-Beach to-day introduced a deputation to Premier Balfour regarding Imperial naval defence, and laid stress upon the burdens of the Motherland. He commented on the fact that Canada did not contribute a penny, though on a high scale as regards commercial marine. Formerly the colonies may have thought war would not seriously interfere with commerce. Now great changes are taking place in countries near Canadian and Australian homes, which may affect them more than the United Kingdom.

Sir John Colomb referred to Sir John A. Macdonald's utterances twenty years ago. He believed "the whole policy of Great Britain opposed an aggressive war. In any other war the people of Canada would be ready to share the responsibilities and the cost." Premier Balfour fully agreed with the sentiments of the deputation, but said they must not only consider present circumstances, but the future tendencies and growth of the colonies. They should bear in mind that our children who in their most helpless years rightly look upon ourselves to bear the whole burden, are gradually becoming our equals, and as they grow up will assist their parents with a larger share of the common burden. The process must be gradual; we cannot unduly press them. They would be more and more cognizant of the growth and importance of a scheme of Empire if they bore more of its burdens. He said confidence would be unhampered and unfettered. He earnestly trusted the temper would not be what each fragment got from the others, but how much each fragment gave the common whole. As a common object, defence stood amongst the very first.

SELBORNE'S STATEMENT. (Associated Press.) London, Dec. 10.—In an official memorandum issued to-day dealing with the future distribution and mobilization of the British fleet, Lord Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty, makes some interesting remarks on the development of foreign navies throughout the world, constituting, in Lord Selborne's view, a new and definite stage of the naval affairs in the Western Hemisphere. He says: "The United States is forming a navy, the power and size of which will be limited only by the amount of money the American people choose to spend on it. In the Eastern Hemisphere, a smaller but modern navy, that of Japan, has been put to the test of war and not found wanting. The Russian navy has been greatly increased, and with the exception of the Black Sea fleet has been wholly transferred or is in course of being transferred to the Pacific. The navies of Italy and Austria have maintained their positions in the Mediterranean, but the expense has not been increased as in the case of other powers. The French navy stands, as always, in the forefront, and a new German navy has come into existence. It is a navy of the most efficient type, and is able to concentrate almost the whole of its fleet at home ports."

Dwelling on the improvement of the British fleet, Lord Selborne remarks that all the old battleships had been replaced by modern ships, and that Great Britain will have within the year twenty-six modern cruisers, built within four years, of great speed, with armaments as powerful as that of battleships, and altogether a great advance on anything which has preceded them. Lord Selborne then details the fleet changes. The home fleet henceforth will be called the Channel fleet, with headquarters at home. It will consist of twelve battleships, and a sufficient number of cruisers. The present Channel fleet will be renamed the Atlantic fleet, having a permanent base at Gibraltar, and consist of eight battleships, and a sufficient number of cruisers. Affiliated to the Channel and Atlantic fleets will be cruiser squadrons, each of six armored cruisers, commanded by a rear-admiral. The South Atlantic fleet under the new arrangements will remain as at present. The Mediterranean fleet will consist of eight battleships and attendant cruisers, with its base at the Island of Malta.

Dealing with the cruisers in the extra-European waters, Lord Selborne says it has been decided to withdraw the less effective ships of the North American and West Indies station, and to add to the station ships of a new particular service squadron which the admiralty has decided to constitute. Naval cadets and boys in training will hereafter be transferred from the training ships to this particular service squadron, which will be composed of six or eight modern fighting ships, which will be combined

into one squadron for training and under the command-in-chief of the North American station. In conclusion Lord Selborne outlines the plan for the naval manoeuvres of 1905 and 1906, which will have for their object the testing of the new scheme, the object of which is that: "On a declaration of war the fighting efficiency of the fleet shall be complete and instantaneous."

THE PEACE CONFERENCE. Official Statement Regarding Position Taken by the Japanese Government. Tokio, Dec. 10.—Noon.—The foreign office has issued the following statement on the position which the Japanese government has taken in regard to the proposed international peace conference: "An invitation from the President of the United States having been received by the government of Japan at Tokio, on December 1st, to take part in the proposed second international peace conference, the government at once replied to the effect that, being fully alive to the urgent necessity of more exact definitions and uniform practices than now exist in respect to some of the questions about to be submitted to the proposed conference, and finding that the fact that the nation is now engaged in war is no sufficient reason why it should not take part in the work of the conference, it has been decided upon the part of the Japanese government to accept the invitation."

"This is taken, however, with the distinct reservation that the proposed conference shall not assume to adopt any measures which will in any way affect the present conflict."

ANOTHER UNION. A Branch of United Mine Workers Organized at Nanaimo Last Night. Last evening a branch of the United Mine Workers was organized by Mr. Gibson at Nanaimo. Mr. Gibson explained that the Western Federation of Miners was essentially an organization for quarries miners, while the United Mine Workers was devoted to the cause of the coal miners. Parker Williams, M. P., said the local union of the Western Federation of Miners would probably consent to send their charter back and join with the United Mine Workers, if Mr. Gibson could first organize Ladysmith and Cumberland. Mr. Gibson said it would perhaps be better to organize here first and then it would help him to organize in the other towns. He intended to visit Mr. Dunsen and tell him his intention, and he trusted he would get Mr. Dunsen's consent to organize. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Lewis always gave him instructions to first see the management before making any attempt to organize. The union begins with 107 members. A branch of the Western Federation of Miners already exists in Nanaimo.

CABINET MAY RESIGN. Deadlock in the Austrian Parliament—The House Prorogued.

(Associated Press.) Vienna, Dec. 10.—Another parliamentary deadlock has arisen through the German Radicals joining the Czechs and southern Slavs in opposition to the government scheme to obtain parliamentary consent to a loan of \$14,000,000 for treasury purposes. The budget committee has rejected the scheme, and the Premier decided to prorogue the Reichsrath. The cabinet may resign. Premier Von Kober is expected to do so in any event.

FOUGHT WITH CUSTER. (Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 10.—William Magee, who claims to be the sole white survivor of the Little Big Horn, is under arrest here charged with homicide.

THIRD RAILWAY ACROSS DOMINION

CANADIAN NORTHERN'S PROPOSED EXTENSIONS

Seeks Authority to Purchase or Construct More Than One Thousand Miles of Railway. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Canadian Northern railway has given notice of its intention to seek powers from parliament which will enable it to cross Canada and become the third transcontinental system of the Dominion. The Canadian Northern has an extensive system in the East, and controls lines in Quebec and Nova Scotia. It is now asking for authority to acquire the Great Northern of Canada, the Chateaugay and Northern, the Ironside, Bancroft and Ottawa, the Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and the James Bay railways. The Canadian Northern is the practical owner of these systems already. The James Bay is applying for authority to build from Lake Muskoka through Ottawa to Montreal, and from Sudbury west to the Canadian Northern railway near Port Arthur. The plans contemplate the purchase or construction of more than a thousand miles of railway, and the connection of the Canadian Northern's wheat lines with a seaport outlet in the maritime provinces. The road runs only to Port Arthur on Lake Superior.

Proposes to Increase Capital.

The Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon railway will apply at the next session of parliament for an act to provide that the capital stock of the company shall be increased from two million dollars to twelve million dollars, to provide that the time for the completion of the railway shall be extended five years, by giving the company power to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, to any railway company, the whole or part of the railway lines or property of the company. Another Line. The Nicola, Kamloops and Similkameen Coal & Railway Company will apply to parliament at the next session for a charter for a road from Osoyoos Lake to a point near Grand Forks, with power to connect with the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, near Grand Forks, and with the Columbia & Western railway near Midway.

NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA

EARL GREY LANDED AT HALIFAX TO-DAY

Received a Hearty Welcome—Vice-Regal Party Will Reach Ottawa on Monday. (Associated Press.) Halifax, Dec. 10.—Earl Grey was given a grand welcome here this morning when he set foot for the first time in Canada to assume the duties of Governor-General of the Dominion. The weather was beautifully fine, but extremely frosty, in fact the coldest day of the season here.

The vice-regal party were received on board the Parisian by Sir Charles Parsons, commander of the Imperial forces here, who was accompanied by Hon. B. W. Scott, acting Prime Minister, and Hon. Messrs. Brodeur and Paterson, and the senior judge of the Supreme court. An immense crowd of citizens and officials were gathered at the wharf to witness the landing. A guard of honor from the Royal garrison regiment, with their band, was present, and as the Earl stepped to the pier the guard presented arms and the band played.

On landing His Excellency was received by Major-Gen. Sir Charles Parsons (who had landed in advance), His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Jones, the provincial secretary and executive council. His Worship Mayor Crosby and city council, and Brigadier-General Lake.

As the Earl alighted he was received with the usual salute, which he acknowledged by lifting his hat as the band played. He was at once conducted to the legislative council chamber for installation. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the party drove to Government House, the house to which was lined with troops and densely packed with people.

At 7:30 their evening state dinner will be given by Lieutenant-Governor Jones, and at 9:30 their Excellencies will hold a public drawing room in the legislative council chamber. They leave for Ottawa on Monday.

TOGO'S SHIPS ARE ON THE ALERT

TO PREVENT ESCAPE OF RUSSIAN VESSELS

Jap Cruiser Sunk by Mine off Port Arthur and Sixteen of Crew Perished. (Associated Press.) Tokio, Dec. 10.—It is reported here that since the commencement of the bombardment of the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbor, the Japanese military observers on 203-Metre Hill have not seen anything of the Russian fleet of torpedo boat destroyers, and it is presumed it has taken shelter behind Laoti mountain.

The Japanese fleet, lying off the entrance to the harbor, is constantly on the alert in anticipation of an attempt being made by any of the Russian warships to escape and seek refuge in some neutral port.

JAP CRUISER SUNK BY A MINE.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—The Japanese cruiser Saiyen struck a mine and sank on November 30th. The majority of her crew were rescued. W. vice-president, W. B. Shakespeare; W. chaplain, James Dupes; W. secretary, Frank Leroy; W. treasurer, M. O'Keefe; W. conductor, H. A. Miller; I. guard, R. Leaman; O. guard, P. Christensen; aerie physician, Joseph Gibbs, M. D.; aerie musician, Frank Bingham; trustees, J. M. Hughes, W. E. Waeleer and Joseph Wachtler.

THE SINKING OF CRUISER SAIYEN.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—The navy department announces that the Saiyen, leading the detached squadron, while bombarding Port Arthur on November 30th, struck a Russian mine and was seen to be enveloped in smoke. The gunboat Akagi immediately ceased firing, and went to the assistance of the cruiser.

Finding that the latter was making water rapidly the Akagi and the other Japanese ships turned their attention to rescuing the crew. Fifteen officers and 175 men were saved, but the captain and fifteen others went down with the ship.

THE ARTILLERY COMMANDER'S REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Japanese legation has received the following cablegram from Tokio: "The commander of the naval artillery reports that the bombardment on Friday set the Bayan afire, which heeled to port 25 degrees, nearly capsizing. The Retzvia and Boltauva are submerged in a high tide to the upper deck below the conning tower. The Palada and Pobieda heeled considerably to port and starboard respectively, exposing the hull below the water line, and in the high tide the upper deck of the Persevel is submerged to the stern walk at the stern and torpedo tube at bow.

"The Gilyak is close to shore listing considerably, and is believed to be resting on the bottom. The Sevastopol has been removed from her anchorage to the outer roadstead, presumably to escape shells.

"The commander of the third squadron reports that the cruiser Saiyen, 1,344 tons, while engaged co-operating with the army and in blockade near Port Arthur fortress on November 30th, hit a Russian mechanical mine and sank. The complement saved, except 38, including Capt. Tajima."

BRITAIN WILL NOT INTERFERE IN WAR.

New York, Dec. 10.—A London dispatch to the Times says that in response to the appeal of the international arbitration and peace association, Foreign Minister Lansdowne repeats that the British government is not aware of any circumstances that would justify it in modifying its previous decision not to interfere in the Russian-Japanese war.

SIBERIANS MADE NIGHTLY SORTIES.

Mukden, Dec. 8.—Numerous Japanese prisoners are being brought in as a result of night sorties. The Siberians especially delight in this sortie work and seem to regard the stalking and capturing of pickets and sentries as exhilarating sport. Some of the prisoners declare that the prevailing inactivity is having a great depressing influence upon the masses of the Japanese troops.

Others of the captives refuse to answer questions. The Japanese evidently are not short of food, but the cold is extremely trying on them. Lieut-General Linévitch had a narrow escape from death recently. He had come within 100 yards of a Japanese battery when a shell burst near his staff and killed an enlisted man.

TORPEDO BOATS FOR RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

New York, Dec. 10.—Nine torpedo boats, built at Perth Amboy, N. J., for the Russian government, have been completed, and will leave the yards to-day. They have been taken apart and loaded on a barge to be towed to New York and shipped as merchandise on a liner. The tenth boat will cross the ocean under its own power.

THE SIDNEY MILL.

Complicated Situation There—The Sheriff is in Charge. Should Sheriff Richards ever decide to embody his official experiences in the shape of memoirs he will produce an interesting volume. Under the caption of "Establishments I Have Been in Charge of," he will show that a sheriff in his time plays many parts. He has taken charge of pretty nearly everything that can be conceived of from a human being under a capias, for instance, to a curiosity shop under a writ of execution. Just now he is in charge of the Sidney sawmill, and before long he will sell its contents, becoming for the time being a dealer in logs and mill plant, clothed of course by the powers of his office, and governed by the direction of the judiciary.

He related the Sidney mill about a month ago on behalf of the judgment creditor, Mr. Whitaker, of Vancouver. The latter

it appears, supplied the concern, in which Messrs. Moore & Ondaife, of the Sound, are the principal shareholders, with some logs, and in consequence the action taken by him against the defendant company the sheriff entered his possession. But a new figure appeared in the arena in the person of a gentleman in Seattle named Beattie, who lodged a claim against the mill people. The sheriff thereupon threw the whole matter into court in what is known as an interpleader, and it will be up to the judiciary to determine which claim shall have precedence. Had Mr. Beattie complied with the order of Mr. Justice Morrison and deposited the sum of \$1,000 as security as well as an amount sufficient to pay the cost of possession, the sale which was advertised for to-day in satisfaction of Mr. Whitaker's claim, but which has had to be postponed for a week or so, would be off the programme. But this he did not do, and the sale will be held, and the money paid into court. Now there is another development. J. Murray, forest ranger for the province, has seized the plant on the ground of the company's non-compliance with the act relating to the export of logs, and the sheriff holds the key to the establishment under instructions from the provincial government. A large number of claims for salaries have been filed, so the matter has become further complicated.

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS.

Local Aerle Reported to Be in Very Flourishing Condition. The convention hall of the Eagles was again taxed to the limit of its capacity when at their last meeting those birds assembled and chose the following officers to administer affairs of the local aerle for the next year: Past president, Joseph Wachtler; W. president, H. F. Shakespeare; W. vice-president, W. B. Shakespeare; W. chaplain, James Dupes; W. secretary, Frank Leroy; W. treasurer, M. O'Keefe; W. conductor, H. A. Miller; I. guard, R. Leaman; O. guard, P. Christensen; aerie physician, Joseph Gibbs, M. D.; aerie musician, Frank Bingham; trustees, J. M. Hughes, W. E. Waeleer and Joseph Wachtler.

The secretary's semi-annual report, which was read, showed this young but flourishing aerle to have a membership in good standing of 490, of which 188 were initiated during 1904. The total receipts for the year were \$4,006.90. Relief was extended during the term amounting to \$1,781. The present assets of the aerle are \$8,500, of which \$2,700 is deposited in the banks.

After this report had been dealt with the aerle went into social session, giving themselves up to mirth and music until well into the morning hours. The social committee had provided entertainment and refreshments most lavishly, and they desire to thank the following ladies and gentlemen for their kind assistance: The Misses Gale, Courtney, Wildemere, O'Neill, Trojan, La Belle Ross, and Messrs. Robert Jamieson, Wm. Stevenson, J. Johnson, La Barge, Bochart, the Irving family, and the musical directors from the Grand, Lyric and Savoy theatres.

NO DENIAL MADE RESPECTING RUMOR

MANAGER VAN SANT HAS LITTLE TO SAY He Will Not Say That There is Nothing in the Report in Circulation. Throughout the city the greatest excitement prevails with respect to the rumor that the Great Northern contemplates the withdrawal from this city of its business by means of the Victoria Terminal line. All manner of constructions are put upon the rumor, but it is significant that Mr. Van Sant, the manager of the Victoria Terminal Company, is not prepared to deny that his company contemplates withdrawing the ferry. He has no statement to make with regard to the service at the present time.

Pressed for something definite in the matter Mr. Van Sant was asked: "Can you deny the rumor that the ferry service will be discontinued?" The manager of the Terminal line returned the answer: "No, I cannot do that."

"There would seem, therefore, to be grounds for the rumor that the question of discontinuing the ferry service is under consideration. In some quarters a feeling prevails that this is but a threat in order to expedite matters with regard to a settlement with the city as to the terms upon which a new ferry company will be arranged. Business men on the other hand considered that whether this is a fact or not it lessens the danger to the trade of the city in no respect, and are anxious to see some settlement made at the very earliest opportunity.

C. P. R. officials think there should be no fear felt in connection with this. They are not in a position they admit to know what the intention of the Great Northern is with respect to trade with Victoria. They point out that the C. P. R. is not at all likely, even if they were in control of the trade of the city, to do what would prove a detriment to its interests. The company has, they say, too much at stake in Victoria to attempt to impede its progress.

Business men, however, recognize that the trade of the city should not be put in the hands of any one company. They, therefore, view with alarm anything which looks to the cutting off of a car ferry business with the Mainland.

It is not at all likely that the original terms of the agreement entered into between the city and the Victoria Terminal will now be adhered to. It seems more likely that if the connection between Sidney and Fort Guelph is to be continued that a new agreement will have to be made by the city with the railway company.

Prince Kaitloff, who has done so great a work in getting the Siberian railway into working order for the war, once lived in Vancouver, where, imitating the example of Peter the Great at Tsarskoye, he was once placed on a platters.

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**WILL DESTROYERS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE?**

**RUSSIANS RESUME MINE CLEARING OPERATIONS**

Capture of 203-Metre Hill Cost the Japanese Many Lives - Garrison on Short Ratings.

London, Dec. 10.—According to the Morning Post's Shanghai dispatch, the Port Arthur forces, with the exception of those in the fort, have retreated to Liato mountain. Details continue to filter in of the capture of 203-Metre hill.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent before Port Arthur explains that the final capture was due to a strong and sustained fight against the eastern face on the night of December 5th and the position of 203-Metre hill being an enfilading one, forced the Russians to evacuate without a contest a parallel line of semi-permanent defence extending eastward and immediately over the slopes within half a mile north of Etze mountain.

The Japanese casualties at 203-Metre hill alone exceeded the total of the battle of Nanshan, according to the Daily Mail's Tokyo dispatches. At 10 o'clock in the afternoon of November 29th, a Tomiyama detachment, with a battalion of infantry, and a company of engineers, received orders that they must capture 203-Metre hill, while a Yosid detachment of the same strength had similar orders to recapture Akasaka hill.

On November 30th it became necessary to reinforce the attackers with a detachment under Major Shizuta. The cold was so intense that many of the men were frost bitten, as it was necessary to pass the night without shelter. The Japanese, after the capture of 203-Metre hill, anticipated a terrible bombardment from the Russian forces and made preparations accordingly, but the Russians remained strangely quiet.

The same correspondent states that the Russians at Port Arthur on December 7th resumed mine-clearing operations, presumably to enable the Japanese to destroy to attempt to escape and join the second Pacific squadron.

The Daily Telegraph's Teintin correspondent reports that General Oku, after a three days' artillery engagement, drove the Russians on Sunday off the slopes of Etze mountain to the river twelve miles north of Liao Yang. The Russians, it is added, abandoned supplies and several units and retired to a position several miles northwest, from which they heavily bombarded the Japanese, setting fire Tuesday to the keystone storehouses, and caused a great confusion, which did not cease until Wednesday. The Japanese are still gallantly holding the island with a handful of men. Their casualties number 5,000.

**PRISONERS SAY FOOD SUPPLY IS INSUFFICIENT.**

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army Before Port Arthur (via Fusan), Dec. 9.—Two Russian officers captured at 203-Metre hill, one belonging to the navy and the other to the army, are being treated with the greatest courtesy by the Japanese staff, in consideration of the similar treatment accorded to Japanese officers captured by the Russians. Special arrangements have been made to transport them to Japan.

Russian prisoners report that the food supply of the garrison is insufficient. The men subsist on short rations of bread made of a mixture of flour and coarser grains, while the officers get horse flesh twice a week. Dysentery and typhoid, the prisoners say, are very prevalent.

Owing to the bad weather a supply of fresh vegetables cannot be obtained, and the supply of tinned meats was finished a month ago.

The appearance of the prisoners goes to substantiate their statements. They are well clothed but emaciated.

**"SHORE ACRES" BEFORE MANY EMPTY SEATS**

Small Audience Saw Fine Old Drama Last Night—Offerings at Other Playhouses.

It requires something very much out of the ordinary to draw a large audience to the Victoria theatre these days. One of the smallest houses of the year witnessed one of the best productions, "Shore Acres," that fine old drama by James A. Herne, which is so wholesome in its sentiment, so true to life, and so ably constructed from a dramatic viewpoint, that it should never be stale. The company all-round was an excellent one, but it must have been a trying task for the various members to ignore the heart-breaking array of empty seats confronting them.

James T. Galloway was a splendid Nathaniel Berry, presenting a portrayal that was markedly faithful to detail. He was satisfactorily supported, Atkins Lawrence giving a strong presentation of the part of Martin Berry, and the other members making the best of their opportunities. "Shore Acres" is a play that leaves no bad taste in the mouth; it has no undertone of immorality as the basis of a plot, and there is nothing sensationally harrowing in it. It was written by an actor who is justly famous for the excellence of his productions, and if the day ever comes when "Shore Acres" proves unsatisfactory to the public it will be because the popular dramatic taste has sadly deteriorated.

The Redmond Company.

The Redmond Company pleased another large house last night by its performance of "The Lighthouse Robbery." As in the previous performance all the parts were well taken and the players will render an equally good account of themselves to-night. This afternoon a souvenir performance is in progress.

On Monday evening next the side-splitting comedy "Miss Hersey From Jersey" will be presented with Theo. Bird in the title role. It is said to be the most laughable comedy the company has in its repertoire. For the latter part of the week the bill will be the strong drama "The Middleman."

At the Crystal.

A rural comedy that is fairly brimming over with fun, and is cleverly constructed, is being played at the Crystal this week by the Pringle Company. To-night closes the engagement of this popular organization here, and the amusement seekers who enjoy clean and comely should not miss this opportunity to see the report of "Uncle Josh." This is proving to be one of the most popular bills the Pringle Company have presented here, and a large house will undoubtedly greet them to-night.

"Pretty Peggy."

Considerable interest attaches to the engagement of Jane Corcoran in "Pretty Peggy," at the Victoria next Monday evening. For the reason that it will not only be the first opportunity of local amusement seekers to see this splendid play that created such a furore in New York and the eastern cities, but will be the first appearance in this city; as a star, of an actress who has long been a favorite. For Miss Corcoran is by no means a stranger to us, she has appeared here in prominent roles numerous times in the past, and on each occasion her work has merited such favorable comment that her name is almost as well known as though we were accustomed to see it in the conspicuous letters it now occupies on the bill boards.

"Pretty Peggy," which is from the pen of Frances Aymer Matthews, Miss Corcoran is credited with having made a notable hit, equalled only by that of the play itself, during the long New York run at the Herald Square and Madison Square theatres. The complete production used during the present engagement is said to be carried on the present tour, and the company is one of exceptional size and strength. Andrew Robson, who was last seen here as a star at the head of his own company in "Richard Carvel," is Miss Corcoran's leading man, and this further increases the interest in the coming of "Pretty Peggy" for Mr. Robson, also, has a large following of admirers. The well-known managers, Arthur C. Aiston and J. Emmett Baxter are directing the tours.

**ANOTHER NIGHT IN JAIL.**

Lawyers Yesterday Persuaded Mrs. Chadwick Not to Go to Cleveland.

New York, Dec. 9.—After a day of disagreement with her counsel as to whether she should write examination and go to Cleveland, Mrs. Chadwick finally consented to remain another night in the Tombs, but expressed the hope that she might leave here to-morrow.

Mrs. Chadwick had made up her mind to ignore the advice of her local counsel and go to Cleveland to stand trial there, when late in the afternoon she received a telegram from her Cleveland counsel, Judge Albaugh, asking her not to return to Cleveland just yet. This telegram kept her over night.

In regard to what would be done to-morrow Mr. Carpenter was noncommittal. "Nothing will be done before forenoon," he said. "I don't care to say whether we have given up the question of securing bail, but if you know anybody who is willing to go on her bond send him my name. We could have obtained bail to-day, were it not for the notoriety attached to the case."

Mr. Carpenter declined to discuss the Andrew Carnegie notes or to say positively whether Mrs. Chadwick would waive examination to-morrow. Neither would he say whether she would have to stand trial in Cleveland, or whether the alleged securities of Mrs. Chadwick had been examined and found to be worthless.

**CZAR AND FINLAND.**

Regrets It Has Been Necessary to Adopt Strong Measures.

Helsingfors, Finland, Dec. 9.—The Diet was formally opened to-day by the governor-general, Prince John Obolinsky. The Emperor's speech was as follows:

"By convoking you to assemble in ordinary session of the Diet, I have given new proof of my confidence in the Finnish people. With sorrow, however, I observed that the public tranquillity of Finland had been shaken by resistance on my decree. The past summer was darkened by the murder of the highest representative of imperial power in Finland. The measures enacted for the suppression of resistance to the laws which unite the empire and the grand duchy of Finland have been only a temporary character, and will be abolished by me joyfully as soon as the governor-general announces that cause for these measures has ceased to exist. The other laws, such as the imperial manifesto of February 15th, 1898, dealing with the Russian language of the senate, and that of August 12th, 1901, dealing with the military situation, with regard to the main principle, remain in force. But I have measures framed for the purpose of limiting the application of those laws, appreciating the remonstrances regarding them by the Finnish senate, and an expression of their most loyal sentiments."

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The Mucous Membrane is the lining of the body, and of all its vessels and organs. The moment this Mucous Membrane becomes out of condition, ever so little, illness follows swiftly, in some form or other.

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If the worries of business have left their scars on your good health; if careless habits have made you a wreck; if your nerves, your courage, is waning; if you lack vim, vigor, vitality; if you are beginning to wear out; if your heart, your liver, your stomach, your kidneys, misbehave; if this private doctor offers you a physician of thirty years' standing will strengthen the ailing nerves—strengthen them harmlessly, safely, surely, till your trouble disappears.

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Only one out of every 98 has perfect health. Of the 97 sick ones, some are bed-ridden, some are half-sick, and some are only dull and listless. But most of such cases arise from a common cause. The nerves are weak. Not the nerves you ordinarily think about—not the nerves that govern your movements and put you through life. But the nerves that, unguided and unknown, night and day, keep your heart in motion, control your digestive apparatus, regulate your liver—operate your kidneys. These are the nerves that wear out and die.

It does no good to treat the ailing organ—the irregular heart—the disordered liver—the weak stomach—the deranged kidneys. They are not to blame. But go back to the nerves that control them. If you can strengthen them, you can cure them. There is nothing new about this—nothing any physician would dispute. But it remains to be said that I offer you a full dollar's worth to put it to practical use. Dr. Shoop's Restorative is the result of a quarter century's work, and has cured more than 100,000 cases. It does not do the organ or deaden the pain—but it does go at once to the nerve—the inside nerve—the power nerve—and builds every claim? Could I AFFORD to do it if I were not reasonably SURE that my medicine will cure you?

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**CHANCELLOR AND SOCIALIST.**

Von Buelow Replies to Herr Von Volmar—No Secret Treaty With Russia.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—In the Reichstag Herr Von Volmar, Socialist, assailed the government in a lengthy speech, during which he alluded to a telegram recently sent to President Roosevelt by Emperor William, expressing admiration for the United States.

"Russia," he continued, "is so crippled from a military and moral sense that there can arise no question of danger on the eastern frontier for a long time, and Europe is thereby relieved of an enormous burden, and Russia's defeat has given a severe blow to France's policy of revenge."

In referring to published statements that Russia intends to raise a great loan in Germany and that Germany will get the largest part of the orders for war material and for building the new Russian fleet, he said: "It would be a crime to advise Germany to lend money to Russia under the present circumstances, and it would be a breach of neutrality if Germany allows the new Russian fleet to be built here."

Chancellor Von Buelow denied that a secret treaty exists between Germany and Russia, and explicitly declined to take Herr Volmar's optimistic views regarding the French plans for revenge, and remarked: "Germany has been able to become the pivotal point in the peace movement precisely because of her strength. Any weakness of our race would immediately arouse serious possibilities. Germany's weakness would not be a danger to us alone, but also to the peace of Europe and of the world, which we all want to maintain."

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Leda Desjardins was arrested at Montreal on Friday night by a detective, charged with stealing a thousand dollars from her boarding house mistress, Mary Murphy. Miss Murphy kept the money under her mattress.

**HEADACHES FROM COLDS.**

Laxative Bromo Quinine removes the cause, gets the germs out, and kills them and look for signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

Sassaparilla, the assassin of the late minister of the interior, ... Von Plehwe, and Sikorsky, Sassaparilla's accomplice, will be tried on December 13th. The indictment states that both men belonged to fighting or social revolutionaries, the object of which was to overthrow the authority and replace it with a republican or socialist regime. Secret circles for the distribution of proclamations among peasants, stirring up university students, fomenting agrarian disturbances, inciting soldiers to mutiny, and also preaching terrorism and the murder of statesmen who sustained the autocracy and took steps to suppress political disturbances were organized.

A Bureau, Wash., dispatch says: "Four more bodies, making sixteen in all, were recovered Friday from the coal mine, thus accounting for all the victims of Wednesday's explosion."

**Watches**

Our gentleman's 14k. solid gold, hunting-case watch (No. 12617) sells for \$40.00.

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FOR SALE—Lot, 60x120, and 7 roomed house, McClure street; \$1,600.

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Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday. Victoria and vicinity—Windy chiefly southerly, unsettled and cooler, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled and cooler, with rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 12 miles W.; rain, .06; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 40; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 36; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, rain.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .08; weather, clear.

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Very Successful Event in Hotel Driard Last Evening—Large Attendance and Good Speeches.

An announcement of some importance was made by Hon. R. McBride, Premier of British Columbia, at the annual banquet of the Pioneer Society held last evening at the Driard hotel. His speech was in response to the toast of the Dominion Senate, Commons and Provincial Legislative Assembly. After a few introductory remarks, he stated that the province stood better financially than had been the case for years. His treasury had been placed on a sound basis, and British Columbia's good name had been retrieved. But the present government wasn't going to be satisfied with this. It was necessary to keep pace as consistently as possible with the progress and resources of the country. Therefore, he hoped to have the pleasure at the forthcoming session of the local legislature of submitting a scheme for its development North, South, East and West. He was sure British Columbia would stand a strong policy, and requested all present to consider the questions, when they were made public, from an unbiased point of view. It was their duty before taking a stand on matters of such importance to decide in their own minds whether the proposed measures were in the interests of the province.

There was a large crowd in attendance, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent. Mine Host Herriot presided on the occasion, and the banquet tables were daintily decorated with carnations and evergreen. Charles Hayward, president of the society, occupied the chair, and on his behalf he thanked the members of the society, Hon. Richard McBride, Mayor Barnard and Richard Hall, M. P. P. On the left were Right Rev. Bishop Cridge, United States Consul Smith and C. E. Reifern. After the good things provided had been partaken of the president, in a few appropriate words, proposed the usual formal toasts.

Bishop Cridge was then called upon to propose the health of President Roosevelt, of the United States. He said he felt proud of the honor conferred upon him, and was sure that those gathered about the festive board would respond in the proper spirit. The feeling between the United States and British Columbia was one of the greatest friendliness. This was only natural, as all Britishers admired the characteristics which were principally responsible for the remarkable growth of that young nation. He hoped the time was not far distant when leaders in the two Anglo-Saxon countries would unite to eliminate that universal menace—war. Continuing, the speaker said the color of one's stripes did not make the man. He doubted, if the question was put suddenly, whether he would be able to define the difference between a Republican and a Democrat or a Liberal and a Conservative. (Laughter.) The man should be judged, not by his politics, but by his ability and integrity. Returning to the subject of the toast he eulogized Theodore Roosevelt, who he said was the personification of a liberal statesman. Besides having a good head his "heart was in the right place" (Cheers).

The health was drunk enthusiastically, and in responding United States Consul Smith said it was the eighth time he had the honor of speaking before the Pioneer Society. He always felt honored when called upon to respond on behalf of Theo. Roosevelt. Geo. Washington was the founder, Abraham Lincoln, the emancipator, Mr. Roosevelt, the strenuous dominator, one who stood for progress and advanced measures, whether popular or unpopular, which he thought in the interests of the country. He had been recently returned to power by an immense majority, tribute to his strength of character and to his electorate.

Continuing, Consul Smith referred to the common bond between Great Britain and the United States. There was one thing in which Canada outclassed the United States, namely, the way criminal laws were enforced. He hoped the time would come when the judiciary system of the two countries would be similar.

In closing he referred to the withdrawal of the warships from Esquimaux. Although sorry for Victoria that the admiral had decided upon such a course if showed the spirit of confidence existing between Great Britain and the United States, he felt no need for protest. Victoria was surrounded by friends. (Applause).

Proposing the health of the Governor-General, the vice-president, Jas. A. Douglas, referred to the fact that Earl Grey, who was recently appointed to that office by the Imperial government, was due to arrive in Canada to-day. He would be sworn in almost immediately. Before leaving England Earl Grey, speaking before a farewell banquet, had described Canada as a country which in extent, wealth and variety of resources could not be surpassed in any part of the globe. It was, therefore, reasonable to believe that a man with such an appreciation of the Dominion would fill the office of Governor-General with credit and becoming dignity. (Hear, hear.) He would no doubt prove a worthy successor to his illustrious predecessors. (Cheers).

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, all present joining heartily in the chorus, "Hail to the Chief."

Mr. Douglas, in proposing the toast to the Lieut.-Governor, expressed the hope that the present occupant of that office would be granted health and strength to continue to perform the duties of that position.

This toast met with a hearty response, "A Fine Old Country Gentleman" being sung.

E. E. Wootton then sang "The Maple Leaf Forever," and, judging by the applause, the selection was appreciated.

The Dominion Senate, Commons and Provincial Legislative Assembly were then proposed by E. Pearson, J. P., in a few appropriate words. He coupled with this toast the names of Senator Macdonald, Hon. R. McBride and Richard Hall, M. P. P.

In responding, the former made a brief address. He referred at some length to the question of "Better Terms" for British Columbia, and, mentioning the withdrawal of war vessels from Esquimaux, claimed that in this the Mother Country was making a mistake. It would cause an unfriendly feeling on the part of the Dominion. The argument was advanced that little or no protection was received from the vessels which had been station-

were in Canadian waters and Imperial troops defended the coast stations, there would be a tangible evidence of the interest of Great Britain in her principal colony. These with whom it would be hard to predict what would follow. The next step would be the appointment of a Canadian governor, which would be tantamount to separation.

Hon. R. McBride likened members of the Pioneer Society to "pathfinders." They were the ones who had laid the foundation of British Columbia. A study of the province's early history showed that the pioneers had worthy representatives in every profession. There were members of the legal profession, for instance, who could take their place along with the jurists of Great Britain. The same was true of the medical profession. In Bishop Cridge was to be seen want find old gentlemen were the clergymen. In fact it was only reasonable to suppose that the pioneers must have been more than ordinarily equipped with good judgment, foresight and ability to govern such a vast young country as that of British Columbia.

The speaker hoped that none of the results predicted by Senator Macdonald would follow the action of the lords of the admiralty in reducing the North Pacific and Atlantic naval stations. He then stated that the province of British Columbia had retrieved its good name before the world. The recent financial difficulties had been overcome, and the finances were now established on a firm basis. This he acknowledged was not entirely due to the present government. He gave the opposition, led by J. A. Macdonald, credit for material assistance.

But the government was not satisfied with this accomplishment. There was still much to be done. It was necessary to keep pace with the progress and resources of the country. At the forthcoming session of the legislature a policy which would be far-reaching in its effects, developing the country north, south, east and west, would be introduced. He believed British Columbia could stand a strong policy, and the government was willing to undertake the responsibility of laying it before parliament. In considering these questions he hoped everyone would banish partisan feelings, squarely facing the issues and deciding whether or not the proposals were in the best interests of British Columbia. He thanked those present for the patient hearing he had received, and took his seat amid applause.

Mr. H. M. P. P., followed with a brief speech after which the "Navy, Army and Volunteers" was proposed by C. E. Reifern. In his address he disagreed with the sentiments expressed by Senator Macdonald, pointing out that the lords of the admiralty were in a better position to judge of what was best than Victorians.

"Sister Societies" was proposed by J. Robertson, "The Bar and Bench" by Postmaster Shakespeare, "The Press" by the secretary and "The Ladies" by H. D. Helmeke. "God Save the King" brought the festivities to a conclusion. Everyone voted the banquet one of the most successful in the annals of the society.

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Mr. McLeod is now to the front with a solution of the difficult problem. This was the object of his recent visit to Victoria, and he is perfectly satisfied with the reception accorded him here. His plan is to import a few thousand men from the Mother Country—good British subjects—and by way of inducement guarantee to each a couple of years' work at a stipulated rate of wages, and at the expiration of the job a section or half section of land at merely nominal cost. In short, Mr. McLeod's scheme is one of re-colonization, and the colony he proposes to establish on Vancouver Island, if satisfactory arrangements can be made. While in Victoria, Mr. McLeod had an interview with the commissioner of lands and works, to whom he outlined his plans, and left town with the assurance that the government of British Columbia would do everything to further the project. He carried away with him a letter from Hon. Robt. Green to this effect:

Mr. McLeod left for Montreal a few weeks ago with the object of discussing the subject with Mr. Hayes, the railway manager, and has since written to say that his proposal has been most favorably received by that gentleman, and will no doubt be put in operation.

The originator of this colonization scheme does not wish to pose as a philanthropist; far from it. He is a canny old Scotchman, and makes no secret of the fact that he is out for business. His proposal to the railway company practically is: You give me the contract for the building of 100 or 150 miles of the road, and I undertake to establish a colony of good British subjects along the route, provide them with employment during construction and supply them with homesteads upon its completion.

Mr. McLeod argues that such an inducement will bring a very desirable class of settlers from the Old Country. The men will be able to save enough of their earnings during the period of work to give them a fair start in this new country. They will have advantages which none of the pioneers of the province enjoyed, in that they will have railway communication within reasonable distance of their homes, and an ever growing demand, as the country gets settled up, for the produce of their farms. With a couple of thousand men and their families settled in some select region, busy towns are bound to spring up, bringing trade to the railway company and revenue to the public exchequer, as well as peopling the country with a very desirable class of settlers.

Having secured the endorsement of the provincial government to his scheme, Mr. McLeod intends to seek the support of the federal government, and will no doubt meet with a willing ear and practical cooperation at Ottawa. Every person to whom he has unbosomed himself on the subject pronounces the plan as outlined thoroughly practicable, and see in it many advantages over any scheme yet

devised for bringing the right class of people to settle on the immense tracts of country which the Grand Trunk Pacific will open up. Before leaving Victoria Mr. McLeod armed himself with all the available data as to lands available for settlement, climatic conditions, natural resources, etc. As soon as the route of the railway is decided upon, he intends to have surveyors in the field staking out the best available land, so that when he sends his agents to the Old Country they will be in a position to explain conditions as they are and prospects as they present themselves. The scheme as outlined by Mr. McLeod for one section of the great railway system is equally applicable to others. More definite information on the subject may be looked for as soon as parliament opens at Ottawa. Already several prominent members have expressed their approval, and given assurance of hearty support. The outcome will be watched with keen interest, and in no section of the Dominion more than in British Columbia.

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however, in the South, the recrudescence of barbarism, against which the best element in that region is now striving valiantly. In 1903 South Carolina was credited with 222 homicides out of 8,970 for the whole country; roughly, one-sixtieth of the population commits one-fourth of the murders. No marvel that a Southern observer remarked that his region was becoming 'accustomed to homicide.'"

**A PREMIER AROUSED.**

Premier McBride announced at the Pioneer dinner last night that the government was about to emerge from its haven of inactivity and proceed to do things. A programme of development will be laid before the Legislature next year. A railway policy has been agreed upon which he feels confident will meet with the approval of the House and of the country. We trust we may be pardoned for not betraying symptoms of uncontrollable enthusiasm at this announcement. It is within our recollection that the head of the government promised his followers in the Legislature that a special session would be called for the purpose of promulgating a railway policy. That meeting was never called, possibly for very good reasons. The hon. gentleman as a statesman is young and comparatively inexperienced. He needed time to "find himself," no doubt, and to ascertain the financial condition of the province. At the same time there have been indications and movements in the neighborhood of the Parliament buildings which foreboded trouble if pledges made were not implemented at the coming session. There were influences at work, external and internal, which demonstrated that the "masters of the administration" would brook no further delay. The columns of the Times yesterday contained a specimen of the external influences. There is not the slightest doubt that the Premier would have preferred to be alone and to finish his term of office as he began it, in the calm and restful exercise of drawing his salary and letting things drift. That is not to be. There is going to be trouble. But the hon. gentleman is very adroit. Many railway policies have been submitted to the Legislature within the last few years, but no railways have been built as a consequence of such policies. The agents of the companies want something better than has yet been offered. Will Hon. Richard McBride be able to induce the members of the House of Assembly to accede to such demands?

**THE HORSE.**

Chicago Chronicle.

The poor old horse has had his day. The auto now is all the go; they do not feed the autos hay. For oats they do not have to blow their money, so 'tis plainly seen just why they're stuck on the machine.

The poor old horse has had his day. And now he has to stand aside; they bodily crowd him from the way. Who once was filled with prancing pride, and when they ride they sit serene, behind a steed of gasoline.

The poor old horse has had his day. The street cars, too, have shut him out; he's old and only in the way. And all his glory put to rout; no hope for him the future wags, he's only fit for tough old stables.

**WHAT HE WOULD LIKE.**

The office boy put the waste paper basket down. "I would like," said he, with one eye on the football notes, "to go to a funeral to-day, Mr. Crank." "You won't, though," replied the cold-hearted boss. "I know it," said the office boy, "but I would like to, just the same." "Whose funeral?" asked Mr. Crank. "Yours," replied the office boy. Then the door closed hastily between them.

**HIS LAST WISH GRATIFIED.**

Judge.

"No," said the billiardier, with deep conviction in his voice, "I would consider myself in error indeed should I die while I have even a tenth of the wealth I now possess. It is my wish to die comparatively poor."

"Oh, you dear old papa!" exclaimed the fair only daughter as she embraced him. "The Duke proposed to me last night and I accepted him. Isn't that just your luck?"

**A BATH HOUSE MISTAKE.**

St. James Gazette.

Around Stockholm there are many suburban resorts where sea bathing is indulged in when the weather is warm enough. At one of these resorts a visitor observed a large signboard at a gateway reading: "Dam Bad Haus." This notice gave him quite a shock until he found out it meant "Ladies' Bath House."

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The life of a Victoria householder has its compensations. In winter while the electric light meter is working overtime the water meter slumbers and takes its rest.

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Many have found this a good place to buy their chocolates, as our stock is always pure and fresh. Perhaps you do not know we carry a fine line of

**Lowney's, Cadbury's, Webb's and Ganong's**

Chocolates in all sizes, and in fancy packages for Xmas trades

**Lowney's Chocolates and Bon Bons**

40c. to \$2.00

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35c., 65c. and 85c.

**Webb's Chocolate Creams**

1/4 lbs., 25c.; lbs., 50c.

**Webb's Maple Creams, Burnt Almonds and Chocolate Wafers**

10c. box.

**Cadbury's Creams**

10c., 20c. and 50c.

**Cadbury's Selected Chocolates**

In tins, 35c.

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10c., 25c., 35c., 50c. to \$2.00.

**Cadbury's Milk Chocolate**

5c., 10c. and 15c.

**Tobler's Milk Chocolate**

15c., 25c. and 50c.

**McGregor's Butterscotch**

10c., 3 for 25c.

**PERFUMES**

In Pretty Boxes for Xmas Gifts

This year perfume is more fashionable than ever, and as a gift for a lady it is very acceptable. We have PIVER'S, ROGER & GALLETT'S, ATKINSON'S, SEBELY'S, etc., in pretty boxes from 15c. to \$7.00. We carry all the newest odors in bulk, and in this we have Jicky, Rosette, Yvan, Violeta, Dactylus, Lilies de France, O Selka San, etc., at from 50c. to \$1.00 an ounce.

**Sachet Powders**

50c. and 75c. ounce. In Violet, Lilac, Heliotrope, La Trefle, Rosette, Softener, Agnes, White Rose, etc.

**Italian Violet Water**

50c. a bottle.

**Perfume Atomizers**

New styles, 50c., 75c., \$1.00 to \$7.00 each. All Atomizers over 50c. we sell free with Italian Violet Water.

**Terry & Martt**

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**DAVID SPENCER LIMITED**  
The Big Store full of Suitable Xmas Gifts for Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Grandfather, Grandmother, and for the best girl in the world. A Few Hints:—

- House Coats, \$3.75 to \$35.00
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- Ties, 25c. to \$1.50.
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- Furs, all prices.
- Leather Goods.
- Hand Bags, 50c. to \$17.50.
- Handkerchiefs, 5c. to \$25.00.
- Lace Collars.
- China.
- Crockery.
- Cut Glass.
- Frames.
- Silk Waists.
- Stylish Jackets.
- Handsome Lace Curtains.
- Furniture.
- Music Cabinets.
- Easy Chairs.
- Tables.
- Odd Chairs.
- Upholstered Pieces.
- Books.
- Silverware.
- Shawls.
- Hand Bags.
- Trunks.
- Writing Desks.
- Clocks.
- Framed Pictures.
- Shaving Stands.
- Pocket Knives.
- Cutlery.
- Calendars.
- Opera Bags.
- Evening Dress Protectors.
- Silk for Waist.
- Slippers.
- Desk Fittings.
- Baskets.
- Bronze Ornaments.
- Cuff Links.
- Hat Boxes.
- Raincoats.
- Umbrellas.
- Real Lace.
- Trays.
- Brush and Comb Cases.
- Manicure Sets.
- Drinking Cups in Leather.

**Sale of Framed Pictures**  
One Hundred Framed Pictures go on Sale To-night at \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.75 and \$6.75 each. Second Floor.

- 25c Articles**  
Rotunda.  
Bronze Ornaments.  
Work Boxes.  
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Note Books.  
Blotters.  
Collar Boxes.  
Cuff Boxes.  
Handkerchief Boxes.
- 50c Articles**  
Rotunda.  
German Figures.  
Glass Cigar Holders and Trays.  
Mirrors.  
Jewelry Cases.  
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Frames.  
(A Big Variety.)
- 75c Articles**  
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Glove and Handkerchief Sets.  
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**The Season's Stylish Costumes**  
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Don't take anything "just as good." Avoid everything "better."

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Now are you "on"?

**SPECIAL DIET FOR GOOD LOOKS.**

Boston Herald.

Society women are waking up to the necessity of a special diet if they would preserve their good looks. They have eaten too many sweets and drank too much champagne, so now they are going to the other extreme and living upon vegetables. It is hard lines to keep the contours of youth. Some women are more successful than others at it, but the moment they talk about themselves and bore their friends with their self-conscious efforts that moment their doom is sealed. If the dear creatures would only be a little secretive and not give away the fears that possess them! Indulgence and the means of "living too well" have much to answer for, and not all the antidotes of physical training and famous specialists can eradicate the poison in the prosperous American system.

**GROWTH OF THE ENGLISH TONGUE.**

Kansas City Journal.

To-day over 135,000,000 people speak English. It has displaced French as the language of diplomacy, and is now making great headway as the universal language of trade. All North America, South Africa, Liberia, Australia, New Zealand, Samoa, Hawaii, most of the Antilles and various small states have permanently adopted our mother tongue, and there is every reason to believe that the 10,000,000 of Filipinos will be using it in the course of time. With the construction of the Panama Canal, Central America also will probably yield to its influences to a large extent.

**A MODERN FAMILY.**

Houston Chronicle.

"Where's Edythe?"

"She's up in her studio hand-painting a snow-shovel."

"Where's Gladys?"

"In the library writin' poetry."

"Where's Clarice?"

"She's in the parlor playing the pianer."

"Where's Gwendoline?"

"Up in her boudoir curlin' her hair."

"And where's ma?"

"Ma? Oh, ma's down in the kitchen gettin' dinner for the bunch."

**LADNER NOTES.**

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Ladner, B. C., Dec. 8.—On Tuesday evening last the local lodge of the A. O. U. W. held open meeting, and a large number of members and their friends gathered and spent a most enjoyable time. Games, music and dancing were in turn indulged in and the gathering did not break up until about 1 a. m.

The heavy rains of the recent few weeks have made the plank roads very dangerous. In places the soil has been washed away and the planks smashed, the result being that it is neither safe to walk nor drive after dark. During the past week, there being no moon, it has tested the nerves of everybody to go even about the town. As a matter of fact, nearly everybody takes a lantern to assist him in keeping the sidewalks, where there are any.

A petition is being circulated throughout the municipality begging the council to install some gasoline lamps. It is expected that the result will be that after the beginning of the year the town will be lighted.

Hay continues to arrive in large quantities from the various farms in the district for shipment to all points. Wednesday's passenger train to New Westminster had five full cars attached.

The steamer Victorian is tied up to the wharf at Gulchon for the winter. It is not yet decided what her ultimate movements will be.

The reported stoppage of the steamboat service in connection with the Victoria & Sidney railway has caused quite a commotion in this usually unexcitable burgh. Victoria is freely blamed for failing to pay the promised subsidy; still the fact remains that the people here have not patronized the route as the excellent service has warranted.

The tug Active is at present filling the gap, but how long the route will be kept open is not known.

The present train service, scheduled to suit the arrival and departure of the boat, is most inconvenient to the people here, and it is expected that very shortly the time schedule will be altered so as to allow passengers to leave here in the morning, do their business in Vancouver and return on the same evening.

On Sunday Principal Sipprell, B.A., B.D., of Columbia Methodist College, New Westminster, will preach at the Methodist church both morning and evening, and on Tuesday evening a concert will be given in the L. O. O. F. hall in aid of the funds for the Sunday school library. An excellent programme has been arranged, some good Victoria talent having been secured for the occasion.

Rev. Canon Hilton, the incumbent of the church at an early date.

On Monday last a man named Holman was badly injured by a bear. The animal ripped one of Holman's legs in bad shape with his tusks. The injured man is progressing very favorably.

**HOW NOT TO CATCH COLD.**



### Just a Drop or Two —OF— Lorna Perfume

(Wild Flowers of Exmoor)  
An exquisite perfume, very penetrating. Economical on account of its strength. It is superior to many 75c. and \$1.00 extracts we have seen. We offer it at 50c. per oz.; 8 oz. for \$3.50.  
It's a quick seller at that.  
See if you ever bought a better at twice the figure.  
**CYRUS H. BOWES,**  
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26 Government Street, Near Yates Street.

### CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

—Take in a supply of "SLAB WOOD" before the new weather sets in. To be had at Lemon, Gunnison & Co. mills. Telephone 77. Prompt delivery.

—H. H. Abbott, 86 Government street, is the man to see before purchasing your tickets to the Old Country. He is agent for all lines.

—Have you seen the new paper published in our city in the interests of local merchants to further their business in the Xmas trade. The new publication contains most interesting features for the housewife at this season of the year.

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

**STEAMER "WHATOOM"**  
Victoria to Seattle.  
Single fare 2.00.  
Round trip \$3.50.  
Daily except Sunday, 8 p.m.

—The Victoria Creamery Association wishes to inform their patrons that they have been fortunate enough to engage a thoroughly up-to-date buttermaker from the Eastern dairy schools, thereby guaranteeing better butter than ever. Patronize home industry, and keep your money in your own town.

**LOOK QUICK!!**  
See what we are offering you. A full ounce of beautiful Perfume for 25c. Five odors, Fleur de Lis, Heliotrope, Crapapple, Hyacinth and Heather. Let us send it for you.

**FAWCETT'S FAMILY DRUG STORE.**  
Phone 630. Cor. Douglas St. and King's Rd.  
—The diamond like brilliancy of fine cut glass has a special attraction to many people on the look out for a choice present. We stock Libbey's—there is nothing better—and should be glad to have you look over our selection. Weller Bros.

—? ? ?—Settle the Xmas present question by having a dozen portraits taken at the Skene Lowe studio.

**JUST ARRIVED**  
A large shipment of high-grade genuine Ebony Goods, direct from Paris. See our windows to-night.

Resigned, he may still, listening to the  
**W. B. SHAKESPEARE**  
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—Go to the Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

—Boiling Water one minute after you turn on the switch, if you use one of our New Electric Dish Heaters. We don't want to encourage laziness, but just think how handy this is. Really economical and useful. Let us show you them. The Hinton Electric Co.

**COME NOW**  
Don't put off your Xmas shopping. The time is limited.  
**WE HAVE IT!** Suitable gifts for all at greatly reduced prices.  
**B. C. DRUG STORE,**  
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PHONE 356. J. TEAGUE.

—By eliminating the middleman Hal-lam & Wyndham, Ltd., 25 Government, can sell the finest teas and coffees at the lowest prices and give premiums also.

—To those with very practical taste, furniture appeals very strongly for Christmas gifts. There is such a wide range of choice from, say, a rocker at \$2.50 to a sideboard at \$250.00. You would be pleased to look over our fine display. Weller Bros.

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A GREAT BARGAIN  
**6 ROOMED HOUSE  
AND 2 LOTS**  
37 HEYWOOD AVENUE  
Garden with fruit trees. Lots measure 52x120 feet each.  
**\$1,000 CASH**

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Call and See the Selection of  
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That we are selling at a REDUC-TION for a few days.

**PEDEN'S**  
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### Choice Building Lots

We are offering several sites in the very best residential portion of the city at

**BARGAINS**  
Money to Loan.

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**Grant & Conyers**  
NO. 2 VIEW ST.

—Jos. Caray bought the Albion saloon property, Yates street, at Hardaker's auction yesterday for \$3,400.

—Rev. A. N. Raven, a Presbyterian minister of Seattle, will deliver a lecture in the Crystal theatre to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, entitled "Socialism and the Golden Rule." During the evening musical selections will be rendered. Admission free.

—Ment choppers are in great demand at this season of the year. We have a splendid line on the pattern of the Enterprise, in three sizes, to cut one pound per minute, \$1.75; to cut one and a half pounds, \$2.50; to cut two pounds, \$3.00 each. Weller Bros., Government street, Victoria, B. C.

—Good congregations have greeted the pastor of the Centennial Methodist church each Sunday evening during his series of character sketches. Intense interest has been manifested at each service. To-morrow evening the pastor will deal with the subject, "The Pathfinder or the Prospector."

—The High school entrance examinations will be held next week in the High school, beginning on Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The subject for Monday will be British History and Canadian History in the forenoon, and Drawing in the afternoon. Candidates are requested to be at the High school at 9:15 o'clock, in order that the work may begin punctually.

—Christ church auxiliary sale of work, which was postponed on account of the concert last Wednesday, will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, in the cathedral schoolroom. Stalls are to be provided for fancy work, dolls and candies. A special feature will be the "Home Cookery" stall, which will be provided with delicacies for the table. In addition a promenade concert will be held with an excellent programme.

—A very heavy carload of machinery which has come from the shops of McGregor, Gourlay & Co. of Galt, Ont., is being unloaded in part in the E. & N. lumber yards. The load is a mixed one. It includes a new turning lathe for the Seyward mills. Perhaps the heaviest single piece is a planer for the B. C. Lumber Company at Chemainus. There is also a number of pieces for the B. C. Electric Company's shops at New Westminster, some for the Hastings Mills, Vancouver, and a large planer for the Rat Portage Lumber Company, which will be carried all the way back after the British Columbia machinery has been taken off the car.

—The "At Home" held at Mrs. Talbot's, corner of Cook and Pandora streets, as was anticipated, was a splendid success. A large number of people sat down at the table, beautifully loaded with good things. The evening brought a larger number of friends, who all joined heartily in the various amusements which were provided. During the evening a short programme was given, consisting of the following contributions: Solo, by Mrs. Knight; pianoforte duet, Misses Bernice and Winnifred Scowcroft; solo, Mr. Petch; recitation, Miss Connie Fisher; solo, Mr. Arton; mandolin and guitar duet, Messrs. Talbot and Newlands; solo, Miss N. Scowcroft; duet, Miss Talbot and Mr. Kinnaird.

—Rev. H. H. Gowen, of Trinity church, Seattle, will give a lecture here on Tuesday afternoon next at 4:30, under the auspices of the Tuesday Club, at the Alexandra Club, Government street. The subject chosen will be "Dante and the Spiritual Influence of the Renaissance." The Tuesday Club invite all interested in this class of study to attend, both gentlemen and ladies. This lecture is preliminary to a course which Mr. Gowen has consented to give here after the holidays, and which will be subscribed for by a large number wishing to attend. Persons wishing to join this class are asked to send their names to Mrs. T. W. Powell, Mrs. Edward Hassell or Mrs. Berkeley, secretary Tuesday Club, Church Hill.

—Needle Cases Free.—Until Christmas Eve, Weller Bros. are giving away absolutely free to every lady leaving her name and address at the store, one calendar needle case, containing forty needles of every description, an assortment well worth 25c. if it could be purchased. This is a rare chance for all good housekeepers to get a really useful addition to her work basket, free of cost, at Weller Bros., Government street.

**DR. WEAVER'S TREATMENT.**  
**WEAVER'S SYRUP**  
For Humors  
Salt Rheum  
Scrofulous Swellings, etc.

**WEAVER'S GERATE**  
Cleanses the Skin  
Beautifies the Complexion.

Combined, these preparations act powerfully upon the system, completely eradicating the poison in the blood.  
Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., Montreal

### WILL REPLACE THE STEAMER HUMBOLDT

**RAMONA TO RUN  
ON SKAGWAY ROUTE**

Moana for Australia—How American Steamers Control British Columbia Deep Sea Towage.

Steamer Humboldt arrived yesterday afternoon from Alaskan ports. With her return to the Sound will follow her withdrawal from the northern run, and her substitution with the Ramona.

The ship brought from Skagway that Swiftwater Bill, erstwhile proprietor of the old Clarence hotel, of this city, has again struck it rich. Late developments in the Tanana on the claim in which he is interested, two above on Cleary, have shown it to be one of the richest on the creek, and it is to be worked this winter to the fullest possible extent. During the latter part of last summer, soon after the purchase was made, a small steam plant was installed with which the prospecting was done. The ground has shown up so well that a big force of men will be employed all winter. Twenty men are now employed, the wages being \$5 a day and board. All the men have signed contracts to take their wages in dust at the clean-up. The last time Bill was in town he won \$2,200 at one sitting of solo.

**THE TOWAGE QUESTION.**  
In connection with the information given in yesterday's Times respecting the British Columbia towage business, there are some interesting facts which might be added, perhaps not generally known. It is stated that one reason why the Puget Sound Company has in the past been able to control the business on this side of the line, as well as a large portion of that pertaining to American ports, is the privileges which it enjoys. While a Canadian tug can take a vessel to a port of entry on the American side it is not permitted to go beyond. That is, a vessel bound for many mill ports on the Sound has to be towed thence from the port of entry, where the Canadian steamer's services end, by some American tug, with the consequent additional charges. The shipping law on the American side, however, is virtually the same as that in these waters, but the advantages are unequal. No matter whether a steamer goes to Chemainus, Comox, Nanaimo, or almost any landing place in British Columbia, there is a port of entry, and vessels can be towed direct there if necessary from sea. The Puget Sound Company has now contracts with many of the ship owners in England, and it is presumed that some of these contracts are made, partially at least, on the strength of the facilities which it enjoys.

The company, it is said, operates five tugs, and the Lorne it keeps under the Canadian flag, so that its business on this side may be better looked after. Local shipping men do not contend that the company is doing anything like the business it could in prosperous times, but they do consider it strange that British Columbia ports have to depend on tugs operated from rival ports on the American side.

**MOANA FOR AUSTRALIA.**  
The Canadian-Australian liner, Moana, Capt. Gibb, called on Monday for Australia, via Honolulu and Suva. She had a fair list of passengers and a full cargo of general merchandise. The passengers follow: J. A. Lloyd, Mr. Burgess, Mrs. Hubert Wood, Rev. M. Richardson and wife, D. B. Moss, G. A. Wood, Mr. Keenan, Mr. McCullough, Mr. Webb and wife, C. E. Wigton and wife, W. J. Plunket, Mr. D. H. Finch, Mr. Allan Beverley, Mrs. Hamilton and child, H. M. Douglas, James Douglas, Mr. Higson, Dr. F. R. Foster, W. Hislop, M. I. Williams, E. Coe, R. Wright, A. Roberts, Mrs. Coe, Miss Coe, J. C. Patterson and wife, W. H. Lee, J. Kirby, J. Malcolm, Mr. Howie, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Haine, C. A. Knowles and wife, C. D. Stevens and child, Rev. Father Lee, A. J. Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. J. McAdam, Miss Voysey, Mr. Simon, Charles Gliddie and wife, A. Pratt, A. Aiken, P. S. Coudrey, Mr. Laughlin, J. D. Rogers, Mrs. Walsh, Miss Douglas, Miss A. Draper, W. Williams, S. Ballon, M. Bythel, Peter Rennie, P. Anderson, T. Siren, M. A. Ross, Arthur Ross, Miss A. F. Ross.

**WRECKAGE ON COAST.**  
The wrecked hull of a good-sized vessel is drifting off the coast of Oregon. It was sighted on December 1st by Captain Larsen, the master of the schooner Annie M. Campbell. The wreck was then about thirty miles southeast of Gray's Harbor. It was floating down low in the water, and there was nothing visible about it that would give any clue to its identity.

**MARINE NOTES.**  
Prospects are good for floating the British steamer Inverness, previously reported ashore at Mororan, Japan. A telegram states that the vessel is imbedded thirty inches in sand, and the cargo has been discharged. The steamer is not leaking.

Concluding a very rough passage across the Pacific, the C. P. R. steamship Athenian, which sailed on November 14th, reached Yokohama Thursday morning.

The Woman's Council will meet in the city hall on Monday. Morning session begins at 10 o'clock. Papers of special interest will be read and interesting discussions are expected.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church to-morrow night Mrs. G. J. Burnett will sing a sacred song, entitled "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," which is one of Mr. Burnett's latest compositions.

The Mission band will hold undenominational services in the Spring Ridge Methodist Sunday school, corner of North Pembroke street and Belmont avenue, to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock. All welcome.

In connection with the opening of telephone communication between Victoria, Vancouver and way places on Thursday evening last, it should be stated that Mayor Barnard at the city hall, Victoria, conversed with Mayor McGuigan at Vancouver at 8 o'clock, offering congratulations appropriate to the occasion and declaring the new service open for commercial use. Subsequently a number of interested citizens assembled at the central office and fully tested the "talking" ability of the service.

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### MILITARY NEWS AND GOSSIP

Holiday season is fast approaching. Members of the Fifth Regiment, like all Victorians, will celebrate both Christmas and New Year. In order to give plenty of time for them to enjoy the festivities a regimental order declares all regular drills and classes postponed until the second week in January. The Times joins the many friends of the officers and men in wishing them "the compliments of the season."

When the routine drills re-commence, Lieut.-Col. Hall states there will be a change of programme. The company movements will be inaugurated, and he hopes that the corps will take on new life and activity. So far the interest displayed in class and other work has been somewhat disappointing, and officers look forward to a marked improvement both in attendance and application for membership during January. Needless to say they have the good wishes of all for the success of their endeavors to build up the strength of the militia.

Reports are current that the Fifth Regiment is not in as flourishing a condition as those interested desire. Many claim there has been a gradual decline in the progress of different branches of work introduced since the beginning of the winter months. They contend, for instance, that the gallery shooting is not being taken up with the expected enthusiasm, and that the gymnastic classes are not attended by as many as those responsible for their organization anticipated. The last retrograde movement, it is said, was the disorganization of the band. Those who are circulating these rumors point out, rightly, that this is a feature no local regiment should lack, as there is nothing that assists in attracting recruits to such an extent as a first class musical aggregation. In support of their argument they point out that since the court-martial of Bandmaster Finn there has been a very great addition to the strength of the militia.

Generally speaking these reports are without foundation, according to officers and others prominently identified with the regiment. They state that the corps is not fading off in strength, and is in as satisfactory a condition numerically, financially and in every other respect, as can be expected at this season. It is explained that the signal class was suspended because of the numerous other departments of military study which are attracting members. However, when the matter was considered at a recent meeting of the secretaries of the various company associations, it was agreed that the class would be introduced and carried on energetically next winter.

As regards the gallery shooting, Sergeant Major McDougall, who has charge, is making it a pronounced success. Between 12 and 15 attend regularly, and although it would be certainly more gratifying if these figures were doubled, this is thought highly satisfactory. Lectures on rifle shooting are being delivered by the instructor, and, altogether, those actively interested are deriving great benefit both in marksmanship and general knowledge.

It is true that the number of recruits is not large, but that, it is contended, can hardly be attributed directly to the disbanding of Finn's musical organization. Discussing the latter question, one of the officers said that the idea of reorganizing the band had by no means been dropped. A select committee, published in the Times several days ago, was making a thorough investigation of the matter, and would submit a full report at the next officers' meeting. It was their intention to ask the incoming city council for an appropriation to assist in the organization of a first class band. If this was secured the reorganization of local musicians would proceed forthwith. Should, however, the reply be unsatisfactory...

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**CHURCH OF OUR LORD.**  
Services at 11 and 7 p.m. with sermons by Rev. H. J. Wood. On Friday evening, followed by a short address from the rector at the usual hour. The music follows:  
Morning.  
Organ—Allegretto ..... Bellini  
Venite ad Psalm—As Set .....  
Te Deum—15th Evening ..... 1  
Hymns ..... 68, 331 and 332  
Organ—March ..... P. Tozer  
Evening.  
Organ—An Evening Song ..... A. Redhead  
Psalm—As Set .....  
Magnificat .....  
Nunc Dimittis ..... Garrett  
Hymns ..... 239, 305 and M. 356 and 29  
Organ—Postlude ..... W. Metcalf

**ST. JOHN'S.**  
Preachers: Morning, Rev. Percival Jenks; evening, Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard. The music follows:  
Matina.  
Organ—Prelude ..... Wely  
Venite ..... Rivey  
Te Deum ..... 2nd Set  
Jubilate ..... Hayes  
Hymn ..... 47  
Litanies ..... Barnby  
Hymns ..... 165 and 165  
Organ—March ..... Handel  
Evening.  
Organ—Cantilene ..... Gullinart  
Psalm ..... Cuthbert  
Magnificat .....  
Nunc Dimittis .....  
Duet .....  
Mrs. Jay and Miss Lugin.

**ST. MARK'S.**  
At 11 a.m. matins and sermon by the Bishop, and holy communion.  
**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.**  
Services: Holy communion, 8 a.m.; morning service and Hymn, 11 a.m.; children's service, 3.30 p.m.; evening service, 7 p.m. Preachers: morning, Canon Beaulieu; evening, the Bishop. The music set for the day follows:  
Morning.  
Voluntary—Elevation ..... St. Saens  
Venite ..... Rivey  
Psalm for 11th Evening, Cathedral Psalter  
Te Deum ..... Woodward  
Benedictus ..... Barnby  
Litanies .....  
Hymns ..... 50, 523 and 203  
Voluntary—March ..... Clark  
Evening.  
Voluntary—Postlude ..... Ch. Loud  
Processional Hymn ..... 215  
Psalm for 11th Evening, Cathedral Psalter  
Magnificat .....  
Nunc Dimittis .....  
Hymns ..... 282 and 223  
Vesper Hymn ..... M. S.  
Recessional Hymn ..... 274  
Voluntary—Tollite Hostias ..... St. Saens

**ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN.**  
Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Communion will be administered at the close of the morning service. The preacher for the day will be the Rev. W. Leslie Clay, B. A. Sunday school, 2.30. Bible class, 3. The musical arrangements are as follows:  
Morning.  
Voluntary—Andante in F ..... Smart  
Psalm ..... 23  
Hymns ..... 91, 93, 419 and 421  
Evening.  
Voluntary—Melodie Religieuse ..... Belsham  
Psalm ..... 97  
Antiphon—His Only Begotten Son ..... Belcher  
Soprano Solo, Miss Jennie Bishop.  
Hymns ..... 156 and 371  
Solo—Fear Ye Not, O Israel, Duddy Buck  
J. L. Gibson.  
Voluntary—Vesper March ..... Bonheur

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.**  
Rev. Dr. Campbell will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the morning service. In the evening the second of the series of lectures will be given, subject, "The Young Man at Home and Away From Home, and Rules of Conduct Which Insure Success." Junior Christian Endeavor Society meets at 10 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30 p.m. Musical selections follow:  
Morning.  
Hymns ..... 357 and 49  
Psalm ..... 116  
Hymns ..... 42 and 220  
Antiphon—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken ..... Emerson  
Evening.  
Hymns ..... 404, 550, 92 and 127  
Antiphon—I Will Bless the Lord ..... E. Moore

**METROPOLITAN METHODIST.**  
The pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Special service under the leadership of Gideon Hicks. Classes, 10 a.m. Sunday school and Bible classes, 2.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.  
**CENTENNIAL METHODIST.**  
Rev. J. P. Westman, the pastor, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject, "The Reception of Gifts"; evening, "Character Sketch, the Prospects." This is the third of the series. Sunday school and Bible class at 2.30. The public are invited.

**VICTORIA WEST METHODIST.**  
On Sunday the pastor, R. J. McIntyre, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject, "An Object Lesson," boys and girls specially invited; evening, "A Sermon to Men." Sunday school and Bible class in the afternoon at 2.30.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.**  
Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor, Rev. Hermon A. Carson, B. A., will occupy the pulpit at both services. The morning theme will be, "What Does Church Membership Mean?"; evening, "Can We Know God?" The Sunday school and Bible classes meet at 2.30 p.m. Y. P. S. C. E. Society at 8.15 p.m. Everybody will be made welcome at any or all of these services.

**CALVARY BAPTIST.**  
The pastor, Rev. J. F. Vichert, M. A., will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject, "Receiving the Holy Ghost"; evening, "Christ Crucified." Sunday school and Bible class, 2.30 p.m. B. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p.m. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m.

**PSYCHIC RESEARCH SOCIETY.**  
Under the auspices of the Psychic Research Society, Mrs. L. Nagel Foster will lecture at K. of P. hall on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock; subject, "The Signs of the Times." Delimitations after lecture.

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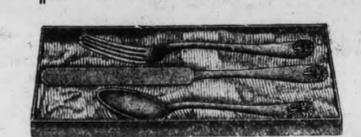
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On Thursday afternoon there was a very enjoyable competition amongst the lady members of the Golf Club. To give both good and poor players an equal chance Mr. Galletly conceived the idea of allowing each player to choose her own handicap, and the player whose score with the handicap off came the nearest to the score of Mr. Cronyn, who for the occasion acted as "umpire" of "Colonel Bogey," should be the winner.

Mr. Cronyn did the fourteen holes in 76, and the nearest to him were Mrs. A. T. Goward, 77, and Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Langley with 75 each; Miss Eva Loewen and Miss Alice Bell came next with 74 each. The first three will play off for choice of the first three prizes, and Misses Loewen and Bell will toss up for theirs. Miss Boswell, whose score was censured, won the consolation. The prizes, which were presented by Mr. Galletly, were a silver frame, a pair of letter scales, a gun metal stamp box, a travelling clock and a bronze candlestick.

By the rules of the competition the players had to tee off before 2 o'clock, so most of them had luncheon at the club house, and later in the afternoon the Misses Galletly served tea to the players and other friends. On behalf of the ladies Mrs. Martin, with a few appropriate remarks thanked Mr. Galletly for his kindness and generosity.

Amongst the players other than those already mentioned were Mesdames Jones, Holland, Burton, Laing, Lampman and Genge, and Misses Dolly Loewen, Mara, Todd, Musgrave, Drake, Norah Combe, Perry, Little, Langley, Cobbett, Keefer and Pooley.

Mr. T. W. Stirling, who was formerly an officer of His Majesty's navy, but is now a successful fruit grower of Kelowna, arrived in the city a few days ago, and will spend the winter here. Mr. Stirling is so pleased with Victoria as a place of residence that he has built a fine house on Belcher street, into which his family moved recently. Mr. Stirling in the provincial election contested Okanagan constituency against Mr. Price Ellison, M. P. P.

Miss Dorothy Green returned on Thursday from a three weeks' visit in Vancouver. While there she was the guest of Lady Tupper.

Miss Edith Davie will leave shortly for Arizona, where she will spend the winter with her sister.

Mr. Clarke Gamble, of Victoria, and now taking an engineering course at McGill University, Montreal, represented his college in the inter-collegiate sports in Toronto against Toronto University. He won the mile race, and was third in the half mile. It will be remembered that he was a member of the first South African contingent.

Mrs. Clive-Phillips Wolley, of Pier Island, was a visitor in town last week, the guest of Mrs. Geo. L. Courtney, of Scoresby street.

After the concert at the Victoria theatre Wednesday night Lieut. Foll, R. A., was the host at a recherche supper at the Badminton Club. Amongst the guests were Colonel and Mrs. Jones, Major and Mrs. Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Hood, Miss Vernon, Miss E. Loewen and Capt. Bland, R. E.

The above paragraph reminds me that next month Miss Vernon will bid adieu to her friends here and take up her abode in Halifax. She will go away as the wife of Capt. Bland, who is now staying with his old friends at Work Point barracks.

Mrs. W. J. H. Holmes, of Kaslo, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H.

## A NEW WAY TO FISH.

My son Julian furnishes me with this account of a curious manner of fishing which he saw in Jamaica:

"After spending even so short a time as one month in the tropics, one can readily understand the possibility of such a strange—to us—performance as that Mr. Charles Kellogg and I witnessed one night in Kingston harbor. We were idly lounging about the wharf of the United Fruit Company, waiting for the Admiral Sampson to take us back to Philadelphia, our cameras, with every plate exposed, having been stored away with our baggage. Otherwise we might have gotten some kind of a picture, even in the falling light, of the strange scene before us. Two negro fishermen had put out their net, as the great circle of buoys or floats indicated, and had stationed themselves at one side with their boat. All would be quiet for a few moments until suddenly with a great shouting, which was taken up by a crowd of coolies on shore, the two negroes would rap loudly with their paddles on the side of the boat. Instantly mullets would flash out of the green water, trying to jump boat and net. They jumped out of the

Waterlock, of James Bay. She is accompanied by her son.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers have returned from Vancouver, where Mr. Rogers was attending the Pull court as junior counsel in the Hopper vs. Dunmuir will case. They have taken a suite of rooms at Mrs. Stewart's 65 Belcher street, and will be there for the winter.

Mrs. Lamont with her young son is visiting her parents on Collinson street. Not long ago as Miss Edith Lamont, she used to delight Victoria audiences with her lovely voice, and her friends were glad to hear her again at Wednesday's concert.

Friday of last week Mrs. J. H. Todd and Miss May Todd entertained at their home on Johnson street. The chief amusement was dancing. Each of the guests endeavored to arrange his or her costume so as to represent the name of some book, and the idea in many instances was very cleverly carried out.

Some of the characters portrayed were easy to guess, while others were somewhat far fetched, and proved no end of a puzzle to the guessers. Amongst those present were Miss Evelyn Tilton as My Lady Nicotine, her costume being adorned with cigars, pipes and tobacco; Mr. Tom Pooley, Phantom Fortune; Mr. Toote, a Social Defeater; Mrs. R. F. Pooley (nee Miss Laura Loewen) as Hur; Miss Keefe, Kidnapped; Mr. Pemberton, as Nicholas Nickleby; Mr. Musket, the Three Musketeers (he had a picture of an ear on the lapel of his coat, and he brought a pair with him besides); Miss Alice Bell, with a rattle and baby's cup as Baby; Miss Hanington, the Lady in White; Miss Phyllis Eberts, Golden Butterfly; Mrs. Lampman, the Elise Subponnet; Mr. Bert Todd, Line Upon Line; Mr. Jack Rithet, We Two; Miss G. Loewen, Eventide; Mr. Gillespie, the White Rose; Mr. R. H. Pooley and Dr. Robertson, each as the Light that Failed; Miss Wigley, with pictures of notable men of all ages pinned to her dress, was one of the best. She was Hymns, Ancient and Modern. There were also there Misses Millie Green, Violet Pooley, Dupont and Mara, and Colonel Gregory, Messrs. Percy Keefer, M. Richardson, Cambie and Hanington. Dancing kept up till a late hour. The Todds will soon be leaving the old family residence on Johnson street, and will go to live on St. Charles street, where they are now having a new house built, and which, when completed, will be one of the largest and best in a city already well supplied with beautiful homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Cronyn, of Elford street, are about to leave for Vancouver. Mr. Cronyn is the accountant in the Bank of Montreal, and will occupy a similar position in Vancouver, which was formerly Mrs. Cronyn's home when she was Miss Mabel Philpot.

During the visit to the city last week of Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of Rossland, leader of the opposition in the local legislature, and of Messrs. D. Ross, M.P., and W. A. Gallier, M. P., Senator and Mrs. Templeman entertained at a dinner party at their home on St. James street. The company included the gentlemen mentioned together with a number of other visiting and local politicians.

Mr. Geo. Riley, M. P., and Mrs. Riley leave next week for the East, and will spend the holiday season at Buffalo, where Mrs. Riley's relatives (she is a sister of the late Speaker Balfour of the Ontario House) reside, and at St. Catharines. Mr. Riley's old home. They will remain East until after the close of the approaching session of the Federal House.

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water six feet or so from the boat, and would surely have cleared everything had it not been for a net which was hung on poles like a fence, and which invariably threw the mullets back into the bottom of the boat. This was repeated over and over until the catch numbered dozens, from two to six or seven being caught each time the pounding and shouting was resorted to.

"Certainly nothing could be done more characteristic of the tropics than such a performance, yet our friends at home have always called it a fish story. The mullets are a silver fish, about the size of herring, except they are rounder, being in shape like our chubs. They were great jumpers. When we drew a seine for alligators in the Salt Ponds at Port Henderson, the mullets jumped all over the net, in and out, just for the fun of it apparently. Great numbers of them were caught with dynamite by simply priming it and throwing it into the water, when the silly mullets at once dart up and swim round and round until the dynamite explodes and kills them all. At Port Henderson I threw stones from the dock when in the clear water I could see the mullets appear as if by magic, darting about the stone in a whirling circle. How such habit originated it is hard to imagine.

"At any rate it made a beautiful picture: the green water below flashing forth the silver fish, the old dug-out with its half-naked, muscular negroes, the coolies in their flowing robes of every color on shore, the cocoanuts of barbaric splendor rising against the Blue Mountains that in turn rose into the very clouds."—John Burroughs in Outing.

The political associates of the French Deputy, M. Syveton, who was assassinated by gas in his house on Thursday, assert that he was the victim of foul play with the purpose of suppressing his intended exposures of the army spy system. The assertions are not supported by any tangible evidence.

The authorities of Knox College, Toronto, have arranged with Rev. Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe, of the Anglican College, to take up the lectures of the late Principal Caven on Hebrew exegesis. The appointment is regarded as a remarkable one.

## SPORTING ITEMS.

**ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.**  
GARRISON vs. VICTORIA.  
A match is taking place this afternoon between the Garrison and Victoria teams at Work Point. The standing of the opposing clubs in the league is so even that the result of this game is most important. P. O. Baker is acting as referee.

**INTERMEDIATE GAME.**  
An intermediate match is being played by the Victoria Intermediate and H. M. S. Egeria teams this afternoon at Beacon Hill. The game commenced at 3 o'clock. The local eleven arranged this match to get in trim for the first league contest to take place on the 17th inst. with Victoria West.

**FRIENDLY MATCH.**  
At Oak Bay this afternoon H. M. S. Bonaventure and Victoria West eleven are trying conclusions. The match started at 2:30 o'clock, and the whistle is in the capable hands of Sergeant Derbyshire.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE CONTEST.**  
A junior league match is being played by the Capital and High school teams this afternoon at Beacon Hill. The kick-off took place at 1:30 o'clock and W. Hanbury is acting as referee.

**SOUTH PARK WON.**  
On Friday afternoon a game was played between Central school and Miss Simpson's division of South Park. The latter won by the score of 1 to 0. The teams now stand as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost
South Park	2	2	0
Spring Ridge	1	0	1
Central	1	0	1

**RUGBY FOOTBALL.**  
PRACTICING TO-DAY.

Local seniors and intermediates are practicing this afternoon at Beacon Hill. A game between two selected teams commenced at 2:30. The first fifteen is training for the game scheduled to be played with Vancouver on the 17th inst at the Terminal City.

**GAME DECLARED OFF.**  
The junior league match between the Central and Collegiate school teams has been declared off by the committee of management. It was to have taken place this morning. Owing to a number of unfortunate misunderstandings it has been decided that an entirely new schedule is necessary.

**RESULTED IN DRAW.**  
A game was played between teams from the second reader of Central and fourth reader division of South Park school yesterday afternoon. It resulted in a draw, neither team scoring.

**HANDBALL.**  
J. B. A. A. TOURNEY.

Two first-class matches were played last evening at the gymnasium of the James Bay Athletic Association. There was a large attendance. In the first game S. Jost and J. Finlayson tried conclusions with C. B. Kennedy and W. T. Andrews. The former were victorious by a score of 21-7, 21-10. F. Smith and J. Sutherland met R. Peden and K. Hughes. After one of the most exciting struggles of the series the latter succeeded in winning out by a score of 21-20, 21-20. J. Haster acted as referee. G. Work as scorer and B. C. Pettinell linesman.

A match is announced for to-night between Smith and Sutherland and Jones and Jesse, and another is expected to take place between Smith and Leeming and Peden and Hughes.

**HOCKEY.**  
This afternoon a match is in progress between the Victoria Ladies and the High school girls' eleven at Oak Bay. Play commenced at 3 o'clock. The match was arranged to give the ladies' team some training before their game with Vancouver next Saturday.

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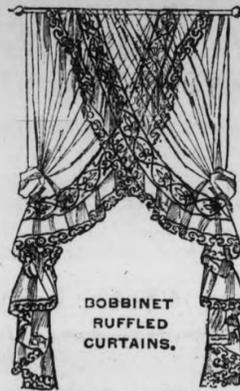
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The Marine School will re-open on the 5th December, 1904, in the room adjoining the Office of the Agent of Marine and Fisheries. Full information will be given to any person desirous of attending the course of lectures, which are given free of all expense, on calling at the Office of Marine and Fisheries, Wharf street, Victoria.

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**FERNIE NEWS.**  
Coal-Company Leases C. P. R. Branch  
—Output of Mines.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company will take over the C. P. R. branch to Coal Creek on about December 15th. Arrangements have been made to have the transfer effected as soon as the connection with the M. F. & M. is made and this the contractors say will be done by that date. As a lease was announced some time ago it is for ten years with the option of renewing for a similar term at its expiration. The work on the Great Northern is progressing rapidly. The bridge over the Elk is practically completed as is the trestle work connecting it with the grade on this side of the river. The work of track-laying in the yards will not require much time.

The coal output at the three collieries of Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company for the month of November was as follows: Coal Creek, 44,867 tons; Michel, 22,253 tons; Carbonado, 7,449 tons; total, 74,569 tons. The October output was 70,153 tons. The November total was only one exceeded, in January, 1904, when 78,100 tons were mined. The last month establishes a notable record for the Coal Creek colliery, the output being several thousand tons over the previous monthly record. During November 390 ovens at Fernie made 11,950 tons of coke, while at Michel, 245 ovens made 9,137 tons. Owing to shortage of C. P. R. cars, the above ovens were not charged to their full capacity.

The new provincial jail building was completed last week. Chief McMullin has taken up his quarters in the large new office at the front of the building. Another small office at the rear of the larger one will be used for office purposes. The offices in the old provincial building are now occupied by city authorities. Chief Warren has the room vacated by Mr. McMullin and the city clerk's office is in the large central room. The room thus vacated in the fire hall will be occupied by the firemen.

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LARGELY ATTENDED

Lt.-Col. Hall Delivered Interesting  
Address on Fifth Regiment at the  
A. O. U. W. Hall.

A. O. U. W. hall was crowded to the doors last evening on the occasion of the smoker given under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment. To those responsible for the preparations are due the thanks of all attending, for nothing conducive to their enjoyment was omitted. The delicacies provided having been done full justice, a lengthy and varied programme was carried through. During the evening Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, gave a brief address, in which he made statements of some importance as to the progress made in the past few years, the recent disorganization of the band and the efforts to be made to strengthen the local militia in every respect.

There was, of course, plenty of cigars and tobacco distributed, and shortly after the opening of the proceedings those present settled down to a full enjoyment of "the weed" and the entertainment. A number of comic songs by Private Soutar, R. M. A., were received enthusiastically. Sergeant Askey, R. E., gave several vocal selections, being repeatedly cheered. However the features of the evening were the songs and clever character sketches of the Pierrots. More amusement was caused by the singing of "Sammy" by Pierrette than anything else. Although she gave the song in her own inimitable style, it was the expression of amazed perplexity that gathered on the face of the modest person selected as the object of her special devotion—Lieut.-Colonel Hall. Everyone was "on top" of the joke except the one principally concerned, and the roars of laughter showed that the situation was appreciated. Pierrot's imitations of an army officer and a swell volunteer officer were excellent and created much amusement. Performances by members of different local theatrical companies concluded the programme.

Lt.-Col. Hall was then called upon for an address. He remarked that it was just two years since he had taken command, and, continuing, said: "As we are together this evening in a social capacity, and as the programme committee insist on my taking up some of your time, it might be a good idea to think over what we have gained or lost during my regime.

"I do not hesitate to say that since I have been in the regiment, we have not had a body of officers who could compare with our present in respect either to their knowledge, their keenness for work, and, in fact, in every respect. We have a body of officers, all capable business men, who would be a credit to any corps, and all of them loyally doing their duty to the best of their ability.

"Compared with two years ago, a great improvement has taken place. The principle has been established that a man

must obtain a certain standard of efficiency before he can have a stripe. The way in which the instructional classes are conducted, the way in which a few men in the regiment who want stripes and who want to learn something more of the work than mere drill.

"Some little time ago I heard of a man who refused to join the regiment because he could not get a promotion unless he attended the course of instruction and passed an examination. We have greatly increased in strength, and this in spite of the fact that we are much more particular as to the medical examination of recruits than two years ago. This year, as you know, we are not enlisting men until they have attended a sufficient number of drills to show that they would make good members. Some few who joined last year shirked the recruit class and altogether gave a lot of trouble to their officers. Some of that trouble will be avoided this year.

"Another test is our big gun practice. Well, our work in that respect a few hours drill, would reflect credit on any corps. I am sure in this the sergeants of the Royal Artillery, who are with us tonight, will bear me out. Our shooting was the record for the regiment, and will be hard to beat.

"A third test is the amount of rifle ammunition we have expended on our range. For the last three years the figures have been roughly 37,000, 45,000 and 52,000 rounds—very nearly 50 per cent. increase. I am not satisfied with the rifle shooting, and I suppose I never shall be, but we are not standing still. To-day we have gallery rifle practice in the drill hall. We have efficiency pay of \$6 per man as an inducement. We have our annual celebration of Paardeberg day. All these are recent changes or improvements, and we have to a great extent revived the competitions in various sports and games which have practically died out. We have a bugle band, so efficient and smart that Major-General Sir C. Parsons told me to especially commend them.

"That is what we have on the gain side of the balance sheet. The loss side is one item—the band. I don't know if it is lost, or we have merely temporarily drifted apart, or if it has lost the regiment. There has been a good deal to much talk about the band, and I have been told that my action in reference to it will kill the regiment. I have even heard I shall be forced to resign in consequence.

"Well, we are still in existence, fairly alive and active. If we are going to die out because of the trouble in the band is in your hands to prove. If we are going to have a band or not the future only will show. I sincerely trust the city will favorably consider the idea of treating the regiment as well as the city of Vancouver treats the 6th Rifles on the band question. But if we do have a band I think we must be very careful to see that the band not only consists of British subjects, but is British and regimental in its instincts and wishes. Our band must feel that it is a credit to the militia men, to be part of the good old regiment, and not have any kind of a notion that the rest of the regiment is an institution to be milked for their benefit.

"It is my duty as commanding officer to see that the various regulations of the militia are carried out. I am not going to connive at the wilful breaking of these regulations. When I find that there is an intention to break regulations, I think most of the members of the regiment know that the soldierly feeling in me is sufficiently strong to have no doubts that I shall do what is right, with absolute indifference to the

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consequences. I should not be worthy of my commission and of your respect under any other conditions.

One other matter I wish on behalf of the whole regiment to express our great pleasure at the fact that so many of our comrades from the regulars have come to join us to-night. There is always a rivalry between militia and regulars, but in our case I am proud to say it is a friendly rivalry. We greatly value the many kindnesses in the way of help which we are continually receiving from the barracks, and only regret that we cannot show our appreciation in a more decisive manner.

The entertainment closed with the singing of "God Save the King."

### LOCAL NEWS

J. L. Gibson will sing the solo entitled "Fear Ye Not, O Israel," by Dudley Buck, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at to-morrow evening's service.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Latham, of No. 40—Seventh street, mourn the loss of their infant son, who died yesterday morning. The funeral takes place Sunday at 2 p.m. Rev. Mr. Westman will officiate.

—Last night at the Pioneer banquet given in the Driford, Mayor Barnard, in the course of his response to the toast, "The Maror and Council," proposed by Richard Hall, M. P. P., announced that he would be a candidate for re-election as chief magistrate in January.

—The social at the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday evening next is in charge of the Ladies' Auxiliary of that institution. There will be a mixed programme of vocal and instrumental music and readings, and at the close refreshments will be served. The entertainment is free, and everybody is cordially invited.

The Indian Tom, who is suspected of having murdered an Indian woman of the Nawitti tribe at the northern end of Vancouver Island last September, has been arrested by Provincial Constable Wolcott and taken to Alert Bay. He will be tried at Vancouver. The story of the murder has already been published in the Times.

—Twelve members of the High school cadet corps held rifle shooting practice this morning over the gallery range at the drill hall. The following scores were made: The possible 225: Watters, 22; S. P. Macrae, 20; B. Robson, 20; H. Burgess, 19; H. Angus, 18; Thomas 18; Prevost, 17; Sears, 17; R. Robertson, 17; Spencer, 15.

—Referring to the growth of the halibut fishing business in the north, the Seattle Times says: "The halibut fishing industry is carried on exclusively in Southeastern Alaska in the winter months, and already about 15 fishing schooners have left port to join the fleet about Juneau and Wrangell. In all there are probably 50 small boats fishing for halibut at the present time. In the summer months a large number of the schooners make their headquarters about Cape Flattery. When the weather is good they venture as far as 40 miles off the cape."

—Rev. A. M. Sanford, B. A., pastor of Wallace street Methodist Church, Nanaimo, will conduct the services at the missionary anniversary at Strawberry Vale, South Saanich and North Saanich to-morrow. The income of the society reached the sum of \$33,828 last year, being an increase of \$13,844 over the previous year. The work extends from Newfoundland in the East to the Pacific in the West. The foreign work is chiefly confined to China and Japan. The agents of the society have been greatly cheered and encouraged in the work by the growth of the missionary spirit and the increased income. Rev. Mr. Sanford will speak on behalf of the society, and the offerings will be devoted to the missionary work of the church.

—On Tuesday and Wednesday, the 13th and 14th of December, the ladies of the Church of Our Lord (Reformed Episcopal) will hold their annual bazaar at the A. O. U. W. hall, when they will offer for sale a number of pretty as well as useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts, and to be within the means of all. Afternoon tea will be dispensed on both days, but on Wednesday the public will be glad to learn that from 12 to 2 a most appetizing lunch will be served as only the ladies of the Reformed church know how to provide. A splendid entertainment has been arranged for both nights, and all those who were not fortunate enough to see the "Vision of Fair Women" will have an opportunity to see a very good thing. The meeting of the Lady of the 20th Century and the 19th Century is alone worth the price of admission.

—Three performances this evening, beginning at 7.30, will afford the last opportunity of witnessing the highest class vaudeville bill ever offered here at popular prices, or indeed anywhere else. The policy of giving the best talent obtainable, and lots of it, has made this popular house a success, and Manager Jamieson proposes to leave no stone unturned in his efforts to maintain for the Grand the reputation it enjoys. This will be fully exemplified in his offering for the coming week, which is advised as being even stronger than the present bill. Miss Katherine George is a contortionist and exponent of exaggerated physical culture, whose equal has not been seen here. Fry and Allen have a comedy sketch that will make a hit. The juggler Burkes are expert hoop rollers and club jugglers. Miss Marion G., violinist, is an artist of rare ability, who is the recipient of numerous orders at every performance. J. O. Wise is described as giving an ambidextrous chess talk and Walsh and Ligon will possibly be the feature of the show in a comedy musical sketch entitled "The Burglar and the Sonnette." Mr. Roberts will sing "The Fatal Rose of Red," and the moving pictures deal with "The Moonshiners," being an unusually long and excellent film.

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—A practice of the Victoria Intermediate Association football team will be held to-morrow morning at Oak Bay.

—The 30th annual banquet of the Sons of England will be held on Monday evening next at the Royal hotel. An energetic committee has charge of the preparations, and a good time is assured all who attend.

—Rev. John Antle has secured \$500 in subscriptions in Victoria toward the missionary boat for visiting the Northern lumber camps, and intends to canvass Vancouver with a view to raising the necessary balance.

—Kang Yu Wek, the noted Chinese reformer, will be leaving for Vancouver next week. He is still at the Driford, and of late has had his time pretty well occupied in receiving visitors and looking after correspondence.

—A good match is promised for to-night's round in the Driford billiard tournament, the competitors being F. Sargison and J. Anderson. These games are largely attended, and productive of the greatest excitement.

—The council of the board of trade will meet on Monday morning at 11 o'clock for the purpose of going into the question of the halibut fisheries. Some of the fishermen affected are expected to attend and give the council definite information on the subject.

—The Dominion Express Company's office has just passed through the hands of the carpenters and painters, and now presents a handsome appearance. Agent McKenzie has had the counter space enlarged, which is most convenient to their patrons. A new and up-to-date arc light has been added to the lighting facilities, and this, with the new wall paper and gliding effects, makes the Dominion express office the finest of its kind in the city.

### PERSONAL.

E. J. Bittancourt left last evening by the Unatilla for California, where he will spend the winter months. Mr. Bittancourt intends to go as far as Los Angeles.

J. S. Gibb, manager of the Imperial Bank, will leave to-night for the East. He will be away a month or five weeks.

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A Bellingham, Wash., dispatch says: "H. St. John Dix, convicted bank-wrecker, sentenced to serve ten years in the penitentiary, reached Bellingham a pardoned man on Thursday night. He had served less than seven months in jail. Through unceasing efforts his wife secured a pardon from Gov. McBride."

James Hollander, a commercial traveler of New York, was found dead in a room at a small hotel in Chicago on Friday. It is supposed that he committed suicide with a revolver.

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MENTION TIMES OFFER.

VICTORIA, B. C., SATURDAY DECEMBER 10, 1904.

GENERAL STOESSEL, HERO OF PORT ARTHUR.

Thirty-nine years ago two young Russian military students left the Army Academy of Pavloff on the same day after passing their final examination.

tion in the war against Napoleon's Grand Army. He fought at Borodino at the head of one of the regiments of the Imperial Guard.

for war. They work like little navvies in sand and clay and gravel, building bastions and making embrasures and barbettes.

mand of a rifle brigade stationed along the line of the Amur. Removed for a time to Western Siberia, he was elevated to the rank of general in 1899.



GENERAL STOESSEL, Who Declared That Port Arthur Would be His Grave.



ADMIRAL ROSJSTVENSKY, Commander of the Baltic Fleet, Who Fired on Defenceless Fishermen.

HERO AND POLTROON.

a most exciting siege which cost thousands of Russian lives, his brave defender, Osman Pasha, was regarded by Europe as the lion of the hour.

Anatole accordingly was born at Peterhof in 1848, and thus the defender of Port Arthur is now 56 years of age.

the two in 1866 entered active service the former joined the Rostovsk Regiment of Infantry, while the latter speedily departed for Asia, where he became one of "Skobelev's men."

pregnable. Few commanders have ever been better qualified than Stoessel for his arduous post. His splendid early military education included the study of engineering, chemistry, fortification and military medicine.

A Son of the Barracks. Stoessel comes of a very old military stock. In Russia the church is quite a social caste, the vast majority of parishes being administered by priests inheriting them from their fathers.

Readers who are familiar with Prince Kropotkin's "Memoirs of a Revolutionary" will remember the fascinating pages which describe the life of a young Russian military cadet.

Stoessel was for ten years stationed at Moscow with his regiment of the line. His first experience in the field of war was gained on the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Turkey in 1876.

Stoessel's household is small. Miss Vera Stoessel, married to the general in 1875, is with her husband at Port Arthur, where she has devotedly superintended the attentions of the nurses to the wounded.

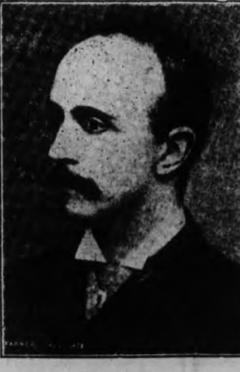
Canada's New Governor-General

His Appointment Hailed With Satisfaction at Home and Abroad. Recognized as an Ideal Type of the Younger Generation—Possesses the Head of a Mature Man and the Heart of a Boy—Liberal in Church Matters as Well as in State Affairs—His Interesting Career.

The appointment of Lord Grey to succeed his brother-in-law, Lord Minto, as Governor-General of Canada, has been hailed with general satisfaction both at home and abroad.

for the rescue of oppressed damsels or for the vanquishing of giants and dragons whose brood still infest the land. There is a generous abandon, a free and daring, almost reckless, spirit of enthusiasm about him.

bral activity. A man more mentally alert and more physically active it would be difficult to find in a day's march. He turns up everywhere, whenever any good work is to be done at home or abroad, and seems to find time for every kind of social and political effort.



EARL GREY, New Governor-General of Canada

his own heart, full of passionate enthusiasm for the empire, and keen to do his part in the revival of the old Elizabethan traditions of adventure and romance. He became one of the founders of the Chartered company and was thereby committed to a close connection with the destinies of central South Africa.



COUNTESS GREY, Wife of the new Governor-General.

shadowed by the colossal personality of Cecil Rhodes. He had a divided allegiance. He was the representative of the crown, as well as a founder and leading spirit of the Chartered company.

Peace Rescript. Lord Grey threw himself heartily into the popular agitation, which secured the meeting of The Hague conference. As lieutenant of Northumberland, he presided over the peace meeting in Newcastle town hall at the beginning of 1890.

Little Ways at Westminster.

DR. MACNAMARA, M. P., IN PALL MALL GAZETTE.

There is a subtle something about the atmosphere of the rooming of Commons which produces curious results in the most unlooked-for places. For instance, A. B. is a young fellow who prides himself on his absence of side.

listening to what he says at all." C. D. (resuming, and pulling down his waistcoat in obvious irritation): "The honorable gentleman is pleased to add insult to injury. But I am probably to blame myself for being led away from the thread of my—er—discourse by unseasonably, and I even venture to think rude, interruptions. But as I was saying, Mr. Lowther: Take a small professional man with an income of £250 a year. And, despite the incredulous laugh of the honorable gentleman opposite, I will go so far as to say that there are many men of my own acquaintance who are in receipt of the figure I name.

Again, there is my esteemed friend, C. D. (cut, alert, acute and ready, C. D. prides himself on getting straight at the heart of things. A few heard him pour himself out in a stream of words, and in the meantime, to think of him as a mere man-like ourselves is no longer possible. His every movement convincingly emphasises the contrary. A curious metamorphosis.

What brings me to another of Westminster's little ways—the eager avidity with which the simplest little joke is relished. Parliament laughs on the flimsiest provocation. You will see something like this in the papers: Dr. Macnamara may ask the Prime Minister whether he will give a day for the discussion of the scheme of army reform?"

Record in Rhodesia. The task which Lord Grey attempted as administrator of Rhodesia in 1896-7—years of native war and of profound political unrest—did not afford him much experience likely to be helpful to him as Governor-General of the Dominion. The Rhodesians, a handful of white men, were fighting for their lives against overwhelming numbers of savage Matabele. Lord Grey was a novice in South African affairs, and he was necessarily over-

But, apart from the Faculty of Elaboration, which is Westminster's most striking characteristic, there is another feature worth noting. It is the extent to which not only the method of the law courts (of course parliament is the greatest of all the law courts), but the language of the lawyers permeates its discussions. Before they have been long in parliament mere laymen, like myself, find themselves talking quite glibly about "amendments of form" and "amendments of substance." They "take your point," and explain that, "as they are advised" or "instructed"—the facts of the case are as follow. I even remember an honorable and learned member winding up a long speech on a sultry night when the chamber was nearly empty and when those who remained in it were all, save one, asleep, with, "That your lordship is my case!" I remember another sim-

lar occasion when an honorable and learned colleague finished with: "This, Mr. Speaker, is the case for the defendants." I live in the hopes of hearing the Scotch secretary reply to a proposed amendment that he will "take it to a visendum." But he hasn't done so yet. Yet another of Westminster's little ways—the science and art of getting in first. Suppose it is the committee stage of some government bill. Immediately the second reading is over there is a rush of opposition members to the table to hand in amendments. And he wins who gets there first. Because many of the amendments will be duplicates, and the man who gets in the first of the number will be the happy mover. But victory in this mere physical scramble is really nothing. There is something far more subtle than this. I will explain. Suppose the first clause of the bill to which the second reading has been just given is as follows:

1. Every county council shall appoint a committee for the purposes of this act.

Now, assume that the opposition members for Wales don't want these committees appointed in Wales. A dozen Welshmen will each put in an amendment to insert after the word "act" the words: "But this provision shall not apply to Wales." But please note that this will not be reached until the close of the clause. So one, more alert than the others, will put in an amendment to insert after the word "shall" the words: "except in the cases of the county councils for Wales." If this amendment is debated, the one who proposes the word "act" will get in first. But still earlier yet is the inevitable amendment to omit the words "every county council shall," and insert therein the words "except in the cases of the county councils for Wales, every county council shall." This, I think, would be the first possible. The authors of all the others may, as it is put colloquially, have got up very early in the morning to get in first; but the author of the last stayed up all night. And success at Westminster, to continue to utilize the illustration, depends to a large extent upon the difference between getting up early in the morning and staying up all night.

Another of Westminster's little ways is the reverence which is ostentatiously done to the hat. Of course, the regimental hat for Westminster is the silk hat, though convention has been rudely broken of recent years. And, as it is known, there is a special way of wearing it. You may perch it over the right ear, on what the artilleryman calls his "fly-wheel." This is the style to be adopted when waiting to "catch the Speaker's eye," or in the outer lobby, when called out by constituents. You may tilt it well back over the head. This is the off-duty style. It is to be recommended when discussing bridge problems or golf courses in the inner lobby. If adopted in the chamber, it is usually associated with "Laughter" and "Oh! oh!" Finally, after the close of the hat worn well down over the eyes, the brim nearly touching the bridge of the nose. This is the severe style. It is associated with knitted eyebrows, and indicates grave disapproval of a ministerial answer. It bodes ill for the government when quite a lot of the opposition members are seen with hats thus drawn over the eyes, stern-visaged, and fobbed of the arms. How parliament would go on without the silk hat I don't know. It is the keystone of the arch of the British constitution. Every time your name is mentioned in debate by the behaviorist speakers you have to raise it. You have to raise it as you are "counted" on passing through the division lobby. In the chamber you have to sit down with it on and stand up with it off. If you wish to address the chair on a point of order, or if the speaker has been put, you cannot do so unless you remain seated and with hat on. If there is no hat, there can be no speech. And should you, by any chance, sit down on your own hat—or anybody else's, for that matter, at the close of a speech, great is the rejoicing effected by the grave Mother of Parliaments' Dissolves. Indeed, I seriously think that half the House would go in real danger of apoplexy if the great Westminster hat trick should, by any chance, be performed twice in one night.

What brings me to another of Westminster's little ways—the eager avidity with which the simplest little joke is relished. Parliament laughs on the flimsiest provocation. You will see something like this in the papers: Dr. Macnamara may ask the Prime Minister whether he will give a day for the discussion of the scheme of army reform?" Mr. Balfour: "The honorable gentleman may ask." (Ministerial laughter.) Dr. Macnamara: "Then I will ask." (Opposition laughter.) Mr. Balfour: "I already gathered that the honorable member had asked." (Loud laughter.) I suppose there is something subtly funny about this. But I don't ask the man outside Westminster Palace to see it. Meanwhile, the laughter of the House, absurdly and easily provoked as it unquestionably is, has an excellent justification. So atrociously long are the hours; so exacting is the work inside the chamber; so abnormally dull and drab are many of the topics thrashed out, that the parliamentarian—blessed though he may be in many respects—will break out into laughter in the most childlike way, and upon the slightest provocation. Long may he continue to do so.

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Who would be my first? I kept repeating, as I frequently glanced at my watch. Would it be some grand old warrior of antiquity, some veteran of Troy or Carthage, a hero of the sea, an arrow and javelin, or the extraordinary force of a later epoch? Would it be a master mind of literature, a prince of the realm philosophy, a luminary in the illustrious universe of science, or a man who made an empire? Perhaps it would be one through whose veins coursed the blood of a thousand years of royalty or perchance one who, by the irresistible force of genius, mounted to the throne of a king. Or—soft—it might be some lofty dame who dwells in the pantheon of fame, some Dido, Cleopatra, Zenobia or Medea. Great Scott! what if it should be one of those star-eyed visionaries, captains of the air, who think of me who lack that splendor of habilitation and that courtly grace which distinguished the princely cavaliers of the golden age of chivalry? Hang that old Charon, he—

Something impelled me to glance towards the door, and, as expected, as I was, I felt a sudden shock. My eyes were riveted to the spot on which they first fell upon the form of old Charon, the week before. He had come at last, my speckly visitor, the vanguard of the noble bunch with whom I, an impetuous scold of the year 1904, A. D., was to hold converse, and I knew him. I was familiar with that remarkable figure which stood just inside the door, motionless, like some majestic monument fashioned in the Temple of Karnak, as if I lived in the age of his triumphs. Could I forget that famous bespectacled, post-chance of song and story that noble forehead adorned by a vibrant lock of hair, those unflinching luminous grey eyes, that patrician nose, inflexible, determined mouth, and the unconquerable jaw? No student of history, no lover of literature, no hero worshipper, could fail to recognize the extraordinary countenance that looked down upon Time with the scornful strength of a Gibraltar. Nor could he not recall the striking attitude which has formed the study of many a masterpiece of the canvas and marble. One hand was thrown carelessly inside the lapel of his great coat, which reached below his knees while in the other, hanging loosely at his side, was a map—an asbestos map. Oh, yes, I knew him. It was the man of Ansterlitz and Jean, of Wagram and

I got my hands on him. What think you, would Duce, Junot or Berthier say? Why, they would say that the ninety-ninth virginal rose is too good for those who ascribe the greatness of the man of Ansterlitz, Ligny, Friedland, Marengo, and, and—parabola, I forgive them all, and, and—

"What do you suggest, madly, as I stood behind my chair. I had begun to feel nettled at the little corporal's manner.

"As I uttered that fearful word 'Waterloo,' there fell a silence that alarmed me. The Emperor stopped his walk and stood as if turned to granite; I could see fire dancing all through him and two sparks glancing in his eyes like the deadly gleams with which the cobra fascinates its victim. Have you ever seen a great man angry? No? Then envy me, who shrink in the power of the highest man that ever lived. For five and four twenty-fifths of a second he stood like a thunderbolt about to launch forth, and then with a mighty effort he calmed himself and spoke, but in a tone that brought tears to my eyes.

"Waterloo, Waterloo," he repeated, wistfully. "Waterloo—why, what was it? Why do you mention it to Napoleon? We know all about it down in Elysium. Everybody knows that I would have won the battle had I not lost it. Had Wellington—he's a prince and serves the first wine in the whole country, down to the lowest of the highest—let me tell you, Waterloo—he would have lost it. Ah, you small-minded scribe, I see you at last understand it. Now tell the world, from Napoleon's own lips, why he did not win Waterloo. Say it was because he lost it."

"I understand, Your Majesty, I understand," I said, with much relief. "I never understood it before. My teaching was at fault. Do you know, I was always taught to believe that you were beaten?"

"Beaten? Never!" he exclaimed, emphatically. "I met with a reverse, but was not beaten. Beaten? Pooh! The Emperor, evidently considered this sufficient, for he resumed his rapid pacing, his hands behind his back and apparently sunk deep in morose abstraction. Taking advantage of this I stole from behind my chair and received my suit. The Emperor did not utter a syllable for several minutes, and then, wheeling around, he addressed me as follows:

"Young man, you were never great and probably never will be. Therefore you will not suffer the immonition and humiliation of being caricatured by lying, shallow-brained fictionists and historians, and shallow-pate actors and actresses. With me it is different. I was always great, even in my little birthplace, Ajaccio. I remember that one of Marmont's most gallant brigades was driven from the field at Salamanca by a band of Highland pipers. Oh, those Scotsmen, how terrifying they must have been to my poor children, my noble hearted legions! Water, water? you say. I know nothing about water. Build a reservoir. They have 'em across the river—full of water. Ha! ha! hard-headed Englishman, that's a joke."

"Your Majesty is disposed to be gay," I interposed, sociably.

"Pardieu, and why not?" he retorted. "I am going to Manzanara to try my hand at the old game. Ah, but things will hum when I get there. See this paper, you will find it a most interesting document about which I had considerable curiosity. This is my plan of campaign. Those Japs, those Russians, have much to learn from Napoleon the Grand. But you shall hear of me, you shall hear my boy. Should Port Arthur fall, my troops will surround it, and my back will be to the sea. I shall be back at me with a right hook and a left jab which blackened my eyes, removed three of my teeth and jarred my nose. I ran into the house, told my father, and what was the result? A quarrel with a young man and was sent to bed without his supper, which I ate in addition to my own."

"Your Majesty," I broke in enthusiastically, unable to repress my admiration, "you don't mean to say that you picked a quarrel with Napoleon, allowed him to kick you so that he would be thrashed and sent to bed, leaving you his Thanksgiving turkey?"

"Exactly," he replied, with a gleam of satisfaction. "That was my first great tactical success, and thenceforth I determined to become a soldier and an Emperor."

"Such men are born, not made," I murmured, obviously. The Emperor, however, paid no attention to my remark. He was thinking of the glory of the past.

"No, it was not at Brienne that I first showed it, not at Brienne," he insisted; "and yet," he continued quickly, "I remember directing a ball, pitched hard in the snow there. I recall leading my brave comrades, thirty strong, against ten of the largest boys in the school next to ourselves. Ah, how they fought, those boys, but we were victorious. I remember putting sharp stones in my snowballs, and it seemed to mangle the enemy. Wasn't that clever, eh, simple-minded ink-slinger?"

"Marvelous, Your Majesty, marvelous," I replied with fervor. "No wonder the small boy at Brienne became a world shaker."

"It was said that Wellington and I met at Paris years before he was an ah, francs in Belgium, but it was not so, I now nail another lie. He called upon me at the capital with a numerous suite, consisting of the King of Prussia, Czar Alexander, Marshal Blicher and his armies—that was in 1814—but I was not at home. I was dining at Elysee. No, the Duke and I met, but once the Waterloo you English are always talking about—ah! I went to St. Helena; that's all there is to it; understand?"

"Perfectly, Your Majesty," I returned, "but I have heard it said that Blicher went after you with a knife, I mean a sword, and that he nearly had you in Paris. In fact, I read somewhere that he entered one door of a carriage as you passed through the outer."

"This false, that's a Dutch leaf," the enraged Emperor fairly shouted. "What need! What need! That gony old dotard chasing me, Napoleon the Great, through a carriage? Preposterous! Waterloo! Waterloo! Ah, how you shopkeepers and historians love a falsehood to snuggle my great name with. I tell you I wasn't in Paris when Blicher called. It was all a mistake. My physician warned me to avoid the frightful weather of the capital for this season. So I went to Elba. I, the Emperor, needed rest; I wanted to fish; to hunt; to play with my children; to rest. Blicher chased me. Sacre bleu!"

"Well, to proceed, Sire, did you make use of the expression after you had crossed the Alps. Hannibal crossed the Alps but I have turned them?"

"No, I mean no!" he exclaimed, vehemently. "That infernal falsehood has caused a colossal business. Hannibal crossed the Alps '61, when he first read it in an English reader. What I did say was 'Soldiers, behold Your Emperor. Han-



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### THE SALE OF "THE STANDARD"

The announcement of the purchase of the London Standard by Mr. G. A. Pearson, of the Daily Express, Pearson's Weekly and a host of other papers (which was briefly referred to in the tables a few days ago) has caused no end of talk in England. Despite Mr. Pearson's statement that he contemplates no change in the policy of the Standard, and that the transfer has nothing to do with the tariff reform movement, in which Mr. Pearson is Mr. Chamberlain's right-hand man, there are few people who believe that the change of proprietorship will not affect the policy of the old-established paper. It is impossible to expect that under its new proprietor, the Standard will maintain the bold and independent line which it has hitherto pursued on the fiscal question. The policy of the paper on general questions may remain unaltered, while it will almost necessarily remain Conservative, but there can be no doubt that with Mr. Pearson as the controlling authority, it will become a supporter of Mr. Chamberlain's policy. The Standard has commanded the respect of all political parties. It was written with great ability. It was never a slavish supporter of the government, and it criticized the leaders of its own party with freedom and independence. It was always fair to its opponents. It had, for some years been under the editorship of Mr. Byron Curtis. It was mainly owing to his determination that the Standard should be the cause of free trade, and if any attempt is made to change the policy of the paper on the fiscal question, Mr. Curtis will no longer be responsible for its conduct.

The Standard, when it was first published, was an offshoot from the Morning Herald. It was purchased by the late proprietor, Mr. Johnston, in the early sixties, when it was comparatively insignificant in circulation and influence. It gradually grew in circulation and influence. It swallowed up its high-pitched fellow, the Morning Herald, and before 1870 it had become a paper of great influence and power. It was for a time the leading, and in fact, the only organ of the Tory party in the morning press. When the Tory party was in power, it was the organ of the Tory party. It was always fair to its opponents. It had, for some years been under the editorship of Mr. Byron Curtis. It was mainly owing to his determination that the Standard should be the cause of free trade, and if any attempt is made to change the policy of the paper on the fiscal question, Mr. Curtis will no longer be responsible for its conduct.

### SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Nor more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty on the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim, 1,000 to 2,000 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days of location within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2% of the sales of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory, are open to placer mining. Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are 100 feet by 100 feet, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark, the latter being 100 feet long and extending back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet in length. The width between posts, 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six miles of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of two years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the last day of August in the year of the location.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but there is no lease one dredge for each five miles fraction. The lessee shall have one dredge for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent, charged on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

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The pictures on this page show nearly three tons of the finest Ceylon tea being packed and shipped at Colombo for Mr. James Reid, the Victoria tea importer and retailer. This was informed by Mr. Reid, in his usual consignment received at short intervals all the year round, which illustrates the importance of Victoria's tea trade. We have here also an instance of prize-winning local enterprise, whereby the food beverage now so indispensable is brought from the gardens of Ceylon direct to the consumer.

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## THE MINING NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

The production of high grade bituminous coal closely resembling anthracite is being increased at the Dunsmuir mines at Comox. Hitherto there has been about 100 tons a day taken out. This was mined in connection with the driving of the slope. Now, the management is driving a level, which, as the work progresses, will materially increase the output.

The demand for this grade of coal has been steadily increasing. As the qualities of it became better known there has been constant demands for increased supplies of it. Recently a Seattle dealer came to the works after having tested the coal with a request for 1,000 tons.

Those who have tested the product are ready to express the opinion that this demand will continue to grow as the coal becomes better known.

**Le Roi's Record.**  
The manager of the Le Roi mine makes the following October report:

"Shipped from the mine to the Northport smelter during the past month 10,211 tons of specially selected ore, containing 4,443 ounces of gold, 5,637 ounces of silver, 310,400 pounds of copper. Estimated profit on this ore, after deducting cost of mining, smelting, realization and depreciation, \$27,000. Expenditures on development work during the month, \$10,000. Development on the mine fairly satisfactory. Have discovered a small vein of ore in north crosscut 450-foot level; unable at present to state if it is continuation of the north vein. Have discovered fair ore body shipping grade 900-foot level the south vein, thus proving continuation south ore chute on this level."

**Le Roi No. 2.**  
The following is the report of the Le Roi mine No. 2 during the month of October:

"Shipped 1,725 tons. The net receipts are \$45,204, being preliminary payment for 2,116 tons shipped, \$4,223 being deferred payment on 1,918 tons previously shipped; 2,463 being payment for 44 tons concentrates shipped. In all \$54,800. Annie No. 2 shaft, at a depth of 100 feet, met with ore west of the dyke. Its width is 18 inches. The assays are: Gold, \$4; copper, \$5. Some time will be required for development before we can decide its importance."

**Lillooet's Indications.**  
A special correspondent writing in the Commercial, published in Winnipeg, says:

Regarding the progress at Lillooet, W. W. Brown, of New York, who has been operating all summer there and has bonded a cyanide proposition on Ground Hog Mountain, says that the ore runs about \$15 a ton. It has been tapped down the side of the mountain and the ore exposed. A tunnel is now being driven in to cross the vein and if ore is struck the mineral will be proved to a depth of five hundred feet. Work had to be stopped on account of the approach of winter, but at the time the tunnel work was abandoned there was every evidence of the proximity of the vein.

Mr. Brown is also carrying on extensive hydraulic mining on the Chillooet river. He acquired property for three miles on one side of the river, but has been much handicapped by boulders. What gravel was secured ran from 17 cents to \$1.50. It was like, however, a lot of eggs packed in oats, and to get the oats the eggs would have to be removed. On the other side of the river, however, matters are much better, but it is a low level proposition. In a ten-hour shift no boulders are met with but what could be removed by two or three men. Three hundred yards of this gravel has been tested, and runs from 11 cents to \$2 a square yard. The plan adopted in the lower hyd-

raulic is briefly as follows: A deep pit is dug and the gravel taken to the dump by suction. The gravel is washed down the side by a monitor, and a 16-inch pipe is let down with the upper portion containing an elbow leading to the dump. Another pipe with a 3-inch nozzle is let down beside the big one, and the nozzle inserted into the lower end of the larger pipe. At the lower end of the latter is a movable adjuster so that the pipe can be adjusted to drop over any part of the pit. When the water is turned on through the small pipe the three-inch nozzle sends a rush of water through the 16-inch sucker with a tremendous force, and a vacuum is created which sucks up not only all the gravel beneath it, but all the rocks less than 16 inches in diameter, and everything which comes through the 16-inch pipe is deposited on the dump.

Mr. Brown said he was obliged to come away before winter closed him in, but his workmen asked that they might remain through the winter and make what they could with pick and shovel, and he had learned since leaving that they were making \$5 per day per man.

On being asked what he thought of Lillooet as a mining country, Mr. Brown said he thought the section, particularly in some localities, was a good one. He had spent \$61,000 investigating propositions, and if he proved the cyanide proposition he could get unlimited capital to operate it. One objection he had to the country there was a disposition among owners of prospects to wish to sell their prospects "unsight unseen," as the boys say. They wish to get rich sometime before a purchaser can tell what he is getting. It is like a man going into a stable to buy a horse, and the owner saying, "Yes, I'll sell you that horse for \$200." But when the would-be purchaser says, "Just let me jog him along the road a bit to see how he travels," the proprietor answers, "Oh, no, you can't try him. There he is; you can see him in the stall, but you mustn't take him out."

**May Open Mines.**  
John C. Drewry, managing director of the Canadian Goldfields and a director of the St. Eugene, in an interview given at Moyle, says that the recent strike on the shaft on the 1,925-foot level of the St. Eugene is the most important in that mine. Eighty feet below the level of Lake Moyle the miners have been drifting since April in a chute of concentrating ore. Two weeks ago the ore became solid and of such high grade that it can be shipped without being concentrated. The ore chute is 16 feet wide, and its length has not been determined.

There has been rains and soft snow at Moyle recently, and this has increased the quantity of water available for the concentrator, and as a consequence the mine and concentrator are running full blast, with about 250 men at work. A large pumping plant, to be used to pump water from Lake Moyle when the gravity water is low, is on route from Eastern Canada. As soon as this is installed there will be no more shutdowns for lack of water.

Mr. Drewry says the St. Eugene has a long career of profit before it, as it is thought that at depths below the waterline more chutes like the one on the 1,925-foot level will be encountered.

When the St. Eugene paid its recent dividend \$12,800 went to the Canadian Goldfields syndicate, which is a large holder of St. Eugene shares. With this in a few days a dividend of 2 per cent on the shares of the Canadian Goldfields syndicate will be declared. It is possible, Mr. Drewry says, at the annual meeting of the company to be held in Montreal on February 1st, 1906, that arrangements may be made to resell work on some of the company's properties in the St. Eugene.

**Mining Notes.**  
In a short time the Granby mines will be equipped with an electric locomotive. It will be operated at the No. 3 tunnel level in the mine and out to the new ore crusher and ore bin, the latter of which are now rapidly nearing completion. The crusher itself will also be operated by

electricity, as well as the ore skips, which will raise the ore to the bins after being crushed.

The contractors who are sinking from the 300 to the 400 foot level of the Granby mines are doing the work entirely by hand. They are now down nearly 60 feet.

**INCENSE-LOVING JAPANESE.**  
Curious and significant beyond the cold interpretation of English speech is the use of incense in Japan, says a writer in the Week's Survey. Everywhere one smells it, in the dwelling house as in the temple. Sweet odors everywhere, for the incense in general use is plentiful and cheap.

An-soku-ko is the name of this common sort. A bundle of these incense rods, about the size of lead pencils, may be bought for a few sen. They are found before most roadside images and in the Buddhist temples. Pilgrims burn quantities of it in the great censers set at the entrance to holy places. Some sorts are shaped like wafers or pastilles, and an envelope full of the finest may be worth \$5.

The modern tobacco blender is an empiricist of yesterday compared to the Japanese artist in sweet odors. One of the masters of this craft compounded or collected upwards of 130 varieties. The Incense Collector's Classifying Manual is a Japanese classic, worthy of the cult in 551 A.D. It contains the teaching of the ten schools of the art of incense-mixing, directions as to seasons, rules for pressing incense-ashes into artistic kinds of fire to be used for burning incense—as "military" or "literary" fire. Evidently incense is an art and tobacco is a business, though both end in smoke.

**THE DANGER OF ANAEMIA.**  
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## Japanese Use of Cavalry

This war was looked to for the determination of certain uncertainties regarding cavalry. Though the Japanese is much lighter and less expert than other cavalries, its officers are not slow at learning, and one who is competent to speak of the actual service of horse in this six months' campaign, answers as follows some current inquiries:

"To what extent have you found that the chief use of cavalry nowadays is for reconnoitring?"  
"As the eye and ear of an army the importance of cavalry has not diminished, and it cannot diminish. The word of spies and of natives are not trustworthy enough to stake lives upon. Reconnoissance by balloons is limited to a restricted area; searchlights are serviceable only at night, and then, of course over a narrow space. Reconnoissance by cavalry can be made at any time for any distance; and it does not matter whether one is on the offensive or defensive at the time."

"When the enemy is far away it is necessary to know his movements, position, strength, and apparent intention. When he is near, reconnoissance by cavalry is effective in guarding and in covering our flanks."

"From a strategic point of view would you say that the value of reconnoitring by cavalry had increased?"

"Smokeless powder is used in nearly every army now, and without cavalry it is scarcely possible to learn the precise whereabouts of a distant enemy. No smoke betrays the location of batteries. In its capacity of being the eye of the army the cavalry seeks out the precise locations."

"If cavalry operates independently, as the Cossacks did in Korea, alarming the enemy, raiding stores, seizing dispatches, etc., does it do anything effective?"

"Independent patrols should not regard it as their duty to fight. They should be secret, stealthy, clandestine parties of no great strength, moving briskly, taking care particularly, we believe, to avoid discovery. If they have to fight, they generally fail to discharge their mission, unless it happens that for a short time they attack with some distinct purpose in view, such as compelling the enemy to disclose his positions. The main aim of independent patrols is to get near the enemy's lines of cavalry, or infantry in behalf of our own security and knowledge. Sometimes they are sent to report upon the condition and force of an enemy's flanks."

"Does the old German saying, 'Horsemen always to the front' (Die Reiterei alzeit voran), hold good under modern conditions? Is cavalry now ever placed in the forefront of troops?"

"Yes. Imagine that the time for action is divided into three periods: First, before battle; second, during battle; third, after battle. Before battle, when far away from the enemy, cavalry moves in the advance of all troops, because it must search out the enemy's state and situation and report upon the possibility of flank movements. During battle our cavalry guards our own flanks while artillery and infantry are in action at the very front. When advantage offers it undertakes offensive operations. After battle, when our forces have captured the enemy's positions, the cavalry takes the work of pursuit. Should our forces have lost, and have been compelled to retreat, then our cavalry would fall to our rear and check the enemy's chase of us."

"At Liao-yang was more or less at Tshitzai and Liao-yang—what did it accomplish?"

"At Liao-yang the main part of our cavalry faced the side or flank of the Russian right wing, and made demonstrations against it, on account of topographical conditions. At Tshitzai we designed to have our cavalry attack the enemy's right wing, and then menace his left flank and back, by galloping action. But our own right division, having got into a distressing state, the cavalrymen had to come down from their saddles and fight."

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# Jensen, Jokes and Jingles

## ON THE ROAD TO MANDALAY.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Burma has recently opened the Mandalay electric tramway. The following appeared in the Rangoon Gazette, and lovers of Burmese wit will hardly fail to recognize the hitting metre:

By the Arracan Pagoda, on the road to Payagyi,  
There's a Burman crowd a-staring at the Electricities;

For the car is on the tram lines and the tinkling bells they say—  
"Won't you come and have a pen'orth on the roads to Mandalay."

On the roads to Mandalay,  
For a while all the way,  
Will carry Johnny Burman and his pretty Minkalay;

On the roads to Mandalay,  
Where the yaks and amperes play—  
We have got Electric Traction on the roads to Mandalay.

We used to go in bullock carts or garricks,  
Crawling slow;  
"Tut, tut, tut!" the driver would say, said Richard Knox & Co.,  
So they built a great big omnibus, with a seatcase all the way—

And now we whizz like lightning through the roads of Mandalay,  
Punching tickets as you pay,  
To the lightning conductor who is busy all the day.

On the roads to Mandalay,  
Where the flying amperes play,  
And the mud no longer thickens on the roads of Mandalay.

The cars are all red and yellow, and a peacock may be seen,  
The same as Talbair's monogram, all done in gold and green;

The fearless driver stands in front, and turns a handle bar,  
And like an arrow from the string shoots the day-tatay.

Oh, the glorious day-tatay,  
It must be a Nat-yatay,  
No horse, no layle, no nothing to move this curious car.

On the roads to Mandalay,  
Where the volts and amperes play,  
And the train cars come up staging on the roads of Mandalay.

There's nothing east of Suze that is quite so fine to see,  
So mind you, don't forget to come, and bring your L. S. D.,  
For when our gracious governor has once the button pressed,  
You simply sit and hum yourself and they do all the rest;

On the roads to Mandalay,  
Scarcely anything to pay,  
With breezes playing round you like October in the bay;

On the roads to Mandalay,  
Where the volts and amperes play—  
We can beat the flying fishes on the roads of Mandalay.

## THE POPULAR SONG.

Now here is the style of the popular song,  
The song that is always a hit;  
You'll observe that the rhyming is not very strong—  
That's one of the beauties of it.

A little child was lying where  
The light grew dim one day,  
The bedclothes they were lying on the floor,  
She looked up at her father and she unto him did say:

"Please, father, don't beat mother any more,  
Don't take your wooden leg off when I'm lying beneath the ground,  
Asleep away out yonder, cold and dead,  
For some day you might break it, as you try to hop around.

And with it pound poor mother on the head."  
Chorus,  
Father, don't beat mother  
With your peg leg any more,  
When at night she greets you  
At our little cabin door;  
Father, keep your peg on  
After I am dead and gone;  
Be kind to dear old mother, for  
You know she isn't strong.

The father knelt beside her there,  
He put his leg away,  
And down his furrowed cheeks the tears did roll;  
"Oh, darling, I'll remember," he unto the child did say,  
As in his arms she dear on he did hold,  
The mother sobbed and listened, and her heart grew very sad,  
She had a beefsteak fastened on one eye;  
"Be kind and gentle to her," said the child,  
"remember, dad,  
That raw meat it has risen very high."  
Chorus,  
Father, don't beat mother, etc.

That night beside their dear one they did linger all alone,  
The peg leg it was laid across a chair;  
The joy had all departed from  
That happy little home,  
No more would childish laughter echo there.

The sobbing mother took the beefsteak from her dazzled eye,  
The saddened father nuzzled her his wooden leg did fry,  
She put it in the stove, and while with it the steak did fry,  
The spirit of the child did hear them, as they ate it, say:

Chorus,  
Father, don't beat mother  
With his peg leg any more,  
When she comes to greet him  
At the little cabin door;  
Father's peg leg will never  
More cause mother dear to weep;  
They will now be happy, and  
They'll give a lot on meat.

Now, this is the style of the popular song;  
In candor we'll have to admit  
That neither the rhyme nor the reason is strong,  
But that's what would make it a hit.

—New York Post.

She—You told me when we were married that you were well off.

He—I was, but I didn't know it.

First try yourself to your surroundings, and then gradually but steadily better them. That is success.

Going away from home often makes us appreciate blessings we had overlooked in our everyday hurly-burly.

Change of scene is helpful because it brings change of thought. Get out of your mental ruts.

"Why don't you try to make yourself one of the intellectual celebrities of your time?"

"What's the use?" answered the bright but indolent young man. "The firm whose patent food I have been eating would soon come along and want all the credit."—Washington Star.

"Why, James Henry Pithudd!" exclaimed his wife as he clambered up the stairs at 3 a. m. "What in the world do you mean by coming home at this hour and in such a condition?"

"Now, my dear," explained James Henry, carefully, "you just calm y'rself. I been with Deacon Brown an' Parson Jones, dedicatin' th' new shoon on Main street."—Life.

A story credited to the late Representative Campbell, of Tammany fame, tells of an amusing conversation between two Irishmen in the employ of the municipal government of New York city.

"That's a good position the lad Mulcahy has," said Milligan.

"Aye, a good position," replied Dougherty. "Not last long. Why, wot de r mane?"

"He'll not last long," doggedly reiterated Dougherty. "I said so when he took the job five years ago and I say so still!"—Harper's Weekly.

Penelope—In Boston we saw the nicest thing.

Pauline—What was it?

Penelope—Oh, a slot machine; you think of a work put in a penny, and out drops the correct pronunciation.—Puck.

Robert—Do you believe that big ears are a sign of generosity?

Richard—Sure; the generosity of nature.—Puck.

"If there's one thing that tires me," argues the first citizen, "it is peanut politics."

"Yes," agrees the second citizen. "Peanut politics is almost as bad as chestnut platforms."—Judge.

Miss Gilton—Are you really a sceptic, Lord Johnnie? Do you believe in nothing?

Lord Johnnie—How! I only believe what I can understand. Miss G.—Ah, well, that comes to the same thing, doesn't it?

Superintendent—Oh, no; besides your salary, you will learn the business. Boy—And when I learn the business, do I get more pay? Superintendent—Oh, dear, no. When you are worth more, we shall let you go and take another boy, and let him learn the business.

A little boy bustled into a grocery store one day with a memorandum in his hand.

"Hello, Mr. Smith," he said. "I want thirteen pounds of coffee at 92 cents."

"Very good," said the grocer, and he noted down the sale, and put his clerk to packing the coffee. "Anything else, Charlie?"

"Yes. Twenty-seven pounds of sugar at 9 cents."

"The loaf, eh? And what else?"

"Seven and a half pounds of bacon at 20 cents."

"That will be a good brand. Go on."

"Five pounds of tea at 90 cents; eleven and a half quarts of molasses at 8 cents a pint; two eight-pound hams at 24 cents; and five dozen jars of pickled walnuts at 24 cents a jar."

The grocer made out the bill.

"It's a big order," he said. "Did your mother tell you to pay for it?"

"My mother," said the boy, as he pocketed the neat and accurate bill, "has nothing to do with this business. It is my arithmetic lesson, and I had to get it done somehow."—Ladies' Home Journal.

There are certain Scotch lairds who take the names of their respective estates, using the name of the property instead of their surnames. One such was "Cluny" Macpherson, with a reference to whom Mr. Henry White, secretary of the American embassy at London, tells the following:

The Scot and his wife were guests at a house party in England where there were also visiting a Chicago man and his wife. When the latter, in accordance with the visitors' book, came to register in the space in which he was to write, the following inscription:

Cluny and Mrs. Macpherson.  
Whereupon the Chicago man, chuckling to himself, appended these words:  
4430 Wabash Avenue and Mrs. Blank.

A Congressman once declared in an address to the House:

"As Daniel Webster says in his great dictionary—  
"It was Noah who wrote the dictionary," whispered a colleague who sat at the next desk.

"Noah, nothing," replied the speaker. "Noah built the ark."

An Irishman who had been out of a job many weeks found in the river that flowed through his town the body of the keeper of the railroad drawbridge. He immediately took himself to the superintendent of the division and applied for the vacant job, saying that he had seen the body of the former keeper in the river. "Sorry," said the superintendent, briefly, "the place has been filled. We gave it to the man who saw him fall in."

"Pa, what is a repartee?"

"Oh, merely an insult with its dress suit on, my son."—Puck.

Suburbs—I thought you were going to have a baseball game to-day? Backlots—Oh, the creek backed up in some way and flooded the diamond. It's the first time it ever happened, and— Suburbs—Ah! You might call it a diamond of the first water, then, eh?

"How old are you?" brusquely inquired the comic opera manager.

"Eighteen," the applicant for the chorus replied, with suspicious candor.

"Yes? For how many seasons have you been in that desirable condition?"

most bus with his whip. "Tell the gentleman to smile at the lady," he said.

An old-time darkey preacher was called upon to deliver the funeral sermon over one of his flock. "Brethren an' sistern," said he, "de deceased we all know mor'n forty long years. En' durin' dat time he wuz always mighty slack in his personal conduct. He'd get drunk, he'd lie, an' he'd curse. He'd steal, an' he'd been in de jail lots o' times. He wuz too lazy to wuk, an' his wife had to earn de dollars an' de cents."

"An' when de viduals didn't taste right he nester beat de woman. All dem things we know he wuz, but spite'n all nary one can say he ever liss his 'ligion."

A good story is reported from Duluth. A Jap was sitting in a car reading a report of the Russo-Japanese war in a daily paper, when a rather fresh young fellow approached him, and expecting to make the Jap appear ridiculous to the large crowd in the car, asked in a loud deep voice: "What kind o' news are you, a Japanese or a Chinese?" The little native of the Orient quietly folded up his paper and looked the f. y. f. squarely in the face and remarked: "What kind o' a key are you, a Yankee, a donkey or a monkey?" The uproar of the car was so great that the f. y. f. quietly made his exit at the corner and waited half an hour or more for another car.

"Does your coachman have any perquisites?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.

"He had one once," replied her hostess, "but the doctor said it was brought on by heat out too long in the hot sun. My, I know what I'd do with a person around me that had them regular."

Judge Julius M. Mayer tells a story about a white man who was arraigned before a colored justice of the peace during reconstruction times for killing a man and stealing his mule. It was in Arkansas, near the Texas border, and there was some rivalry between the states, but the colored justice tried always to preserve an impartial frame of mind.

"We've got two kinds o' law in dis yere cot," he said. "Texas law an' Arkansas law. Which will you hab?"

The prisoner thought a minute, and then guessed that he would take the Arkansas law.

"Den I discharge you fo' stealin' de mule an' hangin' yo' fo' killin' de man," said the judge.

"Hold on a minute, Judge," said the prisoner. "Better make dat Texas law."

"All right, under de law ob Texas I fine yo' fo' killin' de man an' hangin' yo' fo' stealin' de mule."

Dr. Wiley says 85 per cent. of the whiskey sold in this country is poisonous. Dr. Swallow generously concedes that the remaining 15 per cent. is also poisonous.

The pig grunted with satisfaction.

"What are you so egotistical about?" said the man. "You are only a pig."

"That may be," responded the pig, "but I bet I can eat corn off the ear more gracefully than you can."

During the bombardment of Alexandria, in 1882, Lord Charles Berosford asked a gunner if he could hit a man who was on the spot. The gunner replied:

"Aye, aye, sir!"

"Then hit him in the eye," said Lord Berosford.

He was surprised when the gunner inquired:

"Which eye, sir?"

Meeting your "troubles" calmly and dealing with them separately, gives you strength and experience you could get in no other way.

Punny, but it's a fact, that the chap who is always "showing trouble" has plenty of it to lend his neighbors even if he hasn't anything else to be "neighborly with."

Among the many good stories told by Senator Daniel, of Virginia, is the following:

A gentleman in the south was one day in conversation with a Yankee who had brought letters of introduction from a friend in the north, when it transpired that the northerner was a veteran of the civil war.

"Yes," said the Yankee, "I was a participant in the late unpleasantness. You see this?" He added, pointing to a scar in his face, "I got that at the second battle of Bull Run."

"How in the world did you get hit in the face at the battle of Bull Run?" mischievously asked the southerner.

"Oh," responded the Yankee, with the utmost nonchalance, "I suppose I got bareless and looked back."—Harper's Weekly.

"I read in the paper the other day," said "Tom" Dunn, "where a German over in Hoboken left \$25 in his will to treat his friends after his funeral. Of course, the Germans never did anything that the Irish could not equal, and so that story reminded me of another of a Hibernian friend of mine. The doctor told him he had only a few hours to live. He called me over, and says he:

"Tom, I want you to take \$10 of me money that's in me wallet and treat me pall-bearers."

"It was a touching moment. Struggling with my emotions, I said to him:

"I'll do it, Billy. But shall I treat 'em going out or coming back?"

"Treat 'em going out," says Billy, a sport to the last. "I won't be with you coming back."—Buffalo Courier.

Joseph Jefferson once told a friend that during his long stage career he had never been associated with anyone showing undue familiarity with him, save one individual, a man named Bagley, who some years ago was property man in the comedian's company.

This Bagley annoyed Mr. Jefferson very

much by his somewhat offensive manners, but, owing to the valuable services rendered by him, Mr. Jefferson had always been loath to take measures more severe than a reprimand. But finally the familiarity of this property man increased to an extent impossible to endure, so he was summarily discharged. This dismissal occurred just before the opening of Mr. Jefferson's engagement one year in Baltimore.

That night Bagley got exceedingly drunk. Paying his way into the theatre, he repaired to the gallery there to see his old employer on "Rip Van Winkle."

The angry Grotches had just driven poor, destitute Rip from the cottage, when Rip turns, and, with a word of pathos, asks: "Den I haf no interest in der house?" The theatre was deathly still, the audience hush in tears, when Bagley's cracked voice was heard in response:

"Only eighty per cent., Joe, old boy, only eighty per cent."—Harper's Weekly.

"Some folks," said Uncle Eben, "ness de fall benefit of der work by not bein' able to handle it. De chicken kin lay de egg, but she can't poach it."

While stumping the state during the last gubernatorial campaign, Governor Frazier, of Tennessee, entered the office of a village hotel, where he discovered a corpulent German seated at a table writing. Suddenly the Teuton paused in his task, frowned, scratched his head, chewed the end of his cigar, and groaned so obviously worried that Mr. Frazier soon naturally asked:

"My friend, can I be of any service to you?"

"Yah," was the prompt and relieved reply. "Please tell me velder you puts an 'e' behind 'before'?"

It was several seconds before the affable candidate could grasp the man's meaning and gave the desired information.

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PETER WOLFF, By His Attorney in Fact, A. W. Jones, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 11th, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting for a transfer of the retail liquor license now held by me in respect of the premises situate on Lot 225, Victoria, known as the Belmont Saloon, to John Morgan.

DAVID A. BOSCHWITZ, Attorney-in-Fact for Jacob J. Schmidt.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at its next sitting for a transfer of the retail liquor license now held by me in respect of the premises situate on Lot 270, Victoria, known as the Hall Saloon, to Charles Tulk.

JOSEPH MAYER, By His Attorney in Fact, A. W. Jones, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 11th, 1904.

## TIME TABLE NO. 83. Taking Effect Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

Northbound.	Daily.	Southbound.	Sat. Sun. Southbound.	
Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.	Arrive.	
A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	
Victoria .....	9.00	12.00	Victoria .....	3.00
Shwaignan Lake .....	10.20	12.40	Shwaignan Lake .....	4.00
Duncan .....	11.00	10.02	Duncan .....	5.00
Ladysmith .....	11.57	9.10	Ladysmith .....	5.52
Nanaimo .....	12.40	8.20	Nanaimo .....	6.42
Ar. Wellington .....	12.53	Lv. 8.00	Ar. Wellington .....	6.55
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