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Plum pudding, fruit cake, assorted cakes and cheeses, mushrooms, carrots, beans, tomatoes and peas, cranberries, lemons, oranges, apples and pines, champagne, Scotch whiskey, port and sherry wines.

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WANTED: WANTED: WANTED!! Fifty pairs of pigeons by Tuesday noon, at Sylvester Food Store, City Market, Tel. 414.

A MASQUERADE BALL will be held on Friday, New Year's eve, the 31st inst., in Sir William Wallace Hall. Tickets, ladies and gentlemen's, 75 cents.

MELLOR'S MIXED PAINTS--Absolutely pure and full imperial measure guaranteed. \$1.50 per gallon. Mellor's Floor Paints same price. J. W. Mellor, 70-75 Fort street.

EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS BUYS A DOLLAR tin of Mellor's Carriage Paint, ready mixed. Requires no varnishing. Paint your buggy while it's cheap. Mellor, 70-75 Fort street.

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STOP until Wednesday next and buy your Xmas gifts of Jewellery, Silverware and notions at Jones' Auction Rooms.

45-60--No. 1 double screened household coal, per ton of 2,000 pounds, delivered to any part of the city. Hall, Gage & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 82.

BOXING GLOVES, Punching Bags, Footballs, etc., new stock at J. Barnsley's, 119 Government street.

AUCTION of nearly new costly Furniture and Real Estate, at 2 o'clock Monday, Oak Bay avenue. W. Jones, auctioneer.

GOLF BALLS and BOXING GLOVES--A new stock just received by Lee and Sons, Gunmakers, 72 Douglas street.

**RUTHVEN WILL LECTURE**  
To-morrow (Sunday) evening at 8 o'clock, in A.O.U.W. hall, on "Barbara Libre," of twenty years in a convict dungeon. A story of horror unequalled in the worst days of the legislation.

**Card of Thanks.**  
Mrs. W. M. Chudley begs to thank most sincerely all the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted her with their vocal and instrumental services at the entertainment of the deserving poor of Victoria on Wednesday, the 15th inst., more especially to Mr. Sahl, of the Schi-Lombard Orchestra Co.; C. H. Lombard, Esq., and the 25 young ladies who indefatigably attended their dancing exercises for some months; likewise to Miss Byrnes for her musical assistance during the same period, thus contributing most liberally to such a success.  
2 Oswego St., Victoria, 18th Dec., 1897.

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Double Serrand Alexandra Coal, . . . \$5.00 ton.  
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**Funeral Notice.**

Members of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, A.F. & A.M., B.C.R., are requested to meet at the Memorial Temple, Douglas St., on Sunday next the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, J. R. Harrison. Members of Vancouver-Quadrant Lodge, No. 2, and United Service Lodge, No. 24, and sojourning brethren in good standing, are cordially invited to attend.  
By order of the W. M.,  
B. S. ODDY, Secretary.

**A. O. U. W.**

All Brothers of Victoria Lodge No. 1 and Sister Lodges are Requested to meet at Hall, Yates street, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. sharp, to attend the funeral of our late Brother, Recorder Henry Jewell.  
By Order,  
**GEO. GAWLEY, M.W.**

**THE A.O.U.W. HALL**  
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22nd.

**Entertainment and Grand Free Ball**

**BENEFIT PASTIME ATHLETIC CLUB.**

The club has secured Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Hand to provide the entertainment, which will consist of sketches and character impersonations. Mr. A. Strickland and Mr. W. Anderson will contribute musical solos; bandy orchestra will be in attendance. Admission 50c. Seats reserved at Lombard's Music Store without extra charge.

We have a fine assortment of Toilet Cases, Leather Travelling Cases, Roger & Galley's Perfumes, etc.

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**High Life Cigarettes**

Are in Quality and Price Without Exception the Very Best Made.

**H. L. SALMON'S.**

## TIRED OF TURNER FROM THE CAPITAL

**J. M. Kellie, M. P. P. for West Kootenay, Has Joined the Great Majority.**

Formally Renounces His Allegiance to the Government in a Letter to the Herald.

Revelstoke, B. C., Dec. 18.—(Special)—The following letter from J. M. Kellie, M.P.P., appears in the Kootenay Mail of to-day:

"Editor Kootenay Mail—For the information of my political friends and supporters I beg to say that the recent appointment of John D. Sbbald as gold commissioner was made without my knowledge, and I have had no information, directly or indirectly, from any official source that such an appointment was contemplated.

"Having been a government supporter and a member of the legislature for many years, I claim the right to at least advise with the executive as to whom would be a likely and proper official for this important position. This is the second time my political leader has made appointments without my knowledge.

"I cannot longer support a premier under such degrading conditions and have decided to cut myself clear of the Turner government without further ceremony.

"Should my political friends and supporters object to such a proceeding, in that event I will be pleased to resign my seat in the legislature.

"I wish to add, in conclusion, that the trouble between myself and the members of the executive are not of recent origin. During the last session I left the house intending at that time to cut myself clear of the government party, and wrote Hon. Mr. Turner a letter covering seven pages of foolscap, explaining my reasons for so doing, and that I intended placing my resignation with the proper authorities. I was sent for and matters were patched up temporarily.

"Since that time there has been friction, evasion and wriggling. It was not that way in Theodore Davie's time. I shall take the earliest opportunity to obtain an expression of opinion from my constituents.

(Signed) J. M. KELLIE.  
"Revelstoke, B. C., Dec. 14th."

## GERMANY'S BIG GRAB

**Said That China Will Agree to Her Retention of Kiao Chau Bay.**

It is rumored in Vienna that the Russians have occupied Port Arthur.

London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from Shanghai asserts that China will acquiesce in Germany's retention of Kiao Chou Bay. Russia and France are irritated at Germany's precipitancy, thus prematurely disclosing the plans of England and Japan in a manner likely, says the dispatch, to defeat the objects in view.

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Wilhelmshaven, Dec. 18.—The North German Lloyd steamer Darmstadt, having on board a detachment of troops for China, has sailed from here. She was cheered by a large crowd of people.

Kiel, Dec. 18.—The North German Lloyd steamer Darmstadt, having on board a number of soldiers bound for China, and an immense amount of war material, which sailed from Wilhelmshaven yesterday, left here to-day for the far east. The steamer Crefid will follow with the rest of the volunteers and more war material.

## AIMED AT CANADA

**Purpose of the Bill Relating to Pelagic Sealing.**

Washington, Dec. 17.—It has developed that the bill relating to pelagic sealing which has just passed both branches of congress and is before the president contains a provision of far reaching importance which has thus far escaped attention. This is an absolute prohibition of the further bringing of seal skins into the United States from any source whatever. As the United States is the largest market in the world for seal skins, this complete stoppage of trade in this country will be a severe measure against the British and Canadians who take and cure skins and dispose of them largely in the United States.

When the bill was proposed, it was generally understood that its only purpose was to prohibit American citizens engaging in pelagic sealing. This feature was the only one which attracted attention during the discussion. The close of the bill, however, is a section which is not restricted to Americans, but applies to sealers in general, "taken in the waters mentioned in this act," which includes the whole Pacific ocean. The provision is as follows:

"Section B. That the importation into the United States by any person whatsoever of the furs of seal skins taken in waters mentioned in this act, whether raw, dressed, dyed or manufactured, is hereby prohibited, and all such articles imported after this act shall take effect, shall not be permitted to be exported but shall be seized by the proper officers of the United States."

Those who are thoroughly familiar with the bill say that this provision is of far more importance in its effects than the prohibition against pelagic sealing by Americans.

## Americans Permitted to Ship Goods to Alaska Through Canadian Territory in Bond.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Canadian government has decided to permit Americans to ship goods to Alaska through Canadian territory in bond wherever there are regular and bonafide transportation companies; where there are not, then customs dues will be collected, and afterwards refunded upon reaching United States territory.

J. T. Bethune, of Victoria, is here asking the government on behalf of the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transportation Co., Sir Charles Tupper's company, for assistance to build a wagon road by the Stickeen route into the Yukon. The company is also looking for a liquor permit.

## Another Batch of Applications for Proposed Railways in British Columbia.

Application will be made at the next session for an act to incorporate a company to construct a railway from a point on the international boundary line near Cascade City, B. C., thence in a westerly direction, following the valley of the Kettle river, to a point on the boundary line near Carson; also from another point on the boundary line near Milway, thence northerly following the valley of Boundary creek, to a point about twenty miles north of Midway, with power to construct and maintain branch lines and to connect with the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway Company.

Application will be made at the next session to incorporate a company to construct and maintain tramways for the carriage of passengers, goods and boats over portages at Miles' Canyon and White Horse Rapids, respectively, on the Lewis river, and collect tolls and to construct landing stages, etc.

Application will also be made at the next session by the Columbia & Western Railway Company for an act declaring the railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, and to extend the time for the completion of the road, and for other purposes.

The East Kootenay Railway Company will apply to parliament for an act to declare the company to be for the general advantage of Canada, and to authorize it to issue bonds to the extent of \$30,000 per mile of its railway and to empower it to convey or lease the company's railway.

The Great Commonwealth & Development Company, having a British Columbia charter, is asking power from the Dominion to construct a toll stage road, tram, electric or steam railway, or water navigation route, or parts of each, with a branch from some point on the Edmonton branch of the C.P.R. to the Klondike, with the necessary powers for each department, and to construct and operate ferries within certain distances to bridge rivers or streams, or to utilize waters for power of other purposes, to improve and navigate with vessels rivers, lakes or streams and collect tolls for the use of same.

## CANADIAN BRIEFS.

**Capt. Sparling Dead--A Brakeman's Narrow Escape From Death.**

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Capt. W. Sparling, of the fire brigade, is dead.

Barrie, Dec. 18.—E. Donnell has been appointed town clerk and treasurer of Barrie.

Stratford, Dec. 18.—John Brown, ex-mayor of Stratford, is the Liberal nominee in North Perth for the assembly.

Brantford, Dec. 18.—Brakeman Wheeler, of the Grand Trunk railway, fell between the cars. Fortunately he fell between the tracks and by being prostrate escaped injury.

Kingston, Dec. 18.—George Arnold was sentenced to five years in the Kingston penitentiary for a murderous assault on Turley Bruce in Whitty on the occasion of his escape in 1896.

## SIX BURNED TO DEATH.

Victims of the Fire in the Hotel Dakota at Grand Forks.

Grand Forks, N. D., Dec. 18.—Six persons lost their lives in the burning Hotel Dakota here yesterday morning. The names of the dead have not been learned, except those of Mr. and Mrs. C. Howe on the third floor. Three commercial travellers are believed to have perished, and a dining room girl and a railroad man, whose names are unknown, are also missing. As the register was turned, the number of the dead cannot be definitely given.

## ABOUT PROHIBITION.

**Principal Grant Discusses the Question in a Letter to the Globe.**

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Principal Grant contributes another letter to the Globe this morning on the prohibition question. He argues that the prohibitory law would be more injurious than provincial prohibition, and that even prohibition would be covered by the 20th section of the law. He points out that in Maine the prohibitory law soon became and has remained a party question, and suggests branches of the law have held that state up to shame and disgrace. A full blown hypocrisy must result from this method of dealing with temperance. Finally, the effective enforcement of the law in large cities and in frontier towns would be impossible.

## A RAILWAY COMMISSION.

R. W. Jameson, M.P., Advocate His Establishment.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—R. W. Jameson, M.P. for Winnipeg, has a long letter in the Globe advocating the establishment of a railway commission for Canada. He suggests the kind and railway priorities of past Conservative administrations, and declares that the railway system of Canada has grown beyond the possibility of being controlled by the railway committee of the privy council. The unfortunate position of Western Canada is the principal reason, he says, for the slow growth of the population.

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THOSE REGULATIONS

Miners at Dawson Rogard With Disfavor Any Attempt at Their Enforcement.

More Strong Resolutions Protesting Against the Imposition of Royalty Tax.

Dawson, N. W. T., Oct. 17, 1897.—There is a possibility that the Canadian officials will insist upon the enforcement of the law relative to the collection of royalties and the reservation of every alternate claim for the government. The officials are reticent and are averse to discussing the subject, and through sources emanating from the officials themselves, I am reliably informed that the principal officers of the government are strongly opposed to the enforcement of the law.

"It is the law of this territory," he replied. "Will it be enforced?" "I am not prepared to say."

One of the oldest miners in the camp, Henry Thibert, a citizen of Canada, and a pioneer of this portion of the North American continent, and who has been a great assistance and a great effort to develop the mineral resources of the country are of the opinion that the law will be enforced next spring."

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ALPHONSE DAUDET DEAD.

The Celebrated French Author Dies Suddenly During Dinner.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Figaro, according to a special to The Herald from Paris, gives the following additional facts about the death of Alphonse Daudet, the author: At half past 7 the whole family met at dinner. Mme. Daudet, the two sons, Leon and Lucien, Mlle. Edmee Daudet and Mlle. Allard, Mme. Daudet's mother. The gathering was a merry one and there was plenty of chat and laughter. Suddenly M. Daudet gave a cry and his head fell back. He had fallen into a syncope. It was then a quarter past 8. A messenger was at once sent for Dr. Gilles de La Torrette. The family's anxiety was extreme, for M. Daudet showed no signs of recovering consciousness. He had been carried to bed, pale and almost cold, and it was in vain that his wife and sons bent over him and called him by name. After a few minutes of artificial respiration the doctor reached the house and with him the cure of Saint Clotilde. As they entered the room the priest caught the doctor's eyes and fell on his knees reciting the prayers for the dead. Every resource of science was called into requisition, strong restoratives were administered and even an application of electricity was tried, but it was too late. Alphonse Daudet was dead.

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SEATTLE GETS A SLAP IN THE FACE

Dyea to Remain a Port of Entry Despite the Ravings of Rampant Ignoramuses.

Eastern Politicians Point Out the Absurdity of the Sound Cities' Demands.

Allan B. Stinson, Washington correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, sends the following to his paper: Washington, Dec. 16.—From conversations held with treasury officials regarding the proposed abolition of the sub-port of entry of Dyea, Alaska, it seems reasonably certain that this will not be done, in spite of the strong presentation of the case just made before Secretary of the Treasury Gage.

The department officials now believe that the Canadian government would promptly retaliate and do more injury to American miners and prospectors than the abolition of the sub-port would do good to American interests in the coast cities.

Senator Wilson said today: "Secretary Gage stated to Senator Perkins and myself that several grave questions are involved. His understanding, and that of the treasury department, had been that by reason of the concession granted to Canadians at Dyea, they in turn had granted concessions on miners' outfits at Lake Tagish."

"Now," said the secretary, "if we abolish the sub-port at Dyea, will not more business charges be laid upon miners entering Canadian territory? This question is now undergoing an investigation by the department and an amicable and reasonable solution is hoped for at an early date."

"It is true," said the secretary, "that we can abolish the sub-port at Dyea, and thus deprive for a limited time British Columbia from certain facilities now enjoyed, but will the American miner and prospector be any better off? Will he not have to pay more duty, and will any of his outfit be exempted?"

"The secretary," continued Senator Wilson, "will meet the senate committee on commerce at an early date to thoroughly discuss the matter and reach the conclusion which will be to the best interests of American miners and prospectors."

Representative Jones does not give qualified assent to the contemplated action. "The abolition of the sub-port of Dyea," said he, "would be regarded as discriminating against Canadian commerce. Canada is in a position to retaliate in a way that would bring difficulty upon the heads of every one whose action contributed to provoke such retaliation, and the mass of thousands of our own citizens, who, under the liberal mining laws of Canada, have located mining claims all the way from Rossland to the Klondike. While we do not permit Canadians to locate a foot of mineral bearing ground on this side of the line, Canada permits our citizens to locate and own mines in her dominions on the same terms as her own citizens. The fact that we are less generous to her citizens than she is to ours might also furnish a legitimate excuse to discontinue the liberal policy. But if in addition to this discrimination against her miners we commit an act which her people without exception construe as a discrimination against her commerce, she may take steps that will make our commerce with the Klondike of little value. I for one do not wish to share any portion of blame for provoking such action on her part."

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MAY WHEAT AT \$1.50.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—George B. French, the recognized agent of the Letter Interest in wheat, has imparted a bit of information which wheat speculators for many months have been anxious to know. He also ventured a prediction on the future of May wheat. "Our wheat costs us very near 70 cents," said Mr. French, "and at that price we think we can afford to take it in, pay for it, and see what it looks like. Our proposition, as we have said right along, is simply that of merchandisers. As soon as the deficiency of supplies and the urgency of the demand become more apparent I will not be a bit surprised to see May wheat at \$1.50."

STUDENT ROBERT PEEL. Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 17.—Robert Peel, a grandson of Sir Robert Peel, the great English statesman, is a student in Moore's Academy in Berkeley and will enter the College of Mining of the State University next year with the class of 1902. Young Peel was a student at Eton before coming to Berkeley and has two brothers in the British army.

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For scald head and eczema in the baby, tetter, salt rheum, ringworm, blotches, barbers' itch, ulcers and other skin eruptions in older people, Dr. Agnew's Ointment is the peerless and best or failing cure. One application relieves the skin distress in a trice. A few days' treatment effects a permanent cure. Cures piles in from three to five nights.

YUKON RIVER STEAMERS. San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Three Yukon river steamers and several barges ordered by the Alaska Exploration Company will be constructed in this city. Men were employed to clear vacant lots on Spear street, just north of the Sailors' Home, for a shipyard, where the steamers and barges will be built.

C. R. BARNARD IS DEAD. Portland, Dec. 17.—C. R. Barnard, auditor of the White Collar line of steamers between Portland and Astoria, died yesterday of typhoid fever. Mr. Barnard was for several years purser of the steamer Bailey Gatzert, when she ran on Puget Sound, and was widely known among steamboat men.

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What the Provincial Press is Saying

(New Westminster Columnian.)

None of the organs, so far as we have observed, have yet had the consideration to explain to our agitated citizens, the Rossland Miner, the how, why and wherefore of the Premier's government's notable default in the matter of the much desired appointment of the inspector of metalliferous mines, which position was created the better part of a year ago.

(Chilliwack Progress.)

The failure of the application for a license owing to an insufficient number of names being attached to the petition will be in the best interests of the community at large. After getting through the "sixties" and the "seventies" and the "eighties" without license it would, in our opinion, be a retrograde step to begin the year of our Lord 1898 by opening a legalized bar for the public sale of liquor. This is especially true when it is remembered that had a license been granted last week it must have been upon the petition of less than fifty people.

(Rossland Miner.)

The interest in British Columbia mines, and particularly those of the Kootenays, is now very great in London, where large syndicates are being formed for the purpose of investing in mineral lands in this province. It is quite interesting to trace the genesis and growth of the concern that is taken in our deposits of precious metals by the financiers and investors of the British metropolis.

Then the good news of our mining progress found its way across the Atlantic ocean, and the moneyed men of the leading financial centres of Europe began to investigate and put some of their capital into the mines here. The theatre of the greatest activity, however, has been London, where great syndicates, with millions of pounds capital, were formed for the purpose of conducting large mining operations in this country.

Among these is the New Gold Fields of British Columbia, with a capital of \$1,250,000. The head of this company is Charles Tupper, ex-prime minister of the Dominion of Canada.

Then there is the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields Company, Limited, that has a capital stock of \$1,000,000. This company owns the City of Spokane property in this district, and also the Lennox and Isabelle claims, situated at Lauric, on the C.P.R.

There are, besides, the Hall Mines, Limited, owners of the famous Silver King mines and the Nelson smelter; the London & B.C. Gold Fields, the Vancouver syndicate, the Recordia syndicate and a dozen others of large capital and good standing.

No general has become the interest in the mines of this province in London that a portion of the stock exchange there has been set aside and is known as the British Columbia section of that great stock market.

staff that we are but in the vestibule of our prosperity, but it will not be long before we will be permitted to enter the sanctuary. This is made plain by the intense, active interest that is being taken in our affairs by the investors of public all-over the world.

Taking a calm and conservative view of the situation, we feel forced to the conclusion that the entire mining world now fully realizes that, which we all ready know, this is the biggest and richest mining section on the rootstock of the continent.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)

We observe an article in a provincial contemporary in reference to a recent sale by the provincial lands and works department of a piece of land on the northern coast, which was included in a tract upon which a government reserve had been placed.

Assuming that the matter is stated accurately in the article referred to, we may say that the chief commissioner, in allowing one person to purchase, and refusing to sell to another, is acting entirely within the authority conferred on him by the law.

We wish that in this, as in every other matter, the government as a whole, and every department of it, should have the fairest treatment in any criticism of any act which may be done. At the same time the conduct of the lands and works department for many years has been so notoriously bad that it is not surprising that incidents, like those referred to, should arouse suspicion, and be the subject of adverse criticism.

While it is very difficult to lay bare all the blunders and bad methods by which an immense and valuable portion of the public domain has been alienated during the past ten or twelve years, without a long and searching investigation by a special commission of inquiry, which could have access to every detail of the department's operations, and abundant time to carry on what must be a very tedious task, enough has come to light to show that a thorough reform is required in the public interests in the administration of the lands and works department.

The best and wisest laws are of little effect if those to whom the administration of them is entrusted are either incapable or careless. The land department, charged as it is with the administration of the province's most valuable asset, and also with the disbursement of the province's largest item of expenditures, those on public works—is one in which the public is particularly concerned.

throw of the present provincial government at the earliest possible moment.

(Nelson Economist.) It is said that the militia department is considering a scheme for the organization of a rifle corps as part of the effective militia in southern British Columbia, to be recruited from among the British subjects at Nelson, Sandon, Rossland, Kamloops, Stouan City and other points.

(The Province.)

Some of the friends of the Hon. J. H. Turner, D.D., are accusing the Province of attacking Mr. Turner, the politician and premier of the province on personal grounds. This paper has done no such thing.

Obviously, it is quite impossible to criticize Mr. Turner's political career and his repeated use of public office for personal ends without mentioning Mr. Turner's name.

It might be possible to attack Mr. Turner in regard to his connection with the firm of Turner, Beeton & Co. The Province does not know it. It does not know it. It has criticized Mr. Turner not as a wholesale merchant, not as a private citizen, but as a politician.

The Province would not willingly say one word regarding Mr. Turner or any other man that is untrue or unjustifiable, and if what it says at any time is untrue or unjustifiable, it is a very simple matter for Mr. Turner or his allies to prove it so; and if Mr. Turner or his political friends can show the Province to be in the wrong, this paper will acknowledge the error and make an apology as full and frank as the occasion demands.

The natural loss of the hair, either by disease or the age of the hair itself, may be replenished with a heavy growth by Hall's Hair Renewer.

Glady-Mauds has always been as a man-hater, yet now she goes off and marries one. Estelle—When you see the dear boy you will never at all, the boy and not one back on her principles—Philadelphia North American.

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HAS DARK DESIGNS

Lillooetian Scheming for the Overthrow of Dole and Capture of the Government.

United States Senate in Secret Session Consider Certain Sinister Information.]

New York, Dec. 17.—The downfall of the Dole government and the restoration of the monarchy, with Kalulani, niece of former Queen Lillooetian, reigning under British domination, is the future predicted for Hawaii by the advocates of annexation in the event of the rejection of the pending treaty by the senate.

It is alleged that the Hawaiians now in this city to protest against the ratification of the treaty are here in the interest of Princess Kalulani, and that British influence is behind the movement. Members of the committee declare there is something even more substantial than this to prove that the failure of the United States to take over Hawaii means European domination over the islands.

MURDERED BY A MANIAC.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 17.—The police are convinced that Patrick Murphy, of Tennessee, who was assassinated on Tuesday, was killed by Frederick Uhl, a maniac, who last night attempted to kill Edward Kearney and Constable Gus Koch.

WHEAT AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 17.—J. B. Kehlor has resigned from the presidency of the Consolidated Elevator Company, and Vice-President Henry S. Potter has been elected to succeed him.

DEPEW COMING WEST.

Phoenix, A. T., Dec. 17.—It is locally learned that Chauncey M. Depew and a number of other New Yorkers will visit the Pacific coast within the next fortnight with the special intention of inspecting the new Hardback railroad, in which Mr. Depew is financially interested.

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### GOING TO PIECES.

Mr. J. M. Kellie, M.P.P. for the North Riding of West Kootenay, has publicly announced that he will no longer support the Turner government. The immediate cause of Mr. Kellie's defection is not a matter of much consequence; it is sufficient to know that he has, after mature consideration, resolved to withdraw his support from a government which he has consistently supported for many years. Mr. Kellie has become disgusted with the incompetency of the government and will assist in turning them out of power. There is no middle course of him to take. His action will seriously weaken the government; indeed, it may render it impossible for them to live through next session. The government is going to pieces rapidly, but it cannot go to smash too quickly to please the country.

### THE BOOMERANG RETURNS.

In another column we publish a dispatch from the Washington correspondent of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, which will prove interesting reading to Victorians in view of recent events. The pitiful irrationality of the united boards of Seattle, Portland and San Francisco is here glaringly exposed. Those boards with a fatuity almost inconceivable imagined that they could get the federal government to do what in the very face of it is a wrong thing. The motive for the petition was not concealed—and what a motive! One blushes for the race to think that grown-up members of it should make so sorry a use of their brain, their experience and their time as to draw up a petition which the federal government will undoubtedly squish without hesitation, in evident contempt for the persons who drew it up. Strange, indeed, that the boards of Seattle, etc., could not see the untenable nature of their protest; they were evidently so blinded by selfishness and hurried by alarm that they never occurred to them that they were simply wasting paper and postage stamps and bringing upon themselves the contempt and the ridicule of even their own people by drawing up that nonsensical petition. Secretary Gage's view of the matter is the one any rational being must take who examines the question even superficially, and what Secretary Wilson says is strictly correct—Canada holds the master-key to the position; if the United States sees fit to abolish the sub-port at Dyes Canada can retaliate in a dozen different ways and make Klondike simply an impossibility for American miners and prospectors. What the authorities at Washington appear to realize much better than the boards of trade on the coast is the fact that should the sub-port of Dyes be closed Canada without a doubt would impose the dreaded restrictions, thereby inflicting a thousand times the damage that the States can do to her. What the Seattle, Portland and "Frisco" boards have done is to ignore the good old axiom—"of two evils choose the lesser." They have deliberately chosen the greater; because what they may lose through the sub-port of Dyes not being closed is a flea-bite compared with what they would lose if Canada elected to put in operation restrictive, or even prohibitive regulations against American miners. The Dominion is in the position of being able to say to the States: "You abolish the sub-port of Dyes and I will exclude American miners and prospectors from Klondike and the whole Northwestern gold-field; take your choice." The Washington authorities see this and will probably accept the inevitable. Representative Jones speaks like a broad-minded American, and gracefully acknowledges Canada's generosity to American miners; he does not wish to provoke Canada to any such action as we have outlined, and it is to be hoped for the sake of the American miners that his sane views and not those of Senator Turner, who does not think there would be any retaliation, will prevail in the American house of representatives. As we have said before, British Columbians need not give themselves any concern over the matter; we have little or nothing to lose by the closing of the sub-port of Dyes, and the Dominion government can, if such action be taken by the Americans, retaliate with crushing effect.

### ADVANCE, CANADA!

In face of the splendid progress the Dominion is now making it were cruel to make fun of the Opposition press who peddled all kinds of blue rain and have been, until recently, industriously trying to turn every report of prosperity into a danger signal. It is the gracious thing to suppress the inclination to be sarcastic and jeering towards those dwellers in shades of opposition colder by many degrees than any Canadian opposition ever shivered in. We may, however, without unkindness draw attention to the altered tone of such foes of Liberal rule as the Toronto World, Mail and Empire, Montreal Star and Gazette, in speaking of Canada's resources. They are even enthusiastic over it; and they have much more to say about it and much less about the government under which it began and is continuing. The revenue returns for the five months of the fiscal year ending November 30th last, just issued, show revenue: \$14,651,077, and the expenditure \$11,435,225, leaving a surplus of \$3,215,852. The revenue is \$83,000 less than it was for the same period last year, while there is a saving in the expenditure of the current year of \$694,000. There was nearly half a million dollars increase in the revenue for the month of November, as compared with the same month in 1896. The customs alone show for the month an increase of over a quarter million dollars. The figures for the five months are as follows:

	1896.	1897.
Customs .....	\$ 8,008,084 11	\$ 8,312,284 12
Excise .....	3,493,625 29	2,676,911 92
Post Office .....	1,375,000 00	1,430,000 00
Public Works, including railways .....	1,716,443 23	1,728,167 13
Miscellaneous .....	431,169 63	568,731 93
Total .....	\$14,734,915 26	\$14,651,077 70
Expenditure .....	\$12,940,341 96	\$11,435,225 80
Surplus .....	\$3,248,852 00	

The expenditure on capital account was nearly half a million dollars greater during the past five months than in 1896, but \$100,000 less during the past month than for the same time last year. The increase in the public debt was \$727,000, as against \$2,710,000 for the previous year.

There is no use of attempting to dispute the fact that Canada's present prosperity is unprecedented in the face of figures like the foregoing. Anyone who imagines that Canada has ever approached those figures before may turn up the reports as far back as he wishes to explore and he will find himself convinced that the Dominion has far passed all the old high-water marks. In addition to the foregoing tables of figures we may quote the very interesting report of Mr. Bosworth, traffic manager of the C.P.R. in Eastern Canada. He says that eastern traffic is at present enormous, every foot of space in outgoing vessels being already engaged. The exports from St. John this year will be double those of last year. Mr. Bosworth states that the Canadian Pacific have been forced to decline to receive several shipments of grain.

What we should like to see would be the early development of the trade with Japan and the Oriental countries, which can give us an unlimited market for our products. The report of the Dominion commissioner, recently laid before the government, will not be allowed to lie long unattended to, seeing that the government is straining every nerve to find outlets for Canadian exports, and that there is not one unfavorable word in that report. To British Columbia the opening up of the Japan trade will mean commercial prosperity similar to that which is now being enjoyed in Eastern Canada. In the hands of the present Liberal government the matter is quite safe; efforts will, no doubt, be made here long to establish Canadian-Japanese trade on a basis similar to the Canadian-European traffic.

### SPARE THE TREES.

It would be interesting to know who is responsible for the destruction of the ornamental shade trees on the government grounds at James Bay. We have too much confidence in the good taste of Victorians to doubt that the removal of those trees is viewed with feelings of the deepest indignation and sorrow. Those trees have taken from twenty-five to thirty years to attain their present proportions and beauty, and once destroyed they cannot be replaced until a period of similar duration has passed. Is this another crime—or worse than crime, a blunder—to be laid at the door of the chief commissioner of lands and works? He is a gentleman from whom we should not expect either a keen aesthetic appreciation of natural beauty or the sensitive artistic perceptions of a cultured mind; we fancy Hon. Mr. Martin's prototype to have been the late Mr. Gradgrind, rather than the late author of "O woodman, spare that tree!" If Hon. Mr. Martin is trying to make Victoria look like his treeless ranch, so that he may not feel "lonesome" when staying here, but be constantly reminded of the unwooded vistas of his beloved district, we think he should not go into it in a half-hearted manner, but should spend every available cent he can get of the public money to produce a barren desert, in place of the smiling green spot that now is known as Victoria. We suggest that Hon. Mr. Martin have all the bright velvet turf around the buildings stripped off and the whole surface relaid with asphalt, cement, flagstones, bricks, or foundry cinders. Hon. Mr. Martin will forfeit the esteem of the people and the admiration of those who have followed his devious windings since he took to ministering in the Turner camp if he go furiously into this great scheme of transforming Victoria from a beauty spot into a sea. The cutting down of those beautiful trees is vandalism of the coarsest kind. No man with any pretence to good taste or refinement can withhold his applause from the eloquent protests of Messrs. Sorby and Rattallbury. Whether is responsible for ordering this crime to be committed ought to be brought sharply to book for it.

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### SHAWNIGAN DISTRICT.

To the Editor: This settlement is making rapid strides in the way of improvement this year. The settlers are making steady progress in the building of the new Methodist church at Mill Bay notwithstanding the bad weather. Mr. Wilkinson has just finished unloading the last large scow load of lumber that arrived at Mill Bay from Victoria, this being the second scow load this summer. There were six different orders on the last scow. This is shipping coals to Newcastle with a vengeance, the same firm having shipped a scow load of lumber to Chemainus earlier in the season. NIP. Colfax Hill, Dec. 14.

### LAFAYETTE COLLEGE BURNED.

Easton, Pa., the scene of a Big Blaze This Morning.  
Easton, Pa., Dec. 18.—Pardee Hall, the main building of the Lafayette college, is on fire and is burning fiercely. The loss will probably reach \$200,000; insurance \$100,000. The east wing of the building may possibly be saved.  
Late—Only the east wing was saved from the flames. The entire structure of the entire west wing was gutted, and only the blackened walls are standing. Besides the damage to the building, thousands of dollars worth of valuable property belonging to the professors' college is destroyed. The Ward library is in smoldering ruins, with the valuable catalogues, minerals and birds. The origin of the fire is unknown.

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### The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—At the request of a number of citizens I have the honor to announce that I shall be a candidate for re-election to the office of Mayor at the election to be held next January, and respectfully solicit your votes and support.  
CHAS. E. REDFERN.

### The Mayoralty.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria: Ladies and Gentlemen.—Having been requested by a large number of ratepayers to offer myself as a candidate for Mayor at the ensuing municipal election, I have much pleasure in complying with their request, and I have most respectfully solicited the votes and influence of the electors of the municipality to secure my election. Previous to the date of election I will by public notice call you together to place before you my views on municipal matters.  
JOSEPH WISTROF CARRY.

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### Victoria Flour & Rice Mills.

Notice is hereby given that any persons having claims against the Victoria Flour and Rice Mills of this city, are required to mail them to the Mount Royal Milling and Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Montreal, before the 1st day of January, proximo.

### Vancouver Island Building Society.

The 10th drawing for an appropriation in the above society will be held at Sir William Wallace Society's hall, Broad St. on Monday, the 20th December, 1897, at 8 p.m. See that your shares are not in arrears. By order, B. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

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**TO LET—Large front sunny bedroom, comfortably furnished, suitable for doctor. Terms moderate. E. L. Davis, office. de16-1v**

**TO RENT—Farm on Shil Spring Island, fronting on Ganges Harbor; orchard, stock and farming implements, good house, barn and water on premises. For full particulars apply Box 805, Victoria, B. C. de16-1v**

**TO LET—Furnished room, suitable for single gent. Near Pandora car. Apply F. M., Box 261, City. nov27-1v**

**FOR RENT—A nicely furnished room: 120 Fort street. nov17-1m**

**TO LET—The Commercial Hotel, Douglas street. Apply H. Porter & Sons, Douglas street. de16-1v**

**AMUSEMENTS.**  
GRAND TARGET and trap shooting match at Faxon's Bridge on Thursday, December 23, for Turkeys, Geese and Sockings. Fig.

**LOST AND FOUND.**  
LOST OR STOLEN—On the 13th inst., one large black and white dog, name, "Wanook," part Newfoundland and part split-toed setter. Any person keeping him after this notice will be prosecuted. Wm. McDowell, 94 Superior street. de16-1v

**WOOD AND COAL.**  
VICTORIA WOOD AND COAL YARD, cor. Government and Discovery. All kinds of fuel for sale at lowest current rates. Your order solicited. Delivery free. Also steam wood sawing done. Telephone No. 149. A. C. Howe. ju16

**DOUBLE SCREENED Household Coal, \$5 per ton of 2000 lbs., weight guaranteed, delivered to any part of the city. Kingham & Co. Office, corner Fort and Broad streets. Telephone call 233. This coal is mined by the New Vancouver Coal Co., Ltd., Nanaimo, B.C. n16-1m**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
MRS. DR. C. C. CHAMBERS, the celebrated Clairvoyant and Medium, Brunswick Hotel, Room 1.

**MONEY TO LOAN on first-class mortgages, repayable either in a lump sum or in a fixed number of easy monthly payments, from 3 to 12 years. A. W. More & Co., mortgage brokers, 55 Government Street.**

**MISS HOWES, Test Medium, 124 Douglas street. Do you wish to know if you will succeed in the Klondike, or in business or in your love affairs, consult her. She predicted the unsuccessful return of the steamer Bristol and has located a large number of mining claims in the United States and British Columbia. Readings from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. de16-1v**

**USE ADVENT FLOUR—A pure, fine whole wheat flour. Mrs. E. Hunt, Rockland Avenue, sole agent. Orders taken at Speed Bros. Grocery, 105 Main Street.**

**JOHN MAXWELL, DISBURSED—All persons having claims or demands on the estate of John Maxwell, late of Burgeny Bay, Salt Spring Island, B. C., are requested to send the particulars to Mr. James Maxwell of Burgeny Bay, Salt Spring Island, or Mr. James Lumsden of the same place, the executors, and all persons indebted to the estate are also requested to pay such debts to one of the executors above named. Dated 27th Nov. 1897. Executors, James Maxwell and James Lumsden, 2 Broughton St., Victoria, B. C. de16-1v**

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL—Dr. Frank Hall has removed to his new office building, No. 125 Yates street, just above Douglas street. nov27-1m**

**A. & W. WILSON, PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS, Bell Hangars and Tinsmiths. Dealers in best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc. Shipping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B.C. Telephone call 126.**

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**VETERINARY.**  
S. F. TOLMIE, VETERINARY SURGEON—Graduate Vet. Officer, Member Ont. Vet. Med. Soc. Office at Day's Library, 105 Johnson street. Telephone 155; residence telephone, 417. Calls promptly attended to day or night. Victoria, B.C.

**RECOVERERS.**  
JULIAN WERT, GENERAL RECOVERER, former member of John Douglass' firm and completely recovered numerous cases for recovering debts, etc. All orders left with James Hall & Co. 105 Fort street, Victoria, B.C. or to the undersigned, 105 Fort street, Victoria, B.C. de16-1v

**—15 crates of bottles, 15 cent each, glass and other cheap bottles at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 50 Douglas street.**

**—Just received for the Xmas trade, a fine assortment of Miran Furniture by Weiler Bros.**

The "man fish" is the extra at Drill Hall to-night.

As good as the name—the "Nugget" cigar, J. C. Meiss & Co.

Hotel Victoria, Victoria, strictly first-class. Rates \$2 upwards.

Christmas books, albums, etc., at wholesale prices. Johnston Kirk block.

Pudding bowls from three to eleven inches at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

GODFISH—Genuine Newfoundland, at R. H. Jameson's, 33 Fort street, Red Front Store.

The treasurer of the Refuge Home acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$25 from the city council.

—Specially opportune is this announcement—Partridge, 86 Yates street, is offering ladies' waterproofs at cost.

The Sterling is now showing a full line of Christmas novelties at very reasonable prices. Open every evening until Christmas, 88 Yates street.

—Past Bohemian, from Milwaukee, the finest beer the world ever produced, on draught at 5 cents per glass at the Bank Exchange, the coolest, cleanest, cheapest restaurant in the city. Never closes.

—A special general meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade will be held at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon for the purpose of considering matters connected with the Yukon trade.

—A splendid stock of sporting goods just received direct from the best factories in England and the United States, comprising shot guns, rifles, shooting coats, etc., at Henry Short & Son's, Gunmakers, 72 Douglas street.

—On Monday evening Mr. Byron H. West will deliver a lecture to the B.Y.P.E. on "The Schools to Have Known and What I Learned From Them."

—In Schulz vs. Ruthven, Braden and Howe, Mr. Justice Drake made an order in chambers this morning giving the defendants until Tuesday to answer on oath the interrogatories delivered by the plaintiff. They had already filed answers, but they were not on oath. Herbert Robertson appeared for the plaintiffs.

The following is the programme for the concert at the drill hall this evening: Overture—"Stradella".....Flotow; Serenade—"May Belle".....Ellenberg; Selection from "The Black Hussar".....Johannes; Waltz—"Pine of the Gables".....Waldfogel; Selection from "The Gipsies".....Johannes; Descriptive Piece—"La Caravane".....Auch; Capt. Bosch, the "Man Fish".....Auch; Will eat, drink, smoke, write and sleep under water.....Sherman; March—"The Pilot".....Sherman; God Save the Queen.....Sherman.

A meeting of the Teachers' Institute was held yesterday afternoon at the Girls' Central school. Mr. Paul gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on mathematical geography. The lecture was illustrated by a machine of Mr. Paul's invention. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Mr. Gillies; vice-president, Miss Williams; secretary, Mr. Currie; executive committee, Miss Dowler, Mr. Butchart, Miss E. G. Lawson and Miss Watson.

—with usual enterprise and push Dixie H. Ross & Co. have again the attraction for the holidays, as was in evidence last evening when they entertained the little ones and grown folk as well with humorous and light views. The street lights interfered with the success of the initial entertainment, but Dixie will not be beaten. To-night he promises a perfect picture, and will have a light that will produce a picture in daylight. From the expression of the public last evening he is encouraged to go to an expense to satisfy and please all.

A large number of members and friends spent a pleasant evening at the open meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society last night. The visitor, John McNab, a piper, just out and retaining a whiff of the heather, sang in grand style "Farewell to My Native Heather," and also rendered stirring airs on "tin pipes." Piper Robertson also was on hand, and Mr. Deen recited an original poem, "The Breaking of the Brig." Mr. Muir sang "Robin Tamson's Smiddy," always a favorite. Principal Paul gave a talk on the British colonies, and the different regiments now operating in India. Mr. Cornack sang "Ye Banks and Braes," and Mr. R. Foster gave a recitation, "Phronology." Notice of a masquerade ball was given out for the 31st of December in the Wallace hall. The election of officers takes place on Thursday next.

The Christmas examination was held in the Highland District school on Friday, December 17th. There was a large attendance of people resident in the district, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Oaklands were also present. An old friend and familiar face was absent, that of our esteemed friend, Mr. Seafe, secretary of the board of trustees, owing to severe illness. The pupils were examined by Miss Clark, the teacher, and showed by their answering the pains which she must have taken during the past year. The school house was very nicely decorated for the occasion. There was also a Christmas tree, well lighted with presents for the children, which Santa Claus was kind enough to distribute, forgetting none of the little ones present. After refreshments kindly supplied by the ladies of the district, speeches were delivered by Messrs. E. Simpson and T. M. Dixon, trustees, who greatly complimented Miss Clark on her work during the past year. Mr. Joseph Dixon, Mrs. Maltravers and Mr. Richard McClure also addressed the meeting. Then there were games indulged in for some time, when the meeting was brought to a close by all present singing "God Save the Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne," everybody saying it one of the happiest days spent in a long time.

If you once try Carter's Little Liver Pills for sick headache, biliousness or constipation, you will never be without them. They are purely vegetable, small, and easy to take. Don't forget this.

—The insurance companies have settled with Mrs. Edward Sherritt, of 144 Fort street, whose residence was damaged by fire some time ago. The settlement was made after the investigation held by the magistrate.

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# FOR XMAS.

Toilet Cases, Manicure Cases, Mirrors, Ebony Hair Brushes,

Roger & Gallet's Perfumes

SEE OUR WINDOW.

JOHN COCHRANE, CHEMIST,

CRIMINAL LIBEL IS CHARGED

Information Laid by Messrs Turner and Pooley Against the Province and Times.

The Article Complained of Appeared in the Two Papers on Saturday Last.

Referred to the Ministers' Connection With a London Klondike Company.

Hewitt Bostock, M. P., Ian Coltart and W. C. Nichol of the Province newspaper and Senator William Templeman, of the Times, have been charged by Hon. J. H. Turner, premier, and Hon. C. E. Pooley, president of the executive council of British Columbia, with criminal libel. The information was sworn to yesterday afternoon by Messrs. Turner and Pooley before Police Magistrate Macrae.

The alleged libel was published in the Province on Saturday last and copied into the Times on the same day, in an article dealing with the Ministers' Connection with a Klondike company. The information goes on: "And which libel was written in the name of Impington that the said John Herbert Turner, and Charles Edward Pooley, as such minister of finance and agriculture and president of the provincial executive council respectively had each of them betrayed the public trust reposed in them and as such ministers of finance and agriculture respectively, are bribable and have received bribes, and that they did not and are not prepared to put the plans and purposes and secret information of the said executive council and government of the said province, of which they are members, at the disposal of a certain commercial company or companies, with which they are connected, and that they are lending such their official influence and official knowledge to the promotion of the said companies of a questionable character (meaning in regard to honesty) for a valuable consideration direct or indirect to a large amount paid or given or to be paid or given by such companies to each of them the said John Herbert Turner and Charles Edward Pooley therefor, and that such their conduct constituted a corrupt bargain and sale of themselves and prostitution of such their public offices for their own private gain as men in high places, meaning their said offices as such minister of finance and agriculture and president of said executive council, and as such members of the legislature of the province of British Columbia is dishonest and corruptly accepted or attempted to obtain for himself money or valuable consideration on account of something done or omitted, or to be afterwards omitted by him in his capacity as such member of the said legislature and of the said executive council."

"These are therefore to command you, in Her Majesty's name, to be and appear before me on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of December, one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-seven, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the police court at the City Hall," etc. Summonses were served on Mr. Coltart and Senator Templeman to-day. B. Cassidy is acting for Messrs. Turner and Pooley. The case will no doubt excite considerable interest in the city and province before the end is reached.

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COLUMBIA FLOURING MILLS CO. HUNGARIAN, PREMIER, AND KLONDIKE BRANDS. R. P. RITHET & CO., Victoria, Agents.

# Collars for Your Husband,

Men never have too many collars. It takes a wonderful lot to go round. Then the laundry is constantly wearing them out, or losing them. What would be more practical as a Christmas gift to your husband than a box (one dozen) of our 4-ply all-linen collars in any shape or size you wish for

\$1.75 per Doz.

Cameron,

HON. MR. JUSTICE IRVING.

Appointment of a Successor to Hon. Mr. McCreeght on Supreme Court.

Confirmation was received from Ottawa yesterday of the appointment of Mr. Paulus Aemilius Irving, J. C., of Hamilton, for some years past the firm of Rodwell, Irving & Duff to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court Bench of British Columbia caused by the resignation of Mr. Justice McCreeght. The new judge will be required to take up his residence on the Mainland.

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# ALBENI TO THE FRONT.

An English Syndicate Takes Up the Bond on Regina Group.

Mr. Armstrong, who headed the Regina group of mineral claims, has now taken up the bond and a company has been formed in England with a capital of £100,000 to develop the property, which Mr. Armstrong says is one of the best propositions he has seen. One ledge on this property being over 100 feet wide, and the assays give most satisfactory values. He has retained to enter into partnership with Mr. E. V. Rodwell. As deputy attorney-general he gained much knowledge of the laws of the province, many of which he framed, and also of criminal law, which will stand him in good stead as a judge. The appointment is a good one, and will be well received throughout the province.

# Tell Your Friends

That we have just opened the finest assortment of Holiday Goods we have ever handled—Silk Handkerchiefs, Mullers, Gloves, Choice Neckwear and Full Lines of Gents' Furnishings. Just the thing for Xmas Gifts.

Samuel Sea, Jr.

Leading Gents' Furnisher, 80 Douglas Street, Oddfellows' Block.

# Klondike

In January, the whole of the large and well selected stock of HATS and GENTS' FURNISHINGS will be ABSOLUTELY sold at cost. AS THIS IS A ONE TIME, AN INSPECTION IS INVITED.

E FRANK, Prop., 30 Coy't St., next to Redfern's.

Silver Toilet Articles. Those dainty necessities for my lady's bureau or dressing table, just the things for HOLIDAY PRESENTS, at prices that make the purchaser enquire if they are really Sterling Silver. They are made from the finest of Sterling Silver, after the latest patterns. C. E. REDFERN, 43 Government St.

# That Boy of Yours

...To Say Nothing of Papa's GIRL

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

...DON'T FORGET THE ADDRESS... A. BARKER, 88 1-2 Douglas Street.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS APPRECIATED BY FATHER OR MOTHER. A PAIR OF GOLD SPECTACLES. OPERA GLASSES, FIELD GLASSES, TELESCOPES. F. W. NOLTE & CO., OPTICIANS, 37 FORT STREET.

CLEARING SALE NOW TILL XMAS. A LARGE STOCK TO SELECT FROM. BARGAINS FOR CASH. Waltham Watches, Nickel Cases, \$6.00. Elgin Watches, Nickel Cases, 6.00. Duesler Watches, Nickel Cases, 6.00. Waterbury Watches, Nickel Cases, 2.00. Waltham Watches, in Gold Filled Cases, \$7.00. Elgin Watches, in Gold Filled Cases, 7.00. Duesler Watches, in Gold Filled Cases, 7.00. Solid Gold Ladies' Waltham Watches, closed cases, from 21.00. Solid Gold Elgin, 21.00. Gold Filled, warranted 20 years, 15.00. Gold Filled, warranted 15 years, 10.00.

Chain Bracelets. In 15 k. Gold, very choice. In 9 k. Gold—Equals the above in appearance. In 1-10 Gold Filled, cannot be told from the more expensive article. In Sterling Silver, of beautiful finish. Bangle Bracelets in Gold and Silver—Best English make. E. ROBINSON, JEWELLER, 37 Fort St., next to Clay's.

CHRISTMAS WEEK AT WEILER BROS. An Immense Display of Useful, Handsome and Effective Xmas Presents. Call early in the week and thus avoid the rush. WEILER BROS., 31 to 35 Fort Street.

Xmas Gifts. SOMETHING USEFUL. Shaving Sets, Table Knives, Razors in cases, Tasting Sets, Military Hair Brushes, E.P. Spoons and Forks, Silver Teasets. Fox's, 78 Government Street.

Xmas Perfumes At Howes' Drug Store, 100 Government Street.

# LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Drill Hall to-night—Captain Beach will surprise you.

—Glassware just received and for sale cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s 80 Douglas street.

—Especially opportune is this announcement—Partridge, 86 Yates street, is offering ladies' waterproofs at cost.

—Jackets, dress goods and hats at greatly reduced prices. The Sterling, 88 Yates street. Open every evening until Christmas.

—Captain Beach, the "man fish" is to be the extra attraction at the Drill Hall this evening. The decorations put up for the military ball have been allowed to remain. The programme is as follows:

—The remains of the late Ald. Harrison will this evening be taken to the Masonic Hall, from where the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon. The hall will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to-morrow.

—The fund for the Victorian Order of Home Nurses has reached \$484,500. The latest subscriptions being \$130 from the Eburne public school and \$21 collected by Mrs. Curwin. This makes \$93.75 collected by that lady.

—On Thursday evening next another ball will be held at the drill hall, a "military social dance." No tickets will be issued, but to all save militiamen an admission fee of 50 cents will be charged at the door. The decorations and the new flooring used for the last ball will be allowed to remain for the occasion.

—The store of R. Baker & Son, on Yates street, was entered last evening, the intruder getting through the transom. The office door was pried open, but nothing was taken. The burglar passed through Baker's store to Messrs. Gilmore & McCandless, which is directly at the rear. Here some small changes were taken from the till but nothing else was missed.

—The funeral of the late Hector Fraser took place yesterday afternoon. A large number of the pupils of the Victoria West school attended. Rev. D. McRae, assisted by Rev. W. D. Barber and Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the burial services. The pallbearers were: Masters Robert Boyd, Frederick McGraw, Clifford Jenkinson, Frederick Harrop, James McKenzie and Ernest Tait, schoolfellows of the deceased.

—Leslie Cullom, special agent of the United States treasury, and J. E. Gardner, interpreter at San Francisco for the United States government, are in the city in connection with the case of Hock Toy, charged with forging documents used by Messrs. Cullom and Gardner, acting for the United States government, in a custom house inquiry at Seattle. The charges made against the Chinese interpreter at Port Townsend, based upon these alleged forged documents, were dismissed. The case comes up in the speedy trials court on Monday.

—At a meeting of Camp 82, Woodmen of the World held yesterday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year: L. Hall, past; past commander; H. G. Edwards, consul commander; W. H. Pennock, adviser; lieutenant; J. D. Warren, banker; W. Jackson, clerk; R. Davidson, escort; F. W. Hall, E. A. Hall and R. L. Fraser, physicians; E. J. Monk, watchman; J. W. Croighton, sentry; J. G. Taylor and C. E. Watkins, managers; W. Jackson, delegate to head camp; L. Hall, alternate. The next quarterly concert of the Woodmen will be given on December 10th.

—The following changes in the Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery, have been gazetted: First Battalion—to be Captain, Lieut. Douglas B. McCannan, vice Jameson, retired. To be Lieutenants, Second Lieutenant John Fongesee Foulkes, vice McCannan, promoted; Thomas Edward Pooley and Robert Henry Pooley, Second Battalion—Provisional Second Lieutenant F. W. Hartley and Provisional Second Lieutenant W. A. de Wolf Smith retire. To be Second Lieutenants, provisionally, John Connal Whyte; gentleman; vice Smith, retired; Alexander Henderson, George O. Gorman, Mahon Dockrill, William Angus Johnson and Joseph Cowan Grant, gentlemen, to complete establishment.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER. A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

THE PLEASANT ROBITION.

Dominion Prohibitory Laws Injurious to Political and General Morality - The Maine Law.

The Concomitant Evils of Prohibition Recited at Length and in Detail - Dangerous Experiment.

The people of Canada, as compared with all other Christian nations, are singularly abstemious. In making comparisons I must confine myself to Great Britain, the Netherlands and the United States.

What has led to our comparatively happy condition of things? A great variety of causes - the healthy, religious sentiment of the people which responds to every appeal with regard to admitted evils.

Prohibition in Maine. The state of Maine, however, affords a much better illustration of what prohibition can and cannot do than any other province.

Old Men and Kidney Disease. Aged persons troubled with weak back, impaired kidneys, pain in the back, loss of appetite, scalding urine, with a small quantity of water at a time.

PHILIPPINES SUBMISSION. Madrid, Dec. 17. - An extra number of the Gazette publishes dispatches received from Manila.

THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE. THE NORTH-WESTERN LINE leave Minneapolis and St. Paul for Chicago on arrival of trains from Victoria.

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IS BUYING A MIGHTY CHANGE.

British-American Corporation Has Purchased Three Properties - Josie, No. 1, Nickel Plate.

Hon. O. H. Mackintosh Gives Further Details of the Operations of the Big Company.

On Sunday the Miner published a special telegram from London concerning the affairs of the British American Corporation, limited, to the effect that the company had issued its prospectus and that its capital was \$7,500,000.

Prohibition can prevent the open importation of wine, beer or spirits. It cannot prevent smuggling which, even without prohibition, flourishes at present along the lower St. Lawrence with increasing vigor.

Prohibition can remove open temptation from the young and from persons disposed to alcoholic excess. It is precisely helpful to the young, "pocket seducers" and all the well known variety of secret temptations.

Prohibition can prevent the open sale of intoxicants, though as long as druggists or other agents are allowed to sell medicinal, mechanical or sacramental uses or for use in the arts it is extremely difficult to distinguish between these and other.

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New life, health, vim, energy and activity, are some of the blessings Paine's Celery Compound bestows on those who are now helpless, weary and half dead.

SEA OTTER HUNTING. Washington City, Dec. 17. - The secretary of the treasury has issued new regulations which will govern sea otter hunting within the limits of the Bering Sea coast during the year 1898.

SOME COLD WEATHER. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 17. - The official thermometer in this city got down to 12 below zero during the night, and the cold wave is still in evidence all over the north-western States.

BOOKKEEPER SUICIDE. Portland, Dec. 17. - C. W. Jamison, a bookkeeper in the employ of Dr. E. E. Moore of Albion, committed suicide yesterday morning by shooting himself in the head.

SPREAD OF LA GRIPE. Distressing Nature of the Influenza Phase of the Disease - Immediate Relief from Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder - Fifty Members of Parliament Bear Testimony.

THE DIRECT ROUTE TO KOOTENAI MINING COUNTRY. THE DIRECT ROUTE TO KOOTENAI MINING COUNTRY.

TRANSPORTATION. OCEANIC COMPANY FOR HAWAII, SAMOA, NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA.

Victoria & Sidney R'y. Trains will run between Victoria and Sidney daily as follows: Leave Victoria at 7:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Leave Sidney at 8:15 a.m. 5:15 p.m.

Str. City of Kingston. FROM TACOMA, DAILY (EXCEPT SATURDAY). Leave Tacoma 8:00 p.m. Leave Seattle 10:00 p.m. Leave Port Townsend 1:30 a.m. Arrive Seattle 9:45 a.m. Arrive Port Townsend 12:45 a.m.

ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO R.Y. TIME TABLE NO. 29. To take effect at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 4th, 1897. Trains run on Pacific Standard Time.

THE QUICKEST ALL-RAIL ROUTE TO ROSSLAND KOOTENAI and KETTLE RIVER MINING DISTRICTS.

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CLOSING EXERCISES

Two Thousand Young Victorians De part on their Christmas Holidays.

The Proceedings at the Various Schools—Presentations and Speeches.

Yesterday the school children put away their books, slates and pencils and all thoughts of the subjects of study as set down in the curriculum have been banished for two weeks.

THE HIGH SCHOOL. A Large Number of Visitors Attend—Scholars Debate on the Chinese Question.

When the children of the High School assembled for their closing exercises yesterday there were present, besides a large number of friends of teachers and pupils, the Hon. Col. Baker, Lt. Rev. Bishop Perrin, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. J. B. Haslam, Rev. M. D. Rowell, Inspector Eston, and Mr. D. Wilson occupying the chair.

Chorus—Gaudemus igitur. School Club singing. Miss Chapman. Chorus—The British Grenadiers. School. The debate was won by the negatives, championed most eloquently by Miss Elsie Stranmillis and Master Borde.

SOUTH PARK SCHOOL. A Presentation to Miss Cameron—Christmas Gifts for the Poor.

A feature of the closing exercises at South Park school was the presentation to the principal, Miss A. D. Cameron of a silver-headed umbrella.

From South Park to the High school—Margaret Florence Hart, Elizabeth Heaney, Agnes Alexander, second proficency.

Price List—Glady's Maud Cameron, head of class; Emma Spencer, second proficency and Edith Louise Platt, next work.

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Seventh Division. Clement Hobden, head of class; Charles Berryman, Frank Cameron, Alfred Platt, Willie Lewis, Ross Jones, and Mary Kathleen Roberts, regularity.

Eighth Division. Prize for ranking one every month of this term awarded Violet Deakin; six prizes awarded for not missing a day in the past term—Violet Deakin, Jessie McKay, Estie Warren, Joseph Bartlett, Joseph Stewart and Claude Pottinger.

NORTH WARD SCHOOL. Presentations to Mr. Dallas, the Teachers, and Janitor of the School.

At the closing exercises of the North Ward school presentations were in order. Mr. Robinson, the janitor, received a purse from Mr. McNeil on behalf of the teachers.

SPRING RIDGE SCHOOL. A Good Programme Presented by the Children of the School.

The children of Spring Ridge school began their Christmas holidays yesterday afternoon. During the morning an oral examination was held and in the afternoon a good programme was presented by the children, before a number of visitors, parents and friends.

BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL. Pupils Promoted From the First Division to High School.

There were no public exercises at the Boys' Central school yesterday, the pupils simply being examined in their respective rooms, and Inspector Cowperwater presented the following boys with certificates for the High School: Wm. Strathell, Arthur D. Belyas, and Henry Hartwell.

AT VICTORIA WEST. Scholars Take Their Leave Quietly for the Christmas Holidays.

At Victoria West school there was no programme and the pupils departed for their Christmas holidays without any special. Before leaving, however, they presented Principal Tait with an address and a picture case.

GIRLS' CENTRAL. Pupils Rewarded For Their Skill With the Needle.

The senior pupils of the Girl's Central school presented a very good musical programme at their closing exercises yesterday, after which they were addressed by Sir Henry P. P. Crease, who presented Miss Mabel Lyall with a hand-bag.

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THE WOR-R-R-L-D. Expected to Come Out Shortly as a Conservative Organ. Senator McLagan of the Vancouver World appears to have such a serious quarrel on with the Liberal party that it is doubtful if he will ever succeed in getting it off again.

Have You Tried Duke's Mixture. Smoking Tobacco? Benson's Porous Plaster. GEM RESTAURANT. The Toy Bazaar.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE. Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897.

List of Lands and Improvements within the corporation of the City of Victoria, to be sold for Taxes and Costs on the 29th day of December, 1897, at the City Hall, Victoria, at 12 o'clock, noon, in pursuance of 'The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1897,' unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Land and Improvements, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs, Collector's Commission and Postage, Total Amount of Taxes and Costs. Lists various lots and owners for tax sale.

City Treasurer and Collector's Office, City Hall, Victoria, B. C. November 24th, 1897. CHAS. KENT, Collector of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, B.C.

The Toy Bazaar. No. 63 Yates Street. Next to Nicholles & Renou's. CARRIES THE LARGEST STOCK OF Toys, Novelties, and Xmas Presents.

GEM RESTAURANT. REMOVED TO 42 BRAD ST. Opposite New Colonial Building VICTORIA. Meals 15c. and upwards. Satisfaction guaranteed. AUX. LIPSKY, Prop.

Re Estate of Squire Milton, Deceased. All persons having claims against the above estate are requested to present the same to the undersigned within ten days from date. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement. J. G. HILTON, Administrator. No. 7 Pioneer St., Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1897.

ESTABLISHED 1864. Victoria Loom Office. 43 JOHNSON ST. MONEY TO LOAN. On 25% approved security. Business strictly confidential. F. LANDSEBERG, Proprietor. P.O. Box 608.

NOTICE. I am hereby given that I intend to apply to the board of licensing commissioners of the City of Victoria, B.C., for the year ending 1898, for a license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail upon the premises known as the Clarence Hotel, situate on the corner of Douglas and Yates streets in the City of Victoria, B. C., to William James Partridge. Dated this 18th day of December, 1897. E. BURICK.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRICE OF CLOCKS AND WATCHES HAVING BEEN ADVANCED 25 PER CENT., NO ADVANCE WILL BE MADE BY ME OR FORMER PRICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. S. A. STODDART, DIRECT IMPORTERS, 28 YATES ST.

NO ROOM FOR DYSPEPSIA.

Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets Prevent Its Existence.

Humanity has been afflicted with Dyspepsia, indigestion and other stomach diseases, since the world began. But, until lately, there was no Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets to cure these complaints.

In years gone by, people had to suffer from Dyspepsia, etc. To-day there is no more need to do so than there is for a millionaire to starve with hunger. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets cure Dyspepsia as quickly as the millionaire's dollars buy his food.

There is nothing boastful in this assertion. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets cannot help curing these diseases. They cannot possibly have any other effect, once they are taken into the stomach. The ingredients of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets form the same digestive agent that a healthy, vigorous stomach supplies. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets digest the food, in short.

If all the food you eat is thoroughly digested, you cannot possibly be afflicted by Dyspepsia, indigestion, nor any other stomach disorder. That is plain. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets prevent any chance of these diseases recurring after the Tablets have once cured them.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The coroner's inquest on the man McManus, who was found dead in his room at the Elchiff House, resulted in a verdict that he died from taking an overdose of laudanum through misadventure. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It appears that the deceased has no relatives or friends in the city.

Word has been received from Wharrock of the death on Sunday last, of Mr. Samuel Robertson, one of the pioneers of the province. Deceased came to this province in 1844, crossing the Rockies in company with two pioneers, Messrs. J. Cromarty and J. Taylor, the latter of whom survives him and is still living at Langley. They built the post at Langley for the Hudson's Bay Company. Mr. Robertson engaged in farming for many years, and was very successful, as, besides leaving several well stocked farms, he had \$15,000 in the bank.

At the closing exercises of the girls' division of the Central School on Wednesday, Miss Rogers was presented by the pupils with a dozen silver spoons; Miss Robinson, with a dressing case and book; Miss Millard, with a handkerchief and glove case, and Miss M. F. Homer, with a photo stand. Yesterday the boys' division was closed, and to-day the closing exercises will be held in the High School.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE RING.

New York, Dec. 17.—Norman Selby, of Rush county, Ind., better known in pugilistic circles as "Kid" McCoy, is undoubtedly the middle-weight champion pugilist of the world.

Long before the big event took place the frame building in which it was held was crowded to excess and bets were freely made, with McCoy the favorite, at 10 to 8.

From the moment that the men put up their hands in the opening round, McCoy's stock began to ascend. It was "boosted" so rapidly that at the end of the sixth round McCoy's backers were offering three to one on his man.

McCoy is a wonder, was the universal comment when the fighting was over and no one, even those who bet against him, begrudged him his well won laurels.

Green Again Beats Williams.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.—The announced fifteen-round boxing contest for points between Green, of Seattle, and Williams, of San Francisco, terminated in the seventh round. Mr. Joseph Hillier refereed the contest. Green had the best of it after the second round, Williams boxing feebly from that on.

McCoy Challenges Fitzsimmons.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Champion pugilist Fitzsimmons has received a challenge to fight from Kid McCoy, in case McCoy defeats Creighton in to-night's battle. Fitzsimmons declares emphatically that he has retired from the ring and will pay no attention to challenges from anyone in the future.

BASKETBALL.

The match between the "Wasps" of the Y.M.C.A. and the J.B.A.A. last evening was won by the former by a score of 3 to 1. In the first half J. Scott scored for the "Wasps" and repeated the operation in the second half. Then A. Finlaison scored for the Bays, F. Humber followed with another for the "Wasps." The teams follow: Wasps—Guard, C. Marshall; backs, E. M. Burns and E. Wilson; forwards, J. Noot, T. White, F. Humber and P. Marchant.

J.B.A.A.—Guard, A. Finlaison; backs, A. Beiley and H. Galbraith; forwards, H. Jesse, F. Widdowson, C. McNeil, L. B. Young.

On Monday evening the Y.M.C.A. "Swifts" and No. 1 Company play.

ANOTHER EXTENSION.

Mr. Simon Leiser Purchases the Building Adjoining His Present Premises.

Mr. Simon Leiser has purchased from Mr. George Byrnes, the building and property on Yates street, now occupied by Mr. Byrnes and adjoining the large building erected last spring by Mr. Leiser. The property has a frontage of 31 feet on Yates street and a depth of 120 feet, and the building is a one-story brick. The price paid was \$5,000.

Blackwell's Bull Durham Tobacco. This includes Best Wheat Straw Papers. 4-ounce Bags, 35 cents. 2-ounce Bags, 20 cents. AT HARRY L. SALMON'S, Leading Tobacconist, Corner Yates and Government Streets.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Happenings of a Day Along the Water Front.

The steamer Tacoma will sail to-morrow for China and Japan taking a large number of Chinamen to the Flower Kingdom, the majority going over to spend the holidays with their friends intending to return in the spring, and 100,000 feet of lumber for Yokohama from the Hastings mills. She has but one white passenger, Chief Officer Morgan of the steamer Pelican, who left the missing steamer shortly before she left on her eventful voyage. Not a word has been heard from the long over-liner since she sailed from Port Townsend on October 12th last with lumber for Tientsin. She is now about fifty days overdue, and it is feared that she is lost. A remarkable coincidence is noticed when the fact is taken into consideration that the Pelican left port on the same day of the same month that the Strathveit of this line sailed on her memorable voyage when she was so long overdue, and so many relief vessels were sent to search for her. As will be remembered the Strathveit was about seventy days overdue when picked up by the collier Mincola. The steamer Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line, which sailed from Yokohama on December 14th, will keep watch for her on the way across. The Victoria is due on December 23rd.

The claim of the C.P.N. Co. against the ship Senator, Capt. Harrison, has been settled, and now only the suit for salvage brought by the Sadie's owners for similar services remains against her. The Senator has been valued by Capt. J. G. Cox and Mr. D. Cartmel, who place her value at \$10,000. Arrangements have been made for her release pending the trial of the suit brought by the Sadie's owners, on bonds being put up to the amount of \$3,000.

The Niagara bark Wreath, Captain Neilson, now discharging nitrate at the Victoria Chemical works, will leave for Departure Bay on Monday evening for the tug Constance to discharge the balance of her cargo at the Hamilton Powder Works.

The steam freighter Oscar returned yesterday evening from Tacoma. She will leave this evening for Nanaimo.

BOYS' COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Had Their Closing Exercises Yesterday—A Dramatic Entertainment.

The closing exercises of the Boys' Collegiate school were held yesterday evening at the Cathedral school room. Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin presided and a large number of friends of the boys were present, including Hon. Col. Baker, Ven. Archdeacon Scovron and Mayor Redfern. In his annual report, Principal Laing gave the list of prize winners as follows:

Scholarship examinations—School scholarship, Hanington, major (for the second time); entrance scholarship, Joseph Keefer, aged 10. The prizes given at midsummer were gained as follows: Sixth form prize—Hanington, major; fifth form, Phair; fourth form, Monteith; second form, Rhodes; divinity prize, Armytage; special arithmetic prize, Hanington, major. The prizes of the present term were awarded as follows: Sixth form—Hanington, major; fifth form, Phair; fourth, Wilnot; second, Armytage; divinity prize, Hanington, major.

After Hon. Col. Baker had delivered an address on entertainment was given, the programme of which included the presentation of three scenes from Moliere's "Moeck Doctor," by Masters Johnson and Hanington brothers and three scenes from Sheridan's "Rivals," by Masters Wilnot, Phair, Johnson and Hanington brothers. In view of the approaching marriage of Principal Laing, the Bishop asked for and obtained an extra week's holiday for the boys, so school will not reassemble until January 24th.

LATE LOCALS.

At their last weekly meeting Fernwood Lodge, C.O.O.F., elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Lecturer, Master J. B. Westcott; P.M., W. Cornack; N.G., P. T. James; V.G., E. E. Westcott; sec.-treas., G. E. Wilber; financial secretary, T. W. Carter; treasurer, W. F. Fullerton; surgeon, Dr. Carter; warden, T. Passet; conductor, W. O. Carter; R.S.N.G., B. Cooper; L.S.N.G., W. H. Nathan; R.S.V.G., J. Grice; L.S.V.G., E. Andrews; outside guard, J. S. Walsh; inner guard, R. Dewar; R.S.S., R. Hawk; L.S.S., J. Bates; trustees, R. Carter, J. J. Walsh, W. Cornack; auditors, W. H. Coates, W. O. Carter, G. E. Wilber; finance committee, P. T. James, E. Westcott, J. R. Westcott, Ivy Lodge, Daughters of Ruth, will be installed this evening and will elect officers.

The funeral of the late Luke Gray, who died at the Jubilee Hospital on Wednesday, took place to-day from St. Andrew's R.C. Cathedral, where a solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Father Nicolays. The funeral was attended by a large number of sympathetic friends, including the members of Seafarers Council, Y.M.C., who attended in a body. The pall bearers were H. J. O'Leary, Thos. Conlin, P. J. Sehl, W. Baines, Charles Geiger and M. Steele.

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The provincial police have started to unravel the attempted murder, which occurred at Hall's Crossing, yesterday, and this morning Constable Murray of the provincial police left for Duncan's to take charge of Mike Morock and Jim Thomson, the two tramps arrested by Constable Maitland-Dougall yesterday in connection with this crime. Morock is said to be a deserter from the U. S. S. Alert.

Mr. J. P. Davies will this evening hold an unreserved sale of carpets, art squares and rugs at his showroom, 81 Johnson street. The sale will commence at 7:30.

BOATS STILL MISSING.

Nothing Heard from the Three Boats and Men from the Cleveland.

Telegrams received last evening from Alberta stated that nothing has been seen or heard of the three missing boats and 22 men from the wrecked steamer Cleveland. Neither has any wreckage been found along the coast, although a most thorough search has been made. This leads some to hope that the three boats reached Clayoquot Sound, and that the men are there awaiting the arrival of a steamer. Captain Hall says the boats were all seaworthy, and thinks it possible that they were driven north to Clayoquot Sound where they sought shelter.

Upon her return from Nanaimo the Maude will leave for the scene of the wreck with pumps and other wrecking apparatus, and an attempt will be made to raise the Cleveland. The Maude will be used in removing the cargo from the wrecked steamer.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

The Turner Government Doomed—Great Quartz Discovery. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 18.—What with Kellie's denunciation of the Turner government and Speaker Higgins' alienation, it is felt that the government may be defeated at the next session. Premier Turner's second apology for his connection with speculative mining companies has made his last state worse than his first.

It is claimed here that a mother lode of the Klondike has been found forty miles from Teslin lake in a quartz ledge 1,000 feet wide. Assays made give \$480 to the ton.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Death of Edward Michael—Thompson To Be Tried by Jury. Mr. Edward H. Michael, a pioneer resident of Cedar District, died at the Nanaimo Hospital last night after a lingering illness. The deceased gentleman was a justice of the peace for the county of Nanaimo, and his demise, although not unexpected, will be received with feelings of regret by a large circle of relatives and acquaintances. He was a native of England, aged 73 years, and leaves a wife, a daughter (Mrs. Case) and several sons to mourn his death. In the sixties Mr. Michael resided in Victoria, where he held a responsible position with Dickson, Campbell and Company, and in the seventies removed to Cedar district, where he has since resided, being for many years in the occupation of the Cob Tree Farm, but in recent years lived on his own farm at Michael's lake.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

When and Where Victorians Will Worship To-morrow.

Baptist Mission, Burnside Road. Service as usual to-morrow night at 7 o'clock.

Metropolitan Methodist church, Rev. J. C. Speer, pastor. To-morrow is the anniversary Sunday of the Sabbath school, and the services throughout the day will be appropriate to the occasion. The pastor will preach both morning and evening, 11 a.m. subject, "The Story of a Little Girl," 7 p.m., "A Battle for a Baby." Special music by the school and choir of the church. The regular session of the Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p.m.

Emanuel Baptist church, Spring Ridge. The pastor, Rev. O. E. Kendall, will preach, morning, "Mary of Bethany—At School With Christ." Evening, "Enoch—Walking With God."

Victoria West Methodist church. Both services by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Hicks. Evening subject, "A Grain of Mustard Seed," being the third sermon on "Victories of the Kingdom." Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p.m. Song service at 4:30 p.m.

Congregationalists meet for worship in Temperance hall, Pandora avenue, where the pastor, Rev. G. L. Harris, will preach at the morning service from 1 John, 1-5; and at the evening service will begin a series of three Christmas sermons. Sunday school and Bible class at 2:30 p.m., and Y.P.S.C.E. immediately at the close of the evening service.

Reformed Episcopal. Dr. Wilson's morning subject is "Here we have no continuing city." Evening subject, "Moses."

Theological school, 28 Broad street, Williams block. Public lecture at 8:15 p.m. Subject, "The Ancient Wisdom Religion."

PERSONAL.

G. A. Strickland returned from Vancouver last evening. T. E. Patterson was a passenger from Vancouver last evening. Capt. J. Gibson and wife, of Chemainus, are guests at the Victoria. Jas. McFarlane, M.P.P., G. H. Cooper, and H. B. Stewart, of Nanaimo, are at the Oriental. Conductor Robinson has left for his old home in New Brunswick, where he will spend the holidays. John P. Gray, J. M. Sparrow, E. W. Pratt, N. F. Shaw and W. J. Jeffrey were among the Victorians from the mainland last evening.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—G. A. Strickland, J. McLenahan, Frank Rourke, G. A. Strickland, A. F. Crane, R. Beauchamp, J. P. Gray, M. Sparrow, E. W. Pratt, A. A. Shaw, J. P. Gray, J. Root, N. F. Shaw, M. P. Blackwell, L. A. Campbell, T. Ellis, T. Woodrucker, Mrs. M. Gray, W. J. Jeffrey, T. F. Patterson, C. A. Lee, Miss Meyer, Sister St. Ann, J. Cobden, F. S. O'Neil, J. J. Barker, V. Spencer, T. J. Gibson, A. H. Reilly and wife, Mrs. Harvey, F. Sinclair.

Per steamer City of Kingston from the Sound—Mrs. Stevens, J. G. Lyall, E. W. Young, Mrs. J. J. Brown, C. Miller, J. L. Tom, J. Townsend, G. O. Sauer, J. H. Shaw, Mrs. P. Brown, L. Calhoun, P. J. Hartman and son, J. McKelvie and wife, H. Mitchell, W. H. Shank, J. Diamond, E. H. King, G. McIntosh, E. D. Allen, Miss N. Kaler.

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DIED.

JEWELL.—At the Royal Jubilee Hospital, on the 17th inst., Henry Jewell, aged 58 years, a native of Toronto, Ontario. The funeral takes place Sunday, at 2 p.m., from the family residence, 91 Blanchard street. Friends will please accept this intimation.

HARRISON.—At his residence, 177 Superior street, on the 17th inst., James Harrison, a native of Yarm, Yorkshire, England, aged 68 years. The funeral will take place on Sunday, at 2:15 p.m., from the Masonic Temple, Douglas street, and at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 2:45 p.m.

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