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MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, March 16.—Stock exchange, morning board—Wor. Eagle, 139, 135; Payne, 135, 133; Montreal and London, 32, 30; Republic, 115, 113 1/2. Sales—Payne, 3,000 at 134 1/2, 500 at 133 1/2; Montreal and London, 4,050 at 31; Republic, 500 at 114.

THE ADVANCE ON PRETORIA

Lord Roberts Says He Will Lead the Guards Brigade Into the Transvaal Capital.

BRITISH CONTROL FREE STATE RAILWAY

From Cape Colony to Bloemfontein—It Is Not Known Where the Boers Intend to Oppose the Advance to the North.

(Associated Press.)

Ottawa, March 16.—The following was received from Colonel Otter to-day:

"Bloemfontein, March 16.—At Bloemfontein to-day. All well. (S.D.) OTTER."

London, March 16.—Lord Roberts' success in handling the civil problems at Bloemfontein and the manifest equanimity with which the residents of the capital of the Orange Free State accept the British occupation, momentarily eclipse in interest the military situation.

It is believed here that the commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa will soon push on to Pretoria, but Great Britain is quite content to listen a few days to the acclamations of the people of Bloemfontein, and permit the troops to enjoy a few days' rest before expecting another success.

Roberts' Speech.

Roberts made a quiet speech to the Guards at Bloemfontein to-day when, in his congratulatory words, he expressed pride on their splendid march of 28 miles in 28 hours, and gave ample assurance of his ultimate design. "I have not been able to march into Bloemfontein at the head of the brigade as I intended," said Roberts. "I promise you, however, that I will lead you into Pretoria."

Entrance to Capital.

General Gatacre is holding Bethulie and the whole line of the railroad south of Bloemfontein is now in the hands of the British.

General Brabant's column having crossed the Orange River after a forced march at Alwal North on Sunday, and General Clements' column being across at Vansyl, the three columns will form an army of 12,000 to 15,000 men, which is expected to replace the forces of Roberts at Bloemfontein, as he pushes northward.

Just where the Boers will attempt to oppose that march is an important question, but it cannot be easily answered until Joubert is definitely located.

New From Mafeking.

Further news has reached the outside world from Mafeking, dated Friday, March 9th, showing that though the garrison was in hard straits, they were

buoyed up by the knowledge that their plucky fight was appreciated at home.

Losses at Dreifontein.

It was officially announced to-day that the British casualties at Dreifontein on March 10th were 62 men killed and 321 wounded, including one Canadian wounded.

Wounded at Bloemfontein.

General Roberts reports that he found seven British officers and forty-three men wounded in the hospital at Bloemfontein, and that they had been well cared for.

He adds: "I rejoiced the wounded Boers by telling them they would be allowed to proceed to their homes instead of being made prisoners as soon as they can leave the hospital."

BRABANT FACES BOERS.

Jameson, March 15.—There was much enthusiasm at Alwal North when Brabant's troops occupied that place. Commandant Olivier, the Boer commander, apologized for the action of the Boers during the last days' occupation, saying he could not control his men.

The British are now entrenched on the Free State side of the Orange River, with the Boers holding an advantageous hill in front of them.

General Brabant is greatly hampered owing to the lack of artillery, having only 2 15-pounders.

ENTRANCE TO CAPITAL.

Bloemfontein, March 13.—As Lord Roberts was being conducted to the town to-day by the deputation of officials which had gone out to meet him, he was greeted by crowds waving handkerchiefs and displaying the utmost enthusiasm and cordiality. Lord Roberts entered the market square, thence he proceeded to the parliament house, and from there to the presidency, which he entered from the front. The garden of the late president's pretty house was entered by the crowd which broke out with tremendous energy into "God Save the Queen."

Immediately after the ceremony was over Lord Roberts appointed Gen. Pretorius governor, and then visited the jail, where he released four prisoners, who refused to fight against the British.

Then that portion of troops necessary to man the northern heights began to march through the town.

Lord Roberts' speech to the people. When the horse batteries passed the contrast between the well-fed citizens and the exhausted and worn-out gunners, who sat on their horses and carriages without a sign of emotion, was most striking.

By this time the plain outside was gradually filling. Infantry regiments and immense transport convoys seemed to overrun the ground like water. Gradually out of the chaos order emerged, as each brigade and transport established itself in its proper position in long straight lines miles in extent. From the higher kopje near the town to far beyond could be seen the long yellow serpent representing regiment after regiment of khaki-clad troops marching on the town.

Gen. Joubert was expected here early in the morning, but the blowing up of the line north of the town prevented his coming, and he remained at Brandfort with 2,000 Natalers.

Gen. Pretorius is succeeding admirably as governor of the town. He issued a proclamation to-day to the burghers within a radius of ten miles to

the effect of disarming further opposition on the part of the Free Staters.

Mr. Collins has been appointed landlord, vice Pappehus, deposed; and Mr. Fraser will act as mayor.

Great quantities of stores captured at Wasserfall have been recovered. As a result of Hunter's and Weston's line cutting, the British have secured 20 engines and the line has been cleared to the Kaffir River.

Rumors are current that former president Steyn is willing to surrender. Much unrest exists among the Dutch population. The burghers described the soldiers as locusts, saying they were innumerable and of identical color.

The Free Staters south of here are reported to be rapidly returning to their farms.

General Grobelaar is attempting to escape to the north. He has a large command and a big convoy of supplies.

The majority of the townspeople anticipate that the Free Staters will offer no resistance.

HARSH TREATMENT BY BOERS

Cape Town, March 16.—There was great rejoicing throughout the colony on the receipt of the news that Bloemfontein had been occupied by the British. The first indication of the fact at Port Elizabeth was the firing of 21 guns at 11 o'clock in the evening. The inhabitants hastened to the streets and carried the mayor on their shoulders to the town hall, where a demonstration was made.

To-day will be observed as a general holiday.

There is great rejoicing at Bloemfontein, where the women and children have been shut out for months.

At Jamestown great complaint is made of the harsh treatment by the Boers during the occupation. Rebels are coming in daily with their arms from the south. A number of rebel leaders have been arrested.

MAFKING'S FOOD SUPPLY.

New York, March 16.—The World prints to-day a dispatch from Lady Sarah Wilson in Mafeking dated March 4th.

The siege drags its weary course. The shelling has been less severe in the last few days, but bullets are much more plentiful in the streets, making walking about a work of danger.

The town is gradually assuming the appearance of a gigantic rabbit warren. We have over four miles of trenches for the protection of pedestrians from bullets, and bomb proof shelters to resort to when the shelling is heavy.

The latest triumph is a five-inch gun made by local workmen. Both shells and powder are made locally. Respecting the former, some taken from the Jameson's column at Dorakop by the Boers, were fired into town. They were collected, melted down, re-cast and used, again paying a visit to the Transvaal.

As regards food stuffs, the town can hold out for some time if required to do so, but only with the greatest economy. A soup kitchen, which was started to-day supplied by horses, dogs, etc., will provide for 1,000 natives daily. These natives have large herds of cattle but will not sell any unless in exchange for food. Under the circumstances, it would be unwise to commandeer the cattle. Hence the outlook is an anxious one if the siege shall be prolonged beyond the date given.

Cecil Rhodes Interviewed.

There Must Be Crown Colony Government Before Confederation.

Cape Town, March 15.—In an interview published in the Cape Argus, Cecil Rhodes is quoted as saying: "I feel strongly that we cannot have peace in Africa so long as we have in the republics a rallying ground for disloyalty and disaffection. To go further, I do not think we can safely federate till we have had some years of crown colony government. Personally I have done with the bond."

THE BOER COMMISSIONERS.

Sail on a German Vessel and Are Pursued by a British Warship.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 16.—In a copy of the London cable, the Journal and Advertiser says to-day that dispatches from Lorenzo Marquez state that two Boer commissioners, Abraham Fischer and A. D. Wolmarans, sailed for Europe on the German steamer Kaiser, and that the British man-of-war Thetis started in pursuit.

The interesting question is raised as to whether or not England would dare to take the commissioners off the Kaiser.

London, March 15.—The report published in the United States that the British warship Thetis was chasing the German steamer Kaiser off Delagoa Bay having the Boer commissioners on board, was published in the Daily Mail of this city to-day, together with a denial of the statement.

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Tired of Fighting

Many Orange Free State Burglers Are Surrendering Their Arms.

Lord Roberts Promised to Protect Both Life and Property.

London, March 16.—A Bloemfontein dispatch, dated yesterday, published in the Standard says:

"The Transvaal authorities had definitely made up their minds to surrender on Monday. A stormy meeting was held, presided over by Mr. Steyn, whom Mr. Fraser denounced as a coward, charging him with want of enough moral courage to accept the situation. The late President was, however, not to be persuaded, and when the meeting broke up he left for the north.

"The occupation was extremely orderly and well managed. The spectacle was most impressive when the Sixth Division marched through in grand style, notwithstanding that, like the rest of the army, they had covered 40 miles in 27 hours.

"Large numbers of the burghers are surrendering their arms. Many have fled to their homes. Others are trekking to the east or the north with their cattle and goods. During the last few days the inhabitants of Bloemfontein had been in deadly fear of the violence of the Transvaalers, and consequently the city resembles rather a relieved than a captured town.

"Mr. Wessels, president of the raad, has gone to England to solicit public sympathy and to plead for the independence of the Free State."

ENTRANCE UNOPPOSED.

Further Particulars Regarding Surrender of Bloemfontein.

Bloemfontein, March 15.—Lord Roberts entered the Free State capital to-day, unopposed. He lay at Venter's Field, 14 miles away, last night with Gen. Kelly-Kenny and "Cattell's" division, the Guards Brigade and the mounted infantry.

Gen. French having cut the railway and the telegraph lines, experienced a slight skirmish with some Boers holding the kopjes southeast of the town. Early in the morning the cavalry brigade moved forward and occupied slowly several kopjes which commanded the Boers. A few well-placed shells in the Boers' artillery drove off the enemy.

Gen. French then sent out scouts to feel their way towards the town, perceiving which the correspondents of the Sydney Morning Herald and the London Daily Mail, with one of them, galloped forward and

Entered the Town. which were an every-day aspect. The people were out shopping or for morning walks, and at first the three newspapermen were regarded as townsfolk. When later it became known that they were correspondents of the British army they were greeted cordially and conducted to a club, where they met Mr. Fraser, of the executive council, the mayor and other officials. These they personally accompanied to the town, where they were met by the British troops.

As the party drove out of the city the British cavalry were closing round like a net. The deputation soon arrived opposite the kopje where Lord Roberts was stationed, and this correspondent rushed forward and had the honor of announcing to the Commander-in-Chief that Bloemfontein would surrender.

A little later the deputation began to approach, and Lord Roberts went forward to meet them. The scene was picturesque in the extreme. A few yards away the guns of a battery pointed their grim mouths towards the late position of the Boers, while the tin roofs of Bloemfontein shone in the distance. After salutes had been exchanged, a member of the deputation stepping forward declared that the town, being without defenses, wished to surrender, hoping that Lord Roberts would protect life and property. He replied that there was no opposition, he would undertake to guarantee the security of both.

sonal staff, the general staff, the military attaches and the troops.

OCCUPATION OF BETHULIE.

Gatacre's Now North of the Orange River.

London, March 15.—The following dispatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the war office: "Bloemfontein, Thursday, March 15.—7.55 p.m.—Gen. Gatacre crossed the Orange river and occupied Bethulie this morning. "Gen. Reginald Pole-Carew, with two thousand men of the Guards Brigade, two guns and a small body of Mounted Infantry left here in three trains this morning to join hands with Gen. Gatacre."

He had passed Bethulie by 4.40 p.m., without meeting opposition, having been able to supply from his troops engine drivers, firemen, fitters, moulders, smiths, carpenters, etc."

Methuen and the Boers.

Capetown, March 15.—Lord Methuen, speaking at the town hall, Kimberley, to-day, said: "Although some of the enemy's men were guilty of dastardly tricks, we must remember that their army is not organized with the same discipline as our own. I never wish to meet a braver general than Cronje, and never served in a war where there was less vindictive feeling between the two armies than in this one."

A WARNING TO KRUGER.

British Government's Answer to the Threat to Destroy Johannesburg.

London, March 15.—Mr. Balfour, in the House of Commons to-day, replying to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the opposition leader, who asked whether, in view of the numerous recent disturbances at peaceable meetings called to discuss South African affairs, or directed against the persons and property of individuals, because of their war opinions, the government would cause an inquiry as to how far and by whom the disturbances were organized and what steps would be taken to prevent their recurrence—said that every case of disturbance had been examined and that the demonstrations appeared to be spontaneous. He added that the government felt

The Responsibility rested with those who called the meetings in the heated state of public feeling. They should be careful lest they asked more than human nature could give. The reply was regarded as unsatisfactory, and Sir Robert T. Reid, Liberal, moved an adjournment with a view of raising a discussion of the question. He said he regretted the necessity of the motion, and had expected Mr. Balfour would show that the government was unsatisfied with the conduct of the Boers, and in place of which he had thought proper to lecture those who had not asked for his advice.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal, supported the adjournment. He declared that Mr. Balfour's answer discouraged the right of public meetings. Mr. Balfour reiterated that pro-Boers were not justified in forcing their ideas, which though possibly all right, were not agreeable to the majority of the nation. He denied that he had said anything inconsistent with the

Principles of Free Speech, and asserted that the government would do its best to see that the right of free speech in every legitimate form was safeguarded in every part of Her Majesty's dominions.

After a lively debate the motion was rejected by a vote of 229 to 120. The whole opposition and all the Irish members stood up in support of Sir Robert Reid's motion.

Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, answering a question as to the threats to demolish the mines and raze Johannesburg, said that at the commencement of the war President Kruger had been warned that he and his government would be held personally responsible for any act contrary to the usages of civilized communities.

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Dominion Parliament

The Redistribution Bill Passes the House by a Majority of Forty-Six.

More Waste of Time in Discussion of Pay of Canadian Contingent.

Col. Prior and Other Conservatives Approve of Government's Action.

Ottawa, March 9.—The government redistribution bill passed its third and final reading in the House of Commons early this morning by a majority of 46, after the first division of the session. Sir Charles Tupper was the author of a rather interesting amendment, which was voted down by more than two to one.

The Redistribution Bill. The first item of business called was the order for the third reading of the government redistribution bill, and, after looking around the chamber, the Speaker declared the bill adopted. On this announcement, however, several members jumped to their feet and claimed the right to address the House on this measure. This could only be done by consent of the House, which, so far as the government was concerned, was freely granted.

Mr. McNeil then moved an amendment to the subject of the bill which dealt with the instructions to the commissioners in making the divisions according to the latest census of Canada, the public convenience, and such divisions as appear to them best calculated to do substantial justice. Mr. McNeil wanted to add to this an "irrespective of any consideration as to the balance of political parties in the several constituencies." The Premier, in a few well chosen words, pointed out to Mr. McNeil that he would go back in British legislation to the earliest days without finding any reference of this nature to political parties as such. He was surprised that a movement patterned after the American practice should have been introduced by a gentleman who had been so strong in his British sympathies as the member for North Bruce.

Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennett (East Simcoe) then addressed himself to the motion for the third reading of the bill, and contended that by adopting the principle of this legislation, there would be nothing to prevent the government calling on a majority to advance a party advantage might be had. The government in this measure had not adhered to representation by population, or even to county boundaries, as they pretended. Why was it that, if the government was in earnest in its intention to set the voters right, the constituencies of 11,000 were left in Quebec, which was favorable to the Liberal party? He charged that the hands of the judges to divide the counties were already tied.

Messrs. Bell, Martin and Sir Louis Davies all dealt with the question of the representation of Prince Edward Island in the Commons.

Amendment by Sir Charles Tupper. Sir Charles Tupper moved as an amendment to the motion for the third reading that "in the opinion of this House it is expedient to introduce in place of the present bill a measure based on the following basis:

"1. That a commission to consist of the chief justices of the highest courts of judicature in the provinces of Canada shall be appointed for the purpose of fixing the boundaries of each of the constituencies entitled to elect a member or members of the House of Commons in each province of Canada and of determining the number of members to be elected for each district in accordance with the British North America act of 1867.

"2. That such commission in so doing shall consider the distribution of population according to the then latest census of Canada and the public interest and convenience and shall particularly have regard to the principle of representation by population and shall also be responsible as far as practicable to the boundaries of counties, municipalities and cities.

"3. That such commission shall be appointed as soon as possible after the completion of the next census and shall complete their work with all convenient speed."

The Premier's Views. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that this was an amendment to the bill. Last year Sir Charles had first contended that parliament had no power to pass such legislation, and then that parliament might have the power but that it was not opportune to pass the bill. It might have been expected that any amendment this year would have proclaimed either of these two positions. But no. Instead it simply asserted that certain rules should be laid down under which a redistribution should take place—not now, but after the next census. The Premier congratulated the opposition on adopting the principle of redistribution by judicial authority. Speaking of the Conservative hopes of returning to power the Premier reminded Sir Charles of the remark made by Charles II. to the Duke of York when the latter offered him his protection against possible assassination. "Don't be afraid, brother, no one will kill me to make you king."

No one would kill the present government to let Sir Charles Tupper get into power. He asked the House to vote the amendment down.

Mr. Paterson concluded, from the tone of the amendments, that the opposition who were the authors of the existing

gerrymander, recognized the existing condition as iniquitous and unjust.

Debate Drawn Out. The debate continued up till midnight, when the amendment was defeated on a division of 45 yeas to 81 nays, a government majority of 46. The bill was read a third time and passed and the House rose at 12.25 a.m. The vote was for, whom this was the first division, were each cheered in turn. Mr. Patten, the labor representative for Winnipeg, voted with the government and was particularly loudly cheered.

THE SENATE. The Senate has adjourned till Tuesday of next week.

Ottawa, March 10.—A number of private bills were introduced and given their first reading yesterday in the House, among them being a bill to incorporate the Quebec Southern Railway Company (Mr. Brown) and to incorporate the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Mr. Quinn).

Sir Wilfrid Laurier introduced a bill respecting the members of the Northwest Mounted Police force on active service in South Africa which will allow the provisions of the Civil Service Superannuation Act and the Mounted Police Pension Act being made applicable to the members of the force who have gone to South Africa.

The Paris Exhibition. Mr. Martin (P. E. I.) asked the Minister of Agriculture for a statement of the arrangements which have been made in connection with our participation in the Paris exhibition and Sir Charles Tupper referred to the newspaper statements that the Minister of Public Works was leaving next week to represent Canada as chief commissioner at the Paris fair, and added that it was time the government had taken the House into its confidence in the matter.

The Minister of Agriculture, replying to Mr. Martin, said that he was making an effort to have all parts of the Dominion represented on the staff to be sent over to Paris, but his plans were not yet complete.

The Prime Minister, in reply to Sir Charles Tupper, said that the appointments were being completed, but promised a statement in a very few days.

Pay of the Canadian Contingents. The bill providing for the pay of the Canadian contingents to South Africa then passed the second reading and went into committee stage.

The opposition wanted information as to what basis the troops stood upon. The Minister of Militia explained that they belonged neither to the permanent force of Canada nor to the Canadian militia; they were recruited in this country as Imperial volunteers.

The next point raised was by Mr. Foster as to the pay and allowance of our men at the front. Mr. Foster said that as British soldiers his impression was that they did not even receive the shilling a day, commonly looked on as the stipend of Tommy Atkins, but that if the various deductions were made from that sum they did not receive more than fourpence a day.

The Minister of Militia replied that his impression was there were no deductions of any kind.

A number of minor points were raised in which Mr. Foster wanted the smallest amount possible. The Minister of Militia acknowledged that the government did not set the pretence of having acted all through this matter with technical exactness. It was now appealing to parliament for the confirmation of every act of the administration on the subject.

Mr. Bourassa (Quebec) took it that this was a full justification of the attitude which he had assumed on the general question of the government having undertaken the thing without the necessary parliamentary sanction.

A Growl from the West. Dr. Roche brought before the House a complaint from the great Northwest Central Saddlery Company, with headquarters in Winnipeg, against the way in which contracts had been given for saddles for the Canadian troops. This firm alleged that Adams Brothers, of Toronto, who obtained the contract from the Minister of Militia for three hundred saddles, subcontract their contract to American firms in Chicago and Cincinnati. The letter went on to say that a portion of

another order from the war office had been handed over by the Minister of Militia to a Quebec firm which knew nothing about a military saddle. The Minister of Militia replied that he had no information of the Adams concern having handed over a portion of its contract to American firms. Contracts were all duly inspected by officers of the department.

Some Light on the Subject. Mr. Patten, the labor representative for Winnipeg, said he could give the House information relative to this subject. This very concern which had been formulating the complaint quoted by Dr. Roche had itself had three hundred saddles made in Chicago, and three hundred in St. Louis for supplying to the Imperial government as a portion of a contract it got from the war office. As a matter of fact the firm was now overstocked and had its men locked out.

The Minister of Militia said that it was true the great Northwest Saddlery Company had purchased saddles in the United States and that was the reason it got no further contracts. The war office had itself complained of this procedure.

Mr. George Taylor, the Conservative whip, tried to give the government a slap for not having acted fairly in the matter, but got very much the worse of the argument. He concluded with a threat to go into the matter further at a later day.

The Prime Minister and Mr. Dobbell both resented the insinuation against the quality of the saddles mentioned by Dr. Roche as coming from the province of Quebec. They were supplied by Hector Lamontagne & Sons, of Montreal, and the quality was of the very best.

The next effort of the opposition was directed toward showing that contracts for blankets had been given to political friends. Mr. Bergeron, who brought the subject up, had no fault to find with the firm of Mr. Caldwell, M.P.P., of Lanark, or with Garneau & Sons, of Quebec, but thought the Beauharnois Woolen Mills Company should have had a share in the contracts.

The Minister of Militia shut off this discussion by announcing that the contracts had been awarded after three weeks' call for tenders in the public press. Each tenderer sent in with his offer a sample and these were then turned over to competent government inspectors, who, without knowing whence the samples came, reported on the best value, which recommendation was duly accepted.

Differences in Pay. Mr. Fielding made a statement of the policy which the government is pursuing in regard to making up the difference between the British and Canadian rates of pay. It had decided that as the men will not need the money, to have it placed to their credit to accumulate till their return home. In cases where wives, mothers, or other dependents in Canada needed assistance the money might just as well be applied to this purpose. Another consideration that prompted the government to this course was the objection that would be raised to Canadians in the Imperial service getting more money than the regular Tommy Atkins. A good deal of attention was devoted to the question of the pay of the various units of the force.

In reply to a question by Mr. Oliver (Alberta), the Minister of Militia said that the only members of the mounted force who would receive seventy-five cents a day would be those who had served five years in the Mounted Police. This meant that by far the largest part of the force would draw no such rate and one or two members took the view that the scouts and rough riders were in many instances much more capable than the police.

Mr. Oliver pressed upon the government the desirability of evening up the pay as far as possible. The pay was in no case excessive, but if some policemen are to get 75 cents and others 50 cents, it was better to have all alike, he said. Sir Adolphe Caron and Colonel Prior fully shared this view.

Mr. Oliver made the statement that some men of the same class as these scouts are now receiving \$2.50 per day from the British government in South Africa. In the west the same class of men had received \$2.50 a day during the rebellion in 1885. The Mounted Police men received only 75 cents. Mr. Oliver said that he had a large number of men from his own constituency in the Strathcona contingent and wanted to know whether the government would do anything for them.

The Minister of Militia said that the Strathcona force had been raised by Lord Strathcona and the government had absolutely nothing more to do with the force than to furnish the facilities for its enlistment and fitting out. However, he would be the last man to dictate to Lord Strathcona what he would do with the force, and was sure that His Lordship would not permit one copper to be contributed from any other source. The bill was finally laid over for further consideration in committee.

The estimate for the Marine Department was taken up and a few items passed before the House rose.

DELAGOYA BAY AWARD. London, March 15.—Relative to the delay in regard to the Delagoa Bay railway award the Pall Mall Gazette says this evening, "It is authoritatively informed that Mr. John G. Leishman, the United States minister to Switzerland, in addition to persistent official representations, addressed, on instructions from the state department, a strongly worded official protest to the federal government, a reply to which was received on February 18th. In this communication, the secretary of the tribunal said the arbitrators had arrived at a decision, and that the printed judgment would be in the hands of the litigants probably within four, and certainly within eight weeks from that date.

STORM IN NEW YORK. New York, March 15.—A heavy snow storm began here early this morning and continued with increasing intensity. In the early hours the storm was accompanied by a cutting wind, which moderated during the day.

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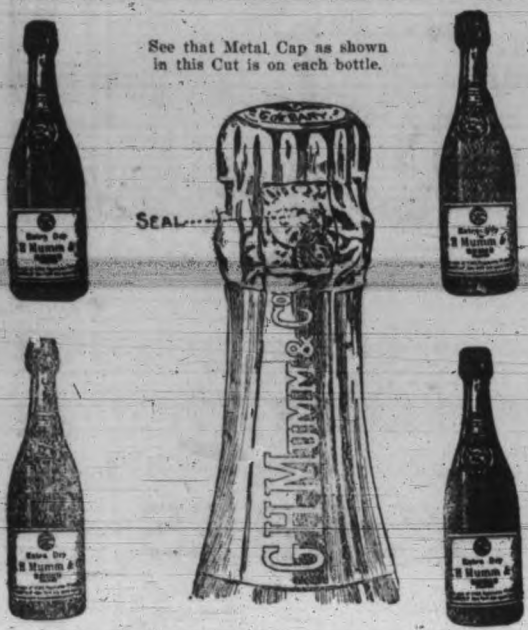
Kingston, Jamaica, March 15.—The Canadian Steamship Company purpose running a line of fruit steamers between Jamaica and Canada. The company has petitioned to the government for a subsidy, but no reply has yet been received. The fruit growers of the southwestern ports of Jamaica favor the proposal, which is not intended to interfere with operations of the Boston Fruit Company.

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Vve. Clicquot	11,000	12,470
Ruinart, Pere & Fils ..	10,638	11,648
Louis Roederer	9,006	10,520
Perrier-Jouet	8,125	6,130
Ernest Reay & Co.	3,585	2,306
A. DeMontebello & Co.	1,561	2,301
Bouche, Fils & Co.	1,702	2,048
Delbeck & Co.	1,295	1,704
St. Marcoux	1,743	1,302
Chas. Heidsieck	1,706	1,258
Geo. Goulet	1,345	
Various Brands		
(15 or more)	18,677	19,638
Total	248,319	279,700

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Against Party Lines

Prominent Politicians Oppose Their Introduction Into British Columbia.

The Governor and Premier Martin Severely Assailed Last Night.

The meeting called for the Philharmonic Hall last night to discuss the political situation from a "business" point of view was fairly well attended, although the discussion which followed the submission of a resolution proposed to voice the "business" attitude resulted in about as many different views being propounded as there were speakers. All shades of politics were represented and, with the exception of Mr. Hanna and one or two gentlemen who interrupted from the floor of the hall, the gathering seemed unanimously opposed to the introduction of party lines.

It was almost 8:30 when Mr. C. H. Laurin took the platform and explained the objects of the gathering. He first of all laid down the dictum that no aggregation of politicians should have power of attorney to speak for that party. He held that the act of Governor McInnes in calling on Mr. Martin to form a government could not be justified, and called on all those who believed in carrying on the government of the province apart from party entanglements to unite. He characterized the proposed introduction of party lines as a great mistake, and Sir Hibbert Tuppe, who called Mr. Martin a "political Zulu" took precisely the same view. The presence of Mr. Martin was a menace to the welfare of the province and his party would lead to commercial disaster.

At this stage it was suggested that a chairman should be appointed. Messrs. A. Wilson, Geo. Jeeves, Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley and Simon Leiser each declining it. Mr. Ed. Bragg finally accepted the duties and responsibilities of the position. After he had devoted some attention to some of the audience who had hissed him on taking the platform, Mr. Bragg resumed his seat and Mr. Laurin continued his remarks.

He was proceeding to compare the gathering to the town-meeting held in the East, when Mr. Geo. Noot asked that some definite charges be made against Mr. Martin, and if possible substantiated. The speaker replied that he condemned the man on his record and principles. He believed in adhering to the constitution—the wisdom of our forefathers crystallized into the constitution and adopted by everyone excepting the Bellamyites and people of that sort. He believed in the right of the people and not of the Lieutenant-Governor to rule. He might have his faults but political cowardice was not one of them, and he had challenged the Governor personally with making an error. Under the circumstances through which Mr. Martin was called upon it was just as much the right of the people to condemn him even if he were the incarnation of wisdom and prudence as not. He then dwelt at some length on the history of government by favorites, and said that when Governor McInnes selected Mr. Martin as his adviser without a following in the House or country he was putting the country under personal government just as much as in the time of Charles I.

He attacked the platform of Mr. Martin principally upon two of its planks—the retention of the eight-hour law and the principle of government ownership of railways. The proposal of Mr. Martin to submit the first to a popular vote stamped it as a political lead. In his first address he said the law would not be changed, yet in less than a week he said he would let the people decide that point. "That," said the speaker, "is a complete turning round."

pointing out the immense sum which would be required even for three lines, namely, the E. & N. extension, the V. & E., and the Ashcroft-Barkerville road. Such a sum, he said, would never be borrowed in England by the province. After some interruption by Mr. Noot, who stated that he had lost confidence in the speaker as a public man, Mr. Laurin submitted the following resolution: "Resolved, that this meeting regards the action of the Lieutenant-Governor in summoning the Hon. Joseph Martin to the premiership as fraught with danger to the best interests of the province of British Columbia; condemns the policy announced by Mr. Martin as mischievous and hurtful to business and provincial development and believes the time to be ripe for the union of all persons holding these views in an effort to defeat the Martin ministry, when formed, at the polls, and place in office, man who, untrammelled by Federal politics, will seek to advance the material welfare of the province in every possible way."

Great difficulty was found in securing any one to second the resolution until at last in reply to loud and repeated calls from the audience Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley came forward and explained that no one would stand sponsor for the resolution in its entirety. (Laughter.) He expressed surprise that Mr. Martin should have been called on, and agreed that the policy of Mr. Martin would wreck the province in financial disaster. The present state of affairs was making British Columbia the laughing stock of the world, and he knew from personal experience that it was impossible to get money from the old land for the development of the rich mines upon which the province must rely. Capitalists preferring to keep their money in their pockets.

The speaker was heartily in accord with the first part of the resolution condemning Martin and McInnes for their unconstitutional conduct. He could not understand why the meeting should have the first one to speak for that party. "I hate," continued the speaker, "it is the street corner politician. (Laughter.) I hate the man who comes to you on the street and asks what your views are on certain matters, and when you ask him who the devil he is, tells you he is the representative of Mr. Jim Bonnelly. (Laughter.) He didn't want anything to do with the creature of any one man or any one newspaper. Instead of holding this small meeting they should all come to the big meeting to-morrow night. They were all agreed that they must get rid of Martin and McInnes. Get rid of the first one and they would soon dispose of the second. What was absolutely required was a combination that would carry the country against Martinism."

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ment made by Mr. Beaven that he would go in for any party which could turn out Martin. The trouble was that at present they were very much divided. There was the party line party, the Turner party and the Colonist party. (Laughter.) He wanted to see all these crazy politicians put into straight-jackets. (Renewed laughter.) That straight-jacket he believed was to be found in the discipline of party lines. He didn't want to see politics manipulated by a lot of political sections, who would support certain ministries as long as certain men held certain posts in those ministries. If it could be shown that the majority of the people of the province were in favor of party lines, then that policy should be followed against Martin. He stood pledged to no one, but only to the interests of the province.

Gordon Hunter said they had met as citizens to decide what to do in the face of a common danger. If there was one man in the province unfit for public office it was Joseph Martin. This direct politician from Manitoba has stolen the government of the province with the connivance of the Lieutenant-Governor. Under the constitution the Governor was obliged to fix on some one to bear the responsibilities of his acts, and in this case the duty was an onerous one. There was another way of getting at the Governor-General under provisions being assigned to the House of Parliament for this course.

The sentiments of the business men of the country, he believed, were voiced by that manly politician, Sir Hibbert Tuppe, who counselled sinking party lines for the present. He advocated a joint convention of the Liberals and Conservatives and the selection of a candidate from the ranks of each. Against such a ticket the Martin candidates would lose their deposits. Continuing, he said Mr. Martin was the most unscrupulous politician in Canada, and the most treacherous, yet he had the knack of impressing people with his sincerity. The only instance in which government ownership of railways could be made practical in his opinion was in the construction of a line from Hudson's Bay to the Coast, and if all the members from the West united regardless of party lines they could force the building of this great rival to the C.P.R.

He also ridiculed the idea of the provincial government being able to secure funds for building a provincial road. He favored the eight-hour law to the extent that in cases where there was a dispute between employers and miners, eight hours should be reckoned a legal day. It should not interfere, however, with contracts. The referendum, while suitable for a small country like Switzerland, was impracticable here. Martin's action in taking shelter behind this device stamped him as unfit to rule. Martin's Monrolian policy, he characterized as the biggest swindle of the lot. He proposed to re-enact a law pronounced rotten by the Privy Council. If he were sincere he would have supported an act like the amendment to the Coal Mines Regulation Act, which, if passed, would have excluded Chinamen from the mines. He simply wanted to create a crusade against the Dominion government, and at the same time draw support from a corporation which wanted to employ Chinese underground. Such a man was unfit as a leader, and was nothing but a humbug. The speaker opposed party lines, but if the course he suggested was adopted Martin would be defeated and there would be a first-class gubernatorial election in the province. S. Perry Mills said the resolution submitted was unfair and un-British. It was a reflection on the Queen's agent, who was unable to come and defend himself. Martin must take the responsibility of the advice he gave the Governor, and they had no right to pass resolutions reflecting on the Governor. He thought the resolution was influenced by feeling and not by sound judgment. He also dissented from the language used against Martin, who was a remarkable man. He believed the best man could be found in a coalition of both parties, and saw no reason for introducing party lines. To a degree he favored the eight-hour law as conserving the energies of the working man, but it should not interfere with an "impossible position." It was impracticable, like the British Pacific. He was opposed to party lines.

E. V. Bidwell did not agree with much Mr. Mills had said. He agreed that nothing should be done to reflect on the Governor, but his minister was obliged to justify the Governor's action and it was hard to disassociate the two. They had arrived at a very serious stage in provincial affairs. The Governor had dismissed a ministry which had proved a vote of the House that it had no confidence in it. If the opposition were elected it would prove Martin had not the confidence of the country. This was the issue, and he was sorry that Martin had dragged in side issues to prevent the people pronouncing upon the real one. The danger of introducing party politics was that a man must either renounce his political faith or lose the opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the British Columbia constitutional question. If party lines were introduced this would be the result. The two questions were entirely distinct and should not be confounded. He illustrated his position by saying that if the Conservatives ran four candidates, Liberals would have to vote that ticket or remain away from the polls. What then became of the constitutional question? The franchise right of the voter was taken away simply for the sake of a hollow political advantage. If Martin were returned it would be taken as an indication that the country had endorsed his position. He didn't believe Martin was the right kind of man to control the affairs of the province. Martin had said that some Liberal lawyers had determined to turn him down. The speaker had supported him in the past, believing he would run straight. He had not done so and did not intend to do so. He was using his position for his own benefit against that of the country. The province had been brought to a terrible condition of affairs by his course. The Governor had no right to inquire where Mr. Senlin's majority came from, and to so was meddling interference. Had he waited till the afternoon he could have proved whether or not Mr. Senlin was correctly advising him, or if he had dissolved the House he could have ascertained whether Senlin's new supporters represented their constituents in so doing. Col. Gregory did not discuss Martin's action nor would he reflect on the Governor. He opposed Martin irrespective of what his policy might be. He had lost confidence in him; he was perfectly honest in so doing. It was a strange commentary that those who opposed him on the ground of non-confidence were those who had been in closest touch with the new Premier in the past. Hon. D. W. Higgins registered his opposition to party lines. He believed in uniting on one sensible policy for the good of the country. He contended that the Governor was constitutionally right in dismissing Senlin and calling on Martin, but he was not justified in retaining the latter without support, when he refused both Messrs. Beaven and Senlin the same privilege. He opposed also ownership of railways. W. J. Hanna took the platform in defence of the Premier and recalled the way in which he had been assailed when he proposed his railway policy in Manitoba. Yet the people turned out and hailed him as a deliverer when he returned from his memorable trip to Ottawa. Who said that his policy here was wrong? Voices—Everybody. Dr. Milne then submitted the following resolution, which was carried: Resolved, that this meeting of representative business men of the city of Victoria hereby declares its opinion that the proposed railway to the northern end of Vancouver Island will be of great advantage to this city, the whole island, the coast of British Columbia and the Northern goldfields, and requests that the Dominion government will aid in its construction by a liberal subsidy, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The meeting then adjourned.

CHINESE AFFAIRS. An American Warship Is to Be Dispatched to Probable Scene of Trouble. Washington, March 15.—The cablegram from the American Association has been received at the state department. It has not been acted on, but is understood to be the basis of a communication to the department that serious what connection exists between the attitude of the Chinese Emperor Dowager towards the reform element in China and the "open door" policy of the United States. It is recalled, however, that the Empress Dowager is persecuting with relentless hatred the reform party, going so far as to resort to the barbarous practice

of offering a large sum of money for the assassination of leading reformers. It is assumed that the basis of this representation from the American Association is an apprehension that the Conservative party surrounding the Empress Dowager, in satisfying animosity against the reformers, will excite the dormant anti-foreign feeling among the masses of Chinese to a degree that will make the "open door" impossible of attainment. It is a curious fact that our minister to China, Mr. Conger, has so far made no representations to the state department regarding this subject. He has presented to the department that serious attacks have been made upon the American mission in Shantung by the "Boxers," a powerful and numerous anti-foreign league of Chinese. Upon the minister's representations the state department has decided that the American warship shall be dispatched from the West at Manila to the nearest port to the seat of discord, probably at

the mouth of the Pello river or Wel-Hai-Wel. It is added, however, that the Chinese government will be able to repress the "Boxers" without any action on the part of the United States warships. It is distinctly understood that the struggle now going on between the Empress Dowager's party and the reformers may be regarded as a matter purely internal, with which the United States government has no right to concern itself. It is probable, therefore, that this discussion on its part indicates the character of the response that will be made by the department of state to the cablegram of the American Association. "Murder will out." Impurities in the blood will be sure to show themselves unless expelled by Hood's Sarsaparilla. LIVER OIL will build you up, will make you fat and healthy. Especially beneficial to those who are "let run down." Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

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A CONTEMPTIBLE CRUSADE. Now that the excitement over the recent students' trouble in Montreal has been allowed to subside, the public are in a much better position to learn the actual facts of the case.

Resolved, that the students of Laval University have seen with pleasure the troubles which almost led Montreal to civil war come to an end. That in all the circumstances they showed themselves loyal to the British Crown and respectful subjects of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

The protest of the students is borne out by the French press, which is unanimous in affirming the loyalty of the race. It is a sad commentary upon party politics in this country that a large and loyal section of the community should be obliged to vindicate its honor periodically because of the slanders of certain newspapers and politicians.

That some action will be taken before long looking towards the closer federation of the fragments of the British Empire now admits of no doubt. That the eyes of the Empire are fixed on Sir Wilfrid Laurier as the prime mover in the work of giving life and vigor to this great Imperial sentiment is apparent.

NECESSITY OF CAUTION. Seattle Post-Intelligencer. A man in Port Huron took an alcohol bath the other day, and shortly afterward died from the effects of it. Some people will point to this as a reason for being careful in the use of alcohol externally.

AGAINST PARTY LINES. Silvertown Silvertownian. It seems hardly probable that the advocates of the introduction of federal party lines into our local contests will press for the adoption of their plan in the face of the great opposition to any such thing they are meeting.

A WISE MOVE. Silvertown Silvertownian. Several Societies have become naturalized and a large number of Silvertownians and New Denverites are preparing to follow their example. This is as it should be. A country good enough to live in should do business in it good enough to become a citizen of, to put the matter on the very lowest plane.

NO PARTY LINES. Rossland Record. The election ought to be held with the least possible delay, and half the time named should be sufficient for the revision of the voters' lists.

THE BOYCE MURDER. The Musician to Come Up for Trial on Monday at Tacoma. Eben E. Boyce, the musician of this city, held for the murder of his wife in a residence on Tenth street, Tacoma, on February 10th, comes up for trial on Monday.

THOSE SWEET AND HOLY SONGS. (Lines suggested at hearing the choir sing in Dr. Campbell's church Sunday morning, March 11th, 1900.) These holy songs, will they echo again in that mystical land of the blessed, Where the light and the love of the Father above Is the light of that land of rest?

VICTORIA WEST METHODIST CHURCH. The Enlarged Bulletin to be Reopened Next Sunday. For the last two years the increased attendance at the Victoria West Methodist church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. P. D. Knox, has been so great that the trustees have been compelled to provide increased sitting accommodation.

Canadian shipping men on this coast are agitating for the cancellation of the special privileges now enjoyed by American steamship owners running North in retaliation for the action of the Sound merchants in petitioning that Cape Nome be made a port of entry.

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WANTS A JOB. To the Editor: Understanding that the Hon. Jos. Martin is in want of a Minister of Agriculture, I beg with beg to state I will take the job at current wages. Qualifications: Seven years before the mast, three years in the gallery.

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COMOX DISTRICT. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) L. Mounce's name has been mentioned as a possible opposition candidate. Mr. Mounce, who is Conservative in his views, is well-known in the district.

NOTES FROM ALBERNI. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) Mr. Neill held a meeting in Huff's Hall on Saturday. Mr. Huff was chairman and the meeting was well attended.

THE BOYCE MURDER. (Continued) The insanity theory will be the basis of the defense, and in support of this the attorneys have affidavits that from all the information they have been able to obtain concerning the homicide and the circumstances surrounding it, they believe that at the time the homicide occurred the defendant, Eben E. Boyce, was of unsound mind and not legally responsible or punishable for his acts.

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CEYLON TEA. A petition is being largely signed by the people in the district for the proposed railway through the centre of the island.

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VISITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Regarding the deaf, dumb and blind school in this city. In connection with the school for the deaf, dumb and blind, in charge of Miss Helen W. Merritt, in this city, the following report has been made by a special visiting committee of the B.C. Benevolent Society:

On February 24th, 1900, the undersigned, having been appointed a committee at a meeting of the British Columbia Society, held at Mr. W. H. Mason's office, February 7th last, to visit the school for the deaf, dumb and blind, at present conducted by Miss Helen W. Merritt, at the O. U. W. hall, this city, and supported by private benefactors, beg to report as follows:

We feel convinced that some misapprehension should be taken by the provincial government for the proper education of the deaf, dumb and blind children of poor parents.

We find the present school under the management of a woman of ripe experience and mature judgment, and the work of the pupils, in different stages of their progress under her instructions, gives ample proof of her successful labor with this most difficult class of pupils.

The system employed must commend itself to every thinking mind, as the pupils are taught, not only the literary work of the ordinary school and the domestic work of the industrial school, but a system of physical culture by which two pupils, viz., the Campbell children, born deaf mutes, so far as any evidence to dispense with the aid of sign language to speak and read orally. They now repeat some words spoken to them so nearly as to leave no room for doubt that they learn the sounds they reproduce.

We find that in other provinces and in the United States are of the deaf, dumb and blind children of this province being educated at the government's expense, and that \$1,500 per year is being paid out of the provincial treasury for this education.

By the result of this school year there have been paid \$5,890 for the tuition of these 6 children. This sum does not include any travelling expenses for the children.

In this city are eleven (11) deaf, dumb or blind children, whose average age is 14 years, for whose education not one dollar has so far been paid out of the provincial treasury. We find also that there are in all about 30 deaf, dumb and blind children in the province who should be given the benefit of education.

We consider that these children should be educated as others at the expense of the province, and that their education should be made a part of the regular educational system of the province. We consider that a school should be established by provincial authority, in order that it may be governed by laws framed expressly to protect the rights of such children, who need our sympathy and tender care far more than children who are not afflicted.

With what the province is now paying out to send the 6 children away to be educated, an industrial school could be started, so that the children at home as well as those abroad could receive the benefit of an education. Such a school could be conducted very cheaply. It would not be necessary to employ outside servants, as the pupils could do the necessary work in the line of their regular education.

Klong the Waterfront.

Charles Richardson, the Tacoma attorney, has purchased the steamship Elhu Thompson, for \$75,000, and is having her fitted up at the Vulcan Iron Works to carry 300 tons of fresh meat from Tacoma to Nome.

A telegram has been received from Washington announcing the purchase of the steamship Columbia from the Northern Pacific Steamship Company for the transport service. The price is not stated, but unofficially it is said to be about \$200,000.

A dispatch from St. Paul says: Alexander Sinclair, of London, one of the principal owners of the Elder, Dempster & Co. steamship line, owning sixty-five vessels in all parts of the world, went west last night. The Elder-Dempster company was recently awarded the contract for carrying the royal English mail from Liverpool to the domestic ports and Alaska and the Philippines. This is taken to mean that her first trip will be to Alaska, to carry stores for the troops stationed there, and that she will afterward run to Manila in the regular service.

Persons who contemplate sending letters to Nome will be interested to know that the Seattle post office has received authority to dispatch a mail by the steamer Alpha, says the Seattle Times. This mail will be made up in Seattle and will leave here about April 3rd. The authority to make such a contract was conveyed in a telegram dated yesterday from Secretary Assistant Postmaster-General Shalmeberger. It is understood to be the result of Assistant Postmaster Collett's recent visit to Washington, D. C., as he took the matter before the department personally while he was there. Those who wish to carry by mail their letters should be careful to observe the fact that all mail matter intended for it should be addressed "Care of Steamer Alpha," Postmaster Stewart and Mr. Collett regard this arrangement as doubly important, from the fact that the mail will be carried by the Alpha which will leave Seattle on April 25th, whereas the terms of the Alpha's contract guarantee the delivery of the mail at Nome by May 1st. Barnwell & Co. of Seattle, who are agents for the Alpha, made a strong showing in their proposal to the government.

SICKLY CHILDREN. Some children are pale, weak and puny from birth, others become so as a result of disease, all are fully restored to health and vigor by a treatment with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. It is nature's greatest restorative for pale, weak, nervous men, women and children. It gives roundness to the form and color to the cheek of the pale and emaciated, and new vigor to every motion of the body.

THE CONSPIRACY TRIALS. Montreal, March 15.—After three sessions of the Court of Queen's Bench four jurors only have been secured for the Buxton and Levesque conspiracy trials. The petit jury panel has been exhausted and a new panel has had to be summoned.

AN EDITOR FINDS A SURE CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. A. R. De Fines, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

NEW TRIAL REFUSED. Chicago, March 15.—Judge Waterman today refused a new trial to Banker Edward S. Drew, formerly treasurer of the West Park board, who was recently convicted of the embezzlement of \$218,000 of the board's funds, and sentenced him to the penitentiary.

SUDDEN DEATH. Trenton, N.J., March 15.—Rabbi Samuel Layvine dropped dead in the Jewish synagogue here today while celebrating the feast of Esther. He was 80 years old and leaves a widow and sixteen children.

Dickens was one of the greatest myth-makers that ever existed, as well as one of the kindest, kindest, human beings. —Richard Le Gallienne.

ARMY CORPS.

It has been often doubted whether for most British campaigns beyond sea, an "Army Corps" organization, such as exists in all continental countries, is either necessary or suitable. With huge armies, consisting of many hundreds of thousands of men, it is obvious that the commander-in-chief requires some sub-division of the force under him, so that he may be relieved of the necessity of dealing with local circumstances and detailed work, the nature of which can only be properly determined by the man on the spot.

During the great war of 1870, when the "armed nation" of Germany was thrown across the borders of France for what became in fact the great march upon Paris, Von Moltke had under him three great armies, commanded respectively by the Crown Prince of Prussia, Prince Frederick Charles ("the Red Prince"), and General Sigmund. Under each of these general officers in chief command there were several "army corps," little armies complete in all their parts, and able to manoeuvre and fight quite independently of one another. For such an orderly march of a vast army, the army corps organization was a necessity.

In no war that we have waged, except in the Waterloo campaign, have we applied the principles of the army corps, for in the Peninsula, Berezina, and elsewhere, the army was organized as a national army, the Portuguese, and the other temporary commands were rather of the nature of independent armies assigned for a particular duty than of details of the whole army, arranged to facilitate working in the field. At Waterloo, for the purpose of battle, he had large forces to deal with, formed a centre and two "wings." In all our smaller wars it had been "divided" into much smaller units, that we had worked.

The army that went to Egypt in 1882 for the Tel-el-Kebir campaign was called an army corps, but as the whole of it was under the direct command of Lord Wolseley, it was not, in fact, under the organization by divisions that we worked. Only two such divisions were engaged under the command-in-chief in the direct advance on Tel-el-Kebir. The third was left at Alexandria under Sir Evelyn Wood.

At last in this South African campaign there appeared to be scope for the army corps organization. The force was large; the extent of the field of operations enormous. Nevertheless, no separate commander of the army corps, which was sent out as a complete whole, was appointed. —St. James's Gazette.

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FROM NEW YORK. Arcadian-Alton Line, Mar. 29, Gowan-Alton Line, April 12, Oceanic-White Star, Mar. 29, Pannonia-White Star, Mar. 29, Campania-Guard, Mar. 29, Umbria-Guard, Mar. 29, New York-American, Mar. 29, Kensington-Red Star, Mar. 29, Nordland-Red Star Line, Mar. 29, Patricia-Hamburg-Am., Mar. 29, Graf Waldersee-Ham-Am., Mar. 31, Labu-N. German Lloyd, Mar. 30, Astoria-Anchor, Mar. 30.

Passengers ticketed through to Europe, and all information apply to B. W. GREER, Corner Post and Government Sts.

FOR Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. S.S. MARIPOSA to sail Wednesday, March 22, at 8 p.m. S.S. AUSTRALIA, Wed. April 4, at 2 P. M. J. D. SPRUCKEL & BROS. CO., Agents, 114 Montgomery street, San Francisco. Freight office, 327 Market street, San Francisco.

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Provincial News

REVELSTOCK. Revelstoke was in rife yesterday celebrating the capitulation of Blountmont.

ROSSLAND. The new city engineer appointed by ballot on Tuesday night by the City Council is at present the city engineer of Stratford, Ont., a town of some 10,000 inhabitants.

VANCOUVER. H. Abbott was re-elected president of the Vancouver club at the annual meeting on Wednesday night.

A Wallace, boat builder, has commenced the construction of a marine railway for steamers up to five hundred tons on False Creek.

J. A. Virtus and wife arrived from the Old Country yesterday morning, and went through to Victoria.

A special car of the McPhee customs official. The company intended making an Eastern trip over the Canadian Pacific and had, it is alleged, smuggled large quantities of bill posters from the American side.

The residents of Barnett are applying to the Canadian Pacific railway for a platform and siding there. The Mill Company is making large improvements and will continue to enlarge the premises.

Mayor Garden has received a cheque of \$33 from the Rev. A. K. Green, as a contribution on behalf of the Canadian patriotic fund from the Mount Pleasant Methodist church.

NEW WESTMINSTER. The list of friendly or benevolent societies represented by lodges in this city seems to be growing each time, says the Columbian.

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late hour on Saturday night the tollish rash made its appearance. Dr. LeBar was immediately notified and on examination he confirmed Nurse Fahey's suspicions.

An unfortunate accident occurred on Monday afternoon aboard the tug Yair at Kootenay Landing when R. L. Brown, chief engineer, and Hedley St. Clair, second engineer, were terribly scalded by the escaping steam.

At the annual meeting of the Kootenay Lake General Hospital Society the following directors were elected: Aldermen Irvine and Morrison as representatives of the City Council.

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ABBEY'S MEDICAL TALKS

Headache. Headache, though considered by many as a slight affection, undoubtedly occasions more suffering than any other disorder.

There are many varieties of headache, which are due to as many different causes, but whatever the nature may be and the cause, the immediate condition that produces the pain, is a congestion or filling up of the blood vessels of the brain with blood, thus causing a pressure on the brain cells and nerve filaments.

In treating all forms of headache, the first thing to do is to relieve this congestion. Abbey's Effervescent Salt in laxative doses does this promptly by causing a free watery discharge from the bowels.

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COMMUNICATIONS. WORKINGMEN. To the Editor:—I am either a Liberal or a Liberal-Conservative. My gift of language is not very fluent, so a seat in the House I must decline.

THE SHORT STORY. The short story writer is the true explorer and conqueror of the modern world, and his work is only begun. That work has been sharply criticized, and he has been told that he is only pampering a taste for exotic literature.

THE STARVATION PLAN. Of Treating Dyspepsia and Stomach Troubles in Useless and Unscientific. The almost certain failure of the starvation cure for dyspepsia has been proven time and again, but even now a course of dieting is generally the first thing recommended for a case of indigestion.

ATE OURS AND JOE. To the Editor:—Felt a hot reader of your skookum paper, I got praps your letter bear from me, and as my life has been gittin the best of me for some time I reckon I'd tak another chaw and give you a pointer or two best to atate our law, and by gum—Joe Martin too.

CASTORIA. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take laxative from children's bottles—all druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

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VICTORIA P. O. GUIDE

MARCH, 1900. Time Table of Arriving and Closing of Mails.

Table with columns: CLOSE, PLACES, DUE. Sub-sections include: BY C. P. RAILWAY, BY NEW WESTMINSTER & SOUTHERN RAILWAY, BY B. & N. RAILWAY, BY V. & S. RAILWAY, BY STEAMER, BY STAGE, UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, CHINA, JAPAN, ETC., YUKON MAILS.

TENDERS. BOILERS AND STEAM PIPES.

Tenders, properly sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday, 12th March prox., for 2 Steam Pumps and Fittings; also for 3 Boilers and Fittings; all to be fitted and fixed in place near the North Dairy Farm, about 3 miles from the City Hall.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., February 14th, 1900.

TO CONTRACTORS. Tenders, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 3 p.m. on the 19th inst. for a brick building and smokestack, fencing, etc., on a piece of land known as the North Dairy Farm, for the City of Victoria Waterworks.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Building Inspector, City Hall, Victoria B. C., March 12th, 1900.

WATER PIPES

Tenders, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned will be received up to 3 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 2nd day of April next, for 2,500 feet of 4-inch cast iron water pipes, standard thickness and weight; or 2,500 feet of lap welded water pipes.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., March 15th, 1900.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 90 of the Municipal Clauses Act that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, by resolution passed at a meeting of the said Council held on the 12th day of March, 1900, has decided that a wooden building or structure with the outbuildings thereunto, belonging, erected, situated and being upon the lot or piece of land known as Lot 529, Block H, in the City of Victoria, and fronting upon Cormorant Street, together with the cabins in the rear, and all chicken houses and wooden structures on the said lot (the said lot and buildings being within the municipal limits of the City of Victoria) is, and are, a nuisance, and dangerous to the public health, and it was thereby ordered that the same should be pulled down and removed by the owner or owners, agent, lessee, or occupier thereof, and in case of default by the said owner or owners, agent, lessee, or occupier, within a period of five days after publication of this notice in the Daily Times a daily newspaper published in the municipality of the City of Victoria; to comply with this order, it was thereby further ordered that such pulling down and removal of the said buildings or structures should be done by the Sanitary Officer of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, at the cost of the owner or owners of the said buildings or structures and the payment of such costs and all expenses incidental thereto should be enforced against the said owner or owners by the said Sanitary Officer in execution of law in any court of competent jurisdiction.

By order, WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, Victoria, B. C., March 12th, 1900.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

The partnership heretofore existing between P. J. McIntosh and A. F. McCormick, known as McIntosh & McCormick, proprietors of the Victoria Steam Laundry, 152 Yates Street, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

A. F. MCCORMICK, Witness: HARRY BUCKERIDGE, Victoria, March 14th, 1900.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I shall apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their meeting to be held on the 14th day of March, 1900, for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors upon the premises known as the Adelphi Saloon, situated on the corner of Yates and Government streets, Victoria, from respect to William Robertson.

HENRY HARRIS, Chief License Inspector.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD THEOSOPHY. "LAND REGISTRY ACT." In the matter of an application for duplicates of the Certificates of Title to Lots one hundred and twenty-eight (128), Lake Hill Estate (Map 180), Victoria, and Lake District.

Free Cure For Men. A new remedy which quickly cures men's weakness, varicocele, etc., and restores the organs to strength and vigor. Dr. L. W. Knapp, 2044 First Street, Detroit, Mich.

TO MY FRIENDS. HAVING BOUGHT THE Marine Iron Works and sold my interests in the Victoria Machinery Works, I have been found at my office and works, Pembroke Street, between Government and Store streets, opposite Gas Works, ready to undertake engineering, boiler-making, etc., etc.

NOTICE. WINGS, the late manager and cutter for A. H. HOY, Tailor, has left the city and is now in the firm of SUN & WINGS, Merchants Tailors, at 48 Courtenay Street, Victoria, B. C.

Liberal and Tories

Vancouver Conservatives Decide to Postpone the Selection of Delegates.

Terminal City Liberal Association Calls a Provincial Convention for April 5th.

(Special to the Times) Vancouver, March 16.—Two ward meetings, taking in the whole city, were called for last night by the executive of the Conservative Association for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the city convention for choosing candidates to contest the coming provincial election on party lines.

It was the feeling, even after they had called the meeting, that the appointment of delegates should be delayed. The question of the presence of Conservatives from ward one and two at the meeting for other wards caused some discussion, and the former consequently withdrew.

Then the executive was criticised for calling the meeting and not wishing to go ahead after it had been called. The meeting adjourned shortly after, without electing delegates.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Will be Celebrated as a National Festival in London. (Associated Press.) New York, March 16.—The London correspondent of the Herald says there are eticquent indications that the Queen's message about soldiers wearing the shamrock has been interpreted in a way which Her Majesty can scarcely have expected.

Each train is bringing crates of shamrock from Ireland. It is quite safe to predict that to-morrow all British subjects will wear a shamrock in honor of the gallant Irish soldiers at the front, and that everywhere possible the harp on the green ground will wave above the Union Jack and National Standard.

Quebec, March 16.—Mayor Parent has proclaimed a civic hall holiday for to-morrow in honor of St. Patrick's day. The plan which accompanies the deed indicates that the right of the company to mine coal is limited to a point half way across from the Island proper to Gabriola Island.

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Washington, March 16.—Secretary Long has called instructions to Admiral Watson at Cavite to send a staff to Taku, at the mouth of the Yeho River, to look after American missionary interests that are endangered. He has left the selection of the ship to Admiral Watson.

Washington, March 16.—At 10 o'clock to-day the Senate convened and at noon had concluded the formal reading of the Alaska Code Bill. Today's session was the fourth special session for the reading of the bill.

STORMS IN THE STATES.

Traffic Stopped in New York—Six Thousand Miners Idle.

New York, March 16.—Nine inches of snow and sleet cover the streets of New York today. Traffic was partially paralyzed in some sections of the city from early morning. Brooklyn bridge traffic was at a standstill for hours. Shamokin, Pa., March 16.—Snow began falling yesterday, and when the storm ceased at 4 o'clock this morning the ground was covered to a depth of sixteen inches, and this place was snow-bounded. Over 6,000 men and boys residing between here and Mt. Carmel and employed at various collieries are idle, owing to the blockade. The storm was especially severe in the hilly regions, the snow being very heavy in drifts.

Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—Freezing weather was reported to-day for south Georgia. A line running east and west through the centre of the cotton belt. Killing frost is reported at Fort Smith, Ark., near Mobile, and at Macon. The rain and snow of yesterday in many parts of the south was followed by clearing and much colder weather. Fruit men say the trees cannot stand a continuation of the cold. The recent warm weather had considerably advanced the trees.

New York, March 16.—A dispatch to the Mail and Express from Utica says: "Reports received from the hunting and fishing preserves in northern New York state says that the recent storm has caused death in the game life in that section. Snow is said to be seven feet on the level, and is causing the deer much difficulty in securing food. From Lewis county it is reported that deer have been found completely exhausted, that many have died, and that many more will perish in the cold and for lack of food." Hunters said the numbers now endangered will surpass even those of last winter.

THE CONSPIRACY TRIAL.

One of the Accused Threatens to Shoot Former Manager of a Branch Bank. (Associated Press.) Montreal, March 16.—Some excitement occurred in the Court of Queen's Bench this morning while the crown authorities were selecting a jury to try the Baxter and Lemioux conspiracy cases. Baxter, one of the accused, threatened to shoot W. J. E. Wall, former manager of one of the bank branches in the city, and brother-in-law of J. J. Herbert, late teller of the same bank, because it was alleged Wall had been attending the court ever since the crown authorities had been engaged in selecting the jury and endeavoring to influence the jurors.

CAUGHT IN AN ICE-FIELD.

Detroit, Mich., March 16.—A special to the Journal from St. Joseph, Mich., says: The steamer Louisville, of the Steam & Navigation Co., which is due to arrive from Chicago early today, is lodged in the ice-fields about five miles out. When last seen she was entering the ice to the southwest. Four shot blasts of her whistle were heard, signifying the need of a tug or in distress. The steamer could not be seen owing to the heavy snow-storm prevailing. The tug Andy was ordered out to render assistance. The tug disappeared in a snow storm on the southwestern course, and constantly blew relief whistles to which the lodged steamer did not reply.

COUNTERFEITERS SENTENCED.

Woodstock, March 16.—The trial of the counterfeiters terminated suddenly this morning by the accused pleading guilty. Anthony and Paul Becker were sentenced to five years in Kingston penitentiary, Hans Kuntz fifteen months in the Central prison, Toronto, and Numburger and accomplice who offered to furnish valuable information to the Crown as to the operations of a more extensive counterfeiting enterprise now at work, was discharged on suspended sentence.

STRIKE AT UNION.

Nanaimo, March 16.—Passengers arriving here on the City of Nanaimo this morning from Union bring news of a strike among the mule drivers employed in the mines there. One driver, who was on the boat, says that a number of drivers are walking out now, but having enough money to pay their fare.

BEER FOR MANILA.

Vancouver, March 16.—A million bottles of beer for Manila will be part of the cargo of the Empress of India on her next sailing.

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Advertisement for Ayer's Pills, featuring an illustration of a woman and text describing the benefits of the pills for various ailments like constipation and biliousness.

Their Title Confirmed

Semin Government Issues Letters Patent to the New Vancouver Co.

The Provincial Attorney-General Withdraws From the Famous Action.

Copies of the official documents relating to the issue of letters patent to the New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company have been given to the press by the Premier. The documents have reference to the coal lands which have been operated by the said company for very many years under the name, opposite the E. & N. townsite at Newcastle, and comprising several thousand acres. The right of the New Vancouver Coal Company to mine in these lands has been disputed by the Dunsmuirs, and the public are familiar with the legal action which has to consequence arisen.

The matter was taken up by the late government during the fall of last year, when it was decided that so far as the province was concerned there was no question of doubt as regards the proper ownership of the disputed mineral deposit. The government acted in the matter on the advice of the Attorney-General, whose opinion is set forth in the following letter:

To His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The undersigned has the honor to report for the consideration of the council the following, in reference to the request of the New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company, Limited, that its right to mine under that portion of the sea now commonly known as Nanaimo harbor and the waters adjacent thereto be confirmed and better defined:

Dated this 13th day of November, A. D. 1899. ALEXANDER HENDERSON, Attorney-General.

Approved this 18th day of November, A. D. 1899. C. A. SEMLIN, Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

Having received the advice of the Attorney-General the cabinet proceeded in accordance with his advice as the subject joined will show. At the executive council chamber, Victoria, B. C., the 18th day of November, A. D. 1899.

The Honorable Mr. Semlin (in the chair), Mr. Henderson, Mr. Garter-Cotton.

On the recommendation of the Honorable Attorney-General, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice of the executive council, doth order as follows: That letters patent in conformity with the draft heretofore annexed be issued to the New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Company, limited, to mine the coal and salt substances lying under that portion of the sea now commonly known as Nanaimo harbor and the waters adjacent thereto.

And also the right to keep for their own use and benefit all such coal substances so mined free from all royalties and tolls. A. CAMPBELL REDDIE, Deputy Clerk, Executive Council.

Approved and ordered this 18th day of November, A. D. 1899. THOS. R. McINNES, Lieutenant-Governor.

The plan which accompanies the deed indicates that the right of the company to mine coal is limited to a point half way across from the Island proper to Gabriola Island. It has always been the contention of the New Vancouver Company that their right to prolong their operations indefinitely out to sea could not be disputed. This has been surrendered in consideration of the fact that the government issued the letters patent to lands which have been recognized as properly belonging to them.

The action of the late government is evidently being challenged by Mr. Martin, upon the ground that the matter should have been gazetted. In this opinion he is not supported by several legal gentlemen spoken to to-day by a representative of the Times, who was assured that there is no new title issued that there was nothing obligatory in gazetted the issue of the letters published in the correspondence, and written by officials of the different departments also show that the late administration did not consider this step necessary.

In chambers this morning Mr. Justice Duff made an order on the application of the Attorney-General allowing the Attorney-General to discontinue the Province's share in the action brought by the Attorney-General and the New Vancouver Coal Company against the E. & N. Railway Company in reference to the Nanaimo harbor coal mining rights. H. A. Mackenzie, Esq., appeared for the Province, and A. P. Linton, for the E. & N., while Mr. Helmeke, Q.C., was present on behalf of the New Vancouver Coal Company.

The finest stock of curtains and carriage materials can be seen at Wellington Bros., second floor.

SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

British ship Achashie arrived in the Roads this morning in tow of the tug Wanderer. She brings a heavy cargo of nearly four thousand tons of general merchandise, including heavy shipments of cannery supplies. In her hold are 2,300 tons of plate that is to go to the Canneries to be twisted into cans for the salmon output. There are also some 600 tons of rails for the tramway company, which is to be landed at Esquimalt. About one hundred tons of naval stores are to be landed at Esquimalt, four hundred cases of cement at the outer wharf, besides the greater proportion of her cargo. After discharging here the Achashie will go to Vancouver, as she has freight for that port, and thence to Tacoma to unload some firebricks and whiskey, which she is carrying for that port. The trip of the Achashie was not without incident. She encountered a severe storm from the west north-west when in 43 south. The gale lasted three days, but the ship passed through without damage. The ship was lashed about in the storm and shipped considerable seas. Another strong gale was encountered about a week ago on the Washington coast. She was then encountered by the strong winds from the southeast and southwest, which caused a high westerly sea. The only vessel spoken by the Achashie since she left Esquimalt 148 days ago, was the ship Flinto Hill, which has arrived at San Francisco, and which reported the Achashie sighted two small schooners of about fifty or sixty tons, which were probably two of the sealing fleet. The ship will commence discharging at Esquimalt to-morrow. Her master and crew were greatly interested in the news from South Africa and were much pleased at the receipt of the news of British success. They also betrayed much interest to learn "Who won the yacht race?" Two races had been held before the ship left on her voyage, but both had been ineffective, and the subject was one of much conjecture during the voyage.

D.G.S. Quadra arrived at Nanaimo Wednesday afternoon on her way to Comox. Capt. Wallbraun reports having the vessel under the necessary angles the vessel being in the necessary angles, upon which the vessel's chief Ben Mohr struck on the 11th inst. The vessel is nearly in mid-channel, is unmarked by kelp, and is a most dangerous rock there being a great depth of water around it. The rock is also of very small extent, but at least depth over it at low water is 18 feet. The vessel has been temporarily moored on the rock. The rock, Pelle Point bears south 8 degrees west, distant six and a half cables, and the extreme of Bluff on north side of entrance to Active Pass, north 69 degrees east. Capt. Wallbraun also reports that he has moored a black can buoy in 9 fathoms at the southern extreme of Canoe reef, Portler pass. From the buoy, the centre of Canoe Islet bears north 50 degrees west, distant six and three-quarter cables, and the centre of Black rock, south 18 degrees west. Upon receipt of the news that Bloomfield was captured by Roberts the Quadra was dressed with flags.

Sporting News.

THE HUNT CLUB. RUN TO-MORROW. The Victoria Hunt Club will meet at the Colwood hotel to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for a cross-country run.

WHIST. J. B. A. A. TOURNAMENT. The first prize at the J. B. A. A. whist tournament last evening was won by F. S. Mohr, second by J. B. A. A. and the famous Smith won the prize at the other extreme, with two games.

HOCKEY. GENERAL PRACTICE TO-MORROW. The Victoria Hockey Club will hold a general practice in the club grounds, Oak Bay, to-morrow afternoon. All the members are requested to be in attendance in order that a formidable team may be in good condition when the championship match with the Vancouver team takes place. This will probably be arranged about the end of the present month at the Terminal Club.

THE ROD. SEASON NOW OPEN. The fishing season opened to-day, and at daylight this morning volarities of the rod could have been seen by the early risers. The "wading ways" by wheel and vehicle toward the various favorite haunts, each seeking to be on the scene first. The wily trout has enjoyed considerable respite from the efforts of the fishermen to capture him, and must now succumb to the hook and bait or deceptive fly. The various streams are undoubtedly well patronized to-day, while Prospect, Kemp and Sooke lakes also afford excellent facilities for trout fishing. In all probability, the first week will be to-morrow afternoon, when a large number will be enabled to take advantage of the half holiday observed in some mercantile houses, and refresh on the various fishing grounds until Monday. The next day, the train leaves to-morrow at 2 a. m., and is due at 11 p. m.

THE GUN. JOINT MEETING TO-NIGHT. The Victoria and Capital Gun Clubs held a joint meeting at the office of the Messrs. Messers. Fraser and McKee, of the Victoria club, to interview the managers of the Oak Bay and Victoria Driving Park grounds to ascertain terms as to their rental during May and June. The tournament will be held at one of these two places. A forwarding committee for the purpose of securing funds was also appointed as follows: Messrs. G. Porter and N. Short, to canvass North Ward; Messrs. J. Wall and O. Weller, Centre Ward; Messrs. J. H. Mansel and L. Young, South Ward. The next joint meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in June.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. MATCH ON SATURDAY. At Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon the final game in the Junior Association Football League will be played between the Columbus and the Maple Leagues.

VICTORIANS V. LEANDER. The principal item in the sporting line to-morrow will be the match between the senior team of the Victorians and H. M. S. Leander, which takes place at the conclusion of the public game at Beacon Hill. These two teams have already fought two times, the Victorians winning on both occasions by a very small margin. To-morrow the Leanders hope to reverse the tables, and are bringing up a very strong team in order to do so, in consequence of which one of the best games of the season may be looked for.

THE VICTORIA SECTORS will be represented by the following: Goal, Jones; backs, Goward and Schwagone; half backs, Johnson, Leinick and Rutherford; forwards, York, Dillstone, Nov, Horner, 1747 Shandler. The half-back will be played at 2:30.

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THE ADVANCE ON PRETORIA

STRATHCONA'S HORSE. To Sail From Halifax This Afternoon—Lord Seymour Inspects the Troops.

Halifax, March 16.—The troopship Monterey, with Strathcona's Horse, will sail from the Dominion government pier No. 3 about 5 p. m. The C. P. R. Telegraph Company have a wire alongside the ship for the purpose of facilitating the delivery of telegrams up to the last moment. The members of Strathcona's Horse were accorded an enthusiastic send-off by the citizens of Halifax prior to leaving on the Monterey this afternoon. The troops were inspected by Lord Seymour, commander of the British forces in Canada, Hon. Dr. Borden and Lieut-Governor Daly. Later—the Monterey has just left the dock.

From Pretoria. Naples, March 16.—Mr. Webster Davis, United States assistant secretary of the interior department, has arrived here from Pretoria on his way to America.

Naval Brigade Returning. Capetown, March 15.—The British first-class cruiser Powerful, with the naval brigade which has been operating against the Boers in Africa, sailed for England to-day.

For Garrison Duty. Toronto, March 16.—The military authorities have accepted the offer of the Queen's Own Rifles to furnish sixteen buglers for garrison duty at Halifax.

Sporting News.

THE HUNT CLUB. RUN TO-MORROW. The Victoria Hunt Club will meet at the Colwood hotel to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for a cross-country run.

WHIST. J. B. A. A. TOURNAMENT. The first prize at the J. B. A. A. whist tournament last evening was won by F. S. Mohr, second by J. B. A. A. and the famous Smith won the prize at the other extreme, with two games.

HOCKEY. GENERAL PRACTICE TO-MORROW. The Victoria Hockey Club will hold a general practice in the club grounds, Oak Bay, to-morrow afternoon. All the members are requested to be in attendance in order that a formidable team may be in good condition when the championship match with the Vancouver team takes place. This will probably be arranged about the end of the present month at the Terminal Club.

THE ROD. SEASON NOW OPEN. The fishing season opened to-day, and at daylight this morning volarities of the rod could have been seen by the early risers. The "wading ways" by wheel and vehicle toward the various favorite haunts, each seeking to be on the scene first. The wily trout has enjoyed considerable respite from the efforts of the fishermen to capture him, and must now succumb to the hook and bait or deceptive fly. The various streams are undoubtedly well patronized to-day, while Prospect, Kemp and Sooke lakes also afford excellent facilities for trout fishing. In all probability, the first week will be to-morrow afternoon, when a large number will be enabled to take advantage of the half holiday observed in some mercantile houses, and refresh on the various fishing grounds until Monday. The next day, the train leaves to-morrow at 2 a. m., and is due at 11 p. m.

THE GUN. JOINT MEETING TO-NIGHT. The Victoria and Capital Gun Clubs held a joint meeting at the office of the Messrs. Messers. Fraser and McKee, of the Victoria club, to interview the managers of the Oak Bay and Victoria Driving Park grounds to ascertain terms as to their rental during May and June. The tournament will be held at one of these two places. A forwarding committee for the purpose of securing funds was also appointed as follows: Messrs. G. Porter and N. Short, to canvass North Ward; Messrs. J. Wall and O. Weller, Centre Ward; Messrs. J. H. Mansel and L. Young, South Ward. The next joint meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in June.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. SHAMROCK, violets, roses, hyacinths, carnations and plants. Miss Beauchamp, Fort street. THE BEGINNING OF THE END.—The surrender of Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith must bring the war to a speedy close. The time to take orders for the war books is now. The biggest, cheapest and best book is ours. Only \$2.75, in full covers. Special provisions to the Canadian Continent; 1,500 orders already taken in this city. Fall into line and order free prospectus. McDermit & Logan, London. WELL FURNISHED ROOMS, 100 Blanch and street; hot and cold water baths. LOST—Between Cathedral, Port and Government streets, a pair of gold spectacles in case. Finder kindly return to this office. CANARIES—Crested German, Belgium birds; also a few splendid singers. 130 Yates street. A LADY'S BICYCLE, in good condition, for sale, cheap. Mrs. O. Koche, 55 Douglas, near Fort.

NOTICE. STEAM DITCHER.

Proposals to Purchase. SEALED PROPOSALS, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to and including Saturday, the 18th March, 1900, for the purchase of a steam ditcher, with boiler engine, pump, and other necessary machinery, now lying at the eastern end of the Mission, City, B. C. The successful bidder will be required to remove the ditcher at his own cost, on or before the 1st May next ensuing, and shall be responsible for all damages to dykes, land, buildings, fences, etc., that may occur during the removal thereof, and due to any action of the purchaser, or of any of his employees. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified bank cheque in the amount of the sum mentioned in the proposal to purchase. Cheques accompanying rejected proposals will be at once returned. The Department reserves the right to reject all or any of the proposals. Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works, Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C., 14th March, 1900.

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