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## Only Three More Days

IN WHICH TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Do not put it off until the last day, but come in at once and let us show you our latest shipments of goods. We think we have what you want and at the closest price. We have splendid Watches, Jewelry and Silverware and some beautiful goods in Sterling Mounted Leather, Purses, Card Cases, Blotters, etc. In Rings and other Gold Jewelry our stock is unsurpassed.

**Challoner, Mitchell & Co.**

THE JEWELLERS. 47 GOVERNMENT STREET

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Ladies and Gentlemen--We know you read "The Times" and we presume you read our announcements, so we embrace this opportunity to wish you

## A Happy Xmas

ALSO TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS

- Kid Gloves,
- Embroidered Hdks.,
- Initial Hdks.,
- Purses and Pocket Books,
- Fur Ruffs and Muffs,
- New Silks for Waists,
- Fancy Hdks. Boxes,
- Leather Dressing Cases,
- Xmas Umbrellas,
- Steamer Rugs,
- Silk and Wool Shawls,
- Novelty Belts,
- Silk Hose and Fans,
- Down Comforters, etc.

## J. HUTCHESON & CO.

Rev. W. G. H. Ellison,

## We Have Been Laying for You

**SOME CUTS FOR CHRISTMAS BOXES.**  
Bon Bons less than cost, we are clearing out 300 boxes Jap Oranges, to arrive, way down in prices. Bring your own straw, we have Ontario Sweet Apple Cider, no bragg in the barrel.  
Those fat, soft Plums reduced to 3 lbs. for 20c  
Clementines reduced to 3 lbs. for 20c  
French Imperial, in bottles, \$1.25.  
Port 50 cents.  
Raisins and Almonds, 75.  
Sherry 50.  
Silton Cheese, in jars, \$1.75  
Navel Orange 40c.  
Dewar's Scotch, the best blend ever left the Land o' Cakes.  
Morgan's Oysters, luscious bivalves.

**H. Ross & Co. Government St.**

## If You Buy Xmas Furnishings

Without seeing the immense range of Ties, Umbrellas, Lounge Jackets, Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Mufflers in the very latest and noblest goods that are showing you will make a blunder that will cause regret. If you are going to give a present the newest is no more costly than the old, and is much more appreciated. The best place to buy them is at

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

## The British-Canadian Gold Fields Co.,

(Limited)  
Offices at Toronto, Victoria and Spokane  
CAPITAL \$2,500,000.  
**100,000 Shares Sold at 10c and 15c.**

A further number of shares will be sold for 25c, and it is the intention of the directors to advance the price to 40c about January 1st, 1897. The company has acquired several valuable properties, such as the heavy Group, on North Fork of Salmon; The Rothschild Group, near boundary line; The Lewis in Greenwood Camp; also a valuable property near Kaslo. We have the special handling of the treasury stocks of the Home-Steak, the R. E. Lee, Maid of Erie, the Red Mountain, View of Rossland and the Gibson Milling and Mining Company.

**British-Canadian Gold Fields Co.**  
44 FORT STREET.  
GEO. K. G. BROWN, Local Manager.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**SMALL** pet Java monkey, very amusing guaranteed harmless, \$5; fine parrot just learning to talk, and cage, \$10. Good Christmas presents. Apply *H Times office*. 23-11 Yates street.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**—All sizes, for sale at 211 Yates street.

**NOW** is your time to get your piano tuned for Christmas. We guarantee to give you a first class service. Apply to *H Times office*. 23-11 Yates street.

**FOUND**—A purse containing money, etc. Owner can have same by paying expenses at this office. 40-22-11

**KINETOGRAPH ENTERTAINMENT**—Sallebury's tribute to Goldstone, songs, hand selections, etc. Very enjoyable. Temperance Hall, Saanich, Tuesday, 23rd; S. A. Barracks, Wednesday, 24th, at 8 p.m. Admission 10 cents. 40-22-11

**TO LET**—In 1200 avenue, a flat suitable for lodging rooms. Apply to *H Times office*. 23-11 Yates street.

**COAL**—\$9 per ton, delivered; weight guaranteed. Apply to *H Times office*. 23-11 Yates street.

**SHINGLES FOR SALE**—Munn, Holland & Co., Broad street, opposite the Bridge. 40-22-11

### Make Yours a Sweet Scented Christmas.

By securing something from our complete stock of Christmas novelties, you can make your Christmas a happy one. We have the latest French, English, German, Canadian and American novelties. Large assortment of Holiday novelties.

**DEAN & HISCOCK, cor. Yates and Broad Sts.**

### NOTICE.

### Coke for Sale.

At the Gas Works. Reduced to \$1.00 per ton. Cash with order.

C. W. H. THOMSON,  
Secy Victoria Gas Co. Ltd.

### VICTORIA HARBOR MISSION

Under the Patronage of the Bishop of Columbia, and Committee.  
**CAPTAIN H. S. LEWIS, HON. SECRETARY.**  
The Mission works among the Sailors and Seamen; supplies the ships with all kinds of literature, and the regular visits of a clergyman. Descriptions, and all kinds of books and old papers earnestly asked for.  
May be sent to address.  
**Rev. W. G. H. Ellison,**  
Shipping Office, Broughton St.

### MUNICIPAL NOTICE.

All parties having accounts against the Corporation of the City of Victoria are requested to render a statement of same at the City Treasurer's Office not later than Saturday, the 26th instant.

**CHAS. KENT,**  
Treasurer.

Victoria, B. C.  
City Treasurer and Collector's Office, Dec. 22nd, 1896.

### ANOTHER VACANCY.

Mr. Bennett, the Conservative Member for East Simcoe, Unseated.

Barrie, Dec. 23.—The election of W. H. Bennett was voided this morning. Mr. Aylesworth stating that owing to certain facts that had reached him since adjournment, he had, in conversation with Mr. McCarthy, concluded that the court should not be unnecessarily prolonged. In a lengthy controversy which followed concerning the manner of interpreting certain parts of the election act, Mr. McCarthy stated that candidates should warn their friends as to the meaning of the election act and then many charges of bribery through agents would be avoided. Justice Ross then said that no evidence had been produced to prove any corrupt practices against the respondent personally, but as corrupt practices had been carried on by agents, he declared the election voided, each side to pay its own costs. Justice McMahon concurred in this.

London, Ont., Dec. 23.—When the London election court opened this morning a long discussion took place in regard to the period of adjournment. A meeting was finally arranged to be held at Toronto on January 4, when a definite date would be fixed upon. Witnesses were then called to trace the wanderings of kegs of beer, alleged to have been bought by the Conservative club and used in the attic of their building. Nothing has yet resulted from the examination, and the porters in several grocery stores have been examined. Fred Jackson, of Toronto, admitted that he had canvassed London voters residing in Toronto. He had forwarded all papers and lists to J. H. A. Beattie of this city. Nothing further is known about them.

## NOT YET SATISFIED.

Secretary Olney Wants to Further Hinder the Victoria Sealing Fleet.

Hope Expressed by a Washington Correspondent that Great Britain Will Agree to It.

Olney Suggests that Sealing be Stopped Until an Investigation Has Been Held.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special to the Herald from Washington, D.C., says: "As a result of the investigation made into the fur seal question by British and American experts, it is expected by officials of the state and treasury departments that Great Britain will be more willing to agree to changes in the award regulations having in view the better protection of the seal fisheries. Negotiations are now in progress between the two governments. Data bearing upon the report of the British commissioners has reached the state department, and also the final report of Professor David Starr Jordan, who examined into the condition of the fur seal herd for this government. Prof. Jordan shows, it is said, that more stringent regulations must be adopted if the fur seal is to be preserved. He states that the decrease is due to pelagic sealing and urges the several governments interested in the industry to agree to regulations which will give them the right for the protection of the seals. In case new regulations are not agreed upon Prof. Jordan suggests that the patrol maintained by the United States be limited to Behring sea, instead of covering those waters and the North Pacific. The state department officials have not given up hope that Great Britain will consent to the proposition submitted by Secretary Olney some months ago, which she rejected at the time, providing for the appointment of an international commission to be composed of representatives of Russia, Japan, Great Britain and the United States to consider the whole question. The secretary also proposed that during the consideration of the subject Behring sea be closed to fishing."

### AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

C.P.R. Make a Complaint of Commission Paid by Other Roads.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The C. P. R. has made a complaint to the managers of the Joint Traffic Association regarding the commissions on the Chicago-St. Paul lines having business from the Northwest to Eastern Canada points. The object of the Canadian Pacific in making the complaint is to obtain permission to meet the commissions paid by western roads.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—After seven days consumed in putting in testimony against Mate Bram, of the barkentine Herbert Fuller, trying to prove him guilty of the murder of Captain Nash, the government late yesterday afternoon rested their case and to-day the defence began the work of trying to prove that Bram did not commit the crime.

West Superior, Wis., Dec. 23.—The bank of West Superior did not open this morning. It is a small institution, the capital and surplus being \$100,000.

### SULTAN MUST YIELD.

Powers Have Decided to Enforce Reforms in Turkey.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—All ambassadors have now received instructions to act in concert for fresh proposals with a view of improving the situation in the Ottoman empire. The proposals before being submitted to the Sultan will be referred to their respective governments. All the powers, including Russia, have repeatedly announced during the past few months that they have agreed on the expediency of employing coercion should the Sultan be recalcitrant. But the form of coercion to be employed will not be determined upon until the emergency arises.

London, Dec. 23.—As frequently announced from various capitals, since the visit of the Czar to the Queen at Balmoral in September last, the powers have finally become convinced that the Sultan's promises amount to nothing and they have determined to begin a policy of coercion. Information points to the accuracy of the news received to-day from Constantinople and called to the Associated Press. The Marquis of Salisbury on Monday last summoned the ambassadors to the foreign office and communicated to them the views of the British government on the definite proposals to Russia for a joint intervention in order that each ambassador might communicate them to his own government and thus enable the representatives of the great powers at Constantinople to be properly instructed. It is believed that unless the Sultan, within the next ten days shows deference, which is at present little suspected, decisive steps will be taken by the joint powers. In this connection, the Novoe Vremya, of St. Petersburg, says it is probable that within a few days the Russian Black Sea fleet will appear in the Bosphorus where it will be joined by the squadrons of other powers from the Dardanelles.

### TORY POLITICS.

How Mr. Guillet, a Conservative, Secured Offices for His Friends.

Cobourg, Dec. 23.—The investigation into the charges that Mr. George Guillet, M. P., Conservative member for West Northumberland, Mr. Dan McAllister, landing waiter, and Mr. W. J. Maher had conspired to purchase the resignation of Mr. Thos. Ewing from the collectorship of customs here is concluded. Commissioner Seager found that Ewing was willing to resign if the deficiency in the superannuation allowance was made up to him, and this was promised in explicit terms and the resignation made out. He held that Mr. Guillet was the one who had started the negotiations and carried them out. The whole matter had been a commercial transaction. A satisfactory consideration had been offered Ewing for his office, the price paid down and the goods delivered. Those who had been implicated in the transaction were Mr. Guillet, Mr. McAllister, and Mr. Maher. The commissioners found the charges proven.

## BUT FOUR SURVIVED

Bark Jamaica Wrecked Off the Central American Coast Week Before Last.

Every Member of the Crew and Twelve Passengers Lost Their Lives.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 23.—A terrific storm occurred in the gulf of Campeche on the 11th and 12th of this month and among other casualties reported, is the wreck of the bark Jamaica, with twelve passengers and most of the crew lost. The Jamaica was bound from Campeche to Vera Cruz and had a valuable cargo and some treasure aboard. She encountered a norther on the night of the 11th but got through until the afternoon of the next day, all the time working westward to Vera Cruz. As long as the ship remained in good condition she was sent scudding before the wind and at one time Vera Cruz was sighted, but accident after accident occurred, the loss of the rigging finally making it impossible to live in the enormous seas. With almost all the sail blown away the Jamaica returned and attempted to get back here without success. The rudder became disabled, throwing the vessel at the mercy of the storm. The passengers took to the boats which were repeatedly swamped. Most of the crew simply put on life-preservers and jumped into the sea. The captain was one of these. He strapped one hundred Mexican dollars upon himself and clinging to a barrel, tried to reach shore. The survivors saw him sink, owing to the weight of the metal. The sight was terrible; one passenger after another sank, the boats proving unmanageable. The crew were all drowned and only three men and a boy escaped of the passengers. The vessel sank soon after being abandoned. The wreck occurred off the port of Dos Rios, Tabasco county.

### NEARING HAVANA.

Gomez Attempts to Avenge the Death of His Son and Maceo.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 23.—Passengers on the Havana boat last night said preparations are being made for a secret forward move. Three battalions of newly landed troops left by water on Sunday for the east. Gomez is advancing rapidly and it is thought Weyler thinks it possible to prevent his coming to the gates of Havana. It is stated from a Cuban source that the Cuban leader is wild over the murder of his only son and beloved chief lieutenant and is burning to avenge their fall. Dr. Zertucha is a marked man, too, and it is reported a move had been made to abduct him. He is now in a fortress some miles from Havana with a strong Spanish guard. His trip to Spain will be postponed. The Cubans say if he goes over there, friendly hands in the country will avenge Maceo and young Gomez. Major Cirujuela also comes in for a share of hatred. Strong insurgent bands are now so close to Havana that the Spanish soldiers seldom venture far out of the gates of the city, except in strong force. A company of 25 were attacked on Sunday night, not over three miles from the palace, by the insurgents, and several of them were killed. This audacity worried Weyler, but he cannot capture or disperse them. An American cowboy named Santos Johnson, from Texas, is their most prominent leader.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Gil Blas publishes the report of an interview with Senor Belauco, representative of the Cuban insurgents in Paris, in which he declares that the Cuban revolutionaries in Cuba have no government in fact. The Cubans have an organized government in the form of a junta, whose members are acting together under the assent of the active participants in the rebellion and the majority of the inhabitants of the island.

New York, Dec. 23.—President Palma, of the Cuban junta, has received a letter from J. A. Hnau, of Jacksonville, agency of the Cuban republic, stating that there need not be the slightest doubt that General Maceo was killed. He said he had made a careful investigation of the reports and the result was a confirmation that Maceo fell and was buried in a cane field. The location of the grave is known only to those who conducted the burial.

## CROW'S NEST ROAD.

British Capitalists Sounding the Government as to What Aid Will be Given.

They Would Make it Part of Another Line From the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Every Effort Being Made to Keep the Pass Out of the Hands of the C. P. R.

Ottawa, Dec. 23. (Special).—English capitalists, through their representatives, are sounding the members of the government with a view to the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway and linking in connection therewith a through competitive line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. So far, Canadians generally, as well as the Canadian government, have seen nothing for it, if this road was to be built, but to place it in the hands of the Canadian-Pacific railway, giving at the same time a handsome subsidy to ensure the work of construction. The whole attitude of the west is one of inflexible hostility towards the Canadian Pacific controlling another mountain pass, and operating a second railway whose whole usefulness will largely depend on the moderation of its freight rates. What the west is clamoring for is another competitive road. It is to meet this demand that the capitalists of the old world are endeavoring to obtain from the Dominion government what aid they would give to an independent company taking hold of the proposed enterprise which is to run from Lethbridge, in the Northwest, to tap the Rossland gold camp in British Columbia. Reports from Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, who is now in British Columbia, go far to confirm the testimony that the camp is a permanent one in the centre of a great mining country. But should any doubt exist as to the permanency of the Trail creek region, certainly none exists as to the permanency of the vast mineral areas situated in the Kootenay silver district, which would be tapped by the Crow's Nest line. It has been suggested that the government should build the road. The experiments in Canada in the past have been that railways built by the government are very costly undertakings, so that the only escape from either building and operating the road as a national work and handing it over to the C. P. R. is to endeavor to make satisfactory terms with the English capitalists to make an independent route out of it. All hope of an independent route vanishes with the C. P. R. controlling both passes through the Rockies. If an independent company engages to build the road, then an independent road would unquestionably be extended to Winnipeg, probably by connection with the Manitoba and Northwestern. And should the Hudson Bay route prove practicable a connection could also be made with it. From Winnipeg to Chicago there is an independent route, apart from the C. P. R., and the Grand Trunk railway runs from Chicago to the seaboard. At the western end the projectors would expect to form an alliance with the road to be built from Kootenay to the coast. If any encouragement or promise of simple aid can be obtained from the government a charter will be applied for at the coming session of parliament for the Crow's Nest section of what will really be a great transcontinental railway.

### CONSUL GENERAL WOUNDED.

He Demanded the Release of His Clerk from the Siamese.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special to the Herald from Bangkok says: A number of Siamese soldiers attacked and wounded Mr. Kellett, United States consul-general here. He demanded the release of a consular clerk, who, he alleged, had been unjustly arrested. Mr. Barrett, United States minister, has protested against the Siamese government pursuing dilatory tactics. They promise to make inquiries into the incident.

### DAVIES IS PLEASED

With His Trip West—Other Ottawa News.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Col. Maunsel, Col. Strike and another commanding officer have been appointed a board of enquiry to look into the affairs of the Queen's Own and the resignation of Lt.-Col. Hamilton.

Mr. Maxwell, M. P., arrived with Hon. Mr. Davies last night. Mr. Davies is enthusiastic over his visit to the coast. Mr. Maxwell will stay here a couple of weeks.

Hon. Mr. Borden, minister of militia, General Gascoyne, Adjutant General Aymer, Quartermaster General Lake and others inspected the proposed site for the new rifle range for the Dominion matches in Nepean township east of Ottawa. They reported in favor of the late government but it never got through. The government has now got two available sites to look into. The other site is below Deschamps. If the new range is to be ready for next year's matches no time can be lost. It is probable that Rideau range will have to be once more utilized.

### ILLINOIS NATIONAL

#### Failure was Caused by the Gross Negligence of Officers and Directors.

#### Chicago Clearing House Will Advance Seventy-Five Per Cent of Approved Claims.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The failure of the National Bank of Illinois was due to the fact that its entire capital of \$2,000,000, and \$100,000 over and above its surplus of \$300,000, had been loaned on Calumet Electric stocks. Five hundred thousand dollars was loaned to Dreyer & Co., who had spread their capital out so extensively that they were unable to concentrate it in time to save themselves. The other failures were due to locking up of assets held by the National Bank of Illinois, which were not available when the institution closed its doors.

No further trouble is expected, as the Clearing House Association has agreed to pay 75 per cent of the deposits in the National Bank of Illinois, and at the meeting of the Clearing House Committee all the banks reported themselves in good condition, and none of them asked for the aid that would have been freely extended had it been asked.

It is probable all the banks will resume with the exception of the National Bank of Illinois, and all depositors will be paid in full.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Comptroller Eccles has received an announcement concerning the National Bank of Illinois. It says the Chicago Clearing House has assumed to pay 75 per cent on all proved claims.

John C. McKean has been appointed receiver and instructed to publish a list of all approved claims at once, so that the creditors may get the benefit of this action. Instructions have been issued to all banks having the bank as a correspondent to prove their claims and send them in. At the last report, November 30, the bank had a capital of \$1,000,000; undivided profits, \$15,046,362. The liabilities will be about \$11,000,000. While it is feared serious results may follow, Comptroller Eccles will do all in his power to relieve the strain on the dependent banks and avert any unnecessary panic.

The comptroller to-day gave out the following statement concerning the failure:

"I am advised by Bank Examiner McKean that the National Bank of Illinois has closed, and is now in his hands for the comptroller of the currency. In order to prevent any trouble in proving claims against this bank, and to obtain for creditors at an early date the largest part of the amount due to them, I have appointed Mr. McKean temporary receiver, with telegraphic instructions to publish a notice of proof of all claims at once. The Clearing House Committee of Chicago has advised me that the examiner of the Clearing House will immediately advance 75 per cent of the face of the approved claims, and thus give the creditors of the bank immediate relief and prevent any unnecessary disturbance of their business.

"I also direct the receiver, while securing all loans of a doubtful character, to exercise the utmost caution so as not to work any hardship upon the business interests of those dealing with the bank and depending upon it. The advance made by the Clearing House, it is to be understood, is not in payment for such claims in full, but simply a loan of such amount, with certificates as collateral security.

"The failure of the bank is due to the injurious, reckless and imprudent methods followed by the officers, and not checked by the directors, though their attention had been individually called to the same, and over their individual signatures they had promised to remedy the weak points in the bank's condition. The largest source of failure is the bank's holdings of the Calumet Electric Street railway stock, the full amount of which cannot now be stated, as it is discovered that part of such holdings were not made to appear on the books, but were concealed in another account. This, and other large and doubtful loans, had been called, by special letter, to the attention of the officers and directors, and specific improvement was promised a year since.

"In June last, on the surface, there had been an improvement made; but when Bank Examiner McKean, on November 30, examined the bank, he found that the books showed the loan to the Calumet Electric company, and other similar loans had been increased, and that the promises of the officers and directors had not been carried out. Upon this report a letter addressed to the president and directors was sent by the examiner on December 14, to be read at a meeting held for the purpose. This letter reviewed at length the condition of the bank and the failure to fulfill promises made. It emphasized the position taken by the officers, stated that a radical change had to be made at once, and notified the directors, with full and complete analysis upon the part of the examiner, of matters in the bank demanding attention.

"Saturday I received a notice from the examiner that the rumors of the bank's condition had reached the Clearing House Commissioner, and that they desired to have his report read to them. I ordered it to be done, but suggested that before doing so he see the officers of the National Bank of Illinois and obtain their acquiescence. This was obtained, and the vice-president of the bank presented to the Clearing House committee. The condition revealed led to a resolution suspending the bank from the Clearing House. Before action was taken, however, the examiner telegraphed me, and in reply I suggested that, in view of taking some chances, the funds might be provided, if it was deemed safe to do so, to afford voluntary liquidation.

"The assets of the bank were examined, and its management, as shown by the statements, were considered, and as a conclusion it was decided that the bank should be suspended from the Clearing House and funds be not furnished for voluntary liquidation. Three of the bank's directors were present at these meetings.

"In view of everything, I am convinced that the Clearing House committee

acted judiciously. The management on the part of the officers and directors has, to state it mildly, been grossly negligent. The liabilities of the bank are large, but by careful and judicious management the loss entailed on creditors need not be large, if any. Every measure will be taken by the Clearing House and comptroller's office to prevent other banks from business failures and an unnecessary money stringency. Already all outside banks having the National Bank of Illinois as a reserve agent have been notified by telegraph of the 75 per cent arrangement."

#### KATE FIELD'S REMAINS.

Arrive at San Francisco Yesterday on the Steamer Belgic.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The remains of Miss Kate Field arrived to-day from Honolulu on the steamer Belgic. The casket was enclosed in a wooden covering and placed on board the steamer at Honolulu without any display.

#### AMNESTY GRANTED.

All Armenian Prisoners will be Released by the Sultan.

London, Dec. 22.—An order has been issued granting amnesty to all Armenian prisoners, except those sentenced to death for murder. The terms of the amnesty include about one hundred Armenians under sentence of death for other offenses than that of murder.

An Athens dispatch to the Daily News says that a desperate fight occurred on Sunday at Prophetas, in the Olympus district, between a Turkish detachment of eighty strong, conveying an investigation committee of eight Turkish officials, and a Greek insurgent band under Yeloudas. The whole of the Turkish committee and twenty-four of the Turkish detachment were killed, the insurgents, only losing four killed.

#### WEYLER IN THE FIELD.

The Captain-General Again Leaves for Pinar del Rio.

Havana, Dec. 22.—Generals Arois and Gazo as well as the rest of the Spanish generals in the province of Pinar del Rio are assembled at Artemisa, where they are awaiting the arrival of Captain-General Weyler in order to commence a new plan of campaign. Captain-General Weyler will combine the movements of General Arois' corps with those of the military line, all those troops beginning active movements in the province and the understanding being that there will be no cessation of movements until the campaign in that part of the island is finished. General Arois, however, will be sent to take command of the military line extending from Juncos to Moran in the province of Puerto Principe.

Captain-General Weyler left Havana this morning on the Spanish cruiser Le Gazpi, bound for Mariel, the north military line across the province of Pinar del Rio, with the intention of resuming personal command of the operations against the insurgents in that part of Cuba.

#### DEMAND FOR WHEAT

Has Caused Large Quantities of Corn to Be Shipped West.

Tacoma, Dec. 22.—No signs of abatement of the present unprecedented shipment of corn from the middle western states to the Pacific Northwest are manifest. A member of the state grain inspector's staff is authority for the assertion that Tacoma alone receives a car load of corn each day. Allowing that other large cities and thriving country districts of the Northwest are consuming the same amount of corn as Tacoma, the yellow cereal must be rolling westward in train loads. Nebraska, it is understood, ships the greater amount of corn being consumed here.

The unusual demand for the wheat, oats and other cereals produced in the Northwest has drained the country so thoroughly of those grains that the prices have doubled, and even trebled at some, thus making the native products too expensive as compared with corn, for feed purposes. A well informed feed man said yesterday:

"People are even feeding corn to chickens in lieu of wheat. This will produce better poultry."

"California is taking great quantities of Puget Sound oats, and the gill-edged price paid to secure them places the grain beyond the reach of local feed men. A Chehalis farmer sold a car load of oats laid down here to-day for \$24 a ton. Corn is laid down here by the dealers for about \$20 a ton. Last summer the farmers received from \$8 to \$10 a ton for oats. Rolled oats have advanced from \$2.90 to \$5.50 a barrel since August. If the Chicago corn market should advance sharply the local feeders might fall back on oats. The corn coming here from the east is, principally, of the common yellow variety. It is cracked here before given to the stock."

#### CONGRESS MAY RECOGNIZE.

Power of Recognizing Cubans Not Left to the President.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—The Commercial-Tribune having asked by telephone Judge George J. Hoadley of New York to give his opinion in regard to the exclusive right of the President to acknowledge the independence of Cuba, replied as follows:

"New York, Dec. 21.—Legislative powers granted by the constitution are in accordance with article 1, section 10, vested in Congress. Plenary power over the relations of the United States to foreign governments is committed to Congress by the power granted in section 8, clause 3, to regulate commerce with foreign nations; also to the President and senate by article 2, section 2, clause 2, to make treaties with the concurrence of two-thirds of the senate present and by like advice and consent to appoint ambassadors. By the express terms of article six, section two, the laws of the United States and all treaties are the supreme law of the land. From this it follows that the power to recognize foreign states and to determine which of the two contending parties represents the foreign state is lodged in the President and senate by virtue of treaty power and congress, subject to the veto of the President and

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the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations. Both these powers necessarily involve the right to determine which is the law of the foreign state with whom to treat or carry on commerce, because both are laws of the United States. By article 2, section 2, clause 3, resolutions and votes in which the concurrence of the senate and house are necessary, except on the questions of adjournment, must be presented to the President and if approved by him or passed over his veto, become laws as effectually as in the case of a bill. From the character given to the foregoing laws of the United States, it follows that they take precedence in authority over an executive order receiving ambassadors, which is the power referred to in the support of the claim that the President has the right to recognize foreign states without consulting Congress. I desire to accompany the foregoing opinion with the expression of a strong conviction that the proposed action on the part of Congress would be in the highest degree unwise, though not illegal.

"GEORGE J. HOADLEY."

#### HANDSOME BEQUESTS.

An Ex-Mayor of Boston Leaves a Fortune to Public Institutions.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—The will of the late Henry L. Pierce, ex-mayor of Boston, has been filed in probate, and upwards of two million dollars in public bequests are distributed. The chief beneficiaries are Harvard College, the general hospital, the institution of technology, the museum of fine arts and the Massachusetts-homeopathic hospital which get \$50,000 each. The impartiality of the distribution is shown by provisions made for the Methodist, Baptist, Orthodox, Unitarian and Catholic Societies of Dorchester Lower Hills, where Mr. Pierce lived, and Episcopal Society of Ashmont, each of which will receive \$3,000.

#### DISGUISED AS AN OFFICER.

A Rochester Minister Gets Himself into Trouble in the Slums.

Rochester, Dec. 22.—Rev. David Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Second Universalist church of this city, was arrested to-day on the charge of, without authority, attempting to exercise the functions of a police officer. He is accused of accosting a woman on the street and asking permission to accompany her. She refused, whereupon he threatened to arrest her. Kirkpatrick acknowledges talking with the woman, but states that it was a method adopted by him for the purpose of explaining the material for a series of sermons on the ten commandments relating to social and moral questions.

"My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. H. Wells, of Chesley, Ont. He also had a touch of diabetes. The doctors could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured him.

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WANTED—A servant girl to do general housework; wages \$10 per month; steady family, no children; references required. Address P. O. drawer 87, Victoria. de21

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KOOTENAY RAILWAY

Hon. Mr. Blair's Remarks on This Subject to the People of Vancouver.

Strong Encouragement to Hope That a Measure of Aid Will be Given.

Hon. Mr. Blair in replying to an address from the Vancouver city council, in which the question of direct railway connection with Kootenay was touched upon, said that he appreciated very highly the complimentary address...

While here he had had his attention called to several matters connected with railways. He himself was not aware, and he was sure his colleagues were not, of the importance of securing railway communication from the coast to the Kootenay country.

Mr. Blair is reported as speaking thus at the conference with the Vancouver Board of Trade: He thus thought that the whole of Canada would benefit by the development of the West and under these conditions he hoped and believed they would find in the western provinces a very sympathetic and willing body of people who would assist in every way any proposal to develop British Columbia.

Never take a stimulant before a task. After the task is done and the need of something bracing is felt, a stimulant may be advisable, as a cup of tea, coffee or cocoa.

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Our hospitals abound in tea drunkards and coffee drunkards, just as much perhaps, as alcoholic drunkards.

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NOW IT IS DIAMONDS

Opium Smuggling Has Given Away to the Traffic in Precious Stones.

What the Chinese Exclusion Act Costs the United States Government.

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in the smuggling of diamonds since the duty on precious stones was advanced by the tariff of 1894.

The enforcement of the Chinese exclusion act has cost the government \$86,850.00 for the year, which includes deportation expenses.

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COLUMBIA SALMON.

Report of the United States Fish Commissioner on That River.

Washington City, Dec. 22.—The report on salmon investigations conducted by the United States fish commission in the head waters of the Columbia river in Idaho has been completed and published.

It is probable both the large and small forms of redfish are anadromous, though the evidence that the smaller comes from the sea is not complete.

The Chinook salmon which come to these waters die after spawning. The young Chinook salmon appear to remain for about one year after the eggs are laid near where they are hatched.

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NOTICE.

Stanley Avenue between Cadboro Bay Road and Pandora Street is closed for public traffic.

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NOTICE.

As we are closing out our fire business by auction, all parties indebted to us must settle their accounts before December 31st, 1896, otherwise they will be placed in court for collection.

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MAIL CONTRACTS.

Separate Favored Tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 12th of January next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails on proposed contracts for four years in each case, each way, between

Garran and Victoria, Victoria and the E. & N. Railway Station,

from the 1st April next. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contracts may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Garran and Victoria, and at the Post Office Inspector's Office, Victoria, B. C., 18th December, 1896.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain indenture, dated the 2nd day of March, 1894, registered in the Victoria Land Registry Office in Charge Book Vol. 12, Folio 75, No. 4077 1/2, tenders will be received by the undersigned, at the office of W. H. Watson, 26 Government Street, Victoria, up to noon of the 23rd day of January, 1897, for the purchase of all that piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and being lot number 9 (total) of the subdivision of lots 1, 2, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, of section XXV, Victoria District, as the deposit of map in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, No. 32, 61 to the two corners of the same.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Dated 22nd December, 1896. LIONEL C. JOHNSON.



PROFESSIONAL COURTESIES. UNCLE SAM—What's this talk about your lettin' John Bull in at lower rates than I have to pay? That ain't a fair shake. MANAGER FIELDING—Yes it is. John gives me a perpetual free pass to his show, and I'm only slightly returning the courtesy. I'm ready to deal with you on the same line if you like!

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I have nothing to sell and therefore want no money, but as I know through my own experience how to sympathize with such sufferers, I am glad to be able to assist any fellow being to a cure. I am well aware of the prevalence of quackery, for I myself was deceived and imposed upon until I nearly lost faith in mankind, but I rejoice to say that I am now perfectly well and happy once more and am desirous therefore to make this certain means of cure known to all. If you will write to me you can rely on being cured and the proud satisfaction of having been of great service to one in need will be sufficient reward for my trouble. Absolute secrecy is assured. Send 5c silver to cover postage and address, Mr. George G. Strong, North Rockwood, Mich.

INAUGURAL BALL.

It Will be Very Much the Same as Harrison's Inauguration.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Tickets to the ball to celebrate the inauguration of President McKinley will cost \$5 each. The price has been fixed by the executive committee. The committee also decided that the Harrison inaugural ball held eight years ago could not be improved upon, and the arrangements made then should be followed.

The executive committee decided to request the joint traffic association and other railway associations which will fix rates to Washington for the inauguration to make the rates good from Feb. 24 to March 12, so that people desiring to visit Washington will have ample time. The traffic associations have already fixed rates from March 1 to 8. The committee on decorations has decided to erect illuminated arches across Pennsylvania avenue at the intersection of each cross street.

Do not allow your system to get weak and debilitated. It is easy to keep well and strong by taking Hood's Sarsaparil.

1895 there were 138,950 pounds imported, paying \$913,404 duty, while in 1896 there were but 98,126 pounds, paying \$588,756 duty.

The special agent does not believe this difference was made up by smuggled opium, but thinks it represents an actual decrease in the consumption of the drug, due in a large part to a migration of the Chinese element from the Pacific coast and in no considerable degree to the fact that the prevailing hard times curtail the use of this expensive luxury.

But for all this, petty smuggling to some extent still continues. The man with a few pounds of opium to smuggle is hard to detect and as hard to convict, and knowing this, this class of smugglers continues to evade the law. Experience teaches that this smuggling will be stopped when smoking opium can be brought through the custom house as cheaply as it can be smuggled. Reducing the duty to \$4 per pound, as I have recommended in previous reports, I am convinced, will accomplish this result and eliminate from the category of offenses against the law one which has been most fruitful in corruption and loss to the revenue.

Of diamond smuggling the inspector reports says: "There has been a noticeable increase

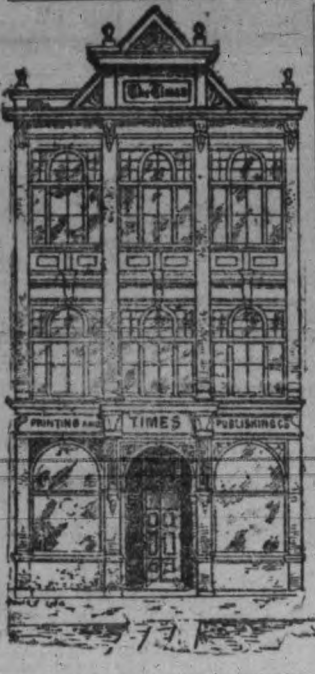
ceeds a few hours for days. Ultimately she gets into the doctor's hands. Before she can recover she has got to give back to the body the force that has been robbed from it.

To get the strength out of the meat one must consume its proteid matter as well as the other constituents.

Beef tea is in itself a stimulant, but not a food.

In administering beef tea give the patient nourishing food at the same time or shortly after.

A perfectly well person needs no stimulant.



The Daily Times.

DONE IN THE REVISION.

The following letter, which appeared in the Vancouver World, affords some explanation of the trouble that has arisen over the municipal act.

Editor World: My attention has been called to an editorial in your semi-weekly edition of Dec. 8th, which reads as follows: "Much indignation is expressed in some municipalities over the bungle that was made in the amendments to the municipalities act when passing through the house of assembly at its last session."

The change to which Mr. Kitchen particularly refers is that which threatens to deprive some rural municipalities of their councils, but the "ambiguity" which nullified the authorities of the inland cities no doubt originated in the same quarter.

The Toronto Telegram sent a man to take a view of the Rossland mining camp and give to the public what he considered to be the truth regarding it. It is quite likely that what he has written in the Telegram will offend a good many people in Rossland and elsewhere who seem possessed with the idea that nothing but honest praise should be spoken of the district, but it is a very mistaken view to hold.

A DOUBTER IN ROSSLAND. The Toronto Telegram sent a man to take a view of the Rossland mining camp and give to the public what he considered to be the truth regarding it.

It is not generally known that the best kinds of paper met with in China and Japan are the produce of Corea. Varat says that "the Korean paper excels the very best that is made in China and Japan."

According to the English mining captains, the only world widely experienced men on the ground, the history of Rossland so far repeats the history of every great gold field.

The number of barmaids in England has been reckoned at between 80,000 and 90,000, and W. H. Wilkins tells us that on making investigations he found very few who disliked their calling or who were dissatisfied with their lot.

is scouted by the enthusiasts who insist that there are now thirty mines with ore on the dump, and that this ore will be smelted into dividends as soon as the railway and smelting facilities are increased.

The correspondent finds that there has been a great deal of questionable work done in connection with the floating of Rossland mines, and a great many of those who rushed to buy all sorts of mine stocks will probably before long realize the truth of his observations.

YEOMEN AND WARDERS.

Two English semi-military organizations, which exist in no other part of the world, are the Yeomen of the Guard and the Warders of the Tower of London.

The tower warders are also usually appointed from among the non-commissioned officers of the army, but it is not necessary that they should have seen war service.

GROWTH OF JOHANNESBURG.

Johannesburg keeps on growing, in spite of the political troubles in South Africa. At the census taken last July it had 102,073 inhabitants, of whom 50,007 were whites, the rest Africans and Asiatics.

A SHOEMAKER PRINCE.

In addition to Hans Sachs, the shoemaker poet, and Tolstol, the shoemaker novelist, there is now, according to the Women at Home, a shoemaker Prince, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Duke of Chester, etc.

PAPER MAKING IN COREA.

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A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is a different person, so they all say, and their husbands say so too!

IF YOU WANT Preserves, Mince Meat or Candies ASK FOR OKELL & MORRIS' They are Guaranteed Pure.

LIGHT OUT OF DUST. Shoreditch is going to lead the way in one branch of municipal enterprise, and that is the economical disposal of ash-bin refuse.

Such in the main outline is the great scheme which the Shoreditch vestry is carrying out. There comes the question, How will it affect the ratepayers? From a careful and exhaustive report which has been drawn up by Mr. Mansfield Robinson, on the whole scheme, I learn that the total annual expenditure, including interest, and capital repayments, is estimated to reach £3537.

Per str. Rosalie from the Sound.—Mrs Moore, D F Crass, Jas McCreary, E Hayes, P C Davidge, H Frazer, Miss Fraser, U S Gordon, F Brice, J Ling, F A Bartlett.

CONSIGNEES.

Per str. Kingston from the Sound.—J Hutcheson & Co, G H Marjard, Jno Piercy, H Young & Co, Times P & Co, N J R Cowell, R Baker & Son, Lenz & Leiser, Kelly Douglas & Co, P T Patton, B C Market Co.

Per str. Rosalie from the Sound.—Erskine Wall & Co, W C Piercy, Vail & Brooks, J P Sarantis, Jay & Co, Vic Lam Co.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

Kodaks at Fleming Bros., Gov. st. The verdict of epistles all over the world has been given in favor of Yorkshire Holsah.

The James Bay Athletic Association will hold their weekly whist tournament to-night.

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

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

There will be another meeting of the residents of Cedar Hill at the school-house on Tuesday, 20th inst, for the purpose of discussing the rates.

An illustrated lecture on the cathedral of England was given in the Cathedral school room yesterday evening by Rev. Bishop Perrin.

The Y. M. C. A. Rugby and Association football clubs are requested to turn out for practice at Beacon Hill on Christmas morning at 10.30.

The work of making one of the cells at the police station, safe for the confinement of insane people has been completed.

Donations are thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer of the B. C. Benevolent Association from the mayor and council of \$25, and from Hon. J. S. Helmecken of \$5.

Mr. W. T. Cooksley gave another of his lantern lectures yesterday at the James Bay Methodist church on the "Italy of America." Mr. Cooksley left for New Westminster this morning.

A correspondent asks the Times to state whether the Dominion or the provincial government has control over lakes in British Columbia. The answer is that control rests with the provincial government.

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

Gordon Heat Mutual Improvement Society held their first concert and dance on Monday evening. After a very interesting programme was given, refreshments were served and the floor was cleared for dancing, those present indulging in that amusement until the hour was late.

The annual Sunday school entertainment will be held this evening. The children will meet in the schoolroom for supper at 6 p. m. The public will be admitted at 7 p. m. and will have the pleasure of listening to a splendid programme in which the James Bay Boys' Brigade will take part. A solo contest will be one of the features.

The regular weekly meeting of Perseverance lodge was held last evening with Mr. Wilson in the chair. After the routine business was disposed of a programme consisting of songs, readings and speeches and an essay by Mr. Rodgers was carried out to the satisfaction of those in attendance. Among those taking part were members of Triumph and Victoria West lodges.

In the police court this morning James Emerson, who was arrested for begging on the street, was remanded until to-morrow, in order to give him an opportunity to leave the city. A Chinaman who stole \$10 from a house on Courtney street, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment and Richard Davenport, who ran a wood sawing machine after prohibited hours, paid \$2 costs. A drunk was convicted and discharged.

The following is the promotion list for the Cedar Hill public school: From Fourth to Fifth—Mabel Miller, Harold Russell, Clara Merriman, Nellie Russell, May Knight, Ethel Irwin, Leonard Newcombe. From Third to Fourth—Marion Russell, James Miller, Ralph Thornton, Wilfred Holmes. From Second to Third—Isabella McKee, Walter Palmer, Frank Miller, Tom Todd, Willie Merriman, Rose Palmer, Alton Carlow, Nelson Carlow. From First to Second—Reader—Willie McKee, Nettie Carlow, Elsie Merriman, Horace Palmer.

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

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

Santa Claus has arrived at Dixie H. Ross & Co's, and is kept busy wishing their many customers a merry Christmas. Good-natured Santa Claus is surrounded with choice Christmas groceries and liquors at the lowest possible prices.

The Boys' Brigade will hold a concert in their hall, Kingston street, on Tuesday, January 5th, 1897. The promoters have done everything in their power to give a pleasant evening. The Sunday school will also hold their annual Christmas treat on that evening. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The funeral of the late Margaret Peden which took place from the family residence, San Juan avenue, at 2.30 this afternoon, was largely attended. Rev. T. J. McCrossan conducted the services. The pall-bearers were James, Robert, William and George Donaldson.

SHIPPING.

Doings in Marine Circles During the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

F. C. Davidge, general agent for the O. R. & N. steamship line, arrived from Portland this morning, and reports that the Assurance, the first of the new line of steamers which are to run between Portland and Australia, arrived in Portland yesterday and is now being loaded for Sydney. She will be loaded in five days and will carry away over 5,200 tons of flour and grain. The company will place another steamer on the route in January. The Monmouthshire left Portland for Victoria this morning. She has a full cargo of general merchandise for Japan and Australia. She will probably arrive here to-morrow and after remaining a short time in port will go to Union for coal and from there direct to sea.

An Ottawa dispatch says that the department of trade and commerce has been advised that the steamer Aorangi, the new vessel which is to ply between Vancouver and Sydney, will not leave London until March 17. She will make her first trip from Australia to Vancouver in April. An opportunity will be given Canadian shippers to send their goods to England via St. John and Halifax and thence to Australia per Aorangi.

The City of Puebla, which leaves for San Francisco this evening, will have on board the following Victoria passengers: Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Miss M. C. Barton, L. Brock, Miss Hooley, Miss Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. T. Davies, Miss G. Marlock, Geo. Hadley and John G. Taylor.

Two of the blades of her propeller were lost by the Charming on the trip down from Vancouver last evening. While repairs are being made the steamer will take her place on the route.

Northern Pacific Railway to Rossland. If you are going to Rossland be sure to travel via the Northern Pacific railway, the all-rail route. Ship your freight and express by Northern Pacific, as that line has inaugurated through all-rail freight and express service to Rossland as well as to Nelson and other Kootenay points. E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

In the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Walker an application was made by Mr. Archer Meritt on behalf of the owner of the Golden Butterfly Fraction, a mineral claim, Rossland, for an order under section 37 of the Mineral Act to allow him to commence an action against the owners of the Countess mineral claim to determine the question of the right to a certain part of common ground claimed by both. Under the Mineral Act such an action must be commenced within sixty days from the publication in the B. C. Gazette of intention to apply for a certificate of improvements. The Golden Butterfly Fraction had allowed about two weeks beyond the sixty days to expire before giving notice of motion to get the time extended by the court as provided by section 37. The applicant explained his delay by showing that an action was pending between the owners of the Countess and another claim, the Golden Butterfly, and he had been of the belief that such action would determine his rights as owner of the fractional claim. Mr. G. H. Barnard for the owners of the Countess opposed the motion and held that the applicant had been aware of the proceedings between the two other companies. His lordship granted the application, the action to be brought within two weeks, costs of the application being first paid to the owners of the Countess. The law courts will be closed until Monday, and after then until January 3rd the Supreme Court Registry will be open from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

PERSONAL.

E. Hutchinson, Ladner, is at the Oriental. F. J. Dalby, Union, is down for the holidays. F. C. Davidge returned from Portland this morning. J. N. Henderson returned from Vancouver last evening. S. M. Robins, of the New Vancouver Coal Co., Nanaimo, is registered at the Drifard. A. G. H. Pott, Kootenay, and H. F. Keefer and Geo. W. De Beck, Vancouver, are at the New England. F. J. Wheeler, Vancouver, and R. L. Esterbrook, are at the Drifard. Charles M. Johnson, Tacoma; J. P. Parsons, Winnipeg; L. Booth, Vancouver, are registered at the Drifard. H. Abbott, western superintendent of the C. P. R., and his private secretary, J. P. Geddes, are at the Drifard.

Travelling Cases. Odor Cases. Manicure Cases. Toilet Cases. Not to speak of An Elegant Line of Xmas Perfume. SEE OUR WINDOW.

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OBJECTION RAISED.

Commissioner Putnam Disapproved of a Question Put by Mr. Peters.

The Question Allowed After a Short and Somewhat Sharp Discussion.

At 2.30 yesterday afternoon when the Commission resumed its sitting Captain Lachlan McLean was recalled and gave evidence as to the catch of the Favourite in 1889 and 1890. The total catch in Behring Sea in 1889 was 1296 seals and in 1890 1110 seals. He also produced the log of the Favorite for 1889. William G. Goodie also gave evidence as to the catch in 1889, in which year he was on the schooner Mollie Adams. The total catch was somewhere between 1500 and 1600 seals.

To Mr. Launing—Witness said that, about September 27th or 28th in 1890, they raided St. George Island. About four hundred seals were killed with clubs and taken.

To Mr. Bodwell—The Mollie Adams was an American vessel. Theodore Lubbe, called in rebuttal of Captain McLean's evidence in the Carolea case, said he was the Victoria agent for Martin Bates Jr. & Co., of New York, and purchased furs and seals for them in this city.

On September 27th, 1882, he purchased 32 skins of the Behring Sea catch of the San Diego. This was not the total catch, as a few skins were sold by the captain. On October 13, 1883, he also bought the Behring Sea catch of the San Diego, consisting of 916 skins. A discussion then arose as to the mode of identifying the skins by the witness as Behring Sea skins. In reply to a question as to how he knew he said freely by the absence of small signs. In those years there were no white men hunting save on the San Diego, and when the seals arrived he judged them to be Behring Sea skins. They average larger and are differently treated from those caught on the coast. An adjournment was then taken until 10.30 o'clock this morning.

The Commission resumed its sitting at 10.30 o'clock this morning. Theodore Lubbe, continuing his evidence, under cross-examination of Mr. Dickinson, said he had no interest in any of the claims now before the commission. Previous to 1885 he was interested in some of the sealing schooners, but since then he had not any interest in any of them. The extract read from the American case before the Paris Tribunal—that in 1883 the San Diego returned to Victoria with upwards of two thousand skins on board, and this gave an impetus to the business and many new vessels embarked in the business, witness said, was not founded on information supplied by him, although he had given information at times to both British and United States officials. He had been in Victoria since 1873, when he came here from New York.

Mr. Peters then put a question to the witness as to the price the Favourite sold for, wanting, he said, to show that she was sold for \$4500 and not for \$3900, as stated by Captain McLean in his evidence.

Mr. Justice Putnam raised an objection to the case being again opened on the question of value. Mr. Peters said he did not see any reason why he should not show the price the schooner was sold for.

Mr. Justice Putnam said the Commissioners had some rights as to the time taken up by counsel. Mr. Peters said that the counsel also had some rights, and it was within their rights to present the claims in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Justice Putnam said he had the highest regard for the counsel on both sides, but there were times when the best of counsel needed checking. Mr. Peters admitted this, but when counsel were checked and held that they were right then it was within their rights to persist. Captain McLean was put forward as an important witness, and in making a statement of facts did not show the date when the schooner was sold, although he was interested in the sale and had a knowledge of it. He proposed, he said, to show that the Favourite was valued at a much higher price than Captain McLean said she was sold for. As that evidence was not only to be used in the case of the Carolea, but will also be made evidence in other cases, he claimed the right to

show whether it was to be relied upon and to show the sales in which Captain McLean was interested.

Mr. Dickinson said he considered that Captain McLean's valuation was for 1886, and witness had stated that he did not know of any sale in 1886. Mr. Justice Putnam finally withdrew his objection. Mr. Lubbe then in reply to Mr. Peters' question said that in 1883, on the 14th of November, a fourth interest in the Favourite was sold to Captain McLean for \$1375.50, and in 1884, on December 10th, she was sold to Mr. Spring for \$4500. Mr. E. Crow Baker and S. W. Buckman gave evidence as to the catches of seals in Behring Sea in 1888. An adjournment was then taken until 2.30.

BEATING THE GOLD.

The beating of the innumerable little square pieces of gold which are used to cover domes and signs, and so on, forms a distinct industry in the gold trade, which employs a large number of hands and requires no small amount of skill. The long low building in which the work is carried on is filled throughout with the sound of hammers. On every side little boxes containing tiny rolls of gold are to be seen, which, although only measuring an inch and a half in length, are each worth about £10. The gold is received in bars one-eighth of an inch in thickness, an inch in width and weighing 240 pennyweights. This is rolled out into a ribbon 30 yards in length.

It is then given to the workmen in strips measuring seven yards, each of which is cut up into 180 pieces. These are now ready to be beaten out by hand. They are placed (protected by fine skins) in a tool known as the clutch, and are thoroughly pounded out on a great granite block set in the ground in such a way that there is absolutely no vibratory movement. The process is repeated several times, the gold as it spreads being continually subdivided until it is of the exact dimensions required.

The skins in which the gold is beaten are so delicate that they will wear as easily as paper, nevertheless they are of so fine a quality that they will withstand the continual hammering for several years. The gold, which is finally beaten down to 200,000th of an inch, is rubbed with "brine" before being placed in the skins, in order that it shall not adhere to them.

Easy as this work of beating out the gold may seem, it is in reality an art of very delicate description. The workman must know to a nicety precisely how hard or how gentle the blows of his hammer must be, and also the exact spot on which they should fall. Accordingly a very superior class of men are employed in the business.—Pearson's Weekly.

LONDON'S ELECTRIC CAR.

While French enterprise is expectedly awaiting the advent of the horseless carriage on the gasoline or gas engine principle before embarking extensive capital in a new field, the English have found practical automobilism by the use of electricity as a motive power and have already put it into practical application. A company has already been formed known as the London Electrical Car Company with a capital of \$750,000 and in the course of a few weeks 350 cars, most of which are already built, will be started in the streets of London. It is claimed by the projectors of this company that electrical automobilism has been practically solved by the mechanic whose patents they hold, and the amount of the capital these men have invested in the enterprise is certainly the guarantee of the good faith of their claim. The statement will pass without contradiction that, whether or not it has solved the great problem of the times, the company certainly believes that it has.

Mary and the Lamb.

Mary had a little lamb, its fleece as white as snow; whatever way Mary went the lamb would always go. As Mary was out one cold, bleak day, the lamb and Mary too, they spied something nice that many liked; the lamb wanted some of it too. It was not a mince-pie or any such truck that Mary wanted. Oh, no! It was the latest fad in the musical line, so into Fletcher's store they go. Mary to the lamb: "What pretty things. The Pianos are American, the musicians they know. There are Organs, Zithers, Banjos, Accordians, (and lo) the Musical Boxes are not mere show; they play one hundred tunes, pretty airs (we all know), and so different in construction, the lamb says so. There are also different makes of Machines to be sold—the Domestic and our Knitters, they are all to go; not a lady in the land that has them and sews, that for anything different she does not want to know." Call at FLETCHER BROS' Music Store, 88 Government Street.

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We will now follow Mr. Peacocke for a while upon his journey. He began his close connection with Robert Lefroy by paying the man's bill at the inn before he left Broughton, and after that found himself called upon to defray every trifle of expense incurred as they went along.

four days by going round by St. Louis. Lefroy was anxious to go to St. Louis—and on that account Peacocke was almost resolved to take tickets direct through for San Francisco. Why should Lefroy wish to go to St. Louis? But then, if the story were altogether false some truth might be learned at St. Louis; and it was at last decided that hither they would go.

uncourteous to him, and the things around more unkind to what he had met elsewhere, than in any other town of the Union. Robert Lefroy, since the first night at St. Louis, had become sterner rather than obedient. He had not refused to go on when the moment came for starting, but had left it in doubt till the last moment whether he did not intend to prosecute his journey.

Maybe you'll find him, or, anyway, some traces of him. The two men sat up discussing the matter nearly the whole of the night, and Peacocke, before he started, had brought himself to accept of Lefroy's last proposition. He did give the man money enough to support him for two or three weeks and also to take him to Chicago, promising at the same time that he would habit to him the thousand dollars at Chicago should he find him there at the appointed time, and should he also have found Ferdinand Lefroy's grave at San Francisco in the manner described.

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FRIENDS OF CUBA

Immense Mass Meeting Held in New York—Some Pleading Speeches.

Large Amount of Money Collected to Advance the Cause of the Cubans.

New York, Dec. 22.—The demonstration in favor of the Cuban insurgents under the auspices of the Society of American Friends of Cuba, last night, was a remarkable one. Four thousand marched from East Eighty-Seventh street to Cooper Union hall, led by F. Meyer, a survivor of the Virginius massacre.

The parade was divided into ten columns. A large American flag was borne at the head of the procession which moved to the strains of a drum corps of fifty pieces and four bands.

When the marchers reached Cooper Union the great hall was crowded and few of them were able to wedge their way in. The hall was decorated with American and Cuban flags and there were pictures of Washington, Lincoln, Macao and Gomez.

Col. Ethan Allen, president of the Cuban League, called the meeting to order and stated its objects. Several times during Col. Allen's speech when President Cleveland's name was mentioned it was bitterly hissed.

The Cuban republic is entitled to receive forthwith from this nation an official recognition of its independence. Such action by these United States would not only be in accordance with international law, and also in harmony with the rule heretofore applied to other American states.

On the contrary, the American people view with horror this enemy of democracy, whose purpose is to continue robbery and slaughter of unoffending subjects. This voluntary enfilade of Spain, whose revolting perfidy is on every page of her history for the past four hundred years, could have been said with equal audacity of England a century ago, when George III. marshaled his Hessians upon our soil and tapped at every hearth for its tonnage.

General Bradley T. Johnson, of Virginia, said he believed that ninety per cent. of the people of the United States were in favor of Cuban independence, and that fully 75 per cent. favored this government helping the insurgents to end the struggle.

Thousands of people stood outside the hall while the speeches went on inside. A printed appeal by the junta for funds was distributed at the meeting, in which it was declared that the junta had proven time and time again its ability to land upon Cuba's shores all the supplies that its means could purchase.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES.

Election of Officers of the Montreal Conservative Association.

Milverton, Dec. 22.—Wm. Paff, aged 23, was digging a cellar, when the earth caved in and crushed him fatally.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—Le Courrier du Canada calls upon Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick to resign his seat in parliament in accordance with a pledge signed by him and printed in Le Courrier, in which he bound himself to resign or to withdraw his support from Mr. Laurier if the latter did not settle the Manitoba school question with the satisfaction of the bishops.

Woodstock, Dec. 22.—George Strachan, B.A., at one time one of the best known educationists of Ontario, died here yesterday, aged 84.

Kingston, Dec. 22.—Samuel Weese, who with Mrs. Weese was struck by a Grand Trunk engine while crossing the track at Collins Bay on Saturday evening, is dead. His wife will recover.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Capt. A. G. Gilmore, formerly of this city, died yesterday of yellow fever in Guayaquil, Ecuador, aged 78. Capt. Gilmore was to have married a young Montreal lady shortly.

St. Catharines, Dec. 22.—Francis Robinson, son of a farmer who arrived here last August, inserted matrimonial advertisements in the local papers and

papers in Toledo and Chicago. He had two sets of photographs, one of a prepossessing young girl and the other of a handsome young man, which, after some communications he sent to his correspondents, male and female. On various occasions he obtained sums varying from \$1 to \$15. He was arrested last night charged with using the mails for unlawful purposes. This morning he pleaded guilty, saying that he was not strong enough to work and that he did not think he was doing wrong. He secured about \$800 which he deposited in a local bank.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Justice Bain accepted today the resignation of liquidator Ferguson of the Commercial Bank, but declined to sanction the appointment of a new liquidator, deprecating Messrs. Ewart and Hespeler, the co-liquidators with Mr. Ferguson, should wind up the estate.

Next Saturday has been proclaimed a public holiday by Mayor Jameson, following the precedent set by Toronto's chief magistrate.

Antoine Chatelain, a trader of Battleford, was fatally shot in the back of his neck by his son while shooting.

SPANISH DEFEATS.

Rebels Are More Than Holding Their Own in the Philippines. San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Private advices from Manila, Philippine Islands, reached here yesterday and verified the account which appears in the Hongkong press received by the steamer Belgic. The news contained in the communication dislodged the insurgents at Cavite and Vico; at the end of the campaign, which lasted until November 14th, the Spanish authorities sent out dispatches reporting that the attack had been successful and the rebel loss very heavy. The Spanish claimed to have lost 35 killed and 100 wounded. It is now learned that the great victory of the Castilians predicted, ended in ignominious defeat. The rebels hold Novleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired suffering heavy loss.

EX-QUEEN LII.

She Thinks Hawaii Will Be Annexed to the United States. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 22.—Ex-Queen Lilioukalanilani and party passed through here yesterday en route to Forbeston. The Queen received a telegram from Princess Kaiulani is sick in London and not able to meet the Queen in Boston, which may cause her to go to London. A large crowd assembled at the depot, but the deposed Queen kept the curtains drawn and it was only when they were ready to leave that she allowed them to be raised. A reporter gained admittance to the ex-Queen's presence and asked for a few minutes' conversation. "You will excuse me," she said, "I cannot talk for you, for I am endeavoring to save all my strength until I get to Washington, New York and Boston."

"What do you think about your restoration to the throne?" "I do not consider there is a very great chance for what you speak of," she replied. "Will the islands be annexed to the United States?" "I think so in time, and then the conditions will be such that I will be granted a pension. I do not wish to be bothered further."

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A "QUEER" MEMBER.

Dr. Grenier Elected a Member of the French Chamber of Deputies. Paris, Dec. 22.—The Paris newspapers are full of gossip about Dr. Grenier, who has been elected deputy for Pontarlier as a Radical. Dr. Grenier is a rigid Mussulman, and intends to wear the turban and burnous in the chamber of deputies. His election was due to bad management by the Republican committees. He stood for election with the title of "The Prophet of God." He is highly educated, a skillful debater and a medical doctor. He never refuses a consultation and never takes a fee, and gives away his whole fortune. He advocates free marriage and polygamy, and practices all the Mussulman laws, including naked bathing in the river. The newspapers jocularly say that he will do the same in Paris.

STAGE ACCIDENT.

Horses Break Loose and the Stage Goes Down a Steep Incline. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 22.—Mengo particulars have reached here of a terrifying experience and perilous ride of ten passengers on the stage running between Marcus and Grand Forks, B.C., yesterday. When the stage left Grand Forks for Marcus it was equipped with runners, the sleighing being good. Everything went along all right until the stage was about to descend a steep hill, when in some manner the horses broke loose.

Before the passengers could jump out the stage started down hill at a rapid rate of speed and gaining momentum every second. The passengers simply became paralyzed with fright and clung to seats and sides. For nearly a quarter of a mile the stage kept on the road, when a curve was reached. Like a rocket it left the road and shot down into the canyon with its human freight. About a hundred feet down the stage struck a huge boulder with terrific force. The stage was reduced nearly to kindling wood, while the passengers were thrown out in every direction.

It may be recorded as a miracle that nobody was killed outright. The deep snow in which the passengers landed undoubtedly saved the lives of all. Ed. Davis, a well-known mining man, received perhaps fatal injuries. All the other passengers were more or less injured. The names of the other passengers are not known yet nor the extent of their injuries.

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British Columbia.

VANCOUVER. Wm. Templeton has announced himself as a candidate for the mayoralty. He and Ald. Banfield are the only contestants so far.

Dr. Thomas, medical health officer, in his annual report to the council says: "During the year 1906 the total number of deaths occurring in the city was 192, and it is with great satisfaction that I am able to report that during the year there was not a single case of infectious disease notified to me except one case of chicken pox. There were, however, 14 deaths from typhoid fever, but of these many were brought from outside the city boundary. The origin of this disease is frequently involved in much obscurity, but it is well known that contaminated food or water is practically the only means by which it originates; as an instance of an unexpected cause of the disease I may mention that in England recent investigations have shown that in many cases it has arisen from eating oysters that have been cultivated in, or gathered from sewage contaminated waters. Hence it is possible to carry the germs of the disease from a far distant source and to spread them amongst a community, we may always expect to meet with cases however perfect the sanitary conditions may be."

Mr. W. Pugsley, formerly solicitor-general in the New Brunswick government, arrived here on Sunday night. Mr. Pugsley is now out of politics and came out on private business.

ROSSLAND. An important strike has been made in the shaft of the Giant. Four feet of ore, struck in the bottom to-day, averaged \$50 in gold. Recent assays from rock near the Highland mine, four miles north of the town, also shows ore of good value. Samples yesterday weighed \$45.

The sale of the Enterprise in the St. Canadian country for \$300,000 to M. D. Hyman of Denver, Col., is confirmed. This property was bonded fourteen months ago for \$25,000 by the Finch syndicate. It has shipped more than enough ore to pay all the expenses of developments. It is said that Finch and his associates will clean up nearly \$300,000.

James Manson has been held by Justice Townsend for the murder of Dwyer here on Dec. 12. He will be transferred to Kamloops in a day or two.

Plans and specifications are being made for a steam hoist and four-drill compressor plant for the Sunset. A force of men were put to work yesterday on the Iron Cut tunnel, which will be driven to tap the ledge at a depth of 150 feet. The tunnel will be about 380 feet in length.

Jeff Lewis has come in from the new camp on Lewis Creek and reports that the tunnel on the Victory is now in 65 feet and that it has gone five feet into an ore chute which is ten feet wide. When the ore was first encountered some of it was brought to Rossland and an assay showed \$19.20 in gold with some copper. Mr. Lewis says the ledge now being taken out must run at least five per cent. copper.

J. T. Sullivan, superintendent of the Ellis mine on Wild Horse Creek, arrived yesterday. He reports the shaft down 26 feet showing four feet of solid ore between two good walls. The ore is quartz carrying sulphurets and recent assays average about \$300 to the ton. Exactly what the value of the ore is will not be known until a smelter. One sample lot of four tons shipped from the smelter ran a little over \$90.

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Leave Victoria for Nanaimo, Tuesday, 7 a.m. Nanaimo for Victoria, Thursday, 7 a.m. Victoria for Nanaimo, Friday, 7 a.m. Nanaimo for Victoria, Saturday, 7 a.m.

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## MURDERERS' PLANS

Elaborate Arrangements Made by Assassins to Murder M Stambuloff.

The Ex-Premier Knew of the Scheme and Asked the Police for Protection

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 22.—The trial of persons accused of the murder of ex-Premier Stambuloff, who was stabbed and otherwise wounded in the streets of this city in July, 1895, resulting in his death on July 18, was formally opened in the court house before a mixed tribunal yesterday and continued to-day.

The accused are Bori Georgieff, a native of Dobruitcha; Atsoff, Macedonian; Natchewitch, and his brother Dimitri Tuffetcheff. The court house was strongly guarded by gendarmes and the general public were excluded from the building.

The following letter, written by the murdered statesman to his friends some three months before his death, was read by the judge and profound silence:

"On March 15, 1895, there came to the house of M. Stambuloff, Ch. Zachariew from Stambakow and informed me that Natchewitch and Tuffetcheff had formed a band of from ten to fifteen men who would under any circumstances try to murder me. These robbers are sheltered in the hotel of the brothers Iwanow and in the establishment of Robtscheler. Natchewitch has promised the murderers, in the event of their capture, that they will not be condemned to death, and that after they have been arrested for a year in prison, they will procure their pardon. Natchewitch gave Tuffetcheff money for the maintenance of the robbers. Natchewitch and Tuffetcheff meet almost every evening to discuss the murder. Ch. Zachariew declares that letters have already been sent to confidants in the provinces informing them of the projected murder of Stambuloff and instructing them as soon as it has taken place to send to Sofia telegrams expressing gratitude that the country has been freed of a tyrant. The object of these telegrams is to lessen the horror inspired by the vile murder and the effect it might cause. The abettors of the murder are the brothers Minko and Tascho Iwanow. Both these criminals are very cunning and I ask now that they be seized by the judicial authorities. As intermediaries they are employing Gaweza, Garibew and Kalpaktschew. The brothers T. and M. Iwanow urge a reconciliation to take place as soon as possible, because, apparently, the time for the execution of the conspiracy has come."

Ch. Zachariew further communicated to Stambuloff that a conspiracy was also on foot against the prince, in which many officers of Sofia are implicated. Awran Stanchew informed M. Lukanow that one of the secret police agents told him of the plan to murder M. Stambuloff by means of one of N. Tuffetcheff's hand. He also told him that the police of the capital were helping the hand by communicating with them when Stambuloff goes out. M. Lukanow told Stambuloff that he too was aware that a band had been formed to murder Stambuloff, and begged that the fact might be made known to Stambuloff. M. Lukanow has been specially appointed to this departmental section of the Central Railway so that they may be in Sofia with nothing to do and may be able to occupy themselves with the direction of the band. As soon as the affair is well arranged I will leave Sofia in order not to be here on the day of the murder. This projected murder was also known to Hitchow Hetrow. These statements I have written in order that it may be known that the plan of murder is known to me and sooner or later my friends and children may demand their punishment. Sofia, March 19, 1895."

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## AFFAIRS IN HAYTI.

Everything is Quiet. But a Rebellion is Bound to Come.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special to the Herald from Kingston, Jamaica, says: "Matters are tranquil at Hayti at present, but it is stated that the revolution is bound to come later. The report that the French government has refused the recognition of Manogat, as Haytian minister to the republic, is confirmed here. If he should return to Hayti from Paris, Manogat may make trouble. Politics in Hayti are in abeyance on account of the ravages of the yellow fever, which is still epidemic. Among the recent victims of the fever is Henri Pasqual, French diplomatic representative. He was buried with military honors, the president attending the funeral."

## REV. JOHN'S PROTEST.

Appointment of Dr. Temple Caused Much Comment.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special cable from London says: "The appointment of Rev. Edward Brown John as minister of the confirmation of the Archbishop of Canterbury yesterday says: 'The appointment of the new Archbishop by the Queen has been the cause of much comment. It was a great surprise. Two reasons are given, as having caused the appointment. One is the support Archbishop Temple gave the government in his educational statement. The other is the vigorous denial made by the Pope of the validity of the Anglican orders. Archbishop Temple is a broad-minded man, strong and aggressive, despite his 75 years.'"

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## SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

**THE GUN.**  
**DR. CARVER WINS.**  
Chicago, Dec. 22.—Dr. Carver defeated John L. Winston in the two remaining bird-matches to-day by a score of 45 to 39, and 45 to 38. This gives Carver four out of six of the matches.

**THE OAR.**  
**GAUDAUR READY.**  
Toronto, Dec. 22.—Gaudaur, in a letter which will appear in the Mail in the morning, says that he will row either Harding or Barry for the world's championship here for \$2500 or \$5000 a side, allowing them \$500 for expenses, or he will go to England after August and row both Harding and Barry for \$1250 or \$2500 a side, receiving \$250 expenses for each race, both races to be rowed within three weeks of each other. Gaudaur says that so far he has received no challenge from anyone.

**FOOTBALL.**  
**ASSOCIATION MEETING.**  
A meeting of the British Columbia Intermediate Football Association was held at the Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening. The Columbias (Victoria) were admitted into the league. They will play the Y.M.C.A. team on or before Jan. 16 at the Caledonia grounds. The first game of the championship series will be between the Victoria Junior Wanderers and the Northfield Violets. It will be played on the Caledonia grounds on January 2.

**WRESTLING.**  
**DAN'S PROPOSITION.**  
Chicago, Dec. 22.—If arrangements can be perfected Dan S. McLeod, the California wrestler, will attempt a unique feature here late in January or early in February. McLeod's proposition is to take any five native local wrestlers and throw one after the other, all of them inside of sixty minutes of actual wrestling time. He proposes to do this or forfeit the entire gate receipts, the latter to be divided share and share alike between the five men if he fails to accomplish the task. This has never before been attempted in this part of the country. McLeod has almost despaired of a match with "Farmers" Burns.

**THE TURK.**  
**JOE PATCHEN SEIZED.**  
Kankakee, Ill., Dec. 22.—Sheriff Bernier, of Kankakee county, has seized Joe Patchen, the famous pacing stallion and forty-eight other trotting and pacing horses and colts. The attachment was in favor of the Commercial National Bank and the Chicago Title and Trust Company, as receiver and calls for over \$11,000. Joe Patchen and other stock were the property of John G. Taylor, of St. Louis, but he transferred them to his brother, Joseph Taylor, of San Antonio, Texas, about one year ago, after giving a chattel mortgage on them to the Third National Bank of St. Louis.

**LACROSSE.**  
Mr. Arthur Lee, treasurer of the Capital Lacrosse Club, has prepared a statement of receipts and expenditures, which shows that the season has ended with a balance of \$160 on the wrong side of the ledger. In order to pay off these liabilities one or two concerts will be held during the winter months. Receipts—April, to balance from Triangle Lacrosse Club, \$32.10; cash from the B. C. A. L. A., \$10; May 25, proceeds from game, \$49.10; June 20, proceeds from game, \$18.80; July 25, proceeds from game, \$204.20; August 22, juniors on account of loan, \$11.25; September 19, proceeds from game, \$150.00; September 19, loan, \$45.00; September 19, sale of season tickets, \$105.15; and other sources, \$40.00. Total, \$1,197.20.

Expenditures—Expenses of delegates to Vancouver and Westminster during the season, \$449.50; expressage of sticks to and from boats, \$6; band, for playing at matches, \$35; Y.M.C.A., rent of rooms, \$10; juniors, \$45; caps, \$6; B. C. A. L. A., \$7.50; and sundries, \$5.05. Total—\$1,197.50.  
Outstanding liabilities—\$160.

## TOLD BY CABLE.

Earl Russell's Residence Destroyed by Fire Last Night.

London, Dec. 23.—It is officially stated that the plague is increasing at Bombay and Karachi. The report of Sindis is unchanged.

The manager of the London-Brighton line has been appointed to his position at the Central railway station.

In ministerial circles at Madrid it is denied that the government intends to call out a fresh contingent of troops.

Earl Russell's Riverside residence was destroyed by fire last night. It is reported that the fire was of an incendiary origin. Since the trial of the Earl's suit against his mother-in-law, Lady Selina Scott, and three others, his lordship has been the recipient of several threatening letters.

Paris Dec. 23.—Le Figaro to-day intimates that owing to difficulties between France and Great Britain in regard to Egypt and Turkey, the post of Baron de Courcel, French ambassador to the court of St. James, may be left vacant for a while.

## LATEST IMPROVEMENTS OF WAR.

The latest improvement of war is an equipment consisting of two rapid-firing guns mounted on an autocar. It has a rough resemblance to a smooth turtle back, with wheels instead of legs, and a pair of iron screens rising from the top of the metal shell, from behind which the guns are worked. The autocar is driven by a sixteen horse power engine, the wheels having four-inch solid rubber tires. The guns are on a swivel and are arranged to discharge at various angles. They will spin merrily around while they are being fired, if desired. The ammunition is fired at the rate of from fifty to 700 rounds a minute, and the firing can go on either when the autocar is moving or standing still. Each gun is supplied with five hundred rounds of ammunition, and if the operators be shot down the engines continue running, and the entire charge of ammunition is shot off. The shields around the car are on an angle so that no ordinary bullet from a rifle can penetrate them, and when the machines are in motion it will be difficult for a large field piece to hit them. A rapid-firing gun has always been looked upon as an excellent weapon, provided you come up with your enemy. With a gun mounted on a fast-running machine, which can travel forty-five miles an hour, the question of getting on terms with your foe does not take long. The effect of fifty or a hundred of these machines of war charging into a large body of troops, or run through a city at a high rate of speed, firing their deadly missiles on the inhabitants as they rushed through can readily be imagined. Several governments are now negotiating with the inventor for this formidable machine.

## A GUN THAT PITCHES.

A Princeton professor, Mr. Hinton, has invented and patented a gun that pitches a baseball which curves in its flight according to the intentions of the marksman. Mr. Hinton is an Englishman, a graduate of Oxford, who came to Princeton from Yokohama, where he had a boys' school. He was a constant cricketer in England, and long before he came to this country had developed an interest in the American practice of pitching baseballs in curves. When he got to Princeton he learned how to do it himself. Then he determined that the Princeton batsman needed much more practice than the pitchers they had could give them, for pitching curved balls is very hard work and uses men up. So he set to work to make a machine that would pitch and after a great deal of study and experiment he seems to have succeeded. His machine is a gun, the power is powder, and it is said to work well, so that it promises to be as useful to the Princeton nine as the tackling machine which is kept in the Princeton gymnasium has been to the eleven. Thus again has intellect dispatched a Frankenstein to compete with human thews and cheapen labor. To have invented a pitcher is great, though the human element in pitchers is interesting, and it is likely to be some time before the machine wholly supersedes the man. The spot where the human element might be eliminated to advantage is the umpire's place. If, while his mind is still on sport, Mr. Hinton can invent an umpire who shall prove accurate and reliable, and adaptable to baseball, football and prize-fights, he will not only do a great service to the cause of sport, but will make his own fortune in the process. All that is wanted of an umpire is accuracy and prompt action. One with a dial face, and "works" in him, incapable of prejudice or error, would be ideal—Harper's Weekly.

## ZINC AS WALL PAPER.

A wall decoration which consists practically of sheets or rolls of zinc with the surface prepared by a new process so as to exactly resemble marble has been brought out by an English inventor. The most beautiful varieties of marble are imitated in such a manner that it is almost impossible to detect the imitation. The zinc is attached to the wall by a new cement, and its surface is enameled so as to render it permanent, washable, etc. Tiles of any other form of mural covering can be as well imitated as marble, and the material is made in a great variety of patterns. The manufacturers claim for this decorative material that, while as permanent as tiles or marble, it is much cheaper, and can be as easily fixed as ordinary wall paper. It can be applied, too, to any surface, whether flat, brocked, or round, and heating, etc. can be embossed on the metal to complete a design or panel.—Philadelphia Record.

## Canadian News.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Judgment was given on the petition against Sir Adolphe Caron for Three Rivers and L. H. Legris for Maskinonge. In the Champlain election petition the bill of particulars charges strong clerical influence and intimidation, exercised on behalf of the Conservative candidate, Dr. Marcott, by Bishop Eafache and the clergy.  
Miss Annie Sims, who was shot by Homer Howell on Dec. 6th, because she refused to marry him, and who afterwards put a bullet into his own body, which caused his death, died at the general hospital this morning.

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### MORTGAGE SALE.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned till the first day of February next for the purchase of all that certain part or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Victoria, in the province of British Columbia, and more particularly known and described as follows: Lot number fifty-two (52) of the eastern half of section twenty (20), Neekley Farm, according to the map or plan thereof as filed in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, and there numbered two hundred and twelve (112). Mortgage registered in Charge Book vol. 12, folio 492, No. 12,253. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. There is a good house on the property, Rendall street, now rented to a desirable tenant.

ARCHER MARTIN,  
15 Government street, Victoria, B.C., Solicitor for mortgages.

Dated December 21, 1896. ds21-3t

### Ha! Ha! Ha!

Mother you are not going to beat us out of a Plum Pudding this year, nor Cake either, because I see in Henry Clay's window the biggest Plum Pudding ever made in Victoria, and we can buy from half a pound to ten pounds and it is going like sixty.

Well Charlie, we will have to have some because his name always recommends his goods.

### HENRY CLAY, 39 Fort St.

### VICTORIA CITY POUND.

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of December, 1896, at the City Pound, on a lot of 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by public auction, for the best price that can be obtained, all the animals, (unless the said animals are reclaimed and pound charges thereon paid on or before the hour of sale.)

A. McINNIS,  
Poundkeeper.

Victoria, B.C., December 15th, 1896. ds21

### Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital.

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