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NEW WESTMINSTER HARBOR SCHEME

ENGINEER AT WORK ON IMPROVEMENT PLANS

City Will Seek Co-operation of
Dominion and Provincial
Governments

New Westminster, Dec. 22.—Westminster may be said to be at the parting of the ways.

These words, during the course of an address by President A. E. White of the Board of Trade at the regular meeting last night, gave an idea of the scheme for the improvement of the harbor, the particulars of which will be announced by Mayor Lee as soon as they are completed.

About one year ago the ratepayers passed a by-law for fifteen thousand dollars to be spent in preliminary work in preparing a scheme for the improvement of the harbor. An engineer was engaged, and since then has been preparing the scheme. The harbor, when completed under the proposed scheme, will be capable of accommodating enormous traffic and the largest vessels will be able to find dockage. The scheme also provides room for new railways to get access to the docks. It will require the co-operation and aid of both the Provincial and Dominion governments.

AUTO DRIVER LOSES CASE. Action Against B. C. Electric Railway, Dismissed At Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The case of William Hughes against the B. C. E. R. Company was dismissed by Mr. Justice Morrison yesterday afternoon. Hughes brought action for damages on the ground that his automobile had been wrecked in Grand View by a Park Drive car a month or so ago. Hughes stated that he was driving along the "th" avenue east, and at the intersection of Park Drive noticed a street car travelling at an excessive speed in a southerly direction. He put on his brakes, but the steps of his automobile caught the front wheels of the machine and overturned it. The machine was \$3,000 worth, and it was rendered useless for two months and it took \$500.00 to repair it. In addition to that he was himself so badly injured that he had to call in a physician. He claimed the cost of repairing his machine and \$10 a day earnings for every day that it had been idle.

ALLEGED CONFESSION.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—Charles W. Jones, trusted employee of a local hotel who disappeared several months ago, leaving alleged \$1,000, returned to Portland to-day, voluntarily. Jones was detained for several hours with the attorney for the hotel company and is alleged to have confessed, saying that most of the money taken by him was used for a church and charitable fund to pay for an operation on a son. Jones was an officer in one of the prominent churches and devoted considerable time to religious work.

DISSOLUTION FAVORED.

Christchurch, N. Z., Dec. 22.—Parties are so evenly balanced after the elections that the only possible way out of a deadlock seems to be to take a vote of lack of confidence in the minister. Many members favor an immediate dissolution as a test of public opinion.

ANARCHY REIGNS IN MACEDONIA

Twenty-Seven Greeks Have Been Assassinated Near Salonica

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Salonica, European Turkey, to a London agency, reports a condition of anarchy throughout Macedonia. Murder, pillage and brigandage are rife.

Twenty-seven assassinations have taken place within the last month, within two hours' journey of Salonica, all the victims being Greeks. The Christians, finding it impossible to obtain redress, are organizing bands with the object of killing the Turks.

Bomb Outrage.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 22.—In the national assembly here yesterday, an interpellation was submitted regarding the anti-Christian outrages in Macedonia.

Premier Gueshoff announced that a number of arrests have been made in connection with the Istib massacre, and that the persons charged with the crime will be tried by court-martial. The outrage referred to by the premier took place on December 9, when a bomb was thrown in a mosque, twelve persons being killed and twenty injured.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—Emperor Francis Joseph is making favorable progress in his recovery from the recent illness. According to the latest reports, His Majesty is in excellent spirits, his cough is much better, his appetite good and his general appearance healthy. He walked to-day for half an hour in the great gallery of the palace and to-morrow is to go out into the open air if the weather should prove favorable.

THIRTEEN RURALES KILLED.

Tulco, Mex., Dec. 22.—A battle between rurales and rebels is reported near Tlancingo. Thirteen rurales were killed and several wounded, it is said. The rurales are said to have ridden into an ambush.

FEWER IMMIGRANTS GOING TO STATES

Returns Will Show Decrease of
30 Per Cent Compared
With 1910

New York, Dec. 22.—One of the greatest slumps in immigration ever recorded at the port of New York is being written into the records at Ellis Island. Already the records show that nearly 300,000 fewer immigrants have landed there up to the present time than for the corresponding period in 1910, and indications are that there will be a reduction of 30 per cent, or more from 1910 figures for the entire year. This increasing tide of humanity is lower than at any time since 1898.

GRANBY SMELTER AGAIN IN OPERATION

Coke Arriving in Large Quantities—Full Force at Work
in the Mines

Nelson, Dec. 22.—Three furnaces were blown in at the Granby smelter by Granby yesterday, and three more will be in blast to-day. A full force is working at the company's mines at Phoenix and plenty of ore is coming down. Coke is arriving in large quantities at present. Local officials state that everything is working very satisfactory and that there is an abundance of laborers to fill all positions at present.

GUARDING PUBLIC HEALTH.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—In order to take steps to prevent sanitary conditions throughout the province, as well as to prevent the pollution of waters and streams, the provincial government will amend the public health act at the next session of the legislature to provide for the appointment of seven medical health officers for the province, who will be assigned to different territories and put in complete charge of all sanitation and public health matters in their respective districts.

MANY WITNESSES YET TO BE HEARD

Dynamiting Inquiry at Indianapolis Likely to Last Until
End of January

Indianapolis, Dec. 22.—Claude Meyers, chief of police of Tiffin, Ohio, who was in charge of the dynamiting inquiry, was found hidden in a barn the day after the arrest of John J. McNamara in Indianapolis, April 22, was a witness before the grand jury yesterday. He was among those from whom it was said the investigators expected to learn as to who besides the McNamaras and McManical, were implicated in explosions in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, to carry on which the stores of explosives were used as a base of supplies.

County Prosecutor Baker also was before the jury. He was summoned because of his work of prosecutor in conducting before the county grand jury an investigation on explosives in Indianapolis.

Seven days' work by the federal jury has developed that the evidence is more voluminous and that a number of witnesses to be called from different cities are expected to-day. The investigation will be adjourned to-day until January 3. Then it is expected to last for a month.

Los Angeles Inquiry.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—E. A. Clancy, the San Francisco labor leader, who answered a subpoena to appear before the federal grand jury which is investigating the alleged world-wide dynamite conspiracy, said yesterday that he had been told until he was ready to talk first with the government prosecutor.

AWAITING REPLY FROM PREMIER

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT STANDSTILL

Representative of Yuan Shi
Kai Believes Minister Will
Accept Republic

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—Tang Shao Yi, who is representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the Imperial government at the peace conference, between the imperial and revolutionary delegates now being held here, authorizes the Associated Press to say that he still hopes that Premier Yuan Shi Kai will agree with his views and accept the republic as the only means of securing peace.

Tang Shao Yi said that Premier Yuan Shi Kai up to six o'clock this evening had not communicated to him his decision to repudiate the suggestion of a republic and does not believe that Yuan Shi Kai will decide against the suggested republic after he has thoroughly digested Tang Shao Yi's report, giving his positive views of the situation.

The revolutionary leaders here assert that should Yuan Shi Kai persist in his refusal to accept a republic, the powers giving him their support would be regarded as the enemies of China, and the lives of all foreigners in China would be jeopardized.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the reform leader, is due to arrive here in a few days, and it is believed he will assume the leadership of the south. Large reinforcements of well armed and well trained revolutionary troops are arriving from Canton.

Yesterday Tang Shao Yi received a telegram from Premier Yuan Shi Kai instructing him to reopen the conference and present a counter proposition to the revolutionary delegates providing for a limited monarchy.

There is reason to believe that a considerable number of influential revolutionaries are willing to consider such a proposal, and are urging the radical element to modify their demands for an absolute republic.

Troops Sent to North.

Peking, Dec. 22.—Great Britain, which has been supporting the premier's monarchial programme for several weeks, is now strengthened by the support of the United States and other countries. Great Britain believes the separation of the dependencies of Manchuria and Tibet and the serious disintegration of China proper would result from the establishment of a republic. Only the name of the monarchy is left.

It is said that the American group, if not the American state department, already support the British idea, and is ready, with the aid of the other members of the "four nation group" of financiers to lend Yuan Shi Kai's government money. Negotiations to this end have been pending for some time.

Now Great Britain is endeavoring to persuade the rebels to come to terms. It is pointed out that the British interest is not directed against China's interests, but against the sentimental idea in such cases where the practical interests of the entire nation are being jeopardized.

The extension of the armistice for ten days, to which the revolutionists have agreed, has given some hope, but unless Yuan's offer, the only alternative is a continuation of the conflict, with dependencies rallying around the northern empire. The premier has ordered 3,000 troops of the twentieth division to Ching Wang Tiao, on the coast of Pechili, with the object of preventing republican troops from assembling in the north.

Service Loan.

London, Dec. 22.—The Hongkong and Shanghai bank issued a notification yesterday that owing to the disturbed state of China, it has not received any funds for the service loan of \$15,000,000 of August 11, 1910. It is prepared, however, to purchase coupons of the scrip due on December 21st, at their face value.

ACTOR ENDS LIFE.

Wright Lorimer Commits Suicide at
His Home in New York.

New York, Dec. 22.—Wright Lorimer, the well-known actor, committed suicide to-day by inhaling gas at his home here.

Lorimer was 38 years of age and began his stage career in Chicago. He was best known in the production of the "Shepherd King" which he wrote with Arnold Reeves.

TRADE COMMISSIONERSHIP.

Vacancies Will Not Be Filled at Present—Many Applicants.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—It is stated officially that the five vacant trade commissionerships, for which a great many applications have been received, will not be filled for the present by Hon. George Foster, minister of trade and commerce. There are vacancies at Shanghai, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin and Havana. The minister is devising a plan to divide the territory assigned to the various commissioners.

THREE KILLED BY EXPLOSION AT DEPARTURE BAY

Nanaimo, Dec. 22.—An explosion occurred at the powder works, Departure Bay, at 10:30 to-day. Three men were killed: Tom Defreix, Wm. Dee and Wilcox. Several were injured.

The explosion took place in the mixing room.

GIRL KILLED BY LEAP FROM BRIDGE

Jumps From Track to Avoid
Being Run Down by Train—
Another Girl Injured

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 22.—A shocking accident occurred at Gainsville, three miles from Brantford, last night, when Miss Josie E. Gibson, 19 years old, was killed after she had jumped in the darkness from the G. T. R. overhead bridge to the T. H. & B. tracks 25 feet below, because of an approaching train on the bridge.

A companion, Miss Lena Irving, also jumped and sustained a broken hip, nose and jaw and internal injuries and it is feared they will prove fatal.

In company with five other young ladies they were on their way to an entertainment at the Gainsville Baptist mission. All were boarders at the Y.W.C.A. in Brantford, and in order to take a short cut they proposed to walk on the railway tracks to the bridge. When they were on the bridge they heard the approach of the Buffalo and Goderich passenger train. Five girls ran quickly to the end of the bridge and jumped to the ground. The Gibson and Irving girls, however, were caught midway on the bridge.

Both were later found unconscious. Miss Gibson having concussion of the brain, her head having struck a rail. She died in a few hours. She was the daughter of Principal Gibson of the Waterford public school. Miss Irving's home is in Forestville. They have been boarders in the Y.W.C.A. here for a couple of years. Rev. C. H. Emerson and others also had a very narrow escape.

TURKS AND ARABS MASSING FORCES

Fifteen Thousand Have Assembled
Near the Italian
Trenches at Tobruk

London, Dec. 22.—It is said that 15,000 Arabs and Turks have assembled within four or five miles of the Italian trenches at Tobruk.

The Porte, in consideration of the concession of the Sollum district of Waterford public school. Miss Irving's home is in Forestville. They have been boarders in the Y.W.C.A. here for a couple of years. Rev. C. H. Emerson and others also had a very narrow escape.

Turks Repulsed.
Derna, Tripoli, Dec. 16.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Turkish forces have made several attacks on Italian soldiers, where the latter were engaged in throwing up works outside the town. Reinforcements were sent to the aid of the Italians, and a counter attack resulted in the withdrawal of the Turks. The Italians lost three and 24 were wounded.

TRIES TO END LIFE.

Despondent Japanese Shoots Himself—Loses His Sight.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Permanently blind through the actions of his own hand, a stolid Japanese was led into the dock at the police court this morning and charged with attempted suicide. Yasukawa pleaded guilty to the charge and then told a pathetic story which caused the court to allow him to go under the care of a Japanese society which has promised to look after him.

Yasukawa stated that he had been ill for many years and found that he would never be able to pay back the money he had borrowed to relieve his difficulties. Not knowing that it was a crime in Canada to attempt to take his own life, and not caring to take any longer, he had purchased a revolver and shot himself through the temple.

The skill of the doctors at the general hospital saved the man's life, but his bandaged eyes and the way he groped about for support when he was told to go, told of the terrible penalty he will have to pay for the rest of his life.

MAY INAUGURATE TARIFF WAR

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO RUSSIAN DOUMA

Rates Against Countries Which
Do Not Grant Most-Favored
Nation Treatment

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A legislative proposal to provide for tariff schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 has been introduced in the Duma by ex-President Guichkov and others representing the Octoberist and Nationalist parties which control the majority of the Duma. The bill provides for the raising of existing Russian duties by 100 per cent and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are allowed free in the Russian tariff. Besides these imposing duties, the bill provides also to levy a double tonnage tax, should the present administration tonnage be raised to the disfavor of Russian vessels, then the Russian tonnage tax will be correspondingly increased. It is said the schedules are to be applicable to all countries which do not grant Russia the most favored nation treatment in commerce and navigation. The proposal will be submitted to a financial commission.

The necessity for the proposed action is explained in an accompanying declaration in which it is stated that the regular American tariff schedules which will be applicable to the treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 will be so high as to have a prohibitive character and that they greatly exceed the Russian normal tariff and navigation taxes which will be naturally applicable to American goods in the absence of a treaty.

The province of foreign affairs lies outside the competency of the Duma, and treaties are not subject to its approval nor is the minister of foreign affairs answerable to the Duma on the state of foreign relations. Nevertheless, the Duma exercises, through the budget, an influence on foreign affairs.

In the long declaration accompanying the bill the signers deal fully with the Russo-American situation and recount the formal steps taken by the president of the United States.

"The abrogation of the treaty between Russia and the United States has a direct connection with the Russian agitation which has been energetically conducted in America for the readmission of American citizens of Jewish faith. Article one of the treaty establishes the mutual rights of entry but contains a stipulation for the observance of international laws. In the long declaration accompanying the bill the signers deal fully with the Russo-American situation and recount the formal steps taken by the president of the United States.

"On the other hand the question of admission or no-admission into Russia of foreigners belongs to the province of international legislation in the general principles of the laws as well as on the strength of Article one of the treaty of 1832.

"This United States has enacted very strict regulations, seriously limiting the right of entry of foreigners, and there is no doubt that the federal government would ward off any attempt to dispute the legality of those regulations from an international point of view."

The declaration then quotes textually Article II of the federal immigration law of February 10, 1907, and continues:

"If we took into consideration that the American laws impose a head tax on the whole line of foreigners seeking American shores, it becomes clear how stern are the restrictions to which Russians arriving in America are subjected. We do not question the right of the federal government to apply any immigration laws which are dictated by resolutions of state, but we must note for that very reason that the motive for the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 adduced in the resolution of the House of Representatives is unfounded."

The statement of the views of the majority of the Duma is marked by the temperate and dignified but firm language which is characteristic of the Russian attitude in the matter.

MASS IN MEMORY OF SAILORS.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada, was represented this morning by his honorary A. D. C. Colonel Landry, at the requiem mass sung at the Bonsecours church in the memory of the four sailors of the French cruiser Resic, who lost their lives in trying to rescue the Princess Royal and her two daughters and the passengers of the stranded steamer Delhi.

GIRL THROWN INTO BONFIRE.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—After witnessing a moving picture depicting an Indian girl being burned at the stake, children in the Latin quarter threw four-year-old Jennie Allen into a bonfire. She was so seriously burned that her life is despaired of to-day. The girl was listening to the tale of Indian victims as portrayed by the films and when the story reached the point where the victim is tortured, the other children threw her into the flames. Her screams attracted workmen who extinguished her blazing clothing and she was taken to a hospital.

HOLDUP MEN IMPRISONED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Eighteen hold-up men, arrested here during the last two weeks, were sentenced yesterday to terms from five to seven years in the penitentiary. The city has been terrorized for some days by thugs.

KING SHOOTING GAME IN INDIA

Three Tigers Fall to His Aim—
Will Present Trophies
to Museum

Delhi, India, Dec. 22.—Three tigers and an equal number of rhinoceroses fell victims of King George's aim during his hunt on Wednesday as the guest of the Rajah of Nepal, according to advices received here. The King made several difficult shots and is being highly praised for his marksmanship. Six hundred elephants and forty automobiles are being used in the hunt. King George plans to present several of his trophies to the British museum.

REPORTED MUTINY OF PORTUGUESE TROOPS

Two Officers Wounded During
Outbreak—Number of
Soldiers Arrested

Vigo, Spain, Dec. 22.—Advices from Braga, Portugal, 35 miles northwest of Oporto, say that a monarchist outbreak occurred there on the night of December 20 in the barracks of the 29th infantry regiment. The colonel and captain of the regiment were wounded during the disturbance. At noon on the following day firing was still heard in the city.

Several Soldiers Arrested.

Lisbon, Dec. 22.—An official note issued by the government says that the revolt reported to have occurred at Braga was confined to a few rifle shots. The colonel of the 29th infantry was wounded. The affair arose from the insubordination of some soldiers over punishments. Several soldiers were arrested.

FRENCH FISHERMEN DROWNED.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The western districts of France were swept yesterday by a violent tempest of rain and wind, causing much damage to property and fishing craft. A number of fishermen were drowned.

MEXICO CITY IS AGAIN SHAKEN

Earthquake of Moderate Intensity—No Loss of Life
Reported

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—An earthquake of moderate intensity occurred here at 6:15 to-day. The shock lasted about one minute. No loss of life or damage to property is reported.

Quake Recorded.

Lawrence, Kas., Dec. 22.—An earthquake, believed to have been in Central and Southern Mexico, was registered by the sismograph at the University of Kansas here to-day. The tremors began at 6:52 this morning and lasted 24 minutes. The heaviest portion of the wave had a duration of 6 minutes.

OFFICERS ACQUITTED.

Toulon, Dec. 22.—The court-martial to fix responsibility for the explosion of the French battleship Liberté, which occurred in Toulon harbor Sept. 2, yesterday acquitted all the officers. The explosion cost the lives of 265 men and injured about 100 more.

PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR DEAD.

Guayaquil, Dec. 22.—Wilco Estrada, president of the republic of Ecuador, died here suddenly at midnight. President Estrada was elected to office on January 11, 1911, and was inaugurated on September 1. He was taken seriously ill on the 15th of the same month and went to Europe to recuperate. During his sojourn in Europe a plot to assassinate him was discovered and several conspirators were arrested.

PERSIA YIELDS TO RUSSIAN DEMANDS

TREASURER-GENERAL WILL BE DISMISSED

Troops Were Ready to Advance
in Event of Failure
to Comply

Teheran, Dec. 22.—The Persian cabinet has given to the Russian minister, S. Poklevski-Kozlil, verbal assurances of its intention to comply with the demands of the Russian ultimatum.

That serious fighting has taken place between the Persian constitutionalists and Russian troops is stated in dispatches from Tabriz, which state that the governor's palace has been bombarded. There were casualties on both sides, but their extent has not yet been made public.

There was also fighting between the Russians and Persians at Ensi, on the Caspian sea, and at Reht, sixty miles west of Ensi. Different versions are given as to the cause of the fight.

Attacked by Persians.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—According to reports received from Julla, a suburb of Isfahan, Persia, the Persians attacked a Russian detachment. The firing lasted all day.

A later dispatch from Tabriz says a small body of Russians was attacked while repairing a telephone line. Two of the attacking party were killed.

Official Confirmation.
London, Dec. 22.—The British foreign office shortly after noon received official confirmation from the British minister at Teheran that Persia had yielded before the Russian threat and had granted all the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum of November 20. These include the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American, who has been acting as treasurer-general of Persia since last June.

Details have not reached the British government, but it is believed in official circles that Russia's demand that the appointment of foreign advisors to the Persian government hereafter should be subject to Russian and British approval, has been accepted with some slight modifications agreeable to both parties.

The Russian ultimatum, to the terms of which Persia has now acceded, was delivered to the Persian government by the Russian minister at Teheran on November 20. It demanded the dismissal of Mr. Shuster, an apology from the Persian government because of its interference with the property of Persians under Russian protection and also the payment of an indemnity to Russia for the expenditure she had incurred in sending troops to Persian territory. The National Council declined at first to comply with Russia's demands, although the cabinet was inclined to do so. Yesterday Russia threatened to order the advance of the 4,000 troops from Kasbin unless Persia acceded within 24 hours. A further discussion of the question between the members of the Persian cabinet and the National Council evidently led the latter to see the advisability of yielding to Russia.

NEW RECORD FOR FLIGHT.

Providence, Dec. 22.—A flight of more than 130 miles in a hydro-aeroplane was completed when Harry N. Atwood, the Boston aviator, who left Point of Pines, near Lynn, Mass., and alighted easily on the waters of Narragansett Bay near here yesterday. Atwood claims that his flight exceeds by 15 miles the best previous record in a machine of the style in which he flew.

SCOTT'S EXPEDITION TO SOUTH POLE

Sir E. Shackleton Believes Explorer
May Have Reached
His Goal

London, Dec. 22.—"It is quite possible that Capt. Scott may be at the south pole to-day if the weather has been favorable," says Sir Ernest Shackleton, who headed the British Antarctic expedition of 1907-9. "To my mind the British or Norwegian party that arrived at the foot of Beardmore glacier with the largest amount of stores, is the party that will first reach the pole."

Capt. Scott has the advantage in the number of men and greater experience in Antarctic exploration. The expedition should be back at Stewart Island, South New Zealand, about the beginning of March.

URGE ABROGATION OF TREATY.

London, Dec. 22.—British Jewish associations, following the lead of their successful American brethren, have invited a movement to obtain abrogation of the treaty between Russia and Great Britain, under which the Czar's government is bound to exclude their Jews from that country.

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HILL SCORES IN RAILWAY FIGHT

Believed to Have Been Successful in Efforts to Secure Route Into San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—If statements made by one of the heavy stockholders of the Oakland-Antioch Electric Road, a new line now building from Oakland north into the Sacramento valley, prove correct, James J. Hill has scored a new triumph and secured a route into this city when he desires to use it.

The Oakland and Antioch railway will immediately commence work on its long-contemplated extension from Antioch to Sacramento and with that well under way, will begin the extension of its line from Antioch to Stockton. This line, with feeders already surveyed, will tap one of the richest sections of Central California. W. Arnstein, one of the heavy stockholders and one of the prime movers in the Oakland and Antioch, has confirmed the Sacramento extension right-of-way and that the work would be completed in a remarkably short time. The road will soon be known as part of the Hill lines. This line parallels the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific and will continue northeasterly to meet the line Hill is running south through Oregon.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 22.—John C. Maybray was under cross-examination yesterday in the Marks conspiracy trial. He told of the formation at Little Rock, Ark., in 1901 of a syndicate for the perpetration of swindles by means of spurious sporting events.

Maybray said that at the time of his arrest he had \$20,000 in cash, half of it on his person and the balance in a Kansas City bank. When he was searched by the officers only about \$1,500 of the money was found. The rest he gave to his attorneys later. The witness stated that during the time he was operating in Council Bluffs he visited Marks, the defendant, whom he alleged furnished protection from police interference.

SHOOTING FATALITY.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Louise Wilhelm, mother of twelve children, was instantly killed when she tried to shoot a rabbit through a window of her suburban home.

The trigger of the rifle caught in the window casement as Mrs. Wilhelm was about to take aim. The weapon was discharged and the bullet entered her forehead.

Mrs. Wilhelm was considered a good shot, and seeing the animal in the brush, remarked to her children, "We will have rabbit for dinner."

RAIDERS ACTIVE.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—A special from Torreon says that as the result of the unrest in the surrounding ranches and plantations the rurales are kept busy quelling disturbances and preventing raids. A captain of the rurales was killed at Santa Nino in a fight with a band of raiders.

ENDS HIS LIFE.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Rather than pass Christmas hungry and miserable, S. E. Brown, aged 64, a writer of philosophical treatises, committed suicide. His body was found in a room of a lodging house yesterday, all the gas cocks in the room being open.

TRIAL OF "STARVATION" DOCTOR

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 22.—Miss Dorothea Williamson and Miss Margaret Conway, who are to be the chief witnesses for the state in the prosecution of Dr. Linda Burfield Hazard on a first degree murder charge, in causing the death of Claire Williamson by starvation, were subpoenaed by the defence yesterday. Mrs. Hazard's trial begins on January 15 at Port Orchard. Dorothea Williamson is the sister of the alleged victim and Miss Conway was first her nurse and later her companion.

The Williamson girls were patients in the Hazard fast cure institute at Oalla. Claire died there and Dorothea later was rescued in a critical condition by Miss Conway, and British Vice-consul C. E. Lucien Agassiz of Tacoma, who has charge of the Williamson family interest in the prosecution, was amused by the subpoenas. He says that Mrs. Hazard need have no fear of the attendance of the two women at the trial; that they will be there as the star witnesses for the state. It is understood here that the starvation specialist has subpoenaed 66 witnesses.

TRIAL OF MURDER SUSPECT.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—The district attorney of Clackamas and the various officials and detectives who will represent the people at the preliminary hearing of Nathan B. Harvey, the wealthy nurseryman of Ardenwall, who is under arrest charged with the murder of the four members of the family of William Hill at Ardenwall, a suburb of Portland, last June, are hard at work preparing the case against the accused man. Only enough of the evidence alleged to be in the hands of the prosecution will be introduced to make the necessary showing at next Tuesday's hearing. The main contentions of the prosecution will be reserved until the actual trial of the man begins.

WILL APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Application Granted in Connection With Point Grey Tramway Case

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—With fourteen cases of the Vancouver list still unheard, the Court of Appeal, which has been sitting here since November 1, adjourned its sittings yesterday afternoon to resume in Victoria in January. It is not likely that it will sit in Vancouver again before next April. Before adjournment the court granted two important applications. One made by E. P. Davis, K. C., was for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the court on the Point Grey tramways by-law. C. M. Woodworth opposed. The court granted the application on condition that the appeal for appeal be not taken until January 15. This will enable the Point Grey ratepayers to vote on the by-law in the meantime, and should they confirm it, it is not likely that an appeal will be considered necessary. Should they turn it down the appeal will go on.

Another application was for an order to stop the sale of the Leigh-Spencer block on Grandview street, which has been advertised for Saturday next. J. A. Russell, who made the application, said that he did so because he wished to appeal against the order made by Judge Grant in the matter. R. L. Reid, K. C., opposed, pointing out that the arrangements for the sale had been already made. The court granted the order to stop the sale on the condition that the appeal be set down first for hearing at the January sitting, so that there might be no unnecessary delay in settlement.

MISSING HEIR TO MILLIONS FOUND

Boy Had Been Placed in Temple of Sun Worshipers by His Mother

Chicago, Dec. 22.—How George Lindsay, 12 years of age and sole heir to the millions of the late W. F. Lindsay, of Philadelphia, has been found, moved from the temple of a "sun worshipers" cult and placed under the charge of the juvenile court at the request of his relatives was revealed here to-day.

Charles R. Lindsay, uncle of the boy, is responsible for the action. After a nation-wide search the uncle found the boy in the temple here. Detectives in the employ of Lindsay, who attempted to take the boy away, were attacked by the worshippers, it is said. The boy's mother, who placed him in the "temple" is said to be known among the cult as "Vehdah." One of the charges made by the boy's uncle is that the lad was given a diet of grapes and beer. The Gerry society and other juvenile organizations aided in the search. He is said to have been in the "temple" about six months. The mother has been ordered not to return him to the "temple."

ALASKA'S NEEDS.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—"Federal control," James Wickersham, delegate to congress from Alaska, said here yesterday, "is the only salvation of Alaska."

Mr. Wickersham, who is on his way to Washington, spoke before the Current Topics club.

"As things are now," Mr. Wickersham said, "the Guggenheim-Morgan interests control not only the territory, but the real seat of the territorial government, which is in Washington."

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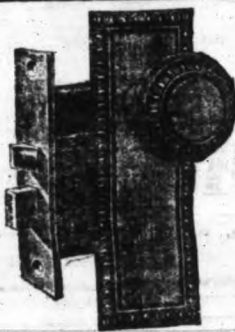
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VICTIM OF EXPLOSION.

Grand Junction, Colo., Dec. 22.—Morris Haggerty, a wealthy citizen of this place, learned yesterday that his son, Frank, was one of the victims of the Los Angeles Times explosion in October 1910. Young Haggerty left here three years ago. Nothing has been heard from him for more than

a year and the elder Haggerty has learned that his son was operating a typotype machine in Los Angeles when he met his death. The body will be identified and brought here for burial.

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FREIGHT RATES IN WESTERN CANADA

Railway Commission Will Investigate Complaints Next Month

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The railway commission will go west probably in the latter part of next month for the purpose of examining into the complaints respecting excessive freight rates.

During the past month a large number of petitions have been received from boards of trade and councils throughout the prairie provinces calling upon the government to prohibit the railway companies charging higher freight rates in the west than in the east, excepting so far as the same may be justified by the greater cost of operation west of Lake Superior. These petitions were sent to Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, who referred them to the railway commission upon the ground that no government action was needed, the commission having power to regulate freight rates.

The petitions set out that the present high rates were established when their effect was small, with the understanding that they be reduced as their effectiveness became useless.

The commission was first inclined to await some complaint in some specific case before acting, but has now decided at the request of the minister to take up the question, giving all parties an opportunity to be heard.

The Winnipeg board of trade has submitted a number of cases where freight charges between points equally distant from each other in Ontario and Quebec, and these specific cases will first be enquired into.

At the office of the commission it was stated yesterday that while complaints are being received respecting the shortage of cars for moving western freight, they did not exceed the volume of complaints made every autumn on this subject.

FIGHT OVER WILL.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The contest over the will of Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, took a new form yesterday when suits were filed in the superior court by Rudolph and Claus, Jr., against Adolph and John D. Spreckels, all sons of the deceased man, for an accounting of the \$26,000,000 the defendants are alleged to have received as gifts from their father in his lifetime. In their complaints, which are four in number, based on slightly different technical grounds, the sum said to have been given outright to Adolph and John D. is called the community property of the father and mother. For this reason the father had no legal right to dispose of his estate in that manner, it is stated. Claus, Jr., and Rudolph therefore ask the court to compel an accounting of the entire sum with a view to determining their own shares. The gifts were made between 1897 and 1906.

GIFT FROM FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 22.—France is arranging another imposing testimonial of her friendship for the United States. Yesterday a public subscription was opened for a bronze bust of la France, by the illustrious French sculptor, Auguste Rodin, which will be placed on the monument to be dedicated to Samuel de Champlain, the French navigator, explorer and discoverer of the lake that bears his name.

President Fallieres heads the list of subscribers and is followed by the foreign minister, Jules Jusserand, Gabriel Hanotaux, president of the Franco-American commission for the development of political, economic, literary and artistic ideas, and Count de Rochambeau.

The initiative of the movement was taken by Ambassador Jusserand.

U. S. WOOL DUTY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—A wool bill, framed according to President Taft's recommendations on the tariff board report on schedules, will be prepared by the House Republicans on the ways and means committee. Republican leaders in the Senate, who have similar bills, suggested yesterday that the Senate and House get together during the Christmas recess and have a bill ready by the time the Democrats have a measure to report. The Progressive leaders say that they are already on record for a protective duty equal to the difference between cost of production here and abroad.

"WHOOPIING COUGH PARTY."

Durango, Colo., Dec. 22.—The social column of a Durango paper recently contained an account of a "whooping cough" party, given by Mrs. Carl Coulson, a social leader, to five children, all afflicted with the same disease. Mrs. Coulson was arrested Wednesday upon complaint of Health Officer George B. Davis. She is charged with violating the state health law.

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HUMBUGGING THE PEOPLE.

The political party of which Hon. Richard McBride is the head has been in power in British Columbia eight years. During that short period it has established a record for malfeasance in office and betrayal of the public trust reposed in it in 1903 which is without parallel in the history of any province of the Dominion. It was entrusted with power by the electoral elements in a province disgusted with the incompetency of previous administrations, leading to a state of unrest, discontent and complaint, which justified the election of any party to office that would undertake the administration of public affairs with a strong hand. This Mr. McBride's administration certainly did. Its grasp was masterly, and had it assumed power with the deliberate intention of dissipating the resources of the province, blocking development, restricting settlement and burdening the people with iniquitous taxation, it could scarcely have exhibited more insanity than it has displayed. The scheme of taxation which was devised by the bankers who came to the rescue of the province with a loan, intended to be but a temporary measure, and accordingly drastic, has been maintained until the present and only the pressure of the outraged taxpayers has secured the appointment of a commission to revise the laws and advise an incompetent government as to readjustment of the imposts.

The educational system has betrayed an antediluvian appreciation of the requirements of a new and progressive province. In almost every municipality there has been a war-torn bitter and repugnant to the public sense of decency—between the school trustees and the board of aldermen, and there is general disaffection among the staff of teachers in the employ of the government. The administration of the public lands has been corrupt and discreditable beyond description, and the brazen effrontery of the friends of the administration in acquiring the most desirable Crown lands for a song while the bona fide settler has been crowded to the wilds has come to be the

scandal of all Canada and part of Europe.

The deception which has been practised on the laboring classes has been shameless and cruel. Mr. McBride and his ministers pretended that by the enactment of the Natal Act they were the friends of labor. When it was disallowed they made capital against the Liberal administration at Ottawa. Now that their own political party is in power they are content with Mr. Borden's statement that he must consult the Imperial authorities before dealing with the Asiatic immigration question.

The Prime Minister of Canada stated in the House of Commons that no consideration had yet been given to the question of Better Terms, and refused to commit himself as to when that matter would be taken up. Yet Mr. McBride and his organs are quite content to explain to their dupes that they are confident everything will ultimately be fixed up to suit Mr. McBride. In other words, McBride will now be satisfied with little or nothing.

The railway policy of the Premier, about which so much boasting has been done and for which the electorate fell so readily, has been proved to be an outrage of the public rights and an abandonment of the interests of the people.

The department of public works is the most corruptly administered of any province in Canada, and the system of penalizing those who fail to pledge themselves to vote for Mr. McBride's party has been anatomized throughout the province in the rule of the most unscrupulous oligarchy of which history affords any record.

A session of the Legislature is to be held shortly, after which Mr. McBride is to dissolve the assembly and make a fresh appeal to the people of the province before the brood of incubated ducks and drakes of the administration have a chance to come home to roost. We are a long suffering people, and it serves us right.

RECTIFYING ABUSES.

The logic of the Tory press in seeking methods to rectify the abuses under which the innocent but helpless public is fleeced out of its earnings is ingenious if not ingenious. At the sacrifice of every vestige of common sense high tariffs must be maintained even if the reasons alleged for maintaining them controvert the argument. The Toronto World deals with railway rates in the following paragraph: "It is in Western Canada that the freight rate burden bears the heaviest on the people. Over thirty years ago a Conservative government, in chartering the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, took the precaution to insert a clause that gave control of rates to the government, when the road was earning ten per cent. New issues of stock are simply preventing the government securing control of rates. The big problem in Western Canada is not new markets, but the placing of our produce on the present markets without the profit being taken away by enormous freight rates. To permit unnecessary increases in capitalization of the great railways is to increase the burdens of the people."

While the argument for government control of freight rates and redress from the abuses specified is unanswerable, it must be clear that the remedy proposed is but a half measure. It is a bounden duty to govern freight rates and penalize the indirect methods by which the money of the producer is siphoned by the railway corporations, but is it logical to say the farmers should not have open markets? It is singular how a paper heart and soul in favor of government ownership of public utilities can at the same time be blind to the iniquities of a tariff which closes the door of admission to a neighboring market for the products of the farm. The "Protection" idea is evidently a Tory obsession. But it does not protect the farmer nor does it lighten the burden of the consumer.

It is a good sign when the Colonist accuses the Times of deliberate misrepresentation. If readers of the Times do not know how far the province is unsecured in the matter of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Act of Incorporation and the Agreement with the provincial government, here is the case in terse terms: The company under its Act of Incorporation may issue capital stock and bonds to an amount drawing annual interest of \$3,160,000. Under the Agreement it may issue further guaranteed first mortgage bonds for \$35,000 per mile, or \$2,160,000. In ordinary company procedure the whole of the first liabilities of the company must be paid before the guaranteed securities are available, so the company carries its own load up to \$61,000,000. After interest and sinking fund on this sum is paid, should there be anything left, it may be applied to reduce the company's liability to the bondholders, who own the securities guaranteed by the province. These securities are available to the province only after the indebtedness on the \$61,000,000 is paid. See it now? The Colonist cannot deny these statements. Its reference to the "covenant" of the company is only a blind. A covenant is worth only what it is worth in law and we have ex-

plained the law which validates the covenant.

The Toronto News is, at times, delightfully frank. On the business situation in Canada it opens a long editorial with these words: "Politics of which the country is sick" altogether aside, no one now denies that the defeat of reciprocity lent a fresh impetus to Canadian industries." Then it argues how capital has drawn a full breath, expanded its chest and taken a fresh grip on industry. But the News carefully avoids any reference to the fact that prices of food have also received a "fresh impetus" from the defeat of reciprocity, and the cost of living is higher. And it also neglects to point out that advanced wages have not yet taken the "fresh impetus" that is supposed to go with the high cost of living. Also some other things."

An innocent but interesting paragraph appearing in the Monetary Times says: "The announcement that Messrs. Swift & Company, meat packers, of Chicago, are to locate in Montreal and erect a big storage plant here, for the care and distribution of their products, is interesting. A merger of local packing plants is anticipated." Why certainly; mergers are good. They obviate the necessity of competition, shorten distances between points of shipment and otherwise lessen the cost of both production and distribution of the necessities of life. And who ever heard of a merger that took advantage of these economy measures making the people pay more for their living? Let the mergers multiply, the rich prosper and the public be damned.

Some eastern newspapers are suggesting that Col. Roosevelt is not living up to his own particular code—the square deal. Why, they ask, does he not come out in the open and say what he wants and take his chance, instead of playing underground politics in magazine contributions. The Bellingham American says these carping critics forget that the Colonel never swore off playing politics.

We quote from the Colonist of today: "The Dawson News is very angry over the suggested annexation of the Yukon to British Columbia. All right. Stay out in the cold if you want to." Is this addressed to the Dawson News in particular, or to the people of Yukon generally? We merely point out the ambiguity.

The Toronto Mail and Empire pleads guilty to this one. "Strangely enough with the Hindus coming in from India, British Columbia has its Sikhological moment all the time." According to the Tory press the situation is bad enough without adding this sort of thing to its terms.

According to the Hamilton Herald a baby has been born in Toronto whose heart is on the outside of its body. This looks like an attempt to make permanent the old fashion of wearing one's heart on one's sleeve.

TWISTED.
Hicks—I hear that Brown's speech at the club dinner last night was quite funny.
Wicks—The opening sentence was very. He rose and said: "While I was sitting on my thought a chair struck me." Every-body roared.

DIDN'T LIKE HER VIEWS.
Mrs. Gibbs—So you had a gathering at your home last week to discuss the servant problem. Were there any results?
Mrs. Dilks—Yes, the servants overheard us and gave notice.

OF THE SAME OPINION.
Ethel to her fiance—Poor Fred has been having fits.
Kitty—Yes, he used to be engaged to me.

A DEFINITION.
Tom—What is wit?
Jack—Impudence with its dress suit on.

SEEKING WIVES.
Bachelors of Grant County, Kansas, Send Out Appeal.

Ulysses, Kas., Dec. 22.—Scarcity of marriageable young women in Grant county, Kas., has caused the bachelors of the county, which is thirty-five miles from a railroad, to band together with the purpose of obtaining wives. The catalogue of the organization which is known as the Grant County Bachelors' Club, published to-day, the names and qualifications of each of the thirty-five men.

In a foreword the catalogue says: "The purpose of the club is to present a list of good honest men for the women tired of single blessedness to look over and pick from, assuring them that only prizes will be drawn." The catalogue, which contains photographs of each of the members and a list of the property he owns, is to be sent all over the United States.

TO RESTORE SERVICE.
American Firm Once More to Ply on San Francisco-Australian Route.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Taft, Postmaster-General Hitchcock, Solicitor-General Lehman and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop approved to-day a plan proposed by Senator Perkins and Representative Kahn of California, designed to restore to the South Pacific carrying trade, two American steamers and put the American flag once again on the San Francisco-Australian route.

Practical Gifts handsomely boxed for men folk, 50c, 75c, \$1, and up to \$2.50. J. N. Harvey, Ltd., 614 Yates street.

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- Cream and Sugar Sets
- Cruet Sets
- Large Glass Vases
- Rose Vases
- Children's Sets, Knife, Fork and Spoon
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- Trinket Boxes
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- Salad Bowls
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There are so many different toys to choose from at this price that it is impossible to describe them, but here is a list that may interest you. Lead Soldiers, both on foot and mounted. Traction Engines, Fire Engines, Auto and Taxi Cars, Ships, Dolls, Humorous Figures, Puzzles and Games, also many other interesting lines.

75c TOYS FOR 50c

Mechanical Toys are plentiful in this line and they are all strongly built and well finished. Model railroad engines, steam rollers, automobiles, taxicabs, street cars, mechanical animals, bullock wagons and a great variety of very attractive soft toys.

VALUES TO \$1.00 FOR 75c

Auto garage and auto with clockwork movements, aluminum tea sets, musical instruments, games, lead soldiers, sporting games, large horses, dolls, furniture and many other really goods toys.

SOME SPECIAL VALUES AT \$1.00

A great variety of superior soft toys are among this lot, including both animals and birds. Musical instruments, Dolls, Furniture, Tea Sets, Picture Blocks and Dolls' Outfits. No better values could be wished for even by the most expectant Christmas shopper.

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These prices should sell them quickly, so shop early if you want one.

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BATH TUB SETS—There are many sizes and styles to choose from, at half their regular value.



\$1.50 Felt Slippers for 95c, To-night at 7.30

WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS—These are the Jilet style, are plush bound, have flexible leather soles, and may be had in colors black, brown, red and blue. All sizes in this lot. Per pair **95c**

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A great variety of shades and patterns are to be had in either good sateen or satin in this lot. They are 5x6, and will make very acceptable presents. They are well quilted and filled with pure eiderdown. Prices start as low as \$6.75 and \$7.50, but we recommend our special lines at \$12.75 and **\$13.50**

Candy Department

Christmas Crackers
A new assortment has just come to hand, and we have marked them at an unusually low price for quick selling. Prices start as low as, per box **15c**

Christmas Stockings
A large assortment is here for you to choose from, and no better values could be desired. Prices from 5c up to **50c**

Special Christmas Mixtures
CHRISTMAS MIXTURES—A specially good assortment of delicious candies, 40c, 35c **25c**
MIXED CHOCOLATES at, per lb. **30c**

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LOCAL NEWS

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Increase of Directors.—The minister of railways of the province has approved of the increase from five to seven of the number of directors of the Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company, which was originally incorporated as the Portland Canal Short Line Railway Company.

Xmas Photos.—Have them in "Sepia"—your Xmas Photographs and of course, taken at the Skene Lowe Studio, corner Douglas and Yates streets. Do it now and half your Xmas worries will be over.

"Tom and Jerry" at the Bismark.

Don't Like Militants.—A dispatch from Tacoma says that Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst will not be invited to speak in that city by the women's associations there. Mrs. Mason, a prominent worker, declared that the women voters of Washington do not believe in Mrs. Pankhurst's methods, and Dr. Craike assented to the association of which she is an officer, is opposed to paying the sum asked by Mrs. Pankhurst, knowing it will be used for the furtherance of militant tactics.

Photographs, oh yes they would just make dandy Xmas presents for my friends. I will phone Foxall and make an appointment.

Seeking Her Son.—Mrs. A. E. Osborne, of Smithstown, Drogheda, Ireland is seeking information about her son, Edward Osborne, whom she believes to be in the Northwest. He last wrote to her in July, 1909, when he was in the employ of the Fort Kells Shingle Co. A member of that firm saw him later in Vancouver, but in spite of advertisements in newspapers and general inquiries he has not again been heard of. Edward Osborne is a man about 25 years of age, five feet in height, blue eyes, and was at Shoal Lake, Manitoba, and after leaving there worked at many places as he moved across the continent to Vancouver.

Hanna & Thomson, Pandora Ave.—Leading funeral furnishing house. Connections, Vancouver, New Westminster and Winnipeg.

Christmas Arrangements.—The Church of Our Lord will be tastefully decorated with holly and other evergreens for the Christmas season, a busy party of workers being expected to assemble in the church on Saturday. The choir of the Sunday school will occupy seats in the transept at the morning service on Sunday and will sing Christmas hymns and carols. In the afternoon a number of the elder scholars will accompany Rev. T. W. Gladstone to the Home for Aged Women and will sing a large number of Christmas carols and hymns. There will be service in the church at 11 a. m. on Christmas day and the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the close. The offertory will, as usual, be devoted to fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the clergy.

Four Per Cent.—You can deposit your money at 4 per cent. interest with The B. C. Permanent Loan Company and be able to withdraw the total amount or any portion thereof without notice. Cheques are supplied to each depositor. Paid up capital over \$1,000,000, assets over \$3,000,000. Branch office, 1210 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty, phone Inspector Russell, No. 1921.

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Week of Prayer.—The usual week of prayer at the beginning of the year will be observed in this city from Monday, January 1, to Friday, January 5, inclusive. This is one week earlier than the week of united prayer observed throughout the world by invitation of the evangelical alliance, but the members of the Ministerial Association felt that the earlier date was more suitable and found also that it would not interfere so much with business arrangements. The meetings will open with a limited service at 11 a. m. in St. Andrew's church. Subsequent meetings will be held in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. at 8 p. m. from Tuesday to Friday. The programme of subjects and speakers will be announced next week.

License issued.—The superintendent of insurance for the province has issued a license to transact a fire insurance business in British Columbia to the Reliance Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia, the head office of which for the province is in Vancouver, with James F. Lamont as agent.

Things You Must Not Forget.—A roast pan for the turkey, 25c to \$2; a platter to serve him on, 50c to \$1.75; steamer to steam the pudding in, 40c to \$1.25; a pair of carvers to carve the turkey, \$1.50 to \$4.

Mrs. Pankhurst Left Yesterday.—After the luncheon tendered to her yesterday at the Alexandra Club, Mrs. Pankhurst had tea with the local members of the W. S. P. U. Mr. and Mrs. Pethick and Miss Pethick. She left at 4:30 for Seattle, being accompanied to the boat by a large number of ladies. Miss Pethick, who has been travelling with her up to the present on her American tour, is remaining here for sometime longer visiting with her brother.

Court of Revision.—Another adjournment was taken yesterday till this afternoon at the court of revision over the municipal voters' lists for three reasons on which the opinion of the city solicitor has been sought. In the first place C. N. Tubman and W. Martin, who had received subpoenas to attend had refused, not accepting the \$2 fee required by statute, and on this vice, and arising from this fact can the declarations signed by them be accepted as qualifying those whose papers were signed by them? Lastly Mr. McDiarmid is to advise if the work of the court of revision has been all in order.

Express or Truck.—Do not forget that you can get an express or truck at any hour you may wish. Always keep your checks until you have seen us, as we will save you the 10c. on each trunk you have to pay to baggage agents on trains and boats. We will check your baggage from your hotel or residence, also store it. See us before you make your arrangements. We guarantee to satisfy everyone on price and the way we handle your goods. We consider it a favor if you will report of Christmas help. Pacific Transfer Company, phone 249. 59 Fort St.

Mistletoe.—Just arrived, English mistletoe. W. J. Savory, 1107 Broad Street.

"Tom and Jerry" at the Bismark.

CHINESE SCHOOL CLOSURE. Pupils Show Marked Progress.—Patriotic Selections Given.

Last evening the Chinese school at the Imperial Institute held its annual closing exercises, which was attended by a large number of both English and Chinese residents. There are over 100 Chinese pupils in the school, in addition to several English children; three rooms in the institute study English. The entertainment, which was presided over by Mr. Mong Kow, was held in the assembly hall of the school, the programme being drawn up from pupils of the four classes under Miss McGregor, Mrs. Leonard, Miss Morrison and Principal Lock. Attention is called to the following patriotic selections: Flag of China, sung by the smallest children in the school, and flag drill, entitled "Maple Leaf." Prizes were presented to the pupils who had distinguished themselves most during the term, and it was interesting to note the progress which had been made by many of the children who had only been studying English for three months. The closing address was a part of the programme which was not given in English, this being made by Chow You Jan in his native tongue. Further short talks were given by Principal Lock and Mr. More, after which "God Save the King" was sung.

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The selection of appropriate gifts for the holidays is pleasantly simplified by an inspection of our unusual exhibit of Jewelry Stock for "something in jewelry-ware" is always acceptable, and here you will find endless variety in design and price to choose from.

Final Suggestions

Opera Glasses, \$3.00 to \$3.00. Signet Rings, \$18.00 to \$1.00. Watch Bracelets, in silver, gold, and metal, \$95 to \$5.50. Small Pearl Bar Brooches, \$6.50 to \$1.50. Silver Photo Frames, in all sizes, \$20.00 to \$5.00. Manicure and Toilet Sets, in metal and ebony, \$65.00 to \$5.00.

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CHRISTMAS PARCELS. Post Office Will Handle These in Basement, With Entrance From Wharf Street.

As was announced some time ago, the parcels department of the local post office has been removed to the basement of the building, with an entrance from the Wharf street side. A counter has been installed and extra clerks provided, and Postmaster Shakespeare expects that the change will greatly facilitate the handling of the heavy parcels of mail which is looked for. The English Christmas parcels are expected to arrive on to-morrow's boats and will be sorted immediately on getting to the office, and notification being at once sent out to the addressees. Already an immense amount of parcels are awaiting delivery and are being got rid of as speedily as possible.

In order to handle the letter and small parcel mail taken out by the carriers, it is proposed to employ teams to accompany the carriers, and five have been engaged by the postmaster for service to-morrow and Monday. Mr. Shakespeare wishes the public who receive cards notifying them of the arrival to call and take them away if once so that there may be no more congestion in the office than is unavoidable at this season.

SKATING CHRISTMAS DAY. Victoria Arena Will Open at 3 O'Clock—Players on Ice This Evening.

The Victoria arena opens on Christmas afternoon at 3 o'clock. Lester Patrick expects to have the city band in attendance both afternoon and evening. The admission is 50 cents.

Good Opportunity.—A high class man to solicit business in Victoria and district for one of the world's largest Life Insurance Companies. Give references, age and qualifications. Address, M. Risk, 215 Metropolitan Building, Vancouver.

OPEN EVENINGS SPECIAL TO-DAY ONLY Men's Combination set of Braces, Armlets and Sock Supporters Regular price 65c and usually sold for 75c Special To-day 50c Each set neatly packed in holly box. NOTE—Men usually pay 50c for Braces alone, yet we offer this very unusual special in a combination set at only 50c. SEE TO-MORROW'S PAPER FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL. OPEN ROBINSON & ANDREWS OPEN EVENINGS 642 and 644 YATES ST. THE CASH DRY GOODS STORE PHONES 656 and 657. EVENINGS

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE. Appointments by Local Government—New Companies. The following appointments are announced in the B. C. Gazette this week: Alexander John McLaren, Moose Lake, County of Yale, to be a Justice of the Peace. Gerald R. Baker, M. D., to be Resident Physician at Quesnel, from the 1st day of January, 1912. William Stackhouse, Holden, Liverpool, England, solicitor, to be a Commissioner for taking Affidavits within the counties of Cheshire and Lancashire, for use in the courts of British Columbia. To be Notaries Public—John Murray Scrimgeour, Vancouver, barrister-at-law; Charles John Hunt and George Chalmers Johnston, both of Vernon. Certificates of incorporation have been issued to the following: Cadboro Bay Hotel Company, Limited; Canada West Development Company, Limited; Central Mission Rescue and Protective Society; Cogitlam Investment Company, Limited; Creston Printing and Publishing Company, Limited; Gilechrist Brick and Development Company, Limited; Harrison Collapsible Box Company, Limited; Hastings Athletic Club, of Vancouver, and Protective Society, Limited; Mitchell Motor Agency, Limited; Nakusp Hospital Society; O. K. Lumber Company, Limited; Queen's Hotel, Limited; The 5 P. X. Estates, Limited; Trail Lodge No. 1, Societa Cristoforo Colombo; Union Bay Development Company, Limited; Vancouver Lacrosse Company, Limited; Vancouver Curling Club; Vancouver Discount Company, Limited; Walhachin Town Hall Company, Limited; Wanaeta Development Company, Limited; Western Farming and Colonization Company, Limited; Western Canadian Realty Investment Company, Limited; Workman's Co-operative Association, Limited.

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MRS. AIKMAN'S DEATH. Had Been Under Dr. Helmcken's Care for Several Weeks With Headaches. A coroner's jury yesterday afternoon came to the conclusion that Mrs. J. A. Aikman, whose death occurred Wednesday last, came to her death through taking carbolic acid while in a state of temporary mental derangement. Mrs. C. H. Topp said she had spoken to Mrs. Aikman over the telephone about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mrs. Aikman had called her on the telephone and said she was feeling much better and was going to brace up, and everything would be all right by Christmas. She then ended the telephone conversation. Dr. J. D. Helmcken said he had attended Mrs. Aikman for the past three weeks, and that she had been suffering from headache and mental trouble, but for the last week she had been practically well, and he had expressed hopes of her recovery in another week. He gave the cause of death as carbolic poisoning. H. K. Eyer said he was called to the house by his wife and found that Mrs. Aikman was dead.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly and westerly winds, unsettled, with rain, and stationary or lower temperature. Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh winds, unsettled, with rain. Reports at 5 a. m. Victoria—Barometer, 30.07; temperature, 45; minimum, 44; wind, 12 miles S. E.; rain, 11; weather, cloudy. Vancouver—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 42; minimum, 38; wind, 8 miles E.; rain, 54; weather, rain. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 39; minimum, 22; wind, 12 miles N. E.; snow, 12; weather, clear. Barkerville—Barometer, 29.22; temperature, 24; minimum, 22; wind, 20 miles S. W.; snow, 60; weather, cloudy. Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 25; minimum, 20; wind, 10 miles N. E.; snow, 38; weather, snow. Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday: Temperature. Highest 45. Lowest 40. Average 41. Rain, trace. Bright sunshine, 6 minutes. General state of weather, cloudy.

HAL CHASE ADMITS HE IS NO MANAGER

Tells Why He Failed as Leader of the Highlanders—Was Too Lenient

Hal Chase, first baseman and leader of the New York American League baseball club, who resigned his post recently on his own initiative, deserves a medal, says his friends. He is one of the few players elevated to a commanding pedestal who has discovered his own limitations and incidentally the hardships of a major league pilot right off the reel. It usually takes a ball player a dozen years to find out what Chase has learned in one season. "Managing a ball team isn't a cinch," said Chase recently. "The manager is the goat if the team doesn't win. If a player falls down in his fielding or batting the manager receives the blame. If the team is crippled it's the manager's fault. On the other hand, if the team wins nobody gives credit to the manager. The players are the ones who come in for praise. They've made the manager successful, for without them he'd have been a shine."

"When I took hold of the Highlanders in 1910 at Mr. Farrell's request I didn't know what troubles were in store for me. We had a good team and I saw no reason why we shouldn't go right along playing good ball. The Giants beat us in the post-season series that fall, but it was wholly because Matty pitched great ball, while Russell Ford, after Sweeney was hurt in the first game of the series, couldn't deliver his best goods. Naturally, I felt sure that the team would come back after a winter's rest and when we reported last spring everybody was enthusiastic."

"The mistake I made off the reel was the way I treated the men. I humored some of them, praised others and encouraged the rest. I tried to fill them with cheerfulness and ambition, which have made me a star ball player. I believed that fining them for petty offenses was entirely out of order and that the strict enforcement of discipline might cause ill feeling. In short, I wanted the players to be a big, happy family, pulling together all the time. It wasn't long before I found that a hoodoo was travelling with us, the same hoodoo that has been working overtime on the hilltop ever since the club was launched. With discouraging frequency the team's best players were hurt. Vaughn became ill before we got here from the training trip, Sweeney's fingers were split, Gardner's leg was wrenched. Knight's poor condition became chronic. Wolter's finger and ankle put him on the shelf. Warhop's arms became useless and to cap the climax I was laid up for several weeks myself. Yet in spite of these handicaps the team was up in the first division until the latter part of September."

"It was hard work to win at all and some of the men, when they realized the team couldn't get into first place, decided that it was a waste of energy to play their heads off. Being a ball player myself, I couldn't see my way clear to fine some of the men or lay them off without pay, so I concluded before the season ended that I wasn't cut out for the job. I love to play baseball without having cares. There's no fun when you're blamed for misfortunes over which you have no control. It's fine to be a hero and to be applauded by the fans when you make a spectacular play, and that's why I have decided to go along in future without worrying. Relieved of the management, I am sure I can do better work in the field and at the bat."

"PRO" SOCCER TO-MORROW.

Exciting Struggle Should Emerge When Victoria Meets Nanaimo United Here.

The Victoria professional football team will play Nanaimo United at the Royal Athletic park to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2:30. The teams are considered the fastest on the island, and an exciting struggle should ensue when they meet.

The Victoria team was selected as follows last evening: Goal, J. Horn; full backs, Newlands and Miller; half backs, Wilson, Crawford, Leslie; forwards, Wilkie, Thomas, Pickering, Muir and Whittaker.

Horn, the new goal-keeper, was formerly a member of the Vancouver Thistles. Dave Dougan is on the sick list.

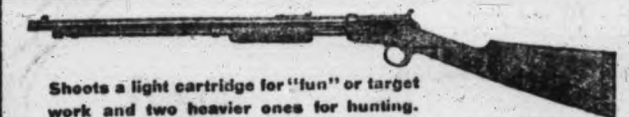
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ORGANIZE SENIOR CITY RUGBY LEAGUE

Five Teams Entered—First Game Jan. 6—Three Months Series

A city Rugby football league was organized at a meeting held in the J. B. A. A. last evening. J. B. A. A., Oak Bay, Law Students, Surveyors and High School are the teams, which, as far as is known, will compete. On Wednesday evening next another meeting will be held when a schedule will be drafted and a constitution adopted.

It was decided that the first game should be played on January 6 and that the series should extend over a period of three months. The intention was in the first place to form an intermediate league, but, when it was pointed that there was no way of preventing senior men from playing if the teams were to be filled up, it was agreed that the league should be senior.

Officers were elected as follows: Honorary president, F. S. Barnard, M. P.; honorary vice-president, R. Gillespie; president, Billy Newcombe; vice-president, E. Smith; secretary, Mr. Milligan.

To-morrow's Fixtures

Soccer, Football (Professional) Victoria vs. Nanaimo United—Royal Athletic park, 2:30.

Amateur.

First Division—Victoria West vs. North Ward, at Beacon Hill park; J. B. A. A. vs. Garrison, at Oak Bay park.

Second Division—Garrison vs. J. B. A. A. at Work Point. All games commence at 2:30.

Grass Hockey.

Victoria vs. 72nd Highlanders, at Albion cricket grounds, Beacon Hill, 3.

Rugby Football.

Practice match between A. B. Victoria team, Oak Bay.

OAK BAYS RESIGN FROM CITY SOCCER

Points Won or Lost Against Them Will Be Deducted—Soccer Meeting

At the meeting of the Victoria and District Soccer Association last evening the Oak Bays, a second division aggregation, formally resigned from the league. It was ordered that all points won or lost in games against the Oak Bays should be deducted from the table of team standings. A question arose as to whether, should intermediate city players play senior Island League football, they would be eligible to return to a second division next season. It was decided that the matter would have to be discussed at the annual meeting of the association.

Some of to-morrow's line-ups follow:

Senior.

North Ward—Goal, Baines; full-backs, Isbister and McDonald; halves, Potter, Brynjolfsson, Taylor; forwards, McCarter, T. Peden, Hefferon; J. Dakers, C. Baker, R. Dakers, substitute.

Victoria West—Goal, Robertson; full-backs, White, Preston; halves, Davis, Fetterberg, Okell; forwards, Yonson, F. Sherrett, Peden, McKay, A. Brown.

Garrison—Goal, McDonald; full-backs, Elton, Jones; halves, Vincent, Wylie, Brown; forwards, Ward, Greater, Gale, Stevens, Huxton.

J. B. A. A.—Goal, Lefevy; full-backs, S. Lorimer, Sheriff; halves, Gerard, Lemay, Morrison; forwards, Rothwell, Matthews, Pilkington, Allan, Sharp.

Second Division.

J. B. A. A.—Goal, Falconer; full-backs, Gregg, Wilson; halves, O'Rourke, Skuce, Cooley; forwards, Thomas, Middleton, Williams, Harper, Totty.

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SPORT NOTES

J. Newton Colver of Spokane says the Spokane team will line up as follows next spring: Catchers, Ostlie, Spiesman, Baker, Jones, Frankinberry; Willits, Coyne and Kraft, left-handers; Willis, Cochran, Schvank, Thornton, Kelly and one or two from Connie Mack in the spring; first base, Nordyke; second base, Cartwright, or one of two class A infielders being negotiated for; third base, Sheely, Cartwright, or one of two class A infielders being negotiated for; shortstop, Conroy; left field, Zimmerman; centre field, Neeley; right field, Melchior; utility, Thornton.

The formation of the city Rugby football league is the finest thing that could have been done for the game. It should arouse greater interest and, by giving everyone an inclined a chance to get out and play, it will provide an adequate source from which the "rep" team may recruit its players. It is some years now since Victoria had a city Rugby league and it will be noted that the class of Rugby played has been sliding back little by little since that league went under. A few years ago some of the finest players on the coast were developed in Victoria. They are all residing drifting into the "class" class, and the greatest difficulty is being experienced in filling their places.

There is going to be a lot of fun over that restricted class for "international" night races. Vancouver wants something a little different from Victoria, and both

Vancouver and Victoria don't agree with Seattle's idea of what is the real thing.

An astonishing and delightfully interesting fact has come to light. It seems that Williams, the new man, who is being tried out on Victoria's B-Rugby team tomorrow, is an English international, and a former member of the Lancashire County Rugby team. Williams is a three-quarter, and his record is anything to go by, he should catch a place on the team to play California Christmas Day.

Lester Patrick states that boxes at the skating rink will be sold for \$100 the season. The boxes will hold six people, but there are 12 games to be played there as against nine here.

Further plans for the entertainment of the Californians have been divulged. The club of City dance to be held in the Alexandra Club on Friday night next. The banquet will probably be held in the Pacific Club on Saturday, December 30.

"Battling" Nelson hopes to "come back" in real championship form at the Madison Athletic Club, New York, to-night, when he will fight "One Tonn" Hogan in a ten-round bout. Hogan is a rugged and willing boxer and possesses a good punch. Nelson, when champion, was conquered by Ad Wolgast, who wrested the title from him.

Jack Johnson set foot on American soil today. His "lover" arrived at New York early last evening, but did not dock until midnight. A crowd of the champion's friends were at the dock to greet him and received him with a long round of applause. The big prize fighter's own words

phrased an energetic denial of reports that he had retired. He proceeded to state that he was willing and anxious to defend his title against any man in the world.

The Duncan basketball team was defeated by Chemainus at Chemainus last evening by a score of 25 to 22.

E. J. McKay, of Vancouver, will referee the second Rugby match between Victoria and California, on Thursday, December 28. He is the man chosen by Victoria. Berkeley's choice for the first game is not known.

About 1300 people were in attendance at the opening of the new Vancouver arena on Wednesday evening, the greater number of those present being on the ice and enjoying real skating for the first time in years.

California and Stanford University Rugby teams are on their way to British Columbia. The Californians will reach Victoria on Sunday afternoon, and the Stanford team are expected in Vancouver to-morrow.

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- A Book Table

For the Children

- A Doll Carriage
- A High Chair
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- A New Crib
- A New Table
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 - 1 Baker
 - 6 Butter Pads
 - 1 Salad Bowl

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Great interest is now being manifested in the 15,000-mile ocean race between sailing vessels from Puget Sound to Plymouth, England. It was at first understood that the two British barques, the Olivebank and Springbank, would be the only contestants, but now the race has developed into an international affair, as the French barque General Faidherbe, Captain Ragoult, has announced that he will enter. The sailor was here last week unloading cement, and is now at Tacoma completing her cargo of wheat. It is expected that she will clear from the Sound early in the week.

The work of stowing the cargo on the Faidherbe is being rushed at a record-breaking pace so that the vessel may get away at the earliest possible date. She is a smaller craft than her opponents, carrying nearly a thousand tons less grain. Capt. Ragoult

enters his ship as the dark horse, and is going to do his best to show the British captains that, when it comes to seamanship, peridious Albion has nothing on la belle France. The French skipper not only hopes to complete the voyage from the Sound to the English port in faster time than the other vessels, but to overhaul, pass and actually beat the British ships.

Capt. Ragoult adopted the ingenious scheme of having cargo poured into one end of the vessel first, so that the other would be raised out of the water, enabling the crew to get to work on the scraping process. After the forward half of the ship has been cleaned, wheat will be piled into that end until the stern is raised out of the water. The Faidherbe is considered a speedy craft and, when clean, should give the British barque a hard race.

The French vessel is a three-master of almost yacht-like gracefulness. Her masts are unusually high and her yards short, in both these points being the reverse of the British barques, which have short masts and long yards. The Olivebank, the first of the three to sail, got away December 14, and, accordingly, the Faidherbe will leave only ten days behind her. The Springbank put to sea Tuesday morning.

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MASTER OF WRECKED STEAMSHIP RETURNS

Capt. Archibald, of Empress of China, Arrives From Orient on Japan This Morning

After having placed his ship in capable hands to the repaired, Capt. Archibald, master of the R. M. S. Empress of China, which ran aground on Awa Peninsula, Japan, last July and was floated off a few weeks ago, returned on the Empress of Japan from the Orient this morning and proceeded on to Vancouver. The veteran mariner, who has piloted the white liner across the Pacific over a hundred times, looked the picture of health despite his advanced age and the fact that he spent many weary days and nights keeping vigil over his good ship while she remained fast on the rocks.

Capt. Archibald had little additional to say concerning the wreck and floating of the Empress to that already published. He states that it will be several months before the vessel is again ready for service, as the repair work will be a most expensive job, many plates and frames having to be replaced and most of her interior refitted. The captain considers the floating of the Empress one of the finest pieces of salvage work ever accomplished. The liner is now at the Uraga dockyards being surveyed and a report on the cost of the repairs will be made shortly.

Capt. Archibald with Chief Officer Copper were on the bridge when the ship struck. At an inquiry held, however, the officers and crew of the

WHITE LINER HAS UNEVENTFUL TRIP

EMPRESS OF JAPAN HAS FAIR WEATHER

Steamship Has but Few Passengers From Orient—Silk Shipment is Also Small

Uneventful in every way was the trip of the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, Capt. Robinson, which arrived in port at 8 o'clock this morning from Yokohama, Hongkong and other Oriental ports. There were but twelve passengers in the saloon and the passage across the Pacific was exceedingly quiet. The weather on the whole was good, although several severe storms were weathered after passing the meridian. After leaving Yokohama the steamship steamed for six days with beautiful weather prevailing. After crossing longitude 180, however, the liner encountered a bad southerly gale, which lasted for about twelve hours. The seas ran extremely high and the vessel plunged and rolled heavily. Head winds were experienced when nearing the coast of Vancouver Island, which held the steamship back considerably.

The Empress of Japan arrived at Williams Head about 2 o'clock this morning, but had to await until daylight to secure her bill of health. Only about an hour was spent at the outer docks, during which time 48 Chinese disembarked. There were over 200 Orientals for Vancouver, many of whom are going through to Eastern Canada. No cargo was discharged by the steamship while she was lying at the docks, but she has several hundred tons of Victoria, which will be unloaded at Vancouver and reshipped to this port on one of the small freighters.

Aboard the white liner was a shipment of silk valued at slightly over half a million dollars, which is unusually small for the Empresses. The cause of the small consignment is due to the fact that silk merchants at Shanghai are unable to get any of the material out from the interior of the Flowery Kingdom owing to the revolution. The steamship had a full cargo of freight, including rice, sugar, porcelain, tea and general merchandise.

Among the saloon passengers who made the trip on the Empress were the following: Dr. J. C. Fyfe, Mr. G. H. Harris, T. Herd, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Joffille and their two children, Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Lindstrom, Capt. Pond, of the United States forces, at Manila; Major S. K. Rice, who has been serving in India for some time past; G. Stockel, a merchant at Yokohama; J. M. Tait, a tea merchant at Hongkong; A. T. Warrack, a banker, and A. P. Winston, a teacher.

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New Sternwheelers for Use in carrying Supplies on Upper Fraser Leave Vancouver

Neatly packed in ten cars of a special C. P. R. freight train, two steamboats left Vancouver yesterday on a long overland journey to the northern interior of British Columbia. From Vancouver to Calgary, they will go from Calgary to Edmonton, and from Edmonton to Tete Jaune Cache on the Upper Fraser, some 1200 miles in all. These vessels were made in sections, at New Westminster, and are to be used in carrying railroad steel and other supplies to the construction camps of Foley, Welch & Stewart, on the G. T. P. line.

Grand Trunk Pacific steel is almost through the mountains to Tete Jaune Cache, and in the spring work will be commenced on the Aldermere-Tete Jaune Cache section of the road, 410 miles long. The problem of getting in supplies to this northern country has always been a difficult one and contractors have been forced to find a solution of their own. During their work on the section of the new road running east from Prince Rupert, Foley, Welch & Stewart took in their supplies on the Conveyor and the Distributor, two light-draft, sternwheel river steamers lying on the Skeena. These carried freight of all sorts to points where it was required between Prince Rupert and Hazelton.

A month or so ago they were brought to Victoria under their own steam and had their machinery removed. The cars containing the steamers arrived in Vancouver early yesterday morning and later left on their long trek inland. During the winter they will be rebuilt at Tete Jaune Cache, and in April or May will begin bringing freight from the end of steel on the Fraser down to Fort George.

The two steamers will have to carry in railroad equipment and supplies for about 5,000 men, and it is unlikely that they will be able to transport any general freight until late in the season. It is planned to run large quantities of supplies down to Fort George on barges, 20 of which are now being built by the contractors at Tete Jaune Cache. These barges will be guided down-stream by the new steamers and towed up again for fresh loads. The general freight will be taken care of by other vessels. The British Columbia Express Company is building one at Soda Creek for use on the upper reaches of the Fraser and a couple of Fort George men are building another at Tete Jaune Cache.

The Upper Fraser is open for navigation from about the end of April to October, though in June, when the freshets come, it may be necessary for the steamers to lay up for a while. The river between Tete Jaune Cache and Fort George, 150 miles, has two great rapids, the Grand Canyon and the Giscome Rapids. At this latter point many persons were drowned while attempting to make their way overland at the time of the Cariboo gold rush.

Somewhat over a year ago, the adventurous little river steamer Chilco proved the Upper Fraser to be navigable by making the pioneer voyage up to the Cache and back. The enterprising steamer later about some time in the late fall left Fort George Canyon and last spring when her crew was attempting to take her down to Soda Creek she was caught in an ice jam and smashed to pieces.

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HOLT SHIP REACHES HEAD THIS EVENING

Teucer Not Docking Until Early To-morrow Morning—Sado Maru Here Tuesday

About 7 o'clock this evening the Blue Funnel liner Teucer will arrive at the William Head Quarantine station from Liverpool via Far Eastern ports just a few hours too late to be passed by the officials. She will as a result have to remain at the station overnight and will come up to the Outer Docks early to-morrow morning. The steamship was spoken to yesterday by one of the west coast stations and reported that she would be in at 7 to-night.

There is a cargo of about 10,000 tons of general freight aboard the steamship for distribution in Victoria, Vancouver and Puget Sound ports. The largest part is consigned to Vancouver, while Victoria will receive about 1,500 tons. She has a stik-shipment valued at about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. There is a large consignment of oranges aboard and much sugar, rice, tea and machinery.

When 1,350 miles away from Estevan the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru, Capt. Richards, was spoken last night by wireless. At 6 o'clock the steamship was in latitude 50.17 north and longitude 161.36 west and shipping men figure that she should reach this port on Tuesday afternoon next. The Sado Maru is operating on a new schedule since the Sanuki Maru has been placed in the trans-Pacific service, running through to Hongkong, instead of just going to Yokohama. On her last outward trip the Sado was caught in a heavy storm off the west coast of this island and was slightly damaged, breaking her steering gear.

To-morrow the Onaka Shosen Kaisha liner Panama Maru, Capt. Muto, will sail for the Orient with a full cargo of general freight and many steerage passengers. The Maru is taking a large shipment of iron rails, besides cotton, wheat, flour and machinery.

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WIRELESS REPORTS

Dec. 22, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Raining, wind S. E., strong gale, 29.69, 46, sea moderate.

Cape Lazo—Overcast, wind S. E., strong, 29.77, 46, light swell.

Pachena—Raining, mist, wind S. E., strong, 29.70, 47, sea rough.

Estevan—Passing showers, wind S. E., strong gale, 29.46, 48, sea rough.

Spoke Sado Maru at 2.15 a. m. position at 6 p. m. lat. 50.17 north, long. 161.36 west, 1205 miles from Estevan.

Triangle—Foggy, wind S. W., 28.90, 29, dense seaward.

Ikeda—Raining, wind S. E., strong, 29.20, 32, sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Raining, 29.10, 35, sea smooth. Spoke Chicago off Rose Spit at 8.30 p. m.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy, calm, sea smooth.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.	
From	Arrive
Sado Maru	Dec. 27
Orterle	Dec. 27
Mexico Maru	Dec. 28
Monteagle	Jan. 2
From Australia.	
Zealandia	Jan. 5
From Liverpool.	
Titan	Dec. 23
From Mexico.	
Reckenham	Jan. 16
From Antwerp.	
Crown of Galicia	Dec. 25
For the Orient.	
Panama Maru	Dec. 29
Tsukuba Maru	Dec. 29
Empress of Japan	Jan. 10
For Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Jan. 15
For Liverpool.	
Antiochos	Dec. 27
For Australia.	
Makura	Dec. 27
COASTWISE STEAMERS.	
From San Francisco.	
City of Puebla	Jan. 4
Umatilla	Jan. 4
From Northern B. C. Ports.	
Prince Rupert	Dec. 24
Venture	Jan. 2
From Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 21
Umatilla	Dec. 27
City of Puebla	Jan. 3
For Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 28
For Northern B. C. Ports.	
Prince Rupert	Dec. 25
Venture	Jan. 3
Princess Beatrice	Jan. 5
For the West Coast.	
Toos	Jan. 1
For Nanaimo.	
Charmar	Dec. 26
For East Coast.	
Off	Dec. 26

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, December, 1911.

Date	Time of High Water	Time of Low Water
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31	5:30	7:30

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 12th Meridian west. It is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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JONES PRESIDENT

Delegation From Walla Walla Turned Down for Coming Season at Least

Seattle, Dec. 22.—The slate was not even scratched at the meeting of the Northwestern League yesterday afternoon and evening at the Seattle hotel.

The delegation from Walla Walla jolted the magnates so hard that it was at 11:30 last night before all hands threw up the sponge and informed the Walla Walla delegation, consisting of Messrs. Brown, Scott and Burns that it was simply impossible to secure an eighth city to pair with Walla Walla.

The resolution introduced by D. E. Dugdale, of Seattle, and adopted did not reject Walla Walla's application for membership. It simply said that the proposition was impossible for the coming season but that Walla Walla should have the first vacancy.

VANCOUVER ADOPTS RESTRICTED CLASS

Don't Want Alexandra Trophy Put Up for Competition—Substitute MacNeill Cup

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—At a special meeting of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club held at the board of trade rooms last night, it was unanimously decided to adopt the recommendations of the special committee for the building of an international racer under restricted rules.

The result of the meeting will give a boost to international racing which has been non-existent since the trouble at the Seattle regatta of 1909. It is the outcome of a meeting brought about by Alec Marshall and held at Victoria recently, at which delegates from Vancouver, Victoria and Seattle decided to try and revive the international game by introducing a restricted class, which would not only produce a fast boat, but also one which would form a comfortable little cruiser.

This plan was adopted by the club last night, and a committee, consisting of Commodore Harry Alexander, Secretary R. W. Holland and W. Macdougall, W. Breeze and Alec Marshall, will go ahead with the scheme. It was also decided to ask the trustees of the MacNeill trophy to put that cup up as the international prize. A motion for this purpose met with considerable opposition and was defeated.

C. B. MacNeill took a decided stand against the Alexandra cup going as a prize for a smaller class.

"I think the time will come when some public spirited man on the American side will be sportsman enough to build a boat to challenge for the Alexandra cup, and when that time comes I am sure the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club will be ready to meet such a challenge. If we are going in for a smaller class let us get another trophy. International racing will rise from smaller to larger classes, so let us keep the Alexandra trophy for the larger class."

TO SCALE MOUNT MCKINLEY. Prof. Parker Will Make Another Attempt to Reach Summit.

New York, Dec. 22.—Prof. Herschel Parker of Columbia University will leave New York for Alaska on January 19 to make his third attempt to ascend Mount McKinley. His first effort was made with the famous expedition of Dr. Cook in 1906 and the second in 1909. Prof. Parker will have with him 20 natives who will have charge of two dog teams, and Prof. Bermane Browne, a scientist and explorer of Tacoma. The men with dog teams have already set out from Seward, Alaska, with 1,000 pounds of food to be cached at the foot of Stuldrup Glacier. The ascent will be begun over this glacier.

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FAMOUS HOCKEYISTS

OUT FOR THE MONEY

Welsh and "Cyclone" Taylor May Sign With New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

Toronto, Dec. 22.—There is a strong possibility that Mark Welsh, formerly of Kingston, and Fred Taylor (Cyclone), two of Canada's most famous hockeyists, may sign a \$3000 contract.

Harry Scott, scouting for hockeyists for the New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, team, is here and had a heart-to-heart talk with both of them. The Ottawas would not give them more than \$800 or \$900 each, and the Wanderers, of Montreal, at the outside not more than \$700 each.

Scott says that he thinks New Glasgow would be willing to pay \$3,000 for the two men, as they would be star attractions. He has telegraphed there and if he gets authority to pay the \$3,000 Welsh and Taylor may play there. They state that "it is the money they are after," and probably, if the deal went through Taylor would get about \$1800 and Walsh \$1200 for the hockey season.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 21.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Nevada, Salina Cruz via San Francisco; Jefferson, Skagway; Hyades, Tacoma; Awa Maru, disabled. Sailed: Buckman, Governor, San Francisco; Bertha, Southwestern Alaska; Spokane, San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Quintall, Willapa Harbor; Stea, Grays Harbor, Rose City, Portland; Yucatan, Atlas towing barge 99, Seattle; May-Yair, Willapa Harbor; Hermonthis, Tacoma. Sailed: Mäverick, Portland; Nana Smith, Coos Bay; Rainier, Willapa Harbor; Nehalem, Astoria; Alpena, Puget Sound; Sausalito, Coquille river; Snow and Burgess, Port Ludlow; Virginia, Astoria.

Liverpool—Arrived: Teutonic, Portland.

MARINE NOTES

Late to-night the C. P. R. steamer Princess Beatrice, Capt. Locke, will sail for the north carrying a large number of passengers and considerable freight.

The steamship Nevada arrived at Port Townsend yesterday eleven days from Salina Cruz direct and reports heavy weather all the way up the coast. The Nevada was loaded with Christmas goods for Puget Sound ports and is three days late in arriving.

The steamer Honolulu is expected at Tacoma to-day from the Hawaiian Islands. She will load at the Buxton dock with a general cargo of flour, feed, etc.

The British steamer Skerries will finish loading at Tacoma this afternoon. She will shift to the coal bunkers and leave Friday for British Columbia ports en route to the Orient.

The Blue Funnel liner Antiochus, now loading at Tacoma, will leave Christmas morning, with hay and oats, cotton, lumber and scrap iron for Oriental ports and Europe.

The Washtucna, now discharging gypsum at the Pacific Coast Gypsum company's dock, Tacoma, will probably get away to-morrow, returning to Gypsum, Alaska.

The Moran Company, Seattle, has been awarded the contract for repairs to the machinery of the steamship City of Puebla, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, which blew out a cylinder head early last Sunday morning.

CAPTAIN STRICKEN.

Master of Schooner Seized With Tuberculosis of Joints—Member of Crew Affected.

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 22.—The schooner R. C. Slade, 62 days from Antofagasta for Aberdeen, was towed into port yesterday by the tug Walla, with her master, Captain R. O. Somervud and one member of the crew critically ill with tuberculosis of the joints. Captain Somervud was taken ill while at the South American port and suffered so severely with his swollen knees that he is delirious the greater part of the time.

First Mate Golsang is in charge of the vessel and after the vessel had laid off Gray's Harbor for three days awaiting an opportunity to cross, he decided to head for this port. The captain and sick sailor were removed to the hospital.

The schooner awaits orders from the owners before putting to sea again. Captain Somervud is 65 years old and his home is in Oakland.

FRISCO MARINE NEWS.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—The steam schooner Fort Bragg, sailing hence Tuesday, put back here in a badly-damaged condition as a result of the northerly gale. Her cabins and engine-room were flooded and her rials torn off. She will not be able to get away for a week.

The schooner Balboa was chartered yesterday to load lumber on Puget Sound, for San Pedro at \$5.

The schooner Samar at Bellingham has been chartered by the Mohing Commercial Company to load lumber for Valparaiso for orders at \$5.60.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Capt. and Mrs. Bloomquist are at the Dominion hotel from Shawnigan lake. Mrs. George E. Moss of Queen Ann Hill, Seattle, is visiting friends in the city until after the Christmas holidays. Among the guests who came from Vancouver to the Dominion hotel yesterday are D. Mackenzie, H. Wain, R. H. Stewart, Jno. W. Watson and William Prior. J. G. Macdonald and Charles W. Hemeyer, of Fraser Lake, who came to Victoria yesterday to spend Christmas are staying at the Dominion hotel. W. E. Shaffer who had charge of the Pantages theatre here for a considerable time is visiting Victoria. He is at the Dominion hotel having arrived from Seattle yesterday. H. P. Jones, postmaster and storekeeper at Glenanna, Buckley Valley, is a guest at the Westholme. He is proprietor of the new Glacier hotel there and is in Victoria to visit one of his children who is at the university school. Hon. W. R. Ross, minister of lands, returned yesterday afternoon from Ottawa, whither he went with the premier and the attorney-general to discuss British Columbia matters with the federal government. Mr. Ross later visited Chicago as a delegate to the International Irrigation Congress, and then returned to Ottawa to take up several departmental matters affecting this province. These included the administration of the lands in the Panway belt and in the Peace River block, the forestry rights in the Songhees reserve and the disputed title to the Point Grey lands. On Wednesday evening took place the wedding of Miss Margaret Louise Grey, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Maxwell Grey, Stirling, Scotland, to Robert Leadbeater, wireless operator, S. S. Princess Adelaide, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Leadbeater, Douglas, Isle of Man, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Leslie Clay at Mrs. T. Grossen's residence on Ladysmith street, James Bay. The bride wore a pretty white silk dress and a large white hat, and was given away by her brother, Mr. William Grey, the one bridesmaid being Miss M. Crossen. Mr. W. G. Watterson

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The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

"Man never is, but always to be, old." —With apologies to Pope. A woman who must be between fifty and sixty years of age was speaking to me of a friend of hers. "She is a very 'old girl,'" she said, "but rather contented and unpolished."



At the word "old" there came into my mind the idea of a young person, perhaps nineteen or twenty—perhaps twenty-five or thirty. "How old is she?" I chanced to ask, having for certain reasons a curiosity about this person. "Oh, about my own age," said the woman, "No, I think she may be a year or two older. She graduated from school in the class ahead of me."

And yet it was quite evident that she was conscious of no incongruity in referring to her friend as a "girl." Surely you have noticed how very largely relative is this matter of age in the minds of the sons and daughters of men. If you haven't, let me recommend this as an interesting and fertile direction for future observation.

Take your own case for example. Can't you remember when, as a little girl with pig-tails down your back, or a little boy in short trousers, you regarded your cousin in college as the acme of grown-up-ness, and your aunt who was nearly thirty as middle-aged, and that neighbor of yours who may have been fifty-five as an old man? But now that you are twenty, thirty, or fifty yourself, hasn't your scale of age measurements changed somewhat? I well remember myself how I offended a dear aunt of mine by speaking of a mutual friend as "one of the best looking middle-aged women I know."

"Middle-aged?" protested my aunt indignantly. "Why, Ruth, she is only thirty-five. You don't call that middle-aged, do you?" My aunt was then thirty-seven and I was fifteen. Of course, I yielded the point outwardly, but inwardly I certainly did call that middle-aged, and regarded my aunt's contention that anyone under forty was young as most amusing.

Ah, me, how times have changed! Just the other day I caught myself averting my eyes from the prime of life Temple, writing, geography, algebra, Latin, English, Junior form—Lillian Woodward, English, French, Scripture; Aldersey Hallam, geography, elocution; Biddy Floyd, arithmetic, grammar and composition; Mona Miller, French and Scripture (second); Cecily Prester, writing; Doris Beld, geography (second); Rhoda Bagshawe, general progress, Primary form; Doris Patella, highest term's marks map drawing; Catherine Bagshawe, arithmetic and reading; Ethel Gardner, Scripture.

For most of the wrenches and jolts of life there are, happily, conditions which alleviate, what would otherwise seem unbearable, conditions which soften and break the most cruel shocks. Death, for instance, the greatest shock of all, unless it is very sudden, seldom comes as an unbearable wrench, because weakness or suffering has prepared us for it. But of all the alleviating conditions, it seems to me that none are more kindly and grateful than this fact of the relativity of age.

How beautiful it is that, instead of painfully realizing that one's friends and one's self are "past numbers," to most of us except the very old, old age remains until the end merely an unwelcome, but pleasantly vague mirage that accommodately retreats as we approach. May human nature never change in this! May we never grow foolishly wise for surely in this direction there can be no room for doubt that where ignorance, or rather, unrecognition, is bliss "twere folly to be wise."

Ruth Cameron

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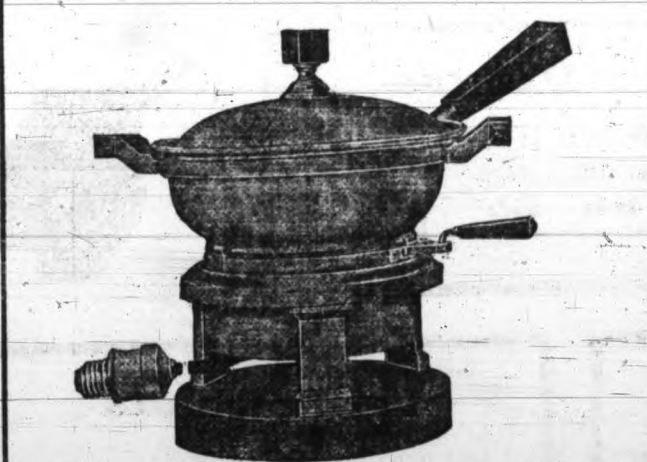
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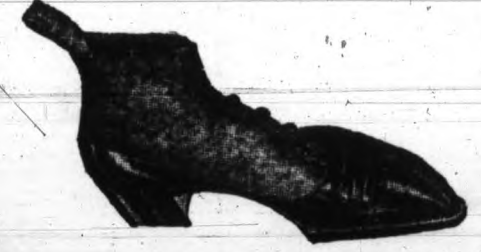
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Ladies' Tan Kid, Black Kid, Patent Tip Oxfords. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00. SALE PRICE

Men's Oxfords

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Men's Button Oxfords, in Patent Colt and Tan Calf. Regularly sold for \$4.50. SALE PRICE



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Such were the feelings of the small body of passengers which left Wellington behind the gayly decorated engine 494 with Harry Austin driving, and Lawrence Davis as fireman, on Wednesday afternoon for the first passage over the 25 miles of new road from Cameron lake to Port Alberni. As the train with Conductor W. Fletcher proceeded on its way leaving Nanose Bay, in its symposium of colors on the right, a sheet of water which is soon to see the freight car barges of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on its waters, and waited briefly at the "Salvation Army" settlement at Combs, named after the able ex-commissioner of the army in Canada, the passengers, who numbered forty-seven, apart from the special car containing Vice-President Bosworth's party, began to enter into the spirit of anticipation of a memorable occasion now to be completed, of a deferred hope to be at last realized.

At the crossing of the Little Qualicum, road and rail meet from Nanaimo, and at once again divide to follow the windings of Cameron lake. The E. & N. track occupies some four and a half miles of the old wagon road where innumerable parties have held on breathless to their seats as the stage jostled and swayed on the downhill grades, and has provided in place a good new road on the south side of the lake at a cost of nearly \$50,000. Then the long climb to the summit shortly commences, the glimmering waters of this most picturesque of mountain lakes showing itself amid the trees, fringed with the growth of timber, and lowering away in the clouds, rises Mount Arrowsmith, to which a trail is now being made. Shades of azure, tinted with the white of the eternal snows, cap this great mountain standing up in its grandeur amid its fellows, and whose beauties will be viewed in the days to come from the chaise just constructed by the company at the Lake station. As the ascending track continues, suddenly there comes into view the matchless vista of Cameron lake seen in its longest dimensions, and the admiration of all from Vice-President Bosworth downwards was elicited by this scenic gem.

Travellers, of which no less than 58 are required in the space of twenty-six miles, bear tribute to the engineer of the division, Mr. Bainbridge, after whom a station is named, and as the train approached the summit, 1,285 feet above sea level, with a 2 per cent grade in parts which reduces speed to a crawl, with the narrow road winding its length along in the valley below, attention is directed to the engineering skill which has been a safe passage for the line on the precipitous edge of the steep mountains. Nor were wanting to the passengers the suggestions of the wild life of the country. A swaying cedar rocking in the unsteady motion of sudden agitation, pointed to a cougar scurrying up the bank from the new factory which had come to disturb the wilderness, and a little later a deer, safe in the knowledge that no gun could for a season disturb its peace, came into view, and as quickly vanished. Other examples of animal life were, however, missing, although bears are frequent to the neighborhood.

Tumbling cascades of glistening water drop from the sharp declivity at intervals, and great cedars and firs cleared for the right-of-way lie recumbent awaiting their removal. Scarcely a sign of human life save the section hands as yet can be seen till the Alberni valley is entered, long after the down-hill run from the summit has been completed. The engineering details have provided for three steel spans at Alberni, Kitquajus and Rogers creeks, otherwise the bridges are of the usual trestle character, many of which are to be filled in with earth, as time progresses. One bridge is a thousand feet long, and requires sixty bents, and the maximum height of any of them is 140 feet.

Limited to eight miles an hour on the steep sections the trains on the railway, which has been constructed by James McDoonell & Co., within the past two years, use a track which lacks the smoothness of a new roadbed, and the coaches run as smoothly as if the line had been in service for years. Many of the cuttings are by the nature of things of a somewhat heavy character, but the absence of tunnels is in distinct contrast to the inevitable necessities of the Rockies and Selkirk. In order to make the descent slowly, the track runs in a long detour in order to find an easy grade, and entering the Al-

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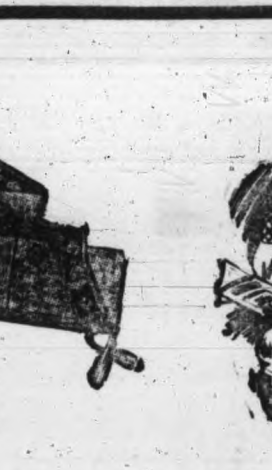
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made bearing on the future of the district as a tourist resort. It is the intention to make the headquarters for one steamer on the west coast, which now can only receive mail twice a month. Already the residents are talking of E. & N. extensions to Great Central lake, but this proposal as yet is on the lap of the gods.

A good road to Long Beach is also badly needed, and a deputation to the authorities on the matter is spoken of in a few weeks time. This would afford access to a splendid pleasure beach, and open up a rich country.

No one can leave the subject without referring to the magnificent scenery of the Alberni, with their glorious sunsets and wonderful cloud effects on the purple peaks, promising an ever-recurring pleasure to the resident, and a magnet to the increasing flow of tourist traffic.

The train returned to Wellington yesterday without incident and reached Victoria in the evening.

GERMAN LABOR BUREAUS.

System of Municipal Employment Agencies and Its Work.

These labor markets are a curious development of the time. In them 3,708,000 men and women put up their services for sale in 1909. Employers offered 2,208,000 places, and 1,524,000 of them were bought and sold. Five years have seen transactions in these markets doubled. In some cities almost all the unskilled labor is market-

ed in the local exchange. High percentages of skilled workmen and the employers of skilled workmen and the employers of skilled workmen find in the exchange the largest opportunity and the largest selection. Hence the business of the exchanges has expanded—sometimes 100 per cent a year. Thus the Berlin suburban exchange, at Charlottenburg, filled 15,590 positions in 1909, as compared with 7,595 the preceding year. In Wiesbaden, the figures for the same year were 13,628 and 7,970. The municipal bureau in the little city of Rendsburg arranged employment for 1,884 persons compared with 619. The numbers in the sun-making town of Essen, were 5,746 and 5,329. Municipal labor bureaus in cities such as Dusseldorf, Wiesbaden, Magdeburg, Posen have concentrated in their offices almost all the transfers in certain classes of employment.

A variety of employment offices existed before state or municipal governments were convinced of the propriety of using public funds for facilitating private contracts between master and man. Trades-unions, guilds, associations of employers, societies providing relief for the indigent unemployed, had long tried to bring effective direction to the man-of-work and to the employer wanting hands. The ordinary way of recruiting labor from the men hanging around the factory gates, or of a man finding work by tramping from one set of inefficient, benevolent observers, unlicensed, and employers' organizations started offices where men could inquire for vacancies, and where the unexpected requirements of mines and shops could be met.—From Labor Exchanges in Germany, by Elmer Roberts in the January Scribner.

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Very Unpleasant Place but Suffragettes Desire to Go There, She Says

At the luncheon given in her honor at the Alexandra Club yesterday Mrs. Pankhurst gave a very interesting address.

The more we examine into the matter the more women with sex loyalty who inquire will make up their minds that it is their duty to take a real part in that women's movement. I feel sure that you would like me to tell you something of the work of the W. S. P. U. Perhaps it would interest you to know how it started, and how it developed, and I should like to say that this particular organization which I represent began about six years ago in Manchester, and was started by a few women who felt that women needed to be awakened to the needs of their sex, and that a very vigorous kind of movement would have to take place to effect this. We needed to rouse the women themselves and make them realize that women ought not to be ignored in the laws of the country. The question was a vital one for women of all classes and of all shades of opinion. The first thing was that it must not savor of any particular party, whatever the movement was to be. We had to gather together women of all shades of opinion in politics. We set out to take in women of all classes. We wanted to make them realize that women had a real grievance. It did not matter whether the grievance was common to all or not. They had no direct means of making women's opinion felt in politics. We also needed a strong organization. Women had to be prepared to make great sacrifices in the new suffrage society. The old society was almost extinct, the women who were interested in it were not very keen workers, and felt that if they attended one meeting a year and gave the amount of money which would have purchased one pair of gloves, they had done all that was needed of them. The few women who carried on the movement were never able to get their meetings reported, and nothing ever came to the notice of the public of the society's work. We had to break down party and class distinctions. In the W. S. P. U. we have done this. Women who had strong party feelings had to put all these feelings on one side, as they were made to realize that if they adhered to these they would never achieve anything. I personally had every encouragement to hold the strongest party politics until this time. As I was the wife of a politician and the daughter of a politician. We suffragettes also had to become quite skilful at meetings in answering men's questions, and in making the men feel that they had no right to ask questions at women's meetings about political questions, as we had not the voice and had nothing to do with the making of the laws. Women of title have voluntarily taken up disagreeable work as they

appreciate the fact that the humbler classes already have more than they should of this kind of effort and, moreover, the women of assured social position who have their place in society by the right of birth, undisputed, have nothing to lose by going out and doing the menial and disagreeable things. These women will be found chalking the pavements, pasting bills up, carrying sandwich boards, and talking on the street corners. Their position is unassailable, and consequently they willingly take up the disagreeable work.

"Over 800 women have been imprisoned. There has been in prison who does not want to go again. Some say they go for the sake of notoriety. But if you want notoriety, it can be more easily won than by going into an English prison." What Mrs. Pankhurst has seen of American prisons convinces her that the people on this continent have no idea of what English prisons are like. "The English prison system," she said, "is one of the most brutal things in the world. Everything in it goes to break down every atom of the self-respect of the prisoner. The power of expression, and one's own will is taken away from one. No talking is allowed, and utter submission to the unreasonable discipline of the prison is demanded. When women voluntarily go into that sort of environment you may well imagine what sort of zeal prompts them. The very fact that the confinement is solitary is in itself evidence of the animation which characterizes our movement. For twenty-three out of twenty-four hours the prisoner is almost entirely left to herself. We have heard of members of Parliament going into English prisons to visit them, and asking to be allowed to be locked up for a day to personally experience something of a prisoner's feelings, but at the end of an hour they have been so sickened with it that they have knocked at their doors and begged to be released, saying that they would go insane if they had to remain there any longer. The cells are 10 feet by 12 feet, with a narrow window of many panes, perched high in the wall, and barred without. The panes are iron bound, and the window is set in an iron frame. The furnishings consist of plank bed, with a thin hard mattress, a hard pillow to match, two thin blankets, a chair and a table which is fastened into the wall. The chair itself is an improvement which has been brought about through the incarceration of women in prisons, as previously a stool served for the prisoner to sit on. Every attention which the prisoner gives to her cell is watched by a prison warden, who sees that the difficult process of making the bed is carried out along certain rigid lines. A tin plate and a spoon, form the eating utensils—no knife or fork—and all of these have to be washed—like everything else about the cell and person—in cold water, and cleaned with brick dust. The windows in the majority of the prisons do not open, and it is only through the breaking of the prison windows by some of the suffragette prisoners because the air in the cells was so intolerable that a movement has now been started to have the prison windows made so that they will open. This came about through the protestations of the suffragettes. It is not part of the suffragette campaign however, to break windows. Since so many women went to prison in the cause a woman inspector of prisons has been appointed."

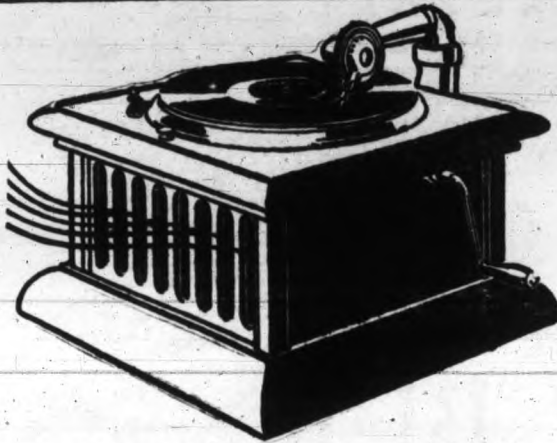
"What are Canadian prisons like?" said Mrs. Pankhurst, "and what do Canadian women know of them?" Mrs. Pankhurst then gave a description of the clothing worn by women

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Santa Claus Best Gift

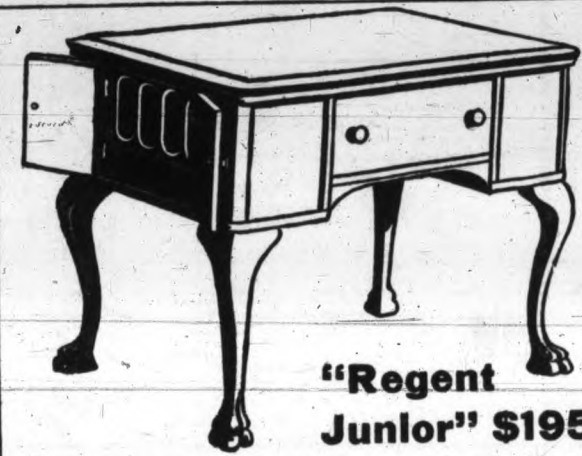
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OYSTER CULTURE ON THE DECLINE

EXPERT RECOMMENDS PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

In This Province Alone Has There Been an Increase in the Industry

A valuable and interesting pamphlet on the Canadian oyster industry has been issued by the federal commission of conservation. It is a reprint of a special report made for the commission by M. J. Patton, M.A., its assistant secretary, which was contained in the commission's volume on lands, fisheries, game and minerals. Very properly it was deemed of sufficient general interest and value to detach it from the larger book and put it in a form which will be found much handier for reference.

Mr. Patton in part writes as follows regarding the industry and its future: The Canadian oyster industry is one which is fast dying out. At one time the supply of oysters was thought to be inexhaustible; but, like nearly all other resources of which this has been predicted, ruthless "exploitation" and the demand of an increasing population have reduced it to the verge of depletion. Years ago only the larger and more prolific beds were fished; but the decreasing supply has, year by year, compelled the fishermen to resort to the bottom, which heretofore were neglected as not being rich enough to repay the cost of fishing. Very slowly, after repeated warnings by the government fishery officers on the ground, restrictive measures have been adopted; but these have come too late. In any case, it is doubtful if they alone would have proved adequate to save the industry from depletion without the aid of oyster-culture operations.

The decision of the Imperial Privy Council on the fisheries reference in 1898 divided in uncertain fashion the proprietary interest in the foreshore, and has effectively prevented that certainty of ownership which is essential to the investment of private capital in oyster farming. No man is going to invest his capital where others may claim the fruit of it.

Yet the future of the industry is not so black as one might conclude from these facts. The matter of divided jurisdiction is one that is possible of adjustment as between the federal and provincial authorities. The oyster, under favorable conditions, multiplies rapidly and comes to maturity within a period of some four years. The Canadian oyster area is extremely large, and the experience of the United States, England, France, and other countries shows that oyster culture can be successfully prosecuted with a sure return of a handsome profit.

What is required, therefore, is a full knowledge of the present condition of the industry, the causes that have brought about that condition, and the regulations and laws in force, so that a sure basis may be laid for determining what measures are best calculated to encourage the adoption of artificial culture on a large scale by private interests.

Nearly all the oysters grown in Canada come from the Atlantic seaboard. British Columbia produces, though so far in relatively small quantities, a native oyster which is inferior in size and quality to the eastern oyster. The three provinces, however, that produce practically all our oysters are Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Since 1871, when statistics are first available, the total production has produced nearly twice as many oysters as New Brunswick, its closest competitor. Nova Scotia comes third. The Atlantic oyster area may be said to be the half-moon shaped shores of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and New Brunswick, bordering on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, with Prince Edward Island as the "star within the pether tip" of this crescent.

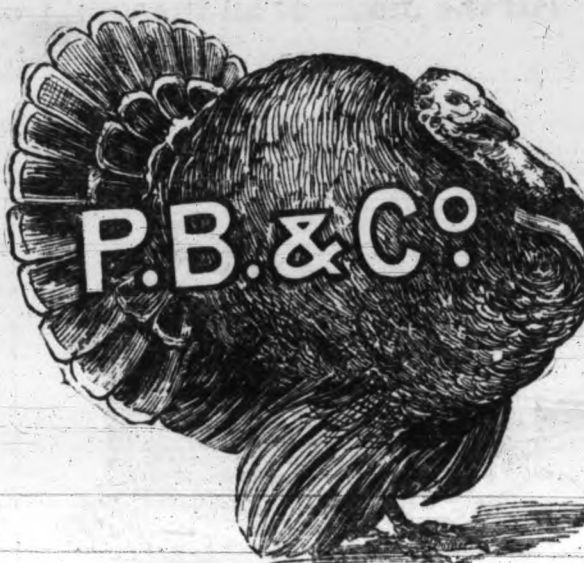
Statistics of Production.
An examination of the table indicating the production of oysters in all its zenith in the eighties and early nineties. The high point was reached in 1882 with a production of 64,616 bbls. During the whole period from 1882 to 1890, the yearly production never fell below 50,000 bbls. save in one year. The second stage in the decline is noted in the years 1891-1901. During those years the annual yield ranged between 40,000 and 50,000 bbls., except in 1895, when it was 22,525 bbls. The third stage in falling production enters with the year 1902. Never since 1901 has the yield risen above 10,000 bbls. From the beginning of this third stage there has been a gradual but sure decrease in production. The lowest point in thirty years' history of the oyster fishery in Canada being reached in 1907, when only 21,593 bbls. were harvested. The larger catch of the past two years is due to the more intensive methods of fishing that have been adopted as a result of high prices, rather than to any actual increase in supply.

Analysis indicates that it is in Prince Edward Island that oyster fishing has declined most. Yet, in each province there has been a falling off. Of course, if individual years only be selected, a conclusion with regard to the state of the industry which is not true can easily be reached. But if we consider the production over a period of years, the one conclusion is inevitable: the oyster industry is fast nearing a state of absolute depletion.

Depletion—Causes and Remedies.
What, we may well ask, is the cause of the ruin of an industry that other nations have found a source of immense profit? The cause, in general terms, is the blind disregard for the future shown by those engaged in it and by those charged with its protection. One feels a sense of shame at the wanton waste that is revealed in the history of the Canadian oyster industry. In early years oysters were actually burned in order to obtain the lime contained in the shells. Ice fishing, which was not prohibited by law until the last decade, was another prolific cause of waste. The oysters were raked up from the bottom through a hole in the ice, the large ones sorted out for market and the small ones left to rot in the cold. As late as 1881 we find inspectors in their reports urging that a law be passed to prevent the wholesale destruction of all the oysters taken that were not



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large enough for marketing. The practice was to take the catch to the beach and there sort it over, reserving the large oysters for sale and leaving the small ones in great heaps on the shore to rot.

But it is the mud-diggers that take the pain as agents of destruction. When winter comes and the ice forms, great power digging machines may be seen dotting the ice over the oyster beds. The farmers consider that the mud and oyster shells, with their large percentage of lime, are valuable as a fertilizer for the land, and every win-

ter these machines cut the oyster beds to pieces and suffocate all the oysters round about the deposits of mud that settle down. Great destruction has been caused by this means and it is worth noting that the danger from it still exists. These conditions have since been remedied, in part at least, by legislation; but restrictive measures were adopted with such slowness that extensive damage has been done which is irreparable.

It is instructive to note just how far legislation has attempted to remedy these evils. In 1890, the only regulation in existence was that there should be a close season from June 1 to September 15. Apart from this restriction, any person could rake oysters at any place and in any manner he pleased, wholly regardless of the size of the oysters taken or of injury to the beds. The close season has been lengthened from time to time until now it is from April 1 to September 30, inclusive, except in British Columbia, where it extends from May 1 to August 31, inclusive. Ice fishing has been prohibited, as has also been night and Sunday fishing. A size

limit has been established, and at the present time no person is allowed to take or have in his possession, round oysters of a less diameter than three inches, or long oysters of a less diameter than three and a half inches of outer shell. Mud digging is prohibited within 200 yards of any live oyster bed, and then may be prosecuted only at such places as may be prescribed

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MRS. PANKHURST AND THE PRISON

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prisoners, a feature of the life there which was so disgraceful that it was forced upon the notice of the government by the women who were imprisoned there through the suffrage agitation, and a woman inspector was appointed to look into the matter. "No amount of visiting on state occasions will let you know the condition of the prisoner's clothes," said Mrs. Pankhurst. "I have been there, and have my experience first hand. For two months it would have been three had not circumstances arisen which made the authorities deem it best to remove me sooner—I was in Holloway jail, and I know what the conditions are like there." Mrs. Pankhurst then described in detail the coarse and uncomfortable garments, rudely cut, and roughly tied with tape around the waist, which was the regular prison uniform and which everyone was compelled to wear. The garments are all shapeless, and made of thick hard cloth, one garment being described as nothing less than a "strait" garment. The whole effect is to make the wearer feel perfectly miserable, with the appearance of an enormous bundle, which, accentuated by the stuffy air, less condition of the cell, the solitude, the drudging routine, and the ill conditions generally as to bathing and cleanliness, make the place absolutely unbearable. For a handkerchief, furthermore, coarse towelling of a kind known as tea towelling—is given to the prisoner, one handkerchief to be stuck in the band of the big coarse apron. Dr. Mary Gordon, woman inspector of prisoners, has protested that some reform of a very large nature is necessary for women prisoners. "Men are doing a great deal of work in looking after the affairs of the nation, but it is necessary for women

to look after the human side of life, principally its children and women," said Mrs. Pankhurst.

Mrs. Pankhurst said that one time when she had been sent into the remand hospital, where prisoners are placed when they are under the doctor's care, or when the medical officer wishes to keep a woman under observation for signs of insanity when she has committed a murder, a woman gave birth to a child in the prison hospital. Ten days later while Mrs. Pankhurst was exercising in the yard she saw this woman carrying her baby about the court, and although it was against the rules, went over and spoke to her. The woman was waiting in prison until the assizes, and had been there for some time before the child was born. Mrs. Pankhurst liked what she saw of the woman, and thought her a very respectable sort of person, and the baby became a great favorite among the prisoners who all regarded it as a sort of godchild and welcomed this bit of youthfulness and innocence in the midst of all the sordid surroundings, at the same time recognizing the horror of the idea that any child should have to come into the world under such terrible circumstances. Mrs. Pankhurst took the woman's address, and some weeks later heard from her that she had left the prison. The climax of the story which Mrs. Pankhurst brought feelingly before her audience lay in the fact that the woman, who had been all those long weeks living in the jail, and whose child had been born in such a sordid and filthy place, had left the prison. The climax of the story which Mrs. Pankhurst brought feelingly before her audience lay in the fact that the woman, who had been all those long weeks living in the jail, and whose child had been born in such a sordid and filthy place, had left the prison.

"The condition requires no comment," said Mrs. Pankhurst, "as the injustice of it will appeal to any fair-minded person." "Men have the best of intentions," said Mrs. Pankhurst, "but so far they have absolutely failed in their legislation for the safeguarding of human beings; they can manage things which bear on international matters, war, engineering, commerce, etc., but behind and at the bottom of all these they have failed to touch

many of the questions relating to humanity." Mrs. Pankhurst said that she used to blame men, but that now she felt that it was only the condition which had arisen through long ages that gave rise to the present attitude. "Now," she continued, "I know that human beings have to work out their own salvation, whether they are men or women, and until they do work out their own salvation they will not see for themselves what they need. Until men and women share the power to make these things right there is no safeguard that the things will be right. Canadian women should not think that they do not need the power to change things; it is pretty true that the majority of men will do far more than they are legally obliged to do, but the fact that even one man takes advantage of the bad laws should make every woman who is truly unselfish set about changing those laws."

In closing, Mrs. Pankhurst thanked the ladies of the three clubs for their charming and hospitable kindness, and said that even if they had not always understood what some of the English suffragettes had been doing, by inviting her to lunch to talk to them they had made her feel that although thousands of miles separated England from this far west they were all conscious of the fact that they were daughters of the same great imperial race.

MAJESTIC THEATRE.

"The Miser's Heart," a biograph feature of merit, will be shown to-day and to-morrow depicting an old miser who forms quite an attachment for a little child in the same house. The old miser is reputed to keep a large amount of money in a safe in his room, and a couple of crooks decide to take a chance to get it. They try to force him to tell the combination of his safe. The little child happens in the room, and to further compel him they suspend the child out of the window on a rope, threatening to let her drop if he does not give the combination. A tramp sees the child hanging from the window and hastens to the police for aid. "The Gambler's Dream," a picture in which a gentleman who appears to be losing at the casino much more than he can afford, falls asleep and dreams that because of his losses he commits a theft and is arrested. "The Cattle Rustler's Father," a very interesting western picture. "Selecting His Heiress" is a choice comedy.

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FRONTAGE OWNERS DISCUSS HARBOR

Government Engineers and Inner Harbor Association Hold a Conference

The members of the Inner Harbor Association met Louis Coste in the city hall yesterday and discussed with him the needs of that portion of the harbor. There was a large attendance of the members, all the mills and the other industries along the waterfront of the inner harbor being represented.

Mr. Coste stated his general views of the matter and the members of the association asked their views before him as to the requirements of the case. Mr. Coste asked them to have a plan prepared, showing all they required, deep water lines, wharves, frontages, and a programme setting forth the rotation in which they thought the work should be done. This, he promised, he would lay before the government at Ottawa and give his cordial support to. Public necessities were to be considered in the plan in preference to private requirements.

T. C. Sorby, secretary of the association, will prepare a plan at once and submit it to the association for approval and transmission to Mr. Coste. Mr. Sorby's general plans for the improvement of the harbor were before Mr. Coste at the meeting, and the views of the government engineer and the Victoria engineer, who has always taken such a deep interest in the development of the port, were found to be in substantial harmony.

Mr. Sorby's scheme, which seems likely to be the one adopted, contemplates the centering of railway terminals on the reserve, with abscute bridges across the harbor, one about the site of the present railway bridge, and another from Songhees Point to Laurel Point. The latter would give access in a straight line along Montreal street to the breakwater running out from Ogden Point, and spurs would be run to the outer wharves and the C. P. R. docks. Crossing to the whole-sale district by the bridge at the foot of Cormorant street, lines would run south to the G. T. P. docks and north to the various mills on Rock Bay and Selkirk water. This would obviate the necessity of passing the Causeway with a line of rails. The harbor would be dredged out to remove the rocks and the entrance would be widened and deepened. A deep-water line is proposed from point to point, marking the site on excavation by the public works department, and leaving it to private owners to fill in and reclaim wharfage space inside that line.

VICTORY FOR UNIONS.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 22.—What is regarded here as a notable victory for trade unionism is marked by the signatures of President Horace E. Andrews of the New York state railways and President W. D. Mahon of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Employees of America of an agreement whereby all of the Vanderbilt trolley lines throughout New York state are brought under the jurisdiction of the Amalgamated agreement which was signed in New York City. A supplementary agreement settles all possibility of a long threatened strike on the Schenectady Railway Company's lines.

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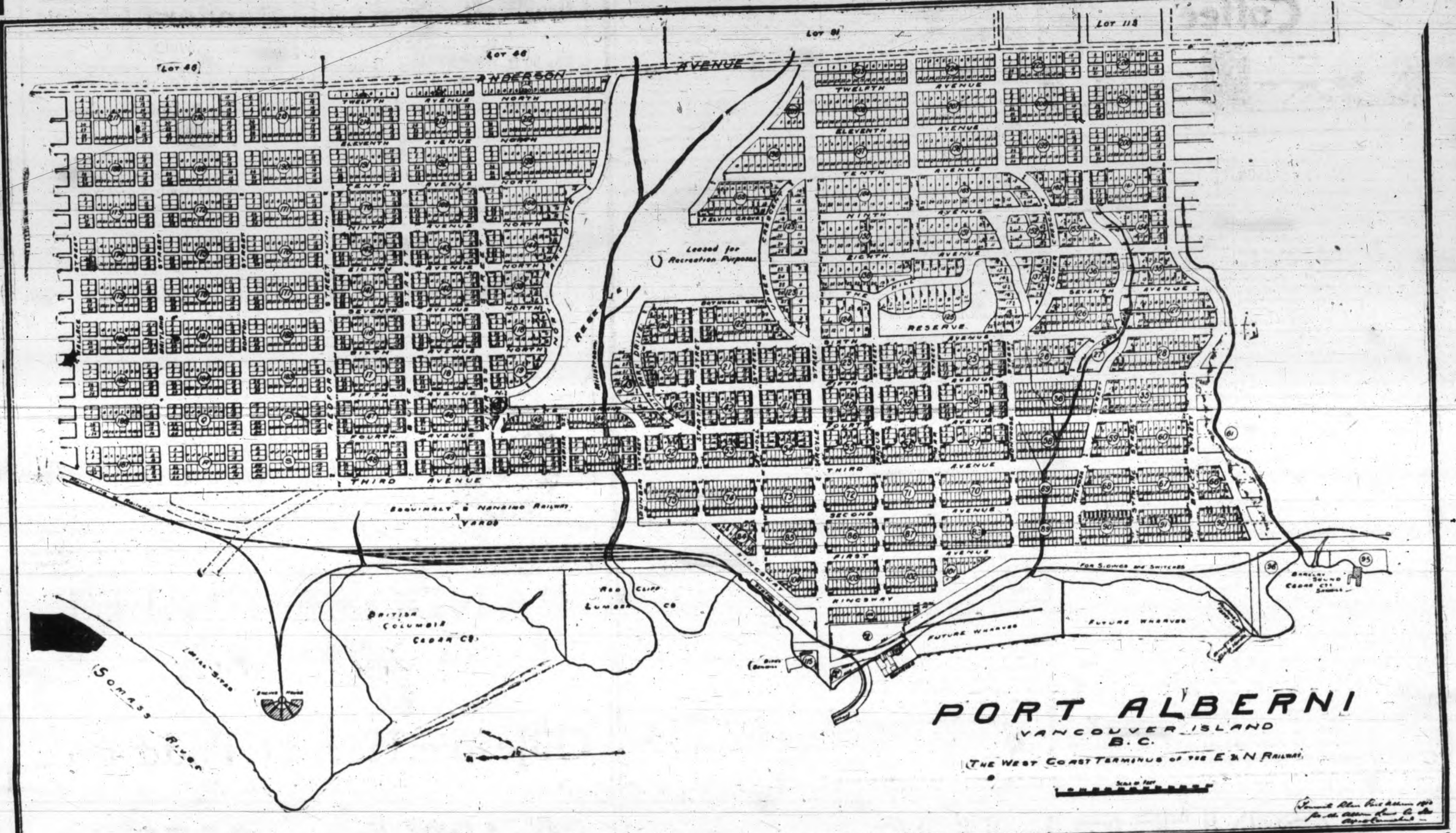
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PARKS BY-LAW.

To the Editor:—I notice in your issue of 26th an account of another by-law for money for parks. Now, sir, this matter has been put up to us twice in a year and turned down. Why this third attempt of the persistent to force a matter which is obnoxious to the ratepayers? While we all admire Mr. Humber as a scrapper, he has this subject on the brain and to such an extent that he will succeed in inflicting the by-law, which this time will be turned down in no mistaken manner. Mr. Gibson is in error when he attributes park by-law's defeat to the political views of the Songhees question. With Beacon Hill park, the Gorge and other open spaces, this city has no need to be ashamed of itself for its playground facilities. With our present debt this insane desire to compel the people to borrow more when they have already said no is little short of an outrage. Mr. Humber must take the people's decision as final and not treat them as children, or goss-

ably the worthy alderman would like to pay it all himself.

RATEPAYER.

Victoria, Dec. 23.

COAL RESOURCES OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.

To the Editor:—My attention has been called to a contribution to your issue of December 4 by E. Jacobs, entitled "Coal Mining on Vancouver Island." In that article Mr. Jacobs refers to a consular report, evidently meaning one supplied by U. S. Consul Abraham E. Smith, of Victoria, and presumes to correct it by quoting from a paper on "The Undeveloped Coal Resources of Canada," by D. B. Dowling, of the Geological Survey. Mr. Jacobs characterizes as an erroneous statement Mr. Smith's remark that "last year the Nanaimo fields produced 1,615,160 tons of coal." The consul does not profess to give the individual output of each mine, nor was it necessary for his purpose, which was to demonstrate to his government the value for United States naval and other uses of the coal resources of Vancouver Island. The is-

land mines are all in the Nanaimo mining division. Mr. Smith's report was evidently taken from an article in the B. C. Mining and Engineering Record on the coal resources of Vancouver Island, with special reference to Squash, where the Pacific Coast Coal Mines Co., Ltd., have been successfully opening a new field. That article was written after a personal examination of the development work and investigation of the records of the bore holes, indicating the Squash field to be of much greater extent and importance than has hitherto been supposed, and it is absurd for Mr. Jacobs to quote Mr. Dowling as against this later information and to insinuate the inaccuracy of the article in consequence. Mr. Dowling explains in the first paragraph of his paper that such a survey as he had made in his paper must be regarded as tentative, exhibiting merely the information available at the present time. More recently still the Squash field has been examined by Mr. Clapp, of the staff of the Geological Survey, who found the cretaceous area to extend southeasterly to the Nimkish river, a greater

extent than has yet been accorded to the field.

Mr. Smith's report was perfectly correct with the exception of a misprint in a set of figures for which he was not responsible; the summary figures being exactly as stated in the annual report of the Provincial Bureau of Mines.

E. A. HAGGEN,
Editor B. C. Mining and Engineering Record.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 20, 1911.

IMPURE FOOD.

To the Editor:—'Tis wonderful to see the interest the city fathers take in our welfare every year at this time, and how blind to our interests they are until the eve of the next election. A question of the most vital importance to every man, woman and child in the community is left untouched, and why? Perhaps some of your readers may be able to enlighten me as to whether we have a food or drug inspector in the city or not. If we have, what does he do to 'earn his money, and if we have not, why not? I would like very much to see an

analysis of some of the so-called butter and milk which the unfortunate people of this city have to use. If these two necessities of life are not libels I am a Dutchman.

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OYSTER CULTURE ON THE DECLINE

(Continued from page 15.)

by a fisheries officer. A fee of 50c. is levied on each boat with one fisherman, and 50c. additional is charged for each extra man fishing from the same boat. In British Columbia, a charge of \$2.50 is imposed on persons wishing to fish for oysters on natural beds, and a rental fee of \$2 per acre per annum covered by such license, is levied.

These regulations, on the whole, are not unsatisfactory. The essential fact to grasp, however, is that the industry cannot be regenerated by restrictive measures alone. What is needed is the institution of private oyster culture on a large scale. But that cannot be thought of till the present dispute as to the rights of the Dominion and Provincial governments to issue leases for fishing is definitely settled, once for all. The exploitation of oyster beds, it is true, has yielded enormous profits to capital wherever it has been persistently and scientifically engaged in; but even these large returns will not attract men of means to invest in the title to the oyster areas he cluded.

Removal of Evils.

As soon as the jurisdiction is definitely determined, the supreme administrative authority can direct its attention to the removal of the existing evils preying upon the oyster industry. One of the chief of these is free fishing. During the open season anyone, upon payment of a nominal boat license of 50c., can take oysters off any part of the Atlantic oyster areas, with the exception of some 3,382 acres reserved for artificial propagation of oysters by the Dominion government. Formerly, when any restriction on free fishing was proposed, there was a great deal of opposition aroused in the oyster-producing provinces. One of the arguments usually advanced was that it would come hard on the poor, who looked forward to making enough money in the oyster season to tide them through the winter. The harvest of the sea was considered as everyone's right. The policy pursued was that of every man for himself. When oysters were plentiful, this unrestricted fishing privilege, of course, militated against oyster culture by individuals.

But now conditions are changed. Oysters are growing less plentiful year by year, and people conversant with the true situation are less likely to oppose fair restrictive measures for the preservation of the supply. They realize that resort must be had to measures that are somewhat heroic. Other countries, when their oyster beds were nearing depletion, have found it advisable to prohibit fishing for three or four years on a certain fraction of their unleased oyster area, say, one-third or one-quarter; and when one reserved portion is thrown open to fishing, the same area in another part is set aside. At the end of the nine or sixteen years, this expedient has been found to have resulted in a much improved condition of the beds. The present low state of the industry in Canada makes this plan one that could be temporarily adopted without serious opposition.

An equitable system of leasing or licensing oyster areas can be evolved once the jurisdictional dispute is settled. The present Fisheries Act authorizes the issuing of leases or licenses to persons wishing to plant oyster beds, and gives such persons the exclusive right to the oysters found thereon. A maximum area should be leased to one individual, and should be fixed and monopolized thereby prevented. Although these licenses may be issued for any length of time, the practice has been to limit them to nine years, renewal being optional with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The nominal fee of \$1 an acre is charged for licenses. The regulations set no limit to the term for which licenses may be granted but the practice has been to grant them for a period of nine years, subject to renewal at the minister's option. In British Columbia, a charge of \$2.50 is imposed on persons wishing to fish for oysters on natural beds, and a rental fee of \$2 per acre per annum covered by such license, is levied.

It is needless to recount the advantages that would ensue from the leasing of oyster bottoms, to individuals, once jurisdiction is settled. In all other countries, the adoption of private property in oyster lands, as in the case of agricultural lands, has marked the beginning of real progress in the industry. It may be suggested that the present regulations should be amended by fixing a definite maximum area that one person or corporation is allowed to hold or control for the better encouragement of private enterprise, the term of the lease or license could well be lengthened to eleven or twelve years, and renewal should be made contingent upon fulfillment of conditions of the lease, not upon the minister's option. It would be inadvisable, at least for the first six years of the lease, to increase the annual rental charge of \$1 an acre.

If the full benefit is to be derived from a system of leasing oyster areas to private persons, some means must be taken by the government to supply spawners and seed oysters at cost price. This would not have been necessary if private culture had been reduced to their present condition. As the situation is at present, some difficulty would be experienced by oyster farmers in getting sufficient seed oysters and spawners to plant their beds. The government conducts no operations of this kind now. All its efforts have been purely demonstrational. It has shown by raising oysters on bottoms not naturally stocked, that oyster culture can be successfully prosecuted under such conditions. This is not enough, and when oyster farmers

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can get a satisfactory title to oyster areas, they should be further encouraged by the assurance of a supply of seed oysters and spawners for stocking their holdings.

In conclusion, it may again be said that the rehabilitation of the oyster industry in Canada depends on the immediate establishment of oyster culture by private persons. That is the great desideratum to the accomplishment of which all efforts should be directed. The supreme hindrance to its adoption is the conflict of jurisdiction between the Dominion and the provinces. That can be settled if every effort is concentrated upon it. When once an understanding has been reached regarding it, the remaining subordinate problems can be solved easily and quickly. The paramount consideration is that action must be taken now. If province and Dominion will only throw laissez-faire to the winds, there is not the slightest doubt but that Canada's oyster industry would speedily come to its own, and munificently reward all the honest toil bestowed upon it.

Production in Canada.

The report is accompanied by statistical tables, which show that there has been a great amount of fluctuation in the oyster production of Canada, as indicated by the Dominion fishery reports. In 1871, the first year for which there is an official record, there were 9,452 barrels taken, but five years later this had fallen off to one-third or one-fourth of that. In 1877 the production suddenly increased again and hovered about 30,000 barrels for half a decade, doubly in 1882 erratically. In that year there were 64,546 barrels marketed. From 1882 to 1892, the production fluctuated between 50,000 and 82,000 barrels, but since 1894 it has been below 50,000, except for one year, and since 1902 it has been below 40,000 barrels. The production in 1907 was 27,299 barrels, in 1908 it was 35,027 barrels and in 1909 38,535 barrels.

Prince Edward Island led by a long way in oyster culture in the earlier years of record, with New Brunswick some years about even, but generally a very bad second. While the production has fallen off in both provinces, it has been greater per cent. in Prince Edward Island the last half dozen years, and New Brunswick is now in the lead with the Garden province not so far behind. Where the former was wont to have anywhere from 25,000 to 40,000 barrels a year with a record production of 57,942 barrels in 1882, it had but a paltry 9,672 barrels in 1907, 11,472 in 1908 and 13,519 in 1909. Nova Scotia has never done very much in this line, mounting up very slowly and gradually from a thousand barrels a year or so in the later seventies to 4,318 barrels in 1891 it began to retrograde in the same deliberate fashion till the production in 1907 was 1,327 barrels, in 1908 it was 1,515 barrels and in 1909 it amounted to 1,716 barrels.

British Columbia is the only province that has on the whole advanced. From between 100 and three hundred barrels a year in 1884-5 it went up to 1,750 barrels in 1890, dropped off a bit then, returned to an average of 1,600 barrels for five years, then 2,400 barrels for two years, 3,900 barrels for another two years and 4,200 in 1903. The average for 1905-7 fell to about 1,300 barrels, but the production in 1908 was 2,569 barrels and in 1909 2,960 barrels.

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Kinemacolor Pictures.
Kinemacolor, the marvellous invention which shows animated pictures in natural colors, is coming back to Victoria for a return engagement at the Victoria theatre, commencing with a special matinee Xmas Day. The richness and naturalness of every tint and shade are like in the extreme, and alleviate the necessity of travelling to see sights, for it is certainly more comfortable and convenient apart from the matter of expense, to see the world from the opera chair. Perhaps the most striking pictures are those of scenic or floral characters. The litter of flowers showing the evolution from bud to blossoms exhibits the novelty to its best advantage. There is no doubt the exhibition which is to be shown here shortly marks an epoch in art as well as a remarkable event in show life.

Nothing but a visit to the Kinemacolor pictures will convince anyone that what is said of them is not really exaggerated. But there can be no exaggeration. One simply sees reality. An entirely new series of pictures, including many views of western Canada along the lines of the G.T.P., G.T.R., and C.N.R. will also be shown.

"The Old Town."
Montgomery and Stone will appear at the Victoria theatre on Thursday, December 28, in "The Old Town."

Montgomery and Stone are popular comedians and have demonstrated it sufficiently to the satisfaction of New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and all the principal cities east of the Missouri. To those who have never seen Montgomery and Stone in any of their masterly creations it is worth while to observe that "The Old Town" which is the play they will appear in here, just terms with a lot of joyful surprises in which the indefatigable Mr. Stone's novelties of impersonation, dancing and acrobatic achievement, his larlat dance, also Mr. Montgomery's Japanese ballet, the cowboy ensemble and the suffragette chorus, are four of the big numbers which found exceptional favor with the public during the New York run of "The Old Town."

The company supporting Montgomery and Stone have been carefully chosen and capably drilled. "The Old Town" is a play in several exceptionally well executed dancing numbers, is one of the features of the performance. Among the principals in support of Montgomery and Stone are: Clara Palmer, Flossie Hope, Helen Falconer, Edna Bates, Virginia Kendall, Peggy Preston and the Messrs. Charles Bos, Howard Russell, Mack Whiting, W. J. McCarty, Howard Dyott and James G. Reaney.



The Empress Theatre.
The complex character of Shylock the Jew is one of a series of delineations by Mr. Hal Stephens, an actor of no mean ability at the Empress theatre this week. The setting is elaborately done. There is a wonderful night scene showing the Grand Canal at Venice when Shylock cries for vengeance on Antonio. The Brocken scene from "Faust," with all the effects that electricity and lighting can supply, and two great scenes from Rip Van Winkle are given.

Daughter of the great cornet virtuoso, the late Adolph Selger, Miss Lillian Selger, appears at the Empress theatre this week to render a repertoire of selections on the cornet. She plays well, and is loudly applauded. Her rendition of "Every Little Movement" from "Madame Sherry" is one of her best numbers.

Joseph K. Watson, the inimitable Hebrew comedian, is heard in Yiddish stories and songs.

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Miss Nellie Luckie, a dainty comedienne, and Thomas Yeast are two young performers who appear in a song and dance turn.

The Empresscope shows some very good films. There is one taken in Japan showing the herds of deer in the great park at Nara, the temples and street scenes of Kyoto, including a view of the crowds at the Gion Matsuri festival.

Romano Theatre.
"The Girl and the Half-Back" is a story woven around a college youth. His love story is interwoven with an exciting game of college football. The game and the girl are eventually won by the strenuous endeavors of the hero. "When First We Met" is a Powers picture play. "Little Red Riding Hood," everyone knows the only nursery rhyme of "Little Red Riding Hood." This film is based on the acting of that scene. It is at once exciting and amusing. Don't let the children miss this treat. "The Love Chase" is a splendid Nestor comedy. See the scene where the girl and the boy are "persuading the Judge." "In the Days of Gold" is a magnificent Selig drama. It is brimful of interest and there is all kinds of action in it.

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HOMES
James Bay, 8-room dwelling and lot, 60 x 120. \$1,300 cash, balance \$600 in 6 months; \$600 in 12 months and balance on mortgage. Price, \$3,500

Fairfield Estate, 50x120, with 5-room cottage, just off car line; \$600 cash, balance at 7 per cent. Price, \$2,100

Simcoe Street, James Bay, 7-room House and Lot 54x150. House is quite modern; 1-3 cash, balance one and two years. Price, \$5,000

West-End, 7-room modern dwelling, with lot 50 x 120. House modern in every respect. Situated just off car line. \$700 cash handles this, balance monthly payments \$4200

Moss Street, between Fairfield Road and Richardson street, 6-room cottage, with 3 lots, each 50 x 110. Three frontages. One-third cash, balance 7 per cent. Price, \$7,500

Trutch Estate, between Richardson St. and Fairfield Road, 11-room house and 2 lots, each 50 x 154. House is quite modern. Terms, one-quarter cash, balance 1, 2 and 3 years at 7 per cent. Price, \$10,500

Fairfield Estate, 7-room new, modern House on Woodland Road, with large lot; permanent sidewalks, streets to be improved; on terms, Price \$6,000

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Centrally located, on car line and producing a revenue. Price \$16,000. This piece of property is well suited for stores, apartment houses or such like.

LOTS
Tolmie Avenue, just inside city limits, large lots, practically all cleared, with splendid outlook. Easy terms. Prices from, per lot, \$400

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200 Acres, South Saanich, 1 mile waterfront. Good soil nearly all under cultivation. Dwelling, barns, etc. Would make subdivision, on easy terms. Price \$100,000

50 Acres, 8 miles from city; all under cultivation; first class dwelling and barns. Price \$25,000

Victor Street, corner lot, \$200 cash, balance arranged. Price \$700

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JAMES BAY
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\$4000—Buys a new 6-room house, cement foundation, etc. furnace installed. Every modern convenience. Good situation. About \$700 cash, balance arranged.

\$8200—Buys a beautiful 11-room bungalow, one of the prettiest homes in the city. Large windows in all the rooms. There are 6 bedrooms, drawing-room, diningroom, den, kitchen and very large reception hall, cement foundation and floor, 3 open fireplaces, gas stove and hot water heater included in price.

For Chinaman's house in yard. Close to sea and park, and only a few minutes from the post office. This is a decided bargain at the price, as the situation is ideal for a boarding house and the value of land in the locality is increasing. Very easy terms can be arranged.

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North-End—Cozy well built cottage, 5 rooms, all modern conveniences throughout, well finished, new, and up-to-date in every respect. Reasonable terms can be arranged. Price \$3,200

Howe Street—Fine building lot, all level, paved street. Easy terms. Cheap for \$1,300

Byron Street—Very choice lot, close to two car lines. Easy terms. For \$1,000

Fifth Street—Splendid building site, very fine view. Terms, 1-3 cash. Price \$950

May Street—Two splendid lots, close to Cook Street, size 50 x 152 each. Reasonable terms. Price, the pair \$3,000

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Two Valuable Water Lots on Victoria Harbor, at foot of Yates Street.

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Battery Street, one and a half storey house, 6 rooms \$3750

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Chapman Street, 1 1/2 storey, 6-room house, modern \$3750

Michigan Street, 8-room house and 2 large lots \$8400

Roderick Street, 4-room house and lot 42x154 \$1900

Fourth Street, 4-room house and 1 acre. Easy terms \$2600

Kerr Avenue, lot 102x122, off Gorge Road \$1000

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Beautiful Sixty-foot lot, Stanley Ave. terms. Price \$1450

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Seven-room House, Blanchard Street, fully modern, finished up in the best cement cellar, wash tubs, furnace, on good terms. The best buy in Victoria \$4350

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Rockland Park—Good five-roomed house, bath (h. & c.), full size basement, electric light, lot 50 x 120. \$500 cash, balance 6, 12, 18 and 24 months or \$20 monthly at 7%. Price \$3500

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A few bargains for holiday investors.
George View Park, Obad Avenue, lot 51x125 feet; terms over 3 years. Price \$475

Rockland Park, Mount Stephen St., size of lot, 40x168 ft.; \$200 cash and \$50 per quarter. Price \$650

Shelbourne St., two lots, 40x165 each, on very easy terms. Price, each \$575

Two-Room House on 50x100 feet lot, just off Foul Bay road; \$250 cash and \$15 per month secures it. Price \$1,100

Six-Room New Modern House, on Chambers St., only 3/4 of a mile from city hall; \$1,000 cash secures it. Price \$1,200

Five-Room Bungalow, new and modern throughout, on Carroll street. Just off the new Burnside avenue car line. This is a bargain at the price \$3,300

GOOD BUYS IN LOTS

CLOSE IN

Two, Queen's avenue, Price, each \$2,100

One, Moss street, near Richardson \$1,400

One, Oscar street, near Linden avenue \$1,650

One, Cook street, corner of Empress avenue \$2,100

Two, Cook St. and Queen's avenue, double corner. Price \$5,000

Two waterfront lots Foul Bay, each \$1,250

Three, Empire street, close to Cook and Bay streets. Each \$1,050

Terms on all above lots.

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\$650 Cash

And the balance easy, buys a new bungalow of five rooms, in Victoria West, within 100 yards of Gorge car. Lot has a 60 ft. frontage. House is strictly modern with all conveniences; a good basement. Price \$3,150

LOVELY NEW BUNGALOW of seven rooms, situated on a splendid corner, near the High school. Similar properties are selling for \$6,000. Can be handled with \$1,250 cash, balance easy. Price is \$5,000

CARBERRY GARDENS, a new eight room dwelling, with nine-foot basement of cement, as is also the floor. Two toilets and furnace. Immediate possession can be obtained. Price, on good terms, is \$7,350

LINDEN AVENUE, corner, one-quarter cash, balance 6, 12 and 18 months. Price \$2,000

Rooming House of twenty-two rooms, "all rented." Cash \$700, balance easy.

SNAP—Cottage of Five Rooms, new and modern, on Shakespear street. Price, \$3,200. Cash \$700

Cottage, Four Rooms, nicely situated, very large; lot 50 x 245; close to car. Price \$2,625. Cash \$500

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Market Street, lot size 102 x 151. \$900 cash. Price \$2,800

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Thoroughly modern seven roomed house, built by owner; has never been occupied. Contains exceptionally large drawing room with conservatory, dining room, large entrance hall, kitchen, pantry, large cupboards, front and back staircase; 4 large bedrooms with clothes presses, bath room and toilet. The basement is full sized, cement floor, dark room, stationary wash tubs and toilet. The house is furnace heated, and finished in first class order. The electric lighting being a feature. Lot 60x128; all fenced, and cement sidewalks.

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Close to Pumping Station, east of Quadra, 10 acres, all good land under cultivation, 800 feet frontage on Reynolds Street. Quarter cash, balance one, two and three years. Price, per acre \$1,250

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We have the cheapest lot in this desirable neighborhood, on Olympia Avenue, size 50x127, price only \$800, on terms of \$200 cash and \$20 per month. This is an opportunity worth seizing if you want to make money.

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- GILLET SAFETY RAZOR **\$5.00**
- BOYS' TOOL SETS, \$11 to **\$1.50**
- CARPET SWEEPERS, \$1.75 to **\$3.00**
- BOYS' STEEL WAGONS, \$6.75 to **\$3.25**
- HOCKEY SKATES, \$6.00 to **\$1.50**

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ENTERTAINMENTS

AT CEDAR HILL

Pupils of School Give Concert in Aid of Funds of Library

Gordon Head, Dec. 21.—On Friday evening, the 15th inst., a concert was given in the Cedar Hill Temperance hall by the pupils of the Cedar Hill school. The concert was very well attended, and a dance followed the programme. The funds will be devoted to a school library. The programme was as follows: Chorus, by school; dialogue, "Auction Sale"; recitation, Mary McEid, dialogue; "The Fairies"; quartette, by Elvina McMartin, Mary Mead, Lillian Mercer and Gisle Berton; comedy, "The Disappointed Dutchman."

On Monday evening, the 18th inst., a social was held in the St. Luke's parish hall by the members of the Cedar Hill Literary and Debating Society. The evening was spent very enjoyably in playing games, and a splendid programme was rendered as follows: Song, Miss Marguerite Whitaker; song, Mr. Sparks; song, Capt. H. J. Cullin; song, Mrs. Hise; song, Mr. Yates; song, Rev. H. A. Collison; comic musical sketch, Capt. Cullin.

On Tuesday evening, the 19th inst., a very enjoyable dance was held in the Cedar Hill Temperance hall, under the auspices of the Klick Klub. A large number attended, and a splendid programme of dance music was rendered.

NEW RECORD.

Nanaimo, Dec. 21.—It was recently announced that No. 1 shaft of the Western Fuel Co. had broken the daily output record. This record was not allowed to stand long, for yesterday the old record was shattered when 1,543 long-tons were raised to the surface.

FORESHORE RIGHTS.

Nanaimo, Dec. 21.—At the weekly meeting of the city council Aid. Bueley on behalf of the legislative committee, reported the committee had investigated the petition of local property holders for foreshore rights on Commercial Inlet and found the city had no objections to such petitions being granted.

On motion of Aid. McKinnell the report of the committee was received and the clerk instructed to notify the public works department of the decision of the council.

SECURE LABOR HALL.

New Westminster, Dec. 21.—Organized labor will no longer be homeless in the Royal City, negotiations which have extended over some weeks having been concluded by which the Labor Temple Company, Limited, becomes the owners of the present labor hall building on the corner of Seventh street and, Royal avenue. The purchase price was \$4,500.

The Labor Temple Company was formed some time ago with the object of securing a permanent home for organized labor in the city.

The present intention is to alter the building in such manner that it will meet the requirements of the various labor unions for some time to come. To this end, a concrete basement will be put in, and the large hall on the top floor will be enlarged by taking down the partitions and including the ante rooms, thus making it large enough for the meetings of the Street Railway union, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the Trades and Labor Council. Smaller rooms will be provided for the meetings of the other unions, a heating plant will be installed and the building otherwise modernized.

At a later date it is probable that the remainder of the stock will be issued, and a new building erected.

TENT DWELLERS OBJECTED TO.

North Vancouver, Dec. 21.—With the statement that the district was insanitary with its inhabitants undesirable, Alderman Smith at a meeting of the North Vancouver council asked that the tent and camp-dwellers along the waterfront be given notice to vacate. He stated that there were 208 tents in a small section west of Ford avenue on the south side of the esplanade and reported that the tent-dwellers were undesirable characters who owned no land in the city and paid nothing into city enterprises. He moved that a by-law be framed giving the occupants of the tents ninety days to vacate and those of the wooden camps 180 days to remove themselves. Such a by-law would not limit giving notice to the dwellers in that particular section but would include all those in the city, numbering almost 1,000 persons.

The proposal met strong opposition from most of the council, not so much on the ground of health as on that of the tent-dwellers being said to be undesirable.

The discussion ended with the chairman deciding that the city solicitor would have to be consulted to see if the giving of such notice was legal.

Alderman Riss stated that he did not believe in driving these people from North Vancouver; that they represented a population of between 500 and 600 people. Alderman Dick supported Ald. Riss' contention, and added that he did not think that the thing could be done legally. He did not think that they were undesirable. On the ground of sanitation, however, he supported Alderman Smith, but he thought that an order could be passed making the owners of the district observe the city health laws. He did not want them removed.

The sea cucumber—one of the curious jelly-like bodies that inhabit the ocean—can practically efface itself when in danger by squeezing the water out of its body and forcing itself into any narrow crack.

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- 16058 "You Splash Me and I'll Splash You"... Alice Lloyd "Don't Argify"... Coon Song... Irwin
- 16965 "Billy" ("She Always Dreams of Bill")... American Quartette Red Rose Rag... Billy Murray
- 121000 "I Love a Lassie"... Harry Lauder
- 100000—10-inch Victor Record, 90c. "New Colonial March"... H.M. Coldstr... Guards
- VICTOR PUZZLE RECORD**
- 10-inch, Double-sided, \$1.00—six selections in one
- Coronation March... Black Diamond Band
- God Bless the Prince of Wales... Solo and Chorus
- Hearts of Oak... Solo and Chorus
- God Save the King... Solo and Chorus
- Rule Britannia... Solo and Chorus
- The British Grenadiers... Black Diamond Band

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FINAL CONFERENCE WITH BOARD OF TRADE TO-DAY

Engineer is Laying Details of His Plans Before Representatives of Port Interests

Louis Coste is holding another conference with the members of the special committee on harbor improvements...

Mr. Coste has had before him during the week that he has spent here maps and plans of the harbor...

The building of a breakwater out from Oaden Point, instead of from Holland Point is now thought to be the plan which will be advised by the engineer...

Mr. Coste leaves for Vancouver to-morrow and will at once proceed to Ottawa to lay his report before Hon. F. D. Monk...

NEW ALASKAN RAILWAY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—A million dollars for the construction and operation of a road to be known as the Alaskan Railroad Lines...

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STOCK PRICES CONTINUE STEADY

Strength in Lehigh and Rock Island Feature of New York Market

New York, Dec. 22.—Strength in Lehigh Valley and Rock Island common and preferred stock were the noticeable features of today's market.

It is now thought that further advances in the prices of finished steel products will not be announced till the new year.

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VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Victoria, Dec. 22.—The local market was more active this morning, in view of closing down over the Christmas holidays.

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TRADING QUIET IN CHICAGO PIT

Prices Steady to Strong—Market Will Be Closed Until Tuesday

Chicago, Dec. 22.—It was a quiet day in the Chicago pit prior to the adjournment of session till Tuesday.

The Northwest Miller claims seventy-five per cent of the total output of big mills was sold last week.

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Ald. H. M. Fullerton Will Move for Important Amendments to Municipal Clauses Act

At the meeting of the city council this evening Alderman H. M. Fullerton has given notice of a motion asking for a full report from Wynn Meredith, consulting engineer to the council, on the Sooke lake watershed, water supply, and a full description of the method proposed to be adopted in bringing the water from Sooke lake to the city of Victoria, and the justification for same.

In moving this resolution Alderman H. M. Fullerton does not wish to knock the scheme in any way, but simply to ask for additional information in connection with it, having in view the fact that the consulting engineer has not, in his opinion, finally pledged himself that this is the scheme which above all others the city should adopt when the by-law is submitted next month.

The same alderman has given notice of a number of motions, one dealing with the recall for mayor and aldermen, along the lines of the Vancouver proposal for which legislative sanction will be sought at the next session of the Legislature; another to prevent plumping at elections, both of which would require amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act, and also to amend the regulations which enable one-man committees to be appointed, which is admitted to have failed this year, so far as this city is concerned.

A report from the city solicitor on the license referendum will be received, and among other matters which will come before the council will be the consideration of the deputation by laws, which have to be submitted at the next municipal election.

FIRST C.N.R. LINE TO OPERATE IN PROVINCE

Canadian North-Eastern Permitted to Accept Traffic Over Eighteen-Miles of Track

The first bit of Canadian Northern track to be put in actual commission in British Columbia is not part of the much-heralded line which the McBride government committed the province to in an immense sum as a guarantee to a small section that will be operated under the name of the Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company.

This having been inspected the provincial minister of railways has granted the company permission to operate it for passenger and freight traffic.

The line thus declared to be open for traffic runs from Stewart station to the Red Cliff mine, a distance of some thirteen and one-half miles. The inspecting engineer has reported that the line for the distance stated will be reasonably free from danger to the public using the same, at a speed not exceeding twenty miles an hour, and the minister, in giving permission for the opening of the road, limits the speed to that maximum. Approval is

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given in other certificates to the passenger and freight tariffs over this section, as well as the tariff of tolls to be charged on traffic passing over the wharf and terminal track to Stewart station.

Permission has also been given for the operation of the five miles of track between the end of the wharf at Stewart and Glacier Creek station. The maximum speed allowed is ten miles an hour, and on two sections specified the speed is restricted to five and six miles an hour respectively. The tariff has yet to be sanctioned.

For the present the traffic on the lines will largely be in connection with the mines, some of which are owned by the same interests that own the railway.

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OBITUARY RECORD

News has been received here of the death of Silver Beach, Bellingham, of Joseph Reid, late of Fleguard street, Victoria. He was 64 years of age.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Warner, which was private, took place this afternoon, at 2 o'clock from 114 Alton street, the Rev. Mr. Connell officiating.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Allan, which will be private, will take place from the family residence on Fort street to-morrow afternoon.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Agnes Torrance Cockin will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 from 459 King street, Rev. Mr. Wood officiating.

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Given by the older and more advanced pupils showed evidence of considerable ability in certain of its members, all of whom performed quite well. A recitation by Miss Ida Owens, entitled "The Swan Song," met with particular favor, and was much applauded, and two pianoforte selections from Beethoven—"Farewell to the Piano" and "Gertrude's Dream"—called forth praise for the performers, Miss Lilian North will institute a change in the school after Christmas, when three more teachers will be added: Miss Orlson, a graduate of Leipzig, will teach advanced grade piano; Miss Drysdale the mandolin; and a teacher who has not yet been definitely decided upon will give instruction in violin playing.

Read Holiday Realty Specials, Page 15.

Christmas Presents.—Buy your Christmas boxes for men, women or children at C. C. Russell's, 1704 Douglas street. Prices to suit all.

PRINCIPAL NAMED FOR BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

Principal Hamilton, of Olds, Definitely Accepts Position Offered by Trustees

Owing to Principal Horning having decided to remain at Nokolom, after the invitation extended to him on behalf of the Victoria School Trustees to take the principalship of the Boys' Central school, vacant through the resignation of School Inspector Winslow, the post has been offered to, and accepted by, Principal J. E. Hamilton, of Olds, Alberta.

The new principal is a graduate of Alberta University, holding the B. A. degree, and has been in his present post for the past three years. He possesses certificates both for Alberta and British Columbia, and is understood to be especially fitted for the important position which he will take up next term. The new principal has excellent testimonials.

CRAIGFLOWER SCHOOL CLOSES FOR ALL TIME

Historic Building Ceases Its Usefulness To-day After More Than Half Century

The last public function at the historic Craigflower school took place to-day, when Mrs. Harding, the principal, and her staff met the friends of the old school for the last time in the old building which has resounded with the voices of children for over half a century, for the closing exercises.

The Craigflower school, which is the oldest in British Columbia, and which is preserved for its memories, when the new building is occupied after the Christmas recess. The structure goes back to the earliest years of education on Vancouver Island. In the pioneer days when the veteran Bishop Cridge was honorary superintendent of education, and used to report regularly to Governor Douglas on the public schools.

Reporting in 1861, exactly half a century ago, on the sixth examination, which took place on July 11 of that year, Bishop Cridge says: "My Claypole, teacher, 21 pupils, prizes, the gift presented by him to three boys and two girls. The school is well situated for the population growing up in the neighborhood, and is conferring important advantages on the community. The schoolhouse, which contains six rooms, and the premises generally, need considerable repairs. The school reserve consists of four acres; no cultivation of it is at present under cultivation. Average attendance at school for the year, 15."

At Craigflower school it was the custom to receive his excellency with a grand salute of canon. To-day, although the proceedings did not open with the booming of guns, it was a group of reminiscent people who gathered for the last exercises.

MANY INJURED.

Texas, Dec. 22.—Thirty to forty persons were hurt, some of them fatally, in a wreck on the Texas and Pacific railroad at Kildare, south of here, before daylight to-day. Passenger Train No. 2 and No. 104 were in a head-on collision.

Fancy Braces in attractive boxes, 50c, 75c to \$1.50. J. N. Harvey, Ltd.

GOVERNMENT TO ANNOUNCE PLANS

RAILWAY TERMINALS ON SONGHEES RESERVE

Believed That Comprehensive Scheme Has Been Evolved—Details Under Consideration

In the course of a few days it is expected that an announcement will emanate from the provincial government which will be of particular importance to this city. The precise details are unknown to all but a select few "on the inside," but they are such tidings of great joy that those who have knowledge of them are unable to entirely conceal their elation. They have effervesced so much that a few bubbles of information have fallen by the wayside, retaining a shape not enough definite to claim the attention of alert real estate men with the result that during the last two or three days there has been a significant campaign in options, particularly in parts of the James Bay district.

There is little doubt that beneath the unexpressed attempt is a comprehensive enterprise in project in connection with the Songhees reserve. Ever since this vexed question was settled in favor of the Victoria, especially the different public bodies, have been on the tip-toe of expecting that something would happen across the harbor. That this magnificent industrial site would ultimately be devoted to railway terminals has been the general view and the government's announcement along these lines, when it is made, is expected to receive widespread satisfaction.

The provincial government has been subjected to considerable criticism for its failure to make some announcement before this, but its supporters have pointed out that the matter is of greater magnitude than has been generally understood. It would be borne in mind that there are now two sections of a transcontinental railway in existence on this island and Victoria looms largely in the plans of both. Any arrangement for terminal facilities on the reserve would have to be broad enough to accommodate these enterprises and provision likely will be made, therefore, for a union station which, with all its accessories, will occupy a considerable portion of the southern area of the reserve.

A few months ago, while in the east, Hon. R. McLeod called upon the Canadian Pacific Railway, at Montreal, and there is no doubt that he discussed the question of terminal facilities on this land. To the C. P. R. the matter is very pressing. Business over the E. & N. railway line has expanded so largely that the present facilities are inadequate at the present terminal yards is constantly taxed to the utmost. This increase will continue at an accelerated rate, so that it is vital that some arrangement should be made for additional accommodation. The time is equally opportune, although the conditions are obviously not pressing, for some similar provision to be made for the Canadian Northern.

This subject was discussed with the heads of the various railway companies some time ago, and since then the details in the consummation of a union terminal have been worked out. According to report, which is current on the streets to-day, the project of a union terminal contemplates a closer connection with the outer docks, probably by a draw, or bascule bridge across the harbor, so as to make it possible for freight to be worked out direct from the ocean wharves to the railway terminals without the circumlocutory route through the city that would be necessary under existing circumstances.

It is significant that the report of an early announcement from the government follows so closely the visit here of J. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. A. D. McRae, who represents the Mackenzie & Mann interests in this city, was also in the city a few days ago.

Another interesting report which has an important bearing upon the railway situation in this city is that of the prospective acquisition of the Victoria & Sidney line by the Canadian Northern Railway. The Times correspondent in Vancouver endeavored to get into the details of the proposed acquisition, but found he had left for the east.

OPEN DAY AT Y.M.C.A.

Building Will Be Thrown Open to Public New Year's Day—Entertainment of Australian Boys.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. are settling down in earnest to arrange a proper reception for the Australian League boys, who will reach Victoria on December 28. Monday, New Year's Day, will be a big day at the local institute.

The building will be thrown open to the public; in the afternoon gymnastic exhibitions will be given by the Y. M. C. A. boys and in the evening an entertainment, which it is expected will take the form of a concert and supper, will be tendered the visitors.

These, of course, are only a small part of the Y. M. C. A.'s plans, and when arrangements take definite shape there is no doubt that an imposing programme will result.

CONDITION CRITICAL.

London, Dec. 22.—The improvement in the condition of Sir Charles Tupper has ceased and he is failing.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Australian lawn tennis players regard the victory of the American cup challengers as a certainty, according to news received here to-day in a cablegram from Christchurch, N. Z., by the American Lawn Tennis, the official publication of the sport in this country.

LOUIS COSTE HAS OUTLINED REPORT

ROOM FOR TWENTY BIG STEAMERS IN HARBOR

Speaks at Real Estate Exchange Luncheon, Following C. H. Lugin

The first luncheon to be held by the Victoria Real Estate Exchange took place this afternoon in the Alexandra Club and was a decided success in point of members and enthusiasm.

Beaumont Boggs, president, had C. H. Lugin on his right and Louis Coste, C. E., on his left. Other guests were: Senator Macdonald, Hon. E. G. Dewdney, Mayor Morley, H. B. Thomson, M. P. E., Fred Davey, M. P. E., H. G. Wilson, president of the Board of Trade; F. A. Pauline, chairman of the board's special committee on harbor improvements; J. J. Shallocross and R. P. Rithet.

Mr. Boggs welcomed the members to the first of what he hoped would be a long series of luncheons.

An interesting address was delivered by Chas. H. Lugin on harbor improvements, in the course of which he took occasion to point out that this city from the earliest days had always been designed as the terminus of the C. P. R.

Louis Coste recalled that he had often been called a crank in the matter of harbor works, and Mr. Dewdney would remember what large appropriations he had formerly asked for such works. In the development of the Dominion and its transportation routes the harbors had been neglected. Speaking of his mission here Mr. Coste said: "I have almost, if not entirely, made up my mind to report on two points: to treat the inner harbor, which has been very much neglected and offers a very large amount of room for development and has foreshore for vessel mooring; and to design a harbor about where your present outer wharves are, gradually but as quickly as possible and give room for not less than twenty of the largest steamers in use to-day. (Cheers.)

"It will be a progressive plan of no little dimensions, and I shall certainly press upon the government the necessity of giving Victoria appropriations for those works under two heads—first the inner harbor for your great coasting trade and second the outer harbor for your foreign trade.

"I have the absolute promise of the minister of public works to this effect: that he would take up my report seriously, lay it before his colleagues and do his utmost to follow the programme which, after consultation with you, I will be able to lay before him."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Lugin was passed on motion of H. B. Thomson, seconded by F. A. Pauline.

HOW CHRISTMAS WILL BE ENJOYED HERE

Various Institutions Will Provide for the Occasion—Toys for Children

Most of the people of Victoria will be with their families or with friends, but for those who have not the good fortune to be with their own, the different organizations about the city are providing entertainment during the day. The orphanage are giving a Christmas dinner to the children on Christmas day, at which every one of the big family of fifty-seven children will be present. It is hoped on the 25th there will be a Christmas tree, which will be entirely prepared by the children themselves and a programme, to which the public are cordially invited.

The Children's Aid are having their Christmas dinner on New Year's Day, as most of the children are going home for Christmas itself. After the dinner on New Year's Day there will be a Christmas tree and amusements for the children, who will act the part of hosts to the members of the committee—about fourteen in number.

The Salvation Army are looking up the few cases which have been brought to their attention of families who are not provided with a proper Christmas feast, and will send out hampers. For the members of their own church a Christmas tree is being given on the evening of the 25th, which will not only provide presents for all the little ones, but will afford plenty of entertainment for the older members of the gathering.

The Y.W.C.A. are having a very old-fashioned and hospitable welcome for all the girls and young women in the city who have not their own homes to go to. Dinner will be served at 1 o'clock, to which anyone is cordially invited. During the afternoon a pleasant social atmosphere will prevail, and the girls will join in games of charades, a high tea later in the afternoon forming the nucleus of what it is anticipated will be a delightfully happy evening.

Several cases of kind-hearted hostesses who are asking strangers in the city to partake of their hospitality at Christmas time will also assist in bringing most of the lone ones somewhere within the circle of Yuletide festivities.

The Friendly Help are also sending out numerous hampers and parcels of toys and clothes to poor families. The good work of this benevolent society is so well known, however, that it scarcely needs comment.

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SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE HAPPY TO-DAY

Released From Scholastic Duties for Over Two Weeks—Closing Exercises

To-day the children are almost happy and excited as they will be at about five o'clock on Monday morning, the usual time, in most cases at least, when the thought of further delay becomes unbearable and a raid upon the comes immediately conducted. Then the happiness of the children reaches its zenith and that it is fast approaching that point is evident if one is to judge from the shrieks of unrestrained laughter and joyous shouts which echoed and re-echoed over the public school playgrounds throughout the city to-day.

School was dismissed and the children will enjoy absolute freedom from scholastic duties for a little over two weeks. School will begin again on Monday, January 8.

The children in the majority of the schools were dismissed this morning, but those of several others were forced to remain in irksome bondage until this afternoon. With one or two exceptions the closing exercises were informal, songs and recitations, in some cases impromptu, composing the programme.

The rain kept many of the parents at home but nevertheless there was a fair attendance at some of the closings. There were, of course, no examinations for entrance to the High School, but promotions were made from one grade to another and in several of the schools the promotion lists names of those who have been granted higher grading will not be given out until school is opened again.

During the holidays two at least of the schools will undergo improvements and be ready to accommodate a greater number of pupils in the spring and summer term. The annex to two rooms at the North Ward school will be in shape for occupation and a similar building will, if the necessary funds are available, be run up on the Girls' Central school grounds.

DIED

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Salt Lake, Ut., Dec 22.—The match between "Chaiky" Germain of St. Louis and Danny Webster of Los Angeles scheduled for Christmas night, has been called off because at the eleventh hour Webster refused to come to Salt Lake. Jimmy Reagan of San Francisco will meet Germain in a fifteen-round bout here January 1st.

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MISSIONARY RETURNS FROM SEAT OF CONFLICT
Party of Foreigners Are Shutt Up in Isolated City in Western China

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IN CITY OF REGINA
A PRAIRIE VISITOR PROVES ITS RESULTS
Tribute to Statesmanship of Premier Scott—Saskatchewan Benefits Much

On the Empress of Japan, which arrived from the Far East this morning were several missionaries returning from China, among them being Rev. T. J. P. and Mrs. Jolliffe, and two children, who were ordered out of Lu-Chow, in Sze-Chuan province, by the British consul, on account of the danger to foreigners, and escorted down the Yang-tze-Kiang by safety by the British gunboat Wildgoose.

There are left, however, about 100 foreigners concentrated at the provincial capital, Cheng-tu-fu, who are without protection, and Mr. Jolliffe, who is a missionary of the Canadian Methodist church, said when he reached Shanghai that there was considerable apprehension felt for their safety. On account of the impossibility of them being brought down under protection of a gunboat from such a remote point, it was thought desirable to collect the white residents in a central point of the province, and keep them there till the disturbances were over.

Under the surveillance of the Wildgoose the missionaries were free from molestation, but when they passed down the long river trip to Hankau in the middle of November the reports of firing were heard, and the disaffected district presented a scene of desolation. The whole country was in the hands of the revolutionaries, and the sentiment of the people was universally for the reform movement.

Mr. Jolliffe told a Times representative that he did not see any signs personally of hostility to foreigners, but on their arrival at Shanghai and there were waiting a missionary and his wife, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom, who had been knocked insensible by desperadoes while travelling to that city from the scene of the fighting in the Yang-tze-Kiang valley, in spite of the fact that the party had provided themselves with a mounted escort. The attack occurred at night when the escort had become tired, and probably careless, and after both had been rendered insensible, the robbers took all the silver available which was being conveyed to the coast, and whatever possessions the missionaries had. Mrs. Bloom, it was feared, had a fractured skull as a consequence. This was the only case of assault on European missionaries of which he knew personally.

The news of negotiations which are now pending between the imperial troops and the revolutionary forces for peace had reached them by wireless as they approached the Canadian coast, and to all who knew the actual conditions there, he was sure it was welcome. The country wanted peace, and a settlement of the present internecine struggle would be welcomed by all who had the future of the country at heart. No arrangements had yet been made for their return to China.

Among the visitors to the city at the present time is W. J. Hill, of Regina, a prominent real estate man in the Saskatchewan capital. Mr. Hill, who is accompanied by his wife, is on the coast for the purpose of investment, and the development of Vancouver Island greatly appeals to him.

The visitor is a great believer in municipal ownership of public utilities, and spoke of the remarkable progress made in Regina along that line during the last few years, in which, in company with every city in the west, the Saskatchewan capital has made progress. The amount of street work there is considerable, and extensions of sewerage, water connections and public improvements of all kinds, rapid as they have been, fall to keep pace with the development of the town. The street railway system is the newest form in which this plan of public ownership has been perfected, and although only six cars are in operation, and the line has only been opened in time to assist in the carriage of persons for the Dominion Exhibition, it is providing a profitable investment for the citizens, and will increase as opportunity offers.

The citizens fought against a franchise being given to a wealthy firm of promoters, and the fight they put up prevented the council from bartering away the franchise.

Mr. Hill says the Saskatchewan towns are suffering severely from the failure to pass reciprocity, as they are also from the lack of cars to ship out their wheat. It is no exaggeration to say that the wheat is lying on the streets of the smaller towns, and there is no opportunity to ship it out. Even in Regina, the capital of the largest wheat growing state or province on the North American continent, Mr. Hill says, he can buy American flour cheaper and better than the local flour milled right in Regina, the reason being that the Minneapolis mills have better machinery, and more modern plants, and can put the article on the Canadian market in competition with local products.

Saskatchewan is just as safe for the Scot ministry as it was the last progressive election. The government has done great things for the country, and the city of Regina is benefitting substantially from the public spirited action of Premier Scott when he was in the Dominion House, city Commons through securing to the city the government portion of the townsite, which enabled proceeds of sales of land in that area to be devoted to provide public utilities for the citizens generally. Only this year the city council has been able to construct its street railway by issuing debentures to be retired as the sales came in from auctions of public land.

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