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CATTLE DISEASE.

Order Prohibiting Transit of Cattle Causes Discussion.

(Associated Press.) Bangor, Me., Dec. 4.—To-day's Bangor Commercial says:

"The order of the Canadian and English governments in prohibiting the passage of Western Canadian cattle in bond over the Canadian Pacific railway through Maine to St. John, for shipment, is causing widespread discussion in this vicinity among those who are familiar with the situation, knowing as they do that this road runs mostly through the forests of Maine, hundreds of miles away from any place where a case of mouth and hoof disease has been discovered. It is not true that the game commissioners will make any complaint on account of cattle, especially those which have been examined by veterinary surgeons before shipping, going through these forests at the rate of 35 miles an hour, so far as their liability to do damage to the deer, moose and other wild animals of Maine is concerned."

REQUIEM MASS

Celebrated at the Canadian College, Rome, To-day.

(Associated Press.) Rome, Dec. 4.—A requiem mass was celebrated to-day in the chapel of the Canadian College here for the repose of the soul of Superior Louis Collin, the founder of the college, who died at Montreal on November 28th.

Archbishop Bruchon, of Montreal, officiated at the Pontifical mass. Many distinguished persons were present.

APPLES

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ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS.

Three Men Arrested in Chicago and Thirteen Sets of Moulds For Dollars Seized.

(Associated Press.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 4.—United States secret service operatives have raided a house in Highland Park and arrested three men, giving the names of Frank McTague, Henry E. Busebark and Neil Huard, who will be arraigned to-day on the charge of counterfeiting. It is said thousands of dollars' worth of spurious silver dollars have been circulated here. Thirteen sets of moulds for silver dollars were found on the premises, together with a fine electric plating machine.

SUDDEN ILLNESS.

Archbishop of Canterbury Had to Be Taken From House of Lords.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 4.—While speaking on the Education Bill in the House of Lords to-day, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Temple, was overcome, and would have fallen had it not been for timely assistance. Amid a sensation the Archbishop was led out of the House of Lords by Archbishop of York, Dr. MacLagan and the chaplain of the House.

PERISHED IN A CHICAGO HOTEL FIRE

FOURTEEN PERSONS LOST THEIR LIVES

Number of the Victims Were Suffocated in Bed—Escape of Many Cut Off.

(Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 4.—Fourteen persons among the scores crowded into the Lincoln hotel at 178 Madison street met death shortly before 6 o'clock this morning in a fire which will pass into local history as one of the most horrible ever witnessed here.

Death came suddenly to a few but with awful slowness to others who were penned in the death trap and suffocated or burned to death. Many of the guests jumped from the fourth story windows, others tried to save themselves by climbing down the wire escape in the front of the building, only to lose their grasp on the cold iron bars and fall into the street.

The persons sleeping in the rear of the building on the top floors had no chance for their lives. A narrow stairway leading to all floors of the structure was afire and the escape of the lodgers in the rear of the building was cut off.

The firemen and policemen in speaking of what they witnessed at the catastrophe condemned the building as a "fire trap." Ambulances and patrol wagons from all parts of the city were called to the place to carry away the dead and injured.

All but fourteen of the guests at the hotel were out of town persons. Most of them came to Chicago to attend the international live stock show. By 10 o'clock last night every room in the hotel or place in which a cot could be erected was in use. At that time a large number of stock men with their families were turned away. The hotel was filled.

Shortly after the fire broke out the firemen rushed up the stairway into the place and began the work of rescue.

Men, women and children were carried down ladders, fire escapes and smoke filled halls. The building is constructed of brick with one stairway leading to the upper floors and a fire escape in the front of the building. E. C. Weber, the night clerk, was one of the first persons to discover smoke on the second floor. It is believed that the fire began in this section of the building. Weber refused to make any statement, and after he had secured possession of the hotel register he was taken to the central station, where he is being detained.

A short time after the fire was discovered consternation reigned on the upper floors. A Mrs. Sheppard's son was one of the first to be awakened by the presence of smoke. He awakened his mother and both began screaming. Many persons were thus warned of the danger, and made their escape. The woman was so panic-stricken, however, that she was not among the first to attempt to escape, and she was making her way into the most dangerous part of the building when a fireman seized her and her son and conducted them to the floor below, where he dropped them out of a window.

J. E. Herbert, of Sallenville, Ohio, jumped from the fourth floor, where he had been sleeping. He struck on the roof of 178 Madison street. His right leg was broken, and he suffered internal injuries. He was taken to the county hospital.

W. J. Thomas, a mail clerk of Cedar Rapids, jumped through a window on the fourth floor. He managed to make his way to the fire escape and climbed to the ground. Previous to Thomas's escape twenty-five to thirty persons had climbed down the fire escape to the street. Among the dead are: H. K. Woods, Lebanon; P. V. Slocum, Oconia, Ill.; Samuel Yocum, T. C. Yocum, Davenport; Edward Turner, Milwaukee, identified by a letter found on the body; Vanfleet, Richardson, Ind.; N. N. Fardick, Janesville, Wis.; George Morris, Richmond, Wis.

From what could be learned from persons who escaped from the building, it appeared that the fire was started, probably by the dropping of a lighted cigar on the carpet in the hallway on the second floor.

Allen Olderf, of Milwaukee, made a perilous descent from the fourth floor by scaling the wall by means of the iron shutters. Olderf stated that he had seen at least a dozen persons of the top floor from the building by means of the front stairway. Many of the bodies were found in the beds in positions of slumber. Others were found in the hallways lying face downward in positions that mutely portrayed how they had vainly endeavored to save their lives. Some were half clad and others wore nothing but night clothing. It was by means of articles and letters in the pockets of what little clothing some of the dead persons wore that many identifications were made. F. A. Smith, proprietor of the hotel, said: "I am certainly not to blame for this awful catastrophe. Three weeks ago the agents of this building were notified to place a stairway in the rear of

ESCAPED BY VERY NARROW MARGIN

PROFESSIONAL CROOK WHO OPERATED HERE

Arrested in California—Sergt. Palmer's Clever Attempt to Detect the Stolen Goods on Him.

REFERENDUM IN ONTARIO.

Voting Proceeding Quietly—The Shipment of Cattle Over the C. P. R.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Hon. Sidney Fisher is still in communication with the imperial authorities with a view to permitting the C. P. R. to carry cattle through Maine. O. M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk, has also made a strong protest to the Canadian government, and this has also been forwarded to England.

Liberal Majorities. The majority of B. B. Law in the contest at Yarmouth was 894, and of T. Christie in Argenteuil, 194.

Irrigation. Sir T. Shaughnessy and Mr. Whyte are here to-day discussing irrigation in the Northwest with the interior department.

The Referendum. Voting is going on quietly to-day on the referendum. There is no excitement.

Astronomer's Mission. Dominion Astronomer King left to-day for Washington to meet Mr. Tilmann, where both will have a conference for defining the 49th parallel between the Rocky Mountains and the coast.

Report Denied. Lord Strathcona cables that there is no truth in the Associated Press dispatch that the imperial government will allow the shipment of cattle at Portland.

FATAL PRACTICAL JOKE.

Father of Dead Boy Attacked One of Accused in Court.

(Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 4.—Henry Ruit, an employe of a locomotive works in Paterson, N. J., died in a hospital here to-day as a result of a practical joke played on him by five of his fellow employes.

They were arrested charged with having caused his death. It is alleged that they "blew up" Ruit with a pneumatic air pump, having a pressure of 110 pounds to the inch. Soon after this the boy's stomach became greatly distended. After several hours of great suffering he died.

When the men accused of having caused Ruit's death were arraigned in court, the dead boy's father rushed at one of them, named Dora, knocked him down and started to kick him. The father was restrained by the court officers. The accused men were held without bail on the charge of manslaughter.

DIED FROM SPIDER BITE.

Gold Hunter and Indian Fighter Found Dead in His Bed.

(Associated Press.) Santa Monica, Cal., Dec. 4.—Samuel Carson has been found dead in his hut far up in Santa Monica Canyon. He had been bitten by a spider. He was about 33 years of age, and claimed to be a son of the renowned scout, Kit Carson. Many years the old man had lived at the head of the rustic canyon with only his horses and dogs for company.

Before taking up his abode in the mountains, it is said he had a most picturesque career, as a pioneer gold hunter, Indian fighter and adventurer.

RUSSIA'S OFFER.

Willing to Submit Questions to Arbitration of The Hague Tribunal.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 4.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons on the subject of Russia's offer to submit the question of Russian sugar and all other goods to the arbitration of The Hague Tribunal, under Foreign Secretary Cranborne said the government had informed Russia that it did not consider the question a proper one for submission to international arbitration, but that Great Britain was still ready to denounce the commercial treaty of 1859 if Russia so desired.

RUMORS OF PEACE.

No Definite Information Obtainable Regarding Settlement of Coal Field Difficulties.

(Associated Press.) Scranton, Pa., Dec. 4.—There were no developments this morning looking toward a settlement, outside the anthracite commission, of the difference between the mine workers and their employers. Rumors of peace are current, but none of the attorneys on either side profess to have any information on the subject.

KILLED IN MINE.

(Associated Press.) Hazelton, Pa., Dec. 4.—Elmer Kerchner, a bow carpenter, and Gustave Strack, were instantly killed to-day while descending the Cranberry mine in a man car. Several other men in the car escaped serious injury.

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OPPOSITION FOR HON. MR. M'INNES

SOCIALISTS PLACE A MAN IN THE FIELD

Parker Williams, a Miner of Nanaimo, Will Try Conclusions With the Provincial Secretary.

Hon. W. W. B. McInnes is to have opposition in North Nanaimo. The Socialists of that city met last night, and selected Parker Williams, a miner of Nanaimo, to be their standard bearer, and to oppose Mr. McInnes.

Mr. McBride, leader of the opposition, was in the Coal City last night and dined with J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P. He returned to Vancouver this morning, so it is evident that the opposition will not further complicate matters by placing a man in the field. Socialism has obtained a strong foothold in the Coal City, and their candidate is regarded as more likely to poll a good vote than the representative of any other party which might be put up.

Hon. Mr. McInnes left Nanaimo for Parkville this morning to prosecute the campaign. While the Socialists are strong in the city of Nanaimo, it remains to be seen what voting power they can muster in the country. The principal centres of Mr. McInnes's riding at the present time are Parkville, Englishman's river, Northfield and Wellington. "The Nanaimo Herald of to-day says: 'The political wheel of fortune took a whirl round last night in the nomination of a straight Socialist candidate to contest North Nanaimo against the Hon. W. W. B. McInnes. The choice of the convention was Mr. Parker Williams, of Nanaimo, well known here as an uncompromising Socialist of the class conscious revolutionary stripe, and a typical representative of the body that has its headquarters in Nanaimo, with branches at Northfield and Ladysmith. 'There may or may not have been some connection between the visit of Richard McBride, M. P. P., and the holding of this nominating convention at Northfield.' The facts are that he arrived on the Joan in the afternoon, being met by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, who escorted him to the Hotel Wilson, where they took dinner together. In the evening Mr. McBride was not to be found, but Mr. Hawthornthwaite, with a number of Nanaimo Socialists, went out to Northfield to attend the meeting. The meeting there is said to have been enthusiastic for a candidate, and after the choice was made much work was done in preparing for the campaign. The first gun will be fired in Northfield to-night, when the principal speakers will be Mr. Williams, supported by Mr. Hawthornthwaite and other Socialists. 'Mr. Williams is well known in Nanaimo, having resided here for the past five years, a Welshman by birth, and a Socialist for many years. Readers of the Herald have at times been favored with letters from his pen dealing with the Socialist side of different public questions, and only a short time ago carrying on a discussion in these columns with the editor. 'He is perhaps the strongest candidate the Socialist could put up, as he will undoubtedly poll all the Socialist votes, and perhaps attract some others that might not wish to vote for the government candidate. 'Mr. McInnes was spoken to late last night, and he said it would be impossible for him to attend the meeting to-night, as he had to go to Englishman's River. Nor had he arranged for any public meetings this week. Next week, however, he would have lots of meetings, and he would be pleased to have the Socialists or any other section of the party as far as it had been made, had assured him of a sweeping majority. 'Further information regarding the convention at Northfield is to the effect that it was only a meeting of the Northfield Socialists' local, and as the meeting was private no information could be secured as to how many candidates were placed in nomination, but it is understood that several names were presented, but finally all withdrew except two. On the vote being taken Mr. Williams secured a majority, and the vote was made unanimous. 'Both Mr. Hawthornthwaite and Mr. McInnes last night expressed themselves as confident of a great Socialist victory; in fact, the Socialists as a body are very confident and enthusiastic. They are quite positive of the election of their candidate, and will be very much surprised if Mr. McInnes is not snowed under on election day. 'After 12 o'clock Mr. McBride was interviewed, and he stated that he had come over to consult with friends on the situation, and it had been definitely decided to contest both North Nanaimo and North Victoria. As yet his plans of campaign had not been perfected, and he could not say who would be their candidate. He would be back on Friday night and would then be prepared to make a full statement. The election would be contested by the provincial secretary. Among other speakers who would be over would be Messrs. Curtis, Munro, Fulton, Oliver and himself."

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THE ANGLO-GERMAN DEMONSTRATION

VENEZUELA'S OFFER TO SETTLE CLAIMS. Seizure of Customs Might Lead to Further Outbreak in an Already Troubled Country.

London, Dec. 3.—Great Britain and Germany, according to official statements made here, have commenced punitive measures against Venezuela. German war vessels, it is stated, are already on the scene of the contemplated action, and Great Britain by tomorrow should have a squadron there.

Mr. Mitchell was on the stand for a short time only, and was called to show that a 20 per cent. increase in the wages did not mean a corresponding increase in the price per ton of coal.

THE REVOLUTION. Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Dec. 3.—Agents of the Venezuelan insurgents in Trinidad say that a new plan of campaign has been adopted, and that the centre of the republic in future will be the scene of operations, which, they claim, are certain to result in the entry of Gen. Matos into Caracas.

In Danger. Every one is in danger who neglects the warnings of declining health. The warnings are not startling as the sudden shriek of a locomotive, but they are just as ominous. When the body begins to lose in flesh, when the cheek is hollow and the skin sallow it is Nature's warning that the body is falling of proper nourishment. It is a condition of "weak" stomach, and "weak" stomach soon involves other organs.

LIBERALS RETURNED. For Yarmouth and Argenteuil—Engineer Dies From Injuries. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 3.—The by-election in Yarmouth today, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of T. B. Flint to the clerkship of the House of Commons, resulted in the return of B. B. Law (Liberal), over E. Corning (Conservative) by over 848 majority.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—The election in Argenteuil today to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons, caused by the death of Dr. Christie, who represented the constituency for many years, resulted in the return of Mr. Thomas Christie (Liberal) son of the late member, over Mr. Percie, the Conservative candidate, by about 200 majority.

Engineer Dead. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 3.—Engineer Lennon died at Fort Frances today as the result of injuries sustained in a collision on the Canadian Northern yesterday morning.

For a Holiday. Lieut.-Governor Sir Daniel and Lady McMillan and Miss McMillan leave at the beginning of January for the Mediterranean, where they will cruise for several weeks, accompanied by Mr. E. L. Drewry and his family.

South Oxford Petition. Woodstock, Dec. 3.—The hearing of the evidence in the South Oxford election petition closed to-night. On two charges the judges have disagreed, the charges of hiring livery rigs, involving seven acts has been proven and the balance of the charges is either abandoned or dismissed.

STRIKE COMMISSION BILL. Measure to Defray Expenses Passed by United States Congress. Washington, Dec. 3.—The House today passed the bill appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the anthracite coal strike commission, and adjourned until Friday.

RECIPROCITY. Arrangements for Convention at Detroit Are Nearing Completion. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3.—Arrangements for the reciprocity convention to be held here on December 10th and 11th, under the joint auspices of the National Reciprocity League and the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, are rapidly approaching completion.

SECOND TRIAL. United States Officer Charged With Cruelty in the Philippines. Manila, Dec. 2.—Orders have been received from Washington, saying that Mayor Edward F. Glenn, of the Fifth Infantry, shall be put on trial a second time for alleged cruelty committed by having ordered the execution of several native guides for misquoting the United States column into the enemy's stronghold.

ALASKA. Recommendations Made to Washington by Governor Brady. Washington, Dec. 3.—Governor Brady of Alaska, in his annual report recommends an overhauling of the public land laws; amendments to the liquor license laws; a delegate to look after the interests of the district in Washington; a commissioner of fisheries, helpers, etc.; a commissioner of mines similar to the Minister of Mines in British Columbia; commission to examine into the condition of the natives of Alaska, and to report to congress with recommendations; encouragement to those who are undertaking to furnish means of transportation; that Alaska shall be made a lighthouse district, and furnished a tender to do the work.

RUSSIA IN MANCHURIA. London, Dec. 3.—The correspondent of the Times at Peking, in recording the intention of Russia to establish customs offices in Manchuria on the Eastern frontier, and at the frontier of the Port Arthur leased territory, where the duties will be collected by Russian officials according to the Chinese tariff, and paid to China, says nominally the customs will be under Chinese control, but their independent separation from Chinese control is obvious. This movement says the correspondent is important because Germany is expected to follow the same procedure at Kiao Chow, and it is possible that ere long the administration of customs at the various frontiers will pass under the control of the respective neighboring powers.

Results from common soaps: eczema, coarse hands, ragged clothes, shrunken flannels.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE. Ask for the Octagon Bar.

DETAILS OF EXPLOSION. A Score of Men Were Injured on the Progresso—Twelve Missing. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—While the steamer Progresso was lying at the wharf of the Fulton Iron Works at Harbor View, this morning, an explosion occurred. As a result, 12 men are missing, scores were more or less seriously injured, and property valued at \$200,000 destroyed.

Following the explosion, the ship sank in the center, showing that she had broken in two. The faces and hands of many of the officials and clerks in the office, 20 feet away, were cut by flying glass. A stream of burning oil, running from the tanks, spread out until the ship lay on wires of fire.

Several minor explosions, due to the flames going from tank to tank, occurred at short intervals, but all the injury and loss of life was caused by the first one. One peculiarity of the explosion was that several men who were on the other side of the bulkhead from where it occurred, were uninjured, while others farther away were badly hurt.

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GERMAN TARIFF BILL. Report That President and Vice-President of Reichstag May Resign. Berlin, Dec. 2.—After an embittered political and personal debate to-day, the Reichstag declared by 198 to 45 votes that Baron von Kirdorf's motion to vote the tariff bill as a whole was admissible under the rules.

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'HEARTS OF OAK' To-night's Play at the Victoria—'Friends' on Monday Evening.

'Houses sold out nightly' is the record that is again maintained, this season by the James A. Herne plays 'Hearts of Oak' and 'Shore Acres.' Year after year have these delightful stories of domestic life on the New England coast attracted hundreds of thousands of playgoers. When James A. Herne established a new order of things in playwriting and play producing he met with fierce opposition. Captious critics declared that he was ahead of the times and he was told that he would meet with failure.

The patrons of the Victoria will enjoy the production of 'Friends' that comes on Monday night. The story is a simple one. The adventures of two young men, 'Friends,' who share the one dress suit between them and who sacrifice everything, one for the other. One is a struggling pianist, the other a poet. When the woman comes, they still are all in all to each other. She is the prima donna at the Metropolitan opera house; wealthy, but does not know it. A director of the opera house does, however, and strives to win the prize by getting her father in his power and locking him up, giving her the impression that he has been arrested for embezzlement. The father is an opium fiend, whom the director keeps supplied with whiskey and opium; but virtue is finally triumphant and all ends happily.

ANNUAL MEETING. B. C. Pioneer Society Elects Officers—To-Morrow Night's Dinner. The annual meeting of the B. C. Pioneer Society was held last night when the election of officers for the following year resulted as follows: President, W. J. McKeon, Jr.; vice-president, E. Hall, M. P. P.; secretary, A. Graham; treasurer, E. C. Johnson; physician, Hon. J. S. Helmecke; auditor, J. P. Lovell; directors, E. Pearson, J. P. Postmaster Shakespear, H. D. Helmecke, K. C. M. P. P., W. H. Sheppard, Otto Weller, Wm. Harrison, G. H. Ross and Wm. Humphrey.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 4-5 a. m.—A marked area of low pressure still covers British Columbia, and a high barometer area is central on the California coast. Excessive rainfall has occurred in Washington and Oregon, and moderately heavy rain and snow has fallen on this island and the Lower Mainland. Strong winds and gales have prevailed on the Straits and Coast. In the Canadian Northwest the high area is moving eastward in advance of the approaching storm area, snowfall is general and the weather continues very cold.

Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh or strong winds, chiefly southwesterly, partly cloudy and cold, with occasional rain or sleet. Lower Mainland—Moderate or fresh winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with occasional rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, 41; minimum, 40; wind, 12 miles W.; rain, .32; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles W.; rain, .72; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.52; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, calm; weather, fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, 2 below; minimum, 2 below; wind, 4 miles N.; snow, .04; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Charnier from Vancouver—A. McCarthey, G. Hanna, G. Glendinning, Wm Chadwick, O. Maynard, N. J. Vannier, H. Wolfe, J. Herbert Draney, Capt. Mellon, A. McBurnett, Miss A. Dunlop, T. Miller, Sol Oppenheimer, A. E. Beharrell, Jno Hendry, A. H. B. Macgowan, J. Ogden Graham, Miss Reister, C. Grassie and wife, W. H. Walmaley, Jas. Morrissey, F. B. Gregory, C. B. Newcombe, D. Morris, Capt. Jones, J. McGowan, Jno Taylor, W. Richards, F. Saags, C. Lange, H. A. Lane, A. Jervis, A. S. Collins, W. W. Scott, E. F. Savery, H. Ollis, A. Gussfeld, R. Chapman, J. A. Jeffries, O. A. Harris, P. J. Lindale, H. S. Pollock and wife, H. Whitworth, S. O. Matthews, J. M. Shepperson, C. J. Seymour, Baker, C. E.

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Famous Ship Which Was in Collision With French Liner Off Newfoundland Due Here.

There is at present one of the smallest fleets engaged in the coal carrying trade that has been seen on this coast for several years, but this fact does not imply that the tonnage has very seriously diminished. The amount of coal carried to San Francisco from the Island colonies is less than that shipped a year ago, but, in consideration of the introduction of oil and its popularity as a fuel in that city, the difference in the export is said to be comparatively small. On the other hand the demand has increased to a remarkable extent. The C. P. R. Company is using large quantities. Indeed, large shipments are said to have gone East this fall for consumption in the Northwest.

All the railway company's steamers, including the Australian steamers, are now coaled at Vancouver, whereas formerly they were taken across to one of the Island colonies. The result is that a big fleet of small craft are engaged in freighting the coal across the Gulf. So busy has the mine at Union been in consequence that it is stated that the Mineola was the first ship to load there in several weeks.

A SPEEDY PASSAGE.

The stern wheel steamer Monte Cristo, owned by R. Cunningham, of Port Essington, has arrived at Coal Harbor from the north. The little steamer left Port Essington last Tuesday, and only took seven days to come across, which is excellent time for a craft of her description, especially when it is taken into consideration that she only travelled in the daytime and her crew had to cut all the fuel used on the trip down. The Monte Cristo will lie in Coal Harbor for several days, after which she will be taken round to the Fraser river, where she will be used as a general freighter on the river.

HISTORIC SHIP EXPECTED.

There is now on the way to the Royal Roads from Manila a historic craft, a vessel which a little over four years ago participated in one of the worst maritime disasters in the annals of the world. The vessel is the British ship Cromartyshire, which collided with the French steamship La Bourgoyne off the Newfoundland banks on the morning of July 4th, 1898. She is now 47 days out from Manila in ballast for this port, and is coming here for orders. The collision of

this ship will be long remembered. The La Bourgoyne was sunk and 540 passengers were lost. The collision occurred during a thick fog, the La Bourgoyne steaming along at the rate of 18 knots, while the Cromartyshire was creeping along slowly foot by foot not exceeding four knots an hour, feeling her way through the fog. The La Bourgoyne struck the ship at an angle of 45 to 50 degrees, tearing away 25 feet from the ship's forehead. The Cromartyshire floated on her collision bulkhead, picked up 165 survivors and was herself towed to Halifax by the Allan liner Grecian, arriving on July 6th. At the time she was in command of Captain O. H. Henderson, master of the well known British ship Largo Law.

DOLPHIN'S ESCAPE.

Referring to the Dolphin's last passage south the Vancouver World says: "An uncomfortable incident occurred just as the vessel was entering Wrangell. She ran into an iceberg, and the concussion plunged the whole ship in darkness. The passengers were badly scared, but the captain remained cool and quickly backed the Dolphin into safety. No serious damage resulted, but one and all agree that the escape was almost a miracle.

There arrived in Vancouver on the Dolphin two weeks' evidence in the Labelle murder case was to a large extent responsible for sending the man to the gallows. The women were Mrs. Louis Dennis and Mrs. Joseph Gilbert, of St. Francois, Quebec. They went north several months ago in company with Constable Marause, of the Dominion police at Ottawa.

A RECORD PASSAGE.

The voyage of the American barque Kenilworth, which reached Vancouver from Hamburg early in the week, has been placed on record as one of the fastest ever made from Europe to this coast. The ship was just 121 days in reaching Cape Flattery. Considering the distance of Hamburg from the open ocean, the Kenilworth's passage is compared with that of the Furian, several years ago, which occupied 107 days between Cardiff and this port. This passage is the fastest on record.

COMING FROM REMOTE POINTS.

A remarkable commentary on the ability of navigators to secure a charter in these waters is now afforded by the different shipping lists. There are vessels en route here from Australia, South Africa, South America and the Orient, which are coming to the Royal Roads in ballast, seeking a charter. Among them are the Benicia, which is due from Adelaide; the French ship Surfout, from Fusan, which is also due; and the Chilean ship Juan Marano, which is overdue.

THE INDIA'S CARGO.

The R. M. S. Empress of India, which is due to arrive in port on Tuesday, December 9th, from the Orient, has 30 saloon passengers and a large number of Chinese in the steerage. Of the passengers, ten are bound for overland points. She has a cargo comprised of the following: 540 tons of raw silk and silk in manufactured state; 100 tons of cargo for Victoria; and 1,000,000 lbs. of general merchandise.

MARINE NOTES.

Capt. Smythe, master of the steamer La France, reports that the vessel is safe in Steamboat Slough, 100 miles this side of Dawson. No mention is made, however, of the scows which the steamer was towing at the time she was caught in the ice.

The Austrian steamer Kiek, now discharging sugar at the British Columbia Sugar Refinery, has been chartered by T. M. Stevens & Co., Portland, to load wheat, flour, lumber, etc., for South Africa.

Steamer Umattilla is expected from San Francisco to-night. The Queen of the same line is scheduled to sail for San Francisco to-morrow night.

Steamer Cottage City is due from Skagway and other Alaskan ports to-morrow.

A man named Perez Pulgar has been arrested at Orenze, Spain, bearing a pointed arrow. He said he was an Argentine anarchist, and had gone to Spain to murder the King, but had been unable to procure means to travel to Madrid. Pulgar is believed to be insane.

Deputy Fournier has introduced a bill in the French Chamber of Deputies providing for the abolition of French titles of nobility. It was referred to a committee.

TALENTED ACTOR'S TERRIBLE CRIME

PRINCIPALS PLAYED HERE SOME TIME AGO

Barry Johnstone Killed Actress and Then Shot Himself—The Murderer Formerly With Ward Co.

A dispatch from Philadelphia last night contained the news of a tragedy enacted there on Monday night in which both principals are known to Victoria play-goers, one of them in particular having aroused the admiration of local patrons by his brilliant art.

The particulars of the tragedy are as follows: Miss Kate Hassett, leading woman in Keith's Eighth street theatre stock company, in the Quaker city, was shot and killed on Monday night by Barry Johnstone, the actor, who after the murder attempted suicide. Johnstone fired at his victim five times. Two of the bullets took effect, one in the left breast, and the other in the left arm. The actor shot himself in the breast and faint hopes are held out for his recovery. In the hospital he was frequently heard to repeat the words, "She is false to me."

Johnstone is undoubtedly one of the finest Shakespearean actors on the American stage. He appeared in this city with the Ward company, taking the part of the old Marquis in "The Mountebank," and Cassius in "Julius Caesar." In the latter role he showed the highest order of histrionic genius. His passages with Brutus (Hermann) in the beginning of the conspiracy against the mighty Caesar and the famous quarrel scene were masterpieces of elocution. He was a "lean and hungry Cassius" to the life, whom the great Mansfield himself described as an artist of much promise. He was a thorough student and his work showed careful study and an intelligent appreciation of the playwright's intentions in every role he portrayed.

When he left the Ward-Hermann company he became associated with Richard Mansfield in the latter's celebrated production of "Julius Caesar," playing the part which so admirably fitted him—that of Cassius. Latterly, however, he has been acting strangely, and in Cleveland recently became very boisterous. A week ago Sunday night he and another member of the Mansfield company sought admission to the stage of the Euclid avenue opera house, at which theatre a Sunday performance was given by a German stock company. The doorman refused the men admission, and they thereupon, according to the doorman's story, assaulted him, knocking him down, and pushed their way on to the stage. The doorman was persuaded from prosecuting the actors and later in the week, it is said, Mr. Mansfield personally paid the doorman the sum of \$100 to keep him out of the matter into court. Mr. Mansfield evidently was displeased with the actions of his supporter, for Johnson did not appear in the cast after the first night, the part being taken by an understudy until Saturday afternoon, when Joseph Haworth was engaged to replace Johnson permanently.

Miss Kate Hassett, the victim of the tragedy, is not so well known here, having appeared at the Victoria but once, but on that occasion she showed talent of a very high order. She was one of the leading members of the company supporting Madame Modjeska in the production of "Marie Stuart" two years ago. Miss Hassett played the part of Queen Elizabeth, and although the role is one which does not appeal to the sympathy of the audience, her portrayal was a feature of the performance. In one scene especially was she strong, when she affixed her signature to the death warrant of the hapless Mary (Madame Modjeska). Theatre-goers will deeply regret the terrible occurrence which has robbed the stage of one and possibly two of its most promising players.

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"In Jack the Giant Killer" which the children cleverly presented, the performers were as follows: The Giant, Mr. Laundry; Jack, Miss Matilda McE. Smith and Miss Ada Schwegers; Mother Toots, Miss K. Roberts and Miss Florie Spencer; Father Toots, Miss Ethel Wilkerson; Jack's bride, Miss Denise Harris. Capt. Billy Fleet acted as page to the Fairy Queen, Miss Georgina Barrington, whose work was beyond criticism.

The raffish were won by the following: Miss Lucille J. Pearce, doll family, rother and nine children; Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, baby doll; Miss Annie Elliott, bride doll; Mrs. O. W. Newberry, table cloth; W. T. Williams, table cover and tea set; A. C. Calderwood, quilt.

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The army death list cabled from Manila under Tuesday's date totals 31 soldiers, including three deaths from Asiatic cholera, and eight from dysentery.

Julian Ralph, the well known New York war correspondent, is in a low condition at the Southern hospital, St. Louis, Mo., as a result of a sudden hemorrhage. Mrs. Ralph has been hurriedly summoned from New York.

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of ten months show the trade between the United Kingdom and Canada to be in a satisfactory condition, there being large increases in the exports to and the imports from the Dominion of Canada. The exports to the Dominion during October amounted to £501,886, an increase of £78,956, or at the rate of 18.06 per cent., while the total for the ten months was £5,180,769, an increase of £1,200,207, or 30.13 per cent.

Our Conservative friends have clear and distinct ideas about the management of the departments of government when they are in opposition and therefore irresponsible. They struggled under annual deficits ranging from half a million to a million dollars in the Post Office Department for nearly twenty years. They proclaimed aloud the impossibility of even reducing the domestic rate by one cent, and as for knocking off three cents on letters directed to Great Britain or any other part of the Empire, the idea was too grotesque to be worthy of a passing thought.

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THE COLONIES, on the other hand, have declared themselves as favorable to the creation of more intimate relations. Canada has given a practical proof of her intentions. The other important cutting sections have taken the matter under consideration and will undoubtedly follow our example in due time. It is therefore perfectly safe to assume that there is now an evolutionary process going on and that unless it be unexpectedly disturbed in course of time the British Empire will be more distinctly set apart in the world as a great commercial and industrial unit.

Mr. Chamberlain spoke somewhat disparagingly of what Canada had done, and was inclined to minimize the effects of our preferential policy. But we must not lose sight of the fact that he spoke on behalf of the section of the Empire he directly represents. He desired to secure the greatest possible advantages for the merchants and manufacturers of the United Kingdom. Probably he did not thoroughly understand the situation in this country; that his remarks would be taken advantage of by politicians who care more for the possession of office than the welfare of either Canada or Great Britain, or the strengthening of the Empire as a whole.

A silence almost as deep as death pervades Conservative circles in Ontario about the operations of the Grit machine which was at one time alleged to have secured the return of Premier Ross. Is it possible that the revelations before the election courts have had anything to do with the quelling of the tumult? It is almost incredible, but nevertheless a fact, that there was a Tory machine in fine running order during the progress of the late campaign. The decisions of the courts thus far would almost lead one to believe that this Tory machine did finer work than the one under control of the Grits. A member of the legislature who is threatened with the loss of his seat because of alleged bribery and corruption testified that he received \$500 from a central fund. He received no directions as to the manner in which the donation was to be applied. It is safe to presume that

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It was intended to make his election sure. With the tide running as strongly against the government as was alleged, why was it necessary to provide a great central fund to be distributed according to the stress of political circumstances in places where it would do the country the most good from a strictly partisan point of view? That \$500 applied in one direction is a pretty sure indication that there was a fairly generous central fund provided for contingencies. We should say there must have been a hundred thousand at least "hung up." We do not say there is anything intrinsically wrong in the collection of such a fund. If it be wrong, all parties are guilty. Even the prohibitionists who are fighting for their principles to-day in Ontario found it necessary and expedient to gather a fund to defray the legitimate expenses of the campaign. The two parties of Great Britain have their election funds. It is quite possible that the despised Grits have a campaign purse in a convenient place in strenuous political times. If they have we have always been kept without the zone of temptation. But it would be hypocritical to attempt to deny perfectly obvious facts. The feigned horror of Torydom at the idea of a campaign fund is the most abominable kind of hypocrisy. The country is wronged not by the fact of the existence of the fund but by the application of the money to unlawful purposes. Both sides have suffered in the past from the moments of weakness to which their friends have been subject. The judgments of the courts indicate that the Grits have not been the chief sinners in this respect. Mr. Ross was given a close run at the last election, but his enemies' arguments were not purely verbal, and when the balance is adjusted it is fairly certain the Premier's majority will be about the same as usual.

A BOTANIC GARDEN.

To the Editor:—I believe there is a general conviction in the minds of our citizens that the James Bay mandats, when retained, should be devoted to some public purpose, such as would add interest and attractiveness to our city, and furnish means of enjoyment to the people of Victoria and the visiting stranger. It seems to me that these purposes could be secured, in an eminent degree, by converting said area into a well kept botanic garden. This is an invaluable recreational product of all the ages. Victoria should be the flower garden of Canada. There is no other spot in Canada possessing such favorable natural conditions for such a purpose as Victoria. Here the mildness of our winter season makes it possible to successfully cultivate, by the aid of a little glass protection, the most beautiful and products of all the zones. Victoria should be the flower garden of Canada.

A well-arranged botanic garden covering the area in question would be of inestimable value from an educational point of view. Such a garden should contain trees, shrubs and flowers representing the vegetation of all lands, properly labelled with botanical and common names and native locality. In respect to beauty and attractiveness, floral displays, avensiveness of trees, conservatories, promenades, rustic seats, fountains and pavilions, with music and evening entertainments added, would make a very delightful resort for the pleasure-seeking citizens of Victoria throughout the greater part of the whole of the year.

Some where on these grounds or in close proximity thereof, should be located the new library building, the selection of a site for which seems to be such a perplexing problem to our city fathers. The proposed site opposite the post office would be a desirable one in its nearness to the proposed recreation ground, and in other respects would probably be as convenient as any that could be selected. A. J. PINEO.

THE TERMINAL RAILWAY.

To the Editor:—I notice that the city council and the Victoria Terminal Railway Company have not yet concluded their negotiations, but that a question has arisen between them in regard to land damages. As it does not appear very clear from what appeared in the papers what the difference of opinion is, I took the trouble to inquire and find that the council wants the principle to assume a very much greater liability than the law imposes upon them. No one will claim that the council is doing any more than its duty in seeking to make the best possible bargain for the principle. This is one thing. To refuse to submit a by-law to the ratepayers because of a difference of opinion between the company and the council upon some detail not affecting the principle, is quite another thing. The ratepayers by an overwhelming vote declared themselves in favor of assisting the Terminal railway and ferry project by a certain bonus. This settled the principle. Everything else is a matter of detail. I gather from the published report of the proceedings of the council that the Mayor and aldermen think the request of the company for an extension of time a reasonable one; that the security that the company agrees to put up, that is \$100,000 in cash, is considered ample; that the variations from the service provided for in the original by-law are regarded as an improvement, and that no doubt any longer exists that the company is acting in alliance with the Great Northern railway. It also seems to be admitted by the council that the company's new proposition is a better one from a financial point of view than that to which the ratepayers gave their assent. If I understand the matter correctly, these new features, which make the new proposal even more acceptable than the old one, were suggested by the company as a consideration for the extension of time. The difference of opinion is as to the manner in which the company's liability for land damages shall be settled. The company think that the provisions of the general railway law give property owners ample protection; the council are contending for a new rule and there the matter stands for the present, with a possibility that if the council insist upon the insertion of this exceptional provision in the new by-law. This provision can at the most only affect a very limited number of individuals. Its omission from the by-law will not deprive them of anything to which they are entitled under the law of the land. Insistence upon its inclusion may result in thwarting a project in

The people of Ontario are deciding to-day whether they want prohibition of the sale of liquor at retail to the full extent of the power of the province, or the continuation of their present excellent license system. The general belief is that the anti will prevail, but the unexpected often happens.

POLITICAL ETHICS.

A silence almost as deep as death pervades Conservative circles in Ontario about the operations of the Grit machine which was at one time alleged to have secured the return of Premier Ross. Is it possible that the revelations before the election courts have had anything to do with the quelling of the tumult? It is almost incredible, but nevertheless a fact, that there was a Tory machine in fine running order during the progress of the late campaign. The decisions of the courts thus far would almost lead one to believe that this Tory machine did finer work than the one under control of the Grits. A member of the legislature who is threatened with the loss of his seat because of alleged bribery and corruption testified that he received \$500 from a central fund. He received no directions as to the manner in which the donation was to be applied. It is safe to presume that

THE LAST STRAW. Chicago Tribune. A dignified matron called at a newspaper office the other morning and asked: "Is the editor in?" "Yes, ma'am," answered a man sitting at a table. "You had an account in your society column this morning," she said, "of a reception last evening at Mrs. Perry's."

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favor of which the ratepayers pronounced by a majority of six to one. To insist upon a new and exceptional liability being assumed by the company as an essential condition before the ratepayers will be permitted to pass upon the new proposal of the company will be to assume a responsibility which the Mayor and aldermen ought to hesitate about taking. They are only the agents of the ratepayers for a specific purpose in this connection, namely, to prepare a proposal upon which the ratepayers can pronounce, and as they cannot bind the latter to accept the by-law, so they should not undertake to refuse to allow the ratepayers to say for themselves whether an agreement, which is satisfactory to them, the council is quite within its duty in contending for what it thinks reasonable, but it would be going too far to refuse to allow the ratepayers to pronounce upon a measure, simply because it cannot have its own way upon a matter of detail not affecting the principle involved. The ratepayers are of age; let them speak for themselves.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION.

International Sunday School Association Meet at Nanaimo To-Morrow, Saturday and Sunday.

The third annual convention of the British Columbia branch of the International Sunday School Association will be held at Nanaimo to-morrow, Saturday and Sunday. Victoria will be represented by Messrs. J. Weston, E. A. Lewis and H. J. Knott, Mrs. F. Bryner, field lecturer for the association, will attend. Hon. Mr. Wood, of Seattle, will also be present. Rev. N. W. Powell, president of the Nanaimo branch, will be chairman. The programme of proceedings follows:

Friday. 8.00-8.15 p.m.—Opening exercises. 8.15-8.25—Remarks by chairman. 8.25-8.55—Address of welcome and reply. 8.55-9.00—Musical selection. 9.00-9.10—Appointment of committees, etc. 9.10—Address on the work of the International Sunday School Association. Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner. Closing hymn.

Saturday—Afternoon. 2.00-2.30 p.m.—Devotional. 2.30-2.45—Opening exercises. 2.45-3.15—Paper and discussion, "Spiritual Work of a Primary Teacher." E. A. Lewis. 3.15-3.45—Paper and Discussion, "Cradle Roll and Home Department Work." Noah Shakespeare, Victoria. 3.45-4.15—Paper and discussion, "That Class in the Corner." J. H. Knowlton, Nanaimo. 4.15-4.30—Reports of Committee. Election of Officers. 4.30—Question box, to be opened by Mrs. Bryner. Closing.

7.45-8.15 p.m.—Devotional and opening exercises. 8.15-8.35—President's address. 8.35-9.00—Paper, "Normal Work or Teacher Training in Connection with Sunday School Work." Theo. Bryant, Nanaimo. 9.00-9.30—Paper, "The Sunday School a Field for Winning Souls." G. Carter, Victoria. Closing hymn. Benediction.

Sunday. 3.15 p.m.—Grand rally of all the Sunday schools of the city. Short addresses will be delivered by Mrs. Foster Bryner and others. Collection. 8.15 p.m.—Mass meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. To be addressed by Mrs. Foster Bryner. Music will be furnished by choirs of the city. Special collection.

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—The special services in the Metropolitan Methodist church, which have been held for the past two weeks, are being well attended. Hitherto the pastor, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, has addressed the meetings. This evening Rev. J. P. Westman, of the Centennial Methodist church, will conduct the service. On Friday evening Rev. Elliott S. Rowe will again take charge of the service, and will give an address to men only.

—Tuesday afternoon and evening the Junior C. E. of First Presbyterian church held their annual bazaar and entertainment. In the evening a concert was rendered, the following taking part: Miss W. Andrews, F. Wood, N. McKilligan, A. Roblee and B. Westwood. This was followed by a cantata by the society, which was well rendered, and reflects great praise on the superintendent, Mrs. Wood, who is to be highly commended for her labors in this connection. F. Wood presided at the piano.

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—Christ Church cathedral schoolroom, Wednesday, December 10th, sale of work by Girls' Auxiliary, 3 to 6. Admission free. Grand musical entertainment by cathedral choir and concert at 8 p.m. Admission 25 cents.

—Divine service will be held at Congregation Emanuel on Friday evening at 7.30. Rabbi Montague N. A. Cohen will preach, subject: "What Christians Do Not Know. Christlike Not Christian." Service on Saturday morning at 10.15.

—C. H. Lugin will lecture in the James Bay Methodist church on Monday evening next under the auspices of the James Bay Epworth League. Mr. Lugin is recognized as one of the ablest lecturers of our city, and all may be assured of a pleasant evening. The subject of his address will be "Feelies."

—Owing to the immense popularity of "Jack the Giant Killer," produced in Philharmonic hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings under the auspices of the ladies of the Church of Our Lord, the committee are arranging to give a matinee on Saturday, provided the same premises can be secured from the Victoria Athletic Club. Further notice will be given in the event of a third performance being decided upon.

—Captain Olson, of the schooner Campbell, reported on arrival at San Pedro early in the week that one hundred miles south of Cape Flattery he passed through about 25,000 feet of drifting lumber. Captain Olson was of the impression that some lumber carrier had lost her deckload. The lumber undoubtedly belonged to the Frank W. Howe, the schooner passed by the M. E. Watson when jettisoning her cargo.

—There will be a meeting of the regimental ball committee at the drill hall this evening at 8 o'clock sharp. Tickets are now in the hands of the secretary, and members of the regiment are requested to hand to him at once the names of those ladies to whom they wish them to be sent. It is also necessary that the secretary should have a list of the provisions to be furnished by the members of the regiment at once.

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SOME RECORDS WERE BROKEN LAST MONTH

Despite the Unfavorable Weather Attendance Was Splendid—Punctuality Returns Gratifying.

The school returns for the past month are of the most gratifying character, several records having gone to the wall.

Despite the unfavorable weather of November, the attendance again passed the 90 per cent. mark. The first time this occurred, in the recent history of the schools at least, was in the month of October last, when the record was 90.28 per cent; the November showing was 90.08 per cent.

The total number present during the month was 2,736, with a daily average of 2,481.12. The corresponding figures for November of last year were 2,670 and 2,396.56. Of the ten schools in the city only two failed to make an average attendance of 90 per cent. The record of the High school was 90.90 per cent, slightly below the average of all the schools of the city. The percentage in the several graded schools were as follows: Spring Ridge, 95.16; Kingston street, 93.24; Boys' school, 91.54; Rock Bay, 91.18; South Park, 91.08; North Ward, 90.37; Hillside, 90.05; Victoria West, 89.43; Girl's school, 88.76.

These percentages would be even higher if they were corrected for part time attendance of pupils who were enrolled in the schools for only part of the month, and for that of pupils counted twice in the total enrollment by reason of transference during the month.

This correction has been made in the case of most of the divisional records which follow. In every one of the divisions of the Spring Ridge, Kingston street, Rock Bay, North Ward, and Boys' Central schools the 90 per cent. mark was reached; those that came short of that figure were, in the respective schools: High school, divisions 2 and 6; Girls' school, divisions 5, 9 and 10; South Park, divisions 4 and 5; Victoria West, division 6; Hillside, division 3.

That is, out of the 62 divisions in all the schools, there were only nine in which the attendance did not reach 90 per cent. Of the 63 divisions making 90 per cent. or more, 46 were not under 91 per cent.; 41 were not under 92 per cent.; 38 were not under 93 per cent.; 26 were not under 94 per cent.; 14 were not under 95 per cent.

Following are the fourteen highest records: High school, first division, 99.18; Spring Ridge, fourth division, 98.56; teacher, Miss Brown; Spring Ridge, first division, 98.45; teacher, Miss Russell; North Ward, fifth division, 97.21; teacher, Miss Murton; Boys' school, sixth division, 97.10; teacher, Miss Blake; South Park, first division, 96.98; teacher, Miss Cameron; Spring Ridge, second division, 96.81; teacher, Miss Blackburn; Kingston street, second division, 96.37; teacher, Mr. Fraser; Victoria West, sixth division, 96.21; teacher, Miss Lee; South Park, eighth division, 95.75; teacher, Miss Wriglesworth; North Ward, fourth division, 95.32; teacher, Mr. King; Kingston street, first division, 95.27; teacher, Miss Jesse; Girls' school, first division, 95.00; teacher, Miss Williams; Boys' school, seventh division, 95.00; teacher, Miss Nason.

A finer instrument of measurement than that of per cents is necessary to estimate the remarkably small amount of unpunctuality in the school attendance. Remembering that every child has two chances of being tardy every day, it appears that a total average daily attendance of 2,481 pupils furnishes in the course of the month, or 20 school days, a possibility of 99,240 cases of tardiness. The actual number of such cases last month was 170, or 1 in every 584, or less than one-fifth of one per cent. These 170 cases were distributed among the schools as follows:

High school, 10 cases out of a possible 6,378; Boys' school, 19 out of a possible 17,430; Girls' school, 9 out of a possible 16,367; North Ward, 29 out of a possible 10,520; South Park, 49 out of a possible 14,900; Victoria West, 24 out of a possible 10,719; Spring Ridge, 4 out of a possible 5,262; Hillside, 12 out of a possible 4,142; Kingston street, 14 out of a possible 4,542; Rock Bay, nil out of a possible 2,900.

The following divisions are reported having not a single case of tardiness during the month: High school, division 3; Boys' school, divisions 1, 2, 8; Girls' school, divisions 1, 3, 4, 6, 7; North Ward, division 3; South Park, division 1; Spring Ridge, divisions 3, 4; Rock Bay, divisions 1, 2.

At the second of the Advent organ recitals to be given at St. John's church on Sunday evening next the organist, A. Longfield, will be assisted by the following vocalists: Mrs. Gregson, Herbert Kent and G. F. Watson. Jesse Longfield will play a violin solo and also the concluding organ solo.

At the residence of the bride's father, Government street, last evening, Mr. Charles Ritson Carter and Miss Amelia Christina, third daughter of Mr. P. Wolf, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. Dr. Campbell. A wedding supper was held after the ceremony, the many friends of the newly married couple taking advantage of the occasion to offer congratulations.

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To-night another special concert will be given when international basketball will again be the extra attraction, this time between the Oakland team and the Fernwood aggregation. The following choice musical programme will be rendered by the Regimental band:

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LABOR MEN WILL PUT CANDIDATES IN FIELD Decided to Hold Convention This Month to Select Them—Two Important Questions.

It is altogether likely that the local Trades and Labor Council will have several candidates in the field in the forthcoming municipal elections. A convention will be held on December 15th, when these will be selected. This was decided upon last night when the report of a committee appointed at a recent session to deal with the subject was submitted. The report recommended the endorsement of Messrs. Twigg and McKay as candidates for school trustees, and the convention on the 15th of this month for the purpose above stated. It was suggested that two candidates be nominated for the North Ward, one for Centre and one for the South. The report was adopted. The forthcoming municipal fight therefore promises to be an exceptionally lively one, as there is already a large field of candidates.

Other matters of importance before the Trades and Labor Council last night were the incorporation of the organization, and the Victoria Terminal Railway. By-Laws providing for an extension of time. President E. Bragg occupied the chair. A very interesting and instructive address was delivered by H. D. Helmecken, M. P., who explained the legal status of trades unions, quoting as authority decisions of the different British courts. He advised proceeding slowly and carefully in seeking incorporation. Upon concluding his address Mr. Helmecken was tendered a hearty vote of thanks. President A. E. Woods, of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, also delivered an address explaining the position of his company regarding the application to the city council for an extension of time, in which to carry out the conditions of the agreement. In reply to questions Mr. Woods said his company did not employ Oriental labor, and the wages paid by them were as high as those of any railway company operating in the province. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Woods for attending the meeting.

OUTPUT INCREASED. Rossland Shipment—Year's Record to Date Over 30,000 Tons Ahead Of 1901.

"The ore shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending Saturday night show a substantial increase over the previous week's record, all the big mines increasing their output," says the Rossland Miner. "With the week's tonnage the net increase for the year to date over any other previous year in the history of the Golden City is raised to over 30,000 tons. It is now assumed that the net increase for 1902 will be nearer 60,000 tons than 50,000, as was originally estimated some months since. The outlook for shipments of approximately 30,000 tons this month is bright, and unless something unforeseen crops up, the largest increase in the annals of the camp will be piled up prior to December 31st. The week has passed without incident of special importance in connection with the big mines of the camp. In fact, the smaller properties have engaged public attention to a large extent. At the Homestake a start has been made in connection with the programme of development which the management has mapped out for the winter. About fifteen men are employed at the mine, and preliminary arrangements, including the work of getting the power plant into first class working order, are completed. The continuation of the workings in the lower levels will be pushed ahead. At the White Bear arrangements are practically completed for the resumption of sinking in the main shaft. The twelve men now employed will be increased to seventeen as soon as the work is got under way, which will be in the course of a week. At the Giant a slight change has been made in the direction of continuing operations to one shaft only. Ore is still being shipped to the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail, and further developments may be expected at an early date. A temporary lull in activity at the Velvet has taken place pending extensive alterations and improvements to the hoisting plant. It has been necessary, also, to suspend shipments until the road between the mine and the railroad is in better condition. Until the frost set in it was absolutely impossible to haul over the road, the wagons sinking to the hubs at places. With frost striking, as available now, the conditions in this respect are reversed, and ore can be taken to the railroad regularly, and at a lower cost than when wagon transportation was employed. The shipments from the Rossland camp for the week ending November 29th are as follows: Le Roi, 3,800 tons; Centre Star, 2,540 tons; War Eagle, 1,290 tons; Giant, 60 tons; total, 7,190 tons."

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CRICKET. GROUNDS LEASED. At a meeting of the executive of the Victoria Cricket Club held last evening at the Mainmore Hotel, it was decided to lease the portion of the Jubilee hospital grounds facing that institution, upon the basis stipulated by the board of directors at their last meeting, for use as a cricket ground during the coming season. The grounds will remain under control of the club for five years, according to the agreement entered into with the directors, an annual payment of \$100 being made as rent.

WESTMINSTER EXPLAINS. Joseph Mahony, secretary A and B Co's Basketball Club, New Westminster, writes as follows to the Columbian: "Referring to the basketball game that should have been played in Vancouver Saturday evening, I request the favor of a little space in your paper to explain our stand in this matter. "As probably you are aware, a provincial basketball league has been organized. Each team in this league names their man to act as official referee; at the first league meeting, Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster named Mr. Sullivan, Sgt.-Major Bundy and Mr. Mahony respectively, to act in that capacity. These gentlemen, at that time, appeared to us perfectly satisfactory and acceptable to each team. "What was our surprise, then, to receive a letter on Thursday last from Mr. Sullivan, secretary of the Vancouver team, in which we were told they had 'thrown over' Sgt.-Major Bundy and had appointed a Mr. Shaw to be their referee. We objected at that time, and in the drill hall, before the game should have commenced, strongly reprobated the action of the captain of the Vancouver team, Mr. Boult, favoring Mr. Sullivan's appointment. "The curious part of the matter is that Sgt.-Major Bundy had never been officially informed of his appointment, but a week ago he was moved by a colleague. Just why this change was made, Mr. Bundy cannot understand, nor we either, for that matter. It was a most serious part of the business—while the matter was under discussion in the drill hall, this official referee, Mr. Sullivan, took it upon himself to announce, which he did from the floor of the hall, that he gave the game by two points to the Vancouver team. "This is not the worst of it, for Mr. Shaw is making the announcement of his appointment to the press, through a gratuitously informed public that could easily pick out a 'scrub' team there that could give a much better exhibition in connection with importations from foreign countries. The inland revenue department was established here only a few weeks ago, but companies carrying heavy stocks of liquors, vinegars, tobacco, cigars and other such goods subject to inland excises have been prompt to take advantage of the new bonded warehouse privileges. By placing their goods in the bonded inland revenue warehouses they do not have to pay duties on the stock until it is taken out and sold to the retailer. In this manner the government accommodates the trade fraternity of the land by not exacting revenue from goods until they are ready to go to the consumer. "Upper Bonanza creek is one of the lushest portions of the gold fields of Klondike this winter. Many of the claims are being worked extensively, and will have huge dumps ready for washing when the spring cleanup season comes. Lower Bonanza is quiet in comparison to Upper Bonanza, but is by no means abandoned for the winter. The road from Dawson to the Forks has been kept free of ice this fall, and the annoyance experienced in former years from glaciers is not troubling the travelling public this season."

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The weather during the past week has been on the whole decidedly unsettled and stormy. On Sunday the barometer fell with a normal type of winter and a low barometer in California and a low pressure off Vancouver Island. By the 27th this low area had developed and crossed the province to the Northwest Territory, causing in its passage a southerly sharp front across the Coast and along the Straits of Fuca, and heavy rain west of the Cascades. On the 28th another area of another storm developed in the central of our Island, causing rain on the Coast, the barometric pressure over the Island at the same time continuing high over the Strait of Fuca. On the 29th occurred on the Lower Mainland, and the weather again became colder in Cariboo. On Sunday a heavy rainfall prevailed and was general over the lower part of the province, while snow again fell from Barkerville, and at evening a gale from the adjacent Sooke hills and on the Lower Mainland, and snowfall was general between the American ranges. By the evening a southerly gale was developing on the Vancouver Island coast, with rain west of the Cascades and snow that could give a much better exhibition in connection with importations from foreign countries. The inland revenue department was established here only a few weeks ago, but companies carrying heavy stocks of liquors, vinegars, tobacco, cigars and other such goods subject to inland excises have been prompt to take advantage of the new bonded warehouse privileges. By placing their goods in the bonded inland revenue warehouses they do not have to pay duties on the stock until it is taken out and sold to the retailer. In this manner the government accommodates the trade fraternity of the land by not exacting revenue from goods until they are ready to go to the consumer. "Upper Bonanza creek is one of the lushest portions of the gold fields of Klondike this winter. Many of the claims are being worked extensively, and will have huge dumps ready for washing when the spring cleanup season comes. Lower Bonanza is quiet in comparison to Upper Bonanza, but is by no means abandoned for the winter. The road from Dawson to the Forks has been kept free of ice this fall, and the annoyance experienced in former years from glaciers is not troubling the travelling public this season."

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Spokane Falls & Northern R'y Co., Nelson & Ft. Sheppard R'y Co., Red Mountain R'y Co., Washington & G. N. R'y, Van., Vic., & E. R'y & N. Co. The only all rail route between points east, west and south to Rossland, Nelson, Grand Forks and Republic. Connects at Spokane with the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and G. N. & N. Co. for points east, west and south; connects at Rossland and Nelson with the Canadian Pacific R'y. Connects at Nelson with the E. R. & N. Co. for Kasia and E. R. & N. Co. Connects at Curlew with stage to Greenwood and Midway, B. C. Buffet cars run on trains between Spokane and Republic. Effective Nov. 22, 1902. Leave. 9.25 a.m. Spokane. 5.45 p.m. 12.15 a.m. Rossland. 5.10 p.m. 7.00 a.m. Nelson. 8.00 p.m. 11.00 a.m. Grand Forks. 4.00 p.m. 9.15 a.m. Republic. 5.40 p.m. H. A. JACKSON, General Passenger Agent, Spokane, Wash.

THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROUTE. At Skagway, Alaska, FOR WHITE HORSE AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS. The new line of stage coaches on the WINTER TRAIL makes possible continuous travel throughout the year to Dawson and other points. For particulars apply to J. FRASER LEE, Traffic Manager, Room 35, Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

OCEANIC FOR Hawaii, Samoa, New Zealand and Australia. S.S. ZEALANDIA, sails for Honolulu, Saturday, Dec. 6, 2 p. m. S.S. MARIPOSA, for Tahiti, Dec. 6, 10 a. m. S.S. SIERRA, for Auckland, Sydney, 10 Thursday, Dec. 11, 5.10 p. m. J. D. SPENCER & BROS. CO., Agents, San Francisco. Or R. P. RITHEE & CO., LTD., Victoria, Wash.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTION. 107 STORE STREET, VICTORIA, B. C. OPEN FROM 6 P. M. TO 10 P. M. The Institute is free for the use of Sailors and shipping generally. It will supply with papers and a temporary bar. Letters may be sent here to vessels ships. A parcel of literature can be had for going ships on application to managing agents. All are heartily welcome.

Webb's (Toronto) Confectionery. A splendid assortment of these delicious goods just opened up. JOHN COCHRANE, CHEMIST.

OPPOSITION FOR HON. MR. M'INNIS

Mr. McBride said his fight was against giving away the country to rail-ways. Colonel Prior had definitely promised the Victoria electorate that he would see the Canadian Northern contract passed, and on that contract his government must be judged.

WANT INCREASED PAY. Seal Hunters Will Ask For More Wages During the Coming Season.

When the Victoria Sealing Association begin to ship crews for their vessels, in the course of a week or two, they will be confronted with a demand for increased pay from the hunters, and probably the boat pullers.

SHOT BY MARSHAL.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 4.—City Marshal Felipe Baca, of Sorobco, has shot and killed David Baca, a prominent citizen, at the Windsor hotel.

CHANGE OF LIFE.



Some sensible advice to women passing through this trying period. The painful and annoying symptoms experienced by most women at this period of life are easily overcome by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

HEADQUARTERS FOR LIPTON'S CEYLON TEA

Report That Distributing Centre for the West May Be Established Here.

Sir Thomas Lipton is said to have in contemplation the further development of his tea business in Canada. With this in view he may establish a distributing centre for his teas in this city.

While the information received does not contain any of the particulars of the scheme which the company has in view, it is highly probable that some such project is contemplated.

A FLOURISHING INDUSTRY.

Lumbering on Extensive Scale in East Kootenay. J. B. Martin, provincial timber inspector, has returned recently from an official tour of East Kootenay, and reports the lumber industry as booming.

At Fernie, the Fernie Lumber Company have put in a first class plant with two boilers and engines, and three planers.

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aman has a force of men at work at Creston, where he is erecting a new mill, and it is also likely that several other firms will build along the line shortly.

OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

Command of Fifth Regiment Transferred From Lieut.-Col. Moore to Capt. Hall.

A district order has been issued announcing the resignation of Lieut.-Col. R. B. Moore from the command of the 5th Regiment.

Regimental orders have been issued as follows: Until further orders 2nd Lieut. C. E. Stephens will command No. 4 Company.

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TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE. (Published by the Stuart Robertson Co., Ltd., Successors to A. W. More & Co., Ltd., Mining Brokers, 23 Broad St.)

Table with columns for 'Asked', 'Bid', and 'Differential'. Lists various commodities like Black Tail, Canadian G. P., Cariboo Hydraulic, etc.



NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Fairly large second-hand safe; state lowest price. S. F. Mackenzie, general manager V. T. & S. Ry. Co.

TO LET OR FOR SALE—Good chicken ranch, 30 acres land, cottage, orchard, barn, chicken house, etc.

FOR SALE—A fine guitar, great bargain; a mandolin, cheap; must be sold. 72 Fort Street (open evenings), S. B. Sutton.

FOR SALE—1000 to 5000 shares in 6 cents per share. Apply "A." Times Office.

Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for heating Drill Sheds, Kamloops and Nelson," will be received at this office until Tuesday, 30th December, inclusively.

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MASS MEETING OF MEN METROPOLITAN CHURCH

Friday Evening, Dec. 5th, 1902. AT 8 O'CLOCK. Addresses by PROMINENT MEDICAL MEN of the City and by the Pastor of the Church on the

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Are You Hunting? For up-to-date Carpenters' Tools? We are showing a very complete line. A. McGregor & Son, 95 JOHNSON ST.

AUCTION SALE 22 QUEBEC STREET

Household Effects Wednesday, 10th Dec. Including Parlor, Dining and Bedroom Furniture; nearly new Kitchen Range, McClary (605); also High Grade Carpets; Curtains and Bedding.

VICTORIA THEATRE

MONDAY, DEC. 8. The Well Known Artists. EDWIN MILTON ROYLE BELVA FETTER

"FRIENDS"

"An interesting play, strongly acted."—N. Y. Herald. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Sale of seats opens at Victoria Book & Stationery Store Friday morning.

Why Don't You

FINEST BRIAN AND SHORTS IN THE CITY. TRY QUEEN ANNE AND RED SEAL FLOUR. VICTORIA FLOUR AND FEED STORE

The Boulder Restaurant

162 Government St. Having opened up in the above premises, I beg to solicit a share of the public's patronage. Menu 25c and up. Private dining and bedrooms up-stairs. Open day and night. Strictly first-class.

Cheap Fuel. COKE \$4.00 per ton \$4.00 Delivered.

APPLY GAS WORKS INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL

Drill Hall Concert TO-NIGHT.

Right in Line For Your Holiday Printing

Aluminum Card Cases. Handsomely engraved with name, 65 and 75 cents. Christal Lettering (Gold), 25 cents a line.

LEE & FRASER REAL ESTATE AGENTS. FOR SALE Chatham street, 8-roomed house and large lot, H. and C. Water, Electric Light and Sewer Connection. Price only \$2,000.

Fire, Life, Marine and Accident Insurance

Losses settled with promptitude and liberality. HALL, GOEPEL & CO., 100 Government Street

MONEY At Current Rates. A. W. JONES, 28 FORT STREET

WE GUARANTEE "White Horse Gellar" SCOTCH WHISKY

10 Years Old. W. A. WARD & CO., Sole Agents for B. C.

JUST ARRIVED 1,000,000 PLAYER'S ENGLISH CIGARETTES

In 7, 10, 50 and 100 packages. AGENTS Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd.

CHOICE BUILDING LOTS.

We offer for sale several desirable lots on Belcher, Bellot and Cook Sts. This property is well located, convenient to town, sewered, and is the

Best Residential Property to-day on the Market in Victoria.

Lots are 60 x 120 feet. Prices Range from \$600 upwards. Terms and particulars on application to Heisterman & Co.

BEAUTIFUL CARVING SETS.

We have a large varied line of these reasonable goods and at very low prices, as we bought in quantity. Any case you may select for Xmas can be reserved till usual, so call early and make your choice. Our line of Table Cutlery is complete as usual.

Now is the Time to Have Your Bicycle Taken to Pieces and Well Cleaned

We do it and do it well, and our charges are reasonable. We clean and store your bicycle for the winter for \$2.50. This is better and cheaper than storing your wheel in the cellar to come out in the spring all rusty and possibly useless. Central Cycle Depot, Broad St. No. 11, Plimley, Prop. PHONE NO. 4837.