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## VICTORIA'S IMPORTANCE FROM MILITARY VIEW

### At Parade of Fifth Regiment Lord Dundonald Pointed Out Necessity for Having Strong Corps Here.

Last evening the Fifth Regiment was inspected by Major-General Lord Dundonald, general officer commanding the Canadian militia forces, at the drill hall. After a careful scrutiny of the officers and men the regiment was put through a number of battalion movements. Lord Dundonald then made an address, in which reference was made to various military matters of importance. He congratulated Lieut.-Colonel Hall upon the smart appearance of the regiment, and while criticizing the untidiness of some of the men in the ranks, and the dressing, which "might be better," he described the drilling of the whole as satisfactory.

"There was a large attendance, both galleries of the hall being crowded with interested spectators. The parade was announced for 7.30, and the 'fall in' was sounded shortly after that time. For about half an hour the regiment was put through battalion and company movements preparatory to the inspection. All were conducted with marked precision. This was followed by the order to form column of companies, and the manual exercise took place. Just before the arrival of Lord Dundonald and his staff the regiment was formed in line, facing the officers' quarters. The band was stationed in the rear.

About 8.30 o'clock Lord Dundonald entered the hall attended by Lieut.-Col. Denny, of the military intelligence department of Canada; Colonel Evans, C. B. D. O. C., Winnipeg; Colonel Holmes, D. O. C., Victoria; Colonel McAllister, private secretary to the commander-in-chief; Capt. Newton, A. D. C., and Capt. Jones, of the Ordnance Store Corps. Upon his appearance the regiment presented arms, and the band rendered the general salute.

Lord Dundonald accompanied by Lieut.-Colonel Hall then made the usual inspection. Starting from the right hand man in the front column he carefully examined each man's uniform and accoutrements. Those who wore medals were honored with a few congratulatory words.

At the request of the commander-in-chief, Lieut.-Colonel Hall then put the regiment through a number of movements. Owing to the limited space the battalion movements were not as good as they might have been, although the men acquitted themselves well. The company drills were more satisfactory, each detachment acting in a manner highly creditable to their respective officers.

A squad of men from No. 1 Company was called upon to go through the field gun drill. The gun was prepared for action without loss of time, and was put away with equal promptness. This was followed by an exhibition with the Maxim guns by a squad from No. 6 Company, commanded by Captain Drake. Both performances were watched with interest by Lord Dundonald.

While appreciating the fact that many sacrifices were made by those becoming citizen soldiers, he claimed that in Victoria the regiment should be overflowing with volunteers. He understood on the other hand that it was about 80 below the establishment strength. He regretted this. Equipment was a most important point in the defence of the Empire, and it was necessary that an exceptionally efficient volunteer corps should be located at a point of such vital importance. In his tour of inspection he had noticed that at some points the ranks were overflowing, and at others the opposite was the case. He had found that

it was generally the working class, men who really could not afford the time, who joined, while those with plenty of leisure time did not become members.

Continuing, he said that anyone with a knowledge of the coast to be defended must recognize the importance of a strong regiment in Victoria. In a time of war the volunteers would be called upon to take part in the defence. It was important, therefore, that all should have a knowledge of rifle shooting. The rifle club should be in full swing.

Referring to the cadet corps Lord Dundonald said that efforts had recently been made to inaugurate such organizations at different points throughout Canada. At some places they were taken seriously, and at others with a shrug of the shoulders. It was important that this training should be given in youth. All knowledge of general military tactics and particularly the use of the rifle should be learned in the school. In Victoria a cadet corps should be formed with a membership of no less than 1,000 boys. He only trusted that the parents would prove their boys to have a knowledge of military matters. It was the duty of all men to prepare themselves for the defence of their mothers and sisters if it became necessary. The smartest corps were those made up of men selected from the cadets.

Mention was then made of the proposal of forming a central camp for instruction purposes near Ottawa. Speaking of this Lord Dundonald said that his intention was that all attending should undergo a thorough course of military training. Lectures were to be delivered each evening. All those who took advantage of this opportunity would be made as comfortable as possible. He extended a cordial invitation to officers and non-commissioned officers of the Fifth Regiment to attend. He hoped that some would come from Victoria.

Upon the conclusion of Lord Dundonald's address the armories of the various companies were inspected, after which the regiment was dismissed.

### FLIGHT OF GRAND VIZIER.

#### A Story of Death of Persian Governor Who Brank Poisoned Coffee.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 16.—Mirza Asghar Khan, the former Grand Vizier of Persia, has arrived here on his way to the United States.

On October 10th letters were received from some of the Belgian officials employed at the Persia customs finance department telling an amazing story concerning the removal from office of the Grand Vizier. It appears that some weeks previously the governor of the province of Bitch received a golden cup containing coffee, which was poisoned, and which the Shah sent to officials whom he wishes to banish from the world. The governor drank the coffee, and of course died. It was discovered later that the golden cup was not sent by the Shah, and the Grand Vizier was accused of the act, whereupon he was dismissed. Expecting soon to receive the fatal cup by his turn, he asked for and obtained leave to go on a pilgrimage from Theeran, whither he fled to the coast and then sailed for Europe.

### TWO NEW CRUISERS ARE TO BE BUILT

### THE DOMINION WILL ORDER POWERFUL SHIPS

#### For Use on Atlantic Coast and the Great Lakes—Dimensions of Vessels.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Dominion government has decided to order two new cruisers. One will be built by Vickers & Maximo, England, and is to be equal to the modern cruisers of the British navy. She will be 200 feet long, 25 feet deep and have a speed of 17 knots, a searchlight of 4,000 candle power, armory deck, and pom-pom guns, and will carry 60 blue-jackets on board. She will be 700 tons, and lighted throughout with electricity. She will be used on the Atlantic coast. The other cruiser will be built by Parsons, Toronto, for use on the lakes. She will be capable of 16 knots, and is to be 157 feet long, 22 feet deep and 540 tons. Both will have armored decks, and will be ready in about six months.

G. E. Foster's Visit.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster will address the Canadian Club here on Monday evening. He will likely make his visit to England a theme for discussion.

Not Correct.

The report that Premier Laurier is to be offered a Northwest judgeship is not correct. The vacancy in the Supreme Court of the Territories will be filled by the appointment of H. W. Newlands, legal adviser in the Yukon.

Transportation Commission.

The transportation commission is meeting here for organization to-day. The scope of the commission will be wide and will extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The commissioners will have a few days, and will consult public bodies. They are talking the matter over with members of the government to-day.

HOW WILL IT END?

Japanese Statesmen Consider Question of Adopting Firm Stand Against Russia.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 16.—In consequence of Russia's reply, a special conference of the Japanese cabinet, including the Marquis Ito, and the cabinet ministers, is proceeding here to-day. It is understood that the statesmen are considering the adoption of a firm stand against Russia. General Kodama, the war minister, was present for the first time at the conference. There is renewed activity at the admiralty in view of a possible naval demonstration.

Extending Circle of Cruise.

London, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Tokio says that the cruising circles of the Japanese standing fleets have been extended by an admiralty order as far as Korean and Chinese waters. This is regarded, the correspondent adds, as endorsing the commander-in-chief with great advantages in the great crisis between Russia and Japan.

HEAVY LOSSES

In Fights Which Have Occurred on the Russo-Persian Frontier.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—Sanguinary conflicts between Persians and Turkomans are reported to have occurred on the Russo-Persian frontier. Fights between customs officers and Turkomans followed the establishment of Persian custom houses, and resulted in killing on both sides. The governor of Astrabad, with a large body of troops, intervened, and refused an indemnity offered by the Turkoman Khans. In the fighting which ensued both sides sustained heavy losses. The reports say the Persian troops were defeated and retired to Astrabad.

### EXPERT EVIDENCE GIVEN IN CASE

### EMINENT AUTHORITY UNDER EXAMINATION

#### Dr. Carlos Macdonald, of New York, Gives Opinion in Hopper vs. Dunsmuir Trial.

The interest in the celebrated trial in connection with the suit brought by Edwin Wallace Hopper to recover what she claims belonged to her mother as the wife of Alex. Dunsmuir, grows in interest. The court house from day to day is crowded not only with men, but women also gather in considerable numbers to hear the evidence brought out. Yesterday afternoon was especially interesting to members of the medical profession. This was due to Dr. Carlos E. Macdonald, of New York, one of the most celebrated authorities in mental diseases in the United States, who appeared for the plaintiff. Dr. Macdonald has been assigned the task repeatedly of examining noted criminals concerning their sanity. Among those whom he has examined in that capacity was the murderer of President McKinley.

In the first part of his examination by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., yesterday he was questioned as to his credentials as an expert, and no one after hearing it could have any doubt that he was well qualified to represent himself as an expert. Since 1870 he has been closely connected with insane asylums and made a specialty of cases of lunacy. From 1888 to 1890 he was the medical referee on a commission appointed for New York state, which examined into cases of insanity in hospitals and in private. As such he had examined from 2,500 to 3,000 cases annually. He had for years been a professor in connection with the Bellevue hospital for insane cases, and later had been a professor in the Bellevue Hospital College, which was devoted to the subject. He was a member of the American Medical Psychological Society, and had contributed considerable to the literature of that society.

In the early part of his evidence Dr. Macdonald was taken over the ground of mental disease and insanity in order to pave the way for the answers in the concrete case to which he was finally directed. There was no fixed standard, he said, respecting sanity. If there were all men would be classified insane as no two were alike. In order to judge of the sanity of a person it was necessary to study his heredity and his previous method of thought and action, as insanity consisted of radical change in these actions and thoughts. According to the best definition it was a disease of the brain, which was characterized by mental derangement, which in turn was characterized by a change in the actions and feelings, etc., which differed altogether from those formerly characteristic of the person. Taking up insanity he described the various divisions of it according to the resulting feelings or actions. He preferred as the test of insanity that found in the mental symptoms.

Dementia in certain forms was secondary to other forms of insanity. It really meant mental decay, and the term was so applied. It was the final outcome of insanity. Alcoholism was divided into ordinary drunkenness followed by alcoholic illusion resulting in delirium tremens; alcoholic insanity not so marked by such violent forms as delirium tremens, but more prolonged, dipomania, in which a craving overcame the will power and the subject drank excessively for some time and then gradually came back to the ordinary condition, and finally there was alcoholic dementia, which differed from other dementia only in the cause. It was characterized by the impairment and loss of the functions of the mind resulting in feebleness or childishness. It often affected the speech. A person might not be totally insane. A person suffering from dementia might do rational things, but not those requiring reflection. Habitual acts might be done in an automatic way.

He never knew in a case of dementia what might be regarded as really lucid moments, that is, when all the symptoms had disappeared.

In reciting hypothetical cases to the witness Mr. Bodwell used the characteristics of Alex. Dunsmuir as given by the plaintiff's witnesses to ascertain how the witness would describe a person so acting. Dr. Macdonald agreed that it pointed unmistakably to dementia.

With the way thus paved Mr. Bodwell gave the concrete example of Alex. Dunsmuir, describing his habits, condition and actions as gathered from evidence given for the plaintiff. The counsel described him as outlined by the plaintiff's witnesses as having drunk heavily from 1886 to 1890, of having during some periods of that time approached a state of delirium tremens, of having in the last years of his life become suspicious of the food he ate, and refused to drink out of a bottle which was not opened in his presence for fear because he believed persons were lurking behind the curtains, of having consumed as much as three quart bottles of whiskey a day, of having desired his coal mines brought into his room, of having failed to recognize his step-daughter on the stage and afterwards of the stage, of having gathered leaves and sticks and brought them home, of having become

physically damaged so that he walked with a stoop, of having lost the power of speech to a considerable degree so that he mumbled.

Questioned on this Dr. Macdonald said he was undoubtedly of sound mind, and was suffering from alcoholic dementia.

The circumstances of his last sickness as outlined by the witnesses, and his inability to describe his condition to the doctors together with the statement of the doctors that he died of alcoholic dementia being given, witness said he must in December, 1890, have been of sound mind and incompetent to make a will. If in January, 1900, he was in the state of dementia described he could not have reached it from December, 1890. The cause must have antedated that time.

He undoubtedly would not be capable of doing any act requiring thought and judgment in December.

Mr. Davis asked that the cross-examination to be adjourned until to-morrow, while the examination for the defence under commission was proceeded with.

R. O. Chandler's evidence was read. He had known Alex. Dunsmuir for many years. He saw him during the year before he left for New York just previous to his death. He was perfectly sane. He drank too much witness thought, but he never saw him under the influence of liquor. He was a good business man. Both Alexander and James were as stubborn as mules.

Cross-examined witness had told of selling out the mines he had near the Dunsmuir property to Robert Dunsmuir. He had not seen Alex. Dunsmuir except in their places of business or on the street. Alex. Dunsmuir had every indication of being a heavy drinker. He never saw him under the influence of liquor.

The court then adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

This Morning's Proceedings.

Upon the opening of the court this morning the cross-examination of Dr. Macdonald was taken up by E. P. Davis, K. C. The medical expert admitted that the effect of alcohol upon men differed very much. There was a limit beyond which no man could go. A man's recuperative powers would be an important factor in ascertaining the effects.

The person who is in attendance on a patient, all other things being equal, was in the best position to judge of a patient. He knew Dr. Thorn, having been a class-mate of his. It was not the necessary end of every drinker of alcohol that he should have dementia. Alcoholism played a very important part as a factor in producing insanity. Medical opinion differed somewhat, but he thought the weight of authority inclined to that. Based on his own knowledge and observation on the subject he would place alcoholism as responsible for far more than 7 per cent, as attributed to Savage. He had never known a case of alcoholic dementia to recover as organic change took place.

Under any appreciable degree of mental impairment the incipient stage of alcoholic dementia, it was questionable whether a person was able to do such a business transaction as making a will.

Considerable time was taken in an attempt to elicit an answer from Dr. Macdonald as to whether a man could not suffer considerably from mental impairment in the earlier stages of alcoholic dementia, and yet be able to transact business better than the average man.

The doctor contended that he recognized, no average. Finally, after all attempts had failed to commit him to the expression average, the expert explained that a man with a well-trained mind might suffer impairment and yet have more intellectual remaining than the general mass of persons.

The doctor would not admit that the person surrounding a man was not the best able to judge of his ability to do business. The gradual way in which the impairment had come about precluded them from being good judges.

Proceeding to the question that a man might be insane on some lines yet rational on others, the doctor objected. He said that the theory of monomania was an exploded one. He could not consider it as correct that a man was insane only on some lines. Sometimes, however, a man who was insane might do rational things.

Mr. Davis pressed for an answer as to whether or not a man who was able to transact business was not able to make a will covering that business.

Dr. Macdonald said that on the meagreness of the hypothesis he could not answer this.

On the questions as to whether a person who could charter a ship, or suggest changes in the building of a house, had intelligence enough to make a will, the doctor could not answer. He pointed out that the question of making a will was capable of entirely different construction as to mentality. It was an entirely different thing to will 100 shares in a company compared with the consideration of scattered and varied interests and involving the consideration of a number of friends. A history of the case was necessary, he held, in order to give a definite answer to this.

Describing a man as having nothing unusual in his appearance, who conversed and went about his business in a rational way, Mr. Davis wanted to know if such a man was capable of making a will.

The doctor preferred a fuller history of the case, but based on the hypothesis given he would say that such a person was capable of making a will. He knew Dr. Japaway, of New York, as a very eminent physician.

If Dr. Japaway, Mr. Davis asked, expressed the opinion upon examining Alexander Dunsmuir, that he could make a permanent cure, could he have understood that Alexander Dunsmuir

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### BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

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Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 16.—A writ for \$5,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage has been issued against John T. Wilson, jeweller, and school trustee, at the instance of Mrs. Thomas Emerson, of Burlington, Ont. Both are sixty years of age. The plaintiff claims that she made all preparations for her wedding late in October.

### LAKE SUPERIOR COMPANY.

Creditor Says Purchase of Assets By Speyer & Co., Does not Alter Situation.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—James Connee, M. P., one of the largest creditors of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, says the auction sale of the assets in New York yesterday will have no effect on the present situation. He says Speyer & Co., the purchasers, have been in possession for two or three months. Their purchase yesterday may strengthen their legal position somewhat, or they may think that it strengthens it somewhat, but it won't. Other gentlemen prominently identified with the company's interests expressed themselves in a similar vein to Mr. Connee, but it is apparent no one at all is pleased with the turn affairs have taken. T. J. Drummond, of Montreal, who has been dealing with the Canadian shareholders

and creditors of the company, says he feels confident that while Speyer & Company had strengthened their position legally, they were still willing to carry out with the shareholders the understanding on which the reorganization scheme was based, if the shareholders were able to raise \$2,000,000 needed.

### ENGINE LEFT TRACK.

Accident on the C. P. R. in Which Engineer Was Killed—Fireman and Baggage-man Injured.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—A serious accident occurred on the Deloraine section of the C. P. R. yesterday. Engineer Graham, of Winnipeg, was killed, and Fireman Chambers and Baggage-man Nicholson, both of this city, were injured. The accident happened about four-and-a-half miles east of Killarney. Passenger train No. 14, with Engineer Graham at the throttle, was ploughing its way through small drifts of snow that had fallen as a result of the storm, when the engine struck a drift that had been packed down hard and solid. The engine left the track, derailing with it the baggage car, mail and smoking car. Two passenger coaches and a tourist car in the train did not leave the tracks. None of the passengers on the train, which was not very heavily loaded, was injured. Engineer Graham was badly cut up and was instantly killed. The injuries to Fireman Chambers are serious, and he will probably die. Nicholson was but slightly injured. The dead engineer leaves a wife and three children in this city.

### MORE MARINES FOR COLON.

United States Decides to Form Battalion to Be Sent Immediately to Panama.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 16.—General Reyes, the Colombian envoy, declines to-day to comment on the speech of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis last night at the banquet of the Quill Club in New York, in which he laid bare some pertinent facts regarding the attitude of Colombia toward the Hay-Herran treaty.

At the instance of United States Secretary of Navy Moody, Brigadier-General Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, has issued orders for the formation of a new battalion of marines to be known as the Caribbean sea battalion. This battalion will be regularly attached to the Caribbean destination in Colon. It will be assembled at Philadelphia as

rapidly as possible, and the Dixie already has left Colon to return to that place with the new battalion.

Rear-Admiral Coghlin in a cablegram to the navy department, dated Colon, December 15th, says that all is quiet on the northern coast.

Guarding Panama.

Colon, Dec. 16.—The United States cruiser Dixie disembarked her marines, numbering 330, this morning. They all proceeded to Espirito station, near Panama, where they will be quartered in the canal company's houses. Sixteen machine guns and six automatic guns accompany the marines. It is probable that the remainder of the Pacific's marines will be landed in a day or two. The Panama government received yesterday five hundred cases of Mauser and Remington cartridges, 25 cases of rifles and other war material.

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Calgary, N. W. T., Dec. 15.—There is very little that is new in the Cashel business this morning. He has eluded the police again. The police believe that at one time they were within twenty yards of him while he was hiding in the bush.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—A new railway line into Montreal was formally opened to-day. It was the Chateaugay & Northern, which runs between Montreal and Joliette, where the line connects with the Great Northern railway.

A cold wave swept over the Ottawa valley last night. The lowest temperatures reported was from Pembroke, 32 below, and Labelle, 24 below.

Archbishop Bruchesi to-day celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The feature of the day's proceedings was a presentation to the prelate of a purse containing twelve thousand dollars, collected in the Great Northern railway.

Halifax, Dec. 15.—On a military special which leaves here over the Canadian Pacific railway on Tuesday for Vancouver, Imperial officers will try an experiment by fitting first-class and box freight cars with hammocks for the men, to see how the plan would work in case of war.



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THINK END IS NEAR. Koreans Fear That the Extinction of the Empire is Imminent. Seoul, Dec. 15.—More rioting has occurred at Mokpho, and yesterday a Japanese mob wounded 15 Koreans.

ANTHRACITE AT CUMBERLAND. Coal From New Mine at Cumberland Compares Favorably With the Pennsylvania Product. Nanaimo, Dec. 15.—Further particulars of the recent strike of anthracite by the Wellington-Collery Company at Cumberland are contained in the following dispatch received by your correspondent from a high official of the company.

ENGLISH BYE-ELECTIONS. Fiscal Question and Employment of Chinese Labor in Africa Introduced in Campaign. London, Dec. 15.—Few bye-elections of recent years have evoked a titlle of the interest shown in to-day's contests in the Dulwich division of Camberwell and in Lewisham, both represented by Conservative candidates.

ADOLPHUS DRUCKER'S DEATH. Charges Against Attendants of Hospital in Which the ex-Member of Parliament Died. New York, Dec. 15.—Inspector McCloskey, chief of the detective bureau, is today looking into the death in Bellevue hospital on Thursday last week of Adolphus Drucker, who was at one time a member of the British parliament.

HEAD BEEN SPECULATING. Cashier Committed Suicide When Bank Examiner Arrived to Inspect. Books. New Haven, Dec. 13.—After greeting a bank examiner who had come unannounced to examine his accounts, Isaac Bushnell, cashier of the Yale National bank, went into the basement of the bank this morning and shot himself, death resulting an hour and a half later at Grace hospital.

Chamberlain Delighted. London, Dec. 16.—Joseph Chamberlain last night expressed himself as delighted with the result of yesterday's election in Lewisham and Dulwich, and the protection duties this morning claim the results as a complete triumph for Mr. Chamberlain's policy.

CELLULOID STARCH Never Sticks Requires no boiling. The French bill to abrogate the existing legislation permitting teaching by the authorized religious orders, provides for the dissolution, accompanied by the sequestration of property of such congregations as exist solely for the purpose of teaching, and for the partial sequestration of the property of those congregations which in addition to teaching, also conduct hospitals for the indigent.

SIGNS FOR NEW LANDS. United States Senator Wishes President to Annex San Domingo and Hayti. Washington, Dec. 15.—Mr. Simpson, United States consul at Puerto Plata, San Domingo, called the state department, under to-day's date, that a revolution has broken out in San Domingo, and that the revolution is extensive and serious.

SEEK ROOSEVELT'S AID. Letter From British Bondholders Regarding Panama and the Colombian Debt. London, Dec. 15.—A lengthy letter from the council of foreign bondholders, personally addressed to President Roosevelt, putting forth the British bondholders' position against Panama and Colombia, has been forwarded by the foreign office to Ambassador Durand, who has been instructed to hand it unofficially to the President.

MARINES ON DUTY. Will Protect Isthmus Until the Ratification of Canal Treaty. Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Regarding the various reports about the dispatch of troops to the isthmus of Panama the Associated Press is enabled to make this statement: "Until the Senate shall have ratified the Hay-Bunau Varilla treaty, the administration will look to the marines to protect the isthmus and keep order there unless in the meantime it is learned that a considerable force of Colombian troops are to attack Panama.

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**WEATHER BULLETIN**  
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 6.—5 a. m.—The low barometer area mentioned yesterday now covers the Pacific slope from Cariboo to California. It has caused a southerly gale on the Coast and high winds on the straits of Fuca. A general rainfall has occurred extending eastward to the Rockies. The weather is becoming milder in Alberta in advance of this low area.

**Forecast.**  
For 36 hours ending 3 p. m. Thursday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh westerly to southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with showers, chiefly at night.  
Lower Mainland—Continued unsettled and mild, with occasional rains.

**Reports.**  
Victoria—Barometer, 29.66; temperature, 49; minimum, 47; wind, 6 miles W.; rain, .06; weather, cloudy.  
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, 48; minimum, 42; wind, calm; rain, .50; weather, cloudy.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.56; temperature, 40; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, 36; minimum, 30; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.93; temperature, 56; minimum, 50; wind, 16 miles S. E.; rain, .08; weather, rain.  
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 14; minimum, 12; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.

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**PASSENGERS.**  
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**CONSIGNERS.**  
Per steamer Iroquois from Nanaimo and Island Ports—Rev Sister Messner, Valkyrie Packing Co, Scott & Feiler, Vic Steam Laundry, Fell & Co, Brown & Cooper, J. S. Shupland, Mrs J. Wesley Howes, Victoria Phoenix Brew Co, Vato & Brooks, S. Lester & Co.

The body of Lord Stanley, of Alderley, who died December 10th of pneumonia, was buried according to Mohammedan rites in Alderley Park, Cheshire, Cheshire. Such an occurrence is unique in the history of the British Empire.

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**ORGAN RECITAL IN  
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**A Pleasing Programme Given by G. Jennings Burnett, Who Was Assisted by Vocal Talent.**

With the best vocal talent of the city assisting, it was not to be wondered that the organ recital given in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last night should have proved specially attractive. It was given by G. Jennings Burnett, and, as usual with this musician's entertainments, there was nothing in the programme that savored of incompleteness. The church was well filled and the audience thoroughly appreciative.

Mr. Burnett introduced the programme with a selection on the organ, playing the "Bridal Chorus" (Lohengrin) in truly Wagnerian spirit. This was followed by "The Virgin's Prayer," by Masselli, an entirely different number, the meaning of which the organist seemed to grasp impress on his hearers. Herbert Taylor sang "Auld the Shadows," a composition of Mr. Burnett's and a very meritorious work, the rendition of which, with that musicianly power of expression and that rich quality of voice which the singer is capable of throwing into his work, reflected much on the singer and composer. "The Storm Fantasia," by Lemmens, is always a selection demanded on the programme by lovers of Mr. Burnett's playing, and it was given last night in the organist's own inimitable style, with the result that its strains will be more popular and more ennobling than ever. Miss McCoy, who followed with a vocal number, sang "Father of All." Miss McCoy has become deservedly popular as a vocalist. Her voice has the compass of a high soprano, and the fullness, resonance and richness of a mezzo-soprano. Her "Father and All" was given with a most artistic effect. A couple of very pretty selections were then given on the organ by Mr. Burnett.

A duet, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," another of Mr. Burnett's compositions, proved one of the gems of the evening, the vocalists being Mrs. G. Hicks and Mr. Taylor. Both possess strong recitative powers, and their voices blended charmingly.

A violin solo by J. Longfield was the next treat on the programme. The selection played was Tolma's "Andante Religioso," a number requiring not so much technique as expression, which quality Mr. Longfield, aided by the use of a good instrument, succeeded in bringing out fairly well. Mrs. G. Hicks has been suffering from a cold, but a favorite number, "He Was Despaired," proved one of the prettiest items on the programme. Mrs. Hicks always sings with a wealth of feeling, and Handel's selection was interpreted in a graceful and pleasing manner.

The final numbers on the programme were a romance by the organ by Mr. Burnett and a vocal selection by Mr. Taylor, entitled "Sun of My Soul," both of which received very careful treatment.

**TAKEN TO TASK.**

German Government Criticised For Not Adopting Vigorous Measures Against Socialists.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Count Von Liliencron, during the debate on the budget in the Reichstag to-day, sharply criticised the government for failing to take vigorous measures against the Socialists. He drew a parallel of the Germany of to-day and France prior to the revolution, and said he saw in Germany the same unconcern and carelessness on the part of the government that existed in France.

Count Von Buelow protested against the comparison, and said that, personally, he felt himself perfectly free from the carelessness prevailing among the French ruling classes at that time. After outlining the policy of the government dealing with Socialism, Count Von Buelow expressed the hope that the debates of the past few days would strengthen the confidence of the bourgeois classes in the government.

The first reading of the budget was finished, and the Reichstag adjourned to-day.

**PLACER MINING  
AT WHITE HORSE**

**NEW DISCOVERIES IN  
NORTHERN DISTRICT**

**Prospects of Digging at Alek and Bullion—Prospectors Flocking to These Places.**

A special correspondent of the Times, writing from White Horse under the date of December 5th, says: The district with White Horse as headquarters for the mining recorder's office and distributing centre, is the most recently formed placer mining district in the Yukon Territory, because it only became a necessity for placer mining last summer by reason of the discoveries made on Ruby, fourth of July, Twelfth of July, Marshall and other creeks—situated about 150 miles northwesterly from White Horse. Since the discovery of copper ore in 1890 White Horse has been headquarters for the mining recorder, but the limits of the district are now defined by proclamation as comprising all of that portion of the Yukon Territory lying to the south and west of the Polly, Stewart and Hootalinqua districts. These discoveries excited considerable local excitement late in the summer, but at the present time this excitement has reached to the outside because of the news—recently discovered—of Bullion and other creeks, tributaries of Skinas river, which empties into Kluneh lake, situated by trail 192 miles from White Horse in an almost westerly direction, and 63 miles from Bear creek, the point on the trail to Ruby creek, where travel to Bullion branches off.

The distances as estimated by a number of the most reliable "mushers" who have been over the trails several times are as follows: From White Horse by the Dawson stage road to Peckett's road house on the Tahkessa river, 22 miles; from this point the trail follows up the Tahkessa river to Little river, a distance of 11 miles; thence to the Mendenhall river, 18 miles, where McGee's road house is located; thence up the Mendenhall river, and across the divide to Champagne Landing, 19 miles, where the trail touches the Dezadeush river at Shorty Chambers's road house; thence it follows up that river to Canyon river, a tributary, 25 miles, where Meties is building a road house; thence to Marshall creek, 10 miles; thence to Bear creek, 18 miles. At this point the trail forks, the northern branch leading to Ruby and other creeks in the Alek camp, a distance of about 25 miles, and the western branch leading to Bullion and other creeks in the Kluneh camp, a distance of about 69 miles to Discovery claim on Bullion creek. About 8 miles before reaching that point, and at the mouth of Sheep creek, Barnes and Bagers are building a half-mile or so road house, which, when completed will cost \$4,500 by contract.

The citizens of White Horse are raising a fund to improve the trail and facilitate hauling heavy loads of freight and supplies on to the creeks during the present winter.

In an interview with Louis Belony, who returned from the creeks recently, and who impressed the writer very favorably because of his conservatism and intelligence, the following facts were gathered: He had been working on Twelfth of July creek, and had stamped to Bullion, where he prospected as much as he was able at the time. In describing the prospects he had obtained on both creeks he stated that they were sufficiently satisfactory to indicate good pay on bedrock, which he expected to reach in about fifteen feet in his claim, No. 3 above on Sheep creek, and that in his judgment bedrock would be exposed at a shallower depth on Bullion creek, where he located No. 15 below. The prevailing bedrock he describes as a rhyolitic schist, and from his description it must be very similar to the Carboniferous schists. Having its dip almost vertical this bedrock will act as a rim and hold gold between its laminations. In places, though, he said, the bedrock was massive and smooth, and of course where claims are located on such there is little probability of finding much gold, except such as is held in the gravel from the surface down.

In the judgment of the writer from the most reliable information he could obtain these new diggings promise great possibilities, and many of the claims, in fact the most of them, on Bullion creek and some others of the creeks in that camp should prove to be excellent "poor men's" propositions. Prospectors are travelling to and fro with dog teams and single horse sleds all the time, and report the trail for such travel as quite good at the present time.

Gen. Benj Viljoen, ex-commander, has arrived at New York to arrange for an exhibition of Boer life at the St. Louis exhibition.

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"The following is an extract from the report of Inspector Brown on your fruit export, S.S. Hutterian:

"I was with a magnificent parcel of British Columbia apples, consisting of Spies, Baldwins, and Canada Reds. The cases weighed about 48 to 50 pounds gross, and contained fully 40 pounds of fruit. Most of the apples were wrapped in paper and very neatly packed.

"All who had these were well pleased with the appearance and quality of the apples."

Most of the Spies were from the orchard of Mr. J. L. Priddy, while most of the other varieties were grown by Mr. Stirling. This is believed to be the first shipment of fruit as a commercial venture from this province to Great Britain, and the success of the experiment will very clearly demonstrate the enormous possibilities of British Columbia for fruit growing for profit. If apples can be shipped from Kelowna, in the centre of British Columbia, to Glasgow, and realize a profit on a single carload, the limit to the profitable development of apple growing in the great fertile valleys of the interior of the province can scarcely be measured. The markets in Manitoba and the Territories will always be open to British Columbia growers, and with the addition of the British market the industry should prove to be a highly profitable one.

Stirling & Piteir are to be congratulated on their pioneer work. The shipment was made with the greatest possible care, the fruit being selected and well packed.

**FIRST OF CAMPAIGN.**

Meeting Held in Spring Ridge Last Night to Discuss Municipal Affairs.

A meeting of the electors of North Ward was held last evening in the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, to discuss municipal matters. Twenty-nine were present. On motion Mr. Johnson was appointed chairman. He called on Messrs. Snider and Bragg to explain the object of the meeting which was to discuss the doing of the post council and make suggestions for present aspirants for municipal honors.

The chairman called upon Mr. Fullerton, one of the candidates for the aldermanic board, who spoke against the present system of water metres, claiming that a person should only pay for the amount of water consumed. He favored the placing of trades' licenses on a more fair and equitable basis, and a reduction in the amount of taxation on improvements. The city should devote more attention to public works, such as streets and sidewalks in the outlying portions of the ward, and the candidate promised, if elected, to use his best endeavors not only in the interests of North Ward, but of the whole city.

Mr. Mapleton claimed that a large amount of work had been done by day labor by the city this year, from which a large portion of the laboring men had received the benefit.

Mr. Bragg complained about the defective work on the causeway, and scored the engineering department for allowing laboring men to do mason work instead of employing mechanics. He also contended the unbusiness like methods of the council in carrying out city work.

Messrs. Sherk, Spragge and Paritt spoke regarding the unsatisfactory system of water metres.

The following resolution was passed, after which the meeting adjourned:

"That in the opinion of this meeting the present metre system is not in the best interests of the city;

"That in the opinion of the meeting the council should devote more attention to the wants of the outlying portions of the ward, and that these resolutions be brought to the notice of candidates for municipal honors."

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Responsibilities of Citizens. Victorians have been forced to submit to these reproaches because the hearts of the young men of the city cannot be captivated, apparently, by the pomp, circumstance and pageantry which usually precedes glorious war.

The distinguished head of the Canadian forces in his remarks at the drill hall last night called attention to this apparent trait. Lord Dundonald did not reproach us for our lack of the most potent element in national life.

The ex-Secretary for the Colonies says he simply proposes to transfer the revenue taxes from the products which come principally from the colonies to the products which come chiefly from foreign countries.

Viewing the situation broadly, we cannot see how Canadians, especially Canadian Liberals, who supported the British preference with all the influence they possessed, can refrain from rejoicing at the success which Mr. Chamberlain seems to be achieving, notwithstanding the fact that he is handicapped by the record of a government that has done some very stupid things.

A few more thousands added to the list of the unemployed in the United States yesterday. The steel trust also finds it cannot declare a dividend for the past six months, although it has been charging \$10 a ton more for its products sold in home markets than it did for those sent abroad.

When people "go wrong" nowadays and afterwards repent they generally come back to those against whom they have sinned with completely blank minds. They do not know where they have been nor what they have been doing.

Details of the British advance on Tibet are given in a recent issue of the London Times. The Chumbi Valley, a narrow strip of territory, about 20 miles wide and 40 miles long, running between Sikkim and Bhutan and described as being the key of Tibet, is to be occupied, and an advance is to be made to Gyantse, an important centre distant about 150 miles from Lassa and

country should be able to shoot straight. His eye will not lose its cunning as the years gather upon his head.

CHAMBERLAIN'S PROGRESS.

We suppose it should be in order for the Times to condole with the Liberal leaders in Great Britain on the victory they failed to gain yesterday. But we cannot forget the fact that the opponents of the Liberals carried in that test engagement the standard first raised by the Liberal government of Canada. Nor is it possible for us to overlook the fact that the newspaper supporters of the Liberal party, whatever the attitude of the party as a whole may be, are rather inclined to revile the colonialists who advocate preferential trade and to express contempt in general for the colonies.

But the Canadian Liberal party as a party, recognizing the extreme delicacy of the political situation in Great Britain, has purposely, and we think wisely, refrained not only from taking any part in the campaign, but from expressing an official opinion upon the issues. Hon. George W. Ross, the Premier of Ontario, unhampered as he is by any connection with the government at Ottawa, has unhesitatingly expressed his hopes and aspirations for the future of the British Empire and his belief that a grand Imperial structure would in time be erected upon the foundations laid by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Canadians do not ask the people of Great Britain to deviate in the slightest degree from the path along which they believe prosperity and happiness, as full and free as the world affords, lies. On the contrary, they silently leave them to pursue the course they believe to be best suited to their interests as the parties chiefly concerned. The isolated cases of Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster, who do not represent anyone in particular, are not sufficient to constitute a departure from the rule of perfect neutrality.

The little feathered songsters brought into our midst through the efforts of the Natural History Society of Victoria, and whose melodies were expected to live up the oppressive silences of fields, glades, woods, and forests of the surrounding country, are not doing as well as was expected. The robin family has been completely extinguished, and the members of the other have been greatly diminished. What is the cause of this disaster? It surely cannot be in the climatic conditions, as the redbreast is one of the hardest of the bird kind.

The United States Fish Commissioner does not believe it would be practicable to establish fish hatcheries controlled and operated by two governments in the upper waters of the Fraser river. He is right. There is room for but one nationality on this side of the boundary. As long as the present conditions obtain there can be no misunderstandings on one subject.

When people "go wrong" nowadays and afterwards repent they generally come back to those against whom they have sinned with completely blank minds. They do not know where they have been nor what they have been doing. That will be the condition of one called McBride shortly. As to the general condition of his mind we shall not be the judges. We admit prejudice. But we do know that he did not know what

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City News in Brief.

Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

An error occurred in The Westside advertisement yesterday, \$3.50 and \$4.00 umbrellas being offered for 75c, whereas it should have been printed 90c and \$1.00 umbrellas for 75c.

GOOD EVENING!

Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day. As supplied the Imperial House of Commons.

A special showing of Liberty novels, including cushion tops, tea cozies, table cloths, art cambric curtains, etc., all of which are acceptable as Xmas gifts.—Weiler Bros.

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on our January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

The E. & N. Railway Company will cancel its trains on Christmas Day. Notice has been given by Joseph Hunter, the general superintendent, to that effect, so that the employees on the line may enjoy their Christmas festivities at their homes.

The University of Toronto has made arrangements to hold a local examination here next June. The examination will include theory, piano and singing. Any information regarding it can be obtained from Mrs. Bridges, 82 North Park street.

The Head Waiters will be seen at the Victoria this evening with Joe Kelly in the leading role. The company numbers thirty people, and the production is all new. It is a mirth-provoking play, and its specialties are said to be particularly attractive.

The marriage of Mr. H. L. Robertson, of Moresby Island, and Miss Ann McCoskie, eldest daughter of Capt. McCoskie, 254 Dallas road, took place yesterday afternoon. The wedding ceremony was held in Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. W. Baugh, Allen officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson left last night for the Mainland on a honeymoon trip.

A dance under the auspices of the Barbers' Union was held last evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. A most enjoyable time was spent. The music was furnished by the Semi-Bantay orchestra. A supper was served about midnight. The committee, consisting of Messrs. Oliver, Wilson, George and Crooch, deserve great credit for the way in which the arrangements were carried out.

Parents who intend sending children to the public schools during the next term are reminded that in order to ensure accommodation being provided they must give notice at once. Under the crowded conditions which exist it is considered absolutely necessary that F. Eaton, the city superintendent, should be notified of the pupils entering in order that arrangements may be made to accommodate them.

A statement has been given in connection with the domestic science school, including the cost, equipping, together with the amount received for the purpose. The work was done under the local Council of Women at the following cost: A. & W. Wilson, for kitchen furnishings, \$78.40; Moore & Whittington, woodwork, \$170.00; Albion Iron Works, range, \$66.00; Hastie's Pair, dishes, \$11.05; D. Spencer, cup towels, \$6.80; stools and refrigerator, \$37.75. Total, \$306.65. The subscriptions received were as follows: Victoria local Council of Women, \$28.45; Central W. C. T. U., \$25.00; individual subscriptions, \$473.20. Total, \$306.65.

At a meeting held in Labor hall last evening Wm. McKay was nominated as a candidate for school trustee in the coming election. The following resolution was passed unanimously at the meeting: "That this meeting heartily endorse the candidature of Wm. McKay for school trustee, and we pledge ourselves to use our best endeavor to secure his election." Speeches were delivered upon the question, and the necessity for putting forth a united effort to elect Mr. McKay was urged upon all present. As a means to this end it was pointed out by the chairman, W. M. Wilson, that plans should be effected for the getting electors to register, and for holding public meetings if necessary. Mr. McKay endorsed the need of putting forth every effort to have the registration of votes carried out, and asked the support of his friends in his candidature.

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The Pilot goes into commission on Friday, leaving for Juneau on that day with the coal bulk Oregon.

Have you seen Weiler Bros.' little Christmas folder, it is full of suggestions for that gift. Get one.

Steamer Aki Maru arrived about noon from China and Japan, bringing 150 Chinese and 50 Japs for this city.

GOOD EVENING!

Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day. As supplied the Imperial House of Commons.

If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene Lowe studio. Sit now; no time to lose.

The Pioneer Society will hold its regular monthly meeting in Pioneer hall this evening. This meeting will be in the form of a reunion. As one of the guests it is expected that Harry Jones, M. P., of Cariboo, will be present. Refreshments and cigars will be served.

An error, appeared in Tuesday's report of the court proceedings respecting Mrs. Joan Dunsmyr's evidence. The amount which she testified to James Dunsmyr having said was provided for the girls in Alexander's will was \$350,000, instead of \$3,550,000, as appeared owing to a misprint.

The souvenir calendar of Victoria, published by A. S. Angell, is a neat remembrance to send to out-of-town friends. Only two hundred have been printed, so you must apply early to secure one. The price is 25 cents, and they are for sale at the principal book stores and at the Times office.

The rooms of the Friendly Help Association will be opened on Monday and Tuesday in next week for the reception of food and clothing. It will facilitate the work of the committee if all parents can be sent as early as possible. The district visitors are asked to send their lists to the rooms by Monday. Miss Lawson is anxious to receive further donations of cash.

HANDSOME CALENDARS FREE At Radiger & Janion's, 82 Store street. These calendars show pictures of the famous distilleries where the popular Scotch whiskey, "Black and White," as supplied House of Commons, is blended, stored in sherry wood casks and aged, which gives Black and White its fine, mellow, flavor. The best dealers keep Black and White. Ask for it.

A special meeting of the board of management of the James Bay Athletic Association was held last evening. The question of improving the equipment of the club rooms was discussed. It was decided to install several new enamel baths, and the contract for the work was awarded to A. Sherrett. A committee was selected to make preparations for the club's annual ball, which takes place on the 22nd of January.

A Halifax dispatch says: "It is proposed to station a line regiment of 1,000 men in Western Canada, one half at Esquimaux and the other at Winnipeg. This is news for the Garrison at Work Point, inquiring this morning eliciting the information that there is no accommodation for such an increase. The buildings at Work Point accommodate about 200 men, and at present are wholly occupied. Next year, however, it is expected that the place will be enlarged, room being provided for another hundred men."

This afternoon a sale-of-work is being held in St. James's hall in connection with the James Bay Presbyterian Sunday school and Boys' Brigade. The stands are in charge of the following: Fancy work, Messrs Rankin, Taylor and Robinson; tea and cake, Misses Fairfull and Proctor; candy, Misses Lorimer, Jackson, Heaney, Thomson and Proctor; fish pond, Miss Scovcroft, assisted by two young gentlemen. The boys' work will be in charge of W. A. Lorimer. This evening an excellent programme will be given in which local talent will take part.

Hinson Siddall last evening tendered a banquet to the young men comprising his Bible class in the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school. This banquet given by Mr. Siddall is an annual function, which is much enjoyed by the scholars and the limited number of invited guests. It was given at the Hotel Davies, the invited guests including His Honor the Lieut-Governor, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, and a few of the prominent workers in the Metropolitan Sunday school. An excellent dinner was served, after which a toast list was gone through with. It included the following: The King, The Pastor, The Teacher, The Metropolitan Church and Sunday School, The Class, Our Sister Classes, Y. M. C. A. of Victoria and The Ladies. Great praise was given the management of the Hotel Davies for the excellent arrangements, and to Mr. Siddall for his kindness by the scholars of the class.

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GOOD EVENING!

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Milton Lodge, No. 311, St. of St. George, will meet December 21st for the purpose of discussing the arrangements offered to be made by the Royal Jubilee hospital in connection with the federated board of friendly societies.

A dispatch from Vancouver announces the sudden death of Hugh Grievie at 1:30 o'clock to-day. Mr. Grievie was well known in Victoria. He was in the hotel business for several years at Duncan, and afterwards conducted the Imperial, Douglas street.

The Edison theatre is presenting a great attraction these days. It is nothing less than Santa Claus, and he has on hand a stock of presents for all the children-attending matinees. He will remain there until Christmas. All letters should be addressed care of the Edison.

The death occurred yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital of Donald Cameron, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cameron, of Moose Jaw. He was two and a half years of age. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock from 37 David street. Religious services will be conducted by Rev. W. Lewis Clay.

Arthur F. Wardle, business manager for Miss Florence Roberts, the well-known actress, is in the city arranging for the engagement of Miss Roberts, which will open on December 21st, and continuing until the 23rd, inclusive. She will present "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson," "The Unwelcome Mr. Hatch" and "The Country Girl." Mr. Wardle is the eldest son of Fred Wardle, the tragedian.

Miss Ella De Vos, Dramatic Reader, Congregational church, Tuesday night. Admission 2c.

A demurrer to the petition of creditors which resulted December 4th in the appointment of two receivers to take charge of all the property of John Alexander Dowie at Zion City, has been filed in the United States District court, Chicago, by counsel for Dowie. Dowie raises a number of technical legal objections to the former creditors' petition, and asks to have the bankruptcy proceedings dismissed.

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Christmas Present FOOTBALLS JNO. BARNESLEY & CO. 115 GOVERNMENT ST. Creditors' Notice. IN THE MATTER OF ACHILLE ROSSI, DECEASED, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, AND OF PORTO CERESIO, COMO, ITALY, INTERSTATE. Letters of administration of the estate and effects of the intestate, within the province of British Columbia, have been granted to Leonard Calvert Mills, an Attorney-in-Fact of Francesca Maria Bossi, widow of the intestate, and for her use and benefit. Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are requested to send by post or deliver to the said Leonard Calvert Mills, as such attorney as aforesaid, at the office of the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased according to law, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said Attorney for the said Francesca Maria Bossi will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution. And further take notice that all persons from whom money was due to the said Achille Rossi, deceased, are required to pay the same to the said Attorney within the period above mentioned. Dated this 15th day of December, 1903. S. PERRY MILLS, 81 Langley Street, Victoria, Solicitor for the Attorney-in-Fact of the said Francesca Maria Bossi.

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## WRESTLING

### TRYING TO MAKE MATCH.

An effort is being made by a Nanaimo athletic association to arrange a match between Walter Wrigglesworth, of this city, and Swanson, of the Coast City. It is improbable, however, that the former will agree to the proposal.

## FOOTBALL

### VICTORIA & GARRISON.

A match is taking place to-day between the Victoria and Garrison teams. The game is being played at the Work Point grounds and commenced at 8 o'clock promptly. The Victoria team follows: Forwards, L. York, A. Gillespie, K. Schofield (capt.), F. Futeher, W. Winstry; half backs, W. York, H. Gillespie, B. Tye; backs, K. Gillespie, A. Maclean, R. Jaegers.

## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

### WILL MEET AGAIN.

Steps are being taken to bring off a final match between the Victoria and Garrison teams on Saturday next. As already stated in these columns, the result of the last game was unsatisfactory to both teams, as they were left in the same position in their relationship to each other. The rival eleven are now ready on an even basis, as there is every reason to believe that Victoria will defeat the Columbia and Y. M. C. A. eleven. Under these circumstances it is considered wise to decide the question of supremacy between the local eleven and the soldiers before the latter leave for another station. The question of where the game will be played has not as yet been decided, but it is likely that it will take place on the grounds at Work Point. A close and exciting contest is looked forward to, as both the soldiers and civilians are determined to win.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

### PRACTICE SATURDAY.

Although the result of Saturday's game with Nanaimo handicaps the Victoria fifteen in the race for the championship, there will be no lack of enthusiasm among the players in their preparations for the remaining matches with Vancouver and Nanaimo. On Saturday a friendly practice game will be played between the senior and intermediate teams. All players who wish a game are invited to attend.

## BASEKTBALL

### MATCH ON THURSDAY.

An intermediate match will be played to-morrow evening between the Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. teams. The game will take place at the Young Men's Christian Association annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets, and will commence at 8 o'clock.

## WOOD'S RHODODINE

The will of the late Cardinal Herrero y Espinosa, according to a special dispatch from Madrid, contains the extraordinary bequest of \$10,000 to the "first Spanish general landing in United States territory with an army sufficiently strong to avenge the defeats of Cuba and the Philippines." Pending the happening of this event the legacy is to remain in the bank of Spain.

## WOOD'S RHODODINE

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estimates are presented, a certificate as to the state of preparedness for war of the forces of which they are the professional heads?

It is true that the proposed certificate might, as Lord Lansdowne says, lead to the downfall of the industry, and possibly point to the minister to be hanged; these, however, do not appear to the Navy League to be any insuperable objections to the adoption of the proposal.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,  
H. REYMOUR TROWER,  
Chairman of the Executive Committee,  
WM. CAIUS CRITCHLEY,  
Secretary.

Dispatches from Indo-China report the massing of French troops on the Siam border, in anticipation of war. The officials of Indo-China are quoted as saying that on this occasion a large slice of Siam has been decided upon. It is reported in Paris that such is contemplated at this time.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

### DOMESTIC LABOR.

To the Editor:—The question of domestic labor is likely to become very acute in this city before long. As long as the restrictions upon Chinese immigration were not serious, and most of the Chinamen who came to the country remained in or about Victoria, there was always a sufficient number of them available to supply all needs; but on January 1st the head tax will be raised to \$500, which will be prohibitive, and moreover there is a constant movement of Chinese to other parts of Canada, which will, in connection with the natural decrease by death and the return of Chinese to their native land, greatly and rapidly reduce the number of them available for domestic work here. Of those who do come, or are now in the province, only a limited number are at all fit for domestic employment, so that it is too clear for argument that in a very short time, if we are compelled to depend in the same degree as at present upon Chinamen for household servants (and a very large number of people in a position to demand exceedingly high wages) already it is understood that these people are contemplating return to the excessively high wages which were paid here a number of years ago.

Under these circumstances it has occurred to me that it is desirable to encourage the immigration of persons who will readily adapt themselves to domestic labor. Such people are not born here in any large number, and only very few of them come of their own accord, for the very substantial reason that the journey here is too expensive to make it possible for them to do so unless they are provided beforehand with situations.

I have therefore determined to make an effort to supply the demand, which all must foresee is approaching, and to endeavor to put those who need domestic help in touch with persons desiring that kind of employment.

J. DEVEREUX,  
1 Richardson St., Dec. 5th, 1903.

### NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

The Navy League,  
13 Victoria Street, London, S. W.,  
25th November, 1903.

To the Editor:—The Navy League has recently directed public attention to the evidence given before the war commission as to the grave risk of national disaster incurred during the earlier stages of the South African war through the depletion of the supply of ammunition for the navy. Drawing from the same authoritative source, the Navy League now desires to inquire whether the time has not arrived when the British public may be permitted by party politicians to know at first hand whether, in the opinion of the military and naval chiefs, adequate provision has been made for the maintenance of the two great branches of our defensive forces at the standard of strength and preparedness for war laid down as adequate for the needs of the Empire.

Lord Wolsey, in his evidence before the war commission (questions 8,948 and 9,190), proposes that the Commander-in-Chief, so long as he is, as at present, a non-political man, should submit to parliament every year over his own signature a certificate of the efficiency of the forces under his command. This certificate would naturally refer not only to the personnel of the army, but also to the supply of munitions of war of all descriptions.

Lord Roberts (question 10,827) stated that he thought it would be an advantage that such a certificate should be given, and Lord Lansdowne, with unbecoming and touching candor (question 21,450) admits that if this were done it would put the Commander-in-Chief in the position of being able at any moment to refuse to sign the proposed certificate, thereby forcing the secretary of state for war to go to parliament with an admission that all things are not as they should be. In other words, Lord Lansdowne, as a party politician, fears that the nation (which taxes itself, or ought to be so) would then be able to insist on the proper provision of all that is necessary to complete military efficiency, irrespective of the party needs of the ministry of the day.

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**JOSEPH HUNTELL,**  
General Superintendent.

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Scyllian-Allan Line ..... Jan. 16  
Ionian-Allan Line ..... Jan. 30  
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Lake Erie-Can. Pacific ..... Jan. 23

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Parian-Allan Line ..... Dec. 28  
Pretorian-Allan Line ..... Jan. 4  
Bavarian-Allan Line ..... Jan. 11

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Canada-Dominion Line ..... Jan. 2  
Dominion-Dominion Line ..... Jan. 23

From New York, N.Y.

Teutonic-White Star Line ..... Dec. 25  
Cedric-White Star Line ..... Dec. 30  
Majestic-White Star Line ..... Jan. 6  
Lucania-Cunard Line ..... Dec. 26  
Ermola-Cunard Line ..... Jan. 2  
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Furness-Anchor Line ..... Jan. 16

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S.S. MARIPOSA, for Tahiti, Jan. 6, 1904, 11 a. m.

S.S. SIERRA, for Auckland and Sydney, 2 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 31.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND. The outcome in the now well known case of Tanghe vs. Morgan et al will not be known for a fortnight at least.

NEW WESTMINSTER. Michael R. Barry, who for eight years has been the postmaster at Brownsville, died suddenly of heart disease on Saturday.

GREENWOOD. The monthly pay rolls of the Greenwood smelter, Mother Lode mine, Boundary Falls smelter, Sunset mine and the high grade mines surrounding Greenwood aggregate a grand total of over \$40,000 a month.

By an unfortunate accident at the Brockton Point grounds, Walter Waddell, a member of the Vancouver broken football team, had his collar-bone broken.

Mrs. Susan England died on Sunday at the age of 76. She was one of the pioneers of the province, having arrived here many years ago with her husband, William England, formerly water-supply foreman for the C.P.R., and who is now in England on a visit.

George Hill, a young man from Salmon River, died at the City hospital on Sunday.

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T. M. Ward, a well known resident of Nelson, died on Tuesday of pneumonia. The deceased was one of the pioneers of the city.

George Gilbert, one of the owners of the famous Gold Park group in the Poplar camp, was in the city the other day. He had been to Trail, whether he went for the purpose of sampling seven tons of ore shipped from the Gold Park, one of the Marquis and Gilbert group of claims, Mr. Gilbert had not yet had his samples assayed, and, therefore, does not know what the ore will average. He expects, however, that it will be of good grade, as it was taken from a ledge from which picked samples run very high.

A meeting of the university graduates was held at the Success Club parlors to complete the organization of the University Club of Nelson. The following officers were elected by acclamation: President, A. L. McKillop, Queen's; secretary-treasurer, C. M. Fraser, Toronto; executive committee, Rev. F. H. Graham, McGill; Dr. E. C. Arthur, Toronto; F. Green, New Brunswick. It was decided to meet on the second Saturday of each month, when papers will be read and discussions on current subjects of interest to university men will be held. A paper was read by R. J. Clark, showing various reasons why steps should be taken by the provincial government to ensure the establishment of a university in this province as soon as population would permit. He pointed out the necessity of having a school of mining and railway engineering, especially, as soon as possible.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1903. (Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Table with columns for Date, Time, Height, and various tide measurements.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor. The time used is Pacific standard for the 129 Meridian west, it is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

Equinialt (at Dry Dock). From observations during six months, May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Denton.

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BURNED TO DEATH.

Three People Perished in Fire, Which Destroyed Residence, Meat Market and Dry Goods Store.

Bradwood, Ill., Dec. 15.—Mrs. J. Mercer Smith; her daughter, Frank Smith, a clerk, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the meat market and residence and the dry goods store of G. Symon here to-day.

Supposed Incendiarism. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15.—The plant of the Deanna Clothing Co. was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire is thought to be the work of an incendiary, who had made two unsuccessful attempts to burn the building within a week. The loss is said to be \$60,000.

Half Million Damages. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 15.—It is now believed that Rochester's loss from the fire of this morning will reach half a million dollars, about fifty per cent. being covered by insurance. The fire broke out shortly after midnight, when it was discovered burning from the top story of the Foster & Armstrong piano factory in Commercial street. The firemen had just returned from another big fire in the same locality. The flames in the piano factory made good headway, and the efforts of the department to check their progress was of no avail, although they were prevented from spreading to nearby buildings. A few minutes later the wall fell. Fire was discovered in the shoe factory of Williams, Hoyt & Co., and a few minutes later a fresh fire started in the Wendell Piano Factory at Central avenue and Water street. The Foster and Williams & Hoyt fires were extinguished after hard labor, but the fire in the Wendell plant was still burning, and this morning the firemen are fearful that the blaze will get beyond their control. It seems impossible to get at the seat of the fire. Police men and firemen are of the opinion that the fires were started by incendiaries.

There are 4,702 lawyers in Chicago. The increase in their number during the last twelvemonth was 320.

N. B.—In column numbered 4 in above list the letter "L" means Land, and "L. and I." mean Land and Improvements. Dated this 24th day of November, A. D. 1903, at City Hall, Victoria, B. C.

MUNICIPAL.

Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria. To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the THIRTIETH DAY of December, 1903, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Rate By-Law, 1903," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold, the said lands and improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the legal costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Table with columns for Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, and various financial details.

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Stoddart's Jewellery Store. 65 and 66 YATES STREET, VICTORIA, B. C. Will Take 10 per cent. off All Eastern Catalogue prices.

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NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that we, Hannah Wall and William A. Smith, carrying on business as grocers under the name of The Windsor Grocery Company, on the premises Numbers 19 and 21 Government street, intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, for a license to sell spirituous liquors upon the said premises, in quantities not less than a quart per bottle at any one time to any one person, not to be consumed upon the said premises.

NOTICE. All mineral rights are reserved by the Equinialt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the north by the south boundary of Common District, on the east by the Bertha of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant. LEONARD H. SOLLY, Land Commissioner.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GODFREY KENNELL, DECEASED. Take notice that pursuant to the Trustee and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson Clanton and George Parrett, or to the undersigned, on or before the 30th day of January, 1904, their claims and names, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

NOTICE. This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C., Victoria, B. C., Dec. 3rd, 1903.

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"Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, 1901." Notice is hereby given that John McSweeney, of No. 81 Discovery street, in the City of Victoria, carrying on business as a grocer at No. 177 Douglas street, in the same city, has by assignment bearing date the 3rd day of December, 1903, pursuant to the above Act, assigned all his personal property, real estate, credits and effects which may be seized and sold under execution, unto Arthur Bruchley, of No. 122 Belleville street, in the same city, commission merchant. Dated this 4th day of December, 1903. YATES & JAY, 22 Bastion St. Victoria, Solicitors for the Assignee.

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W. JONES, Dominion Government Auctioneer, Will Hold Next Sale Saturday Night At Mar 55 Broad Street, 8 p. m.

Furniture and Effects

W. JONES, Auctioneer. Phone 294.

Auction Sale

I am instructed by the Landlord and the Mortgagee to cause to be sold at Public Auction, on the premises known as the Pacific Grocery, corner Douglas and Discovery streets, Victoria, on Thursday, the 17th day of December, 1903, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the following: Stock of groceries, one pair counting scales, coffee mills, store fixtures, two wagons, one road cart, three horses and two sets of harness. Terms cash. Inquire of HINKSON SIDDALL, 14 CHANCERY LANE, VICTORIA, B. C.

DAVIES BROS., AUCTIONEERS.

We Will Sell at Our Saleroom, 105 FORT STREET, Thursday, December 17th, 1903, at 2 p. m. and 7 p. m., for our

Xmas and Holiday Sale

The following line of goods: Striking Clocks, with Glass Sides; Iron Clocks; Alarm Clocks; Nickel Clocks; Calendar Clocks, with Ink Stands; Boat Compasses; Large Epergne, Silver Plated; Cut Glass Wine and Spirit Stand; Bar Bowls; Candlesticks, with Glass Shades; Mustard Pots; Salt and Pepper Stands; Mugs, Silver Plated; Cut Glass Suits, E. P. Stands; E. P. Peppers; Napkins, Silver Plated; Match Holder, Silver Plated; Trays, Silver Plated; Frames, Silver Plated; Gold and Silver Watches; E. P. Water Jug; Japanese Ware; Trolley Baskets; Combination Banks; Carpenters' Tools, on Cards; Carpenters' Tools, in Boxes; Navy Cut Tobacco. On the evening of Thursday, Dec. 17th, 1903, we will sell 1 Decorated Christmas Tree. Goods on view Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Davies Bros., Auctioneers.

AUCTION

At sale rooms, 77-79 Douglas Street, Friday, Dec. 18, 2 p. m.

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Dining Extension Table, Chairs, Oak Bureaus and Washstands, Enamelled and Brass Bedsteads, Wire and Top Mattresses, Feather Pillows, Single Bedsteads, Mattresses, Mirror, Pictures, Tables, Cook Stoves, Heating Stoves, Carpets, Linoleum, Walnut Writing Desk, Office Table, Mineral Show Case, Cabinet, Typewriter, etc.

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Six Cases Christie's Cream Sodas, 4 Cases Salt Water Soap, 10 Cases Cracked Salmon, 20 Boxes Figs, 4 Cases Cod Fish, 5 Cases Dublin Glazer Ale, Cases of Jam, Pilot Bread, 10 Boxes Sullivan Raisins, 5 Cases Macintosh, Case of Vegetables, Raisins, 3 Cases Rhubarb, 7 Boxes Saccharin, 5 Kits Salmon Bellies, 1 Case Playing Cards, etc. Thirty-one Caddies of Turkish Plug Tobacco, 65 lbs. Navy Cut Tobacco.

W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer

EXPEDITION TO THIBET.

Difficulties With Which the British Force Has to Contend.

(Associated Press.)

Calcutta, Dec. 16.—The British expedition which entered Thibet after having crossed the Jelep pass, at 14,380 feet above sea level, and reached Tou Chan Gong on its way to the Chumbi valley, met with immense transport difficulties. The cold was intense, 30 degrees of frost being registered. Anthrax broke out among the Nepalese bullocks. Native Indian troops, British artillery, men, a detachment of the Norfolk regiment, two seven pounders and a machine gun form the expedition.

Lieut. Schilling, charged with 248 cases of maltreatment of his subordinates, was sentenced at Metz, by the military court to fifteen months' imprisonment.

E. J. WALL. SOMETHING NICE FOR COLD WEATHER. W. A. SMITH.

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OPPOSITE POST OFFICE. GOVERNMENT STREET. THE FAMOUS BLOCKS.

Location of the Lands Granted by the Government in Southeast Kootenay.

The Southeast Kootenay coal and oil blocks, 4,593 and 4,594, continue to be a disturbing element in British Columbia politics. On Friday W. W. B. McInnes asked a number of questions affecting the granting of applications in that part of the province. The questions and answers were as follows:

1. How many applications have been received for coal licenses and leases in blocks 4,593 and 4,594 in Southeast Kootenay? 2. Have any of those applications been granted? 3. If so, how many, and to whom? 4. Is it the intention of the government to grant these applications? 5. If so, when? 6. If not, why not?

Hon. R. McBride replied as follows: "I, as nearly as can be ascertained, 670 coal licenses have been applied for—no leases; 2, yes; 3, 21, covering lands within lot 4,594, as follows: E. J. Johnson, John Janiesh, Wm. Senkbiel, Daniel McKenzie, David Tracy, John Lewis, G. McClincy, S. F. Wallace, C. A. Kluge-smith, John Rudolph, Peter VanDusen, August Baldaup, J. D. Quail, John Derr, J. R. Stevens, W. A. Switzer, Charles J. Bulger, Charles Walde, Thomas Morrison, Francis Greenway and Mrs. H. A. Senkbiel; 4, the government proposes to recognize all statutory rights which have been secured by applicants for coal and petroleum licenses in blocks 4,593 and 4,594, Southeast Kootenay. It has been deemed prudent, in order to avoid unnecessary complications, that the land be not dealt with until the expiry of the period within which disallowance might be made, about May 1st next.

Of these 21 applications which have been granted it is ascertained from the department of lands of works that the whole block taken up lies opposite Coal Creek and Fernie, on the west side of Elk river.

There were about 57 leases applied for, but the others were filed previous to the famous cancellation of the reserve, and hence were not considered. On January 19th, 1902, leases for the lands on the west side of Elk river, north of Morrissey, were granted to E. J. Johnson, John Janiesh, Wm. Senkbiel and D. Mackenzie.

Charles Walde and Thos. Morrison received theirs on December 30th, 1902, and included lands two miles from Morrissey, on the west side of the Elk river. Mrs. Senkbiel and F. German got their on January 19th, 1903. The lands are three miles south of Morrissey, on the west side of Elk river.

The remaining ones were all issued November 6th, 1902, and apply to lands on the west side of Elk river, near Coal Creek, on the Lizard range.

AFFECTS LOAN COMPANIES.

British Columbia Permanent Will Continue Work to Northwest.

Already the effects of the new Assessment bill are being felt. The Vancouver World gives the result of an interview with T. T. Langlois, the president of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Investment Company, in which it is stated that that organization contemplates moving from the province.

Mr. Langlois entered a protest on behalf of his company against the bill before it was passed. In consequence of the bill passing, the B. C. Permanent is contemplating confining its operations to the Northwest Territories. Already Mr. Langlois is preparing notices for his agents, informing them of the change about to be made in the policy of the company, says the World. Eight financial solicitors, fifteen valuers and twenty-six agents will cease to be further required. Should the government continue to evince its present aggressive spirit, the company may be compelled to remove its headquarters to Calgary. The demand for loans in the Northwest is far more brisk than in British Columbia, and from a purely business point of view the B. C. Permanent would not lose by making the change. Mr. Langlois said the old tax was one per cent. on the net income. The new one is one per cent. on the gross income. As the B. C. Permanent gathers money from thousands of small shareholders, the cost of collection is proportionately greater than is the case with the other similar concerns having their headquarters in older and wealthier centres, and hence the new tax will press upon this company more heavily than upon its eastern competitors.

PURCHASED LOCALLY.

City Debentures Commanded a Good Figure—Credit Stands High. It is gratifying to note that the debentures issued under authority of the Langley and Bastion Streets Paving Local Improvement and the Government Street Paving Local Improvement By-laws have been taken up by local people at rates which speak volumes for the credit of the city. Some of the tenders were for par and others ninety-eight, the ordinary denomination being five hundred dollars each. The debentures will mature in August, 1913, and the rate of interest to be paid is four per cent. The amount advertised for under the Langley and Bastion Streets Paving Local Improvement By-law aggregated \$9,348.11, of which the sum of \$4,657.22 was secured on the credit of the whole municipality and \$4,704.90 on the credit of the real property immediately benefited. The \$4,900.83 issued under the authority of the other by-law is secured by the real property immediately benefited by the Government street paving.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The Rowe Alaska Company, of New York, has been incorporated at Albany, N. Y., with \$1,500,000 authorized capital to carry on mining and exploration in Alaska. The directors are all of New York.

The stewards of the French Jockey Club have entered an appeal in the case of Tod Sloan, the American jockey, who on December 14th obtained a verdict of \$40,000 damages for being warped off the turf.

Noting on the amended loan law has been deferred in the Cuban Senate until completion of negotiations with the New York houses, who are expected to undertake the loan, and whose approval of every condition efforts will be made to secure, before congress approves the amendments.

In the matter of the assault upon United States Consul Davis by Turkish officials and police at Alexandria, Acting United States Secretary of State Adee has called Minister Loichman to present the facts to the Turkish government, and inform him that the case is one seeming to invite an expression of regret and reparation.

DIED.

ENGLAND—At Vancouver, on Dec. 13th, Mrs. W. England, aged 75 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE—At a sacrifice, section 24, Goldstream District, 125 acres of land, suitable for stock or chicken raising; must be sold. Write, making an offer, to Box 514, Vancouver, B. C.

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FOR SALE—Quiet driving pony, with cart and harness, for \$50. Apply Times.

FOR SALE—Air-tight heater, including pipe, in good order; price \$5. Address P. O. Box 4.

The Mayoralty

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce that I am a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing year, and respectfully solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

THE MAYORALTY

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G. H. Barnard

OFFICERS ON TRIAL.

Captain and Navigating Lieutenant of the Flora Before the Court—Tenders Being Called.

On board the flagship Grafton a court-martial is being held to-day to inquire into the cause of the accident to H. M. S. Flora. Captain Caspar J. Baker, commander of the Flora, and his navigating lieutenant, Harold F. Grant, are on trial. The court is composed of Commodore Goodrich, Capt. Keppel, flag-captain on this station, and Captain Parry, of H. M. S. Egretta. These officers will conduct a thorough investigation, and the result, it is expected, will be known shortly. Until the trial is concluded and a decision has been reached, both the accused have surrendered their swords.

Rear-Admiral Bickford is not sitting on the court, but will remain here until after the hearing has been given the accused. According to present arrangements, he and his staff, comprising Capt. Keppel, Secretary Clutter Baker and Mr. Woodward, will be leaving for England on Monday, going overland by way of the C. P. R.

In regard to the Flora, nothing has yet been done to the ship. Tenders for her repair are now being called and must be in by to-morrow noon. In the meanwhile a number of ship builders have been making a survey of the injuries, and it is expected that at least three tenders will be received from local firms.

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Mother and Daughter Perished—Son Is Also Missing.

(Associated Press.) Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 16.—James Crosby's wife and daughter, Grace, the latter aged 12, were burned to death in their home in this city early to-day, while a son, James, is missing and is believed to have perished. The family were all asleep when the fire started from the kitchen stove, and were not aroused till neighbors broke in the door.

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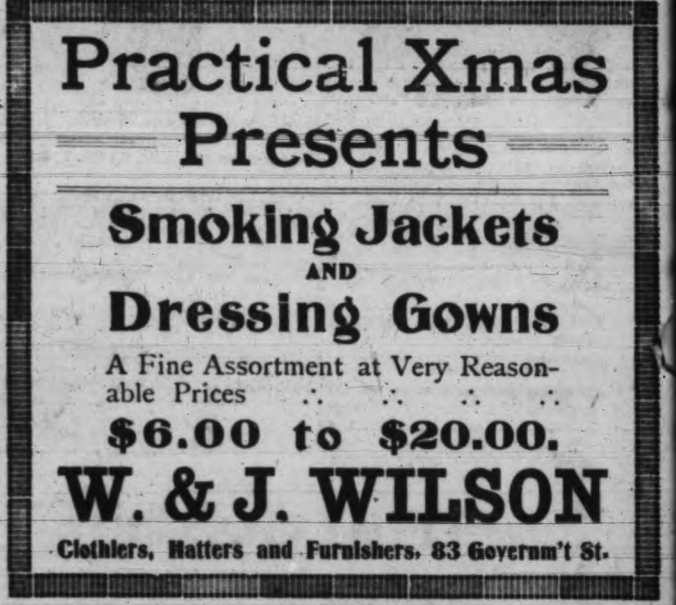
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