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MONTREAL NOTES.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal Jan. 2.—Alex. Valleres, aged 60 years, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor in his own house yesterday.

Thomas Allen, of the well-known firm of Thomas Allen & Co., jewelers, is dead from typhoid fever.

Teller-Herbert, of the insolvent Ville Marie Bank, under arrest charged with stealing from that institution, was permitted to dine at home with his mother yesterday, under the surveillance of a detective.

Herbert was before the police magistrate to-day, and remanded till to-morrow.

The extreme cold weather of the past few days has been the cause of a large number of frozen feet, hands, etc., which have been attended to by the city hospital.

A pretty wedding took place at Westmount yesterday when, at her father's house, Miss Bertha G. Sheffield was married to Mr. Charles Dangerfield Tappin, manager of the C.P.R. hotel at Vancouver. Miss Sheffield's father is manager of one of the transportation branches of the C.P.R. Company. The Rev. T. S. McWilliams performed the ceremony.

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FRENCH'S VICTORY IN CAPE COLONY

He Surprised and Defeated Five Thousand Boers, Who Retreated in Disorder.

COLESBURG OCCUPIED BY THE BRITISH

Our Casualties Were Three Killed and Seven Wounded—Fleeing Burghers Harassed by a Shell Fire.

THE TORONTO COMPANY IN ACTION

They Took Part in an Engagement at Sunnyside Which Resulted in the Capture of Boer Laager and Forty Prisoners.

(Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 1.—The success of Gen. French in driving the Boers from Colesburg has sent a welcome ray of light through the gloom of the campaign in South Africa. Everywhere it is commented upon as an example of sound tactics and as an illustration of what may be done when the right methods are employed with the Boers.

The government is urged to take the lesson to heart and see that no stone is left unturned in the endeavor to get the largest possible forces of cavalry and mounted infantry to the front.

The Retreat of Boers.
Now that Gen. French has the Boers on the run, the hope is expressed that he will give them no rest, but will harass them until they have found their way across the Orange River, which is twelve miles distant. The old wagon route to the Free State traverses Colesburg, and crosses the river by a fine bridge, 1,340 feet long. It is believed that the Boers retreated towards Norval's Post, further east, and the question is whether General French will be able to secure these two bridges before the Boers destroy them.

One important effect of the success of Gen. French is that it will probably have a deterrent influence on Dutch disaffection.

At Modder River the Boers appear to be modifying somewhat their line of defence.

New Camps.
Gen. Buller's scouts have discovered a Boer camp established in the vicinity of Springfield, southwest of Colesburg, by a Free State command.

A similar movement has been made at Modder River. A large force of Boers, it is reported, has formed a new laager about fifteen miles down the stream at Kampeelook.

Still Bombarding Ladysmith.
Heliograph reports from Ladysmith show that all was well on December 31st.

The bombardment was being continued, but its intensity had relaxed.

Officers Wounded.
An official dispatch from Ladysmith confirms the report published yesterday that several officers of the Devonshire regiment were severely wounded by the explosion of a Boer shell in the mess tent.

New Armored Train.
A new armored train has reached General Buller from Durban.

Proposed Exchange of Prisoners.
A Capetown dispatch says that an exchange of prisoners is under consideration.

The Seventh Division.
The entire seventh division will have sailed from England by January 11th.

Lord Wolseley, replying to a correspondent who had asked for information regarding the British artillery, wrote: "Our field artillery is at least as good as any field artillery in Europe."

Bridge for Tugela River.
A British firm, according to the Daily News, after keen competition with several American firms, has secured the government contract for the new seven span bridge over the Tugela River at Colesburg. The firm is working night and day to complete orders.

Another Churchill for the Front.
It is said that Mr. John Churchill, younger brother of Mr. Winston Churchill, will accompany the Duke of Marlborough to the seat of war.

Will Have a Good Effect.
While afternoon papers are disposed to over-rate the brilliancy of Gen. French's success, it will doubtless have a good moral effect, and it is added, if promptly followed up, as seems likely from the fact that Remington's guides are already advancing on Achterland, it may result in securing Norval's Post bridge, thus gaining an important strategic advantage, as thence Gen. French would probably be able to threaten Bethulle bridge, which is the main line of retreat for the Boers, facing Gen. Gatacre.

Methuen's Position.
Other official dispatches dated January 1st, say Gen. Methuen's position is unchanged.

BOERS DEFEATED

By a Force Under General French—Occupation of Colesburg—Boer Laager and 40 Men Captured.

Rensburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 1.—Gen. French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesburg.

The general continued to keep the Boers on the move, and pressed them closely on Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand, and when the day broke he was within striking distance of the enemy.

Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers right.

The flank operations were successful. The infantry and the field batteries immediately made a feint attack upon the Boer front, and while this was proceeding, cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's flank as arranged.

The programme worked without a hitch.

The Boers were utterly surprised and finding their retreat threatened fled in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colesburg in Gen. French's hands.

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION.
General French Tells of His Successful Operations Against the Boers.

London, Jan. 2.—The success of Gen. French's column is at length confirmed, officially, the war office this afternoon issuing a despatch from Capetown, dated Monday, Jan. 1, as follows: "French reports at 2 p.m. to-day from Colesburg, by heliograph, as follows: "Leaving at Rensburg, holding the enemy in front, half of the first Buffaloes and a section of the Royal Horse Artillery, I started thence at five in the afternoon, on Dec. 31st, taking with me

five squadrons of cavalry, half of the second Buffaloes, and eighty mounted infantry; the infantry carried in wagons, and ten guns.

"I halted for four hours at Madder's Farm, and at 3.30 this morning occupied the kopje overlooking and westward of Colesburg.

"The enemy's outposts were taken completely by surprise.

"At daylight we shelled the laager and unmasked the right of the enemy's position.

"The artillery fire in reply was very hot from a fifteen pounder, using Royal Laboratory ammunition and other guns.

"We silenced the gun on the enemy's right flank, demonstrating with cavalry and guns to the north of Colesburg towards the junction where a strong laager of the enemy was holding a hill and a position southeast of Colesburg as far as the junction.

"Our position cuts the line of retreat via the road and bridge.

"Some thousands of Boers, with two guns, are reported to be retiring towards Norval's Post.

"A3 Remington's scouts proceeded towards Achterland yesterday morning.

"Slight casualties, about three killed and a few wounded. Details later."

THE BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Three Men Killed and Seven Wounded—Over Five Thousand Boers Were Engaged.

Brief independent messages from Rensburg, filed on the evening of Jan. 1st, supplement Gen. French's dispatch but slightly.

According to them the British are still shelling the Boer position at five o'clock on Monday evening, and expected to enter Colesburg to-day.

The British losses were three men killed and seven wounded, none of them being an officer.

The Boers are supposed to have suffered heavily from the accuracy of the British artillery fire.

Gen. French's statement that the Boers were using a fifteen pounder and Woolwich ammunition evidently refers to one of the British guns captured at Stormberg.

The Boer strength in the engagement with Gen. French was estimated at from 5,000 to 7,000.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Boer Gun Captured—Colesburg Has Been Occupied—Burghers Suffered Severely.

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch, dated Jan. 1st, from Rensburg:

"Yesterday afternoon a big force of cavalry and infantry, with ten guns, under the personal command of General French, moving by detour, occupied some hills three miles from Colesburg, where the Boers were in strength, confident in the natural aid afforded them by the hills.

"The enemy's position extended six miles around the entire village.

"At daybreak our artillery opened the battle.

"The Boers were taken by surprise, but replied vigorously.

"An artillery duel was maintained for two hours. Then a Boer Hotchkiss collapsed and was abandoned. We captured it.

"A big Boer gun was silenced, but this and the other Boer guns were withdrawn to the northward, whither we are harassing the Boer retreat by a damaging shell fire.

"Colesburg is in our hands, and the few remaining loyalists are jubilant.

"We have captured many wagons and a considerable quantity of stores.

"Our losses were slight, but the Boers must have suffered heavily.

"They may stop at Achterland or cross the river at Norval's Post, where the bridge is still intact."

LAAGER CAPTURED

And Forty Boers Made Prisoners—Three British Soldiers Killed.

London, Jan. 2.—The war office received the following from Capetown under today's date:

"Col. Picher reports through the office commanding at Orange River: "I have completely defeated a hostile command at Sunnyside laager this day,

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Campbell's Prescription Store. CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS VICTORIA, B.C. For Pure Drugs and Chemicals.

The War in South Africa

The Boers Are Busy Fortifying Their Positions Around Ladysmith.

Kimberley Well Supplied With Food Situation in Cape Colony.

London, Dec. 31.—A Ladysmith dispatch received via Weeman, December 29th, says:

"All well. The Boers have been firing shrapnel shells containing phosphorus and the compliments of the season. They are fortifying their positions and are evidently determined to make a firm stand."

The following telegraph message has been received by way of Weeman from Ladysmith dated December 27th: "The Boers are actively bombarding the town. One shell struck the Devonshire mess tent, killing Capt. Dainton and wounding seven lieutenants, Dent, Twiss, Tringman, Caffyn, Byrne, Seal and Kane."

A Boer Report. London, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez, dated December 29th, says: "I am repelled from Ladysmith by way of Pretoria that the British are destroying their heavy cannon, prior to a final sortie."

Forward Movement Expected. London, Jan. 1.—All the correspondents are beginning to hint of a forward movement on the part of Gen. Buller, the danger of which is indicated in a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Pretoria, recording the unfortunate failure of two reconnaissances.

In some cases the Boer lines at Colenso were to have been bombarded by night. Mounted men drew the Boer fire, and it was intended that the naval guns should bombard. This, however, failed, and the reconnoitering party was compelled to slounder back to camp through the wet and stormy night.

According to the same correspondent a similar fate happened to another reconnoissance in the opposite direction. It is roughly estimated that there are 25,000 Boers between Ladysmith and Colenso, some 400 being on the south side of the Tugela river. At all points the enemy shows ceaseless activity.

IN CAPE COLONY.

Kimberley's Food Supply—Moffen's Position Unchanged—Lord Salisbury's Son Reported Wounded.

London, Dec. 31.—The war office has issued a dispatch dated Capetown, Friday, December 29th, evening, saying that Col. Kekewich wired, through the general commanding at Modder River, on December 28th as follows: "I am desirous by the most rapid and certain means to forward the following for transmission through the proper channel:

"To Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen: "The inhabitants of Kimberley beg to send Your Majesty New Year's greetings. The trouble they have passed through and are still enduring only tends to increase their loyalty towards Your Majesty's throne and person."

"Signed: R. H. HENDERSON, Mayor."

"On behalf of the inhabitants." The war office issued the following address from the secretary of state for war: "I have seen the following to Col. Kekewich for communication to the mayor and council from the Queen: 'I am deeply touched by your kind and loyal New Year greetings. I watch with admiration your determination and gallant defensive though I regret the unavoidable loss of life incurred.'"

Food for Three Months. London, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Kimberley dated Friday, December 22nd, says: "We have food enough for three months. Fresh fruit and vegetables are abundant. Wheat from Koolburch and water is plentiful and excellent."

Dispatch From Capetown. London, Dec. 31.—The war office publishes the following dispatch dated Sunday from the general officer commanding at Capetown:

"Moffen's position is unchanged. French reports that the Boers, fearing their communication would be cut by our cavalry, have retired to Colosberg."

"Hear unofficially from Stockmans a British reconnoissance from Dordrecht crossed superior forces and was obliged to retire on Dordrecht."

"Letter, Montgomery, on December 30th, met a superior force using artillery, operated to the rear of the Boers. In the course of the day he was compelled to withdraw to Dordrecht in good order, assisted by sixty men sent from Dordrecht before which we are in position for defence. The following casualties are reported: One severely wounded."

The Mafeking Staff. Pretoria, Dec. 29.—Three British prisoners from Mafeking reported: Captains Verdon and Sandford, of Col. Baden-Powell's staff, were killed during the engagement in which Lord Cavendish-Bentinck was wounded. The object of the sortie was to capture Boer cannon. The losses of the British were very severe.

London, Dec. 31.—Advisers from Pretoria regarding the sortie alleged to have been made from Mafeking on Monday last says that Lord Edward Cecil, son of Lord Salisbury, was among the wounded. The Queen's Christmas Greetings. London, Jan. 1.—The Queen's message to the British troops in South Africa was sent to every general. It ran thus: "I wish not only all my brave soldiers a happy Christmas, God protect and bless you all."

THE JAPS DID IT.—They supplied us with the methylated alcohol in that wonderful D. & L. Methylated Plaster, which relieves rheumatism, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism and sciatica. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., COAST OF BRITISH MILITARY UNIFORMS.

At Orange River Camp

Lord Methuen at Work Before Starting on His March to Kimberley.

Narrow Escape of Goldstreams—Letter From London Leader Correspondent.

Capetown, Nov. 22nd.

I started from Capetown at nine o'clock on the night of Nov. 17th for De Aar and if Her Majesty's government would allow it Orange River.

I took my little trip up-country to see how the government worked their transport from the base into the mystic circle of martial law and contentions, and to see Tommy as he is just before the guns begin to shoot. Taking into consideration the drawbacks of a single line, the military and railway officials combined are performing wonders in transport dispatch.

Men, guns, ammunition, horses, mules and stores are rolling up to De Aar and Orange River in a continuous line. At each station they are met and "entered up" by the officer on duty; hot tea (the best preventive in the world for heat prostration), lime juice, and good food are served out; the horses and mules are watered; papers and messages are exchanged; the engine whistles shriek and they are off again.

De Aar Camp.

When I reached De Aar, the first station under martial law, sentries surrounded the platform and the bridge, a tented-down stretched out from the back of the refreshment bar into the dusty veldt, and horses were tethered in big squares getting into condition on oat fodder. Officers with faces skinned by the sun were saluting up and down, wagons were being advanced with the rapidity and precision of clockwork, and from the big, improvised telegraph office—the ladies' waiting-room—came an incessant whirr. Day and night the wires were carrying important messages to and from Gen. Buller in Capetown and Lord Methuen at Orange River. All was keen, watchful activity.

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Coldstreams' Narrow Escape. When I was at De Aar on Nov. 20th a dispatch was brought in by a C. G. B. engine driver to the effect that the Boers were believed to be in pretty strong force in the neighborhood. They hadn't been seen, but they had made their presence felt by blowing up the railway bridge near Naauwpoort. Secretly ten minutes before a trainload of Goldstreams had passed over the bridge! They congratulated themselves on their narrow escape.

Scouts were sent out, and a party of engineers hurried to Naauwpoort to repair the damage. Two hours later Gen. French passed over, and all was right again. That the Boers had passed over how our train would get along to Orange River. I sought out the stationmaster—a canny man of few words, but one of the smartest men in the service.

"We're going to run the Boers—or no Boers," said he; "so keep your eyes skinned and your revolver handy. Take your seats, and we're off."

That looked pleasant. Half a dozen officers, an Australian colonel and his friend, a sprinkling of officers' servants, a Canadian journalist and myself were the only passengers. We had four coaches, six wagons and a truck load of ammunition between us.

Ready For Emergencies.

The garrison of war got hold upon us. We were prepared to stand that truckload of ammunition and to fight a few rounds before our eyes. We took up strategic positions along the balcony of our corridor carriage; the engine driver got out his binoculars; his mate opened the second carriage and we were off.

It so happened that the Boers didn't come our way that trip. They were wise. We brought the ammunition into Orange River station intact, and on our way met a special trainload of Tommies who had been bundled off from the camp at the river to help De Aar.

Our brave train reached Orange River at noon with the temperature just touching 105 degrees in the shade. One could hardly call the station large. It has one platform and one tiny lavatory building, but three departments—booking hall, ladies' waiting-room and telegraph office.

To the left of the station baggage and ammunition wagons were being loaded with hot haste. There was every sign of an important move, almost immediately. Seventy miles away lay Kimberley, waiting anxiously for the flying column. And the column was really ready.

Lord Methuen at Work.

Behind the station, in a tiny cottage, with one door and two windows, shaded by a couple of trees, sat Lord Methuen, busy in consultation with Major Streetfield. I looked through the little window and saw them poring over a big plan. His lordship was dressed in the charming simplicity of a Jaeger undershirt and a pair of khaki riding breeches. Messages came pouring in. They were dealt with rapidly, in a cloud of cigarette smoke.

Outside, in the rolling sun, telegraph messages were flashing out to fortified stations on a kopje a mile away. The messages were being answered from the hills by means of flag signals. Every few minutes aides-de-camp were riding up on smoking horses with orders and notices. On the outskirts of the A.S.C.

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- 50 Blue Serge Suits, Clare Worsted, Indigo Dye, sold everywhere for \$15.00, our price during the sale \$11.50. No stamps on this line
- 30 Blue Serge Suits, all wool, hard twist, a good suit for \$12.00 Sale price \$8.50 No stamps.
- 25 Black Serge Suits in square and round corners, heavy weight. No stamps. Usually sold for \$10.00. Sale price \$7.50.

400 Boys' 2-piece suits from \$2.50 to \$5.50; in Blue Serges, Scotch Tweeds and Worsteds, a straight cut of 20 per cent. and stamps.

As the Men's Suits are mostly new goods and sold less than the wholesale price, we cannot give stamps.

Odd suits will be sold at a greater reduction to clear

Remember, we have all sizes; if we can't fit you in one line we can in something else; you will save from 25 to 30 per cent. by giving our stock an examination. We have everything we advertise.

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NEW YEAR IN VICTORIA.

The Passing of 1899 and the Coming of 1900 Celebrated.

The year 1900 was ushered in on Sunday night with the usual demonstrations of joy which have become an incident of the passing of the old and the welcoming of the new year in Victoria.

Promptly at twelve o'clock almost every whistle in the city gave forth its note of rejoicing, and with this was mingled the deliberate strokes of the city clock as it marked off the final moments of the year 1899. Immense crowds were also present and guns discharged to add to the general token of joy.

The streets were thronged until after midnight, and indeed one o'clock for the congregations which attended the different watch night services wended their way homeward about that hour. These services were very general throughout the city and were kept especially by the Methodist congregations, among which the custom is a time honored one.

At the Metropolitan church the interval between the close of the regular service and the opening of the watch night service at seven o'clock was taken up by the Epworth League in services of refreshment. At the hour named the regular watch night service was conducted, the James Bay congregation uniting with that of the larger church.

At the Centennial church the largest congregation which has ever attended such a gathering assembled to listen to programme of songs and to speeches from Messrs. Morris, Dennis and Deaville, sr.

The Salvation Army celebrated the passing of the old year by a similar service. The J. B. A. followed their usual custom by conducting a Bible informal entertainment in their rooms over the Bay.

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Mining News

Shipments From Rossland.

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La. Rd.	928	94,177
War Eagle	540	64,508
Iron Mask	150	50,649
Everest Star	1,088	
Deer Park	1,000	
Centre Star	1,000	16,735
Columbia-Kootenay	111	
Virginia	100	
Mountain Trail	20	
J. N. L.	100	
Osley	20	
Clay of Paris and London	40	
Monte Christo	40	
Giant	75	
Totals	2,408	183,028

In the Slocan.

Shipping ore is now being extracted from the Queen Fraction.

The Rambler mine shipped 58 tons of ore during the past week.

The shipment of ore to be made from the Marlon is being acted on. It is taken out in the course of development.

From 10 to 16 inches of clean ore is showing in the upper of the American Boy.

The tunnel on the Capelle is in 25 feet, with ore continuing from the surface.

A long tunnel is being driven on the gold-bearing ledge at Silverton, which will reach whether or not wealth goes with depth on the gold properties of that camp.

Three men are stopping ore in the No. 3 tunnel at the Queen Reef. They are working on a lease.

The Florida mine in Jackson basin is reported to have 20 inches of ore. Nine-ton tons were shipped this week.

Work has been suspended on the Surprise mine on account of water. The manager is having pumps placed in the mine and work will be resumed about the first of the year.

The 50-foot contract at the Ajax has been completed. The shaft is now down 54 feet and the ore has increased in width in this distance from 10 inches to 34 feet. One car of ore has been taken out in this development and is ready for shipping.

The east drift on the Miller creek, which is now in 95 feet from the crosscut, is showing up a promising streak of carbonaceous ore. The first ore found was in the bottom of the tunnel, but with later prospecting it is showing up strongly in the face. The west drift is in 105 feet and is hoped will reach the ore chert found in the upper tunnel within two months.

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A few weeks ago the Mountain View claim, in Summit camp, was leased to John Dorsey for \$25,000, the lease requiring the immediate commencement of development work. This has been done and three shafts are employed in sinking a shaft, which is down 32 feet. Assays give \$32 and \$34, the values being largely in copper.

The recent run of some 300 tons of Stenwinder ore at the Smuggler mill in Fairview, camp, average result of \$5.46 per ton. As it is claimed this quartz ore is mined and milled for less than \$2 per ton, and as there are thousands of tons in sight, it will be readily seen that the prospect is a promising one.

The Boundary already has 18 shipping tunnels, enumerated and located as follows: In Deadwood camp there are the Mother Lode, Morrison, Sunset and Gold King. In Greenwood camp—Knob Hill, Ironsides, Brooklyn and Starvation. In the camp of Clay of Paris and London, Long Lake camp—The Jewel, Summit camp—Ore Deposits, B. C. and Emma, Wellington camp—Golden Crown and Winslow, North Fork camp—Olden Eagle and Pathfinder.

The construction of the British Columbia Copper Company's smelter is actively progressing. Carpenters are at work putting up the heavy timbers for the machinery rooms. The masonry work on the long smoke-flue is being completed. The smoke stack is nearly finished. Men are at work cutting down the slope of the hill for the foundations for the smoke-stack. Work has also started on three short spurs to the smelter.

Major Leslie, manager of the Republic mine, has also arranged to commence shipments from the Yankee Girl, the bond on which he and his associates in Montana have taken up. The Yankee Girl, at the base of Hardy mountain, is 20 or three miles from Grand Forks. Its development is now to be carried forward on a large scale. A new tunnel is to be started to cut the vein at a depth of 400 feet, while work is being continued on the old level. A large amount of very rich ore is being taken out of this level, and the mine never looked so well.

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The 200-foot of the Dominion Copper Company, in Greenwood camp, has 60 names on it.

Free gold-bearing quartz in the Buckingham, near Gladstone, is among the best in the district.

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If you are tired taking the large old-fashioned griping pills, try Fry's Little Liver Pills and you will find a most comfortable. A man can't stand anything else. One will do the trick.

The United Kingdom is threatened with a coal famine. Unless conditions improve many industrial concerns depending upon the coal supply may have to suspend before February as their margin of profit is gradually being wiped out. Wages have gone up and labor is hard to find.

Baron Cromer, British diplomatic agent in Egypt, Lord Montague Rawson and Mr. Wm. Winter Bramston Beach, Conservative member for the Andover division of Hampshire, the Communion who has been the longest-serving, are appointed members of the Privy Council.

Lord Cromer, Governor-General of Nova Scotia is appointed Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

The French senate sitting as the high court for the trial of the conspiracy charges was in session on Sunday in order to hasten the conclusion of the proceedings. An sensational incident occurred at the opening, when a spectator suddenly fell dead in the public gallery.

Rudyard Kipling and family are confined to their rooms, suffering from influenza, but there is no anxiety as to their condition.

Chest Feels Tight.

You seem all choked up and stuffed up with the cold and it's hard to breathe. Cough that rasps and tears you—but little pleases you.

Now's the time to take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup before things get too serious.

There is no remedy equal to it for making the breathing easy, loosening the phlegm and removing all the alarming symptoms of a severe cold.

"I caught a severe cold which settled on my chest, making it feel raw and tight. Seeing Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup advertised, I procured a bottle, which greatly relieved me. It loosened the phlegm, headed the cough, and soon had me perfectly well."—NEIL McKAY, HIPLEY, ONT.

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Calendar for January 1900 showing days of the week and dates.



Advertisement for The New Vancouver Coal-Mining & Land Co. featuring steam coal and various mining services.

Advertisement for The Daily Times, including publication details, subscription rates, and contact information for the printing and publishing company.

THE SPELL BROKEN. Official confirmation of the preliminary dispatch received yesterday announcing a victory by General French's men at Coloburg, northern Cape Colony, has come, today to cheer the public, who have waited long and anxiously for this kind of news.

AN INDEPENDENT OPINION OF TUPPER. The Hudson Miner is not a partisan organ, and on Dominion questions generally expresses an impartial opinion. While giving credit to Sir Charles Tupper for the speech made in Rossland, as a splendid rhetorical effort for a man of advanced years and necessarily impaired vigor, the Miner says that as a political speech it certainly was not a success.

to the hard fact that there is desperate fighting ahead of our several armies. Unquestionably French victory will bring down upon his front and advance, no matter in which of the three (west, north and east) directions, fresh detachments of the Boers, hurried from every camp to swell the force opposing him. They will try to prevent a junction of his troops with those of Gatacre, and will doubt attempt to stall him exactly as they have done with Methuen and Buller. An encouraging circumstance is the fact that the country in which French is now working is on the edge of the level lands of the republic, which will present a first-rate tract for the development of cavalry and horse-battery movement; that is, for quick manoeuvring and concentration, for which his force is specially adapted.

When a debater, on a public platform, in the heat of controversy, is so incautious as to permit himself the dangerous indulgence of "illustrations," and begins to cite in support of his contention, instances and examples which are quickly shown, or are perceived by his hearers, to be absolutely destructive to his own proposition, he can scarcely complain if the audience laugh at him. But when a controversialist in the public press commits the same error there can be small excuse, if any, for so much carelessness. Two reductive copies are placed to the maladroft writer—first, and best, silence; second, to turn it off with a laugh, which requires cunning management.

What the morning paper says and what it means are two very different things, as the public, to its bewilderment, has often discovered. The change of the Colonist's opinion on the subject of railways in the public streets is at least amusing.

—The winning names in the cash drawing at E. A. Morris's cigar optum last evening were 14,844, 8,100, 9,743 and 9,893, the first winning \$40, the second \$35, the third \$10 and the fourth \$5.

—A large audience was attracted to the Victoria theatre last night, to witness "Human Hearts," a drama in four acts, with its scene laid in the Arkansas hills. The performance was hardly up to the standard promised in the flattering advertisement.

Beaville, Sons & Co. GROCERS AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.

Now arrivals of CHRISTMAS GOODS. All kinds of Fruits, Nuts and Confectionery. Christmas Presents. Silver Plated Teas, Brass Feeders, Fine Sets, Carpet Sweepers, etc., etc.

THE SUPPLY STORE, HILLSIDE AVENUE, VICTORIA. Trading Stamps and Bonus Checks.

most of the country, from the policy which gained for it the votes of the people. Sir Charles, unfortunately for himself, is unable to do this, nor did he make any attempt to do it. He deals in generalities, which had no effect, and could not possibly have any.

Boer prisoners are very bitter against the members of the Afrikaner Bond, who completely failed to carry out the plan of taking simultaneous action with the republics. There have been some exciting scenes at Coloburg between those conspirators against British supremacy.

—Weller Bros., manufacturers and direct importers of the largest line of general house furnishings in British Columbia.

—The Ministerial Association are holding their annual meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this afternoon, the principal item of business being the election of officers for the ensuing year.

—Rev. Dr. Bryce, who was announced to deliver a lecture in St. Andrew's church lecture hall on Wednesday evening, received intelligence yesterday of the illness of Mrs. Bryce, which necessitated his immediate return to Wainwright. He left by the Charmer this morning, and the lecture is in consequence cancelled.

—Alexander Fraser, well known as an old miner in the Cariboo, Cassiar, Peace River, and Klondike districts, died on Saturday and was buried this afternoon in Ross Bay cemetery. He was the second son of the late Paul Fraser, who was in the Hudson Bay service at Fort McLeod, and was 62 years of age.

—Application is to be made at the session of the legislature, which opens on Thursday, for the incorporation of a company of which Beaumont Hoopes of this city is the provisional secretary, to build a wagon road from the head of Kitimat Arm to Hazelton. The road will be one hundred and twenty miles in length and will afford a means of communication with a district at present but inadequately served.

The Hutcheson Co., Ltd. VICTORIA'S POPULAR STORE, 2ND JANUARY, 1900.

THE WESTSIDE'S January Clearing Sale Commences Thursday, 4th January, 1900. IRRESISTIBLE BARGAINS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

NOTE THESE THREE REMARKABLE SPECIALS. Glencoe Suits, Jackets and Capes, Blankets. Must be Cleared.

THE WESTSIDE STORE will be full of brilliant bargains during January Cheap Sale. Each department will have its quota of them. Price reducing will be on a colossal scale. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SAVING MONEY THIS SALE WILL MAKE IT EASY.

Come to The Westside Sale Next Thursday.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

Editor Times: Permit me through your columns, on behalf of the inmates of this home, to acknowledge with sincere thanks the following gifts received at this festive season, and which were greatly appreciated: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McInnes, turkey and plum pudding; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Helmeke, goose, apples, cigars, whiskey and reading matter; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Quagliotti, whiskey, wine and reading matter; Mr. J. E. Darling, large rich fruit cake with inscription, and beautifully ornamented; Messrs. Turner, Beaton & Co., Messrs. Pither & Lister, Mr. Wm. Harrison and A. Friend, whiskey; Messrs. Henry Bros. and Victoria Phoenix Brewing Co., beer; Mr. L. Goodacre, turkey and hats; Mr. D. K. Chugran, turkey; Mr. Joseph Brown, cake, whiskey and wine; Ald. Williams, oranges, cigars and papers; Mr. Geo. Marsden, cigars and papers; Mr. H. L. Salmon, tobacco; Messrs. Lenz & Laiser and Messrs. W. and J. Wilson, socks and handkerchiefs; Mr. Angus and Master Wm. Loat, clothing; Messrs. M. R. Smith & Co., box of biscuits and holly; Mr. Joshua Davies, holly; Mr. N. Shakespear, Mr. Sprague and Mr. C. E. Burke, reading matter; The Daily papers (Colonist and Times) are duly received and greatly valued.

It will be of interest to the citizens to know that although the number of deaths has increased to 24, only one death occurred in the Home during the last year. This was a hopeless case of consumption when admitted, and the poor fellow was only with us a few months.

HENRY H. HOBBIS, Manager of the Home for the Aged and Infirm.

A LABOR AFFILIATION.

American Federation of Labor Organizers Wins Over the Miners of Nanaimo. (Special to the Times). Nanaimo, Jan. 2.—The Mine and Mine Laborers' Protective Association of Nanaimo, on Saturday evening decided to cast their lot with the American Federation of Labor. This step was brought about through the efforts of W. G. Armstrong, Pacific Coast organizer for the federation, who came here from Seattle on Tuesday last, and did some active missionary work before the meeting was held on Saturday evening. When the meeting was called to order it was found that there was little opposition to the idea of affiliation and when Mr. Armstrong left for Seattle on Sunday afternoon he carried in his inside pocket the application of the miners for a charter in the American Federation of Labor and the charter fee.

The union here has been in existence for some time, but hitherto it has kept itself aloof from other organizations, and some of the leaders in the association do not look with approval on the new departure. Mr. Armstrong states that other mining camps will be brought into the fold within a short time, and that both employers and employed will be benefited by affiliation.

While here Mr. Armstrong also laid before the miners the conditions of affairs at Carbonado, Washington, and a committee was appointed by the local union to solicit subscriptions for the families who were stricken by the recent explosion.

It is only necessary to compare this list of casualties with the coal output to see how much greater the percentage of fatal and other accidents has been in the mines employing Mongolians.

COAL TRADE IN 1899.

Table showing coal trade statistics for 1899, including output for various months and total output for the year.

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WANTED—Old copper, brass, iron, lead, zinc, tin, paper, canvas and wax; highest prices given. Apply Victoria Junk Agency, 30 Store street, B. Aronson, Agent.

FOR SALE—Cut flowers, including carnations, violets, chrysanthemums and ferns, at 67 Fort street.

PIANO AND OTHER FURNITURE for sale. 41 Frederick street.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, several houses in Stanley avenue, \$2,500 to \$2,800; 3 lots, \$600; cottage, James Bay, \$1,500; five cottages on temporary lease, each, 9 houses Victoria West, for \$6,000; 2 cottages off Oak Bay avenue, \$1,000 each; 7 lots, Esquimalt road, \$2,000; 3 lots and four houses at Esquimalt, \$1,200; cottage off Oak Bay avenue \$1,200; house and lot, Victoria West, \$1,000; large house and lot, Esquimalt road, \$1,000; 4 lots near Cedar Hill church, for \$500; valuable frontage on the Gorge, near Point Belille bridge, 3.36 acres for \$8,000, open to an offer. A. W. Moore & Co., 96 Government street.

TO LET—Comfortably furnished front room, one minute from our line. Apply 28 Fairpark street, off Pandora avenue.

FURNISHED HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS to let, with entire use of kitchen. Apply 121 Vancouver street.

TO LET—3 Cottages—one 5 roomed and bath, rent \$9; one 4 roomed, rent \$8, and one 4 roomed, \$3; all including water. Apply to A. Williams, 104 Yates street.

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TO RENT—Office in the Times building, ground floor. Apply at Times office.

EDUCATIONAL. SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 15 Broad street. Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping taught.

SCRIPT SHORTHAND—An evening class in this modern system of shorthand begins in Victoria early in January. Particulars and terms "Script," this office.

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SCAVENGER. JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty—Yards and cesspools cleaned; contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Bell & Co., Fort street, grocers; John Corbett, corner Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 50 Vancouver street. Telephone 136.

COAL AND WOOD. LUMP COAL, NUT COAL, SACK COAL, SLACK COAL, etc. Telephone 124. Munn, Holland & Co., Truax and Broad streets.

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CYRUS H. BOWES, CHEMIST, 100 Government Street Near Yates Street. Telephone 125.

EVERYTHING IN DRUGS. WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Forecast Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 2-5 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally low along the Coast, extending southward to San Francisco.

Forecast. For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong N. E. and E. winds, rain, probably turning to sleet or snow.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 0.4; weather, fair.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, fair.

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PLANNED HADDIES at James' 33 Fort street.

A meeting of the Daughters of St. George will be held in the A.O.U.W. Hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Four samples of 1900 Crawford Bicycles can be seen at Onions & Plumley's, Broad street, and they are available.

To-morrow evening there is to be a magic lantern entertainment in the Y. W. C. A. rooms, 32 Rae street, to which a cordial invitation is extended to all young ladies.

Messrs. Onions & Plumley have opened a branch establishment of General Hardware and Coking utensils next door to their bicycle store on Broad street, and are selling at the lowest cash prices. Give us a trial.

The prize winning members of the New Year cake contest at the Caledonia Bakery are as follows: First prize, 100; second prize, 48 (3); Goldmine; third prize, 111; fourth prize, 233 (C. W. Rhodes).

In the St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, high mass was celebrated yesterday morning at 10:30. Rev. Father Althoff officiating. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Father Larmer.

The Horse, Cedar Hill Tom, owned by John Worthington, was raffled for on Saturday night at Frank Campbell's cigar store and won by Mr. P. Proctor. The winner tied in the first contest with Mr. J. Smith, both throwing 44. Mr. Proctor winning the decisive throw.

Many residents of the city will remember William Zehner, the druggist, who formerly conducted a business at the corner of Yates and Government streets. News is received from San Francisco that Mr. Zehner is dead, at the age of 68. He was a brother-in-law of Alex. Phillips of this city.

Instructions have been given by the militia department to have an altar-piece made in the doors of the Drill Hall. The doors open inward, which is contrary to law, and the attention of the minister having been called to the matter he has caused instructions to be issued to have them altered to open outward.

The death occurred at the Royal Jubilee Hospital yesterday of Mrs. Sarah Cox, wife of Thomas Cox, of 66 Hillside avenue. Mrs. Cox was a native of Nottinghamshire, England, and was 40 years of age. For some time past she had been connected with the Daughters of St. George, by whom she was highly esteemed. The funeral will take place on Wednesday, at 2 p.m. from Hanna's undertaking rooms, and later from St. John's church.

The number of books issued from the city library in December was 2,100, to ladies 1,832, and to gentlemen 1,068. The highest number issued in one day was 148 and the average number 83. The number of members joining was 37; ladies 16 and gentlemen 21. The books added to the library were "Grammar of Pelemyr," "Rehob," "Gulliver's Travels," "Classical Harmony," "The most a Duchess," and "New Arabian Nights."

The button guessing contest at the Mammoth clothing store was decided on Saturday night, when it was found that the exact number of buttons in the glass jar which has been on exhibition for some weeks was 1,025. Ticket 1,004 was the nearest, its owner guessing 1,629, and winning the first prize of \$50. Ticket 1,883 and ticket 770 both guessed 1,030 and divided the second prize of \$22.50, ticket 409 with a guess of 1,019, winning the third prize of \$15.

Double Trading Stamps for balance of this week. See our windows for bargains. The Sterling, 88 Yates street.

New Year's Day was celebrated in the Salvation Army hall, Broad street, by a very enjoyable tea, arranged especially for children, who attended in large numbers. Nothing was omitted to make the occasion a very pleasant one, and the hundred children who surrounded the table were perfectly satisfied that they had welcomed the New Year in a fitting and enjoyable manner. In the evening a musical meeting, largely attended, was conducted by Staff-Captain Galt. On Thursday and Friday evenings next, Ensign Staiger, who was formerly stationed here, will conduct "Lantern meetings."

There was an attempted burglary at the residence of Mr. H. D. Helmecken, Belleville street, early on New Year's morning. There were apparently two would-be thieves engaged in the attempt, whistle signals being heard by one of the young ladies of the house. An upstairs window, easily accessible from the street, was tried but fortunately was too securely fastened to be opened from the outside. Mr. Helmecken disturbed the would-be burglars, who made off in a hurry. A telephone message was sent to the police station, but as there was no constable available nothing was done to trace the early morning visitors.

The licensing commissioners for Esquimalt district met in the Blue Ribbon Hall, Esquimalt, on Saturday. Commissioners Pauline and Atkins, License Inspector Campbell, D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., Geo. E. Powell and others being present. Commissioner Pauline made the announcement that the \$100 fee for six months collected in June last had been reduced, by order of the government, to \$50, so that the licensees would be extended until June. The commissioner also stated that the \$10 contributed by each publisher in June and again in December to pay the expenses of holding the licensing court would also be returned with the receipt at the beginning of the new year. The following licenses were extended for six months: Fred Stetson, Joseph Calvert, Henry and Richard Price, John E. Day, Mrs. Mary Howard, Joseph Dubois, Mrs. Eliza Marshall, L. O. Demers and Mrs. Fair of Goldstream. Francis E. Bailey's license was extended for a year and Fred McAdams's application was refused, the necessary papers not having been made out.

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The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council will take place to-morrow evening at the usual place and time. The election of officers, the discussion of municipal politics, the possible selection of candidates and the discussion of business left over from last meeting are on the agenda paper.

The inquest to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of Jane Irving, who was found dead in a cabin on Herald street, on Saturday night, was held in the City Hall yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The jury returned the verdict of death from natural causes induced by disipation. The funeral took place this morning from Hanna's undertaking rooms.

Benedict J. Bandy's "Celebration March" has been published and Victorians who have long waited for it will be glad to hear they can now obtain it at all music dealers at the modest price of 50 cents. The march should meet with favor, as it is a musically composition giving evidence of the ability possessed by the composer, who is a favorite with Victorians.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay officiated last evening at the wedding of Mr. Andrew Sheret and Miss A. McDowell, the ceremony taking place at the residence of the bride's parents, 94 Superior street. Miss Adeline Moore was bridesmaid and Mr. E. Brown supported his friend, the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Sheret left by the Chamer this morning for Vancouver, whence they will journey to the Sound cities, returning after the honeymoon to take up their residence at 19 George road.

A. S. Soly and Geo. Brown, of the N.W.M.P., came down on Sunday from the North and spent yesterday at the Occidental. Both were eager to hear the latest word from the front and anxious to get away to South Africa, especially if luck should again throw them under Col. Stecke's command. Both had been stationed until recently at Dawson, but of late have been at the Tughish post. One of the other passengers was popularly reported to be a Skagway Boer, and the covert glances which the policemen cast in his direction left little doubt as to their sympathies.

The very commendable custom established some years ago by Perseverance Lodge, I.O.G.T., of celebrating New Year's by holding a reception on January 1st, was kept up yesterday with even more success than ever before. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Temperance Hall was crowded with visitors and many a young man who was a stranger in the city gladly availed himself of the opportunity afforded of enjoying a good time under the auspices of the lodge. The visitors were received and cordially welcomed by Rev. J. C. Speer and Mr. J. G. Brown during the afternoon and in the evening a very enjoyable concert was given. Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. Giffen, Miss Underhill, the Misses Frank, Kincaid, Russell and Messrs. P. Richardson, Kincaid, Firth, Russell, Lively and Mr. J. G. Brown taking part. Col. Gregory was the chairman and Rev. J. C. Speer delivered an eloquent address during the evening. The music supplied was much enjoyed, the Banally orchestra discoursing sweet strains throughout the afternoon and evening.

The following donations are thankfully acknowledged at the Home for Aged and Infirm Women for December: C. C. C. Dorcas Society, pillow cases and underclothing; Mrs. Walker, books; Mrs. Elliott, preserves; Mrs. Hamilton, apples, Lem & Lelmer, flannel yarn and warm skirts; Infant Class First Presbyterian church, cake; Mrs. Munie, cake; Mrs. Wynne, box oranges and cake; Messrs. Eskenzie & Wall, figs, turkey and biscuits; Mrs. T. Earle, groceries and mince meat and plum pudding; Lieut.-Gov. and Mrs. McInnes, preserves; Mrs. Appleby, turkey, mince meat and vegetables; Mrs. Loder, jaff and cake; Mrs. Arthur Lee, box oranges and biscuits; Mrs. Dickinson, box oranges, currant jelly; Mrs. Hayward, turkey; Mrs. J. C. McMillan, two pairs flannellette blankets; Mrs. Mallet, box oranges; Mrs. Capt. Grant, 7 pairs slippers and jam; Mrs. Toney, jam and reading matter; Mrs. Carme, mince meat, handkerchiefs and cake; Mrs. Becker, cake; Mrs. McNaughton, Christmas cards; Mrs. Gould, nuts, raisins, candies and oranges; Mrs. Spear, tomato catsup and pickled onions; Mrs. Goodacre, handkerchiefs; Smith & Co., biscuits; Daughters of Rebecca, cake and sandwiches; Epworth League, Pandie church, aprons and handkerchiefs; Mr. Harvisser, chair; Mrs. Sheldrick, reading matter; Westside, packing box; First Presbyterian church Junior Endeavor, handkerchiefs; Mrs. Wallit, cash; Times and Colonist, daily papers; Junior C. E., Presbyterian church, handkerchiefs; hospital board, cash.

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Provincial News.

REVELSTOCK. A quiet wedding took place at the Methodist parsonage last Wednesday evening. The contracting parties being Rev. J. P. Westman, the popular Methodist minister of Golden, and Miss Jessie Macleod, who has been the first actress in the public school staff of Golden. Miss Rita Thompson acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. W. H. Kimer, of Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., acted as best man.

KAMLOOPS. Miss Lyons, of the Vernon public school, has been appointed to the vacancy in Kamloops public school occasioned by the resignation of Miss Newson.

Con. Holland and wife have arrived in town from the coast. They intend to reside here permanently. Mr. Holland will shortly engage in the tailoring business. Arrangements have been made by which the provincial land registry office in Kamloops will shortly be re-established as an independent registry, with Mr. W. H. Edmonds in charge as district registrar. For several years the Kamloops land registry office has been subordinate to the Vancouver office.

GRAND FORKS. Work on the flume which will carry the water from the big dam down to the smelter, has been commenced and already a considerable portion of the tunneling for the flume has been put up. J. E. Sullivan, alias Sparks, arrested some time since on a forgery charge, was dismissed from custody by Magistrate Johnson, last Wednesday the prosecution having failed to prove their case.

The city authorities of Columbia have wisely consented to the opening of Winnipeg avenue. Work on the avenue is to be commenced at once and in a few weeks Grand Forks will have a direct roadway to the C. P. R. station.

NELSON. The Presbytery of Kootenay has suspended Rev. J. Gordon and that clergyman will be inducted in his new charge toward the end of January. Rev. Mr. Gordon is a recent graduate of Queen's University, Kingston.

A big deal involving cash payments of nearly \$100,000 was completed in Nelson on Thursday. The deal consisted of the stock of the Excelsior Gold Mining Company for \$87,000 for M. Rene Land, of London, England. This is the largest cash transaction of the kind that has been put through in Nelson.

J. Y. Griffin & Co. have broken ground for their new front street warehouse and a number of men and teams are levelling the site. The building will be about 100x40 feet.

A gang of masons are engaged in laying the foundations for A. McDonald & Co.'s new warehouse on Front street. The firm anticipate completing the new building early in March.

The annual meeting of the Kootenay Curling Association was held on Friday. The delegates from outside points were Messrs. Kerr and Williams from Rossland, G. O. Hinchey and J. W. Wagh from Kamloops, and Brown from Revelstoke. It was arranged that the annual banquet should be held at Rossland upon a date to be fixed by the executive. It will immediately precede the opening of the carnival, the date of which has not yet been decided.

M. A. Gray pleaded guilty before Judge Bouché to three charges of issuing checks on banks in which he had no funds and was sentenced to six months in the Nelson jail on each charge, the three terms to run concurrently.

On account of the absence of so many teachers on their holiday vacation, School Inspector Macleod has applied for and received permission from the department of education to postpone the annual convention of the Kootenay and Yale Teachers' Association until the Easter holidays in April. The association includes all the teachers in that part of West Kootenay and the Boundary districts, and the convention is expected to be one of the largest ever held in the interior.

The total exports for the year were \$3,920,540, a monthly average of \$327,470. The total imports were \$770,294, a monthly average of \$64,191. There has been a most marked increase during the last six months. The imports from July to December were \$436,222, as compared with \$343,082 from January to June. The increase of exports in the last six months of the year are \$12,462, the total from July to December being \$2,390,300, as compared with \$1,970,240 from January to June.

In pursuance to a call by his worship the mayor a meeting was held in the city hall on Friday evening for the purpose of arranging for the usual winter carnival. The attendance was very large, but a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested. It was decided to hold the carnival at a date to be decided on later by the general committee.

On Friday afternoon a variety actress named Jessie Miller caused considerable excitement in the North Washington street. It is said the woman had been indulging pretty freely during the holiday season, and got into a despondent frame of mind. She was in one of the boxes of the Alhambra saloon for some time between 2 and 3 o'clock, when she suddenly announced her intention of killing herself, and drawing a revolver, commenced firing in a wild and aimless way. The shooting caused the occupants of the boxes and those at the bar to rush out into the street, and at once quite a crowd gathered. Policeaman Bradshaw was on hand, and he at once ordered a box where the woman was, and taking

away the still smoking revolver, arrested her. An express message was obtained and the woman was taken off to the lock-up. On Saturday morning Judge Bouché released her on suspended sentence till today, by which time it is expected that she will have left the city.

VANCOUVER. Wm. Quinn was on Friday afternoon committed for trial on the charge of administering intoxicating liquor to Edna Gazley with the intention of seduction.

A number of Chinese shacks were burned the other day by a fire department. Cautiously though the brigade was called later in the day to another section of Chinatown, where there was a small and harmless blaze.

The larger logging men who supply the local mills with logs are looking for a rather dull season. Charter rates for lumber vessels are being taken for the lumber trade, and that will necessarily mean, according to the lumbermen themselves, that the demand for logs will not be brisk. A change in rates for ships is, however, looked for early.

Mr. W. S. Holland, agent for the Equity Fire Insurance Company, was on Friday fined \$25 in the police court for transmitting business without a license. The magistrate said that after considering the matter very thoroughly he had come to the conclusion that it was incumbent upon the defence to show that they were doing business properly under a license. Mr. Boucher for the defence said that they intended to appeal the case, but would not put up in any evidence on the question of whether a license existed or not.

Messrs. A. Tregillus, Nelson, and John Tregillus, of Cariboo, arrived in the city on Friday on the first stage of a tour round the world. They left for Hongkong yesterday. From Hongkong they will take a run down to Malacca; thence to Calcutta in India; through the northern provinces of India to Bombay; from Bombay to Egypt; thence to Italy. They expect to be in England in time to run over to Paris for the opening of the exposition.

John Strick was brought up in the police court a few days ago on a charge of molesting a Mrs. Barnes of Cambie street. He was at that time bound over to keep the peace for a year, but no sooner had he left the police station than he repeated the offence. His habit was to leave foully-written notes at the door of Mrs. Barnes, and as soon as he got out of jail he left another note, asking the lady to let the post be buried and meet him down town. Strick was on Friday sentenced to six months in jail.

At a meeting of the finance committee it was decided that the city treasurer should purchase with \$42,000, sinking fund moneys, now lying in the bank, city debentures of the last issue to that amount, these debentures being such as have not been sold already.

The purchase of the property known as the Old Presbyterian church, east Corvosa street, has been completed by the managers of the Knox Independent Presbyterian church. The Presbyterian church just sold was the first church built by that denomination in the city.

Messrs. Armstrong & Morrison, the well-known proprietors of the iron works, on Alexander street, have purchased the entire quarry business of Mr. W. N. Westminister, with the exception of a couple of years ago, having then obtained the property from Mr. H. F. Keefer. The property consists of the quarry at the North Arm of the inlet, almost opposite the city rock quarry, and the larger quarry at Gabriola Island.

NEW WESTMINSTER. The Columbian in its review of the past years, says: The general prosperity which has been experienced by the Dominion at large, and this province, has been shared by New Westminster, a fact which must be noted to all, but which is borne out by the various statements and statistics which, in a necessarily condensed form, appear below. A good indication of our prosperity as a city may be had by examining the civic finances, which, under all the circumstances, are in a highly satisfactory condition. When the year commenced there were \$97,423.71 in arrears of taxes, and the fire had reduced the value of assessable property to \$296,503, and the collectible taxes to \$6,000. Taking advantage of one of the provisions of the Relief Act, the ratepayers paid off \$37,656.78, on account of arrears, the total being thus reduced to \$59,766.93. The net taxable assessment in 1898 was \$3,487,965.18, in 1899, \$3,191,452, and the collectible taxes this year amounted to \$67,350.23, or somewhat over \$5,000 less than last year. Of these current taxes, \$47,840.14 has already been collected, leaving a balance of \$19,510.09 still due. The arrears have thus been reduced by \$17,000, and the bank overdraft has been reduced.

Wild with Piles. A Torturing Disease for which Dr. Chase's Ointment is a Positive Cure. I was wild with piles when I began to use Dr. Chase's Ointment. It has completely cured me. This is the substance of scores and hundreds of letters received at these offices from every nook and corner of Canada. If you could only look over these letters you would be sure to find the evidence of your friends and neighbors. You could not then be skeptical of the merits of Dr. Chase's Ointment, the only guaranteed cure for piles. Ask your neighbor about it; ask your druggist or dealer what he knows about Dr. Chase's Ointment. If you prefer, send a two-cent stamp to these offices to pay postage on a free sample, which will be sent by return mail if you mention this paper. Dr. Chase's Ointment has never yet been known to fail to cure piles. It will not fail in your case. It matters not what kind of piles you have or how long standing, if you use Dr. Chase's Ointment freely and regularly it will cure you. For women suffering from itching, Dr. Chase's Ointment is a prompt relief. It also cures pimples, blackheads, eczema, salt rheum and all itching skin diseases. It is of inestimable worth in every home. Get a box at all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates & Co., Toronto.

ed from \$52,945 to \$33,000. But, besides the manufacturing of the city's result, the citizens themselves have shown their faith in the city, and during the year, many new residences have been built, in addition to the work of rebuilding the business blocks. Another indication of the improved conditions is the number of bona fide sales and transfers of property within the city. The books of the land registry office show that during the past year, the registrations of titles has increased 20 per cent, over 1898, and the registration of charges has increased fully 40 per cent. These figures include the surrounding district, with whose interest and prosperity the city is so closely identified. The very fact that the charges (chiefly mortgages) have increased, goes to show that the capitalists and loan companies are prepared to accept as security, premises on which it was almost impossible to borrow anything, a year ago, and in a majority of cases the loans thus secured have been put to use in the purchase of houses, etc., well within the means of the owners. Incidentally, it might be mentioned that, in spite of the registration fees being reduced, the revenue to the provincial government from this source is considerably in excess of last year.

The vital statistics show 205 births, as against 150 deaths, though it is fair to assume that a considerable number of births are yet to be registered, this being not generally so punctually attended as in the case of deaths. The 104 marriages already recorded this year is an increase of nearly 17 per cent. over last year, and the 1808 figures were unduly inflated by reason of a large number of delayed certificates coming in from people hastening to comply with the law. Outside of this, the civic census shows that the city's population has increased during the year by over 400, many of whom came from outside points. To say that the waterworks in which citizens have always justly prided themselves, it is gratifying to know that, within the past year, these have been given a thorough overhauling, and are now more like what they were originally designed to be. With plenty of water for domestic use and fire protection, irrigation and manufactures, the overflow at the reservoir of 25,000 cubic feet per day has been fairly maintained, while the storage capacity of the reservoir has been increased by 10,000 cubic feet. The soundness of the policy of civic ownership is being yearly manifested, as each year the receipts from this source show a steady increase, and with the increasing population, these should soon become, not only self-sustaining, but revenue-producing.

The ferry, also owned by the city, has had a thorough overhauling, being practically rebuilt, at a cost of nearly \$10,000. During the year the city assumed direct management, and since the said repairs and improvements were carried out, the service has been worth to the city about \$250 per month, or \$100 clear, after paying running expenses and interest for sinking fund and interest. The crew is now neatly uniformed, and are practically firemen, as well, and with the new turret-boiler capable of throwing a 2 1/2-inch stream a distance of 300 feet, the ferry steamer is a most valuable auxiliary to the fire department. This department has been thoroughly reorganized and the members of the brigade are properly uniformed. During the year a fine fire station was built on the hill, an expenditure considered sound by all. The brigade has responded to 48 alarms during the year, of which 11 were test calls, 2 false alarms, 3 for fires in chimneys, and 25 for which may be classed as actual fires. Of these latter many were insignificant, the loss being only \$745; the orphanage fire at Sapperon was the most serious, causing a loss of \$9,751. In the course of attending to these fires, 12,155 feet of hose was laid.

An approximate estimate of the value of new buildings erected this year was of new buildings erected this year was, in October last, \$703,802. This total, large as it is, has been increased somewhat since that date, so that the grand total probably approximates three-quarters of a million.

Through the courtesy of the local census officials, the Columbian is enabled to present in this issue the returns for the port of New Westminster for the year ending December 31st, to-morrow. On account of some of the records for 1898 having been destroyed in the great fire, it is impossible to make exact comparisons with the returns for that year, but it may be stated that both in imports, duties collected, and exports, particularly the latter, a marked increase has been recorded for the year, and that notwithstanding the fact that the port of Grand Forks, with the outputs of Midway, Cascade, Osoyoos and some others, formerly attached to this port, were detached for the last half of the year.

The customs returns for the port of New Westminster for the year ending December 31st, 1899, are as follows: Value of imports, dutiable \$729,044.00 Value of imports, free 145,431.00 Total imports \$874,475.00 Duty collected 820,288.98 Customs 2,979.96 Other revenues 2,079.96 Total revenue \$263,368.80

Exports. Mines 32,229.00 Fisheries 2,900,074.00 Forests 58,283.00 Animals and their produce 10,919.00 Manufactures 42.00 Miscellaneous 34,057.00 Bullion (gold) 2,000.00 Total exports \$2,427,653.00

PITY THE WOMAN. Who's a Nervous Wreck—But Glory in a Remedy that Will Cure Her, at South American Nerveine. Did this One. Mrs. James A. Publicover, Lunenburg, N.S., was a wreck from stomach troubles and nervous prostration. After she had tried many remedies, and was treated by best physicians, only to be disappointed in a few days, she was recommended to use South American Nerveine. She did so, with the result that to-day, after years of suffering, she is cured and happy woman and proclaims this great remedy saved her life. Sold by Dean & Hiscock, Hall & Co.

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“My pains are gone.” “My stomach is perfect.” “I can sleep like a top” “I’m well all over.” This is the way they talk. Every day some grateful patient shouts his gratitude for his recovery to health and strength. Every town sends forth its praises for that grand and never-failing remedy which cures with its drugs.

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Free Test. Free Book. Call, if possible, and test this grand remedy free. Let me send you my 80-page book about it, free, by mail. Belts sent duty free. Dr. M. A. McLaughlin, 106 1/2 COLUMBIA STREET, SEATTLE.

Kidney Trouble and Rheumatism. 1319 Tenth Ave., So. Seattle. Dr. M. A. McLaughlin, Nov. 14, 1899.

Dear Sir:—I suffered from kidney and stomach troubles for four years and at times had rheumatism severely. After using your Belt, less than one month my troubles are entirely cured and I feel better than for years. Your treatment has given me a happy change from drugs which gave me only temporary relief. Yours truly, J. P. JOHNSON.

Lord Roberts, says the London Outlook, learned of his son's death at the Travellers' Club. He was talking to a distinguished general at a little distance from the tape road, which was formed a circle of the members. Some one who did not know Lord Roberts was present, exclaimed: "Good heavens! Bob's son is killed." "What's that?" cried Roberts, throwing his way to the tape. He read the fatal news, then walked out of the club without a word, the members gazing after him with silent, affectionate sympathy. Those, Kite, the old parish clerk of the Shakespeare church, is dead. He was 93 years of age. Among those whom he conducted to Shakespeare's tomb were Sir Walter Scott, Washington Irving, Dickens, Emerson, Keane and Nathaniel Hawthorne.

The British sailing vessel Emily Lloyd has been wrecked near Cherbourg. The captain and twelve of her crew were drowned. The French steamer St. Jean has been sunk near Brest. Seven of her crew were lost.

The annual report of the board of health estimates the population of Greater New York at 3,550,501, a gain of about 100,000 over last year.

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Plumber. Cook's Cotton Root Compound is necessarily used monthly by over 2,000,000 ladies, and is the best of all your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Takes no other, as all mixtures, pills and powders are dangerous. Price, 25c per box; No. 9, 10 degrees stronger, \$3 per box. No. 1 or 2, mailed on receipt of price and two 2-cent stamps. The Cook Company Wholesale and Retail Druggists.

Notice. All applicants residing in the city who applied for the position of Chief of Police have their testimonials returned to them by applying to the Clerk of the Police Court.

Shamen's Institute. STORE STREET, VICTORIA, B.C. OPEN FROM 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

Free Cure For Men. A new remedy which quickly cures men's weakness, varicocele, etc., and restores the system to strength and vigor. Dr. L. W. Knapp, 2044 Hill Building, Detroit, Michigan, sends free the receipt of this wonderful remedy in order that every weak man may cure himself at home.

Notice. Re William Macdonald, Deceased. All persons indebted to the estate of the above named deceased are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith, and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars of such claims to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1900.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the Corporation of the City of Victoria to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act authorizing and enabling the said Corporation to enter into and execute a lease or leases to any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, who may be in a position and willing to carry out the terms thereof, of: Firstly, all that tract or parcel of land partly covered by water situated within the limits of the Corporation, and known as the "James Bay Flats," up to the north-easterly line of Belleville street; and secondly, the lot and building situated at the corner of the said street and the south side of Humboldt street and extending from the said James Bay bridge to the corner of the said street, and being the site of the old and now abandoned Episcopal church, and known as the "Episcopal Church Site," bounded by the City Lots 111, 215, 214, 213, 212, 211, 210, 209, 208, 207, 206, and 205, and the lot 1027, Block 111, of Christ Church Trust, and more particularly shown on the official map of the said city for the year 1898, and set forth in a certain by-law of the said Corporation, passed on the 7th day of August, 1899, and known as the "James Bay Bridge and Flats Reclamation By-Law, 1899" (being a by-law (No. 209) to give effect to the resolution of the said Corporation, in relation to the reclamation of the said site, and the purchase, acquisition, or lease, or hold, and sell and dispose of, or surrender, or demise all or any of the said premises, buildings—and for all usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers, or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects contemplated by the said by-law or any of them.) Dated the 22nd day of December, 1899. W. M. NORTHCOTE, Returning Officer.

SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS will be received up to noon on the 1st of the next for supplies for the Government Steamer Quoniam and lightness service of this province during the year 1900, viz.: Ship Chandlery, Groceries, Milling, &c. Particulars and forms of tender apply to the office of the Agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department. JAS. GAULIN, Agent.

FOR SALE. Fruit lands at Spence's Bridge, forming part of the John Murray estate. Tenders will be received by the undersigned for the purchase of the above lands, which are offered for sale in 2 separate parcels: A. 62 acres (except building to west corner and site thereof) planted with apple, peach, cherry and plum trees and grape vines. On these lands there is a large stone, housing, barn, stable, barn, tool house, and a two room cottage. B. seven room cottage, 2 three room cottages, 1 one room cottage, and several other buildings. C. 14 acres, 20 of which are under cultivation and part planted with fruit trees. On this land there is a two room cottage, water ditch, barn, a good water race, and goes with the land. Further particulars will be given on application. Dated at Victoria, 15th December, 1899. FELL & GREGORY.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE. Municipal Elections 1900.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the afternoon, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1900, from 12 noon to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen. The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows: The Candidates shall be Nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. on the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1900, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., in the manner following: For the office of Mayor in the Court Room of the City Hall, adjoining the Court House of the City of Victoria; For the office of Alderman for the North Ward, at the Public Market Building, Corner Market Street; For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, at the Public Market Building, Corner Market Street; For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, at the Public Market Building, Corner Market Street, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owners in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value of one thousand dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters. The persons qualified to be nominated for, and elected as Aldermen of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value of five hundred dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal voters. Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 28th day of December, 1899. W. M. NORTHCOTE, Returning Officer.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE. Election of School Trustees.

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the afternoon, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1900, from 12 noon to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing four persons as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District. Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District, is eligible to be elected or to serve as a member of the Board.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows: The Candidates shall be Nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. on the day of the Nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary, such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1900, in the Court Room, at the City Hall, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., at which time and place each Elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly. Given under my hand, at Victoria, British Columbia, the 28th day of December, 1899. W. M. NORTHCOTE, Returning Officer.

