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MAY ARRANGE NEW DATE.
Trouble Caused by "Yong Corbett"
Arranging Match With Dave Sullivan.
(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Feb. 5.—"Jimmy" Britt has stopped training for his match with "Yong Corbett" on March 5th, on account of the latter signing to meet Dave Sullivan on February 29th. The Britt-Corbett match, however, has not been positively cancelled off and it is possible that the trouble may be settled by the fixing of a new date.

SECURED FIVE THOUSAND.
Bag of Gold Stolen From an Express Messenger—A Daring Case.
(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to the World from Sterling, Ill., says: "Nearly \$5,000 in gold has been stolen from an express messenger of the Adams Express Company here. The thieves escaped. The express car was attached to a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train, Sterling being the terminal. The express messenger, Fred Harmon, had just placed the canvas sack containing the

GOVERNMENT OPTION ON E. & N. RAILWAY

The Line and Lands, Excepting Coal Areas, Offered to the Government—A Caucus on Subject.

The reward offered by the government for a railway policy has been withdrawn. A policy has been found. Whether or not it will be accepted remains to be seen, and depends first upon the government supporters and second upon the legislature.

The only rip-off policy is that offered by James Dunsinuir. This is understood to be an option on the E. & N. railway line and the lands of the railway belt for a sum approximately \$3,500,000. Mr. Dunsinuir in making this offer reserves the right to sell the lands to the highest bidder.

The government has approached its supporters on the subject, and until assurance of its position will give any assurance of what its position will be on the subject.

The scheme is not unopposed in the party caucus, many members deploring the particular scheme which they may represent for railway construction shall receive a place along with this before consenting to it.

In order to overcome this difficulty the Premier is looking for aid from the other side of the House to offset this opposition from his own party.

The E. & N. land grant embraced about 1,900,000 acres including rivers, lakes and broken land. Since it was first made considerable has been disposed of to settlers and timber men, but there yet remains probably 1,500,000 acres of land. The railway line runs from Victoria to Wellington and is 78 miles long.

On the government side of the House the objection is raised that this is a matter which affects only Vancouver Island. Mainland members do not want their schemes, which have been occupying a place in the public eye for years, put back for this project. While they are willing to admit that the acquisition of these lands which have become alienated would be a wise step, yet they are not prepared to forego consideration of other pressing claims for railway development in order to accomplish this and this alone.

Mr. A. Sutherland, the indefatigable worker for a line from the Kootenay to the coast, is not in any mood to let the government prorogue the House without some announcement with respect to this road.

Two propositions are put forward: That of the McLean Bros., the bonds for which have been deposited with the government, and which would be an all-Canadian route, and the Great Northern's proposal to build in sections as it is considered wise, with the privilege of defecting into the United States when necessary.

Price Ellison, who is also in favor of this line, is understood to want the Midway-Vernon line completed. He has urged the proposition for a considerable

THE DOUBLE MURDER NEAR CHEMAINUS

with Johnnie, but refused to confirm the alleged confession.

"Johnnie identified the canoe and cap found as Jackson's. He told the police that he and the Wilsons and Jackson were together on the afternoon of the tragedy in their canoes. Jackson and Wilson had bottles of whiskey, and he drank with each. Then all separated. He admits that he had a heavy United States thirty rifle. Mrs. Jackson had an old combined shotgun and rifle. The police took possession of the former. Peters bears a good reputation. He has a wife and family living at the Indian school on Kuper. Peters submitted to arrest quietly, and has given no trouble."

Confession Confirmed.

Chief Crossan, of Nanaimo, arrived on the noon train and confirms the report that Peters has confessed to a double murder in years past. Agents and representatives of practically all the lines operating between Atlantic ports and the United Kingdom were present. The object of the gathering was to see if the current demoralization in the trans-Atlantic freight business could not be ended by a concerted action. The minimum rate agreement under which the lines have been working for two years, or more, expires, by limitation, in a few days, and the meeting was for the purpose of seeing if some common ground of renewing it could not be found.

It developed that there was little hope of reaching an agreement, and the conference broke up without a definite date for a re-assembling, and with a prevailing belief that the freight situation will now become so bad that the demoralization will force the lines to come together.

Meanwhile, the freight brokers report that while the old agreement has not officially expired, it has had a premature death, in that it has been entirely ignored for ten days or more, and that large contracts for freight for forward shipment have been made at rates favorable for shippers.

These contracts are now a barrier to an immediate negotiation for agreement. The London lines, it is understood, patched up somewhat of a "few agreement" a few days ago, but no official agreement has been entered into.

The lines represented in the conference operate to the United Kingdom from all ports in the coast from the Newport News to Portland, Maine, and included also the Canadian Pacific steamers. Continental lines were not represented.

INDIAN HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

The Accused Man Confesses the Crime With Which He is Charged.

(Special to the Times.)
Cheminus, Feb. 5.—Johnnie Peters, a Kuper Island Indian, was arrested on Wednesday night by Constable Halhed, and brought to Cheminus in connection with the disappearance of Harry Wilson and his wife. He was given a hearing yesterday afternoon and remanded.

The police are in possession of evidence showing that the two Wilsons, Peters and the Indian Jackson all left Cheminus about the same time. Peters acknowledges having met the others off Bare Point, and having secured some liquor from Jackson and also from Wilson, but claims they separated, Jackson going towards Crofton, the Wilsons towards the lower end of Kuper Island, and he to the Industrial school, and that he has seen none of the others since.

In the canoe found on Kuper Island, in which the Wilsons left Cheminus, was found Peters's crab spear. This was known to be in his own canoe when he left Cheminus.

Peters had a 30.20 rifle with him, and acknowledges having fired three shots on his way over to the island, at a seal, as he claims. The bullet found in the prow of the canoe was a 30.20.

Jackson's canoe has been found on a small island near the mouth of the Cheminus river, but the police can find no trace of the man himself, and it is within the range of possibility that he has also been put out of the way.

The supposition is that Peters had a falling-out with either the Wilsons or Jackson, and killing the one had to murder the other in order to try and hide his crime. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

WILL BE SENT HOME.
One Hundred Widows of Foreigners Killed in Mine Are Going to Europe.
Pittsburg, Feb. 5.—Fifteen widows and their families, bereft by the Cheswick mine disaster, have been ticketed to Flume and Trieste, Austria, by the relief committee. In all over one hundred widows of foreigners, who lost their lives, will be sent back to Europe.

IT'S AN ILL WIND

In Retail Line General Trade Has Been Benefitted by the Snowstorm.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 5.—Special telegrams from correspondents of the International Mercantile Agency throughout the United States and Canada make it plain that while railway traffic west and northwest has been handicapped by heavy snowstorms and low temperature, wholesale orders for spring goods in leading lines have not been interfered with, and at retail general trade has been actually benefited.

ENDED HIS LIFE

Wanted by Police, Alleged Embassador Took Poison.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Malcolm de Lafere, doctor, ex-soldier and inventor, who was wanted by the Minneapolis police and for embassador, has committed suicide here by taking poison.

RUSSIANS READY TO SEIZE TERRITORY

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND MASSES IN YALU VALLEY

Japanese Subjects Residing Along the Frontier Have Been Called Into Seoul.

(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 5.—A dispatch to the Central News agency from Tokio, says that the newspapers there publish telegrams saying that 200,000 Russian troops have been concentrated in the Yalu valley, with the probable intention of seizing North Korea. It is added that the hope of maintaining peace has been abandoned.

Troops Along Railway.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—A Russian correspondent of the Associated Press at Port Arthur telegraphs as follows:
"There is no truth in the report that freight traffic has been stopped on the Manchuria railway. All the ships of the Russian Pacific squadron, which have been held in reserve, are now in full commission."

The regiments of the Third East Siberian Rifle Brigade, which recently left Port Arthur, are taking temporary stations along the Chinese railroad.

The Port Arthur garrison has been strengthened by the arrival there of the Seventh Brigade of Conscripts, who have recently been going through a short course of training.

"Stores of provisions and coal are being accumulated, and all the necessary military works are being actively pushed forward."

"Both the army and navy are in excellent condition. Everything is ready for an emergency, but all are patiently waiting the outcome of the negotiations."

"The Russian population is tranquil. Very few Russians are leaving, but many Japanese merchants are selling out and going home. Those remaining here feel entire confidence in the authorities."

"The announcement from Vladivostok that preparations have been made for the mobilization of the Manchurian reserves was premature."

Ordered to Seoul.
Washington, Feb. 5.—The state department has received information that Japan has called its subjects from the Yalu districts in Korea into Seoul.

Propose Alliance With Japan.
London, Feb. 5.—Yuan Shi Kai, the commander of the Chinese Imperial army and navy, and the vice-president of the war board, have memorialized the Emperor urgently insisting upon an offensive and defensive alliance with Japan to regain Manchuria, cables the Shanghai correspondent of the London Globe this afternoon.

"The memorialists," the correspondent adds, "maintain that the Japanese are better prepared for war than the Russians, and are most disinterested."

The Russian Reply.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—As announced in the Associated Press dispatches, the draft of the Russian response, tentatively approved by the Czar, was telegraphed to Viceroy Alexieff last night. It is said that Viceroy Alexieff will send the answer to reach Japan on Monday.

While the contents of the responses are carefully guarded they are known to be in a conciliatory spirit and form, and to contain what are regarded here as important concessions, although maintaining the Russian's former position on some of the main points covering Manchuria and Korea.

A diplomat, who probably is in closer touch with the Russian side of the negotiations than any other person, informed the Associated Press that Korea had again become the most difficult matter for adjustment.

"Russia," he said, "could not agree to Japanese fortifications in southern Korea. If the Japanese government is sincerely desirous of averting war," he added, "it will find in the reply a basis for an arrangement, but if the authorities have made up their minds to remain unyielding, then negotiations must end in an impasse. In any event I do not see how the Japanese can break off the negotiations without replying to the Russian note and setting forth her minimum demands."

Significant.
Wm. Christie, local manager of the C. F. R. Company's telegraph office, has issued the following notice:
"At 10.15 a.m. to-day we are notified to accept cablegrams for Japan and Korea at sender's risk only."

An Associated Press dispatch from New York says: "The significant announcement that telegrams for Japan and Korea can be accepted only at sender's risk was made to-day by the Commercial Cable Company, which has re-

WERE SUFFOCATED WHILE ASLEEP

THREE LIVES LOST IN FIRE AT MONTREAL

Man Attacked by a Pack of Wolves— Proposal to Send Dr. Wilkie to India.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—Owing to the change in the game laws, sportsmen of Manitoba will in future only be able to take out of the province the heads and skins of two male deer, 50 geese and 25 ducks, after receiving a special license from the department of agriculture.

Fatally Injured.
Jos. Wardner, C. P. R. fireman, was fatally injured by a fall from the third story of the Union Bank building at Moose Jaw yesterday. Fatal injury is suspected as Wardner was minus his watch and money when discovered. He came from St. Thomas, Ont.

Attacked by Wolves.
Alex. Morrissey, of Turtle river, near Dauphin, Man., had a thrilling experience with a pack of wolves while crossing Round lake, an arm of Lake Manitoba. While a considerable distance from the shore he was surrounded and attacked by twelve or fifteen ferocious animals, and he says he possesses no language capable of describing the battle. At the time Morrissey had with him two hounds and an axe, and had it not been for these, he says, there is no doubt at all but that he would have been torn to pieces by the wolves. The hounds fought hard, and one of them was killed in the encounter. Morrissey claims to have done great execution with his axe, and more than one wolf bit the dust, while others were badly wounded. The track on the snow from where the attack commenced to the shore is described by Mr. Morrissey as a trail of blood. When the exhausted man reached land he sought the protection of a friendly tree, and remained there till the wolves departed at dark.

Bank Clearings.
The bank clearings for the week ending February 4th were \$4,457,008; for the corresponding week in 1903 they were \$3,792,893, and in 1902 \$2,730,804.

Three Perished.
Montreal, Feb. 5.—Three sleeping inmates of a dwelling at 778 Cadieux street, were suffocated early this morning. Four others were badly burned and injured, two of whom will die. The dead are Mrs. Edward Crawford, 40 years old; her son, Willie, aged 15, and her son-in-law, James Hogan, 23 years old. Those injured were Mrs. Ethel Hogan, 22 years old, who was burned on the hands, face and her arms were cut; James E. Hogan, 8 months old, will die; Edwin Crawford, aged 40, badly burned, will probably die; Thomas Hare, 35 years old, face and hands burned. The fire is supposed to have originated from an overheated stove in the kitchen, which spread to the sleeping apartments before the people in the house were awakened.

Appeal For Aid.
Toronto, Feb. 5.—Rev. G. E. Henderson, of Jamaica, is in the city appealing to Canadian Baptists to assist the brethren of Jamaica, who suffered heavy loss in the storms which swept that island last summer.

Rev. Dr. Wilkie.
An association has been formed here by sending Presbyterians to raise funds to send Rev. Dr. Wilkie, Presbyterian missionary, back to India. This is a revolt against the action of the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society, which has decided that it cannot find a place for Dr. Wilkie, and has offered to pay him salary if any other church will give him a place.

The Gamey Investigation.
The total cost of the Gamey investigation, as shown by the public accounts presented the legislature yesterday, was \$44,425.

Price of Paper.
At the annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association yesterday, it was decided that the association will in future have the minimum rate for newspapers placed at \$1.50, and falling in this to ask the postmaster-general to reduce postage to papers that sell at less than the cost of white paper.

PERSONAL
C. E. Fowler, of Vancouver; W. W. Williams, of San Francisco; J. D. Kennedy, of New Westminster; D. Hartness, S. Curry and A. E. Shelton, of Vancouver, are among those registered at the Vernon hotel.

E. L. Gillman and wife, of Seattle; E. Pooley, of Vancouver; Mark Laing, of Vancouver; and Jas. Cathcart, of Cheminus, are in the city. They are at the Victoria hotel.

Dr. Ernest Hall will be down on one of his regular visits this evening. He will be at Dr. Bolton's office to-night and to-morrow night.

A. G. McCarty, of San Francisco; C. E. Cartwright, W. T. Dalton and D. Burns, of Vancouver, are at the Grand hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. McPhillips, of Vancouver, are in the city. They are guests at the Grand hotel.

G. Sheldon Williams arrived from Vancouver last night and is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

A. Wilkinson, of Mount Sicker, is in the city. He is among the guests at the Victoria.

C. A. Holland was among the passengers from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Charming.

Sergt. Redgrave and J. D. Kennedy arrived from the Malans last evening.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Feb. 5.—Yesterday a man named Boyle walked into Lady Smith foundry and borrowed a knife, with which he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat. He was stopped in time, taken before the magistrates and was brought here this morning to serve three months in prison.

SIX PEOPLE PERISHED

(Associated Press.)
Mahoney City, Pa., Feb. 5.—Six persons, all foreigners, were burned to death early to-day at Trenton, near here. The fire destroyed six double dwellings.

REPLIES TO LEADER

Mr. Chamberlain's Answer to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's Statement in Commons.
(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 5.—An interesting little bit of anti-war history was revealed by the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in the House of Commons to-day in the course of the debate on the amendment on the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Sir Henry said that when Mr. Chamberlain interviewed him on June 20th, 1890, prior to the war, and asked him if the opposition would support the government in sending out 10,000 troops to Cape Colony, he, Sir Henry, expressed surprise, whereupon Mr. Chamberlain said: "You need not be alarmed. There will be no fighting. We know these fellows won't fight. We are playing a game of bluff." Sir Henry said the opposition refused the request.

The statement of Sir Henry was greeted with roars of laughter from the opposition benches.

Mr. Chamberlain, in reply, said he did not remember using the word "bluff." His only object in approaching Sir Henry was to make sure that the South African question should not be treated in a party spirit, so that the Boers might be convinced of the earnestness of Great Britain.

In the ultimate division on Mr. Robertson's amendment to the address, the government had a majority of 86; the vote being 192 for and 278 against.

TWO BLOCKS BURNED

Fire at Buckingham, Where Thirty Dwellings and Stores Were Destroyed.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Two of the biggest blocks in Buckingham are to-day a smouldering mass of ruins. The loss is estimated at about \$120,000. There are in all some 50 buildings, consisting of private dwellings and business establishments destroyed.

TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Feb. 5.—Contract are to be let next week for the first development of Stave Lake power for Mr. Hendry and the Great Northern. It is proposed to furnish power for electric locomotives to run from Vancouver to New Westminster, and ultimately, right through to Seattle or the Great Northern.

MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has invited Charles K. Hyman, M. P., to a seat in the cabinet without portfolio. Mr. Hyman was sworn in at one o'clock to-day.

Dr. Joseph G. Rooney, of West Hoboken, died on Friday as the result of exposure on the night of January 18th, when he attended a number of friends who had been injured at a fire on Jersey City Heights. It was one of the coldest nights of the winter, and the doctor worked over the injured men with his sleeves rolled up. His hands were badly frost-bitten and subsequently gangrene set in, resulting in his death.

PAARDEBERG DAY

Entertainment Being Prepared by Fifth Regiment for Celebration of Occasion.
Paardeberg Day, February the 18th, will be celebrated in an appropriate manner by members of the Fifth Regiment. Up to the present the details of the entertainment have not been decided upon, but this will be settled at a meeting in the near future. The programme will be, as usual, of a military character. There will be field gun competition, physical and outland drills, tableaux and an awkward squad. A tug-of-war will also take place between teams selected from Nos. 3 and 6 companies. A boxing exhibition is also being arranged. Before the regular programme is started there will be a full parade of the regiment, and it is expected that advantage will be taken of this opportunity to distribute certificates to those who passed the recent military examinations. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor will be present, and will probably present these, as well as the shield for best all round company to No. 1 company, and other prizes. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance during the evening and render a number of musical selections. Those attending are promised a pleasant time.

A MILLION CIGARETTES

A million cigarettes have been stolen from the Helling government cigarette factory by a gang, who acted in concert with workmen inside. The latter were seen throwing packets of cigarettes from a window to persons outside.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BREITFORD BEACH

The chairman of the Breitford beach states that over \$40,000 a year profit was made by bakers in and around London by selling bread that was short in weight.

Advertisement for D.E. Campbell's Prescription Store, featuring an illustration of a horse and rider.

Advertisement for 'THE BEST PLACE' regarding prescriptions dispensed at Campbell's Prescription Store.

Advertisement for 'EXECUTIVE DEAL' regarding financial matters.

Advertisement for 'Get My Book if Sick' by Dr. Shoop's Restorative, claiming to cure various ailments.

Advertisement for 'NONE TOO GOOD' featuring a list of wine and liquor products with prices.

Advertisement for 'GARNE'S GROCERY STORE' located at the corner of Yates and Broad Streets.

Large advertisement for 'Light! Light! Light! as Cheap and as Bright as Daylight' by B. C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd., located at 35 Yates Street.

Advertisement for 'RUSSIAN REPLY SENT TO ALEXIEFF'.

Section header: 'IF APPROVED WILL BE FORWARDED TO JAPAN'.

Section header: 'Warships Have Returned to Port Arthur - Little News With Regard to Negotiations.'

Main body text of the 'RUSSIAN REPLY' article, discussing diplomatic relations and military movements.

Section header: 'The Reply'.

Text under 'The Reply' section, mentioning St. Petersburg and diplomatic actions.

Section header: 'Fleet Returns'.

Text under 'Fleet Returns' section, detailing the Russian fleet's return to Port Arthur.

Section header: 'War Risks Increased'.

Text under 'War Risks Increased' section, discussing international tensions.

Section header: 'London, Feb. 4 - A dispatch from Tokyo says...'.

Text under the London dispatch section, mentioning the Emperor and diplomatic decisions.

Section header: 'Embargo on Coal'.

Text under 'Embargo on Coal' section, reporting on coal supply issues.

Section header: 'Said Shortage of Money Was Not Material if Objects of Association Were Attained.'

Main body text of the 'EXECUTIVE DEAL' article, discussing financial challenges and organizational goals.

Section header: 'BUILDING CARS'.

Section header: 'C. P. R. Places Large Order in Its Eastern Works - Montreal Fears Water Famine.'

Main body text of the 'BUILDING CARS' article, discussing the C.P.R.'s order and local concerns.

Section header: 'Warships Have Returned to Port Arthur - Little News With Regard to Negotiations.'

Main body text of the 'Warships' article, detailing naval movements and diplomatic context.

Section header: 'ONTARIO LEGISLATURE'.

Text under 'ONTARIO LEGISLATURE' section, mentioning Toronto and legislative proceedings.

Text under the Ontario legislature section, discussing the snowfall and legislative agenda.

Section header: 'BRAIN FOOD'.

Main body text of the 'BRAIN FOOD' advertisement, claiming benefits for mental health.

Text under the 'BRAIN FOOD' advertisement, including contact information and testimonials.

Section header: 'NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS'.

Text under 'NEXT WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS' section, listing upcoming events.

Advertisement for 'Carrots RED AND WHITE' for sale by McDowell & Rosie.

Advertisement for 'ENGRAVERS' services.

Advertisement for 'HALF TONES' printing services.

Advertisement for 'TO LET' property listings.

Advertisement for 'FOR RENT' property listings.

Advertisement for 'FOR SALE' property listings.

Advertisement for 'FIRST-CLASS STRAWBERRY PLANTS'.

Advertisement for 'FOR SALE' property listings.

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Synopsis of Regulations for Disposal of Minerals on Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and Yukon Territory.

Regulation regarding coal lands and mining operations.

Regulation regarding mining leases and royalties.

Regulation regarding mining claims and operations.

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Advertisement for 'KEYS LOOKS' by Waite Bros.

Advertisement for 'Paints, Wall Paper, Alabastine, Kalsomine' by J. Sears.

Advertisement for 'Wanted for Victoria' by P. O. Box 834, Vancouver.

Advertisement for 'The Reason Why' building services.

Advertisement for 'Why, the Victoria No. 2 Building Society'.

Advertisement for 'H. T. COLE' building services.

Advertisement for 'Cuckoo Call?' building services.

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LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED, TORONTO.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

PRIVATE BILLS WERE UNDER DISCUSSION

The Premier Has Not His Railway Policy Ready for the House Yet—Notices of Motion.

Victoria, Feb. 4th.
Upon the opening of the House J. A. Macdonald writes a statement from the Premier with respect to proposed railway legislation. The Premier had promised an answer at the latest to-day, when questioned with respect to it a few days ago.

The Premier said he was not able to say anything with respect to this. He was anxious to relieve the anxiety of the opposition as soon as possible, but at the present time he could not communicate anything to the House.

On the motion of W. J. Bowser, a bill entitled "An Act to amend the Liquor License Act, 1900," was introduced and read a first time.

Questions and Answers.
John Oliver asked the Minister of Finance the following question: Where was the loss of \$70,000 in connection with the importation of deer skins?

Hon. R. G. Taylor replied as follows: "On importations of 1901, resulting from deaths, animals not up to standard, and loss on auction sale."

Mr. Oliver asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions: 1. Has any other person recorded water from Long lake? If so, how much in each case? 2. If not, why not? 3. How much water is recorded in the above-mentioned dam? 4. What is the amount of damages claimed? 5. In what manner does the construction of this dam protect the city of Vernon?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows: "1. No. 2. Answered by No. 1. 3. Yes, 4. 1,500 inches. 5. No estimate on record in the department. 6. All records are indexed by the name of the party recording, and not in the name of the lake or stream. The office at Vernon has been

asked to furnish the desired information, as a search here would take a great length of time. 7. Answered by No. 6. 8. Answered by No. 6. 9. R. T. Williams and Albert Geir. 10. R. T. Williams, \$1,000. 11. This dam—as reported by government agent at Vernon—was built primarily to prevent flood of 1882, at which time the outlet enlarged, and Long lake, about eight miles long by two miles wide, was lowered about three feet in ten days. The rush of water washed out a lot of land, two bridges and about 100 feet of the Mission road, where it runs through the city of Vernon, and threatened further damage to the city by the S. & O. railway track to the extent of several thousand dollars. These sudden floods have always been regarded as a menace to the safety of the city of Vernon."

Land Registry Act.
Hon. Chas. Wilson moved on the third reading of "An Act to amend the Land Registry Act—Amendment Act, 1903," which all the "copy" in section 2 of said bill after "sub-section," in the fifth line thereof, be struck out, and that the following be substituted therefor: Upon receipt of a certificate of forfeiture of land to the crown, issued under the provisions of section 133 of the "Assessment Act, 1903," the estate and interest in any land so forfeited shall be registered by filing said certificate and making a reference to same in the register books against every title affected thereby, and also upon receipt of said certificate any certificate of title or of registered estate being deemed as cancelled as to said forfeited estate or interest."

Game Protection.
R. Hall, upon consideration of the report of the committee on the Game Protection Act, moved that the clause regarding deer to 31st August and to exempt the shipping out of deer skins except in a manufactured condition. He argued in favor of encouraging the manufacture of skins in the province. He wanted the same to be enforced so as to protect the deer.

R. L. Drury called the attention of the House to the fact that it was important to know if the islands contiguous to Vancouver Island were included under the term Vancouver Island.
The bill was recommitted with H. Wright in the chair.

Mr. Oliver moved an amendment that deer should not be shot except for actual use.
J. H. Hawthorthwaite had no objection to the amendment.
The amendment was lost.
Mr. Hall introduced his amendment against the export of skins as provided for by this bill except in a manufactured condition.
Premier McBride, without speaking to the amendment, shook his head ominously to Mr. Hawthorthwaite, who vigorously opposed Mr. Hall's amendment.
Mr. Hall held that this act pressed upon men who had gone into the manufacture of hides here.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said he was not looking to the commercial side of the question. The skins were not sold for more than 2 1/2 cents a pound.
Mr. Oliver produced accounts showing that 25c a pound was paid for the skins.
The amendment was lost.
Mr. Hall moved his amendment extending the close season for deer. About the 1st of November was the very time when deer should not be killed.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite thought the season was now too long for shooting deer.
The amendment was lost. Mr. Hall adding, "the preservation of deer is a farce."
On motion of Hon. J. F. Fulton it was enacted that "It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, on good cause shown, by proclamation in two successive issues of the British Columbia Gazette, to declare a closed season for sheep and mountain goat, or any one or more of same, in any part of the province, for any period of time." The killing of beaver was also prohibited. It was also provided that steelheads, which were of commercial value, were excluded from the act. Children, under fifteen years of age were excluded from the clause making it unlawful to take trout less than six inches in length.
The bill was reported.

Fences and Watercourses.
The Line Fences and Watercourses Act amendment was committed with A. H. B. Macgowan in the chair. The bill was reported.

Motor Vehicles.
The bill to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles was committed with J. R. Brown in the chair. The bill was reported.

Clifford's Bill Defeated.
On the adjourned debate upon the "Provincial Elections Act amendment" introduced by C. W. D. Clifford, Stuart Henderson said that he had seen a number of steamboat men and discovered that there was a grievance among these men. He proposed to have the New Zealand Act, which was a precedent, before the matter was gone on with.

Mr. Clifford said that he had a number of amendments which would overcome all objections to it. He wanted the bill to pass its second reading.
Mr. Brown was opposed to the principle of the bill. The election law had been carefully revised, and he did not approve of this. While the men had a grievance yet where would this end if the principle was introduced. Other members should ask for this privilege. It was introducing a dangerous precedent. He showed how the captain of a boat with only perhaps five or six men having votes would be master of the situation. It would cause trouble on board a vessel. It might also throw itself open to other dangers by which party reasons might be advanced, but and a vote taken. This was absurd. He proposed that the C. P. R. might just as reasonably ask for a ballot. This opened the dangerous precedent by which any class of men who found it convenient to stay in any particular place to vote might ask for a ballot box to be taken where he liked.

John Houston held it was the right of every man to register his vote if at all possible. In Victoria and Vancouver there were steamboat men who were entitled to a vote. In mining camps polling booths were established. These employees were just as much under the dictation of the superintendent as a boatman was under the captain. He never heard of any intimidation of miners in any of these outlying camps, and he did not expect it from captains of vessels.
Mr. Oliver thought it was just as reasonable to demand that every conductor and engineer be given ballot boxes or that a ballot box be placed on river steamers.
Mr. Clifford stated that ballot boxes would only be provided for the home port.

Mr. Oliver thought that the members of the crew did not always belong to the home port. Why should those who did not be deprived of a vote.
The bill was defeated on the following division:
Yeas—Messrs. McEwen, Davidson, Wells, Hall, Hawthorthwaite, Williams, McBride, Ellison, Houston, Clifford Taylor, Wright, Young-13.
Nays—Messrs. McEwen, Drury, Kins, Murphy, Jones, Evans, Tanner, Oliver, Munro, Paterson, Cameron, Cotton, Bowser, Fraser, Ross, Green, Fulton, Garden, Gifford, Macgowan, Shatford, Grant—22.
Discharged.

The order for the second reading of the act to amend the Counties Definition Act was discharged.
On the second reading of Mr. Oliver's amendment to the Assessment Act the bill was ruled out of order.
Master and Servant.
W. C. Wells moved the second reading of the Master and Servant Amendment Act. In doing so he referred to the difficulty in getting labor. Industries had been interfered with by this. The lumbering industry suffered severely. He proposed to make it possible to engage labor for British Columbia anywhere in Canada. He did not extend it to the United States because there might be objections to this.
W. Davidson opposed the bill. From a workingman's point of view the mover of it was mistaken. The statute was brought in largely to defeat the recurrence of circumstances like that which occurred in connection with the abuses in connection with the building of the Crow's Nest railway. The amendment of the member for Columbia would overcome the provisions of the act. The act has protected men from being obliged to work under contracts, which they would otherwise have had to work.
The Attorney-General wanted to know why the change was made in 1899 from the act of 1898, by which contracts were allowed for the whole of Canada.
Hon. R. F. Green said the change was made in order to affect strikes which were then on. If it was good law then it was good now. He was opposed to the amendment.
T. W. Paterson wanted to know if the government was so anxious to defend the labor interests. Why did this government allow men to come in, not from other parts of the Dominion but from the United States, to build a railway on the Delta. The attention of the government was called to this but they took no action to enforce the act on the strikers. These acts were passed not in the interest of workmen, but to catch votes. The workmen were protected under the statutes which prevented fraud in making contracts. He had never seen the man who posed on the

floor of the House as the friend of labor who was the true friend of labor or had done anything of any particular value to the workmen. Personally he knew the interests of the labor man. He had been to work with his hands in fifteen years of age. He had gone through all the grades of labor and had never got a cent which he did not earn, nor asked a favor of any man. He took exception to remarks made by the member for Nanaimo in referring to himself with respect to the eight hour act. He could not understand the member's statement that it was wrong to limit the number of hours which any man should work. A man, if he chose to do so, should be at liberty to work as many hours as he liked. A man in his young days should be at liberty to take advantage of the strength he possessed to acquire a comfortable income. These self-named friends of labor men attempted to deprive labor by putting it on the lowest scale. The workmen were well protected against being degraded by the employer. This country, if it was to be developed, would have to have laws which were practically prohibited from entering the province. Employers of labor would not be sorry for this, but other labor must be supplied. He saw an act on the order paper he could read a certain number of words. This privilege had to be given to his friends. No man should be excluded from the province because he could not read. These men who were not educated made the best class of workers on public works.
P. Williams took exception to the remarks of Mr. Paterson as to men who labor to work with their hands. If labor was scarce in the province the men who had that commodity for sale should be allowed the full advantage from that. This amendment was an attempt to introduce an abortion upon a good piece of legislation.
Mr. Oliver stated that the production of this province came into direct competition with other parts of the world. The legislature should look beyond the individual and look at the interests of the province. The legislature should not by its acts debar residents from the province or deprive them of their right of labor to organize to protect their rights. He did not favor contracts being made at a time when strikes were being carried on lawfully. He would therefore favor such a modification of the bill as would exclude the right to bring in labor during a strike.
J. D. McEwen was not in favor of the bill—as he stood now was to protect laboring men against insupportable employers who might go outside the province to secure labor by fraudulent means. Because these were obtained in other parts of the province in accordance with the United States made no difference. Hardships might come to employers under the act, but employees were given protection by it.
J. B. Brown thought that while there were hardships endured by employers this might be overcome by amending the act and yet introducing this amendment. It might be provided that in certain cases where a scarcity of labor warranted it.

On motion of J. H. Hawthorthwaite the debate was adjourned.
Medical Act Amendment.
A. H. B. Macgowan, in moving the second reading of the amendment to the Medical Act, pointed out that it was proposed to allow of the complainant in an investigation of a medical counsellor to be represented by counsel. The medical man was allowed counsel now.
The second reading passed and the House went into committee, with J. D. McEwen in the chair.
The bill was reported.
The House then rose until 8:30 in the evening.

Evening Session.
Upon resuming in the evening Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved the second reading of the "Act respecting Railway and Steamship Transportation in Certain Cases." The object of the bill was to make it compulsory for transportation companies to furnish members of the legislature with passes, and also the surveyor of taxes. The province had given returns for the aid to companies. Under present conditions to accept these passes was open to the criticism that these were given as a bribe. He had personally refused them because it was contrary to the tenets of his party.
J. A. Macdonald was opposed to the principle of the bill. If railway com-

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IT IS WAR. A dispatch to the Times announces that Russia has already two hundred thousand troops stationed in Manchuria ready to cross into Korea.

The outcome no man will venture to predict. The moral support of the great Christian nations of the world, notwithstanding Russia's plea of superiority in religious belief, will be given to the Japanese.

The war will be an interesting one, not alone on account of its possible consequences and complications. Since the last set-to between great powers vast advances have been made in the application of science to the construction of engines of war.

A good deal has been written about the fervent patriotism, the unswerving adaptability and the military genius and fiery ardor of the Japanese.

MUNICIPALITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT. The Colonist is making an able plea for the municipalization of the rural districts of the province.

The cities, too, are deeply interested in the matter of the extension of the municipal system. Our friends in the country districts have been moved to the consideration of the question by the recent increase in taxation.

force, and we evade them at our peril. The man who is daring in disposition and whose conscience is dead may make false returns to the assessor, and the one of upright walk and conversation must make up the deficiency.

But what would become of such statesmen as Hon. R. F. Green? We are afraid our contemporary in carrying on such a propaganda has not considered all its masters in the House.

SYSTEMS OF ASSESSMENT. The Toronto News, which on general principles is opposed to the Ontario and all other Grit governments, has been compelled to strongly approve of the Assessment Bill proposed by the Ross government.

A unique case is occupying the attention of Eastern politicians of the active mood. A gentleman has been appointed to a seat in the Senate, but he refuses to sit. Needless to say, he is a Grit.

FRANCE TIPPLES TOO MUCH. According to scientists the French are drinking themselves to death, and the effect on the future of the republic is so pronounced that steps are being taken to eradicate the evil of alcoholism.

ON THE REGULAR CIRCUIT. A breezy individual from the Windy City, drifted into one of the uptown hotels yesterday and used the public telephone to talk with a friend in Brooklyn.

LET THEM SAY IT. Mr. Nolan had received a long tongue lashing from Mr. Quigley, and his friends were urging on him the wisdom of vindicating his honor by a prompt use of his fists.



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tremble to think of the confusion that would ensue should Mr. Redfern, feeling that his position has not received the consideration it deserves, refuse to resign and determine to assert his rights.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION. To the Editor:—Nothing would be of greater advantage to this province than iron and steel works.

It seems a few Canadian physicians have been making more than names and reputations for themselves. The distinguished gentleman who is at the head of a scientific department in Johns Hopkins university has achieved distinction, but it is scarcely possible that his bank account as swollen proportionately with his fame.

AN ISLAND RAILWAY. To the Editor:—Last Monday a number of Victoria's most prominent business people were induced to sign a request to the provincial government to consider a proposition for the building of a railway to "Alberni and the north end of the Island."

Men's Hand-Turned Low Shoes, yard kid, all sizes, \$1.40 a pair to-morrow at Army & Navy Clothing Store.

ISLANDER. To the Editor:—I read with much pleasure "One Who Signed the Petition" letter in last night's Times.

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RAILLESS CARS. Successful trial of the Remard automobile railless train have been made in Paris. The train crossed the Seine on the new Alexandre III. bridge.

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INQUIRY AT SEATTLE HAS BEEN CLOSED

Capt. Roberts Says He Consulted With Capt. Lawrence About Lowering Boats.

Capt. George Roberts again gave evidence before the Clallam investigation in Seattle on Wednesday afternoon, his testimony closing the inquiry which has been conducted by the local inspectors.

Capt. Roberts said: "De Launay said nothing, absolutely, about the deadlight or of me getting the vessel's head to the wind. But I then requested the mate to go below and see what was the matter. "Eighteen or twenty minutes later, shortly after 2:45 p.m., for I looked at the clock at that time, De Launay came up in person. He told me then that the deadlight had broken in and requested me to go below and look at it. There was no discussion as to getting the ship to the wind.

"I went down and when I looked in the water was about three and one-half feet deep over the engine room floor. I asked Le Launay if he had plugged the deadlight, and he said he had done all that he could.

"When I returned above I tried to get the vessel around to the wind, but could not do it. Capt. Lawrence then told me that the engines had stopped, with 125 pounds of steam on. After learning that the fire were out and the engines stopped we began to lower the boats, getting them ready about 3:30 o'clock.

"When I went below and found that amount of water I did not think the vessel would last over three-quarters of an hour. The water seemed to be coming in rapidly. I based my action on lowering the boats on the conclusion that the ship could not last a great while. I thought the boats would live. I did not have to urge the people to get in. They were anxious, and, in fact, at this time I was not on the passenger deck. I was on the upper deck looking after the lowering of boats.

"Capt. Lawrence, who commanded the first boat, agreed with me. He was a man of experience in marine matters, and I consulted with him. The mate at this time was below. Capt. Lawrence was perfectly willing to take command. He took my boat, No. 1."

Capt. Roberts related that there were two of the crew, Capt. Lawrence and two other male passengers managing the first boat, with Harvey Sears in charge, and two other sailors and some male passengers in the second. There were no women in the third boat, which had two firemen and an officer of the crew. Capt. Roberts stated that he saw a customs officer jump into the third boat.

Cross-questioned by the inspectors, Capt. Roberts answered: "I had no idea that there was any water in the ship until I went down with De Launay. But the vessel was going slow."

"Yes, the ship answered her helm perfectly. I did not have to resort to using the auxiliary steering gear. "I did not at any time know there was anything wrong with the deadlight. It was never reported to me."

Asked if he had heard the testimony of Capt. Robert Hall, the witness stated that he had and that Capt. Hall was mistaken in saying that I requested the ship to go to Victoria. I did not make any request to go to Victoria. I told him to tow me to the nearest place he could possibly get to."

"Did you tell him the ship was leaking?" Capt. Whitney asked. "Yes, sir," answered Roberts. Making further reply to questions on this point, Capt. Roberts said: "I thought he would try and tow me around back of Lopez Island. After the tug had straightened away I did not call it back because of the loss of time it would have entailed, and I thought the ship would float until we could get to Townsend.

"As soon as I knew she was sinking I signaled the Holsko to come back. About that time the Sea Lion came up and, seeing our signals, responded. We had no time to get out port boats down."

De Launay Asks Questions. Chief De Launay asked Capt. Roberts how he knew of the condition of the pumps, and the witness replied: "You told me the pumps choked up."

Capt. Roberts declared, answering De Launay on the question of the Clallam's rudder, that the "vessel steered as well as she ever did."

Having asked Capt. Roberts various questions respecting the rudder, the time he was notified of the condition of things in the engineer's department, and having received unsatisfactory replies, De Launay, addressing the witness, said: "It is very evident, Capt. Roberts, that these gentlemen will hold me responsible for the accident."

"I object to any conclusions you have," Capt. Whitney interposed. But Le Launay persisted: "I am positive, Capt. Roberts," he said, "that no man will ever convince you that I was responsible."

Capt. Roberts declared that in giving his testimony he had told nothing but the truth, to which De Launay rejoined: "I hope you have a clear conscience; I have—I was taught from my infancy to tell the truth."

Inspector Turner, addressing De Launay, said: "I believe you told the truth right straight through as you saw it."

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Young Corbett has signed articles to meet Jave Sullivan on Feb. 29th before the Yosemite Club, of San Francisco. Corbett is also matched to meet Jimmy Britt, of San Francisco, on March 15th.

Divers are to explore the big water tunnel that crosses the corner of the business district of Chicago sixty feet below the surface. The purpose of the exploration is to discover, if possible, the cause of the dangerous settling of a business block in Fifth avenue. Portions of the foundations are said to have sunk six feet.

Twenty-four Black and Brown Grips, worth from \$1.00 to \$2.25. Tomorrow at 50 cents. Army & Navy Clothing Store.

Lake Village, Ark., was almost totally destroyed by fire on Thursday. Twenty-two business houses, sixty dwellings, the post office, Masonic temple and many out-buildings were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 5—5 a. m.—The storm area which was over Vancouver island has moved to Northern British Columbia, while another low area covers the Pacific slope from this to Nevada. These conditions have caused a general rainfall southward to California on the Coast, and snow inland from Cariboo to Idaho. Several inches of snow has also fallen over the greater portion of the Territories.

Forecasts. For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh southerly to westerly winds, unsettled, with occasional rains. Lower Mainland—Mostly cloudy, with occasional rain or sleet.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.62; temperature, 41; minimum, 40; wind, 16 miles S. W.; rain, .02; weather, fair. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .46; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.50; temperature, 22; minimum, 22; wind, 8 miles N. W.; snow, .20; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.28; temperature, zero; minimum, 2 below; wind, calm; snow, .40; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, .00; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 10 below; minimum, 12 below; wind, 8 miles E. snow, .44 weather, snow.

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Charming from Vancouver—Miss Clementson, A. McAulter, W. H. Williams, H. Arnesen, G. W. Rollin, J. D. Acas, Mrs. C. O. Colman, F. P. Co., C. S. Baxter, Geo. L. Clapton, S. & P.

A splendid value. All-Wool Grey Socks; worth 25 cents a pair; three pair for 50 cents tomorrow at Army & Navy Clothing Store.

A Shelton, Conn., dispatch says: Joseph Wheeler, locally known as the "Poet of the Monroe," was found dead in a lighthouse, where he lived alone. Death was due to exposure, and he had been dead several days. Both hands and feet had been gnawed by pet squirrels, which, for the past few years, had been his only companions.

Men's Heavy Frieze Ulsters, high storm collars; worth \$9.00. Tomorrow at \$3.50. Army & Navy Clothing Store.

Joseph Chamberlain will start February 11th on a two months' holiday. He declines to say where he is going because it is his desire to have a complete rest and not to be troubled with correspondence.

Men's Silk Four-in-Hand, worth up to 50 cents. Tomorrow at 15 cents. Army & Navy Clothing Store.

A dozen persons were injured, five of them seriously, in a rear-end collision between two passenger trains on the Niagara Falls branch of the New York Central.

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OUR SHOE SALE
WILL COMMENCE SATURDAY
MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK
To-day we are marking down the prices to rush them out Saturday, and all next week. We will slash the prices in two, and in some cases very much less in order to clear out every odd line, as we need the room for the NEW GOODS which will be here in a few days. See below for a few of our prices:
Men's Box Calf Dongola Kid Buff and Boston Calf Boots, lace and elastic sides, A Job Lot, Will Clear Them Out At. \$1.50 pr.
Boys' Strong School Boots, 11 and 12, and 1 to 5, This lot to be cleared out at 50c pr.
Children's Boots 50c pr.
Ladies' Boots, made by Bell, King, March, Etc., worth from \$2.00 to \$3.50, going at \$1.25 pr.
Misses' Strong School Boots, 11-2 95c pr.
Boys' Hip Gum Boots, sizes 1-2, were \$4.50 Our Price \$1.95
MUNDAY'S SHOE STORE
89 Government Street.
Sole Agents for Dick's Old Country Boots.

Defy the Cold
By Wearing a
FROST KING or FROST QUEEN
CHAMOIS VEST
Frost King for Men, Frost Queen for Women.
PRICE \$2.00 EACH.
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Just Received, a Small Lot of
COMOX
Creamery Butter
In 14 lb. squares, which we are selling at a very low rate. We also sell other
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Which demand the admiration of consumers because they deserve it. High class, fresh and worthy, yet moderately priced.
Windsor Grocery Co.,
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A SHARE OF YOUR
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ALL COMPANIES OF THE HIGHEST STANDING.
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LEE & FRASER
FOR SALE
Pandora St., 6 roomed house and corner lot, only \$1,200
Alpha St., house, stable and 1/2 of an acre in orchard, price 1,000
Lot near Cadboro Bay road \$ 20
Money to loan at 6 per cent. on real estate security.
APPLY 9 AND 11 TROUBNE AVENUE.

W. Jones
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Will Sell Quantity of
Desirable Furniture,
Counters, Stoves,
Carpets, Toilet
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Etc. at 58 Broad Street, 2 p. m.
Thursday, Feb. 4th
No reserve.
W. JONES, Auctioneer.
Phone 204.

WILL INSPECT THE LINER EURIMBLA
FINDING VICTORIANS LEAVE ON STEAMER AORANGI
Are to Return With Vessel if She is Found Satisfactory—Transfer of Whatcom.

A FEATURE OF HOLLAND.
In Holland windmills are to be seen of all sizes; sawmills and grist-mills, and mills for pumping water; mills new and old, used and disused. In the construction of these mills, says a writer in Scribner's Magazine, one, and evidently the original, pattern is adhered to. The dull thatched body is re-

lined by green woodwork and striped with red and white. They are most beautiful in their lines, and on the front of each, where the arms attach, there is usually some fanciful carving, rationally painted. Some of the mills bear tablets, showing that they were built in the seventeenth century. I made studies of one in particular, called "De Haan" (the "cock"), dated 1634, which is a very good average example. The sails are generally stretched over the wings or arms are generally stained some soft red, or green, or brown, to preserve them from the weather. In the detailed study they have been purposely omitted, so as to show the decorations around the upper part.

FOR SALE CITY LOTS \$100 EACH.
On monthly installments, \$10.00 each (interest 4 per cent only). Best of soil. Apply.
B. C. Land and Investment Agency, Ltd.,
40 Government Street.

HAUCTION
I am instructed to sell at my rooms, 77-79 Douglas Street,
Friday, 12th, 2 p. m.
Elegant and Costly
Furniture
Cabinet Grand Piano,
Carpets, Rugs, Etc.
Particulars Tuesday. On view Thursday. Children not allowed during auction sale.

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AUCTIONEER

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
WANTED—3 lady canvassers. Apply at 10 a. m. Saturday at 187 Douglas street.
GIRL WISHES PLACE in a small family or an old couple. Address C. Times Office.
A BARRAIN FOR CASH—Will sell convenient cottage (4 rooms and pantry), large lot, just outside city limits, city water, for \$200. Address X. Times Office.
FOR SALE, \$2,000—5 roomed cottage, at 401 James and Bondall streets, consisting of front room, dining room, kitchen, bath room, and pantry, hot and cold water, electric light, and stable 40x22; \$500 in cash, 5 per cent. on balance. Apply Jas. A. and Jno. Douglas, over 92 Government street.
FOR SALE—Charming city lots, with lovely sea view, frontage on Moss street and Dallas road. Apply Messrs. Jas. A. and Jno. Douglas, over 92 Government street.
FURNISHED—A roomed house, with modern conveniences. 32 Collinson St.
PLANT EARLY CABBAGE PLANTS—50c per 100, \$1.00 per 200, \$1.50 per 300. Catalogue of nursery stock free. Mount Yelmite Nursery, Victoria.

Regimental Band
Drill Hall Concert
BASKETBALL
James Bay vs. Fernwood
TO-MORROW NIGHT

NOTICE.
A reward of \$150 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hung, Wong Sam, and Wong Sun, who are charged with the murder of Man Quee at Victoria, B. C., on the 21st January, 1904.
J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.
February 5th, 1904.

NOTICE.
The reward of \$1,000 offered for information that would lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn this day by me.
J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.
February 5th, 1904.

THE CABS OF PARIS.
By day and night 15,000 cabs ply in the streets of Paris. A few hundred of them, blue, drawn by yoking, merciful horses. Driven by liveried coachmen, bearing number number plaques, make such a beautiful presence of being private carriages. Of the other the greater part belong to the hired great companies—the Compagnie Générale, with its blue-bellied cabs; the Urbaine, with cabs decorated with yellow livery; the Amélie, with its cabs stained a dull green. In addition there are scores of small cabs, when three or four cabs are sent out. Many cabsmen, too, own their own rigs. On the whole, however, the "Three Companies" are masters of the trade.
Is it a trade? Upon my word, I think it is a profession, and one of the ancient and honorable. The casual rig has no chance of making himself free of the guild. He must, in the first place, be a "graduate," duly provided with a diploma. The most notable coachman's college is in the Rue Maréchal, founder on the bank of Montmartre.
Officially the college is known as the "Ecole d'Apprentissage des cochers de fiacre de la ville de Paris." The director is Perrotin, a capable, horse-mad, a flâneur who, a half dozen professors aid him—yells, hoots, groans.—Exchange.

Capt. Whidden and George McGregor, formerly engineer of the steamer Sattie and later chief engineer of the steamer Roseville, leave for Sydney, N. S. W., on the R. M. S. Aorangi to-day. They go with the expectation of bringing back to Victoria the Australian coast steamer Eurimbla. The negotiations for the ship have not yet been completed, but if the vessel is found by the two Victorians to be all that she has been recommended she will be at once brought to Victoria and placed on the northern British Columbia run in conjunction with the steamer Barbara Rosewitz.
The Eurimbla is a vessel which, as stated heretofore, plies in the Australian coasting trade running north and south from Brisbane; and this fact in itself, say the Victorians, is a good guarantee of her seaworthiness. Her owners have offered her for sale, because of the trade in which she is operated having outgrown proportionally the size of the ship, and they are desirous of substituting her with a much larger craft.
The Eurimbla is an ocean going steamer with little superstructure and her lines are very similar to those of the Princess May of the C. P. R. line, although in size she is not so large as that vessel. Her speed is given as 13 knots an hour. She is a vessel of 1,000 tons, 244 feet in length, 31 feet in beam and 19 feet depth of hold. The company interested in her purchase is said to include Mr. McGregor, Capt. Warren and R. H. Cunningham.
In giving his reasons for the necessity of placing another vessel on the northern British Columbia run, Mr. McGregor said yesterday that his company have had more business offered them than they could handle with the Roseville, and the trade was constantly growing, not so much from any boom of any prospective railway building, but from natural expansion of industries already established. It is the intention of the company to operate the Eurimbla, if acquired, with the steamer Rosewitz in the freight and passenger business, running only to northern British Columbia ports, but connecting at Simpson or Essington with points for up the Skeena. Arrangements will be made for a through service to Hazelton; and this branch of the line is expected to be an important tributary to the business of the company.
Capt. Whidden, who accompanies Mr. McGregor on the voyage south, will be given command of the ship if obtained. He is well known as a Victoria navigator, having under a year or so ago been engaged in sealing.

WHATCOM TRANSFERRED.
The Times correspondent at Port Townsend writes: "According to the records of the customs house, the ownership of the steamer Majestic, now the Whatcom, was on January 28th transferred from the Puget Sound Navigation Company to the Alaska Steamship Company. People here take this to mean that the Puget Sound Navigation Company is seeking to place itself in a position of non-responsibility should action be taken against the company as a result of the foundering of the Clallam and the loss of the many lives.
In this connection it may also be mentioned that the steamer of the same company, which has hitherto called at Victoria from Port Angeles, have not, since the Clallam incident, touched at the British Columbia city."

HUNTERS RESCUED.
The steamer Queen arrived at Port Townsend just in time the other afternoon to save the lives of Phil Chase and Fred Currie, residents of that city. The two left the city shortly after noon in a Whitehall boat, bound on a winter trip across the bay. The wind was high and the boat capsize. The men succeeded in climbing on the keel. They were seen by the Queen as she was making a landing, and Capt. Cousins headed out in the bay, lowered a boat and rescued the men. Chase and Currie lost their guns and provender.

MARINE NOTES.
The steamer Aorangi will receive here this afternoon passengers for Honolulu, Suva, Brisbane and Sydney, the following—among other passengers: Mr. and Mrs. Knudgrass, R. E. Grant, C. B. Fitzpatrick and wife, G. McGregor, Capt. Whidden, S. A. Donald, J. N. Sherrin, F. Gustafson, H. J. McHugh and F. Barnes. The steamer will, it is expected, leave Victoria to-night.
A number of the White Pass & Yukon Steamboat Company's employees leave here to-day on the steamer Amor. They will be the first to go north. Others will follow from now until the season of navigation opens. Among those who will leave on the Amor will be C. Parlow, W. Nicholson, J. Welsh, F. E. Edwards, J. Merrill, A. Pike and W. E. Williams.

Owing to the strong southeaster the steamer Otter, on the New Westminster and Victoria route, was unable to make port the night before last. She had to lie in the bay of James Island all night.
The Pilot arrived yesterday from Juancau with the barge Oregon in tow.
The barge arrived this morning with a boom of logs.

The entire stock of Men's Colored Shirts, worth \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00, at 50 cents to-morrow. All sizes at Army & Navy Clothing Store.

THE LAST WEEK
BIG FIRE SALE
FORCED TO VACATE

Store Closed To-Day OPEN TO-MORROW

We confidently expected to renew our lease in our present quarters, but, without notice, were told that we must vacate. We have no store in view, so have decided to sacrifice our entire stock. We do not intend to pack up a dollar's worth of goods. ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴ ∴

Store Closed To-Day OPEN TO-MORROW

To mark down prices on the balance of the stock of Men's Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Overcoats, Raincoats, Mackintoshes, Underwear, Hats and Caps, Overshirts, Boats and Shoes, White and Colored Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Trunks and Valises, Blankets, Sweaters, Oilskins, Neckties, Boots and Shoes, Suspenders, Men's and Boys' Caps.

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