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**BOWL FOR LIPTON.**  
Presentation Made by Americans Entertained by the Yachtmen—Cigarette Case From King.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 24.—Sir Thomas Lipton today received a magnificent silver punch bowl and stand as a Christmas gift from John D. Crummins, J. H. Flager, Chas. Dana Gibson, Judge Morgan O'Brien, and nineteen other Americans who were guests on board the Erin during the races this year for the America's cup.

Sir Thomas said: "I cannot say how delighted I am. It merely shows that if a man does the right thing in America they appreciate it as no other people do. I have never received anything of value more than this splendid gift from my American friends."

King Edward has presented Sir Thomas Lipton with a watch and chain bearing the Royal monogram. It is a replica of the one the King uses himself.

**RUNAWAY STREET CAR**  
JUMPED THE TRACK  
One Person Killed and Several Injured in San Francisco—Car Crashed Against Telephone Pole.

(Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, Dec. 24.—One person was killed and nine others injured in a peculiar accident on the Fillmore street electric line last night. Mrs. Mary Thelin, domestic, died from fractured skull. The injured are Mrs. K. N. Mansie, wife of Wm. Mansie, foot crushed and scalp wounds, will recover; Mrs. Mary Kelly, domestic, contusions and suffering from shock; Robert Keller, cut over eye and contusions; Miss Josephine Bigley, contused and cut over forehead and lacerated on the back of the head; Mr. Turner, contusions and shock, and Mrs. O'Connor, injuries slight.

For four blocks south of Union street the grade is so steep that the cars have to be pulled up the hill by special machinery. As a car containing 15 people had nearly reached the top of the hill it broke loose in some manner and rushed down the grade with frightful speed. It kept the track until Union street was reached. Here there stood an empty car waiting to be hauled to the summit. This obstruction was crashed into and wrecked by the runaway car, which then jumped the rails, and was brought to a standstill by a telephone pole, completely demolishing the car and scattering its occupants in all directions.

**SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.**  
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"If you are so sure of success, why are you not going to return to Cocca?"  
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In this case we are asked another question often asked—Why don't you operate our instruments in the Klondike this winter instead of talking about Cocca?

Our instruments have proved by a dozen practical tests before responsible people in Victoria that they will locate any buried silver or gold. At least three very large caches of treasure were left on Cocca by recent finds in Macedonia. About one acre out of 7,000 has been searched up to date, and very little treasure recovered; our instruments will exploit the whole island, and we cannot fail to recover large quantities still there. The Klondike will call this week. Write or call for shares to-day—\$10 each. Prospectus given on application.

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**SIX BODIES FOUND.**  
Result of Accident on Liverpool Electric Railroad.

**EX-ALDERMAN DEAD.**  
Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Ex-Ald. Daniel Kelly, the only surviving member of Hamilton's first municipal council, is dead, aged 88 years.

**REAL ESTATE AGENTS**  
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\$1,600 will buy 115x250 feet water front, situated corner Esquimalt Road and James St., facing entrance to harbor; fine view.  
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**THE RESULT OF LAST WEEK'S OPERATIONS**

Forty-Five Boers Were Killed and Twenty-Five Wounded—Brander Captures Sixty of Enemy.

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener in a dispatch from Johannesburg, dated Monday, December 23rd, reports the week's results as being 45 Boers killed, 25 wounded, 310 made prisoners and 357 surrendered.

Surprised and Captured.  
Pretoria, Dec. 24.—Lieut.-Colonel Brander's force surprised a Boer laager in the Pietersburg district on December 22nd and captured 60 prisoners.

More Recruits Than Places.  
Montreal, Dec. 24.—Reports from various recruiting stations in Eastern Canada indicate that many more than the required quota of recruits for the extra three hundred to make up the fine line of the 2nd Mounted Rifles for South Africa offered their services yesterday.

**THE DE BEERS MINES.**  
Capetown, Dec. 24.—At the annual meeting of the De Beers Mining Co., at Kimberley, the chairman announced that the gross profits for the year were £2,700,000, the production being 4,500,000. The estimated life of the mines is 144 years.

**VANCOUVER'S QUOTA.**  
(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The following men were selected to-day for the South African contingent: David Webb, A. H. Hesketh, Joseph Johnson, A. J. Reid, G. F. Robinson, W. P. Williams, Howard Grestock, late Strathcona, John Gray and Geo. Thornehill.

**CHINESE COMMISSION.**  
Work of Preparing Report Will Probably Be Completed by Middle of Next Month.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—F. J. Deane, of Kamloops, secretary of the Chinese and Japanese immigration commission, is in town for the purpose of receiving certain data from the census bureau. Mr. Deane states that the preparation of the report is progressing apace, but the evidence taken was so voluminous that it is necessary to classify, classify, sift and summarize it. The commission meets daily in Toronto, and hope to have the work completed by the middle of next month.

**OUTRAGES IN MACEDONIA.**  
Foreign Ministers Have Protested to The Porte.

(Associated Press.)  
Constantinople, Dec. 24.—Assassination and the pillaging of villages and outraging of inhabitants have so increased recently in Macedonia that the foreign ministers have made urgent representations to the Porte of the danger to the empire already richly endowed by a land boom.

**P. R. GLOVER RESIGNS.**  
Is Giving Up Position as City Clerk of New Westminster.

(Special to the Times.)  
New Westminster, Dec. 24.—City Clerk P. R. Glover has sent in his resignation, which was accepted at last night's council meeting, to take effect at the end of the year. It is understood he has received a lucrative appointment elsewhere in this city. Applications for the vacancy must be in by December 30th.

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**RUMORED CHANGES.**  
Report From Vancouver That F. Carter-Cotton Will Be New Editor of the Colonist.

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 24.—It is reported here that F. Carter-Cotton will assume the editorial management of the Colonist at the first of the year on the retirement of C. H. Lugin and will hereafter be at the head of both the Colonist and News-Advertiser.

F. Carter-Cotton is said to have been in Victoria several times lately, arranging the details, and on Sunday he returned to the capital in company with W. H. Ellis.

**DEPEW'S MARRIAGE.**  
It Will Take Place at Nice During the Week.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 24.—United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew has arrived at Nice, France, cables the correspondents of the World at that place, Miss May Palmer, his bride elect, will arrive to-day (Tuesday). The wedding days has not even yet been definitely announced. It will be either Thursday, Friday or Saturday of this week. Rector Adams will conduct the marriage ceremony. There will be a musical service, but no hymn. No publication of the banns has been made at the American consulate.

**FIGHT BETWEEN TWO TELEPHONE COMPANIES**

**Story of a Rate War in the Boundary—How the Trouble May Be Ended.**

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Behind the suit for foreclosure and winding up of the affairs of the Columbia Telegraph & Telephone company, instituted in Vancouver by R. Kerr Houlgate, and in which Mr. Justice Irving made an order here last Friday, there is an interesting history which is gleaned from a gentleman at present in this city from Grand Forks.

The story deals with the efforts of the two telephone companies to maintain and operate systems in the Kootenays with connections to Spokane. Five or six years ago the first line was installed. Systems were placed in Spokane, Rossland, Nelson, Greenwood, Grand Forks and other points where it was thought business could be secured. This line was built by the Spokane & British Columbia Telephone company, the principal stockholders in which were Messrs. Oakes and Arris. At nearly every point where its system was installed it was forced to enter into competition with the Vernon & Nelson Telephone company, which was first in the field. The inevitable result was that rates for telephones were cut to the ground. Many instruments were installed where the revenue was not such as would pay either company operating expenses. Both companies concluded to make the fight to a finish and the public laughed and imagined itself benefited.

But it turned out that most people were obliged to subscribe to both systems so that telephonic communication could be held by all persons who used telephones. The result made the rates far higher. Even in the game Messrs. Oakes and Arris felt the loss of money and were forced to sell to C. O'Brien Reddin, of Rossland. The loss up to that time was about \$100,000. Mr. Reddin sold out to Messrs. Donald & Davey of Grand Forks, and the latter firm concluded it would force the fighting and lay the Vernon & Nelson Telephone company on the shelf. Backed by the unlimited capital of a financial institution in the Boundary, this firm placed the plant in such a condition that it was at least the equal of the opposition company. A large amount of ready cash was invested, but the proprietors found that the shortage still remained in the receipts, but their financial backers bore the brunt, and it is reported that \$150,000 was sunk in the venture. The Vernon & Nelson company has also been losing money on their property for the last two years.

The suit which was instituted by Mr. Houlgate will likely culminate in the purchase of the interests of the Columbia Telegraph & Telephone company by the Vernon & Nelson company, and so disastrous competition which has continued so long will end.

**CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVES.**  
(Associated Press.)  
Toronto, Dec. 24.—At the next meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association the principal boards of trade of Canada will be memorialized by the association to join in sending representatives to Great Britain and Ireland in the interest of Canadian industries.

**MAN WHO SAID HE HAD BEEN SAND-BAGGED IS IN CUSTODY.**  
(Associated Press.)  
Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 24.—Detective Cox arrived from Madregor, having in charge the man Ewen, a suspect for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., who was supposed to have placed a couple of days ago. On the night of the supposed robbery Ewen wired to Detective Cox to come up and look into the matter, but after investigating the detective decided that the thing was a hoax on Ewen's part, and arrested him yesterday morning. He was brought before Magistrate James yesterday afternoon, but was remanded for a week at the prisoner's request. Ewen has been safely lodged under the care of Governor McLean, and so far has not succeeded in getting bail.

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(Associated Press.)  
Akron, O., Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegie has offered the city of Akron \$70,000 for a free public library, the city to guarantee \$7,000 annually to maintain it.

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**ARILLA'S CAPTAIN STATES HIS CASE**

**REPLIES TO CAPTAIN GILLESPIE'S REMARKS**

**He Tells His Version of the Rescue of the Barque Highland Light Off Hesquoft.**

On the arrival of the Queen City here with the wrecked crew of the Highland Light, certain statements were made in the Colonist reflecting on Capt. Crowell, of the schooner Arilla, which saved the crew of the barque, and attributed to Capt. Gillespie the master of the wrecked vessel.

Since the arrival of the Arilla here Capt. Crowell has taken occasion to deny these statements and to set himself right before the public. He contends that the condition of the barque was by no means desperate, that the barque was fine and the land quite near. Doubtless Capt. Gillespie insisted on leaving the barque and, as Capt. Crowell alleges, failed to pay for the food supplied by the Arilla. Capt. Crowell says: "In reading an item in the Colonist of December 4th, the report of Capt. E. H. Gillespie, of the wrecked barque Highland Light, which crew I rescued on November 16th, I wish to explain the position I was in so that the public may know the facts. In the first place, when I spoke him, he asked me to take him off. I told him I would stay by him or take him and his crew on board of my vessel. I also told him there was the land which was in plain sight—about 30 miles away. There was a heavy sea at the time, but still the barque was moderate and not blowing over a half of a whole sail breeze, in fact it was one of the finest days I had experienced on my whole passage.

He at once informed me that he wanted to leave his vessel. I then asked him to bring some provisions on board, as I did not have provisions enough on board to feed his fifteen men in addition to my own crew. He made two trips with his boat. A good deal of food could have been brought everything from his barque to my schooner in one trip. He did not bring provisions enough to last his crew one meal. There was no boat smashed, to my knowledge, and I was watching the whole proceedings. There was only one boat put in the water, and after Capt. Gillespie and crew were all safe on board of my vessel, my first officer, Andrew Stephen, took that same boat and went on board of the barque, bringing some provisions over that Capt. Gillespie left on the main hatch in his hurry to leave his barque, as it seems there could not have been much water on the barque's decks.

"After coming back Mr. Stephen asked me to let him go on board of the barque and try to get her into some harbor. I told him that I thought that would be impossible, as I did not have crew enough on board of my vessel to spare him to handle her. "Capt. Gillespie wanted me to turn the barque's boat adrift. I told him no, I would hold her in on deck and save her. Well, Captain Gillespie said: 'If you save her you can have her if she is worth anything to you.'—but after arriving at Hesquoft—the deck—the barque's boat. I gave it up to him without a word. I also gave him all the provisions that my mate had saved from the barque after he had abandoned her. Now, in regard to the provisions that were brought from the Priest at Hesquoft, I wish to state that I did not ask Capt. Gillespie to sign any bill of provisions, and furthermore I did everything to make it as comfortable as possible for Capt. Gillespie and his crew while they were on board of my schooner, and I wish to state right here that taking off the barque Highland Light's crew and going into Hesquoft to land them and there getting the barque and the little schooner Arilla and owners about \$600.

"I cannot see why Capt. E. H. Gillespie or any gentleman would cause such stuff to be put in a newspaper after my kindness to himself and crew. Capt. Gillespie states he is sorry he had the barque's provisions. Well, but I am sorry I gave him my assistance, and were I to meet Capt. Gillespie or any other man at sea in distress I would do all in my power to save them. But probably if Capt. Gillespie had had a little more push and will power he would not have needed my assistance."

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LOOKING FORWARD.

A third season of peace and goodwill during which the heart of man is believed to be drawn towards his brother in an unusual degree, has arrived, and still South Africa is the scene of strife and the centre of a sorrow which extends to all parts of the British Empire. Instead of the sacredness of the time having a soothing effect upon the belligerents, we find that this year as well as last the Christmas season seemed to stir up the passions and incite to exceptional activity. Whether this was the result of a belief in the hearts of the Boers that they might find their adversaries in a meditative mood and unprepared for attacks in a mere matter of conjecture. They must now be approaching the end of their resources, the men who deceived them and betrayed them, and plunged a large part of the world into a conflict unworthy of the Christianity of this century have all been removed in various ways, and surely the British can afford to treat those who remain with magnanimity the moment they signify a desire to lay down their arms and return to their peaceful pastoral pursuits. It seems to be the destiny of all portions of the earth to pass from the lower forms of human life into the hands of the higher. The birth of a new power is always a time of travail. The subjugation of the aborigines in most instances has been merely the preliminary round in the great battle for possession. South Africa has undergone her baptism of fire, and no doubt events will prove that she and her people have been purified thereby. The Boers entered upon the conflict in ignorance. If they had been an educated people there would have been no breach of the peace. In all civilized states the standard of education is being raised gradually and the powers of life and death are passing into the hands of the multitude. No great state now dare enter upon a wifal war of aggression. In doing so it would have to endure the condemnation and the opposition of Christendom. As long as large armies and great fleets are maintained there will always be danger of a conflagration. There are still, as there always have been, emotional nations that are capable of being stamped into war. But the danger is less imminent when the people who must endure the brunt of the fighting have been brought up to a vantage point, through education, from which they can contemplate the possibilities. So at this Christmas season, after the lapse of so many centuries, when we are celebrating the advent of the Prince of Peace, there is every reason to look forward with hope into the future.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

The Colliet sticks to its assertion that the Premier saved the province \$240,000 by refusing to consider proposals for the construction of the V. & E. Like the Premier, its chief proprietor, our contemporary still maintains that there was no intention of building the line through to the Coast. In their hearts Mackenzie & Mann were determined to complete merely 30 miles on either end, which they knew would pay from the day of opening, and collect the subsidies therefor. It is well known that the Premier is a very discerning man, very diplomatic and quite astute. He perceived the little game and he frustrated it. It is true the company offered to bind themselves in such a manner that they could collect none of the subsidy until the whole line was completed and in operation, but Mr. Dunsmuir and some of his advisers are in the railway business themselves and they know how these corporations manage to hoodwink the people. The offer to build the 60 miles, keep it in operation, and ask for no subvention until the Dominion government had given its share of assistance and the whole line was completed, would appear to people who are not familiar with the tricks of vile corporations and monopolies an excellent thing for the province. But we must be protected against their wiles, and the Premier, with the valuable assistance of the C.P.R., is just the man to do it. Look what these two disinter-

ested allies have done for Victoria and Vancouver Island already. Who can suspect what good things they may stick in our stockings during the coming year? The arguments against the admission of the Great Northern to British Columbia were all patriotic a few months ago. Jim Hill was aiming to control the great Canadian corporation and place his heel upon the neck of British Columbia. That was too childish an appeal to bear close scrutiny. It did very well for the heat of a campaign, but something more reasonable has to be found now. So Mr. Dunsmuir is set up, with the armor of his past record for his sure defence, as the valiant protector of the province against greedy, grasping corporations. The Great Northern has invaded the interior. How would it do to take the testimony of the people of the localities through which it runs as to the effect of its operations upon the public welfare? We tremble at the suggestion in view of the statements of the Colonist, but such seems to be the only way to settle the controversy. If it would be better for the Coast and Vancouver Island to leave them perpetually in the hands of the C.P.R. and Mr. Dunsmuir, who as Premier of the province desires merely the advancement of the general welfare, let the effect be what it may upon his private interests, we might as well know it at once. As a people we Victorians like peace and tranquillity. If we cannot help ourselves we shall have plenty of both. All we have to do is acknowledge the benevolence and acquiescence in the designs of certain corporations.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

There is a current of subdued excitement flowing in all portions of the Christian world to-day. The fresh young hearts which beat tumultuously in anticipation of the annual visit of Santa Claus are the engines which generate this wonderful positive force. The shriveled-up old organs which do the pumping work for the older portion of the human race even become wound up a trifle at this festive season and give forth an all too feeble response to the advances of the rising generation. The feelings engendered by the thought that the hands of Old Father Time's clock are gathering momentum with every passing year are probably too complex to be capable of analysis at this time. We all remember how long the few brief years seemed between the time of conscious existence and the beginning of school days which had been eagerly looked forward to. Then how interminable the school sessions and terms seemed, but there was the consoling feature that in those days holidays appeared to last longer too. The next desire that took possession of the breast was to go forth into the world and secure a place there. How impatient we all have been of the restraining hand and the wise counsel of friends and the lagging footsteps of Time! Is there one who was eager to rush into the battle of life without adequate preparation who does not to-day regret neglected opportunities? Is there one reader of these lines who has reached an "uncertain" age that does not contemplate with something akin to dismay the rapidity with which the Christmases now come and go? Time has at last yielded to our clamors and is piling the years upon our heads in a profusion that is almost stunning. Are we satisfied, or are we still looking forward and longing? Is the individual blessed after all who finds enjoyment in his work, or rather, whose work fits in perfectly with his talents and his inclinations? If one of the chief ends of man be to enjoy a long life, he is not. For such an one the hours and the days and the months and the years fly by, and presently he looks around and finds that the end is at hand. The case of the man whose labor is a burden to him must be altogether different. His feelings must be closely allied to those of the schoolboy who is constantly looking forward to play times, the hours pass slowly and the years seem long. It seems to be explained that man shall not at the same time be happy in his occupation and revel in the consciousness of mere existence.

Perhaps in the ideal times which our optimistic socialist friends believe to be coming, there will be certain specified periods of enforced idleness for all, when individuals will have an opportunity to collect their thoughts and take their bearings. All the world will be given a "long vacation," like the lawyers and school teachers. Then none will be forced to envy the peripatetic philosopher who neither toils nor spins, and yet in the end sleeps as soundly and as comfortably as the man who fought a desperate battle and gained all the world considers desirable. Lag Tom, who lay on the hay all the long summer day, is held up to the children as a horrible example, yet after all he was an embryonic philosopher, and is probably to-day in a more desirable frame of mind than the strenuous head of the school. At this season of the year it is well to remember that happiness is a condition of the mind. Then drive away all ignoble feelings. The Times has much pleasure in wishing all its subscribers, friends and patrons a Merry Christmas. Our business, and we hope all other businesses in Victoria, will be suspended to-morrow. The day will be a world's holiday and all the world should participate in it. The federal government has spent a very large sum of money in various

ways in assisting the Mother country in the South African campaign. The opposition and other irresponsible people have been shouting that we have not done enough. When the day of reckoning comes they will be shouting louder about extravagance than they are now doing about parsimony. It is a fortunate thing that the trouble came in the years of our greatest prosperity. Notwithstanding that three contingents have been fitted out and an expense of more than a thousand dollars a day is involved in maintaining a Canadian garrison at Halifax for the purpose of releasing an Imperial regiment for duty elsewhere, there still remains a surplus in the treasury. The Pope laments the rapidly increasing liberalism of the times. We are better off than our forefathers were; at least we are in the habit of congratulating ourselves on the fact that we are. In any case, there is no possibility of heading off human progress. For better or for worse we must advance. If we proceed circumspectly we shall do well. If we take to "plunging" we shall be corrected by the consequences of recklessness. In striking out in new paths there is no record of experience to guide. We must gather that as we go. The twentieth century will apply the test to the new liberalism.

It is reported that Mr. Chamberlain will shortly succeed Sir Michael Hicks Beach as British Chancellor of the Exchequer. Such a change would be hailed with satisfaction in the colonies. Sir Michael's political horizon does not extend beyond the United Kingdom. Mr. Chamberlain's is Imperial. Public opinion in the Empire seems to be ripe for the advent of Imperial as distinguished from mere national statesmen. Some of the British public men might even be described as parochial in their views. The Toronto Star indulged in a wild whoop on December 17 over the astonishing discovery that it was published in the "warmest place" in Canada, referring to the temperature. The thermometer registered on that date 16 above zero; here it was 44. The Star should go "way back and sit down. Toronto is a warm place at election times, we admit, but in Victoria we are developing a political temperature of considerable height. The Dominion government persists in its purpose of taking further part in the South African war in spite of the appeals of Bourke Cockran to President Roosevelt; to apply his veto. The United States might as well consider the Monroe Doctrine null and void beyond its northern boundary line. Canada feels capable of taking complete charge of her own affairs and is willing to take the fullest responsibility for all her actions.

OPPOSITION V. GOVERNMENT.

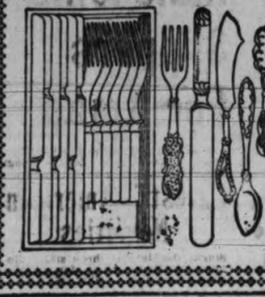
To the Editor:—The government no doubt think that time and some wonderful policy will save them from the disaster that surely awaits them. How insane it is to think that the people can be hoodwinked. It is possible for the Dunsmuir government to frame a policy that would accord with the views of 99 per cent. of the people of this province, even by the record of the past, they could not be further entrusted with power. Does anyone say why? If so, the answer is that having once, if not twice, been in authority, as statesmen and not as mere politicians to approach public questions with that true patriotic feeling and desire for the best interests of the people. Such a policy should be made promises and how ready to break them. Such is the record of the government now in office. Why the fool who would now place confidence in their professions. It is deathbed repentance that now overtakes them, but for them there is no political salvation. We were promised a "long vacation" for the people and we got it. We got a government that has lacked business ability and foresight at every turn, and a government willing to sacrifice its principles for power and to satisfy personal and corporate interests, even when those interests militated most disastrously upon the progress and development of the country. We heard some time ago a great deal about "personal government." What have we to-day? We have the personalification of personal government. Everything was done upon Mr. Dunsmuir's convenience. He will act when in his opinion it is necessary to act, and he will retain the seals of office as long as he considers that the interests of the province are, in his opinion, by him conserved. The student of political history is reminded that we have installed in this province the best illustration of what the condition of affairs was in England under the old Whig party. At that time the domination of the great Whig families following the revolution of 1688, the persistent attempts of George III. to substitute a personal government by the King by means of the "King's friends" in parliament and of a ministry appointed solely according to the caprice of the King, the prevalence of the system of favoritism and place-men, and the extravagant multiplication of offices, produced a situation which might well challenge the attention of a man entering public life with high moral or political aims. This same condition of affairs, in a large measure, exists with us to-day, and, forsooth, when members of the opposition, some of whom were at one time supporters of this government, cry out against this personal government, the slanderous assertions are made that they are office seekers, place hunters, hungry for the spoils of office. I ask you if such can be said with any warrant of truth? Did Mr. McBride's resignation of office show any such desire? The answer must be that denial to any such contention. Further, the stand of the opposition has been the demand of the people, and parliament only exists to legislate upon those lines which our constitutional powers that are commanded by the people. To further recall history, I might well liken the stand taken by the opposition to that party that Edmund Burke inspired, viz., the New Whigs, a body of men united for promoting by their joint endeavors the national interest upon some particular principle in which they are all agreed. Some of them, as we said, in what is the opposition agreed? My answer is: First, the wishes of the people are to be carried out. In part and

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Programmes of Services to Be Given in the Different Places of Worship To-morrow. There will be Christmas services in many of the city churches to-morrow forenoon. The Presbyterian and Baptist bodies do not usually observe the day in this manner. The Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist bodies, however, will do so.

ST. JOHN'S.

There will be a celebration of the holy communion at 8 a. m., morning prayer at 11 a. m., with sermon by the rector, followed by a second celebration of the holy communion at 12:15. The following music will be as follows: Organ—The Silver Trumpets. Vivant. The Dawn Song. G. E. Allen. Anthem—O Thou That Sustainest Good Tidings of Zion. Dr. Steiner. Hymns—For Unto Us a Child is Born. On the following Sunday evening a cantata in the form of Xmas carols will be given.

ST. JAMES'S.

The Christmas services will be as follows: Holy communion at 8 a. m., at which choir attend; holy communion, 9 a. m.; morning service and holy communion, 11 a. m. Offerings of the day are devoted to the clergy widow and orphan fund, Preacher, the Bishop. The musical programme for the morning follows: Processional Hymn. 60. Voluntary—O Thou That Tellest. Messiaen. Venite. Solo, Lieut. Howe. Special Anthem—The Christmas Festival. Deum in E Flat. Woodward. Benedicite. Trumbull. Anthem—Worship Him. Singer. Kyrie. 60. Hymns—For Unto Us a Child is Born. 60. 61. Voluntary—For Unto Us a Child is Born. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

The services to-morrow are as follows: Holy communion, 7 a. m., at which choir attend; holy communion, 9 a. m.; morning service and holy communion, 11 a. m. Offerings of the day are devoted to the clergy widow and orphan fund, Preacher, the Bishop. The musical programme for the morning follows: Processional Hymn. 60. Voluntary—O Thou That Tellest. Messiaen. Venite. Solo, Lieut. Howe. Special Anthem—The Christmas Festival. Deum in E Flat. Woodward. Benedicite. Trumbull. Anthem—Worship Him. Singer. Kyrie. 60. Hymns—For Unto Us a Child is Born. 60. 61. Voluntary—For Unto Us a Child is Born. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

ST. SAUVOIR'S.

Services will be held as follows: 8 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m., morning prayer, holy communion, Rev. W. D. Barber, 4 p. m., evening prayer.

ST. BARNABAS.

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Personal.

Robert Sellick and Mrs. Sellick, of Douglas Island, leave on Thursday next for a three months' trip to England, to visit his mother and sister. They go by way of New York. E. B. Pemberton and Mrs. Capt. Gosse and family were among the passengers by the steamer Princess Louise from the Terminal City yesterday evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Marvin and daughter left this morning for Seattle, to spend Christmas with Judge and Mrs. Stratton. J. W. McFarlane of Astin is registered at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. McFarlane was the census enumerator of that district. C. H. McCurdy, wholesale wool and hide dealer of Riverview, Ont., is in the city, a guest at the Dominion hotel. Mrs. Angus Hayes, of Vancouver, is visiting some friends in the city. She is staying at the Dominion hotel. Capt. A. Field, of the steamer Delta, returned from the Fraser river, staying at the Dawson hotel. W. V. Vincent arrived from Vancouver last night by the steamer Princess Louise. Mrs. Nelson, of Vancouver, is down from the North, a guest at the Dominion hotel.



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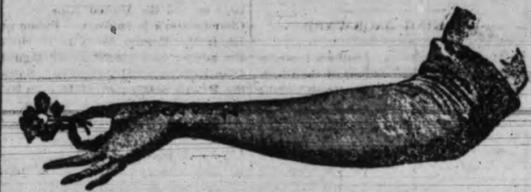
The Westside Grotto. Dear Children—I will start to-night at 12 o'clock sharp for the biggest night's work I have ever undertaken. I have everything ready to visit all the little ones who have visited me at The Grotto, fill up their stockings and off again. You must hang up your stockings as near the chimney as possible, or just outside the bedroom door, and mind, no children must be out of bed to-night after 10 o'clock, and as soon as the clock strikes 6 on Xmas morning you can jump up and get all the pretty things I have left for you. Blow the trumpet, beat the drum, let the new music sing and make the house ring with joy on Xmas morn. Wishing all my dear young friends a very happy Christmas, I am your old and faithful friend, P.S.—I will be at The Xmas Grotto until 10 o'clock to-night. SANTA CLAUS.

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WEATHER BULLETIN Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Dec. 24-5 P.M. The high barometer which was moving up the Coast is spreading inland south of the Straits. In conjunction with a storm further north, this causing high winds and heavy rains along the Coast, while from Oregon southward the weather is still good. Light snow has fallen in Cariboo, and five inches is reported at Winalpug. Forecasts For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to high south to west winds, unsettled, with occasional rains. Lower Mainland—Southerly to westerly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled, with rain. Reports Victoria—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 42; minimum, 41; wind, 12 miles S. E. rain, 2.0; weather, rain. New Westminster—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 40; minimum, 34; wind, 10 miles S. E.; rain, 2.0; weather, rain. Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy. Kamloops—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 40; minimum, 34; wind, 6 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear. Special discount for prizes, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd. Get a messenger. Telephone 409, 74 Douglas Street.

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Union men take notice that on and after January 1st there will be a greater demand for union-made goods.

Do not disappoint any of your friends by neglecting to give them a present. You will find in this store hundreds of useful and pretty Xmas presents that will just suit them.

The Emmanuel Baptist Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment on Friday, December 27th.

The members of the Times staff were cheered to-day by the receipt of a box of cigars from H. D. Helmecke, M. P., with the senior member's compliments.

The heavy rain of last night brought down a great deal of surface water to the James Bay flats, in consequence of which the engineers were obliged to lay off most of the men while the pumps cleared the ground.

On Christmas day the Street Railway Company will give the regular Sunday schedule, except that a half hour service only will be given on Fort street and Esquimalt.

A grand concert, tableaux and musical performance in aid of the Sanction churches will be held at Sanction on Friday evening, which, it is anticipated, will be largely attended not only by residents of the district but by many from the city as well.

Spontaneous, get your shotgun cartridges from Henry Short & Sons, and be sure of the best. All kinds on hand at lowest prices.

The regular meeting of Banner Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., was held last evening when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Master, M. G. Robinson; W. M., F. M. W. H. M. Graham; S. E., S. L. Redgrave; J. W. Wright; recorder, J. W. Wright; receiver, F. Rivers; banister, A. G. Sargison; guide, T. Heavner; I. G. W. G. Dickinson; O. G., W. Matthews; trustee, W. G. Dickinson; W. Gutmann and John M. Langley.

Xmas Cards by the million, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

Get a messenger, Telephone 400, 74 Douglas street.

One hundred calendars for 1902; nice sample, Johnston, Douglas street.

Toy Books from 5c each to \$3, at Victoria Book & Stationery Co., Ltd.

For all the requisites for a good old-fashioned plum pudding and mince pies that your mother used to make call on Fell & Co.

The favorite route from this city to Nanaimo is now by the Victoria & Sidney railway and steamer Ingonis.

For Tom Smith Bon Bons go to Fell & Co.

On Monday next the annual Christmas entertainment in connection with St. Barnabas's church, Spring Ridge, will be held.

In response to the letter published in the Times a short time ago, asking if some kind of friend would volunteer to be the organ at the mission service held in the Seaman's Institute on Sunday evenings, J. S. Bailey, of the Harbor mission, is pleased to announce that he has volunteered to fill the position permanently.

C. Nangle, the Price Boot and Shoemaker, 56 Fort street, has received a large consignment of Men's, Boys' and Youths' laced boots of English grain, Cordovan, Box Calf and Dogskin in top soles, slip soles and single soles.

As has been previously announced, the officials of the E. & N. railway have decided to give all their employees a holiday on Christmas Day.

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Booths and ten room receipts \$1,142.70. Gate receipts \$84.55. Socials, concert and donations \$51.75.

Booths, tea room, supplies \$380.89. Building Account—Labor and materials, partitions and bookcases, etc. \$87.55.

Programme Account—Drill instructress \$50.00. Bands, etc. \$50.00.

Printing and Advertising Account—Colonist and Times \$35.00. T. R. Cusack \$10.00.

Watchmen \$20.25. Sundry supplies, etc. \$3.75. Secretary's and office expenses \$9.25.

FOR THE CHILDREN. Substantial Cheque Received for the Benefit of the Orphanage.

His Worship the Mayor received this morning from Isabel Carroll, secretary of Miriam Rebekah lodge, No. 3, L. O. F., Nanaimo, the sum of \$109.25.

The management are deeply grateful to the Nanaimo friends for this kindly remembrance of the children.

FARMER'S CRIME. Shot His Wife and Stepson and Then Committed Suicide.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 24.—At Yates city, early to-day, August Leeburg, a prosperous farmer, 60 years old, living at Farmington, shot his wife and then shot his 14-year-old stepson, who had attempted to interfere.

His wife is dying, but the boy was recovered. His wife had left him because of a disagreement over property, and he shot her because she had refused to return to him.

GAS EXPLOSION. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.—A special to the Dispatch from Dayton, Ohio, says "A terrible gas explosion occurred this morning. One man was fatally hurt and six store fronts were blown out.

There is no form of kidney trouble, from a backache down to Bright's disease, that DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS will not relieve or cure.

Campbell's. Up-to-date Xmas Gifts. NEW HANDKERCHIEFS received to-day. NEW FANS received to-day. KID GLOVES, newest effects. HANDSOME UMBRELLAS, nobby handles.

A. MCGREGOR & SON, HARDWARE, RANGES, HEATERS. XMAS GIFTS FOR WIFE, MOTHER, SISTER, EVERYBODY. CARVING SETS, THREE PIECE, IN CASES; TWO PIECE WITHOUT CASE. SEE WINDOWS.

For Men and Women Geo. E. Keith's Walk Over and High Life Shoes. Why we make them our leaders: For their style which is unequalled.

Old Folks' Backache. When people get past the meridian of life they are liable to be troubled more or less with kidney complaint. Pains and aches, stiffness and soreness of the back, difficulty in urination and frequent rising at night are some of the troubles that seriously afflict the old.

THE ROSALIE. The Steamer Will Be Allowed Out of Quarantine This Afternoon. James Miller Sentenced to Sixteen Months on Three Charges. In the police court this morning Jas. Miller, alias Tobin, who was captured last evening in the act of stealing cloth to the value of \$30 from W. F. Wong's establishment, 19 Cormorant street, was sentenced to 16 months imprisonment with hard labor—on three separate charges.

WINES, LIQUORS, ETC. G. H. Mumm's Extra Dry Champagne. Kilmarnock Scotch. Gooderham & Worts' 1884 Special Rye. Jesse Moore's Celebrated Bourbon. Lemps' Extra Pale St. Louis Beer.

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