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TWO BODIES RECOVERED TO-DAY

Remains of Duncan McInnes and Japanese Helper Have Been Taken From the Mine.

EFFORTS OF WORKERS TO REACH SHAFT

The Difficulties Which Rescuing Parties Had to Overcome—Work of Baling Out Water Has Commenced.

The first bodies have been recovered from the shattered shaft in the Union mine. Such is the intelligence received from the scene of the late catastrophe this morning, which removes the apprehension felt by even officials of the mine that it might be a fortnight before the remains of the men could be brought to the surface.

The first body to be taken out was that of Duncan McInnes, who, with Munro and some Japs, was in the workings in proximity to the tunnel connecting with No. 5 shaft, and hence in the direct path of the rescuing party as they worked their way in from the latter. Near him was found the body of a Jap, and it is probable that before this paper reaches its readers Munro's body may also be found, and possibly others.

The announcement that the first of the men have been taken out is reassuring, as indicating that the gangs which have ever since the catastrophe are now steadily overcoming the difficulties in their way.

This is all the more pleasing, as telegrams received last night gave little encouragement in the reporting of progress. A dispatch which was filed at Cumberland at 8 o'clock yesterday morning stated that the rescuing party had been within 70 yards of No. 6 workings, and they expected to have to push their way through debris and wreckage a distance of 140 yards, before they would come on any bodies. It is possible that this estimate may have been erroneous, or that the bodies were found nearer to the entrance to the tunnel through the instinctive running of the men to that avenue of egress when the explosion took place, and before they were overcome by the fatal gas.

The difficulties which the rescuers had to contend were of the gravest kind. No. 5 shaft was full of gas and the daring fellows who were charged with the work of

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the mine was surprising. Puffs, though working full blast, had no effect in reducing the volume.

- ### List of Victims.
- WILLIAM B. WALKER, 48 years, foreman of No. 6 mine; married, leaves a widow and four daughters, his two sons being lost in the explosion with him.
 - WILLIAM WALKER, 20 years.
 - GEORGE WALKER, aged 16 years.
 - JOHN ALLISON, mule driver; single, about 20 years.
 - ROBERT STEELE, eager; single, about 30 years.
 - ROBERT FLECK, from Scotland; about 40 years; married, leaves widow and six children in Scotland.
 - WILLIAM DAVIS, about 45, single; arrived about a month ago from Newcastle mines.
 - JAMES C. ROSETTI (Italian), about 30 years; married; leaves widow and one child in Turin, Italy. Had been employed at Union for 12 years.
 - JAMES HALLIDAY, about 45; married; leaves widow and family at Leith, N. W. T. He intended to leave for them in a month.
 - CHAS. BONA (Italian), about 30 years; married; leaves widow and family at Cumberland. He had been at Union several years.
 - DUNCAN MUNRO, about 40; married; leaves widow and family of four at Cumberland. He arrived lately from Extension.
 - LOUIS SIMONDI (Italian), about 50; married; leaves widow at Cumberland, but no family. He had lived at Union about 12 years.
 - JOHN WHITE, about 42 years; married; leaves wife and five children, oldest boy about 16 years. He had lived at Union since the mine began, and is the eldest son of James White, ex-overnan of the mine.
 - ANDREW SMITH, about 40; single. Worked in the district collieries for a number of years.
 - THOMAS LORD, about 23; single. Lived at Union about six years.
 - WILLIAM SNEEDIN, about 40; married; leaves widow and large family.
 - PETER BARRISONA (Italian), about 35; married; leaves widow and four children at Cumberland.
 - ANTONE MAFFARO (Italian), 28; single. He was a late arrival.
 - DUNCAN M'INNES, about 50 years; widower. Also a late arrival.
 - GEORGE TURNBULL, timberman, about 22 years; married about a year ago, and leaves a widow at Cumberland.

The weighman reports that 64 men—20 whites, 9 Japanese and 35 Chinese—went down the mine, and not one has been taken out.

Manager's Statement.

The official statement of the disaster was sent out yesterday from Cumberland. It embodies the statements of several of the officials, the most important being that of the manager, John Matthews. He says: "I went down No. 6 that morning and got Foreman Walker and went through one section of the mine. Everything was in a very bad condition. I asked him how everything was, and he said everything was all right. He said one of the drivers was off, and he had just sent for his boy. I came up from the mine at about 8:30 a.m., and went over to No. 5 about 10:15 and met Mr. David Walker there, who is a brother of the one who was lost in No. 6. He was in the weigh-house at No. 5, eating his lunch. While waiting for him to finish his lunch I got a telephone message from Mr. Clinton saying that a severe explosion had occurred at No. 6, and that the explosion was a very severe one. I immediately realized that the men in No. 5 were in danger, as the two mines are connected. I told Mr. Walker he had better return to No. 5 and take charge there, and I would go up to No. 6 and endeavor to restore the ventilation. I went to No. 6 and found that one of the cages was fast at the bottom of the shaft, and it could not be got up. The engineers were engaged in taking one of the ropes from the drum, so as to enable us to use the other cage, this allowing it to be worked independently of the one fast at the bottom. I got three other men and descended the shaft, and found that the mid-wall at the upper seam, which is 231 feet down the shaft, the total depth of which is 814 feet, was blown out. The mid-wall is for the purpose of conducting the ventilating air down one side through the mine, and up the other. We found this blown out, and were obliged to repair it before we could go any further. We came up, got material and repaired it. I and several others worked for several hours, until 8 o'clock that night, repairing the wall, in order to restore the ventilation, it having been damaged all the way down from the upper seam.

"We had realized at the very outset that the mine was on fire, but we hoped to get down in order to locate the fire and extinguish it. If possible, as it would be impossible to rescue the men until the fire was extinguished. At 8 o'clock that night we found it too dangerous to proceed any further, a slight explosion having already occurred at that hour. We could do nothing more. We kept three streams of water playing down the shaft, and at 8:30 p.m. sealed the downcast of No. 6, to exclude the air entering the mine. We kept the fans which furnish ventilation to the mine running. At about 10:30 p.m. the train arrived with Inspector of Mines Morgan, from Nanaimo; Thomas Russell, manager of the New Vancouver Coal Company, from Nanaimo; Mr. Sheppard, mining engineer, of Nanaimo; Elijah Priest, mining engineer, from Extension; Robin Dunsmuir and J. A. Lindsay, from the Victoria office; and P. D. Little, general manager of the company, from Extension mine.

"A consultation was then held in the company's office, and after discussion it was determined to make one more effort in the hope that some possible chance

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For Early Closing

By-Law Respecting the Hours of Clothing Stores Passes the Council.

Street Improvements to be Carried Out in Parts of the City.

At its regular session last evening the city council passed the Clothing's Early Closing by-law, sanctioned a lengthy programme of street improvements and dealt with the usual budget of communications. There were two absentees in the aldermanic row, Ald. Cameron and Ald. Cooley, the latter being laid up with a broken collar bone sustained in a fall on the sidewalk while out walking on Sunday.

In the course of routine business, Hon. W. C. Wells was heard from in a request on behalf of himself and others for sewerage connections with the rest of the city in the vicinity of the new government house. The letter was received and referred to the special committee on sewers.

Frank H. Eaton, superintendent of the city schools, asked that the board inform the secretary of the trustees what its proposed appropriation of \$20,000 for a new high school.

Ald. Yates moved that the trustees be advised that the board could not see its way clear to accede to the extraordinary expenditure for a high school, and the motion carried.

From the B. C. Pottery Co. came a letter stating that they would be glad to have the price of pipe settled by the council. They made an offer to supply pipe at last year's quotations. Received and referred to the engineer for report.

W. H. Langley wrote saying that he had been requested by many residents of Fort street to urge the completion of the work of improvement on Fort street. Received and filed, Mr. Langley to be notified that the work has been ordered to be done.

Mrs. S. J. Campbell again requested that a light be placed at the corner of Carr street and others and also asked for sewerage connection. Received and filed, the writer to be informed that the light will be provided as soon as possible.

J. T. Wall, on behalf of Geo. Watt, sent in a claim for damages for injuries sustained by his child through falling into a trap door at Broad street. He was willing to meet the city solicitor and to take an amount. Referred to the city engineer and city solicitor for report.

John Bartlett, who has just left the hospital and is a sufferer from many physical ailments, and who has a wife and family of four to support, applied for permission to sell matches on the street. The case was a deserving one, said Ald. Kinsman and others, but if permission was granted the licensing regulation would have to be overlooked. It was therefore decided to leave the case in the hands of the council.

W. H. Harris complained of a maple tree in front of his residence on Fort street being a nuisance, and requested that it be removed. Referred to the city engineer, with power to act.

W. J. Austin and other residents of York street asked that they should have a better state of repair. Referred to the city engineer for report.

A similar petition from J. Freeman and eleven other residents of Andrew street took the same course.

F. W. Grant, a resident of Chestnut street, asked permission to plant chestnut trees in front of his residence. Referred to city engineer, with power to act.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee, which was read and passed, was as follows:

Streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undersigned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re communication of Robert Sellick, respecting sewerage connections to Nos. 105, 107, 109 and 201 Douglas street—Your committee recommend that action be taken by the city engineer to cause all persons owning property on a line of sewer to connect.

Re communication from Dr. E. U. Hart, coroner, regarding protection to fishers of Straits of Fuca, Dallas road—Your committee recommend that this work be not done.

Re communication from Thomas Hooper, requesting the improvement of Government street—west side between Herald and Esplanade streets by graveling and macadamizing same. Your committee recommend that the work be done.

J. G. Tarks et al, petitioning for the grading and graveling of Bellot street, from Cook street east—Your committee recommend that the work be carried out for a distance of 550 feet.

Communication from Messrs. Leigh & Sons, re improvement by grading and rock surfacing, David street—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communication from A. Calderwood, respecting the improvement of Niagara street, between South Turner and Beacon Hill park—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re communication from Messrs. Kenworthy and Worthington, desiring the improvement of the south side of Flagnard street, between Government and Store streets—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Re improvement of the Gorge road, between the Fountain and the first bridge on the said road—Your committee recommend that the work be done.

Railway Required

To Assist in Opening Up Rich Country of Northern British Columbia.

Want of Transportation Facilities Is a Hindrance to Its Development.

The salient features of British Columbia are two ranges of mountains with a valley between. This valley is broken in places by inferior ranges, but has nevertheless between its eastern and western sides in many districts a wide bottom. The width of the bottom, however, is narrow as compared with the length, which is equal to more than the whole depth of the province north and south as the direction is oblique with respect to the meridian. It follows as a natural consequence that the crossing of this valley from east to west by a railway line produces a very active development in a comparatively narrow belt only, as the distance either side within which mining by animals is profitable, is relatively short. As a result of this, the railway follows that a railway line north and south, which might be called the main vein, would develop the resources of the province in direct proportion with its length, and as the length of the main vein is so much

greater than its breadth, its construction would produce the maximum possible development. The resources of the province are distributed by nature with a very liberal degree of uniformity over its superficies. But the railway system as present is not in a position to take advantage of this uniformity of distribution, because the vein is wanting.

In order to build the main vein of British Columbia through the part of the province that seems to offer the greatest facility for economical construction, combined with the maximum of lateral development, it seems natural to begin upon the C. P. R. at or near Ashcroft station and to pass thence to Quesselle mouth, which nature has defined as the most advantageous point in the central valley to cross the Fraser river.

Explorations already made have established this crossing, and being taken in connection with the explorations made and trails built many years ago for the Russian telegraph line from Quesselle Mouth northwest, it fixes generally the proper

Direction of the Main Vein as that of the telegraph trail north of Quesselle mouth and thence to the boundary of the province.

Beyond the provincial boundary the same physical and geographical features obtain for a further distance northwest but need not now be further noticed.

From Ashcroft to Quesselle mouth the distance is approximately 240 miles. The whole of this section passes through settled country occupied by prosperous farmers and cattle raisers. A good wagon road extends from the Canadian Pacific railway at Ashcroft throughout. This wagon road passes through 53 miles of country between Clinton and the 100 miles post which lies too high and is west of the fertile district.

A railway line should ascend from the South Thompson river and form a junction again with the wagon road about the 100 miles post or some distance further north.

This diversion from the general route of the wagon road places the whole 240 miles in convenient proximity with the settled portion of the country comprising the best farming and grazing lands. The settled portion of the upper country in British Columbia has been described as park-like by scientific travellers of established reputation. The country is now so far occupied that there is not a stream throughout the route from Ashcroft to Soda Creek which has not some portion of its volume used for the purposes of irrigation not only for meadows, but also for the growth of crops of various kinds.

The farmers throughout this section have a good market for what they can raise, in the mining districts north, but if these districts were brought into communication by rail, all that is now raised would be an insignificant percentage of what would then be required.

To understand properly the subject of freighting from Ashcroft north it is well to go back and retrospect the time when the first gold excitement took place, the time when the wagon

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road was built and settlement inaugurated by the opening of stopping places for the travelling public.

It was the finding of gold on the lower portion of the Fraser river, that led the miner to ascend the Fraser and its tributaries to the Cariboo mountains.

The returns from the Cariboo creeks were in the first instance so rich as to afford any freight that could be charged against them.

There comes a time in the history of many mining camps when the

Long Haul of Supplies begins to offset the profits, and partial cessation of work is the result until cheaper communication is obtained.

In early days freight went up to very high prices, and finally settled down to about 8 cents per pound from Yale at the head of navigation on the Fraser river to Barkerville in the Cariboo mining district, a distance of about 380 miles. In about the year 1885 the Canadian Pacific railway was opened over that portion of its route between Yale and Ashcroft about 109 miles. The opening of the line referred to reduced this freight to something like 5 1/2 cents per pound from Ashcroft to Barkerville at about which it has remained, with some variation from time to time.

Within the last five years one company working near Barkerville is said to have paid freight on wrought iron pipes, taken in for the purposes of hydraulic mining, to the amount of over \$20,000, or about double the cost of the same pipes delivered at the mine.

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remains now for man to supplement the work of nature by not allowing its talents to be buried in the ground for want of means of communication to extract them.

The limits within which constructive effort should be concentrated, are so well defined by nature as to have been adopted for settlement purposes, and the people who follow the engineering indications of nature will make few constructive mistakes.

There are two ranges of mountains with a central valley between, which has the best climate and soil of the country with mineral upon both sides, and this valley should be opened up by a railway from end to end. It is a large piece of work, and would.

Take Time to Accomplish the whole, but a beginning should have been made long since.

There are many other prospects deserving encouragement besides the main vein, but the majority of these will eventually join the parent, and all things considered it seems better that the parent should be born before the children.

In the early days of French railways the military engineers of the Corps of Ponts et Chaussées were commissioned by the government to lay down the main lines of communication for the purpose of future guidance. When a company wished to construct a line in a certain district its location was made to harmonize with that of the plan first adopted. The plan has been commended as wise by eminent men, and the results to have justified the expectations.

Had British Columbia adopted a plan of this kind about the time of Confederation, it is more than likely that the main vein would be in operation at the present time, if not for the whole length, but yet for a considerable portion.

Northern British Columbia contains quartz in abundance. Probably no district in the American continent contains more. It has not been successfully worked to the present time, but it is well known now that it can be made subject to the cyanide process and from 80 to 90 per cent saved of what it contains. The alluvial mines and the railroad are the necessary pilots of the quartz mines. It would be worse than absurd to suppose that with railway communication into a district with so much mineral that none of it is profitable to work. As a matter of fact, however, the state of the case is this. There are many quartz ledges known in the upper country that have been assayed, and although it is well known that they could and would be worked if capital could be got, it is further known that without railway communication the capital will not come. One capitalist who came here is reported to have said that so many parts of the world had better means of communication that British Columbia would have to wait until she was able to offer more inducement.

H. P. BELL, IN FULL SWING.

Local Chinese Residents are Enjoying themselves in True Oriental Style—Discretion on Custom.

The Chinese New Year is now at its height, and the denizens of the Chinese quarter have surrendered themselves to the festivities of such a momentous occasion. The enjoyment of the son of the Flowery Kingdom, even under the most suspicious circumstances, is generally of an unostentatious character. Of course, it is conceded that while under the influence of the jubilation sentiment it is necessary for some sort of ebullition and the Chinaman consequently makes night hideous with firecrackers and other noise-making contrivances, the product of their genius.

Every other consideration is ignored at this season. The whirl of commercial activity and the delectable sensations engendered by the knowledge of having

STRENGTH TESTS. A Record After Using Different Foods.

J. Henry Myers, of Otsego, Mich., a traveling representative of a certain medical missionary association, made some strength tests with different foods, with the following result. He says: "In 1897, I began, as usually connected with an institution manufacturing a large line of health foods.

"My desire was to add strength. I was in good health, and faithfully lived, almost entirely, for nearly two years, on their foods, and believed in them thoroughly. In January, '98, my strength test showed 200 pounds. In January, '99, by the same machine, my strength test was only 4,500 pounds, a heavy falling off, notwithstanding I had not been sick, but had faithfully and religiously used the foods I so fully believed in and had been hired to lecture for and advocate.

"For a month after that test, I was uncertain what to do. I felt weak, and what I wanted was strength; so in February of that year I quit all other health foods and began using Grape-Nuts alone. My weight now has increased from 130 to 143 pounds; my strength has increased from 4,500 pounds to 5,900, and I am now 1,600 pounds stronger, by actual work, than the average man.

My eyesight is clearer, my mind more active and stronger, and I can endure more labor, physical and mental, than ever before.

"I do not know any person interested in the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., and this letter is not written with any motive, except to bring to the facts to the attention of persons desiring to live well and live rationally. I have the charts filled out by the physicians at the institution making the health foods that failed in my case, and these facts can not be disputed by anyone. I will make oath that they are absolutely correct.

Mr. Myers' letter gives the name in full of the concern making the so-called health foods, which failed in his case, but this name is not given to the public. It is not the purpose of the manufacturers of Grape-Nuts to build their business by depreciating the merits of any competitor. This experience is printed as an illustration of the indisputable fact that Grape-Nuts food is a true, honest, and remarkable restorer of the human body.

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can be traced by the eye for miles, and for great heights over the river bottom. The predominant rock of this district is slate, large blocks of which can be seen on bars of the Goat river which look in the distance exactly like old castles. On one of these bars a few miners took out 95 ounces of gold in a very few days. This river has a fall of 50 feet per mile. About 50 per cent of the float boulder stone on lake shores and river banks is green quartz, the matrix of which is in sight much higher up, but at no great distance off.

The features of the Cariboo gold district are inferior in magnitude to that which can be seen upon the north side of the Fraser river, and the Cariboo creeks as a rule volume of water and fall in like proportion.

There are three things which practical miners say are necessary to make a good alluvial mine, (1) gold, (2) water, (3) fall. These three concomitants are

to be found par excellence in this district above referred to, observing that more money may be made out of a mine with a small amount of gold per cubic unit of material disseminated throughout the mass with some degree of uniformity, combined with an ample supply of water and good fall, than out of a mine with a higher percentage of gold, but with an insufficiency of fall and water.

This district above referred to would become practically accessible to the miner for working purposes by the construction of a railway line to Quesselle mouth with a branch into Barkerville, as boats could be used to enter from the former and a road from the latter place. Going in by way of Quesselle mouth it is necessary to make three portages in a distance of two hundred and fifty miles.

Coming south the Horseshoe river has for years been considered by good miners to be in the main gold channel of British Columbia, and recent developments there would seem to warrant this assumption, as it has been the scene of large expenditure during the last few years.

The opening up of this district, which is of very large dimensions (and with what is known about it favorable to its further development), would in all probability lead to still more important results for the work done already has been done under the disadvantages of difficult and expensive transportation.

The Quesselle river is known to all up country miners as one of the

Best Gold-Bearing Rivers of British Columbia. It has gravel benches on the lower ten miles tier over tier for more than 300 feet above the river bed, that have had little more than the lower bench prospected. No company has, as yet, undertaken to work these benches, although in California the same class of work has proved profitable in ground accessible by railway which did not yield more than six cents per cubic yard of material.

The Cottonwood river, north of the Quesselle river, even now the scene of active operation of incorporated companies, has been worked by the Chinese for years. One Chinaman at the mouth of the canon some five years ago explained that with each flood his claim was re-supplied with gold, the truth of which he proved by there and then washing the upper end of the shovel and disclosing the gold visible in quantity and fairly coarse as well. For all this kind of work on a large scale it requires capital, because poor men digging have their limits in all gold-bearing countries, but capital will not come without means of transportation. The intelligent work of the Cariboo Hydraulic Co. is only one instance of what can be done by the application of capital, but even this company must have suffered greatly in its receipts for want of a better kind of transportation for various kinds of supplies.

The future of Northern British Columbia is indubitably bound up with the transportation problem. Nature has done her work and sattered her resources with no niggardly hand, and it

THE OLD TOWN OF CUMBERLAND.

Ten cents per ton per mile for 240 miles is \$24 per ton. The difference between \$24 and \$100 per ton is the difference between partial stagnation and the active development of a good mining country. Any mining camp that can do so working only in a small way for a period of 40 years with freight over \$100 per ton for a large proportion of its supplies is almost certain to be a proved success when transportation by rail has once been secured. One difficulty found in trying to interest capital in railway enterprise in a mining country is closely connected with the question often asked, "How much business is done upon this route?" The intention being to procure a measure of the business likely to be done when a road is built. The answer to this question (direct can, in most new countries, give no true conception of the information sought for, because a mining district, in the opinion of high financiers, reduces its output to that of rich claims only, and therefore it happens that during a period of stagnation, no figures can be quoted that are a true measure of

The Future of a District with railway facilities. It is here that the fostering care of the state may be profitably employed to restore an equilibrium by the provision of better communication and lower rates.

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The circumstances in Northern British Columbia are as nearly as possible parallel with those which prevailed in Western Australia at one time, and not to go so far for a precedent we may take the Kootenai district of British Columbia, which has undergone a truly wonderful advance in recent years, mainly due to the opening up of the country by railways and steamboats, for it is a fact well proved that given a mineral country with means of communication the prospector will go there and exploit that first before going to places more remote.

But experience again proves that when the prospector comes into a good mineral country that capital will not immediately follow his footsteps. Prospects known to be rich are opened up so soon as transportation is obtained. The prospector who requires for his purposes a trail and two or three pack animals can find a rich prospect, but if generally remains in statu quo until other means of transportation can be obtained.

During the years of 1873 to 1878 inclusive the Dominion government was making surveys in Northern British Columbia. Much of the time spent and ground covered was north of the latitude of the Fraser river. Although these explorations were not made for mining purposes there were some veteran prospectors connected with them who ob-

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Had British Columbia adopted a plan of this kind about the time of Confederation, it is more than likely that the main vein would be in operation at the present time, if not for the whole length, but yet for a considerable portion.

Northern British Columbia contains quartz in abundance. Probably no district in the American continent contains more. It has not been successfully worked to the present time, but it is well known now that it can be made subject to the cyanide process and from 80 to 90 per cent saved of what it contains. The alluvial mines and the railroad are the necessary pilots of the quartz mines. It would be worse than absurd to suppose that with railway communication into a district with so much mineral that none of it is profitable to work. As a matter of fact, however, the state of the case is this. There are many quartz ledges known in the upper country that have been assayed, and although it is well known that they could and would be worked if capital could be got, it is further known that without railway communication the capital will not come. One capitalist who came here is reported to have said that so many parts of the world had better means of communication that British Columbia would have to wait until she was able to offer more inducement.

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"My desire was to add strength. I was in good health, and faithfully lived, almost entirely, for nearly two years, on their foods, and believed in them thoroughly. In January, '98, my strength test showed 200 pounds. In January, '99, by the same machine, my strength test was only 4,500 pounds, a heavy falling off, notwithstanding I had not been sick, but had faithfully and religiously used the foods I so fully believed in and had been hired to lecture for and advocate.

"For a month after that test, I was uncertain what to do. I felt weak, and what I wanted was strength; so in February of that year I quit all other health foods and began using Grape-Nuts alone. My weight now has increased from 130 to 143 pounds; my strength has increased from 4,500 pounds to 5,900, and I am now 1,600 pounds stronger, by actual work, than the average man.

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"I do not know any person interested in the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., and this letter is not written with any motive, except to bring to the facts to the attention of persons desiring to live well and live rationally. I have the charts filled out by the physicians at the institution making the health foods that failed in my case, and these facts can not be disputed by anyone. I will make oath that they are absolutely correct.

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FARMERS AND MARKETS.

The farmers of British Columbia, as the producers of the real necessities of life, are anxious to be put in proper relationship with the great and ever-increasing body of consumers of the provinces. There is a feeling among these important class that to a certain extent their interests have been neglected and too much attention given to other sources of wealth.

transferred to Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann for operation the government will fix the rates and shoulder the deficit if there be any. That seems fair. If some such arrangement could be made with the management of all the lines operating in British Columbia we are satisfied that the face of nature would soon be transformed, and before many years there would be no complaint of the large amount of foreign farm produce imported for the purpose of feeding our population.

The gentlemen from the Mainland are wise in their generation. The experience of the past has not been thrown away upon them. No government, provincial or federal, should grant subsidies to railways without the power to fix rates, and we hope if the undertaking they are in favor of is gone on with the ministers will take their advice and retain power to control charges.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The London Times has been examining into and giving extracts from its files of 1801. Napoleon and Emperor Paul the First of Russia, the characters and dispositions of the world in those days. He of Russia is described by our ancient London contemporary as being not only mad himself but the cause of the madness in others. This description would not be inappropriate applied to Buonaparte also.

The world has been furnished with another illustration of the independence of party of the British members of Parliament. In its foreign policy the government is as strong as ever, but there seem to be divisions of opinion in its following upon domestic questions.

Andrew Carnegie has received \$25,000,000 in part payment for his stock in the Homestead steel works. Now why does he hesitate about handing over to Librarian Howard \$100,000 to build and equip a new library for Victoria.

The era of gigantic undertakings has commenced in Canada. A company is said to be about to duplicate the enterprise of Mr. Giergen in Ontario. And the opportunities are so much greater farther west. Our time will come.

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THE LASH IN INDIANA.

A bill has been prepared for introduction in the Indiana legislature to establish a whipping post in every county in the state. It provides that every male person over 16 years of age who shall strike or beat a woman shall receive from fifteen to fifty lashes on his bare back.

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RECruITING FOR PHILIPPINES. (Associated Press.) Cincinnati, Feb. 19.—Orders have been received at the recruiting headquarters here to enlist immediately all available men possible to serve in the infantry or cavalry of the Philippines.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES. Were Held in Honolulu When News of Queen's Death was Received. (Associated Press.) Honolulu, Feb. 12, via San Francisco, Feb. 10.—The South Carolina dispensary system is very likely to be put into force in Hawaii as a solution of the liquor problem.

Matinee Musicales. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to the musical public of Victoria by M. W. Waitt & Co. to a series of Piano Recitals each day for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon of this week.

STOCK QUOTATIONS. (Published by the R. G. Stock Exchange, Limited.) New York, Feb. 19.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange to-day: American Sugar, 135 1/2; Southern Pacific, 107 1/2; Union Pacific, 102 1/2; etc.

PERSONAL. Prof. G. W. Payne, the hypnotist, and the following commercial men are guests at the Victoria hotel: A. F. Tero, of Spokane; A. Seiffert, of Detroit; M. Hirschbaum and G. L. Everett, of San Francisco; C. R. Morrison, of Toronto; J. J. Walton, of Vancouver; L. Thomas and C. D. Blackwood, of Winnipeg.

TORONTO STOCK QUOTATIONS. (Published by R. H. Hurst & Co., 25 Fort Street.) B. O. Gold Fields, 3 1/2; Bickel Tail, 12; Canadian Gold, 7 1/2; etc.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. George Murton Falls a Distance of Thirty Feet. A serious accident occurred at the Summit, on the E. & N., this morning just before the noon train arrived at that place.

WALL STREET. (Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 19.—The tone of speculation was very much confused and the movement of prices irregular at the opening. The steel stocks were especially active, one or two of the common stocks showing sharp rallies from yesterday's extreme depression.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 19—5 a.m.—An important area of high barometer of vast dimensions and great energy extends from Vancouver to Manitoba, its centre reading 31.06 inches at Swift Current, in Assiniboia. The barometer is falling on the Coast, and is lowest at Rosberg, in upper California, in which state rain is still falling. These conditions will probably cause snowfall over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. In the Northwest the temperature fell to 24 below zero, and generally to 20 below zero.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity, Moderate or fresh northerly or easterly winds, cloudy and cold, with rain or snow. Lower Mainland—Moderate or fresh easterly winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with snow.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.94; temperature, 36; minimum, 31; wind, 8 miles N. E.; rain, .02; weather, Moderate or fresh northerly or easterly winds, cloudy and cold, with rain or snow. New Westminster—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 28; minimum, 25; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, .06; weather, clear. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, 4 miles S.W.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Scissors, table and pocket cutlery, razors, etc. Shore's Hardware. Remember the City band entertainment to-night, A. O. U. W. hall. You will find it in the R. C. Guide, 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in B. C.

Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Price, per gallon, \$3.00; per quart, 75c. New England Hotel. The first lot of New Spring Blouses and Washing Skirts are being shown at The White House.

The following promotions in No. 1 Company of the Fifth Regiment have been approved by the commanding officer: R. Vizer, vice Sergt. L. B. Trimen, time expired. To be corporals: Bombr. A. Colquhoun, vice Corp. M. R. C. Worlock, who reverts to the ranks at his own request; Gunner J. Sweet, vice Corp. Currie, promoted; Gunner F. Hillton, vice Corp. Bridgman, time expired. To be bombardiers: Gunner H. Newbit, vice Acting Corp. Viper, promoted; Gunner R. Hayward, vice Bombr. Colquhoun, promoted.

Last Saturday a meeting was held at Colwood for the purpose of electing a trustee, Mrs. Rand, who formerly occupied this position, having resigned. Mrs. L. O. Demers was elected. Some discussion took place in regard to the unsatisfactory condition of the school house, which was, said the secretary, a disgrace to Colwood. The meeting decided to request the road foreman to attend a meeting on the 22nd for the purpose of reporting what road work had been done, and at what expenditure. He was also to make arrangement for the road work for the year.

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M. King, president of the Upper Yukon Consolidated Company, last night received intelligence of the destruction by fire of the mill at Millhaven, on the west arm of Lake Bennett. The mill was owned by Otto Partridge, and was partly erected a couple of years ago. It has been added to since then, and the construction of the entire establishment represents an outlay of about \$10,000. The letter containing the information received by Mr. King last night does not give any further particulars as to origin or extent of loss, but it is generally surmised that the conflagration was one of considerable proportions. It occurred seven or eight days ago.

Concert and dance to-night, A. O. U. W. hall, by City band.

Have you seen the Devil's Sermon on Hades at the Searchlight? If not, be sure and see it to-night.

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U. S. Baking Powder, Royal 6 oz. 20c, 12oz. 40c

HARDRESS CLARKE

Submarine view at Searchlight.

R. M. S. Warrimoo is due from the Antipodes on Friday.

Remember the City band entertainment to-night, A. O. U. W. hall.

Steamer Charming left Vancouver on time, connecting with the Eastern train.

Job lot of croquet mallets to be sold at less than half price—Shore's Hardware.

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The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending February 17th were \$486,333; balances, \$101,026.

Commencing on February 17th, and continuing until further notice, steamer Rosalie will leave here at 7.30 p.m. instead of at 8.30 a.m., for Seattle. E. E. Blackwood, agent.

T. W. Pierre, of this city, has just received news of the death of his sister, Mrs. Louisa E. Hill, at Washington, D. C., on January 22nd.

The annual reports of the corporation of Victoria for the year ending December 31st, have been published in pamphlet form according to custom.

The annual banquet of the Yorkshire Society will be held this evening in the Victoria Cafe. All members are cordially invited to be in attendance.

The infant son of W. H. Price yesterday had the misfortune to fall and break his arm, necessitating the services of Dr. Ernest Hall, who attended to his injuries. The little fellow is doing nicely.

A meeting of the general memorial committee, consisting of those who were appointed at the meeting in December which adopted the Paardeberg gateway proposition, is being held at the city hall this afternoon.

The Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church held their meeting last night under the auspices of the missionary department. A paper was read by Mr. Du Foe on "Missionary Work Among the Indians of B. C.," and Mr. Mills read a paper on "Indian Industrial Institutes" embracing the Dominion. A business meeting was held at the close.

The remains of the late Mrs. M. Davis, widow of the late J. P. Davis, were laid at rest yesterday. The funeral took place from the family residence, "Glenholly," Cook street. Services were conducted at the home and at the grave by H. L. Salmon and M. Marks.

The following acted as pall-bearers: J. H. McLaughlin, Capt. Palmer, J. A. Virtue, D. Hart, E. J. Salmon and M. Leiser.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital this morning of Henry Anderson, deceased was a native of Norway, and 43 years of age. He had resided in the province for about seven years. For the first three years he was employed as netman at the Wannuck canner, Rivers Inlet, and for the last four years he has occupied the position of watchman at the Cascade canner, Nain river. He came to this city for his health. The funeral has been arranged to take place from the parlors of the R. C. Funeral & Furnishing Co. tomorrow afternoon at 2.30. Appropriate services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Wilson.

A large delegation, composed of representative gentlemen from all the municipalities in Westminister district, under the guidance of Jno. Oliver, M. P., has arrived in the city for the purpose of placing before the executive a huge petition for railway connection with the coast, giving the ranchers access to the markets of the province. The petition was published in full in these columns some time ago, copies having been delivered at the city clerk's office. The delegation consists of Charles Hill-Tout, president of the Settlers' Association of British Columbia; H. T. Thrift, secretary Settlers' Association of British Columbia; John Oliver, M. P., Delta; A. C. Wells, reeve of Chilliwack; W. H. Lader, reeve of Ladner; C. Carrcross, reeve of Surrey; A. Hawkins, reeve of Matsqui; Robert Fraser, alderman of Vancouver; Councillor Burnett, Surrey; Councillor Leary, Ladner; G. E. Corbould, K. C., New Westminster Board of Trade; G. Andrews, alderman, New Westminster, and Councillor Burr, of Ladner.

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Prompting Desertion

Port Townsend Boarding House Proprietor Arrested on Serious Charge.

Attempt Alleged to Have Been Made to Steal the Dunstaffnage Crew.

Horace Simms, of Simms & Levy, proprietors of a sailors' boarding house at Port Townsend, and Louis Hanson, are being tried in the provincial police court this afternoon on the serious charge of enticing sailors to desert.

The accused were placed under arrest by Officer Campbell in Esquimalt at 7 o'clock last evening. The sailors in the case are those who had signed articles for a voyage on the British bark Dunstaffnage, which arrived here from Tacoma this morning on her way to the United Kingdom with 5,000 tons of wheat. She came here for eleven men to complete her crew, and expected to proceed to sea this evening. She is the first of the outward bound grain fleet from Tacoma to call here, and herein, it is said, lies the sequel of the case in court. For long-loaded ships when ready to leave Tacoma have been baulked in their movements by the actions of certain unscrupulous sailors, and sometimes have had to lay up for a week or two before securing a complement of men who would then perhaps be inexperienced.

Captain Forbes anticipated trouble of this kind, and was bound to circumvent it if possible. He wrote to W. Van Rhein, of the Globe hotel, Esquimalt, who is in the business of supplying ships with sailors, to secure a crew for him, and arranged for provisional articles to be signed by the men obtained. This was on Thursday last, and everything had been satisfactorily settled, all that Captain Forbes had to do, according to contract, being to call here, pick up his crew and proceed to sea without delay. Meanwhile, however, all kinds of threats had been made against the captain at Tacoma in an endeavor to prevent his coming here, but the skipper was resolute and too shrewd to be fooled or intimidated. As a climax to these efforts made to keep him away from Victoria he was aroused out of his sleep just before leaving Tacoma and shown a telegram bearing Mr. Van Rhein's signature attached, and stating that the sailors signed had disappeared and advising him to go to Port Townsend and there, the telegram was pre-paid, and was such a surprise that Captain Forbes's suspicions were at once aroused. He thought the telegram was bogus, and at once wired to Hugh Logan, shipping agent of this city, for confirmation of it. The reply received here out of the captain's convictions, and so he took no notice of the message.

Simms is said to have thrown out all kinds of inducements to the men who had signed to leave on the Dunstaffnage, offering them big wages if they would go to one of the Sound ports. Captain Forbes had no knowledge of him being in the city.

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Thursday's Pageant

List of Those Who Will Form Governor's Suite and Escort.

House Will Probably Adjourn Until Monday—Active Preparations Proceeding.

In spite of the fact that the death of Her late Majesty has thrown the court into mourning and in consequence there will be less ostentation than usual in connection with the opening of the legislature, the opening ceremonies will be of much greater interest than usual. Active preparations are going forward under the direction of the sergeant-at-arms, D. O'Hara, and everything will be ship-shape before Thursday.

A large number of invitations are being issued, the system employed being similar to that followed last year, namely, through application to the Premier's secretary, Mr. Gagnell. A few seats will be reserved to the right and left of the throne for the judiciary, representatives of other nations and dignitaries. None of the member's desks will be removed, and hence the leader of the opposition will not have the ground for complaint which he had last year.

The guard of honor will be furnished as usual by the Fifth Regiment, and will assemble at 2.15 at the drill hall. It will be under the command of Capt. Drake, with Lieuts. Patton and Wilson, as subalterns. In the event of Capt. Foulkes, A. D. C., to His Honor, not being able to reach Victoria from Ottawa for the opening, Capt. Drake will probably act as A. D. C., and another officer will be detailed to command the guard.

The Governor's suite will be made up of Rear-Admiral Bickford, his A. D. C., Lieut. Knox, and his secretary, Mr. R. C. Baker, Capt. E. Casement and four officers of the Ampson, Commander Simpson, and two officers of H. M. S. Egria, Lieut.-Col. Grant and officers of the R. E. and R. A., Lieut.-Col. Benson, D. O. C., Lieut.-Col. Mackay and officers of the R. C. R. and Lieut.-Col. Gregory and two officers of the Fifth Regiment, C. A.

The complimentary escort of returned volunteers from South Africa will be under the command of their senior commissioned officer Sergt. Northcott, as Capt. Buxstall, who was offered the post, was unable to assume command, owing to being engaged in recruiting that day. The men will parade in khaki undress uniform, without arms, and will take up their position on the front steps where they will be photographed.

On the arrival of the Governor and suite, they will open ranks, and allow the gubernatorial party to pass through. They will then proceed to the chamber and form up in two lines facing inward on the centre aisle, as near the entrance as possible. After the withdrawal of the Governor they will also retire, and will be received by him in his apartments and suitably entertained. They will afterwards march to the drill hall, where a conversation will be given by the ladies.

The complimentary escort will consist of the following: Sergt. J. Northcott, Corp. S. H. O'Dell, Ptes. A. C. Beech, R. J. Lee-man, Cornwall, Smethurst, Stewart, Jones, McKee, (Calgary), C. Gamble, Finch-Smiles, W. B. Huckell, W. W. Stobbings, Anderson and Neill, of Victoria.

Corp. Bonner, Ptes. Niebergall, Allen, Livingston, McCalmont, Hutchings, Greaves, Mackie, Wood, Nye, Wilson, Harrison, Sinclair and Thompson, of Vancouver.

Pte. Brethour, of Saanich, Pte. Roa, of Rossland, Corp. Corbould, Service Corp. Lehman, Ptes. Wilkie, Brookling, Leamy, Porter and Smith, of New Westminster.

Pte. J. Simms, of Nelson (Victoria), Pte. J. R. Forbes, of New Denver, Ptes. Simms, Forbes and Huckell belonged to the C. M. P. Pte. Wilson was a member of the R. C. F. A., and Trooper McKee is of Strathcona's Horse. The remainder belonged to the first contingent.

The chaplain for the occasion, as previously announced, will be Rev. R. B. Blyth, of the First Congregational church, and late a corporal in the first contingent.

The only business which will be conducted in all probability, on Thursday, will be the reading of the speech from the throne. The government will likely ask for an adjournment until Monday, before entering on the work of the session.

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Almost every steamer arriving from the OLD WORLD brings consignments of the LATEST NOVELTIES FOR THE WESTSIDE, and the entire staff is busy getting ready for the

First Display On Wednesday

Which will bring fresh News of Beauty; and News of Beauty hold precedence over all other kinds of news. That's reason enough for letting you know that The Westside is first in point of "Style" as well as first in point of time and value. Among the most distinguished arrivals are—

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The Rapid and Phenomenal progress made by The Westside will necessitate changes in the internal arrangement of the Store. The place that was considered too large four months ago, has become too small for the wonderful growth of the business, so much so, that the DIRECTORS ARE CONSIDERING THE ADVISABILITY OF A FURTHER ENLARGEMENT OF THE PREMISES.

Our Dressmaking Department

This important department will be opened about the First of March, under the management of MISS M-MILLAN, of TORONTO. Miss McMillan is at present in New York, studying the fashions there, and after visiting Toronto and Montreal, will be at the service of the ladies of Victoria.

Our Millinery Department

Miss I. H. Meggall, our Millinery Chief, who is on a Business trip to New York and other Eastern Cities, will return about the First of March, bringing with her a collection of Millinery, the pick of two continents. Miss Meggall is at the head of her profession as a High Grade Milliner.

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ADOLPH BISSINGER DEAD.

Killed in a Railway Accident Near Winnemucca, Nev.—His Wife Also Among Victims.

According to telegraphic advices from Winnemucca, Nev., published in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Adolph Bissinger, of the firm of Bissinger & Co., with headquarters at San Francisco, and a branch in this city, was killed in an accident on the Southern Pacific railway last Monday.

The dispatch reads as follows: "Winnemucca, Nev., Feb. 18.—The east-bound overland limited Southern Pacific train, officially known as No. 2, was wrecked at 5.20 o'clock yesterday morning at a point twenty-seven miles west of this place. While running at a speed of fifty miles an hour, the train went into a washed out culvert, and the result was the worst wreck known on this division of the road. Six persons were killed and six injured. Among the dead were Adolph Bissinger, 40 years old, of the firm of Bissinger & Schloss, San Francisco; Mrs. Adolph Bissinger, 38 years old, of San Francisco.

Miss Elize Bissinger, daughter of Mr. Bissinger, was among the injured.

Another of the Chinese gambling cases was disposed of this morning. The accused was Ah Wong, who made some attempt to fight the case. It was a rather lame effort, the evidence of the chief and Sergt. Walker, who took the stand, being conclusive enough to convict the accused. He was fined \$20 and \$5 costs or one month's imprisonment. The Currie case was remanded until tomorrow, and the Procter case until Friday.

The Charming with the volunteers aboard, will not reach Victoria to-night until 7 o'clock. The procession will proceed south by way of Wharf street, past the old custom house to Government, along Government to Johnson, Johnson to Douglas, Douglas to Yates, and Yates to Broad, and Broad to the Driard. Tomorrow two special cars will leave the corner of Government and Yates at 1.30 for Esquimalt, where the volunteers will be received by the admiral aboard the flagship.

The board of fire underwriters held a meeting this morning, when it is understood that the affairs of the department was the principal, if not the entire, subject under consideration. The result of their deliberations was the passage of a resolution to be submitted to the city council recommending the inauguration of a full-paid fire department system.

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Good Tweed Two-Piece Suits at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50, worth \$3.00 to \$5.00.

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By Book Post

"The Mantle of Elijah" (1), by I. Zangwill, is a notable book. It presents many phases of English political and social life of to-day. Indeed, it has been Mr. Zangwill's foresight in regard to the political developments in the recent history of the Transvaal that he has been accused of plagiarizing history. But as a matter of fact he worked out his book long before the trouble culminated in South Africa. In the novel we read of many life topics, the game of politics, the craft of statesmanship, the discussion of an Empire's responsibility, its strength and weakness when faced with war. The reader is plunged into the middle of things, into intimate political talk in the home of a cabinet minister, into the excitement of political campaigns, into brilliant social life, but best of all into contact with many clever people. Mr. Marjorant, the Elijah of whose mantle there is question in this story; beautiful clever Allegra, his daughter; the gypsy woman, proud, lovely, eccentric, selfish, yet loving, whom he married; Braser, his secretary, and the Duchess of Daleberg, his sister—these are people worth knowing. The conversations, which the Duchess figures are delightful, finely humorous and with delicate characterization which appeals to the most refined tastes. I only regret that its varied aspects make the book a changing picture of great charm. But I must read it again presently and find out. Every page is alive. Every person among the shifting crowd is real. It is a great book.

I have received from a publisher whose books I have not hitherto had the pleasure of reviewing, Messrs. Robert Clark & Co., of Cincinnati, several volumes of interest. One of them "My Mysterious Clients" (2), by Harvey Scribner, a collection of legal romances, detective stories and Christmas tales, will find an edified circle of readers. They are variety called "The First Client," "The Mystery of a Diamond Robbery," "The Romance of a Stolen Will," "The Silent Witness," "Was It Forgery?" "The Unexpected Witness," "The Grouched Bullet," "A Glimpse of Santa Claus," "The Magic Whistle," etc. Certainly they are full of surprises for the sedate reader. I know several demure elderly gentlemen who should like to spring this book on their few remaining hairs, would erect themselves with rapidity. It is, I suppose, a sign of our eternal youth that such erstwhile dime horror style books find readers. No one could quarrel with the artistic appearance of the volume. The stories have an air of legal reality which makes up for their lack of literary style. The author is a well known lawyer.

"Number One and Number Two" (3), by Miss Frances Ward, whose "The Career of Clancy" showed marked ability, has aroused much interest. Bride Kennedy, a worldly young person, selfish, flirtatious, is nevertheless finally a good sort. An early unfortunate love affair hardens her and makes her cynical and uncaring of others feelings. When number two arrives on the scene, however, she has a change of heart, gives away her own and gets his, like the young woman in the song. The man is Major Moxey, a thoroughly good fellow, and we are glad that all is well that ends well for them. The scene is laid in Egypt, but we are not asked to be unduly mindful of the surroundings. A trip up the Nile is briefly described. Local color is judiciously used. The sub-plot is the love of the heroine's cousin for a handsome second-rate young woman. The latter's death is touchingly dwelt upon. The dialogue is brightly written.

Praktischer Lehrkurs (4), by Hermann Schulze, might be supposed to have German leanings. It is a text book for beginners. Each lesson deals both in the text and in the grammatical part with a definite subject which is to be developed by the instructor. Development is the plan of the book and the method the teacher is supposed to use. A model lesson is given, and it seems to me entirely rational. It is decidedly a much easier way of learning German than any practised upon me. When I started out to learn the language, I hated it then, but with this gentle method even the grammatical intricacies of German became a pleasure to be mastered. No review can give any idea of the method. But working at it dispassionately I should think it an excellent one.

"The Story of Cyrus" (5), which being in the original Greek, I have put aside for a rainy day, teachers will find a great help. It is adapted from Xenophon's Cyropaedia. It will supplement the beginner's work, and will fill in the interval between his first book and the analysis. The text relates mainly to the most interesting personal history of Cyrus the Great, and has been somewhat simplified from the original. English sentences to be turned into Greek, and designed to carry the pupil through a complete course of grammatical training are included. The book is well bound, the conventional gilt fringe having a classic touch which suits the dark green volume and the title. The editor is C. W. Gleason. The illustrations are appropriate. MADGE ROBERTSON.

(1) W. J. Gage & Co., Toronto, Cloth, \$1.50. (2) Robert Clark & Co., Cincinnati, Cloth, \$1.25. (3) Copp Clark & Co., Toronto, Paper, 75c. (4) Wm. Jenkins, New York, Cloth. (5) American Book Co., Cloth, 75c.

A new century memorial has been erected at the head offices of the Bridgewater Railway. The memorial is a collection of the public clock now strikes thirteen instead of one, so as to enable the workmen to resume operations promptly after dinner. The device is the original idea of the Duke of Bridgewater, who, in the eighteenth century, erected a similar clock at Worsley to meet the workpeople's complaint that they sometimes failed to hear the clock strike one.

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Dr. M. E. McLaughlin, 106 1/2 Columbia St., Seattle, Wash. Dear Sir,—I have not had an attack of rheumatism since I got your Belt. It generally came on me in the fall with the cold weather and stayed until the warm summer weather again. In many respects I feel better at present than I have for a year. I am more active and my strength is improved. I can do a regular good day's work and do not feel much worse for it, but before, when I did hard work I felt stiff and worn out. With best wishes, I remain, yours truly, J. W. JOHNSTON.

Mining News

The Speculator will soon appear again in the shipping list. The Payne mine will send its entire output this year to the Trail smelter. Work has been commenced on the Hamilton group, Twelve Mile, by the owners, Messrs. Gillette and Danlos. The Northwest Mining Company closed last year out of the Boston and Comber mines in the neighborhood of \$125,000. They expect to strike the lead on the Palmita any day now, and hope to encounter a large body of ore when the lead is reached. The last shipment of Bombardier ore shipped netted \$2,400 for 357 tons. This places the Bombardier in the same class as the Vancouver in the matter of ore values. J. L. Retalick, who controls the Washington, is expected to start work in the spring and will add his property to the list of those which give promise of considerable richness. The Rambler-Carlson is rapidly becoming one of the greatest properties in the province. The chief vein is proving to be stronger and wider as work progresses and the mine will shortly be shipping as much as the Payne. In the shaft 200 feet below the lower tunnel, two feet of very rich ore has been encountered. Preparations are being made to resume operations at the Noble Five mine. It is the intention to work through the Last Chance No. 3 tunnel. The drift on the ledge in this tunnel has been driven to the end line and it is the intention to continue the work to prospect their ground. At present there is difficulty in getting timber up the tunnel as the Last Chance and American boys are working the tunnel to its full capacity on their own material. Pay streak.

Work on the Soho group is also proceeding in a satisfactory manner. The long tunnel which was run towards the center of the mountain from the Best Basin and Washing Basin sides has met exactly and forms a tunnel 1,000 feet long. The cross cut on the north side intersected a new vein parallel to the one being worked and 20 feet from it. It showed very nice ore which will be prospecting by assays. The vein is 10 feet wide and is being worked below No. 4 tunnel, and consequently provides a very large stopping ground. J. G. Ryan, manager of the group, states that shipping will be commenced shortly and considerable ore will be sent out each month. The force of workmen will be increased. The Boundary. As soon as the water goes down in the spring explorations will be resumed at the 400-foot level of the Old Ironsides. The force on the several properties of the Dominion Copper Company, Phoenix camp, has been increased to over 110. Over 400 feet of work has been done this year by the diamond drill in the main shaft of the Snowshoe. This drill will also be used later in the railway tunnel. Prospecting on the surface is being conducted on the upper part of the Victoria, to determine where to start the new four compartment shaft, which the Granby company will sink next spring. The force on the Emma, in Summit camp, is to be increased at an early date to 15 men.

DEATH OR LUNACY seemed the only alternative for a well known and highly respected lady of Wingham, Ont., who had travelled over two continents in a vain search for a cure for nervous debility and dyspepsia. A friend recommended South American Nerine. One bottle helped, six bottles cured, and her own written testimony closes with these words: "I have saved my life." Sold by Dean & Ives' and Hall & Co.—20.

With the profits derived from his forces, Frederick Krupp, was enabled, in 1818, to build a small plant, consisting of eight melting furnaces, with one crucible spout, on the spot where the great world-famed establishment now stands. Although the good quality of his product was recognized, he had not attained complete success at the time of his death in 1826. The completed works were carried on by his widow and his eldest son, Alfred. The fourteen-year-old boy, who was obliged to leave school, labored unaided at the crucibles, assisted by two workmen. While engaged in this hard toil, often lasting through the night, he lived on potatoes, coffee, and bread and butter, without any meat. He

was master and apprentice, he was founder and south, packer and errand-boy, book-keeper and travelling man. On Sundays he wrote up the books and made out the accounts. The establishment to-day consists of the cast-steel works at Essen; the Krupp steel works, formerly F. Ashworth & Co., in Arson, Westphalia, where steel castings of all kinds are the principal product; the iron works at Bockum, near Magedburg, where hardened cast armor, armored turbines, crabs and machines, and so on, are made; four blast-furnace plants, at Rheinhausen, Duisburg, Neveland, and Gelsen; four coal mines, namely, the Hannover mines, shafts Nos. 1 and 2; the Elber and Neuwitz mine, and the Mannthal mine; part interests in other coal mines; a great number of iron mines in Germany and in Spain; a proving ground; at Merpen, 16 1/2 kilometers (10 1/2 miles) in length, with provisions for extending the string range to 24 kilometers (15 miles), three ocean steamers; stone quarries; clay and sand pits, etc., etc. Besides all this, the firm of Fried. Krupp operates, by contract, the Germania Ship and Engine-Building Company of Berlin and Kiel.—E. Schroeder, in the Works Management Number of the Engineering Magazine.

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The chief engineer of the Lucerne railway says he has invented a system of brakes much superior to that in use in Europe at the present time. He can stop a train travelling at 25 miles an hour within a distance of eight yards. The proportion of female births is higher in Ireland and Scotland than in England.

DANCING IN THE TYROL.

Among the keenest delights of travel are those little adventures which come to us in our day-to-day play of the world; glimpses of people and manners which do not fall to the lot of the hurried tourist. The following extract from Lillian Bell's article in the Woman's Home Companion, "Dancing in the Tyrol," gives the reader such a picture. "Prosperity came Rosa, the chambermaid, and Helwig, the waitress, and a dozen young men from the neighboring hamlet, and began to dance the 'schupplattl.' I have seen this wonderful dance performed on the stage and in other Tyrolean villages, but never have I seen it danced with the abandon of these young peasants in their little kitchen on the Aebensee. They were all heartily dancing. The young 'shipmaster' asked our pretty Rosa around the waltz and they began to waltz. Suddenly, without a moment's warning, they fell apart, with a yell from the boy which carried the blood in the veins. Rosa continued waltzing alone, with her hands on her hips, while her partner did a series of cartwheels around the young, bringing her just in front of her and waltzing with her again without either of them being a step. Then he lifted her hands by the fingers, tips high above her head, and they waltzed their bodies in and out under this arch; he occasionally stooping to snatch a kiss, and cartwheels around the young, bringing her just in front of her and waltzing with her again without either of them being a step. Then he lifted her hands by the fingers, tips high above her head, and they waltzed their bodies in and out under this arch; he occasionally stooping to snatch a kiss, and cartwheels around the young, bringing her just in front of her and waltzing with her again without either of them being a step. 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The Ocean Waterfront

Long Over-Due Portland Bound Bark Otto Gildermeister Again Reported.

Siberian Reindeer Are Being Secured For Alaska—The Dunstaffage Arrives.

The German ship Otto Gildermeister has been spoken again, this time by the schooner Mabel Gray, and on February 6th she was slowly making her way to San Francisco under lower top sails, and all Captain Wilmeson asked was to be reported. She is a badly damaged vessel, and it is supposed and by this time should have reached port.

The Otto Gildermeister was formerly the British ship Zelandar, and was built by Harland & Wolff in Belfast, Ireland, in 1885. For five years she ran between Liverpool and Australia, but a year ago was sold to the Germans, who changed her name and sent her on a voyage to the Orient. The ship left Yokohama on November 10th for the Columbia river. When the ship was 90 days out, she was being paid by the underwriters. When she was 120 days out, she was reported speaking her on January 30th. On February 6th the ship was thirty-five miles southwest of Medra Blanca, or about 100 miles from San Francisco. All her topmasts were gone. The mainmast head was also gone, and with it went the rigging. The foremast, the mainmast, and the mainmast were all gone. The ship was in a very bad way, and it is supposed that she will be abandoned.

MANAGER HAWKINS'S PLANS.

Proprietor of the recent transfer of the Canadian Development Company's properties to the White Pass & Yukon Navigation Company, General Manager Hawkins, has announced a complete reorganization of the service on lines tending to secure greater efficiency at a minimum of cost, which the consolidation of the two interests under one management will best permit. It will admit of greater dispatch and better results for both freight and passengers.

Improvements and innovations will be the order all along the line. Traffic sheets are now in course of preparation with a view to putting all the traffic on a strictly weight basis, thus doing away with what is known by all shippers as the "weight or measurement shipper's option" system, a system which has caused a great deal of confusion in the past, as under it the merchant was never in a position to figure in advance what the cost would be for delivering his goods at Dawson.

All the steamers acquired will be given a general over-haul and put in thorough repair for the coming spring and summer's business. The Sybil will be given a new and sharper bow, and both the Sybil and Yukoner will have new boilers. It is also contemplated to substitute oil for wood, which, if found practical for fuel, will shorten the time of each steamer from 12 to 20 hours on each voyage.

The policy of the company will be to retain the services of all those officials and employees who have proven their efficiency in the past. In some of the departments very material changes will be made for the betterment of the service.

The purchases include all the terminal facilities at White Horse and Dawson, namely, warehouses, wharves, lighters, and other apparatus, beside two extensive and complete ship yards one at White Horse and the other at Dawson.

MORE OVERDUE SHIPS.

Two more vessels have been added to the overdue list at the Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco. They are the German bark Professor Koch, out fifty-eight days from San Francisco for Oregon, and the German bark H. Hackfeld, out 189 days from Philadelphia for Nagasaki, at the same rate of insurance. A cablegram received from London states that the British ship Yarana, from Santa Rosa for Iquique, is posted at Lloyd's as missing.

REINDEER FOR ALASKA.

It is announced that the revenue cutter Bear will start north about April 25th to Avatcha harbor, Siberia, on the Behring sea. The cutter will meet Lieut. Berthoff of the United States revenue cutter service, who is now in Siberia, at Avatcha, where he will have a herd of 150 reindeer, which he is to purchase for transportation to some point in Alaska to be decided upon later.

DERELICT AGAIN REPORTED.

The derelict that has been floating up and down the coast for a month past has been once again reported. The steamer Albion, on arrival at San Francisco, last Saturday, reported to have sighted it on February 14th in latitude 37 degrees 8 minutes north, longitude 125 degrees 50 minutes west. It is therefore making its way south.

OVERRUN WITH SHIPS.

The Dunstaffage is overrun with coal ships and they cannot discharge them, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The Royalist, Victoria, Bristol and Wellington are all in port, and as only one can berth at a time there is much juggling as to how to get off the cargoes.

MARINE NOTES.

The ship Hala will probably commence discharging to-day, having about 700 tons of naval stores to unload before towing around to the outer wharf. Had the vessel arrived on Sunday there would have been a flour famine aboard, for the crew were on their last pound when port was reached.

WORKING OVERTIME.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, biliousness, constipation, sick headache and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c, at F. W. Fawcett & Co.'s drug store.

Heroes of Paardeberg

Anniversary of Victory Honored By Preparing to Greet B. C. Boys.

A Rousing Welcome Awaits the Members of the Continent To-Night.

Continuing this evening and extending until Friday next, the city will be given over to the men of the South African contingent, whose deeds just a year ago were ringing round the world. It is just a year ago yesterday since the battle of Paardeberg, when the Canadian boys distinguished themselves, and when Victorians felt for the first time in the campaign the keenness of bereavement, because of her sons who went down in that fight. Yesterday's anniversary was appropriately honored by making preparation for a rousing welcome to the survivors of the contingents.

LODGE NOTES.

Petitions Against Medical Act Being Largely Signed—Court Vancouver Meets.

A meeting of Court Vancouver lodge, A. O. U. F., was held last evening. The sides the members and officers of the lodge were present. The president of the Federated Board was present. He gave a brief address, detailing what the societies had done in the past and predicting as near as possible what they intended to do in the future.

As mentioned in the previous time ago, petitions asking for an alteration in the Medical Act have been sent to judges all over the province, the societies of the Kootenay district and other up-country districts. The petitions have been largely signed, and already the secretary holds a long list of signatures.

At the meeting of the Sons of St. George, one of the members of the Society of St. George, is being looked for daily. On his return the Sons of St. George intend making him a presentation of a gold watch.

A branch of the society of the Sons of the British Empire is to be organized in the city in a short time. Arrangements are being completed as quickly as possible. J. W. Sexton, who is taking a great interest in the formation of this order, has arranged to have the officers of the Vancouver lodge install the officers of the new society.

THIS MORNING'S GRIST.

Trinamivert of Drunks Dealt With in Police Court—Hearing of Gambling Case Resumed.

A quartet of culprits gazed expectantly from the dock in the police court this morning. Of these a trinamivert were drunks, and as each pleaded guilty their cases were polished off in short order. The first was that of William Clark, who was fined \$12.50, or in default twenty-five days' imprisonment with hard labor. Clark was fined \$5 for a similar offence in December last. Alice Warren, another who pleaded guilty with a police court procedure, was fined \$10 or twenty days' imprisonment in October last. The third case was that of a debutant who wore a countenance inexpressibly Hibernian, illuminated by a large, unimpaired, and innocent smile. This was given in captivated tongue and a readiness which indicated that its owner was convinced of his dereliction. When fined \$250 for five days' imprisonment, he fortuitously thanked the magistrate, while the crowd tittered. Just as he was about to leave the dock he gazed triumphantly around the court-room and remarked sotto voce that he "would pay it, yer honor." True to his word the jovial son of the old-soil paid his fine.

INTEMPERANCE.

There Are Many Forms of This Vice.

More people die from over-eating than from over-drinking. This is an age of reform. The body corporate is rapidly being purged of all forms of vice which the law sanctions. Almost every town and city in America to-day is making an effort to rid itself of one or more of the many evils which tend to the deterioration of the race.

The cigarette and cigar, with the gambling device, the sale of liquor to minors, indecent posters, and many other degrading things, are fast being pushed out of the way. And yet there is little or no movement against the almost universal vice of over-eating.

So many people are intemperate in this direction. So few parents caution their children against this vice and it is a very fatal and degrading one.

Ninety per cent of the population of Canada are to-day suffering from Dyspepsia, indigestion, or other stomach trouble. In almost every case, this is the result of indigestion eating.

However, recently a discovery has been made which bids fair to check the ravages of these complaints.

Dr. Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets are a never failing remedy, and when used as directed instantly relieve, and permanently cure the stomach.

If used in time, they will prevent the oncoming of disease, and in cases where irregularities and indigestions have already brought on Stomach Trouble, they never fail to cure.

They are 50c a box, and are for sale by all dealers.

A trial box will convince the most sceptical of their value as a digestive and curative.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Board and lodging on moderate terms, with special reduction for double-bedded rooms. Young women arriving by train and steamers will be met, if due notice is given to the Metro.

Provincial News.

GREENWOOD.

The coroner's jury brought in the following verdict on the death of H. Y. B. at Denon on Saturday evening: "We, the jury, find that deceased came to his death from a knife-stab in the heart at the hands of J. McGill Desriviers, on the evening of the 10th instant." The mother of deceased was communicated with, and the body will be shipped to Toronto for interment. Desriviers's hearing before the magistrate will take place to-morrow.

ALONAR.

Arrangements have been made by the miners' union to erect a handsome hospital here this summer. It will be modern in its design and equipment, and will cost \$5,000. Dr. Poole, of Nelson, has been engaged by the union to superintend the hospital and to look after the health of the members of the organization, and he enters upon his duties on March 1st. A building will be secured as a temporary hospital till the new one is erected. The government will be asked for a liberal donation for the new building.

SELKIRK.

Joseph H. Carter, the newly appointed district passenger agent of the C. P. R., has returned from his trip through the Boundary country. He will now be located permanently in the city. The quarterly conference of the Methodist church at its regular meeting on Thursday evening last extended a very cordial and unanimous invitation to Rev. J. H. White to return as pastor of the church for the next conference year which commences in June. Mr. White replied in feeling terms, expressing his deep sense of the kindness of the board and congregation, and his great pleasure in remaining for another year should the stationing committee so direct.

VANCOUVER.

A heavy snowstorm was followed on Sunday night by an immediate thaw, and then a sharp frost. The result was disastrous to the telephone wires, thousands of dollars' worth of damages being done to the company's wires, for the second time this season. In the C. P. R. telegraph office three switches were burnt out. A horse attached to a hack was electrocuted on Hastings street.

J. F. Gardin and Robert Macpherson were nominated yesterday as candidates for the Vancouver bye-election.

A general meeting of the Britannia Copper Company's stockholders was held yesterday, and the sale of the company's mine on Howe Sound to Moran and Bell, of London, for \$1,500,000, was reported as authorized. H. Walters, managing director, and Mr. Bascowitz, jr., were instructed to proceed to England and complete the transfer.

Spring News.

THE KENNEL.

THE MEMBERS OF THE newly organized kennel club and other canine fanciers held a meeting last evening at the office of Dr. John Duncan. The primary object of the meeting was to elect officers and to discuss the details of the club's organization. A large number of gentlemen were present, and the meeting was a most successful one. The officers elected were: President, J. W. Simpson; Vice-President, J. W. Simpson; Secretary, J. W. Simpson; Treasurer, J. W. Simpson; and Auditors, J. W. Simpson and J. W. Simpson.

BILLIARDS.

ANOTHER TOURNAMENT.

Another tournament will take place in the Vernon billiard room, which has recently been the scene of several excellent contests between experts. The entries for the forthcoming tourney will be open until Saturday night.

THE HUNT CLUB.

THE SPRING MEETING.

A meeting of the Victoria Hunt Club was held yesterday, when it was decided to hold the spring race meeting at Colwood on Easter Monday, April 23rd. A programme of five events was determined upon.

THE EARL OF HOPETOUN.

Lord Hopetoun, the first Governor-General of the Australian Commonwealth, is an aristocrat of aristocrats, whose family arc goes back to the reign of James V. of Scotland, but he has all the good qualities of an aristocrat and none of the meaner ones. He is a peer of the realm with a net-rol of 200,000 a year, but he has no more of a conceit than his handshakes with the printer's messenger who, while waiting for "copy" at a state function in Australia, went up to him and proffered a friendly hand. And when, regretting that the Queen's bounty did not extend beyond Great Britain, he sent a cheque for £3 million to the happy "Gumbel" father of triplets, Lord Hopetoun once again stamped himself as exactly the type of man a British Colony likes.

A HONOLULU DISPATCH SAYS.

A Honolulu dispatch says: Edwin S. Gill, editor of the Republican, shot and seriously wounded Mortimer H. Stevens, a member of the staff of the Advertiser, in the evening of the 6th. The shooting followed a controversy about an article Gill had published concerning some young ladies who were stopping at the Hawaiian hotel.

The Russian bark Hoppet has been towed into Grimsby with her bows seriously damaged by a collision on the night of February 15th with the steamer Homer, from Libau. The Homer disappeared after the collision, and it is believed she foundered with all on board.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

22 HAW STREET.

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Seal Coffee

(1 lb. and 2 lb. cans.)

is selected from the very highest grades grown. It is HIGH GRADE PURITY—its fragrance proclaims its excellence.

ALL GOOD GROCERS.

CHASE & SANBORN, MONTREAL AND BOSTON.

A WAR STORY.

Many of the officers have returned from South Africa, writes the London correspondent of the New York Tribune, and there is no lack of war stories in clubs and in town and country houses. The colonel of the West Surrey has returned with a full badge of incidents of the Natal campaign. His battalion suffered heavily in killed and wounded, but had the distinction of never reporting a missing man, no member of the regiment having been taken prisoner.

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RECRUITING SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE.

Recruiting for South Africa Police will commence at Drill Hall, Victoria, B. C., on Thursday, 21st February, at 10 a. m. H. B. BURSTALL, Capt., Recruiting Officer.

VICTORIA UNDERTAKING PARLORS.

A meeting of members of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held at the City Hall on Tuesday, February 26, 1901, for the purpose of electing a permanent secretary, and such other business as may be considered necessary.

FOR SALE—LAND AT ALBERNI.

Under power of sale in mortgage given by Maria Kitchin, wife of Thomas Kitchin, real estate agent of Nanaimo and Lady Smith, the property 814 acres of lot 128, Alberni District.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that from and after the 1st day of May next the provisions of the "Milk Vendors By-Law" will be enforced, and all persons interested are hereby requested to govern themselves accordingly.

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Moving to The North
Lord Kitchener Tells of the Movements of Dewet in Cape Colony.
Is Now West of Hopetown—British Ready for Move to Southwest.

(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 19.—Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the British in South Africa, telegraphing from Pretoria to the war office, dated February 18th, says:
"Dewet is reported still moving north and is now west of Hopetown. He will probably double back to the southwest. The troops are prepared for this."
"A train was derailed between Ysering and Johannesburg this morning. But the Boers were driven off before they secured much."
Consul Hay Returns.
New York, Feb. 19.—Consul Adolphe Hay is receiving warm welcome from his friends in London, says the Tribune correspondent. He is modest and retiring and talks like an honest neutral who has done his work with strict impartiality. He distributed fourteen thousand letters among the British prisoners, and arranged money remittances for them, yet commanded the respect of Kruger, Reitz and the Boer officials, and when he left Pretoria received the honor of a farewell dinner from a dozen burghers.
Cost of Recruiting.
Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Hon. Mr. Borden says all expenses for recruiting in Canada in connection with Baden Powell's police for South Africa will be defrayed by the Imperial authorities.

QUEBEC'S PROSPERITY.
Public Accounts for Province Show a Surplus of Eighteen Thousand Dollars.
(Associated Press.)
Quebec, Feb. 19.—The public accounts for the province of Quebec, laid before the legislature last night, show a surplus of \$18,000.
Narrow Escape.
Brockville, Ont., Feb. 19.—County Clerk Richardson and family were nearly asphyxiated by coal gas from stoves on Sunday night.
Exhibition Profits.
Toronto, Feb. 19.—The directors of the industrial exhibition report a cash profit of last year's exhibition of \$2,573.94.
Against Trading Stamps.
Toronto Retail Merchants' Association last night unanimously decided to press for legislation at the present session of the Dominion parliament to prohibit trading stamps and all other similar devices.
Crow's Nest Coal Company.
The directors of the Crow's Nest Coal Co. at a meeting yesterday decided to begin to pay the dividends on April 12th. A quarterly dividend of 2% will be paid on that day.

Suspected Smuggler.
Ipswich, Ont., Feb. 19.—A case of smallpox is suspected here and a close watch is being kept on the victim by the authorities.
"REVOLT OF THE TORIES."
(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 19.—"The revolt of the Tories," as the Daily Graphic calls it, is believed to have been more serious even than was revealed by the figures of the division. Several Conservatives asserted afterwards that they were sorely tempted to vote against the government, but held back owing to feelings of loyalty to the ministry.
The same spirit actuates the editorials in the government papers this morning in defending the cabinet. The Liberal journals, however, are pointing out the inconsistency of the government and do not conceal the fact that sentiment against the present course of the cabinet in the cabinet had much to do with it.

Seeking a Subsidy

For Railway From the St. Lawrence to Port Simpson, on the Pacific.

A. K. Stewart, Greenwood, Will Have Charge of Mineral Exhibit at Glasgow.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 19.—A deputation from Quebec asked Premier Laurier to-day for \$3,400 a mile of a subsidy for a railway from Chicoutimi, on the St. Lawrence, to Port Simpson, on the Pacific ocean; also to aid a test of winter navigation on the St. Lawrence. The Premier asked more information regarding the latter, and promised to submit the former to his colleagues.
Mineral Exhibit at Glasgow.
A. K. Stewart, Greenwood, will be appointed in charge of the mineral exhibit at Glasgow. W. D. Scott, commissioner, leaves here on Friday for Glasgow.
Liberals in Senate.
The death of Senator Almon, of Halifax, reduces the Conservatives in the Senate to 47, and when the vacancy here is filled will make 34 Liberals.

BELETED MONEY HERE.

Amount Subscribed By Citizens For Victoria Members of First Contingent Received By Lieut-Col. Gregory To-Day.

Lieut.-Col. Gregory, of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., has received the money subscribed by the citizens of Victoria for the incidental use of the Victoria members of the first Royal Canadian contingent in South Africa. The money was subscribed just before the departure of the immortal quota, and was entrusted to Capt. Blanchard. That officer, upon his arrival at Capetown, deposited the amount in the bank there.
The colonel received the original bill of exchange from the D. O. C., it having come from Capetown by way of Ottawa. The arrival of this money dispels of no little concern manifested for some time past owing to lack of definite information regarding its disposition.
As well be remembered \$25 was distributed to each man before leaving Canada, and the remainder, amounting to \$90 per man, was given in Captain Blanchard's charge. The latter, as before mentioned, discreetly deposited it in a safe-keeping at Capetown. As the money was just received shortly before going to press, Col. Gregory had no time to institute the necessary arrangements in regard to its distribution.
IMPORTANT CONCLUSION.
Arrangements Made for Free Admittance of British Columbians into American Colleges.

As a result of J. R. Anderson's visit to the meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association at Portland, and more particularly to the different state colleges at Moscow, Idaho, Pullman, Washington, and Corvallis, Oregon, arrangements have been made whereby students from British Columbia can enter any of these institutions free of charge.
Mr. Anderson, who is superintendent of the farmers' institutes in this province, arrived here from his most important tour last night, and says that he has received the promise that whenever practical, professors from any of the colleges will, when desired, attend meetings of these institutes. It was also arranged for the exchange of publications and for the supply of the same at cost. The colleges give a thorough schooling in mechanical engineering, civil engineering, horticulture, agriculture and domestic science, and the advantage to British Columbians of being thus in touch with such institutions can hardly be overestimated.
Mr. Anderson speaks in eulogistic terms of the Oregon Railway and Transportation Company, which provide special lectures on agricultural subjects at Institute meetings, and otherwise pursue a most enlightened policy.

THE CIVIL LIST.

Conference Between Imperial Cabinet and Leader of the Opposition.
(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 19.—The members of the cabinet and leader of the opposition met at the foreign office this afternoon to discuss the question of the civil list. Lord Salisbury being desirous of communicating the government's proposals to Lord Kimberley, Liberal leader in the House of Lords, and to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Liberal leader in the House of Commons, and other Liberals, so that when the question shall be introduced the debate will not be unduly prolonged. Another joint meeting will, he held to further consider the matter.

NANAIMO NOTES.

Will Be Discussed at Cabinet Meeting on Friday.
(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 19.—Ambassador Choate saw the secretary of state for foreign affairs, the Marquis of Lansdowne, this afternoon on the subject of the Chinese question and the Nicaraguan canal matter. Mr. Choate was informed that both these affairs would be finally discussed at a cabinet meeting to be held on February 22nd, and Lord Lansdowne expects to be able to communicate to Mr. Choate something definite immediately after the meeting.
COLLISION UNDERGROUND.
Several Persons Injured in Accident in London.
(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 19.—A dense fog enveloped London this morning, impeding all traffic and caused a number of accidents, the most serious of which was a rear-end collision in the underground railway. Half a dozen people received injuries which necessitated their removal to the hospital.

NO PAIRING.

London, Feb. 19.—At a meeting of the Lib members of the House of Commons it was decided to pair members of the party hereafter to fight with either Liberals or Conservatives.

TWO BODIES RECOVERED TO-DAY

(Continued from page 1.)

still existed for the men below. We turned on heavy streams of water in No. 5 shaft, and No. 5 fan, with the hope of forcing the air from No. 5 to No. 6, expecting to be able to follow the air shaft, if possible, a rescue of the men. Owing to the presence of a large quantity of gas in the mine from the fire in No. 6 we were unable, however, to restore the ventilation.

Surgeon's Story.

The resident surgeon, C. A. Staples, M.D., says:
"I was sitting in my office in the surgery when an explosion occurred in No. 6, but a short distance away. I immediately went to the scene of the explosion, realizing that it would be impossible for the men to get out of No. 6; and hoping that some might get through to No. 5. I started at once for No. 5 shaft. I met Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Walker, the latter of whom returned to No. 5, where an attempt was made to get through to No. 6. Mr. Walker leading a party, which was composed of Jim McNeil, Virgin Topella and myself. We went to the shaft, and on approaching the fourth door from the foot of the shaft, No. 6, we met James Strange, fire boss for that section, who had been around the workings telling the men to leave at once. Mr. Strange came with us, and we proceeded towards No. 6. We had gone but a short distance further when the air ceased to welling, and we met the after-damp. The air suddenly turned and travelled with great velocity towards No. 5, carrying with it the after-damp from the explosion at No. 6. We returned at once to the foot of the shaft."
"A second attempt was soon made, but the party was met by the after-damp a short distance from the foot of the shaft. The mine rapidly filled, so that it was impossible for any work to be done, and we had to return. We had to travel very fast to avoid being overcome by the after-damp in leaving the shaft. Some of our safety-lamps were extinguished by the after-damp, leaving us poorly equipped with light, and one way back through the dark workings."

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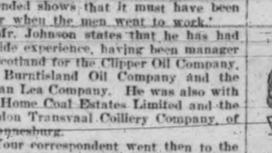
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