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SUDDEN DEATH OF HON. R. PREFONTAINE

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries Passed Away in Paris on Sunday Evening.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—A Canadian Association Press dispatch from London, dated December 25th, says:

"Private advices from Paris say that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine died suddenly at 9 o'clock last night.

"After transacting some important government business here he went to Paris a couple of weeks ago in company with Hon. Rodolph Lemeux, solicitor-general for Canada. The cause of death was angina pectoris."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier received to-day a telegram of condolence with the relatives and friends of the late Minister Prefontaine from Premier Rouvier of France.

Colonel Cordeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, also received a cable from Private Secretary Clement, who was with Mr. Prefontaine. It says:

"The minister died this evening most suddenly. I will leave with the body by the next steamer."

Mr. Joseph Raymond Fournier Prefontaine, K. C., was the son of Toussant Prefontaine. He was born at Longueuil, Que., on September 16th, 1850. Educated by private tuition and at St. Mary's College, Montreal, he later graduated with the degree of B. C. L., from McGill University. He was called to the bar in 1873, and was made a Q. C. in 1893. He became a member of the firm of Prefontaine, Archer & Jerron. He was elected to the city council of Montreal in 1879. In 1898 he was elected mayor by acclamation, and re-elected again in 1900. He was an officer and director of several trading and commercial companies. From 1875 to 1881 he represent Chambly in the Quebec legislature. In 1886 he was elected to the House of Commons for Chambly and re-elected succively at the general elections in 1887 and 1891.

THE LATE HON. R PREFONTAINE

In 1896 he was re-elected for the new constituency of Maisonneuve. In 1900 he was elected in two constituencies—Maisonneuve and Terrebonne. On November 11th, 1902, he was sworn in a privy councillor, and appointed minister of marine and fisheries. On December 9th, 1903, he was re-elected for Maisonneuve, being representative of that constituency at the time of his death.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine was married in June 1876 to Hermantine, daughter of the late Hon. J. B. Rolland Senator.

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SWEPT ASHORE BY BIG WIND STORM

THE DULWICH'S CABLE PARTED LAST NIGHT

Vessel Touched Ground in Esquimalt Harbor, But Floated This Morning—Velocity of Gale.

The fine big tramp steamship Dulwich, which, like many of the line owned by Watt& Company, of London, England, was engaged during the Russian-Japanese war on the Asiatic coast, came near piling up on the rocks in Esquimalt harbor in the storm of last night. As it was the vessel struck and had it not been for the able services of John Day, of the Esquimalt hotel, and the gallant seamanship of the captain and crew, would have been fast at this time.

Capt. Dudley, of the Dulwich, tells the story of the ship's misadventure as follows:

About 9 o'clock last night the steamer's cable parted. The officer in charge let go the port anchor, but this did not hold, and in the high wind the ship drifted. By careful manoeuvring the vessel managed to drift clear of the sailing ship Ditton, finally taking ground opposite the dry dock.

"At the time I was ashore, and being anxious to get aboard Mr. Day agreed to place me aboard. For the gallant services he rendered I wish to express my best appreciation. In the teeth of the gale and at great risk to himself and to his launch he dashed into the boiling surf around the bow of the steamer. I think there must have been a deal of the dare devil spirit in him. He said he would reach the steamer or loose his launch in the attempt. I did not think he could. If we had hit the rocks which appeared all about us we would never have escaped. Into the worst of the water Mr. Day directed his little launch. With one great wave we were carried safely to the lee of the vessel, where I was able to get aboard. Then the launch secured timbers to place between the steamer and the shore to prevent her from getting on the rocks as the tide rose. She carried out moorings to our steamer and in other ways performed good service.

"The Dulwich was floated at 3 a.m. She was then taken back to the naval buoy at which she had been moored when the storm arose."

The Dulwich is a vessel of 2,115 tons net. Capt. Dudley says that there is no damage traceable at present, but divers will make a report of the condition of the hull to-morrow. He says that offers of assistance were made by the navy and by the B. C. Salvage Company, but this was fortuantely not required.

The accident is the most serious that has been reported as a result of the big blow last night. The storm arose at ten minutes to eight, and from that time to 11.30 o'clock the wind blew at a velocity of 48 and 50 miles an hour. From 11.30 to midnight, the velocity increased to 56 miles an hour. It is impossible at present writing to state the effect of the storm elsewhere than in the city, the wires on the Island having been down until late in the day. Shipping felt the storm severely. The steamer Charmer had to anchor in the lee of James Island for the greater part of the night, while other vessels remained in shelter, not venturing out until this morning.

TWO FIRES.

Large Portion of Tipton, Oregon, Destroyed—Blaze at Little Rock, Ark.

(Associated Press.)

Sumpter, Ore., Dec. 26.—Fire last night destroyed a large portion of the little town of Tipton, 31 miles south of Sumpter. A high wind accompanied by heavy snowfall is raging, and nearly all the people of Tipton are homeless. There was little or no insurance, no fire department and little water. The loss is not known here.

Fire at Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.—With the exception of two small structures, every building in the block bounded by Second, Third and Louisiana streets were burned early to-day. The heaviest loser is Frank Roesch, whose four story carriage warehouse was burned to the ground, causing a loss of about $50,000. The burned district also included the livery stable of C. L. Kraft, the Jewish synagogue, the Merchants' stable, six cottages and a number of small brick buildings.

MODJESKA WILL AGAIN COME HERE

FAMOUS ACTRESS ON HER FAREWELL TOUR

Will Give Performance in Victoria Theatre on January 6th of Shakespearean Play.

The great Modjeska will again visit Victoria before very long. There is little doubt that the approaching appearance of one of the brightest stars in the dramatic firmament will be the last in this city, for the sands of her professional life are fast running out. Her tour is under the general management of Jules Murray of New York, but James W. Morrissey, for many years manager of the celebrated Madison Square Gardens in the Atlantic metropolis, will officiate as business manager.

Mr. Morrissey, who arrived in the city, yesterday called at the Times office to-day with the announcement of the great artist's inclusion of Victoria in her itinerary. He said she would visit forty-five cities in the States and Canada, this city and Vancouver being the only two in which she would appear in this province. Patrons of the local playhouse well recall that Modjeska has given performances in Victoria on several occasions her last appearance being in the great Schiller drama, "Mary Stuart." At that time she was supported by a company which included R. D. McLean and Odette Tyler. She will present the Shakespearean play "Much Ado About Nothing," at the Victoria on January 6th.

The retirement from the stage of Mme. Helena Modjeska comes at a time when she can ill be spared. So far as the theatrical eye can see, there is no one to take her place, even approximately. Her position in the professional life of America and Europe has been unique. Although not born here, and on her first visits not speaking the English language fluently, she finally overcome all the difficulties of the tongue, and by force of her personality and her art, came to be recognized as one of the most distinctively American of actresses. She is never thought of as a foreigner, as indeed she is not at heart, having lived in this country so long, and being, one might say, almost part and parcel of local theatrical institutions.

It is not strange, therefore, that the regret over her decision to go into private life is universal and deep. It is for this reason that all cities in which she is appearing on this farewell tour are doing their utmost to make her appearances take the form of testimonials, in which the people whom she has charmed so often by her acting can express their appreciation of the task and bid her godspeed in her new departure. The play she will present here will be Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." Superb in every role she ever undertook, it is as "Beatrice" in this play that she has won her greatest triumphs. Therefore, it was fitting that she should select it in which to appear before her friends throughout the country for the last time. It does not matter a great deal which play is chosen for presentation here. Modjeska is superb in each. Moreover, in this instance, the woman is as much the thing as the play. It is Modjeska the people will go to see this time rather than the great works of Shakespeare and Schiller. The sale of seats will shortly be announced.

DIED OF PNEUMONIA.

(Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 26.—Louis N. Megarge, a well-known newspaper man and writer, died to-day at his home in Norberth, near here, of pneumonia. He was 50 years of age. Mr. Megarge was for some time New York correspondent for a number of Philadelphia newspapers.

Donald McMaster, a well-known Montreal lawyer, now practicing in London, has been nominated by the Conservatives of Leigh district, Lancashire for the Imperial Commons.

MOUNTAIN SIDE SINKS INTO LAKE

IMMENSE SLIDE ON A NORTHERN ISLAND

Disturbance Believed to be Due to Volcanic Action—Occured Early in December.

Princess Royal Island, according to reports brought by the steamer Tees, has experienced a volcanic disturbance. There was on December 2nd an immense land slide on the shores of Surf Inlet lake, the side of Mount Peno falling into the lake and raising the lake level permanently.

According to the report the slide was preceded by what was regarded as having been a volcanic action of some kind. Mount Peno, named after a Frenchman of that name, rose from the lake shore almost perpendicularly. The mountain is several thousand feet in height.

The face of the mountain was carried down into the lake, causing a great commotion. Manager Tweedie, of the Surf Island mines, together with a party from the works, happened to be crossing the lake in a steam launch at the time. They were coming out to meet the Tees and were within view of the steamer when the slide took place.

Waves resembling those of the ocean were thrown up, and the disturbance was such as to completely shut out from view the Tees. Mr. Tweedie and his party had difficulty in saving their lives. The water in the lake was raised 12 feet in height. Since that time the waters have subsided, leaving the lake level only five inches above what it was formerly.

The Surf Inlet mines are about 15 miles from the scene of the slide. The waves resulting from the disturbance did not do any very great damage to property, as but few are living along its shores. A wharf at one point was carried away. Trees were carried down with the slide, and in many instances buried beneath the debris. As the latter subsides tree tops have been appearing at various points on the lake.

Those who were living near the lake attribute it to volcanic action, maintaining that a shock was felt before the slide occurred.

Mr. Tweedie, of the Surf Inlet mines, came to Vancouver by the Tees.

FIGHT WITH SIX CHICAGO BANDITS

WHO TRIED TO ROB STREET CAR PASSENGERS

Police Arrived Before Robbers Completed Their Work and Five of Them Were Captured.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—On a crowded Ashland avenue electric car at 36th street last night, six armed men fired a score of shots through the windows and roof, and were engaged in robbing the passengers, including several women and children, when the trolley pole was removed from the wire by the conductor, and the bandits were left struggling in the darkness. While the male passengers and the car crew were battling with the thieves a wagon load of policemen arrived, and five of the robbers were captured.

Two men boarded the front platform of the car at 36th street, and holding revolvers at the head of the motorman James Callaghan forced him to stop the car. Four accomplices then got on the rear platform, and while one of them covered James Link, the conductor, with his weapon, three entered the car.

"Everybody hold up your hands. We want your money, and will shoot the first man who tries to stop us," said the leader of the band. Evidently hoping thoroughly to frighten their intended victims before risking the wholesale robbery, the trio fired repeatedly through the windows and the roof. A passenger who escaped from the car informed the police, who came in a patrol wagon, entered the car and drove the robbers from it at the points of their revolvers.

The bandits exchanged shots with the police, but were overpowered.

THREATENED WITH DEATH.

Wealthy Man of Syracuse Received Letters From Members of "The Black-Hand."

(Associated Press.)

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Charles M. Crouse, one of the wealthy men of Syracuse, has received two strange letters from some person, who pretends to be a member of "the black-hand," threatening to blow up his house if he did not place $2,400 in cash in a cigar box on the curb in front of his residence to be called for in the night. The letters have been turned over to the police. The second letter said that dynamite would be used in case Mr. Crouse refused.

PREPARING FOR STRUGGLE.

Fight Over Closed Shops and Nine-Hour Day Expected to Begin Next Week.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 26.—Final efforts will be made this week by the typothetae and typographical union in the fight over closed shops and the nine-hour wroking day in all book and job offices which is expected to begin on January 1st.

A representative of the union said: "The only demand we make is an eight-hour work day, the nine-hour rule having prevailed up to the present. The employers have refused the eight-hour demand and will try to introduce the open shop. The fight will be a bitter one. We are not afraid of the result. We have more than $100,000 available now and can raise $500,000 if necessary."

The Periodical Publishers Association has decided to stand by the typothetae, and members of this association which have their own printing plants will refuse the demand. In a statement on the preparations for the coming trouble, Wm. Green, president of the New York typothetae, says that its members are prepared to install competent non-union men and other machine printers in the composing rooms.

STRONG FEELING FOR WESTERN MAN

TO FILL VACANCY IN THE FEDERAL CABINET

Quebec Province Now Has One More Portfolio Than Usual—Speculation Regarding the Position.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Solicitor-General Lemioux is mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the death of Mr. Prefontaine, but Quebec has a portfolio more than the usual number at present, and there is a strong feeling here that the position should go to a western man.

When Hon. David Mills retired from the cabinet the portfolio of justice was given to Quebec, making an additional department to that province. The solicitor-general's position was also retained.

If the West does not get increased representation now there will be some dissatisfaction from that growing country.

The New Zealand Line.

The contract for the New Zealand steamship line will likely be signedtoday. Canada will make a fine exhibit at Milan, Italy.

FROM THE NATION.

Proposal to Open Subscription Lists For Purpose of Giving Miss Roosevelt a Wedding Gift.

(Associated Press.)

Baker City, Ore., Dec. 26.—A move to create by popular subscription a wedding present for Miss Alice Roosevelt, who is to be married to Congressman Nicholas Longworth in February, has been started by citizens of the eastern part of Oregon. It is the plan of the originators to have subscription lists in each state of the Union, the money subscribed to be transmitted to the secretary of the treasury at Washington. The subscriptions will close February 8th so as to enable the present, which it is believed will be about $800,000, to be turned over to Miss Roosevelt on the wedding day. The subscriptions will be limited to ten cents.

PURSUED THE PRESIDENT.

Troops Sent After Gen. Morales to Take Him Back to San Domingo.

(Associated Press.)

San Domingo, Santo Domingo, Dec. 25.—Following the announcement today that the president of the republic, Gen. Cories F. Morales, had left the capital for an unknown destination, troops were sent in pursuit of him.

What took place after that cannot be definitely determined, but it is known that a fight took place about ten miles from here, and it is supposed that Gen. Pimentel, the rebel commander, was attacked by the government troops.

STILL ALIVE.

Cowboy Miner Shot in Death Valley but Not Seriously Hurt.

(Associated Press.)

Los Angels, Cala., Dec. 26.—A letter from Walter Scott, the cowboy miner, who was reported murdered in Death Valley some days ago, was received by a friend in this city yesterday stating that he had been shot but was not seriously hurt.

A South Tacoma street car jumped the track on the curve at Thirty-Eighth street, Tacoma, Saturday, and struck a man who was waiting to board the car. The man was ground to pieces under the wheels. At first it was thought that a dog had been killed, but finally a pair of boots, a lunch box and a five-cent piece were found. The car ploughed into the ground a foot deep and the skull and bones of the unfortunate victim were reduced to bits. Later the victim was identified as E. Amiot, of South Tacoma.

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS DAY

VICTORIANS ENJOY HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES

Special Services at Local Churches on Sunday—Daughters of Pity at Jubilee Hospital.

Christmas, 1905, is a thing of the past, but it will long remain a pleasant memory in the minds of most Victorians, especially the juveniles to whom the innocent Santa Claus illusion is still a joyous reality. The rain, for the meterological conditions were not of the best, did not interfere with the general enjoyment. With almost all families it was observed as an occasion sacred to the ties which bind parents and children, nephews and nieces, and relatives, even if the duties of their daily routine necessitated their residence at points some distances away, all made a special effort to return in time to spend the day within the home circle. The exchange of the "compliments of the season," the expressions of good will embodied in the numerous gifts which changed hands, and the good cheer which was everywhere liberally dispensed were the features which made the holiday what it always has been—an occasion of unalloyed delight to the children and of happiness to the older folk.

On Saturday and Sunday the passenger accommodation of the steamer Princess Victoria was taxed to its utmost. It is estimated that on these two trips alone as many as five hundred Victorians, the majority of them young men employed in the Terminal City and interior points, came down to spend the holiday among their relatives and friends here. Then there were large numbers of visitors as is shown by the registers of the different hotels, in fact the latter were crowded and still had difficulty in finding rooms for the large number of guests. Special arrangements had been made by the majority of the proprietors for the entertainment of the latter. At the Driard hotel the dinner menu was a most elaborate affair, not only in its general make up, but in regard to the quality and quantity of the delicacies provided. It was in the form of a large beribbed card upon the front of which was a pretty and appropriate design showing the holly with its red berries and an immense turkey, posing quite proudly. The dinner itself embraced a large variety among which was the exceedingly novel dish, for this part of America, of "Tennesee Possum With Sweet Taters." Those who have lived in the south and know what a delicacy the possum is there considered will better understand Manager Harrison's enterprise. Nor where any of the other local hotels behind in providing a suitable celebration. The treatment accorded those who stayed at the Dominion by Mine Host Jones may be judged by the following outburst on the part of one of the recipients of his hospitality:

At the Dominion hotel,
I know full well,
There's a welcome waiting for all
And, though far you may roam,
You will be right at home
The moment you enter the hall.

There has been some dissatisfaction caused as a result of the failure of the steamer Princess Victoria to discharge passengers at the inner wharf as usual on Sunday evening. A large number of Victorians had gathered at the waiting rooms of the C. P. R. in order to meet friends expected from the Mainland. Many of them waited for hours in the firm belief that the vessel would come in, although it was announced at about 6 o'clock that she had stopped at the outer wharf to discharge some cargo and passengers bound for San Francisco. Shortly after that hour information was to the effect that all arrivals had landed at the outer docks. Thus those who had been patiently waiting were disappointed, and the majority were very bitter in their criticisms of a system which permitted such a misunderstanding. Immediately hotel, busses, hacks, express waggons, etc., made a wild dash for the boat, but they reached there too late. Most of the passengers were on their way to town by the cars or by foot, while a number, strangers to the city, stood about bewildered in the confusion and utterly unable to decide what best to do under the circumstances.

A Times representative this morning brought the matter to the attention of Capt. Troup, the local superintendent of the C. P. R. He explained that there were two reasons why the steamer Princess Victoria did not come in as usual. In the first place there were a number of passengers for Frisco and, secondly, owing to the extreme lowness of the tide, it would have been dangerous for her to make the attempt. Capt. Troup pointed out that the channel which is now being dredged is not yet complete and that, until the work is finished, it would be impossible for the vessel to come in when the tides were as low as has been the case during the past week. "It is just as inconvenient to us as to the general public," he remarked, "because we certainly wish to make continual use of the new wharf now that it is constructed." He added in corroboration of his statement anent the tides that the steamer Princess Beatrice had to leave for Seattle on Sunday night from the outer wharf, while on the previous evening she had to delay her depasture two hours in order to wait for a rise in the water.

Special Christmas services were held at practically all the local churches on Sunday. The Metropolitan Methodist church was beautifully decorated. Over the organ was a large inscription, "Glory to God in the Highest," worked in holly and evergreen under the supervision of Mrs. E. H. Anderson. Through the efforts of an energetic committee of ladies the pulpit and auditorium generally were splendidly adorned, a representation of the "Star of Bethlehem" occupying a prominent place. Large congregations gathered to hear Rev. G. K. B. Adams, the pastor, both in the morning and evning. His subjects were "Kindliness, the Meaning and Results of the Coming of Christmas," and "Christmas Tidings of Great Joy," respectively. Yesterday morning special services were held at the same church, the discourse being on "The Bowing of Every Knee." A musical programme, appropriate to the occasion, was provided by the choir. At St. Andrew's church, which was beautifully and suitably decorated, Rev. W. Leslie Clay spoke on "The Incarnation, the Foundation Post of Christmas," in the morning, and on "Christmas Joy" in the evening. There were also special services at Christ Church cathedral and other churches, while a mass was conducted at the Roman Catholic cathedral.

As mentioned in these columns on Saturday, the Daughters of Pity had arranged for the entertainment of the patients unfortunate enough to be confined to the hospital at this season of the year. An excellent musical programme, Christmas trees, one for each ward, and another for the Isolation hospital, and other attractions, made the day a pleasant one to all the inmates. Prof. Longheld acted as accompanist and the ladies desire to thank him especially, not only for his services in connection with yesterday's function, but for his assistance tendered gratuitously and faithfully throughout the year. At the Protestant Orphans' Home, the Homes for the Aged and Infirm and the jails happiness prevailed as a result of the endeavors of the different local charitable organizations.

Never before in the history of Victoria have the local postal officials been kept so busy as has been the case this year. Yesterday two or three express wagon loads of mail were delivered in addition to that taken out by the regular carriers in the ordinary manner. Up to the present the English Christmas mail, due two days ago, has not arrived. No definite information has been received as to the cause of the delay. It is believed, however, that the mail will reach here to-night, in which case every effort will be made to expedite its distribution.

St. Paul's Sabbath school had their annual Christmas entertainment in Semple's hall on Friday evening. Supper was served to the children at 5.30, followed by two hours' play. At 8 o'clock parents and children were treated to a most interesting and instructive talk by Mr. O. C. Hoskings, illustrated by about 150 stereopticon views connected with the early history of Victoria and scenes on ice and land at St. Michaels, Nome and other Alaskan points. Hearty thanks were given to Mr. Hoskings for an entertainment interesting and instructive.

The present week is expected to be prolific of Sunday school entertainments. To-morrow evening the children of St. Andrew's cathedral will be the guests of their teachers in the school room. About 3 o'clock a light luncheon will be served for members of the lower classes, while the higher classes will dine at 6.30 o'clock. The latter spread will be followed by a musical programme. At the Congregational church to-morrow tea will be served to all members of the Sunday school from 6 to 8 o'clock, to be followed by a miscellaneous programme to which the parents and friends of the school are invited. The programme will include a chorus by the whole school; songs and recitations. "The Fairy Song," and recitations by the younger members of the school will be notable features.

The annual Christmas tree of the Protestant Orphanage will be held at the home on Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to be present, and it is hoped they will contribute to the pleasure of the little ones not only by their presence but also by donations, which will unquestionably be highly appreciated.

Altogether the holiday festivities may be expected to continue into the New Year and, from present indications, they will go down into history as one of the pleasantest in the annals of Victoria.

ANCIENT QUESTION AGAIN TO THE FORE

Indian Reserve Problem to be Brought to Attention of Council This Evening.

The Songhees reservation question which has been sleeping peacefully for some time, is again on the road to publicity. Ald. Hanna intends to bring it before the city council this evening in a resolution of which he has given notice. The motion reads as follows:

That the attention of the provincial government be drawn to the position taken by the council of 1902, in regard to the question of the settlement of the Songhees Indian reserve, as contained in a report of the standing committee on the acquisition of the Indian reserve dated 6th October, 1902, and to the fact that this council endorses that position and trusts that in the settlement of this question the provincial government will give due weight and consideration to the representations therein contained, in order that the city's interests may be safeguarded in the said settlement, and that a copy of the said report be forwarded to the provincial government for their information.

The same city father will move for the reinstatement on the police force, on half pay of Constable Ed. Carter, in view of the faithfulness with which he has served as a member of the department for a quarter of a century.

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STRIKE TURNED INTO REBELLION

MOSCOW SCENE OF FURTHER BLOODSHED

Revolutionary Leaders Admit Attitude of the Russian Army Will Decide the Issue.

Moscow, Dec. 23.—(Midnight.)—The situation hourly is growing worse. The insurgents hold several quarters of the city and fighting continues desperately. Two large arms stores have been pillaged and the weapons distributed among the men who have erected barricades along the Sadova, which encircles the city.

The military has succeeded in isolating various sections, preventing communication. From the heights, colored signal rackets are showing instructions to the isolated commanders.

The searchlights on the Soukaroff and other towers illuminate the streets where the fighting is proceding. The roar of cannon continues. Machine guns are being employed to clear the Sadova.

It is impossible to estimate the dead and wounded, but they will probably run into the thousands.

In a square in the heart of the city, the insurgents are making a desperate fight from houses, using an English machine gun from the windows against a battery which is cannonading them.

The Plan Failed.

Moscow, Dec. 24, 2 a.m.—The plan of the armed rising of the proletariat was to seize the St. Petersburg station at dawn on Saturday, take possession of the Duma building, capture the State bank and proclaim a provisional government. The workmen had the task of taking the station, the object of which was to prevent communication and the dispatch of troops from St. Petersburg. The student revolutionary organizations were to have captured the Duma building and the bank.

Governor-General Doubassoff learned of the scheme at a conference at the palace on Friday night and decided to put it down ruthlessly. He also accepted the offer of the notorious reactionary, Prince Tcherbatoff, to organize a militia composed of loyalists. The attack on the station at dawn, failed.

Government Confident.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24, 8.30 p.m.—With Moscow's baptism of blood the revolutionaries made good their threat to transform the strike into armed rebellion, and the next forty-eight hours should determine whether they can marshal sufficient strength to plunge the country into an active state of civil war and seriously threaten the immediate downfall of the government.

The government professes confidence that the whole attempt will fail owing to the insufficiency of arms in possession of the proletariat and by reason of the loyalty of the army as a whole, but its calculations might again be rudely upset. A few arsenals might be seized to furnish arms, or the open support of a few regiments might start a landslide in the army. Certainly the shrewdest of the revolutionary leaders fully appreciate that the issue must be decided by the

Attitude of the Army,

which has yet to cast the die. Instructions have gone forth that risings must occur everywhere in order to test the troops; and if a foothold can be secured, it is the intention of the revolutionaries to set up a provisional government and proclaim a republic.

Thus far reports from Moscow do not clear up the vital point as to whether any of the troops there actually refused to obey commands, although there are persistent rumors that they did. Revolutionary leaders here claim to have confirmation of a report that a grenadier brigade and some Cossacks mutinied and are now locked up in their barracks.

While the military succeeded everywhere in driving the insurgents from their barracks in Moscow Saturday night, the defeat was evidently not a decisive one, as barricades were again thrown up in dozens of places this morning and fighting resumed before 11 o'clock.

The Associated Press understands that orders have been issued for an uprising here, but the government's measures seemingly

Render This Impossible.

No meetings, public or private, are allowed, which makes an assembly of more than five persons in a private lodging illegal.

The prisons and jails are filled with revolutionary leaders and agitators. Two coaches of arms have been seized and an entire organization consisting of 300 "crupina," as the student militia is called, has been captured.

Rumors were purposely circulated that a conflict would be inaugurated at a demonstration of workmen in the Nevsky prospect this afternoon, but they proved to be unfounded. It was a bright, crisp winter day, and smart sleighs and equipages of the aristocracy, with their occupants cloaked in sables and other rich furs, were out in force. Only the sullen faces of the crowds of strikers on the sidewalks and the heavy horse and foot patrols on every block looked ominous.

If the plans of the revolutionaries to produce an uprising in St. Petersburg fail, as it is believed they will, an attempt certainly will be made to terrorize the government by guerilla warfare, in which bombs will play the chief role. The government having embarked on a war against the "reds," it is difficult to see how it can draw back one step.

The acceptance by Governor-General Dubassoff of Moscow of the offer of the notorious reactionary, Prince Tcherbatoff, to organize the "loyalists" as a militia, has created a shudder of horror.

The Moscow Fight.

London, Dec. 25.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent, describing the fighting at Moscow, says:

"The first shots were fired by the revolutionaries on the troops outside Fidler's school, which was surrounded. The revolutionaries were given one hour in which to surrender. Fifty-five minutes had passed and the commanders of the troops were about to give the order to fire when a volley came from the house. Several soldiers were killed or wounded. The troops immediately replied. Soon a white handkerchief was waved from a window. The troops entered, but they were

Met With Rifle Fire

and they retired and again bombarded the house. Shortly afterwards a white flag was again waved and the surrender of the revolutionaries was completed."

The correspondent also describes the fighting in other sections of the city, resulting in every case in the defeat of the revolutionaries.

"The desperate courage of the mob," the correspondent says, "was marvelous. Units of threes, tens and hundreds would sally forth, be driven back and rally against the enormous odds, eager to accomplish the impossible. Early in the evening the hospitals were filled and private dwelling houses were crowded with the wounded.

"The principal thoroughfares, the Tverskaia, looks like a street in a city captured by a foreign army. Bivouac fires burn in the streets and rifles are stacked on the pavements. During all this nedless effusion of blood in old Moscow the people were shopping, visiting and otherwise carrying on the ordinary occupations as though nothing in particular was going on.

"Yesterday's doing marked the most important manifestation of

Russian anarchy,

and will prove, as the anarchists assert, decisive.

"So far as one can judge it will end in the complete defeat of the anarchists, who will be silenced in Russia for several years.

"In the station at Yelna on the Kieff and Voronesh line, entire families of railway officials and strikers have been literally cut to pieces by infuriated peasants, and there is other cumulative evidence of a determination on the part of the peasants to oppose the strikers.

"The anarchists have not dislodged the government, imprisoned Premier Witte, or deposed the Emperor, but they have struck a deadly and wanton blow at the empire. Already hungry bands are pillaging wherever they can.

"A ukase will be published in a day or two embodying the new electoral law and fixing a date for the election of the douma. The severst criticism is directed against the government for failing to adopt prompt repressive measures against the revolutionists."

EMPLOYERS MAY COMBINE.

Members of National Metal Trade Association Wish to Strengthen the Organization.

New York, Dec. 24.—That the members of the National Metal Trades Association are seeking to bring the 5,000 employers throughout the country together so that they will be able to meet the demands of their 350,000 workmen was indicated yesterday, when the executive committee of the New York Metal Trades Association was requested to consider the proposition to affiliate with the national body, which will meet on the second Thursday in January. If the New York employers join the Metal Trades Association, other large cities, it is said, will do likewise.

Henry C. Hunter, secretary of the New York Metal Trades Association, issued this statement:

"The movement has been under consideration for some time; it is of the utmost importance that the New York employers should have an understanding with the employers in the shop trades. The open shop system is now generally prevalent in the boilermaking and blacksmith shops. A demand by the blacksmiths for the renewal of the trade agreement has been ignored by the employers. I do not know whether the demand for the closed shop will be made next year, but the open shops have come to stay."

THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

Many Possible Candidates—Loubet's Successor Will Be Elected Next Month.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Premier Rouvier is developing marked strength as a possible dark horse in the coming Presidential contest.

The National Assembly meets at Versailles, on January 18th, to elect a successor to President Loubet. The palace there is now being prepared to receive the 900 senators and deputies constituting the assembly, and the near approach of the voting is causing an active canvass in behalf of the various candidates. M. Fallieres, president of the senate, has thus far been considered the leading candidate and his supporters say he is already sure of a majority in the assembly. M. Fallieres relies chiefly on the precedent established by M. Loubet, in going from the presidency of the seate to the presidency of the republic. However, the candidacy of M. Fallieres does not arouse popular enthusiasm and the opposition combining to support M. Doumer represents the younger and more active element. His candidacy is popular, but he has the antagonism of some strong groups in both chambers. It is expected that the first ballot will be divided between M. Fallieres and M. Doumer, with some votes for M. Leon Bourgeois, the former premier; M. Henri Brisson, another former premier, and former president of the chamber of deputies; M. Paul de Chanel, president of the committee on foreign and colonial affairs of the chamber; Minister of War Etienne and Minister of Marine Thomson.

Should the claims of the friends of M. Fallieres of an assured majority materialise, the contest would be short and decisive; however the sharpness of the struggle between M. Fallieres and Doumer may prolong the contest and lead to the presentation of a dark horse in the person of Premier Rouvier, who has thus far withheld from the contest.

President Loubet has positively declined to be a candidate for a second term, but the possibility remains of the assembly making him an unwilling candidate. Still, the contest appears to be narrowed down to MM. Fallieres and Doumer, with MM. Rouvier, Bourgeois, Brisson and the others named making up the field of emergency candidates.

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Guests in Los Angeles Hotel Forced to Make Hurried Exit.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Vannuys hotel on Broadway, one of the finest first-class hostelries in the city, located in the heart of the business district, was ruined by fire early to-day. One hundred and ten guests, most of whom were in bed when the fire broke out, escaped in their nightclothes, and nearly all suffered the loss of their baggage and personal effects. Five firemen were injured by the collapse of a floor. Fire Chief Lipps was also seriously cut by falling glass. The financial loss will approximate $200,000.

The origin of the fire has not been definitely ascertained, though it is supposed to have started in the basement or engine room of the hotel. The flames spread with great rapidity, and in thirty minutes from the time the first alarm was turned in the whole building was ablaze. All of the guests were able to escape by way of the stairways and elevators, although the corridors were densely filled with smoke, and many were nearly suffocated.

LOOKING UP EVIDENCE.

Vancouver Detective Is Investigating the Record of Harry Fisher in Victoria.

The Vancouver poisoning case promises to be a very intersting one before it is completed. Mrs. Jackson, the wife, and Mrs. Jones, the mother-in-law, have been placed in jail in Vancouver. Harry Fisher is under arrest in Blaine, Wash., awaiting extradition proceedings.

In the meantime the record of Fisher in Victoria, Kamloops and Alberni is being looked into by Vancouver detectives preparatory to the trial for perjury. Detective Preston is in the city making investigations respecting Fisher.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jackson, like Fisher, are charged with having committed perjury at the coroner's inquest on the death of Thomas Jackson on November 12th last. Fisher swore that he was Mrs. Jones' nephew, and the two women swore that his relation to them was that of nephew and cousin respectively. The police will undertake to prove that Fisher is in reality the son of Mrs. Jones, and that in making that declaration they were doing so falsely. Joseph Martin, K.C., has been retained to defend them. Bail is fixed at $2,000 personal recognizance and two sureties of $1,000 each, which has not been secured.

Fisher, when first arrested in Blaine, agreed to waive extradition. When Detective Jackson reached that place to take him back to Vancouver he found that the prisoner had changed his mind and was determined to fight extradition. This created a little consternation in police circles. It was found that the government would not stand the expense of extradition, and the city was appealed to. His Worship the mayor gave prompt orders that the officials should do all in their power to get the fugitive back, and the city's credit would stand behind them. City Prosecutor Farris accordingly visited Blaine and took charge of the extradition proceedings.

City Prosecutor Farris will remain in Blaine till Wednesday next, when Fisher will be brought back to Bellingham to see if a prima facie case for extradition can be established.

A search of the residence of Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jackson on Davie street, Vancouver, has been made by Detectives Preston and Waddell, and the correspondence found there may develop some interesting points.

SURVEYING FOR RAILWAY.

The Work From Midway to Hope Has Been Completed.

J. J. Tracy, engineer in charge of a Great Northern survey party, and seven members of his party are down to spend Christmas in the city after having put in some strenuous weeks in the Hope Mountains running the V., V. & E. line to that place from Midway.

In Mr. Tracy's party are James Bears, F. B. Hill, H. C. Thomas, R. C. Ferguson, William McDonald, Fred. S. Thompson and Charles Kyle.

The survey of the line from Midway to Hope is all completed now, according to a statement made by members of the party to a Vancouver Province representative. The last section of the line which crosses the Hope Mountains entailed some difficult work in establishing the survey. Despite the wild and mountainous nature of the country it is stated by the surveyors that an excellent route has been secured without any very steep grades. In fact, it is expected that none of the grades will exceed 1½ per cent. when the road is completed and ballasted.

In another month, Mr. Tracy stated, the survey of the line will be completed as far as Chilliwack, as the survey work is being pushed with all possible speed, considering the weather. Two parties will commence work immediately after Christmas on the route between Hope and Chilliwack. One party will work eastward from Chilliwack, and Mr. Tracy's party will go up to Hope after the Christmas holidays and start work on the running of the line westward. After the survey between Hope and Chilliwack is completed it will be an easy matter to survey the route of the projected line from Chilliwack to Sumas, where it will join the Great Northern.

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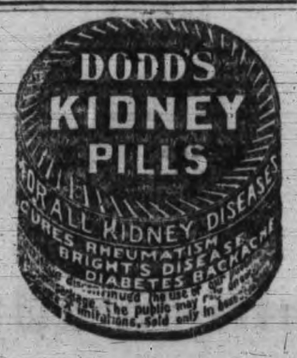

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THE YORK COUNTY LOAN SHAREHOLDERS

CLAIMS ESTIMATED AT MILLION AND A HALF

Hotel Proprietor Decapitated on the Railway—Fireman Smothered by Coal on Tender of Engine.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The relative position of several varieties of shareholders in the York County Loan is a matter of much complexity, and a motion for advice will be made to the court before the matter is satisfactorily settled. The following witnesses have been subpoenaed to give evidence: Joseph Phillips, manager; R. J. Burt, vice-president; G. R. Burt, Liat Piano Company; G. C. Calvert, book-keeper; Miss Eva Hall, book-keeper; Stewart Lunn, barrister, and Messrs. Hand & Harper, the company's auditors.

The Claims.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Mr. John Galbraith, the lawyer representing the shareholders under the Ontario Act, said to-day he thought that $50, as the average claim held by the shareholders against the York Loan Company, was a little high, judging from the claims he held, many of which were in the neighborhood of $10 each. "I would put the average at about $25 or $30," he said. "This would make the claims total for 70,000 shareholders, about $1,750,000, or, for 50,000 shareholders, $1,250,000 on the $25 figure, and $1,500,000, taking the average at $30 each."

Reassuring.

St. Catharines, Dec. 23.—Mayor Sharpe has informed local shareholders of the York County Loan Company that he has been assured by Mr. Cross, accountant, appointed by the government to investigate, that holders of terminating shares would in all probability receive one hundred cents on the dollar. Until terminating shareholders are paid the holders of permanent shares will not get a dollar. Dr. Jessop, M. P. P., has also assured the shareholders that he has just visited the company's real estate and is very well impressed with it.

Found Beheaded.

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—The body of Henry Herlich, proprietor of the C. P. R. hotel here, was found lying between the rails near the C. P. R. station last night with the head completely severed from the body. How the accident occurred is not known.

Buried Under Coal.

Calgary, Dec. 22.—A brakeman named G. H. Ward was smothered in the tender of a C. P. R. engine at Canmore this morning. He was assisting the fireman to take on coal when he slipped into the coal pit and was buried under a rush from the chute.

Destructive Fire.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 24.—The Prince Albert Lumber Company, recently reorganized from the Telford Lumber Company here, received another scorching this afternoon, a large store house and its contents being destroyed. The property was fairly well covered by insurance. The exact amount of the damage is not known, but will amount to several thousand dollars. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The city fire brigade was promptly on hand and succeeded in keeping the fire from spreading to the adjoining buildings.

Died From Injuries.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Caroline Bedew was terribly burned in bed last night and died at the Emergency hospital.

Suicide.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—John Miller, a stonemason, 28 years of age, out of work, strangled himself to death in his bedroom last night. He leaves a widow and two children.

The McMillan Company.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—An Ontario charter has been granted to the McMillan Company, of Canada, of which McMillans, the famous British publishers, are the principals. The parties obtaining the charter are Frederick and George Augustus McMillan, of Westminster, England, publishers; Geor. Platt, Bett, published; C. C. Nadal, commissioner-at-law, both of New York, and Frank Wise, of Toronto, publisher. The capital is $20,000, and the company is authorized to carry on the business of general publishers with head office at Toronto.

Shipowner Dead.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Rufus Burgess, the wealthiest resident and shipowner of King's county, died at Wolfville on Saturday morning.

Lutheran Seminary.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The German Lutherans will erect a large seminary at Wolseley, Sask., for the education of home misionaries.

On Vacation.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Ex-Premner Haultain has gone East to spend a vacation after the strenuous battle in Saskatchewan.

JOHNSON'S NIGHTMARES.

Johnson read the symptoms in each patent nostrum ad,
And soon he thought he had 'em all, and had 'em awful bad.
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With every ad his mind would change—new ailment every day!
And last of all he found an ad that said that all disease,
If 't were not for the coffee bean, would probably soon cease.
And never pausing to reflect that men who want to sell
A brand new notion to the "poop" don't balk at what they tell,
He started on a brisk crusade to warn each smiling friend
That coffee, if persisted in, his life would surely end.
But to his great astonishment, the folks he came across
Were looking most amazing well and *his* seemed all the loss.
For while they sipped their morning cup, or demi-tasse at noon,
And seemed to thrive, he grew more thin and sombre. Pretty soon,
He wondered if he wasn't wrong, and he removed the ban
When Chase & Sanborn had explained what went in every can.
And as we *are*, much as we *think*, his nightmares he forgot,
And saw them vanish in the steam from coffee piping hot.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Victoria Day School Concluded Term's Work in a Fitting Manner.

On Thursday evening the distribution of prizes was made at the Victoria Day school. An excellent Christmas entertainment was given on that occasion. Bishop Perrin presided and congratulated Mrs. Blaiklock on the success of the school. In the report signed by Agnes S. Blaiklock, the following appears:

"The results of the examination in the senior form have in many cases been so close that it has taken hours going over and over their papers to be quite sure who has won the prize, and although this is tedious from an examiner's point of view, it is nevertheless most satisfactory for the teacher. In French this has been so much the case that I have been obliged to give three prizes, one each to Kathleen Taylor and Marjorie Rome, who came out tied in the examination, and one to Gladys Pitts, who was only one mark under and who was first in this subject during the term.

"The English prize, which is awarded for the highest marks during the term, and in the examination for geography, English and Canadian history, English literature, spelling and composition, grammar, reading and map drawing, has been won by Gladys Pitts, who scored 1,047 in the examination out of a maximum of 1,200, and in the term 3,193 out of a possible 5,100. Gladys has not missed one day during the term, and besides having plenty of brains and using them she has at all times put school first and pleasure second, and has fairly won the prize and distinction of being first in the school.

"In regard to the work done during the term several girls were heavily handicapped. Kathleen Taylor was away from home for the first fortnight; Nora Combs, Marguerite Langley and Sylvia Jenns were away for an entire month, and all the rest were absent for at least one or two days, either from sickness or some other cause. In their examination, however, they have all come out well, Marguerite Langley coming second in the examination in English subjects, and Kathleen Taylor just three below her. In mathematics, Gladys Pitts scored 209 out of a maximum of 250. Kathleen Taylor was second with 189, Marjorie Rome third, with 185.

"In marks for the term, Lillian Elford was second with 4,049, and Marjorie Rome third with 3,985.

"The special prize for elocution was won by Nora Combe.

"In the lower fourth, Mildred Campbell is top in English, with 4,571 scored during the term, and in the examination, out of a possible 5,800, Anna Taylor is second with 4,433. In arithmetic Mildred Campbell is first with 185 out of 250, whilst Gerald Peters is only three marks below.

"Rev. Stanley Ard, who examined the upper and lower fourth in Scripture and catechism, says that the papers this year show a marked improvement. Nearly all the girls scored high marks and no one failed.

"I had intended giving a prize for writing in the senior form, but the writing was so excellent that I could get no two people to agree who had won the prize.

"Gladys Pitts, Marguerite Langley and Daisy Wilson deserve special mention for their maps.

"It is always a difficult matter to give prizes, and I am afraid there is always a certain amount of disappointment. Several girls who have not won prizes to-night have, nevertheless, made rapid improvement during the term; perhaps they may carry off prizes another year. Above all, I hope that the knowledge which they have gained may remain with them for life. It is our aim in the school to give each pupil a thorough grounding that she may not lose when she leaves the examination room.

"Form 3.—Jessie Prior has taken the English and French prizes; she has worked splendidly and richly deserves them. The arithmetic prize has been won by Carol Eberts. Brownie and Innes Bodwell and Carol Eberts were not here for the opening of the term, but they have all worked enthusiastically and deserve great praise. Lucy Little did well through the term and in the examination, and had she been able to stay for all of them would, I think, have taken a prize. Unfortunately she was called away to Boston suddenly, and her part in the French play has been ably taken by Daisy Wilson.

"In Form 2 Isabel Wilson has done so well that the only trouble her teachers have had has been to hold her back that the little brain might not be overworked. She has carried off her class prize. Ethel Rhodes, Totie Day, Allison Taylor and Herschel Harrison also deserve special mention for their work, the three former have each won a prize for general improvement; Herschel only lost his through absence.

"In lower 2, Davida Ker has won the class prize. Dorothy Kingham and Dorothy Hanham have also done well; the former won the reading prize.

"In Form 4, Gipsie Ward has worked splendidly; and last, but not least, Kenneth Skene and Frank Rattenbury have each done so well that I have been obliged to include them in the prize list.

"I am deeply indebted to a number of friends for the prizes. The lord bishop gave the Scripture prize; others were given by the Mesdames Prior, Taylor, Bodwell, Campbell, Ker, Rome, Peters, Baker, Mrs. Rts, Professor Don Jour Jonty, and Rev. Stanley Ard. Our numbers have been well up to the average. The attendance has been regular on the whole and we have had over forty on the roll.

"I am glad to have the opportunity of publicly thanking my staff for their loyal work and co-operation with me in the best interests of the school; the parents for their kind support and the many little encouraging messages I have received from time to time, and all the friends who have helped me for such a number of years, and have come again to cheer and encourage the children at their Christmas entertainment."

The bishop after giving timely advice to the scholars presented the prizes.

A programme was given, including musical selections and recitations; a French play, entitled "La Recreation Perdue," given by the girls of the lower 4th, and an English play called "Mrs. Smart's Relations," which had been adapted from the French of Emile Sonvestre to suit the class, was well rendered by the girls in form 4.

The parts in the French play were taken by the Misses Jessie Prior, Mildred Campbell, Gladys Langton, Anna Taylor and Daisy Wilson.

In "Mrs. Smart's Relations" the cast was as follows: Mrs. Fraser, "Mrs. Smart's executrix," Miss Gladys Pitts; Lady Boodle, "would-be heiress," Miss Mildred Campbell; Mrs. Noodle (would-be heiress), Miss Nora Combe; Martha (a farm servant and the real heiress), Miss Lilian Elford; Dorothea Tompkins (Mrs. Fraser's maid), Miss Marjorie Rome; Emily (Lady Boodle's maid), Miss Kathleen Taylor; Cabby, Miss Anna Taylor; Village Schoolmistress, Miss Edith Russell.

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James F. Martin, prominent in New York society, a member of the New York Yacht Club, the Metropolitan club and the Country club, was instantly killed near Flushing, L. I., when his automobile ploughed into a strip of loose dirt on the side of the road and turned completely over. Stacy Clark, who was in the car, was seriously injured. Mr. Martin's skull was fractured.

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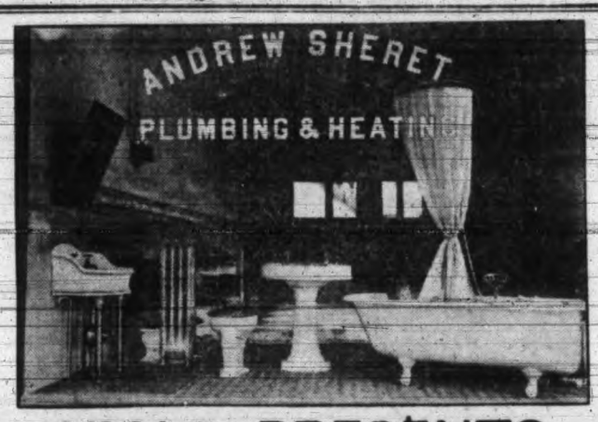

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A SUDDEN CALL.

The news of the sudden death of Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries in the Laurier Government, will be received with feelings of unfeigned sorrow in all sections of the Dominion. Mr. Prefontaine enjoyed in an unusual degree the confidence of the Prime Minister, of his colleagues in the government, of his fellow-members of parliament and of the country generally. As a public man his career was one of almost unexampled success. From the time of his entry into public life, which he did at a very early age, he met with scarcely a reverse. He sat in city councils, in the provincial legislature of Quebec and in the Dominion parliament. His administration of the Department of Marine and Fisheries was characterised by great energy. His perception of the needs of the country as exemplified in the conduct of his departmental affairs may be said to have been intuitive. He listened with patience to the representations of all interests, and strove to do justice to all classes, with a considerable degree of success, as we have reason to know in the West.

The Premier will sorely miss the cheery presence and the mature counsels of his late colleague. The shock of the sudden call will be felt severely by Sir Wilfrid.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATES.

The Christmas festivities being over, the season is opportune for the aspiring municipal politician to apply his hear to the ground and listen. Peradventure he may hear sounds that may be interpreted to his advantage, and doubtless to the profit of his fellow citizens also.

Ald. Goodacre, a worthy citizen, has already decided that the things he hears do not beckon him towards the chair of the First Magistrate of Victoria.

The calls of business and of his legislative duties are two importuante in the ears of W. G. Cameron, M. P. P.

Ald. Hall has been listening keenly for many days, but the sounds that have reached his ears are exceedingly difficult to translate. Of late they have become just a trifle more intelligible. There is a possibility that a clear note of invitation may yet be heard and responded to. There is yet plenty of time to listen, as the means of communication are never very good until after the holiday season, when the public pulse begins to throb in response to the increasing public interest in civic matters with the approach of nomination day.

Ex-Mayor Hayward has been listening intently, his blood tingling with eagerness, lest perchance the voice should send forth an appeal that might escape his notice. If the people want him again, and there is a prospect of but indifferent opposition, Mr. Hayward is willing to emerge from the engrossing supervision of his private affairs and to give us the benefit of his acknowledged talents for government. But the voices led him astray on two occasions not so very long ago, and there must be no mistaking their tone this time.

Mr. Morley, bold man with intrepid soul, disdains to apply his sensitive ear to the ground. He has been requested by a number of citizens to become a candidate for the Mayoralty, and with his usual impetuosity he bursts forth as a candidate, giving not the slightest consideration to the question of the opposition he may have to encounter. The bane of Mr. Morley's life as a citizen is the spectre of "corporate influence." He is a reformer on principle; a sort of municipal Carrie Nation. He will smash the corporations and "go in for" municipal control and gradual ownership of public utilities. Which is all very well, but we are, unfortunately, a very conservative and slow-going people in Victoria. So deliberate are we in making up our minds that we fear Mr. Morley is away ahead of us in some of his ideas, and that it may take us years to catch up. Besides, we cannot secure control of the street railway, which is our principal public utility, for many years, not until its charter expires. We cannot control it very effectively even, as the Legislature took that job out of our hands and vested it with the right to make such use as it sees fit of our streets. It is true there is the water service in Victoria West. And that the Legislature fixed for us also. However, there are the Goldstream water supply and the Songhees Reserve questions still to be dealt with, if the courts and the Legislatures will permit us. In the reserve Mr. Morley has always taken a great [illegible] has propounded several ingenious schemes to bring it within the city's domain.

The trouble, we fear, in the case of Mr. Morley is that the people do not take him seriously. If he could but do something to convince them that their estimate of him is a mistaken one, we have no doubt they would be willing, if not absolutely eager, to apply his unquestioned talents and superabundant energies to the service.

Is the list of candidates exhausted?

NO RAILWAY POLICY?

Premier McBride has withdrawn his statement that he had a railway policy in his pocket all ready for presentation to the Legislature. We say the Premier has taken his announcement back, because we cannot conceive of a responsible newspaper, which we assume the Vancouver Province to be, deliberately quoting without warrant Mr. McBride as saying, "Yes, I have a railway policy all ready, and a very carefully formulated one at that. The province has now reached the stage where it is impossible to proceed much farther without adequate railway development. I think the policy which I shall lay before the House when it meets next month will be the best possible under existing circumstances, and will thoroughly cover the situation." The fact that the official head of the administration had not had an opportunity for several weeks of communicating with the Master of the Administration, who is popularly supposed to be Hon. R. F. Green, may account for the confusion between the Vancouver announcement and the final deliverance to the organ of the government in this city. We cannot account for the revision upon any other hypothesis. It must be understood that if it should appear that all things have not been made ready for a dissolution and an appeal to the constituencies, the time will not be ripe to produce that "carefully formulated" railway policy. That programme has been prepared solely for the purpose of catching the popular fancy. For example, if the reasons laid before the representative of the Crown as an excuse for dissolution of the House did not appear satisfactory and the railway policy should be subjected to the test of a year's time and more than a year's criticism, it might be divested of its attractive garb and stand forth in all its nakedness before a derisive public. Then there is also the caucus to be reckoned with, as well as the right hand of the party, the Socialists. All the elements have to be considered, and any one of them may become boisterous, unreasonable and difficult to control. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works has had much experience in handling politicians. He has a thorough comprehension of the material with which the government has to deal. He realizes that there is a possibility that the presentation of a railway policy at the coming session may not be opportune, and hence he advises caution in ministerial utterances. The Premier has seen the force of his mentor's astute objections to his statement, and he has hastened to qaulify it up to the point of a straight denial. We wonder what the Province will have to say upon the subject of the straight disavowal.

PHOENIX IN DISTRESS—AN APPEAL FOR AID.

The Times has been requested to give publicity to the following communication from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Phoenix, B. C., General Hospital:

Phoenix, B. C., Dec. 19, 1905.

Wilson Brothers, Victoria, B. C.:

Gentlemen,—Phoenix is now prostrate with a typhoid epidemic; there being about sixty cases and four deaths to date. Two have had perforation of the bowels, requiring operations. One of them died, the other may recover. The hospital being inadequate, the board built a cottage for the use of the nurses, and converted their rooms into private wards. The city council fitted up the new city hall, which we have converted into an overflow hospital, where we now have fourteen patients. There are many in private houses. We have called nurses at $15 per week and expenses from Spokane, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Agassiz, Calgary and Nelson. To meet this extraordinary expense, subscription papers have been circulated, and the citizens and mining companies have responded liberally. But Phoenix is too small a place, and the people being a working class, too poor to bear the expense necessarily arising from so general and malignant an epidemic. And much as we regret it, it has become necessary to call upon our friends and neighbors for financial aid. According to the best estimate we are able to make it will require $1,200 to $1,500 more than now provided to carry the hospital through this expense. The health officers have traced the origin of the fever to one of the dairies, which has been closed.

On behalf of the hospital board and citizens, I wish to thank you in advance for any help you can give us, and to assure you that it will be appreciated by the entire community.

Yours sincerely,
J. L. MARTIN,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Phoenix General Hospital.

The above letter indicates a very distressing state of affairs indeed, and we have little doubt that if effective means be taken to raise funds in behalf of our stricken neighbors in the interior Victorians will respond with their usual liberality and generosity. The usual procedure in such cases is to open subscription lists. But that is a slow method, and would scarcely be satisfactory in this instance. There ought to be some stimulating influence behind the list—in the form, say, of personal solicitation. The expression, "he gives twice who gives quickly," is especially applicable in this instance.

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A London journal comments as follows on the situation of the Jews in Russia and the speech of Sir Wilfred Laurier at the meeting held in Ottawa for the purpose of expressing sympathy and starting the collection of a fund in aid of the hapless Hebrews whom force of circumstances has placed in that unhappy land of riot and revolution: "Of the many expressions of sympathy called forth by the recent outrages on the Jews in Russia, none has been more striking than that uttered by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at a meeting in Ottawa. The Canadian Premier expressed the utmost horror at the atrocities which had taken place, protested in the strongest terms against the attitude of the Russian government, and urged all Canadians to subscribe liberally to the relief fund for the persecuted people. But he did more than this. In the name of the people of Canada he invited the Jews to make Canada a home of refuge, and assured all those who elected to do so of the certainty of a hearty welcome. And the reason he gave was one which must specially appeal to ourselves, the love and admiration of his countrymen for those British institutions in which there are equal rights for all, without distinction of creed or race. We congratulate both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and ourselves upon so remarkable an endorsement of the principles which have led us in like manner to afford a hospitality of which we may confidently say we have never had reason to repent."

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In an article discussing the position of Canada with respect to naval defence, the Pall Mall Gazette says: Mr. Prefontaine's present mission to this country is a welcome sign that the Dominion government is alive to its Imperial responsibilities. Canada is not content to leave her defence upon the shoulders of the Mother Country, but is trying to develop, after her own fashion, a military and even a naval system that shall harmonize with her conditions and make the fullest use of her resources. Her Minister of Marine is now occupied with the organization of a Naval Reserve. The government has a miscellaneous fleet of some forty vessels engaged in the superintendence of navigation and the protection of fisheries. It should be quite practicable to give the members of this service such a training as would enable them to take their places effectively in the Empire's "first line" when the time comes for a united muster against its enemies. Co-operation between the naval authorities should easily establish a permanent working system for this purpose, and Mr. Prefontaine can rely upon every possible assistance in the discharge of so commendable a mission.

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The Cowichan Leader, not to be out of fashion or behind the times, has issued a fine Christmas number, handsomely illustrated and neatly printed, dealing with the resources and industries of the constituency in which it circulates. Nature has dealt generously with our neighbors "up the line." All the elements which make for prosperity and happiness are found in combination up there. The valley is one of the garden spots of the island, the possibilities of lumbering are unlimited, the future of the mining industry is most hopeful with the Crofton Smelter once more in working order and the furnaces about to be "blown in." For pastimes there are all kinds of sports with rod and gun right at hand. The Leader is evidently sharing in the prosperity of its district.

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What Other People Think

MET'CHOSIN TRUSTEES.

To the Editor:—I see that Mr. Smart has written to say that the statement in Tuesday's Times that "the trustees of Metchosin school have agreed to resign in a body at the end of the year as a protest against the School Act" is premature. Now I have two witnesses besides myself who heard Mr. Smart so agree; also that it was his suggestion that we should "resign in a body." He may have changed his mind since, but the other trustees have not.

W. FISHER,
One of the Trustees.
Metchosin, B. C., December 23rd, 1905.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor:—The people of this city ought soon to begin to realize what they are going to be up against good and hard in the coming municipal contest. Last winter the Property Owners' Association were instrumental in having sneaked through the legislature a certain act which disfranchises hundreds of intelligent citizens. Now this association is putting up one of its own members as a candidate for mayor, and if, under the restricted franchise his election can be secured, this body will be in a position to carry out its retrograde policy of which its secretary has been giving us glimpses of late through the press.

The change made in the franchise act last winter was a long step backward. To supplement that action now by the election of a mayor and council who would carry out the reactionary policy of these gentlemen would make of our city a laughing stock throughout Canada. Look at the list of questions they are asking of the candidates. There is scarcely one of them that does not border on the grotesque. There are some places where if a man entertained the views which the framer of those questions seems to hold, he would be put in a dime show and exhibited as a curiosity. Mr. Hayward ought to have too much good sense to contest an election in this city, as Mr. Sorby's "Man Friday."

The logical candidate for mayor at the present time is Dr. Lewis Hall. It can readily be understood why he did not wish to be a candidate so long as there was a probability of Mr. Cameron or Mr. Goodacre running, but now that both these gentlemen are out of the race Dr. Hall ought to reconsider the matter.

As a member of the school board and of the city council Dr. Hall has made a clean and honorable record. While he is a progressive man, who can safely be counted on to favor everything which makes for the moral and material well being of the city, he is not an extremist in anything, but on the contrary is moderate and cautious, and can be safely trusted. Moreover, he has no connection with any corporation or trust, and with him in the mayor's chair the affairs of the city would be administered with favor to none and with justice to all.

The writer likes first rate the sentiments enunciated by Mr. Morley in his card, but fears that this city is almost too conservative to elect to the mayor's chair a new man with such advanced views. There is a splendid field of usefulness just now in the council for a fighter like Mr. Morley. If he could be induced to take Dr. Hall's place in the council and lend a helping hand to the latter in the mayoralty contest, should Dr. Hall consent to run, not only would there be little doubt of the result, but the forces which make for progress and good government in our city would be very materially strengthened.

ELECTOR.

"CINDERELLA."

Old-Time Fairy Play Presented at the Watson Theatre.

The holiday season was ushered in at the Watson theatre in a most fitting manner at the big Christmas day matinee of "Cinderella" yesterday. The theatre was appropriately decorated with evergreen and holly. A better selection than "Cinderella" could not have been made for this particular season of the year, and the old folks enjoyed this old-time fairy play as well as the children. The familiar story is well brought out in the play. The piece fairly bubbles over with comedy. Messrs. Watson, M. J. Hooley, Richard Scott and Allyn Lewis keeping the audience in constant humor. Harry Pollard as the Prince looked the part and made a great hit. Miss Adelaide Keith in the name part, Miss Allin Wallace as the cruel sister and Miss Sadie Reynolds as the Fairy Queen gave excellent performances. The many specialties introduced in the third act were particularly good.

At the close of the matinee yesterday each child in the audience received a Christmas present, and it goes without saying there was a great rush for Santa Claus.

"Cindrella" will run until Wednesday night. There will be the usual bargain matinee on Wednesday.

Starting on Thursday night the big production of "Faust" will be put on. "Faust" is one of the most powerful plays in the Watson repertoire. Seats are now on sale.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

Correspondence Relative to Business With the Australian Colonies.

The deputy minister of agriculture has sent out to the various saw mills on the coast copies of correspondence respecting the timber trade with Australia. The correspondence includes the following letters:

(Copy.)
Victoria, Dec. 12th, 1905.

Sirs:—Amongst the inquiries contained in the Weekly Report of Trade and Commerce, the following occurs:

"1149. A large real estate agent and contractor in Glasgow is desirous of obtaining price of doors 7 ft.x2 ft. 10 in., made of British Columbia cedar with cottonwood panels, finished complete, ready for hanging—but without hardware—in lots of 4,000 c. i. f. at Glasgow.

"1157. One of the largest importers in Australia of Oregon pine, spruce, carriage woodware and builders' hardware, desires Canadian lumbermen and manufacturers to forward lowest export prices for large quantities of his requirements per specifications, obtainable from the department of trade and commerce."

The names of the firms making these inquiries, with their addresses, can be obtained upon application to 'Supt. of Commerical Agencies, the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa.' Please quote the reference number when requesting addresses.

(Sd.) J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

(Copy.)
Victoria, Dec. 22nd, 1905.

Sirs:—I have the honor of directing your attention to the enclosed excerpts from the Weekly Report of Trade and Commerce, dated 4th December.

By "Oregon pine" of course is meant Douglas fir, and I am of opinion that British Columbia dealers in timber should take steps towards correcting the erroneous designation.

(Sd.) J. R. ANDERSON,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

As a result of my interviews with some of the largest Australian importers of Oregon pine, I have embodied their opinions for the consideration of British Columbia lumber exporters in the following summary:

1. British Columbia shippers are not making an effort to secure at least a fair proportion of the Australian lumber business. It is absolutely essential that they should keep "in touch" with the leading Australian importers of Oregon pine, and the requirements of this country, with the same energy and devotion as San Francisco lumber brokers.

2. The reputation of the grading and sawing of British Columbia lumber has to be re-established, making the marketable condition at least equal to shipments made in Puget Sound.

3. That a representative of the British Columbia lumber mills should visit Australia and ascertain the local conditions and why the trade is not larger. In every way he would accomplish much more than reams of correspondence could possibly do.

4. Melbourne lumber importers are strongly British in sentiment, and would, all things being equal, prefer to obtain their supplies from British Columbia rather than from Puget Sound ports. Shippers should remember this and endeavor to increase their Australian business by constantly studying the trade.

The quality of British Columbia lumber is admitted by Melbourne importers to be the best Oregon pine which comes to Australia, but complaints are made that the shippers are not keeping to one standard of quality, and also that the sawing is more or less irregular. One large importer of British Columbia pine stated: "The wood is splendid, but the grading is not fair, and the sawing cannot be relied upon."

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—The Royal Templars of Temperance will meet in the A. O. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock this evening. The election of officers and other important business will be dealt with. All members are requested to be present.

—Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccabees, will hold its regular review this evening in A. O. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock sharp. A full attendance of officers is requested in order to complete business of importance.

—An interesting and instructive address was delivered on Saturday afternoon by Rev. E. Le Roy Dakin, pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist church, at the Y. M. C. A. His subject was "The Great Decision." His remarks were listened to with attention by the large number present.

—The men of the sealing schooners appreciate reading matter when on a cruise. The Young Men's Christian Association contemplate furnishing each of the schooners with a small library. The association will be glad to receive any book to be used for the above purpose.

—On Saturday Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, issued the following notice: "Col. Holmes, D. O. C., presents to Lieut.-Col. Hall, the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Fifth Regiment, Canadian artillery, his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

—The employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company engaged on the Esquimalt line were on Saturday thoughtfully remembered by Bullen Bros., of the Esquimalt Marine Railway. As a Christmas present two boxes of cigars were donated the conductors and motormen on that particular run by the firm.

—James Dunsmuir denies emphatically that any negotiations are on looking to the selling of his mines. A report appeared in the Vancouver World a few days ago to the effect that Mr. Dunsmuir had been offered a large sum by English capitalists for his coal mines. Mr. Dunsmuir says that he has had no offer made for purchase within recent times.

—Word is brought by the Tees that scarlet fever has made its appearance among the Indians at Bella Coola. Dr. Fagan, of the provincial board of health, says that there has been an outbreak reported. Three families have been reported to be suffering from the disease. As far as known it is confined to the Indians, and the provincial board of health is taking every step to prevent its spread.

—The death occurred on Friday of Charles Berryman, who had resided here for over 22 years. Many residents will remember Mr. Berryman as the gardener of the late Sir Matthew Begbie, a position he occupied for some time. Deceased was a native of St. Erth, Cornwall, England, and leaves to mourn his loss, besides a widow and four children, two brothers, namely, John and William Berryman, both of whom are living in Victoria. The funeral is taking place this afternoon.

—Margaret Blair Erskine, daughter of Robt. Erskine, passed away on Saturday at the family residence, 34 Kings road. She had been an invalid for some time. Miss Erskine, who was a native of Victoria, was only 22 years of age, and was well-known. Her loss will be deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place this morning from the residence mentioned, impressive religious services being conducted by Revs. Dr. Campbell, Dr. Reid and Donald Macrae. The following acted as pall-bearers: Edgar John, Chas. Unwin, V. Griffiths, Dr. Fraser, Fred Wood and A. Hirst.

A MODERN CRUSOE ON PEARSE ISLAND

But He Managed to Cut His Adventures Shorter Than the Famous Robinson.

The adventures of Robinson Crusoe, a gentleman not unknown to the various people of the civilized world, have recently been duplicated, on a somewhat smaller scale, of course, in this new western region. The person who has been rendered more than ordinarily noteworthy by the parallel is A. Lundsburg, a Norwegian seaman. He had been up the Portland canal, and was making a rather hazardous voyage to Kitimaat in a small sloop, when he was struck by a gale, which he was unable to weather. His sloop was totally wrecked, and her solitary occupant was cast upon Pearse Island not far from Port Simpson. On this lonely spot, possessing all the elements of a Crusoe-like existence, Lunsburg found himself compelled to enter into the spirit of the disheartening conditions because he could not leave them.

He managed to save sufficient provisions from the sloop to subsist upon, but unlike his famous prototype he did not have the consolation of companionship, there being no man Friday within his ken.

Every night he built a large bon fire, and every day he hoisted a flag, hoping in that manner to attract attention. [illegible] decided to leave the island if it possibly could be done. Finally, after having spent three wholly miserable weeks on Pearse Island he succeeded in building a raft. On this he reached Port Wilson, fifteen miles away, after a voyage altogether in harmony with the rest of his experience. He encountered very rough weather, and narrowly escaped being washed overboard.

When he reached Port Wilson his tribualtions were at an end, and he was able to take passage to Hartley Bay on the Tees.

—Xmas Cosy Corners.—Smith, & Champion, 100 Douglas street, make cosy corners and cushions to fit any corner or place. Prices moderate. 'Phone, 718.

—There will be a meeting of the school board to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock in the council chamber, city hall. Among the business to be considered will be a number of accounts.

—According to the Dominion government insurance reports the Mutual Life of Canada earned the highest percentage of profits to income of any Canadian company, while its expense rate was the lowest. Every dollar of this company's profits and assets belong to the policyholders, and its premium rates are the lowest of any of the old established companies. A. B. McNeil, special agent; R. L. Drury, manager, 34 Broad street.

—At the closing exercises in the Spring Ridge school on Friday afternoon Mrs. Jenkins presided. An excellent programme was given, in which the children of the school took an active part. In addition to the scholars a number of others contributed to the programme. A violin solo by Miss Nora McCoy, accompanied by Roy. Mr. McCoy, was followed by the song "The Rose, the River and the Sea," by Miss Mainwaring-Johnson, and for an encore she sang "The Norgegian Song." Mr. Allen recited "When Father Carves a Duck," and responded to the hearty encore with "A Franeliman in New York." Miss Cobbett played a piano solo, and Miss Newling recited "The Cattle Thief," and gave as her encore "Little Boy Blue." Rev. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Jenkins addressed the children in a few appropriate words, and the concert was concluded by the passing of a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted.

—It is peculiarly fitting that the new management of the Victoria theatre should be inaugurated with the first day of the new year, and to a large extent with a new auditorium—for the alterations and improvements begun immediately upon the completion of the Roscian Opera Company's engagement last Friday, will vastly change the appearance of the "house," as it is known to the public. The New Year's and opening attraction is distinctly of a festival character, the Melville B. Raymond cartoon comedy or musical-cartoon-comedy of "Buster Brown." The antics and adventures of the irrepressible Buster, as illustrated by Artist R. F. Outcault from week to week in the comic supplements, is of course the groundwork of the show, in which Master Arthur Rice impersonates the children's popular hero. He is supported by one of the cleverest dumb animal impersonators on the continent, in the thinking part of "Tige," and a company numbering between forty-five and fifty character actors, singers, dancers, specialists in fun and frolic, pretty show girls, etc. "Buster Brown" may be classed a modern spectacular comedy, with an abundance of singing and dancing, rich costuming, and surprising stage effects. It is dated for the Monday and the Tuesday.

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Marine Shipping

After the accident to the Tees which resulted in the vessel returning to port for repairs just after starting on her voyage north, every effort was made by the steamer to complete the round trip before Christmas. The officers would have been successful in making Victoria on Christmas Day but for exceedingly stormy weather which was encountered all along the coast. In the run from Union to Vancouver last night the steamer was over ten hours. Seas piled over the steamer in a manner that by no means added to the Christmas cheer and comfort of those aboard. Notwithstanding the officers of the steamer did their best for the enjoyment of the passengers. A dinner was served aboard yesterday that in every way did credit to the steward's department of the ship. The Tees arrived here this morning.

THE PORTLAND ASHORE.

On the night of December 21st the steamer Portland ran ashore on Spire Island, to the north of Tonga Straits, and it is reported may prove a total loss. At the time of the accident the steamer was bound from Juneau for Seattle with passengers and freight. She had a cargo of ore, and it is thought that this affected the compass, the steamer in consequence getting off her course in the thick fog.

"[illegible] a total wreck one of the historic ships on the Pacific coast will have been lost," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "Her career since first being launched has been filled with exciting and interesting incidents. From a banana steamer plying to the Mosquito coast she passed to the control of the Haytian government, and from their hands to the revolutionists in Cuba, who used her as a filibuster. Later on she was the centre of the great opium ring on the Pacific coast.

"In the early '80s the vessel was called the Ethel A. Merritt. She was then in the banana trade between Philadelphia and Bluefields.

"The Haytian government bought the steamer and fitted her up as a gunboat. She was used against the insurgents in the island and many engagements were fought. She was used in cruising around the island, capturing smuggled arms and in shelling the villages in possession of the rebels. The Haytian government official who purchased the steamer was stated to have received $25,000 for his share of the bargain.

"Less than two years after she had been in the service of the Haytian government she was bought for the purpose of running arms into Cuba. For several months she was used as a filibuster and had many narrow escapes from the Spanish cruisers, which were continually on the watch for this vessel. She was considered one of the cleverest filibusters ever on the Atlantic coast. When the vessel became too well known she was sent around to Puget Sound.

"It was while on the Sound that the most famous chapter of her history took place. She was used by the 'opium ring,' and was used to bring down large shipments of opium and Chinamen from Vancouver and Victoria. At that time the duty on opium was $15 a pound. On one occasion the steamer took twenty tons and landed it at Portland. The drug was landed through the custom house and the profits were divided with those connected with the ring. Chinamen were smuggled down by the score. On one trip the vessel brought 300. For each Chinaman landed the people who were in the ring received $100. In this way a number of them made large fortunes. When the exposure finally came, Deputy Collector of Customs McLarkey, in Portland, received a long term in the penitentiary, and Said Back, a wealthy Chinaman, received a $10,000 fine. A number of minor officials in the customs service and others connected with the ring were also sent to prison for various terms. The steamer was seized and sold by the government. She was renamed the Portland and placed on various runs around the Sound and to the north. She was the original Klondike treasure ship, and has carried many gold shipments from the north.

"Although an old boat and one which had seen much service, she was as sound and as staunch as on the day of launching. When recently examined by the inspectors everything was in the best of trim."

TRANS-PACIFIC TRADE.

"E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent of the C. P. R., has returned from Portland, where last week he attended a meeting of steamship companies interested in the trans-Pacific trade," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "The Great Northern Steamship Company some time ago broke into the Chinese trade in California, and the San Francisco companies complained that this was a breach of the agreement that Northern companies should not operate south of the Oregon boundary. At the meeting, however, it was decided that the companies could hold their own against this invasion, and no retaliatory measures were taken."

A RIVER PILOT.

Arrangements have been completed between the New Westminster city council and the pilotage board for securing a permanent salaried pilot for the Fraser river, the city guaranteeing the salary. Other industries besides the Fraser river mills expect to be in the foreign exporting business within the next few months, which means more deep-sea vessels will enter the Fraser than those chartered by the mill, and as the pilotage fees from an ordinary deep-sea vessel run anywhere from $50 to $125, it will not require a great many to pay the salary of a permanent pilot.

MAY CALL AT HONOLULU.

A St. Paul, Minn., dispatch says that Vice-President James, of the Great Northrn Steamship Company, who has returned from Japan and China, made the announcement that he is considering a schedule for the coming year whereby the Great Northern steamships Minnesota and Dakota will touch at Honolulu on their return trip from Japanese and Chinese ports to Seattle.

The Hawaiian sugar plantations are producing more than ever before, and at times the San Francisco boats have difficulty in handling the output. At present the Pacific Mail, Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company practically control the business. By stopping at Honolulu, the Hill liners would bring a large proportion of the Hawaiian trade to Seattle.

The stop at Honolulu could be made with comparatively little loss of time. The distance from Yokohama to Honolulu is 3,445 miles, and from Honolulu to Seattle 2,305, and schedules could be arranged which would be but little different from the present. The time spent in Oriental ports and in Seattle could be reduced and the round trip made in about ninety days. At present the round trips are made in eighty-seven days.

MARINE SCHOOLS.

A series of free lectures on seamanship and navigation, illustrated by diagrams will be delievered in the examination rooms, old customs building, every Monday and Thursday evening during the months of January, February and Mareh, commencing on January 4th, 1906, at 8 p. m. All persons interested in the above subjects are cordially invited to attend. Special attention will be given to the demonstration of the Rule of the Road and correction of compass.

MARINE NOTES.

D. G. S. Quadra returned on Saturday after a fruitless search for the missing buoy from the entrance to Port San Juan harbor. The steamer is now preparing to leave for the north on a trip to the different lighthouses.

R. M. S. Empress of India sailed for the Orient early this afternoon. She is a day late, having waited over for a day to connect with an English mail.

The American cruiser Marblehead, which was in Esquimalt recently, is now going to the Isthmus of Panama to remain for some time as a station ship.

DIED SUDDENLY.

Death of S. T. Stewart, Superintendent of Dominion Express Co. in Vancouver.

The death occurred very suddenly at Vancouver on Friday morning of Samuel T. Stewart, superintendent of the Dominion Express Company. Mr. Stewart was troubled with muscular rheumatism, but had been on a trip to Victoria and was moving about as usual during the past week, and on Thursday night he appeared to be as well as ever. About 2 o'clock Friday morning he felt some difficulty in his breathing, and got up and sat on a chair. He called for his daughter to bring him a drink of water, and as she approached him with it he rose to meet her and fell on the floor. He never breathed after that, and the medical gentleman called in pronounced death to be due to acute muscular rheumatism affecting the heart.

Mr. Stewart was born in Bellefontaine, O., 58 years ago. He entered the express business at the age of 21. He came to Vancouver as superintendent of the Dominion Express Company of the Pacific division in 1903. He was married at Logansport to Miss Frances Cridley, who with his daughters, Misses Maude and Lole, and his son Chester, survive him.

PROSPECT SCHOOL.

Annual Christmas Tree—Presentation to Miss Cathcart.

The Prospect school closed on Friday with its annual Christmas tree. Supper was served to the children at 6 o'clock, and after the little ones had done full justice to this part of the entertainment, an excellent programme was rendered by them, and the way they acquitted themselves spoke very well of the pains the teacher, Miss Cathcart, had taken on their behalf. After this Santa Clause arrived, and in his most genial manner handed down much appreciated gifts to those present.

Miss Cathcart, who is leaving Prospect school to accept a position in the Esquimalt school district, was then presented by the chairman with a sterling silver mounted ebony toilet set, on behalf of the children, their parents and friends as a slight token of esteem in which she is held by them. She replied in a few brief remarks, assuring the children that she highly appreciated the gift.

The gathering broke up with three cheers for the retiring teacher and the singing of "God Save the King."

—Union No. 215, Western Federation of Miners, at Mount Sicker, will give a grand ball and supper on Wednesday, January 10th, 1906.

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—The regular meeting of the Margherita Mandolin Club has been postponed until Tuesday next, January 2nd. A full attendance is requested for that evening at 8 o'clock sharp in the Y. M. C. A. hall.

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Sporting News

HOCKEY.

A DRAWN MATCH.

"As expected, the hockey match on Saturday between the Garrison and Vancouver was most exciting and very evenly contested, the final score, in a whirlwind finish, being two goals all," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. "Since last year both sides have strengthened their game; the Garrison by the addition of the best players in the R. A.; Vancouver by the infusion of new blood, and the result was apparent after the first ten minutes' play.

"Following several rushes on the home circle, the Vancouver forwards did some pretty combination work, and Bayfield, after a close risk, shot the first goal. This stirred up the Garrison, and a few minutes later their wing forward, Powers, tallied for them. His run up the side lines, past and through the home defence, was accomplished so quickly that the black and white defenders rubbed their eyes in surprise. Shortly afterward time was called.

"Owing to the gathering darkness no rest was taken, but the game proceeded with renewed vigor. Vancouver now had the advantage of playing down hill and went at it 'hammer and tongs,' only to be hurled back by the hard hitters in the back division of the Garrison. Ponsford made one beautiful shot which O'Brien in goal deftly put aside, and then Barwick, following up well on the ball, as he always does, scored in pretty style. The spectators, who braved a very nasty day, shouted encouragement, but the wing forward for the Garrison had a few kinks of speed left, and, on a well timed pass from his centre Collins left everyone behind him and equalized the score. It was a fine run and well merited the commendation received from both sides.

"Time was now drawing to a close and the home team pressed the Garrison hard, but it was not to be, and shortly after the whistle blew for the finish.

"Among the visitors besides Powers, whose speed and clever stick work has already been referred to, Collins and Warder handled themselves well in the forward line, while their half backs supported them cleverly. Sullivan and Quarrie, in the back field, showed how long hits into touch can in a twinkling relieve the pressure, and O'Brien, the goal-keeper, saved on several occasions.

"For Vancouver, all the forwards worked hard and the combination was better than usual. Farquhar in centre did not get any opportunity to score, but fed his inside wings well. Deane, jr., had much heavier men against him, but centred well, and Ponsford, Barrick and Bayfield pressed hard all the time. All three half backs used their heads and there was an absence of the usual indiscriminate hitting. Behind them Stevens and Ashcroft relieved over and over again, breaking up several dangerous rushes and staving off determined attacks. Ashcroft, by the way, is a new man, plays in beautiful style and keeps cool in the face of any odds. Deane repelled any boarders with the exception of the two dashes by Powers, and in one of these he was unfortunate enough to slip at the critical moment.

"In conclusion, it was a very speedy, clean game, much of the credit for which is due to H. G. Dalby, who held the whistle, and was quickly supported in his decisions by the members of both teams."

SPLENDID PRACTICE.

There was a large attendance at the Victoria Hockey Club practice on Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay. Sides were selected and a fast practice game indulged in. Already there is a perceptible difference in the form of the senior eleven and they are expected to make a splendid showing against Vancouver in the next match of the British Columbia championship series.

LACROSSE.

THE OUTLOOK.

In a general article on the prospects of the Canadian national game in British Columbia next season, the Vancouver News-Advertiser, referring to Victoria, says:

"There is a possibility of the Victoria club dropping from the league next season. A prominent player of the club, who was in the city a few days ago, stated to the writer that the prospects for senior lacrosse in the capital were very poor, and that the club which has held a franchise in the B. C. A. L. A. since its organization, many years ago, will be compelled to drop out of league society for at least one season. The Vancouver and Victoria clubs were the first members of the governing body of lacrosse in British Columbia, and it will be a hard blow to many old lacrosse men in Vancouver and Victoria who have worked so hard for the game if the Capital City twelve cannot retain its franchise in the association. The Victoria club experienced the greatest difficulty in pulling through the season of 1905. Several new men were imported from points in Eastern Canada, and the club was forced to pay out over $550 to bring them to the Coast and keep them during the summer months. The game is certainly on the wane in Victoria, and although the officers of the club have worked hard the sport loving public has failed to do its share, and the attendance at the games has been far from encouraging. If a team is put in the field next season it will be composed of intermediates, as the regular seniors have retired and the men who were imported last season have returned East and will remain there."

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

As has already been mentioned in these columns, a match will be played between the Victoria and Vancouver senior teams on Monday (New Year's Day) morning at Oak Bay. It will be a friendly exhibition contest, arranged at the initiative of the Terminal City club in order to give the locals some practice before the commencement of the British Columbia league series. The match is expected to be close and interesting.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

EGERIA WON.

In a Vancouver Island league match on Saturday between the Egeria and Ladysmith teams the former was successful, winning by a score of 1 goal to nil. The sailors worked well together and their form showed conclusively that they have been taking advantage of every opportunity of practice during the past few weeks. On the other hand the Ladysmith eleven was a disappointment. In the first place only a number of those who played against the Garrison team recently were present, and secondly their idea of the game was not very clear, at least that was the conclusion naturally drawn from their loose style and ineffective rushes on the part of the forwards.

To the spectators the match was somewhat uninteresting. Although both elevens did their best the exhibition was not sufficiently exciting to enable those watching to forget the coldness of a biting wind which blew across the ground. From the start it was quite apparent that the sailors had set themselves the task of winning at any cost. Always on the aggressive, they worried the Ladysmith defence continually. Finally, just before half time the opportunity came. The Egeria team had been awarded a free kick. It was taken by McKinnell and beautifully placed in front of the goal. Lord secured and shot quickly. The ball passed the opposing custodian and landed in the net. At this the sailors cheered vociferously.

During the second part of the match the Ladysmith team tried desperately to equalize. As a result of their efforts the sailors were forced, on many occasions, to retire in a body and put up a purely defensive game. But this did not last all through. The Egeria players were too plucky to take advantage of their lead to use bunching tactics to too great an extent. They had confidence in themselves, and, as a result, came near running up the tally by one or more points in several instances.

Sergt. Paley acted as referee.

THE LEAGUE STANDING.

Appended is the standing of the different Vancouver Island League teams:

	Played.	Won.	Drn.	Pts.
Victoria United	1	1	0	2
Egeria	2	1	0	2
Garrison	1	0	1	1
Ladysmith	2	0	1	1

VICTORIA v. GARRISON.

What is expected to be an exceedingly interesting contest will take place next Saturday afternoon between the Victoria United and Garrison teams at Oak Bay. This will be one of the Vancouver Island series. Both elevens have been practicing faithfully and will line-up in the best possible condition and ready for a hard struggle. The civilian and soldier footballers have always been rivals, and, apparently, will continue so as long as the latter are stationed at Work Point. In the recent District League the Victoria United team was successful, but it is a question whether the same will occur in connection with the present series. The Garrison team has been strengthened and are determined to turn the tables.

MONDAY'S CONTEST.

On Monday (New Year's Day) the Victoria United team will play the Seattle eleven, the latter having agreed to visit the city on that occasion. The contest is expected to be interesting, as it will demonstrate the progress that has been made by the Americans since they took up the game in earnest some months ago. It is understood that they are by no means unworthy opponents and that the champion local team will have to look to their laurels. In the evening the visitors will be the guests of members of the Victoria United club at a banquet to be held at the Oak Bay Hotel.

JUNIOR MATCH.

The Victoria West and South Park junior teams tried conclusions on Saturday afternoon. It resulted in a win for the former by a score of 3 goals to nil. Owing to the fact that the full South Park team was not in attendance it was decided to play the contest with four men short of the required complement. Without a doubt this severely handicapped the South Park boys, something for which they are entirely responsible. E. M. Whyte acted as referee.

A FRIENDLY GAME.

A match was played between the Central intermediates and the Royal Engineers at Work Point on Saturday afternoon. It resulted in victory for the soldiers by a score of 3 goals to 1. The contest was close during the first period, the R. E. being able to send the ball into the net on only one occasion. Shortly after half time the civilians made a determined effort and evened matters. Then the R. E. braced up and sent in two goals in rapid succession.

BASKETBALL.

GAME IN SEATTLE.

"Notwithstanding the fact that the Y. M. C. A. has decided not to put a first basketball team in the field this year, lovers of the game will be able to witness high class sport of this nature in the basketball league, lately organized among the principal amateur teams of the city," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

[illegible] Y. M. C. A. which was attended by representatives of the several teams, Prof. A. G. Douthitt was elected president, G. W. Ames, vice-president, and Robert T. Bushell, secretary-treasurer. It is the intention to divide the league into two sections, members of each section to play a series of games with every other team in its section; the champions of each section to play off in three games with each other.

"As nine teams have signified their intention of coming into the league this will mean about two months of hot basketball, during which time there will be four games every week in different parts of the city.

"The following teams were represented at the meeting and have signified their intention of joining the league: St. Anne's, Ballard; Marcus Whitman Athletic Club, Fremont; Signal Corps; S. A. C.; Good Templars, Fremont; four teams from the Y. M. C. A., including the Intermediates, Tigers, Busy Men and Business Men."

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The Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act extending the time for commencing and completing an extension of its main line to Comox and the branches referred to in its Act of Incorporation, and also empowering the Company to construct and operate a railway from Comox to a point at or near Campbell River, also a branch from its main line at or near Duncans via Cowichan Valley to Alberni, also a branch from a point at or near Englishman's River to Alberni Canal, and a branch from a point at or near Comox via Cumberland southwesterly to Alberni Canal, and giving the Company general powers to construct branch lines and for other purposes.

Dated at Victoria this 14th day of December, 1905.

W. F. SALSBURY,
Secretary E. & N. Railway.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for an Act incorporating a Company with power to carry on the business of Life Insurance; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Dated 30th November, 1905.

EBERTS & TAYLOR,
Solicitors for Applicant.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting 8 and 26, not reserved, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application the land to be taken is situated, or if the to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situate, receive authority for some one to make entry for him.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES. A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT should be made at the end of three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector.

Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at $10 per acre for soft coal and $20 for anthracite. Not more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quarts.—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of $7.50 per annum for an individual, and from $50 to $100 per annum for a company according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet. The fee for recording a claim is $5.

At least $100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When $500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at $1 an acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales.

PLACER mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee $5, renewable yearly.

A free miner may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental, $10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds $10,000.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for a Private Bill to incorporate a company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway, either standard or narrow gauge, from a point at or near Quatsino Sound, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, by the most direct and feasible route to a point at or near Seymour Narrows, thence along Bute Inlet by the most direct and feasible route to a point on the Chilcotin River, and thence by the most direct and feasible route to the Pine River Pass; and also with power to equip, construct and maintain branch lines, and all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries; and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any government, municipal corporations or other persons or bodies; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using telegraph or telephone lines, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the Company; and with power to make traffic and other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 23rd day of November, 1905.

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Solicitors for the Applicants.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to acquire, purchase, construct and operate the undertakings of the Vancouver and Coast Kootenay Railway Company; the Alberni and Cowichan Railway Company; the Kamloops and Atlin Railway Company; and the Midway and Vernon Railway Company; and to acquire all the rights, powers and privileges of the said Companies; and with power to exercise all the powers contained in the Acts of Incorporation of the said Companies; and with power to acquire, purchase, construct and operate the undertaking of any other railway company or companies; and with power to subscribe for and purchase the stock, bonds, debentures or other securities of any railway company; and to exchange the stock or other bonds, debentures or other securities of the Company to be incorporated for the shares, stock, debentures, bonds or other securities of any other railway company; and with power to increase the capital of the Company to be incorporated; and with power to issue shares as fully paid up; and to borrow money on the Company's assets by any form of security; and with power to promote any railway company or companies, or to amalgamate with any company or companies; and with all the other and necessary powers conducive to the carrying out of the Company's undertaking.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 22nd day of November, 1905.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

RE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT, AND AMENDMENT ACT, 1903.

The attention of persons wishing to qualify to vote as "Householders," or "Licenseholders," at the Municipal Election to be held in January, 1906, is called to the fact that forms of declaration may be obtained, and the necessary declaration made, at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street, within office days and office hours, between, and including, December 1st and December 30th proximo.

Attention is also called to the following provision of Section 3 of the said Act, namely: "No declaration shall be accepted by the Clerk unless it be delivered within 48 hours after it is made; provided all declarations shall be delivered before 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the day on which the list is closed by the Clerk." Hence, Justices of the Peace, and other authorized persons, before whom the declarations will be made, are respectfully requested TO NOTE THEREON THE HOUR, AS WELL AS THE DATE, when such declarations are made before them.

As the 31st day of December, 1905, is Sunday, in order to fulfil the requirements of Section 4 of the said Act, the voters' list will be closed on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1905, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

The tale opens at the Duke of Clarence's theatre, by the stage-door of which a young man, powerful, and remarkably handsome, but looking as if he had just come from the Wild West, is waiting to see the manager. He is noticed by Winifred Gray, a rising young actress, and also by Lionel Macaire, a millionaire and friend of the manager's, but of repulsive appearance and infamous character. The stranger, whose name is Hope Newcome, introduces himself as a friend of "F. E. Z.," and the initials strangely affect not only the manager, Mr. Anderson, but also Macaire. Newcome, who announces that he has come to England for the purpose of "finding something," asks Anderson for an engagement, but the manager, prompted by the millionaire friend, finds an excuse for refusing. During the performance that evening Winifred Gray is sent for to the boudoir, where she sees Macaire. The millionaire informs her that he has now a controlling interest in the theatre, and offers her an engagement as Rosalind. Winifred, who has been playing small parts, is at first dazzled by the offer, but on a declaration of love from Macaire she rejects the millionaire's advances with loathing. Macaire allows her to go for the moment, but declares that he will break her to his will. The same night Hope Newcome, still lounging at the stage door, sees a stranger of powerful physique mount the box of Winifred's cab beside the driver. Newcome orders him down, and a struggle takes place. Newcome soon disposes of his opponent, and receives the thanks of the young actress, who, however, hardly realises the danger she has escaped. Next day Winifred is sent for by Anderson, and, evidently with great regret on the part of the manager, told that she is not suitable for the role she is to assume in a forthcoming production, and that if she prefers to leave the company at once she will receive salary for the next fortnight. Winifred sees she has no option but to go, and she knows also from what quarter the blow falls, for, as she leaves the manager's room, Macaire enters with an unmistakable expression on his face. She visits all the theatrical agents and managers in vain for weeks, and is aware that strong influences are working against her.

CHAPTER XXXV.—(Continued.)

"When she was still quite a girl she had a very tempting offer to go to America and act, and the offer was accepted. On the ship she met a young man on his way to California to make his fortune, or rather to improve it, for he had about ten thousand pounds which he had just inherited, and wanted to invest in some profitable way. He had had a dreadful misfortune, shooting a friend by accident, and though it was more the friend's fault than his, and he had been acquitted of any blame except carelessness, he could not bear his old life, and had determined to begin again in a new country.

"There you have the hero and heroine on the stage together; for, of course, the young man fell in love with the actress, and, for the first time in her life, she found herself in love too. He implored her to marry him and leave the stage, for he thought his ten thousand pounds quite fortune enough to marry upon. But the girl loved the stage, and she had been extravagant, and spent her money as fast as she had made it. Besides, she was under contract to the man who was her manager for two years more, and was decidedly afraid of him. He had taught her all she knew about the stage, and fancied he had a right to order her private as well as professional life, since her parents were dead and she was alone in the world. This manager disapproved of actresses marrying while they were in the heyday of youth and success, for he believed—as most managers do—that unmarried girls on the stage are more of a 'draw' than when they become matrons.

"She had someone else to be afraid of, too, poor girl, though she did not tell that to her lover. She knew he would laugh that fear to scorn. Only a man she had flirted with a little, because he was so horribly, in earnest that he had been amusing—a Byronic sort of person with a handsome, fierce face, and a deformed foot. When it came to his insisting on marrying her she had refused, and he had sworn to kill any man she ever dared to make her husband.

"Somehow, the threats of this satanic individual, who had followed her to England from Australia, where she played one year, had made a very strong impression upon her mind, and that impression revived when she fell in love with somebody else. Once in a while he sent her a souvenir of his continued existence; and the last packet she had received from him—a year ago—had been posted from some place the name being indistinguishable, in America.

"She heroine refused my hero, and really thought she should be able to part with him; but when they reached New York and she found that she couldn't keep him dangling about her, she relented. They were privately married, the secret not to come out at the earliest until her contract with her manager expired at the end of two years. After a week or so of stolen meetings she sent him away, as her love was interfering with her professional work; but they didn't expect their separation to be for long, as the company of which she was the star was slowly going West. Her destination was to be California; and when she came near enough they would meet again. Meanwhile, they wrote to each other.

"My hero didn't find any investment to suit him at first, so he put his money in a California bank, that it might be handy if he wanted it, and as there was a sensation about a newly-discovered gold region, he went out there and tried his luck.

"But his luck was not good. He saw others round him doing well, while Fortune kept a closed hand for him. Months passed, and at last a letter told his wife that he had found exactly the right thing. A man he had met—a splendid fellow, very clever, though eccentric—had bought land, and in prospecting had found gold. But he hadn't money enough to do anything with it, or he would have kept the secret to himself. As it was he hadn't told a soul, except my hero, giving him the chance of a partnership in what would be the financier; and they would share and share alike. The fellow had shown my hero some wonderful specimens, and they were already chumming together. At the end of the letter my hero told his wife the name of his new friend. It was that of the man who had loved and threatened her in Australia, and from whom she had heard a year ago in America.

"Here was a development; and, as you can see, Comtesse, the villain of the piece is on the stage.

"The poor girl was sick with forebodings. Her husband had a miniature of her which he always wore; and he had also a curious jewel which she had given him—an heirloom of her family. It was a blue moonstone, cut in the shape of a Sphinx's head, which had been given to an ancestor of her father's by an Egyptian princess. She had had it mounted on a small screw, with her famous initials engraved on a tiny flat piece of gold, and had made it a present to her husband before they parted, 'for luck.'"

CHAPTER XXXVI.

"Cloven Hoof."

"Oh!" exclaimed the Comtesse, "at last you have come to the moonstone."

She had laid the Sphinx's head on the table, and had been toying with it as she listened. Hope Newcome's eyes and hers were upon it now, and the spirit-light imprisoned within the stone sent up one of its elusive gleams, like an eye answering their glances.

"If I believed in ghosts I should believe that stone was haunted." Newcome said in an odd, low voice. For an instant he had lost the thread of his narrative, but quickly he took it up and went on again.

"My heroine knew that the man who had threatened her had seen the moonstone in old days. Even without the initials he would have recognized it as hers, for she had said to him laughingly on the day he had seen it that she was keeping the talisman as a wedding gift for her husband—if she ever had one. This had been before any stormy scenes between them, but she believed that he would not have forgotten.

"Her only hope was that the name might be a mere coincidence, and she wrote asking her husband to describe his new friend. But the description, when it came, brought no comfort. The man looked rather like Byron, her husband answered. He had a deformed foot, and the miners round about called him in their rude slang 'Cloven Hoof.'

"Quickly she wrote again, telling the whole story, which she had kept from her husband before, warning him to be careful; whatever he did he must not let the other dream that they were married, or even knew each other, if it were not too late for that. And she begged that in any event the partnership might be dissolved. She had a presentiment of evil to come.

"But many days passed, and she got no answer to her letter. She could not sleep at night for terrible dreams; and, at about this time, another great perplexity had come to her. She knew that she was to be a mother.

"All her anxieties made her ill; her tour had to be interrupted in the midst, and engagements cancelled. Then one night she had a dream more horrible than any which had tortured her before. She dreamt that she saw the man with the deformed foot digging a grave for the dead body of her husband, whom he had murdered, and hoped to hide away for ever, with all traces of the crime.

"She told me afterwards—for I heard this story from her own lips—that she must have been half mad. She hardly knew what she was doing until she found herself in the train, travelling alone from Chicago—where she had been taken ill—on the way to California and the place where her husband was living with his 'friend.' Without a word to anyone she had stolen away in the early dawn. But she confessed the truth to her manager, and told him what she wished to do, he would have tried to prevent her from going to her husband, and, in her weak state of health, would probably have succeeded. As it was, he would have followed, no doubt, had he guessed her destination; but she left a note which put him upon the wrong track, and not only did she contrive to disappear, but, as a matter of fact, the mystery which surrounded her disappearance was never cleared up. Circumstances which came afterwards made her desire to remain behind the veil she herself had dropped, and it was never lifted.

"The nearest railway town to the place my poor heroine wished to reach—we'll call it Caxton; it's very like the real name—was thirty miles away. When she got there the whole country was aflame with excitement, and hardly had she been five minutes in the small, rough hotel when she heard a strange story.

"It seemed that two young men who had come out from the East to this part of California had mysteriously vanished within six or seven weeks. They were both well off, and had had a good deal of money sent to them by friends, who, anxious at not hearing from them for a long time, caused inquiries to be made. They were traced to the neighborhood of Caxton, but no further. Matters had reached this stage when another man also disappeared—the very man whom the poor girl had feared might murder her husband. Yet, judging from the tale she was told, her dream was a contradiction; for her husband had been arrested, and was now held on suspicion of having murdered his partner.

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EDISON STEREOPTICON and slides for sale; bargain. Box K., Times.

FOR SALE—First-class Jersey cow; fresh; Massey-Harris seed drill, almost new; also all kinds of buggies, carts and wagons, and a few double and single sets of harness. Apply Fisher's Carriage Shop, Store street.

DUTCH BULBS—And hyacinth glasses. Jay & Co.

ENGINE FOR SALE—10 horse power. Can be seen in operation at the Times Building, 26 Broad street, running Times machinery.

50 TONS of Nanaimo potatoes for sale, $16 per ton, from Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th; freight on steamer included. Apply Kong Sing Wing, 54 Finguard street.

FOR SALE OR RENT—At Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island, a 2½ story new dwellinghouse, large cottage, new outhouses, stone dock for boats, sandstone quarry, etc., together with 200 acres of land; public wharf adjoining. Apply to F. J. Bittancourt, Victoria, or on premises.

FURNITURE, tents, air-tight heaters wanted. Steam engine for sale. At Bittancourt's, Old Church, cor. Broad and Pandora streets. Phone A906.

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LOST AND FOUND.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOUND—A boy's bicycle. Owner can have same by applying to 4 Croft street and paying expenses.

LOST—Between outer wharf and Yates, purse containing about $50. Finder return to Times Office and receive reward.

LOST—Gold pin, set with white stone. Reward at Carne's Grocery.

LOST—Lady's gold ring, set with five pearls. Finder suitably rewarded on returning same to this office.

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MISCELLANEOUS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

MONEY TO LOAN on all kinds of approved security. Unredeemed pledges for sale, cheap, at 43 Johnson street.

AH WING—Fashionable tailor, ladies' and gents' clothes made to order and perfect fit guaranteed. 100 Government street.

SING TAI—Manufacturer and dealer in ladies' silk and cotton underwear, dresses, wrappers, etc. 74 Douglas street, Victoria.

BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods at Kawai Bros. Co., 86 Douglas St.

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PERSONAL.

WOULD you marry if suited? 5,000 desire correspondence with view to matrimony; large descriptive list with photos and P. O. address free. Address Cupid, 121, Oakland, Cal.

Take notice that I intend to apply at the next meeting of the Board of License Commissioners for the District of Esquimalt for the transfer to Frances Dudley Stetson of the license to sell spirituous liquors by retail at the Ship Hotel, Esquimalt, B. C. Dated this first day of December, 1905.

FREDERICK STETSON.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ART STUDIO.

MISS MILLS, Art Mistress, R. C. A., London. Lessons in drawing, painting and design. Studio, 8 Canadian Bank of Commerce, Government street.

BAMBOO FURNITURE.

WE MAKE IT—All sorts of designs, at makers' prices. J. Nishomoto, 202 Government street.

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR.

THOMAS CATTERALL—16 Broad street. Building in all its branches; wharf work and general jobbing. Tel. 820.

BICYCLES.

A SURPRISE FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT—Fine new Wheels, pea rifles; reliable yet inexpensive. At Harris & Moore's, 42 Broad street.

BLACKSMITHING, ETC.

ALL KINDS OF BLACKSMITHING and wagon work done. Farming implements and machinery repaired. Wm. Dockings, 276 Government. Phone 233.

BOOT AND SHOE REPAIRING.

NO MATTER where you bought your shoes, bring them here to be repaired. Hibbs, 5 Oriental Ave., opposite Grand Theatre.

CONTRACTORS.

ESTIMATES GIVEN on moving buildings; work carefully done at reasonable prices. Johnson & Co., 111 North Pembroke St.

JOHN HAGGARTY—Contractor, 47 Discovery street. All kinds of teaming done and estimates given. When you want the scavenger to call phone us, 184.

CHAS. A. M'GREGOR, 95 Yates street. Jobbing trade a specialty. Twenty years experience. Orders promptly filled.

COFFEE AND SPICES.

VICTORIA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS—Office and mills, 148 Government street. A. J. Morley, proprietor.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING.

CHIMNEYS CLEANED—Defective flues fixed, etc. Wm. Neal, 32 Quadra street. 'Phone 1019.

LLOYD & CO.—Sweepers to H. M. Naval Yard, Jubilee Hospital, Dominion, Vernon and other first-class hotels. Orders taken at Gower & Wrigley worth's, 119 Douglas street. 'Phone 910. Prices possible.

CHRISTMAS TREES.

ALL SIZES, all prices. Order to-day, to be sure. Johnston's Transfer & Fuel Co., 125 Douglas street.

CUT FLOWERS.

CHOICE CUT FLOWERS for any and every occasion. A. J. Woodward, greenhouses, Ross Bay. Tel. 285, store, 33 Fort street. Tel. 918.

CUSTOMS BROKER.

J. LEEMING, Customs Broker and Forwarding Agent. 1 Fort street. Tel. 743; residence, 1135.

DENTISTS.

DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewell Block, cor. Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Telephone—Office, 567; Residence, 122.

DYEING AND CLEANING.

VICTORIA DYE WORKS, 116 Yates street. Dyeing and cleaning; modern plant; satisfaction guaranteed. Telephone 717.

B. C. STEAM DYE WORKS, 141 Yates street. Largest dyeing and cleaning establishment in the province. Country orders solicited. Tel. 200.

ENGRAVING.

GEORGE CROWTHER, engraver and stencil cutter, 12 Wharf street, opposite Post Office.

EDUCATIONAL.

IF YOU WANT thorough instruction in shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, take a course at The Shorthand School, 15 Broad street, Victoria, B. C. E. A. Macmillan, principal.

FANCY GOODS.

CANTON BAZAAR, 106 Government street. Magnificent display of Xmas and New Year's presents. New designs Chinese drawnwork. Linen and silk embroidered goods. Chinese curios.

FURRIER.

FRED. FOSTER, taxidermist and furrier, 42½ Johnston street.

HAIRDRESSING.

THE UNIQUE HAIRDRESSING PARLORS, No. 65½ Fort street, is introducing the latest fad in hairdressing, "The Marcel-Wave," which gives a natural wave to the hair. Hairdressing school in connection. Marcel Wave taught; also hairdressing, shampooing, manicuring, and ladies' maids taught; special $5 course. A good opportunity to the best student.

HUNTERS' OUTFIT.

ATTENTION!—Selling out, Vulcan smokeless shells, 50c. per box. Peden Bros., 96 Government street.

INSURANCE.

CANADIAN CASUALTY AND BOILER INSURANCE CO. insures against all accidents and sickness. No restrictions. C. S. Baxter, Dist. Agent, 53 Wharf St.

LANTERNS AND SLIDES.

A BIG ASSORTMENT lanterns and slides for sale and hire, at Photographic Supply House, R. Maynard, 41 Pandora street.

LEGAL.

A. C. GALT, Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Board of Trade Building. Telephone No. 1232.

SMITH & JOHNSTON—Barristers, Solicitors, etc., Parliamentary and Departmental Agents. Agents before the Railway and other Commissions and in the Supreme and Exchequer Courts, Ottawa. Alexander Smith. W. Johnston.

LADIES' TAILORS.

SO KEE & CO., 44 Broad street, for Christmas and New Year presents. Ladies' and children's dresses, etc., great variety of beautiful designs.

LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

CUTE ON CO., 114 Yates street, manufacturers of ladies' underwear. All kinds of Chinese silks kept in stock. Terms reasonable.

LAUNDRY.

VICTORIA STEAM LAUNDRY, 730 Fort street. Telephone 172. Satisfaction guaranteed. Our wagons call everywhere.

LIME, ETC.

RAYMOND & SONS, Dealers in Lime, Plaster Paris, Brick, Fire Brick and Vancouver Island Cement. 8 Pandora street, Victoria, B. C.

MONUMENTS.

GRANITE AND MARBLE WORKS—Estimates given for monuments, etc. J. E. Philips, 74 and 76 View street.

MACHINISTS.

L. HAFER, General Machinist, No. 150 Government street. Tel. 980.

MERCHANT TAILORS.

SPECIAL!—To introduce our high grade tailoring, we offer $25, $30, $35 suitings at $22, to measure, for few days only. Sorenson, tailor, 32 Government street, opp. Trounce Ave.

CHARLIE BO, 27 Store street. Large arrival of new Scotch and English tweeds, unique patterns. Please note, fit guaranteed.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

HICKS & LOVICK PIANO CO.—Agents for "Mason & Risch" pianos, the Pianola piano, the Orchestrelle. 132 Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C. 'Phone 1242.

MOVING PICTURES.

FOR WINTER AMUSEMENT—You can hire stereopticons, magic lanterns and moving picture machines, at R. Maynard's, 41 Pandora street.

NURSES.

MRS. E. GALE, Nurse, 98 Superior street, first cottage from Menzies. Phone 802.

MRS. HOOD, Nurse, 17 Alfred street. Phone No. A899.

PATENTS.

PATENTS—Egerton R. Case, Temple Building, Toronto. H. L. Drury, Esq., M. P. P., reference.

PAPERHANGING.

WALLPAPERS—New designs. Paperhanging department is busy in view of the holidays. Jos. Sears, 91, 93 Yates street.

PLUMBING.

VICTORIA PLUMBING CO. are famous for quick work, thorough work, and fair charges. 144 Yates street. Telephone A313.

POTTERY WARE.

SEWER PIPE, FIELD TILE, GROUND FIRE CLAY, FLOWER POTS, ETC. B. C. POTTERY CO., LIMITED, CORNER BROAD AND PANDORA STREETS, VICTORIA.

PROVISIONS.

CELEBRATED ENGLISH SAUSAGE and Mincemeat; Chickens in every style. A. W. Simmons, 25 Government street, opp. Post Office.

SCAVENGERS.

R. M. NUNN, Constance avenue, Beaumont. General teaming and scavenger. Orders taken by 'phone, No. M481.

TRUCK AND DRAY.

TRUCKING — Quick service, reasonable charges. Walsh Bros., Tel. No. 1. Baker's Feed Store, 20 Yates street.

TOYS, ETC.

LARGEST ASSORTMENT in the city of toys, dolls, games, fancy goods, etc., at William Wilby's, 91 Douglas street.

UNDERTAKING.

W. J. HANNA, Graduate U. S. College of Embalming, New York. 102 Douglas street. Office telephone, 498. Residence telephone, 611.

WATCH REPAIRING.

A. PETCH, 89 Douglas street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of

WEATHER STRIPS.

WEATHER STRIPS—For doors and windows. Sold and fitted by J. P. Burgess, 10 Broughton street.

XMAS CARDS.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, calendar pads and all kinds of photographic supplies, at R. Maynard's, 41 Pandora street.

WANTED—TEACHERS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

TEACHER WANTED—At Prospect school; duties to commence next term. All applications to be received at Real P. O. by Dec. 28th, 1905. Address Chas. Heal, Secy.

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BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Associations, etc., should consult us when preparing guide books, advertising literature, and all kinds of illustrated foldens. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

BOARD AND ROOMS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FURNISHED ROOMS and board, at 8 Pioneer street.

FURNISHED ROOMS—With board. Apply 23 Birdcage Walk.

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HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

$150 AND $10 PER MONTH buys a pretty 4 roomed cottage, with large garden, on South Turner street. Box 441 P. O.

REAL ESTATE DIRECTORY

LEE & FRASER,
Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trounce Avenue.

FOR SALE—Modern cottage and large lot on Vancouver street for $1,000, easily rented for $15 per month.

NIAGARA STREET—Nice cottage, with modern conveniences and large lot, $1,550.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to Lots Thirty-One and Thirty-Two, East Victoria (Map 270), Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above lands, issued to Robert Esdale McKiel on the 28th day of October, 1895, and numbered 1125C.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.

Land Registry Office,
Victoria, B. C., 9th December, 1905.

LEE & FRASER,
Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Trounce Avenue.

PEMBERTON & SON
45 FORT STREET.

FOR SALE

ELFORD STREET—Choice building lots for sale on this road at reasonable prices.

MACLURE STREET—3 good building lots for sale, cheap, owing to owner leaving.

CENTRE ROAD—Several good cheap houses for sale, price $400 to $500, easiest terms.

PANDORA AVENUE—Large boarding house, containing 20 bedrooms, for sale cheap, or to rent.

CARBERRY GARDENS—Several good building lots for sale at reasonable prices.

PARK ROAD—2 story house and corner lot, price $4,875.

SWINERTON & ODDY
102 GOVERNMENT STREET.

A BARGAIN—2 story house, 6 rooms, sewer connection, brick foundation; cottage, 3 rooms; corner lot 60x120. Assessed at $3,500. Price for the two, only $2,800. Situate on Johnson street, near Methodist church.

6 ROOMED COTTAGE—Electric light, hot water connections, 2 lots 54x134, concrete sidewalk; only $2,500.

$1,700, NICE COTTAGE—Good location on Yates street, electric light, sewer connection, easy terms, $200 cash, balance monthly installments of $20 at 6 per cent. interest.

$2,000—Well finished cottage, 6 rooms, good location, Yates street, electric light, sewer connection, $300 cash, balance monthly installments of $25 at 6 per cent.

5 AND 10 ACRE BLOCKS—Close to city.

2 ACRES—Under cultivation, 8 roomed dwelling, orchard of 50 trees, bearing, 2 miles from P. O.; only $1,000.

154 ACRES—10 cleared, 10 slashed, dwelling, barn 50x40, orchard 150 trees, bearing, situate Salt Spring Island. The owner wishing to dispose of this at once has reduced price to $1,000. This is a bargain.

MONEY TO LOAN ON MORTGAGE.
$15,000 on business property; also sums from $500 upwards at current rates of interest.
Insure in the Connecticut Fire Ins. Co.

J. STUART YATES
22 Bastion Street.

FOR SALE—Cheap, land close to Gorge Tramway Terminus, in quantities to suit intending purchaser.

FINE 5-ACRE BLOCKS—Between Gorge and Burnside roads, on easy terms.

CRAIGIE LEA FARM—Comprising 140 acres, with dwelling house, 4 acre orchard and farm buildings.

LOTS 198 AND 199, VICTORIA CITY—With 9 store buildings, at assessed valuation.

79 ACRES of fine land, fronting on Sooke Harbor.

GOOD BUILDING LOTS—In Esquimalt town.

SECTION 10—Esquimalt District, fronting on Royal Roads.

TO RENT—Large wharf, at foot of Yates street, with large, commodious sheds.

J. E CHURCH,
Real Estate. 14 Trounce Ave.

NEW HOUSE—Modern in every respect that must be sold regardless of cost.

8 ROOM HOUSE—Fernwood road. You can have this fine house by paying down $600.

ONE 7 ROOM HOUSE, Johnson street; good location; $1,000 down.

ONE 6 ROOM COTTAGE, Victoria West. You can secure this by paying down $750.

ONE 14 ROOM BRICK HOUSE—Lot 60x120, suitable for boarding house; must be sold; price $5,000; will make terms.

CALL and get our list of cheap lots in good locations.

ACCIDENT AND BONDING INSURANCE.
FIRE INSURANCE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for an Act to revive, ratify and confirm the Cowichan-Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company Act, and extending the time for commencing construction of the said railway, and of expending ten per cent. of the Company's capital thereon, and to empower the Company to extend its railway from any point on its line to the City of Victoria, or to any point on Esquimalt Harbor; or in the alternative to incorporate a Company to build the line of railway set out in the Act of incorporation of the said Company, with the extension hereinbefore mentioned, and with all the powers contained in the Model Railway Bill.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., 22nd November, 1905.

ROBERTSON & ROBERTSON,
Solicitors for the Applicant.

BEAUMONT BOGGS
Real Estate and Insurance Agent, 42 Fort St.

New Home List Just Out.

COWICHAN—26 acres, 10 cultivated, 12 pasture, orchard, 300 trees, 7 room cottage and barn; price $5,000.

SHAWNIGAN—100 acres, 8 cultivated, 32 pasture and orchard, 5 room cottage, new; price $3,000.

CALEDONIA PARK—Lots in this subdivision on Niagara, Carr, Simcoe and St. Andrew streets.

DENMAN ISLAND, COMOX DISTRICT—144 acres, 35 pasture, orchard, on salt water, good land, 8 room house, barns; price $4,800.

FOR SALE—50 of the best farms on Vancouver Island. Call at office for list.

FOR SALE—Choice lots on Pandora Ave.; price $500.

FOR SALE—100-acre farm, Somenos, house, barns, etc.; price $4,100.

FOR SALE—100 acres, on Cowichan river, house and other improvements; price $1,500.

FOR SALE—25 acres, on Esquimalt harbor; price $2,500.

FOR SALE—6-roomed house, close to Government Buildings; price $2,000.

FOR SALE—Dairy farm at Somenos, fully stocked, buildings, etc.; price $4,500.

FOR SALE—Waterfront lots in Esquimalt; price $300, on terms of $10 per month.

HOUSES OR COTTAGES BUILT on monthly payment plan, under best architects and by competent builders.

RIVER FRONTAGE—50 acres (improved), ½ mile Cowichan Station; price $2,800.

COTTAGE and 5 acres, all improved, at Sand Bay; a bargain.

ORCHARD—20 acres in fruit, at Gordon Head; a going concern; cheap.

COTTAGE—20 acres, at Tyee Station, 10 acres cultivated; price only $2,650.

NIAGARA STREET—Lots, price $600.

CLARENCE STREET—Lots, price $450.

ELFORD STREET—Just off Fort street, choice lots at $600.

SIMCOE STREET—2 nice lots, at $750 each.

P. R. BROWN CO., Ltd.
30 BROAD STREET.

Call for a List of Our One Hundred and Fifty Dwellings for Sale.

FOR SALE—Oak Bay, 2½ acres, Oak Bay, house, outbuildings, beautiful view of the sea. (714.)

FOR SALE—Handsome bungalow and two lots, Oak Bay avenue, all modern conveniences. (692.)

FOR SALE—A five roomed cottage and two lots, on car line; price $2,000, easy terms. (614.)

FOR SALE—New modern dwelling of eight rooms, may be had at a very reasonable price, is centrally located, all modern conveniences, $2,400. (691.)

FOR SALE—Two good water front lots, worth looking into. (2248.)

FOR SALE—Many cheap lots, on the new Gorge car line.

FOR SALE—Two acres of choice land, at Shoal Bay. (2215.)

FOR SALE—150 acres, Saanich District, 40 cultivated, 200 fruit trees, large house, barns and several outbuildings; price $6,500 cash. (2815.)

FOR SALE—South Saanich, 11 miles from city, 50 acres, of which 35 are cultivated, 8 roomed house, barns, 20 fruit trees; price and terms on application. (2771.)

FOR SALE—Somenos District, 120 acres, 5 acres under hay, 30 acres fenced, 60 fruit trees, 8 roomed house, stock and furniture at a bargain. (2754.)

FOR SALE—Lake Hill Estate, ten acres, all fenced, seven acres cleared. (3133.)

FOR SALE—In centre of city, large modern dwelling and three city lots, having a frontage on two principal streets, well adapted for large boarding house, school or hospital; cost $19,500; our price, $10,500. (652.)

FOR SALE—Oak Bay avenue, handsome modern bungalow and three lots, reasonable price. (532.)

TO LEASE—Eight miles from the city, 125 acres, of which 65 are under cultivation, 6 roomed dwelling, two large barns, stock and implements may be purchased.

FOR SALE—Three and a half acres and cottage, half an acre of fruit, stable and all necessary outbuildings; this is within easy reach of the car and for sale at a very reasonable price. (2187.)

FOR SALE—Choice building site, 100x133; assessed value, $1,150; our price is only $700. (2245.)

FOR SALE—Seven and a half acres, in Mount Tolmie; this is well situated for a retired gentleman. (3111.)

FOR SALE—7½ acres and large dwelling, in the fashionable part of town, $25,000. (695.)

FOR SALE—Esquimalt road, cheap lots sold on the installment plan of 20 per cent. cash. (2116.)

FOR SALE—The only choice lots left in the Douglas Gardens. (2005.)

FOR SALE—Malahat District, 100 acres bottom land, balance light gravel, 1½ story dwelling, two barns, 10 acres fenced, and three acres cultivated, 50 fruit trees in bearing; price $7,500. (2793.)

MONEY TO LOAN, Fire Insurance Written, Estates Managed.

JUST ISSUED—Revised list of farms for sale in all parts of the province; call or write for one.

Phone 1076. P. O. Box 428.

P. R. BROWN CO., LTD.,
30 Broad St., Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners, at its next sitting, for a transfer of the license held by me to sell by retail wines and liquors upon the premises known as the Queen's Hotel, situate at the north-west corner of Store and Johnson streets, to the City of Victoria, to Wm. Baylis, of the City of Victoria.

SIMON LEISER.

Dated this 19th day of August, 1905.

Messrs. L. Eaton & Co.

Will Sell by

AUCTION TO-NIGHT

Friday, Dec. 22nd, at 8 p. m.;

and to-morrow, Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 8 p. m., the remainder of their Xmas Stock, including Toys of all kinds, English Cut Glass, Ladies' Hand Bags, Purses, Leather Goods of every variety, Vases, Jardinieres, Crysanthemums, Photo Frames, etc., etc.

The Auctioneers, L. EATON & CO.

Hardaker, Auctioneer

At the Residence of Rev. A. Ewing, 175 Menzies St., Corner of Dallas Road,

THURSDAY, 28, 2 p. m.

OF VALUABLE AND WELL KEPT

FURNITURE, LIBRARY, ETC.

Excellent Divan, 2 Oak Sectional Book Cases, Oak Arm Chairs, Oak Rockers, Ladies' Oak Writing Desk, Walnut Uph. Chairs, Cosy Corner, Oak Centre Tables, Oak Music Stand, Coal Scuttle, Fire Irons, Electric Chandeliers, 2 Very Fine Wilton Rugs, 13.6x10.6 and 12x9, Hearth Rugs, Art Squares, Linoleum, Matting, Stair Carpets, Net Curtains, Blinds, Poles, Sofa, Large Extension Table, Walnut Leather Covered Chairs, Walnut Sideboard, Walnut Writing Desk and Book Case combined, Book Shelves, Lounging Chair, Pictures, Hardwood Bedroom Suites, Single and Double Enamelled and Brass Bedsteads, 2 Chests of Drawers, Mattresses, Pillows, Oak Bureau and Washstand, English Children's Cots, Glassware, Crockery, Clothes [illegible] Albion Range, with Warming Closet and Water Connections, Air-Tight Heater, Washing Machine, Garden Hose, Lawn Mower, Meat Safe, Swing, etc.

Doors open at 1 o'clock day of sale.

Wm. T. Hardaker,

AUCTIONEER

Food Value

Mooney's Perfection Cream Sodas are crisp squares of wholesome nourishment. They are the food that builds strength and muscle. They are as easily digested by the child and invalid as by the sturdy workman. They contain ALL the food properties of finest Canadian wheat flour, in a form that delights the appetite. Always fresh and crisp in the moisture-proof packages.

At all grocers in their hygienic packages.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to carry on within the Province of British Columbia the business of insuring plate and other glass against loss or damage, by breakage or otherwise whether placed in windows, doors or other parts of buildings, and whether stored or in transit, or on shore or afloat, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 13th day of December, A. D., 1905.

BARNARD & ROGERS,
Solicitors for Applicants.

ROYAL ARMS HOTEL

STORE STREET, VICTORIA B.C.
Room and board, $4.75 to $5.00 per week.
Best brands of Liquors and Cigars.
JAMES DUPEN,
Proprietor.

Xmas Gifts

Ebony Dressing Cases.
Ebony Manicure Cases.
Ebony Mirrors.
Ebony Brushes (all kinds).
Perfumes in fancy packages.
Atomizers in great variety.
Let us show you our line and quote prices.

John Cochrane, Chemist

N. W. COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

Choice Wines & Liquors

Specially selected for Christmas trade

PORT, SHERRY, CHAMPAGNE

SCOTCH AND IRISH WHISKIES

Only the Leading Brands Carried.

Windsor Grocery Company,

Opposite Post Office. Government Street

MOSCOW MORTUARIES FILLED WITH DEAD

HOSPITALS UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE WOUNDED

Houses From Which Revolutionaries Threw Bombs Demolished by Artillery—Attacks on Stations.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—11.30.—Yesterday's fighting at Moscow occurred mostly at some distance from the centre of the city. The revolutionists abandoned the Tverskaia thoroughfare, as it is too easily swept by artillery, and concentrated their forces in the narrow streets of the commercial quarter, where the shops were closed and occupied by the militia.

The mortuaries at Moscow are filled with the dead; the hospitals are unable to find room for the wounded, and many private houses are filled with the wounded.

The militia organized by Governor-General Doubassof has commenced its duties under the direction of the police.

Many houses and other buildings, from which the revolutionists threw bombs, were demolished by the artillery.

The numerous fires which occurred at different points throughout Moscow lit up the whole city last night.

Governor-General Doubassoff has ordered that all doors be kept closed. Any infraction of the order will be followed by a fine of $1,500 or three months' imprisonment in the fortress. The same penalty will be imposed on all occupants of houses in which arms are found.

Further Fighting.

Moscow, Dec. 25.—The insurgents attacked both the Kazan and Nicholai railroad station to-day and a lively fusilade occurred between the mob and the troops occupying the depots.

Some 300 revolutionary militia arrived here by special train from Perovo on the Moscow-Kascan at about 11 o'clock this morning and a crowd of 2,000 strikers, including several hundred local militiamen, joined the new arrivals outside the Kazan station.

The combined force seized an adjoining provision store, whence they opened fire on the troops posted in the station. The latter replied and after a couple of hours' brisk exchange of shots the building held by the mob was set on fire and burned down.

In the meantime the revolutionists had bombarded the Nicholai station from the workshops of the Yaroslav railroad, a detachment of grenadiers on the roof of the railroad station returning the fire. The stations at Perovo and Liubertsy are in the hands of the insurgents and red flags are flying from the buildings.

To Protect French Subjects.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The orders to a portion of the French northern squadron to make hasty preparations to depart for the North Sea and Copenhagen, the ultimate destination of the warships not being disclosed, were undoubtedly issued as a precautionary move so as to have French ships available for service in Russian waters in case of emergency.

The greatest activity prevails on board the gunboat Cassini at Brest.

The armored cruiser Admiral Aubex, also at Brest, is being prepared, and will either accompany or follow the Cassini.

The report is in circulation in naval circles at Brest that the Cassini will carry on an official mail service between Riga and Danzig. However, it is generally accepted that the main purpose is to have a warship in readiness should a crisis arise requiring the protection or repatriation of French citizens.

The foreign office says the Cassini and Admiral Aube will stay at Copenhagen and await eventualities in Russia, the same as the two German ships now at Memel and the British ship at Kiel. If it becomes necessary the two French ships will embark the French residents at Baltic sea ports.

Gunboat Sails.

Brest, France, Dec. 26.—The gunboat Cassini sailed at 4 o'clock this afternoon "on a confidential mission."

JOHN CHANDLER DEAD.

Well-Known Colquitz Farmer Has Passed Away.

Death removed a well-known resident of the agricultural district adjacent to Victoria on Sunday, when John F. Chandler passed away at the Jubilee hospital. He had been suffering from an incurable malady for some time, and an operation was performed in the forlorn hope of prolonging his life. Mr. Chandler was a native of Windsor, Nova Scotia, and was 60 years of age. He came to Vancouver Island nearly 30 years ago, and at one time was in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Company. He engaged in farming, his place being on Wilkinson road, Colquitz. He prominently associated himself with political affairs, and was president of the Victoria District Liberal Association for several terms. He was very popular in the district, and his death will be deeply deplored.

Mr. Chandler leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock from Hanna's undertaking parlors, Yates street. The service will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Connor, of St. Luke's church, Cedar Hill.

CEMENT ELEVATOR.

Brackman-Ker Company Show Commendable Enterprise in Their Business.

According to a Strathcona dispatch the cement elevator and steel tower built by the Brackman-Ker Milling Co. is practically completed. The tower is of steel 6½ feet square and 112 feet high. The elevator is 82 feet to rim and 88 feet to peak, and has a capacity of 100,000 bushels. It is 40 feet in diameter outside measure and 39 feet inside, as the walls are six inches thick. Five hundred and sixty barrels of cement, 1,120 barrels of sand and 1,680 barrels of gravel were used in the construction. Three-quarter inch iron rods wind spirally around the centre of the wall for the first 40 feet, ½-inch rods in the same way for the next 30 feet, and then 7-16-inch iron rods from 70 feet to the top. These spiral iron rods are secured to upright half-inch straight iron rods 12 inches apart in the centre of the wall from base to summit. The latest improved rope-driven machinery is installed in a subterranean passage between the mill and elevator, and is capable of discharging 2,000 bushels per hour into the mill. The design of the structure and accessories is that of Elsi Heidenrich of Chicago. The work was commenced September 15th, and cost about $18,000. The Brackman-Ker Co. are to be congratulated for their business enterprise, and the citizens of Strathcona ought to be proud of this unique edifice—the first cement elevator in our great Dominion.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. and Miss Bleecker, of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived on the Miowera to spend some time in Victoria. They are completing a world-circling tour conducted under the auspices of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., having started about nine months ago, going East through Canada, thence by Allen line to England, following the connecting lines via Suez and India to Australia. Miss Bleecker was formerly a student at St. Anne's convent here.

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S. Parker Tuck, sheriff of South Kootenay, came down from Nelson on Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with his family at Roccabella. His two sons, Douglas C. Tuck, of the Dominion Public Works Department, New Westminster, and Edwin S. Tuck, of Tacoma, also came over to join in the family gathering.

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Dr. H. B. Rogers, of Chemainus, left for New York last Saturday night via the Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited train. On January 6th he will sail from New York on the White Star steamer Cedric for a cruise of the Mediterranean with Mayor and F. S. Barnard and party.

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A. W. Payn Le Sueur, of the Gladys mine, Alberni, has returned from a business trip to the state of Washington, and is spending Christmas and New Year holidays in Victoria.

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J. J. Mulholland, an erstwhile Victorian, now proprietor of the Ferguson hotel, Seattle, is spending a few days in the city. He is among the guests at the Dominion.

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Dr. F. Proctor will leave for Rossland to-night via the Northern Pacific. It is rumored that he will not return alone.

Mrs. A. Marshall, of Dawson, left for Minneapolis on Sunday evening, travelling via the North Coast Limited.

Mrs. and Miss Shelby, of Portland, are visiting Mrs. G. A. McTavish, 11 Heyward avenue.

C. R. Elderton, of Vancouver, spent his Christmas here, returning home last night.

—Robt. Bell and Geo. Brown were charged in the police court this morning with snatching a purse from a young lady named Miss Denis on Saturday night. The robbery is alleged to have occurred on Douglas street, opposite the Masonic temple. The two accused were remanded when the case was called to-day.

SUDDEN DEATH OF HON. R. PREFONTAINE

(Continued from page 1.)

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—A cable from London says that the flag over Lord Strathcona's office is at half-mast in respect to the memory of the late Hon. Mr. Prefontaine. Hon. Mr. Prefontaine was spending Christmas in Paris as a guest of Commander Fabre. He was stricken at 8.45 at night, and lingered about fifteen minutes. The last sacrament was administered. A memorial service is to be held in Madeleine cathedral and the body will be embalmed and shipped to Halifax.

Information from Montreal says that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine had $45,000 life insurance. Of this amount $35,000 is said to have been put on last year.

The Ottawa Journal says in the death of Raymond Prefontaine the Dominion and the Empire loses one of their best men.

AMONG THE INDIANS.

Annual Christmas Entertainment at Quamichan Was Well Attended.

Although it rained all day that did not prevent a large number of the Cowichan Indians from enjoying their annual Christmas entertainment on Christmas Day. One of the large houses at Quamichan was filled with happy guests from the various Cowichan tribes, as well as from Chemainus, Nanaimo and other places. After the tea meeting a pleasant hour was spent with the magic lantern, the numerous pictures being explained by the Methodist missionary, Rev. C. M. Tate. One of the Indians, in a short address, told of the difference in his life since he had accepted Christianity. Revs. Wright and Smith were present and took part in the interesting entertainment.

—A meeting of the Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held in the city hall to-night at 8 o'clock.

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—The officers-elect of Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., will be installed at Masonic hall to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. R. W. Bro. W. T. Jhillips, D. D. G. M., and other grand lodge officers will officiate.

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—A good deal of favorable comment has been passed on the front page of the Christmas Times of Saturday last. The chief interest in it, from the newspaperman's standpoint, was the fact that it was all home product, designed and executed in the Times office. The art and engraving rooms designed and made the blocks, while the color effects were obtained on the big Hoe color press which has recently been installed. The color attachment is an invaluable one, not only for displaying news, etc., but for advertisers, who can by its use obtain one hundred per cent. stronger effects for their announcements.

ELECTRICAL STORM.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Dec. 26.—A very heavy electrical storm was felt at Alberni and West Coast points this morning. The thunder was something terrific, and the lightning intensely vivid. This is a remarkable phenomena for this time of the year. It was accompanied by a terrific downfall of rain, and the wind reached a high velocity.

PACIFIC MAIL CONTRACT.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The mail subsidy to the C. P. R. steamers on the Pacific has been renewed.

FIRE IN HOTEL.

(Associated Press.)

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 26.—Fire early to-day practically ruined the interior and contents of the Exchange hotel, one of the leading hotels of this city. The building and contents were valued at $100,000, and it is estimated that the loss will be $60,000.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE—Colt's revolver, 38 cal., $6; rifle, 22 cal., $2.75; cornet, $20; banjo, $7.50; mandolin, $3.50; beaver overcoat, $6; blankets, 8 lbs., $2.50; gold filled watches, $2.50. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government street.

HOLLY—Well berried, for decorating (left over), on sale at half price. Higgins, florist, cor. Cook and Fort streets. Phone 1001.

UMBRELLA LOST—Red handle, metal top, Christmas matinee, Watson's theatre. Please return Box Office for reward.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at its next sitting, for a transfer from myself to Thomas J. Thomas of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Commercial Hotel, situate at No. 118 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 18th day of December, A. D., 1905.

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FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of Victoria:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Being requested by a number of citizens to accept nomination for Mayor, I feel in duty bound to offer my services, and do so the more willingly, believing the people are weary of the insidious influences exercised by corporate companies over city affairs;

That they are prepared for municipal control and gradual ownership of public utilities;

For the replacing of the present high rates for light with the minimum for good service;

For a square deal on the water question, believing that the present trumped up suit is a menace to the reputed rights of the city;

For a more efficient and economical service of the department of works;

For the safe-guarding of the city's interest in the disposition of the Songhees Reserve;

And for open dealings of the Council.

A. J. MORLEY.

December 23rd, 1905.

MARINE SCHOOLS

A series of free lectures on Seamanship and Navigation, illustrated by diagrams, will be delivered in the Examination Rooms at the Port of Victoria, B. C., every Monday and Thursday evening during the months of January, February and March, commencing at 8 p. m., January 4th, 1906.

All persons interested in the above subjects are cordially invited to attend.

Special attention will be given to the demonstration of the Rule of the Road and correction of compass.

As the standard of examination for coasting and inland waters will shortly be raised, future candidates should avail themselves of the advantages to be derived by a steady attendance at those lectures.

JAS. GAUDIN,
Examiner.

Steamer "Princess Beatrice," sailing from here daily, at 9 p. m. connects at Seattle with Northern Pacific trains for all points East and South.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an Act to incorporate a company to be known as "The Grand Trunk Pacific Telegraph Company";

To establish, construct or acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, and to maintain and operate any overhead, underground, wireless or cable lines of telegraph or telephone from and to any places in Canada or elsewhere, and to make connection with any telegraph or telephone lines, including cables, and any system of wireless telegraphy now or hereafter in use in Canada or elsewhere, or lease its lines or any part thereof;

To enter into arrangements with any telegraph company for the exchange and transmission of messages, or for the working in whole or in part of the lines of the Company;

To enter into any arrangements with any person, board or company possessing, as proprietors, any line of telephonic communication or wireless telegraphy or other apparatus, upon such terms and in such manner as the board of directors from time to time deem expedient or advisable;

To manufacture, purchase or otherwise acquire, lease, deal in, sell and dispose of instruments, apparatus, plant and appliances used or for use in connection with a telegraph or telephone business;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, or to dispose of shares in any capital stock of, and the bonds, debentures or other securities of any company authorized to carry on a telegraph or telephone business;

To acquire and dispose of any rights in letters patent, franchises or patent rights for the purposes of the Company's undertaking;

To maintain and repair telegraph lines for others within the Dominion of Canada or elsewhere;

To erect, maintain and keep up their line or lines along the side of or across any public highways, bridges, water courses or other such places, or under any navigable waters, either wholly in Canada or dividing Canada from any other country;

To enter, by and through their workmen and agents, duly authorized, into and upon the lands of His Majesty, or any person or persons, or bodies politic or corporate whatsoever, and survey the same, or any part thereof, and to set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they think necessary and proper for making the said telegraph or telephone line;

To erect in or upon such lands, such posts, station houses and other works as the Company think requisite and convenient for the purposes of the said line or lines, and to erect works upon or across any non-navigable river, necessary for making and completing the said line or lines;

To cut down the trees and underwood for the space of fifty feet on each side of the said lines wherever the same shall pass through any wood;

To borrow such sum of money, not exceeding the amount of the paid up capital of the Company, as the shareholders deem necessary, and to issue bonds therefor, which shall be and form a first charge upon the whole lines, works and plant of the Company, in such sum and at such rates of interest, and payable at such times and places as the directors determine, for the purpose of carrying out any of the objects or purposes of the Company;

To enter into contracts with any government, corporation, company or individual in respect of the construction, acquisition or operation of telegraph or telephone lines, or any public or private improvements in any Province of Canada or elsewhere;

To possess all such other powers and privileges as may have been given to any company having like purposes in view, or as may be incident to or reasonably necessary for the successful carrying out of the undertaking contemplated.

Dated at Montreal this 16th day of December, 1905.

W. H. BIGGAR,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

THEY ARE FOR YOU

During the month of December, every purchaser, whether great or small, will be presented with a handsome leather car ticket case.

In addition to this every $1.00 purchaser will be given a coupon for the drawing to take place January 3rd at 8 p. m. at my store.

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Secretary-Treasurer,
71 Fort Street.

A. O. F. FUNERAL NOTICE.

Officers and members of Court Northern Light, 5,935, are requested to meet at K. of P. Hall at 2 p. m., Tuesday, the 26th inst., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, C. Berryman. Members of other Courts are cordially invited to attend.

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