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The best of everything in fine Gents Furnishings for Holiday Trade.

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by Douglas St.

SPAIN'S OTHER WAR.

Captain-General of the Philippines Wants More Soldiers.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—Four additional battalions of Spanish troops embarked for the Philippine Islands yesterday and General Palavicino, the new captain-general of that colony, has asked for reinforcements of ten additional battalions.

PANAMA SCANDAL REVIVED.

Attempt Being Made to Force the Payment of the Fines.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Action has been commenced by the treasury against M. Balhaut, Charles de Lesseps and Blondin for the unpaid fine inflicted upon M. Balhaut by the assize court in March, 1888, in connection with the Panama canal failure. The sum which M. de Lesseps is held jointly responsible for amounts to 801,586 francs. It is claimed by M. de Lesseps that M. Balhaut has already paid 570,000 francs. M. de Lesseps said in his own behalf: "I have explained without reliance my pecuniary position to the treasury, placing at its disposal what I could make up, but I was not in a position to produce the sum of 801,000 francs, which I am very far from possessing. The treasury rejected my offer made on my behalf, and wants to inflict imprisonment on me for default, that is to say, imprisonment for twelve months. I do not understand this persecution, that I should be imprisoned for the debt of others; a debtor who is simply reputed jointly responsible, who evades not the responsibility, but who without seeming himself behind legal arguments, which are nevertheless very strong, says: 'Take all I have.' In those circumstances my lawyer pointed out to me that the judgment of the assize court does not sentence me to pay any fine and does not pronounce on me any joint responsibility for the payment of the fine inflicted on M. Balhaut, whose debts are wrongfully claimed from me."

Not one in twenty are free from ailment caused by some little function of the liver. Use Carter's Little Liver Pills. The result will be a pleasant surprise. They give positive relief.

NOT BADLY TREATED

Competitor Prisoners Say a Spanish Prison is Not so Terrible a Place After All.

When They Were Telling Their Stories, However, Spanish Soldiers Were Close at Hand.

Weyler Was About to be Recalled When News of Maceo's Death Reached Madrid.

New York, Dec. 18.—The World today has a copyrighted dispatch from Havana from its correspondent saying he had secured permission from Captain-General Weyler to visit the Competitor prisoners in the Cabanas fortress. The prisoners were extremely glad to see the visitor, according to the World correspondent, who continues as follows: "I did not visit the prisoners to discuss the merits or demerits of their case, the justice or injustice of their detention or other expectations. What the World's readers will be interested in particularly is how the Competitor's prisoners are cared for by their jailors and associates if their life in any foundation for the frequent reports circulated throughout the United States that their condition is bad and that the Spanish authorities ill-treated them. Each one of the six men were asked repeated questions and each replied freely, all agreeing in their opinions. Perhaps it will be best to express the views of the prisoners by quoting Melton's remarks regarding his imprisonment: 'Aside from the fact that the prison is a prison,' he said, 'that confinement is very irksome, especially so in my case, and the progress of the legal case against us slow, I do not know that we have any special grievance. We are treated as well certainly, and in some respects better than the Spanish prisoners are. The officers in charge act towards us like gentlemen. They are kind, and I am sure well disposed towards us. The soldiers on guard are good natured and not offensive. There are more prisoners to a cell than is agreeable, but we get along peacefully in our common misfortune. The food is not what I like; the cooking is different from what I am accustomed to and I suffer from stomach trouble and dyspepsia. We get the same food as the other prisoners. I prefer the food we used to get, which was the regular army rations of the Spanish service. That was good enough. The present food comes from the prison at Havana and is not so good. I hope the case will be settled soon. I would rather go to Cebu than remain here doing nothing but wait, wait, wait.'"

Captain Laborde said he had been ill in the hospital from some head trouble and was well cared for there. He had no complaint to make of his treatment. The other prisoners agree that they would prefer the Spanish rations they used to have to their present fare. The World correspondent adds that he noticed a Spanish officer or soldier close to him when he conversed with the prisoners. Several soldiers with rifles were stationed down the pass away, but Captain Fernandez thoughtfully withdrew beyond hearing. A special to the World from Madrid, by way of Bayonne, France, says: "General Maceo's death happened most fortunately for General Weyler. Premier Canovas and the minister of war were so indignant when they heard that General Maceo had crossed the trocha and entered Havana province by land that they determined to recall General Weyler and send Captain-General Marin from Porto Rico. It is an open secret in political, military and diplomatic circles here that anyhow General Weyler will only be allowed to remain in Cuba if he promptly and signally resumes the instruction in Havana and Pinar del Rio provinces and puts a stop to the abuses, corruption and waste in the commissariat and army contracts which the government has called attention to sharply. Key West, Fla., Dec. 17.—Passengers who arrived here by steamer from Cuba last night report that General Pratt wired Captain-General Weyler from the province of Matanzas that he had had an engagement in the province with Antonio Maceo's forces, led by Maceo himself, and upon receipt of the telegram conveying this information all the festivities which were in progress in Havana to celebrate the death of Maceo, were suspended. The passengers further stated that a number of the newspaper representatives, to convince themselves of the report of Maceo's death, went to Punta Brava, in the province of Havana, and one of them had an interview with the insurgent chief, Baldozno Acosta, who told him the Spaniards, who come to search for Maceo's body, would not find it, as Maceo was at the head of his army and moving towards Oriente. He also stated that he had accompanied Maceo to the province of Matanzas, where he left him, after an affectionate parting. When he left Maceo the latter was suffering from a slight wound.

Paris, Dec. 18.—A manifesto was published today from the French committee to free Cuba, addressed to Cubans, and accusing the Spanish government of the murder of Maceo, whose blood, it says, "will fertilize the idea of Cuban liberty." It assures the insurgents of the sympathy of the grandsons of the French revolutionists, "who proclaimed the rights of man." M. M. Rochefort, Clovis, Hughes and Ernest Roche are among the signers.

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Cameron resolution. It is clearly understood that the tendency of the secretary's advice was against precipitate action by the committee but advocates the Cameron resolution. "Resolved," by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the independence of the republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by the United States of America. Section 2: The United States should use her friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and Cuba."

The committee changed the Cameron resolution so as to make it more emphatic. The title was changed to read: "Joint Resolution Acknowledging the Independence of the Republic of Cuba." Instead of "The United States should use her friendly offices," the committee made it read: "The United States will do so. Secretary Olney, it is claimed by members of the committee who favored action in Cuba, did not have any new information to present, and they say the committee knew as much about the condition of affairs in Cuba as is known by the state department. Secretary Olney urged that no action be taken at present and pointed out that there was no real government to recognize. The agreement to report the Cameron resolution was reached immediately after Mr. Olney left the committee room, at a quarter past twelve o'clock and was arrived at without division or an expressed difference of opinion. The only division was as to the time the resolution should be reported to the senate. Senator Cameron moved that they report Monday next. Senator Sherman suggested that the report should not be put until after the holidays. When the question was put to the committee the Cameron motion prevailed by a large majority.

"JIMTOWN" BURNED.
The Once Prosperous Mining Town Wiped out of Existence.
Sonora, Dec. 18.—The old mining town of Jimtown, famous in California literature as "Jimtown," was almost completely destroyed by fire yesterday. All the buildings were wood. The fire started in a bakery and was unchecked until all but two or three isolated buildings were consumed. "Jimtown" was the supply station for an important group of mines including the well known Rawhide mine. One thousand people are homeless as a result of the fire. The town had no fire department.

DOWN IN CORNWALL

Both Sides Have Had Their Say and To-Morrow the People Will Give the Verdict.

Dr. Montague Reserving His Oratory Until Some Protestant Constituency is Opened.

Speculation as to When the House Will Meet and What the Business Will be.

Ottawa, Dec. 18. (Special).—Premier Laurier returned last night from the campaign in Cornwall. The whole issue was the school settlement. The most frantic appeals were made by Foster and Caron to the Catholics. Montague did not take part. He will work the Protestant constituencies.

The Governor-General is bringing back with him from the West many orders-in-council and papers which have been sent out for his approval and which he will discuss with his advisers on his return. It is said many of these orders refer to dismissals.

The Free Press says: "From what can be gathered in official circles it is the intention of the government to summon parliament to meet at the earliest possible moment, which will probably be the first week in March. It is also the purpose of the government to go on next session with a new franchise bill, a civil service bill and a new appropriation bill, in accordance with the promises made. Steps will also be taken to provide the necessary legislation for carrying out the prohibition plebiscite."

The Canadian Pacific new line to Ottawa will be completed by the middle of next summer. Construction has just ceased for the winter.

The census law will take effect in Ottawa on January 1st.

The American consul reports that the volume of exports from this district during the year was quite up to the average.

MINNEAPOLIS BOODLERS.
Aldermen Live in Style on Fifty or Hundred a Year.
Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—In charging the grand jury to-day Judge Pond called attention to the well-defined stories of boodling in the council, pointing out that certain aldermen who had no visible income beyond \$1,500 annual salaries, were able to live in great style and spend money freely. Reference was also made to the scandals in regard to contract letting in other municipal boards.

No news has been received of City Clerk Haney, although telegraphic orders for his arrest were sent to all points on the Mexican border. It is believed that he has gone to Florida or some Gulf port, whence he may sail for Central America.

GOING TO EXTREMES.

Canadian Nurses to be Deported by the United States Authorities.

Buffalo, Dec. 18.—Immigration Inspector de Barry received from Washington last night a new ruling by the secretary of the treasury on the alien labor law. This ruling is on the question raised by the city two years ago whether Canadian trained nurses who come to this country to work in hospitals would do so in violation of the law. When the question was raised before it was held that they could not be interfered with as they were semi-professional persons. Now the secretary of the treasury, according to the notice received by Mr. Barry last night, has ruled that these nurses can be deported. As soon as Mr. de Barry received the notice of the new ruling he started out to get a list of the Canadian nurses in the hospitals. To-day he will visit other hospitals to get the names of Canadian nurses employed in them. Mr. de Barry said last night that his new ruling will be enforced. Inspector Estella, of Ogdensburg, is now at Danville, N.Y., where he went to deport five Canadian nurses employed in the sanitarium there.

RESULT OF THE MASSACRES.
Thousands of Children Robbed of Their Parents by the Turks.
Washington, Dec. 17.—The full extent of the Armenian massacres is indicated in a report to the state department by United States Consul Berecree, at Erzeroum, wherein he says: "The number of Armenian children in the orphan asylums made up of the massacres of 1895 is, according to estimates, 50,000. The question of what shall be done with these orphans is receiving the attention of the Christian world. The Armenian board of commissioners is giving the matter serious thought. It has formulated no general plan of relief, although the question of creating orphanages, clothing factories and industrial institutions is under consideration. German charitable societies are preparing to establish industrial orphan asylums at Gorpha, Cassarea and elsewhere and the Kaiser-worthiness of Germany have made provisions for receiving Armenian orphans at Smyrna and thirty have been sent there from here. The British government, or its ambassador at Constantinople has initiated a movement leading towards settling a number of widows and their children on the island of Cyprus."

AMERICAN NEWS.
New York, Dec. 18.—The body of Alexander Herrmann, the magician, arrived here yesterday. The funeral will take place from the Masonic temple next Saturday.

John A. Field, son of the late Cyrus W. Field, was found acting strange in the Forty-second street car stables last night and locked up. Today in Yorkville police court James M. Connaughton, a lawyer, who appeared for him, said Field had been of unsound mind for three years ago and if he was discharged he would be cared for. The magistrate discharged Field and he left the court with the attorney.

Saratoga, N.Y., Dec. 17.—The attitude of the strikers on the Champlain Canal improvement at Waterford having become less threatening to-day Sheriff Jones has withdrawn a large number of his deputies. It is believed the new men will not be molested. A similar condition exists among the laborers on the canal between Fort Edward and Fort Ann.

News was received to-day of the death yesterday at Haxby, near York, England, of Mrs. Elizabeth Cuthbert, widow of the late William Cuthbert, of Wakefield, and mother of Herbert Cuthbert, of this city. The deceased lady resided in this city with her son for about a year.

The holiday number of the British Columbia Mining Record, just issued, is a remarkably good one. For a long time past it has been one of the best publications being now only in its second year—the success of the Record may well be a cause of gratification to its publishers. It has well fulfilled its purpose, as briefly stated in this number, "of urging the claims of our mining industry upon the attention of the public." Not only those directly interested in the mining industry but the people of the province in general have reason to be grateful for the efforts of the Record in this direction, and it is satisfactory to find a liberal measure of patronage and support accorded it in return. The holiday number is a very creditable one in every respect—some of which British Columbia should feel proud as a British Columbia production. Conservative and reliable reports are given of progress in the various mining localities and much general information is furnished. The illustrations in this number, from original photographs, are extremely good.

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EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Petition and Cross-Petition in the Owen Sound Election Contest Dismissed

Messrs Bostock and Mara Tell the People of Toronto About British Columbia.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—E. H. Dunham, manager of the Balmoral hotel here, is lying at death's door at Hot Springs, Ark.

Rev. Dr. Conroy, the new rector of the Catholic University at Washington, who received his training in the Sulplian Seminary here, is expected to reach the city on Sunday evening, and arrangements have been made by the Irish Catholics to give him a reception in the Monument National, where he will deliver a lecture.

Owen Sound, Dec. 17.—The petition against Hon. Mr. Paterson's election was dismissed with costs to-day. The cross-petition was also dismissed.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Hewitt Bostock, M.P., for Yale and Cariboo, B.C., and J. A. Mara, ex-M.P. for the same constituency, are here. They unite in predicting that within two years British Columbia will be the banner province of the Dominion and the greatest mineral producing territory on earth.

Guelph, Dec. 17.—Twenty-seven more charges will be laid against ex-City Treasurer Harvey on his return from jail. County Attorney Paterson has been instructed by the attorney-general to proceed with them.

Fitch Bay, Dec. 17.—E. B. Dolhoff's sash and door factory was destroyed by fire with its contents and machinery; loss about \$8,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Fred Palmer, aged 35, attempted suicide last night in his room while temporarily insane. He will recover.

While Lord Aberdeen was in Winnipeg a sneak thief entered his private car and stole His Lordship's fur cap and other articles. He was arrested to-day by the city police and the cap found in his possession. The prisoner gave the name of P. Grant.

The Winnipeg bank clearings for the week ending to-day totalled \$1,816,805, a net balance of \$318,219, as against \$1,433,703 and \$290,538 net balance for the same week last year.

T. Tessier proprietor of the Grand Central hotel, here is dead. Mon Clifford Sifton left for Ottawa to-day to assume the duties of his office as minister of the interior.

Chatham, Dec. 17.—James Dumar, who was arrested yesterday confessed last night to the detectives that he shot the Widow Snooks in his lonely cottage by the lake shore. He said he was desperate and wanted money and he went to the cottage, fired at the woman through the window and as soon as she fell insensible, he forced the door and stole \$3, all the could find, though there was more money in the house. Mrs. Snooks still lies in the general hospital in a very precarious condition.

ITALY IS WILLING. She Would Assist in Bringing the Sultan to His Senses.

London, Dec. 17.—Lord Salisbury has asked Italy and Germany what their attitude would be in the event of an intervention on the part of England, France and Russia against Turkey. Italy has promised her assistance, but Germany has not replied to the question.

The Daily Mail publishes a dispatch from Constantinople saying that ninety arrests have been made there of Turkish nobilities, including various government officials and forty-five Circassian ladies of the Sultan's harem.

QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

Hon. Mr. Fisher Meets With Considerable Success at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Hon. Sidney Fisher, of Ottawa, and Dr. Duncan McEachran, chief inspector of live stock of the Canadian government, have about concluded their conference with Secretary Morton in regard to the proposed modifications of the cattle quarantine laws between the two countries. It has been practically decided between Mr. Fisher and Secretary Morton that the proper officers in each country should take up the question, and when an agreement had been reached as to all particulars it shall be presented to their respective heads of departments for ratification.

CANADA'S DEFENSES.

No Fear of an Attack by Sea, Says Sir Charles Tupper.

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily Graphic publishes an interview with Sir Charles Tupper, the late Canadian high commissioner, in which he says: "Canada is quite prepared to take her part in the admiralty scheme for Imperial defense, outlined by the Duke of Devonshire. In the event of war between the United States and Great Britain Canada would be invaded by land. This is why, during the recent difficulties, Canada voted a large sum to equip the militia. There is no fear that a hostile army could be landed in Canada by sea. The naval stations of Halifax and Esquimaux are impregnable. Canada's best defense is in the maintenance of the fast mail passenger vessels, convertible at a moment's notice into armed cruisers. However, neither the present nor the next generation will see war between the United States and Great Britain. It is not in the interest of the United States to fight any great power."

THE U. S. AMBASSADOR.

Mr. Bayard Presents Prizes at the Bristol Technical School.

Bristol, Dec. 17.—The Chamber of Commerce of Bristol gave a luncheon to-day in the hall of the Grammar school at which the mayor, high sheriff, the master of the Merchants' Adventurers' Technical College, and about two hundred British notables were present. The U. S. Ambassador, Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, who had been invited to present the prizes to the students, met with an enthusiastic reception. He made an address during which he related the story of the enterprise of the Cabots and of the people of Bristol in opening trade with the New World. Then dwelling upon the mutual ties between the two countries, he said he had no narrower purpose in accepting the honors than that the peace made in 1814 should never be broken and that the war spoken of in America as the "Last War," would not have a better name, and he hoped it would keep it. Mr. Bayard was presented with a handsomely illuminated address, acknowledging the services he has rendered to America and Great Britain.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Order of Merit of the Head Pupils of the Four Divisions.

The closing examination of the Victoria High School took place to-day, it being the last of the city public schools to close for the Christmas holidays. The teachers and the subjects taught are: E. B. Paul, M. A., principal, classics and higher mathematics; A. J. Finlay, B. A., science and history; E. H. Russell, B. A., mathematics; J. N. Muir, B. A., French, English and commercial branches.

ORDER OF MERIT.

First Division, first sixteen pupils—Nellie Evelyn Marchant, Hjalmar Jacobson, Dorothy Allison, Alexander Dow, Blanche Couves, Maud Boue, Louis Duval, Rosemary Reid, Roberts Nason, Humbert McConnell, Ina McFadden, Robert Brankie Powell, Arthur Netherby, Frederick Herd, Annie Cuthbert, Reginald Hayward. Miss Christina Anderson and Masters Cecil Berkeley and William Redfern, from sickness, and Miss Alice Doran, from domestic affliction, were unable to complete the examination.

Second Division, first ten—Alexander Thompson, Nils Ohlson, Fanny Whyte, William Peddle, Mary Holmes, Sarah Mills, Evis E. Nicholson, Margaret Johnson, A. S. Burgess, Flossie Crookson.

Third Division, first eighteen pupils—Ernest Cleaver, Sarah Breidford, Noel Barker, John H. McKay, Blake Nason, Hugh Wilnot and Elizabeth Lovell, equal; Hattie McKay, Arthur Patton, Margaret Lowe, Elsie Shrapnel, Millie Newby, Edwin Siddall, Hattie Williams, Alice Nicholson, Kate Lettice, Irene Ure, Fanny Devereux.

Fourth Division, first thirty of fifty-five in order of merit—Charles Coates, Gordon Grant, Lancelot Clark, Catherine Chapman, Harry Gartley, John Cumber, Mary A. Crocker, Kenneth T. Hughes, John Leeming, Louis A. Bond, Clementina D. King, Winifred Ewart, Irene G. Peckard, Laura J. Veitch, Eleanor C. Lick, Allela M. Horner, Alexander A. McRae, Sydney F. Bone, Olive E. Souden, Thomas Crocker, Viva J. Hopper, Emily J. Taylor, Bertha A. Muirhead, Mabel J. Sabiston, Ernest H. Hall, Roy B. Dier, Violet Hardie, Arabella Hood.

In Mathematics—1st division, Miss Marchant, 97.14 per cent.; 2nd division, A. S. Burgess, 89.27 per cent.; 3rd division, Miss Breidford, 90.20 per cent., and 4th division, Lancelot Clark, 90.20 per cent.

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U. S. TARIFF POLICY.

The Republican congress will probably be irresistibly moved to make some changes in the present tariff. To what lengths this impulse will drive it will depend upon how far that congress is influenced by public opinion. If we read this article it is in favor of moderation, and not in complete sympathy with the traditions of Republicanism as these were developed in the McKinley bill. We understand very well that the use of the tariff as a protective bar to foreign competition is not a discarded policy. Even the Democratic congress which passed the Wilson bill showed how powerfully even that party is affected by the protective idea. The fact that our fiscal system is chiefly based on a customs revenue leads easily to such a use of the tariff as would tend to remove foreign competition from certain fields which we think might be made exclusively our own. But in practice the protective tariff is limited. One of its limitations is this, that to the extent which it excludes foreign made goods it prevents the collection of revenue. So that foreign competition with domestic manufacturers cannot be altogether excluded by means of a high tariff except at the expense of necessary revenue. Neither, on the other hand, can we have free trade unless we are prepared to make a complete and fundamental change of our fiscal system of which there is at present not the least likelihood, and public opinion certainly does not demand it. It was a lucky thing for the Republican party that it was enabled to fight its battle in the recent campaign upon a new and more important issue. And the fact that there was little in the campaign of the customary appeal to workmen on behalf of protection proved that this issue had diminished in effectiveness to influence the labor vote. Since the election of Mr. Cleveland in 1892, which was a revolt of tremendous proportions against the tariff policies represented by Mr. McKinley, Republican leaders have unquestionably taken a less pronounced stand. The average citizen appreciates the fact that there are considerable limits to beneficial effects which are to be derived from protective tariffs. There is another consideration which should impel congress to a course of moderation. The farmers of this country are subject to practically limitless competition, and this situation is absolutely beyond the reach of such interference as the government is able to interpose in the case of other classes. If the fact of such intervention between producer and consumer causes the latter to pay higher prices than he would have to pay if competition were unhindered, the farmers may be expected, and legitimately, too, to complain. The farmers have shown a disposition not to accept illegitimate and doubtful remedies for improving the prices of their products in the assistance which they gave to defeat free silver. But we can hardly expect them to remain unmoved if the Republican congress should yield wholly to its protective propensities and adopt what must be regarded as a policy almost exclusively dictated by the interests of the cities for which the country receives no appreciable equivalent. A false step at this juncture may result in the triumph of those elements which have just been defeated—American Banker.

AT STITTSVILLE!

The Town's Leading Merchant Laid Up

Rheumatism in various forms is one of the most common diseases there is. It arises generally from impure blood and a broken down system. In the limbs it is painful; in most of the internal organs dangerous, and in the heart usually fatal.

The experience of Mr. S. Mann, the well known general merchant of Stittsville, is interesting: "Last winter I was badly afflicted with rheumatism. I decided to try Dr. Chase's Pills. To my surprise, I got much better. I had one box, my affliction was gone. I was also troubled with biliousness for years, and at intervals of three or four weeks would be laid up with a severe headache and sick stomach. Since using Chase's Pills I have not had an attack of either."

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In the Matter of the Estate of Peter Johnson, deceased, intestate, and in the Matter of the "Official Administrators' Act."

Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by Mr. Justice Wilton, dated the 11th day of December, 1896, the undersigned was appointed administrator of all and singular, the goods, chattels and credits of the above deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send the particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, 1896, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

WM. MONTEITH, Official Administrator.

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TO PLAY LACROSSE

The Two Big California Universities Will have Teams Next Year.

Considerable Interest Being Taken in the Movement by Track Athletes and Others.

A dispatch from Stanford University to the San Francisco Examiner says: Undoubtedly this year will see the addition of a new intercollegiate sport to the list of those in which the two California universities annually contend for the mastery.

The game has won a tolerably well-recognized position in Eastern colleges and a number of them put teams into the field regularly, notably Harvard, Princeton, Lehigh and Stevens in the State of New York, and Cornell, Princeton, and the University of California, and early in next summer a game will be played between the young teams, which it is hoped will win popularity for this form of sport and give it a permanent place on the coast.

Lacrosse is Indian in origin, and later it was taken up by the French-Canadians and named by them from the resemblance of the hooked, netted stick used to a bishop's crozier, or crosse. The British colonists that followed the French took it up with even more enthusiasm, and it has won the distinction of being the national game of Canada.

At Stanford about eleven men have been practicing somewhat. Twelve men will be made to get enough recruits from among the track men to put in the field to play against each other. Track Captain Charles S. Dole is the only man at Stanford who has played lacrosse, and it is mainly through his efforts that interest has been aroused in it.

When first proposed the Berkeley athletes looked upon it with little favor, thinking Stanford had a number of old lacrosse players, but when they found the conditions were practically the same they saw the advantages of the plan and expressed their approval of it.

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EPIDEMIC KLEPTOMANIA.

This modern malady, so readily diagnosed by certain medical practitioners, is on the increase. The female portion of humanity is specially liable to it; the retail drapery establishment is highly favourable to its development; and its violent form is usually found in wealthy dames and ladies of high degree.

Low birth and poverty, indeed, seem to possess a prophylactic power against its attacks—unless similar symptoms in the needy, whose affliction is described under a shorter name, may ultimately be traced to a common root.

In the meantime, however, a serious character when it breaks out in an opulent and aristocratic country abounding in mammoth drapery displays, and what with the non-paying tendency engendered by the Married Woman's Property Act, and the acquisitive propensity exhibited in this female aberration, the drapery business has become a somewhat hazardous one.

After hearing some friends continually praising Dr. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anaheim, California, purchased a bottle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful work as anyone can be.

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reception of a small piece of tinder or "punk." When this apparatus was in use it was held in one hand, the piston being inserted with the other, and pushed about half way down. A very sharp blow was then given with the palm of the hand on the top of the knob or large end of the piston. At the same instant the fingers were closed around the knob and the piston instantly withdrawn. If everything had worked to perfection, the scientific savage was rewarded by finding that the tinder had been lighted and a fire assured.

STRIVING TO SPEAK.

Perhaps no one, who ever became an eloquent orator, was so handicapped with his natural defects as John Philip Curran, the Irish advocate. His voice was shrill and he spoke in a stammering manner, so that he was called "stuttering Jack Curran."

Both parties in Canada are united in the policy of preferential trade relations between the mother country and the colonies. Sir C. Tupper, in London.

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VICTORIA MARKETS.

Retail Quotations for Farmer's Produce Carefully Corrected.

Table listing market prices for various goods including flour, wheat, barley, and other commodities.

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Yates Street between Douglas and Wharf is closed to traffic. E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

Quadra street, bet. Chatham and North Park street, is closed to public traffic. E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

Stanley Avenue between Cadboro Bay Road and Pandora Street is closed for public traffic. By order, E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

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As we are closing out our fire business by auction, all parties indebted to us must settle their accounts before December 31st, 1896, otherwise they will be placed in court for collection.

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in wardrobe as her trans-Atlantic sister. The circumstance, if true, may prove a two-fold disadvantage to herself, the misery of having "nothing to wear," and, secondly, the inability to plead that she had no necessity to give way to her symptoms. But, a truce to speculation! We wait a formal diagnosis of the case. In the interim we take the opportunity of suggesting a novel enterprise to the enterprising company promoter, who may have overlooked the matter.

SHOOTS RIGHT AND LEFT.

A gun that could shoot around the corner has been the desire of all inventors of small arms. It has remained for an Italian to devise this weapon. The gun is called the "Scurrmobile."

INVENTION OF A SAVAGE.

It has been less than 100 years since civilized humanity used many old devices for the purpose of obtaining fire. In this country, then, claiming to be "unlighted," the tinder box, with steel and flint, was the apparatus most generally used.

There was one singular exception, however, to all of the above, as well as many other more common methods of "striking light," and that method was practiced by a rude tribe of semi-savages inhabiting Eastern Tibet. Curious as it may seem, these rude savages obtained fire on strictly scientific principles, which involved a wonderful knowledge of the properties of compressed air.

ful and expressive, and he acquired the art of thinking on his legs.

"I must have been born with you," said a gentleman who had listened to his eloquence. "Indeed it was born three and twenty years and some months after me, answered Curran, and then he told how he attended a London debating society, where his fallacies were so many and so convincing that his friends desisted of his ever becoming a speaker.

It is an instructive illustration of the difference between forensic and parliamentary oratory that Curran never distinguished himself in the Irish house of commons. Erskine also failed in parliament, though he had a reputation as the most eloquent advocate at the bar.

A man's wife should always be the same, especially to her husband, but if she is weak and nervous, and uses Carter's Iron Pills, she cannot be, for they make her "feel like a different person," so they all say, and their husbands say so too!

Table listing market prices for various goods including fish, eggs, butter, and other commodities.

"My boy was all crippled up and suffered awfully with rheumatism," writes Mrs. H. Wells, of Chestny, Ont. He also had a touch of diabetes. The doctors could do him no good, but Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills completely cured him."



The Daily Times.

THE MILITIA.

In Lieut-Col. Gregory's letter, published to-day, an expression of opinion is invited as to the advisability of exempting members of the militia from the poll tax.

SIR DONALD'S HERESY.

Sir Donald Smith, replying to the toast "The Colonies," at the annual feast of the Master Cutlers' Company of Sheffield a few days ago, in the course of his remarks spoke as follows: "We have heard from the hon. gentleman on the right of the Master Cutler (Mr. Ralfour) that a great deal has been said about foreign manufacturers. Much has been said about Germany and other countries which send their wares into the United Kingdom and into every colony of the British Empire, and we see thereon those articles 'made in Germany.' But I do believe that the acute, keen-edged intellect and manual education of the cutlers of Sheffield will enable them to hold their own against the whole world now as in the past.

ENGLISH CAPITAL.

A Canadian who is at present visiting England writes as follows to the Toronto Globe: "I find here a universal distrust of all Canadian enterprises. This seems to be brought about by tricky promoters in the first place, second by unremunerative companies' shares and bonds, and next by unfortunate commercial failures in which Englishmen suffer. In my gaining of information some very strange things are heard about schemes from Canada, and direct refusals to touch anything from there are not uncommon. I am strongly of opinion that to get over this distrust the Laurier government should establish some sort of bureau, presided over by an expert and reliable person, whose generalship every scheme hailing from Canada should come, either before being submitted here or assuredly afterwards, to make certain it was bona fide in its details, its security and its representations. It would not be necessary to endorse its excellence in any way but to see that what was said was to some extent capable of fulfillment. The expense should be borne by the promoters." It is no doubt the case that English capital has been made shy of Canadian investments by some painful experiences. There are in England a good many holders of unproductive shares in Canadian railways and other enterprises, and it is not unnatural that they should incline to lump the good and the bad without the trouble of questioning. Such sinkholes as the Chignecto marine railway project work on the "once-bitten-twice-shy" principle, to the detriment of

legitimate affairs. Whether the suggestion of the Globe's correspondent would be the best means of restoring lost confidence may be worth considering, but there should evidently be something done in that direction. Of course the evil would tend to cure itself in time, but the process might be a long one unless some aid is given.

MILITIAMEN AND THE POLL TAX.

To the Editor:—The letter of "Militiaman," "Mikes," Lieut.-Col. Prior and "Public Spirit," published during the current week in the Colonist, together with the suggestion in last Saturday's Province should, I think, have been written some years ago. I am unable to understand why the militia should be treated with less consideration in British Columbia than they are in every other province of the Dominion. I feel quite sure that the vast majority of our citizens entirely agree with those writers, that the militia should not be required to pay this tax; if anyone disagrees surely it is now his place to advance some reasons for his opposition, so that they may be answered, if possible.

The matter is one of some public importance and should, I think, be dealt with editorially. I ask you, sir, and the editors of the other city papers, for your support, and if you cannot give it, I hope you will explain why. The question can then be fairly discussed.

It must not be forgotten that there is little danger of the city being imposed upon, if the officer commanding is required to certify to the "efficiency" of the militiamen before relieving him of the payment of the poll tax.

The method of procedure which I would suggest for the accomplishment of the object aimed at would be as follows: Let the city council pass a resolution favoring the proposition and forward it to the local legislature as a recommendation; there is no doubt that that body would then speedily enact such legislation as may be necessary.

The exception need only apply to non-commissioned officers and men.

F. B. GREGORY, Lt. Col. 1st Batt., 5th Regt., C. A.

THEY CALLED IT BOSH.

A Lecturer in London Has Trouble to Get a Hearing.

Extraordinary scenes of disorder took place the other day at the delivery of a lecture in the Imperial Institute, London, by Mr. David Draper, secretary of the South African Geological Society, who was alleged to have sided with the Boers against the forces of Dr. Jameson. On the appearance on the platform of the lecturer, accompanied by Mr. H. C. Richards, M.P., who took the chair, there was a continuous storm of hisses, yelling and hooting and cries of "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Richards." This was continued all through the chairman's opening remarks. It was some minutes before the lecturer was able to begin the reading of a pamphlet. Amid the din he was heard to ejaculate, "If you are Englishmen you surely know what fair play means." The lecturer was then allowed to continue, but soon he was met with cries of "Roll!" and "Bosh!"

A remark of his that the Boers' behavior was superior to that of his hearers, was met with a further demonstration of hooting and hissing, and cries of "You must be well paid for this by the Boer Government." In making a passing allusion to the formation of the reefs near Kurgersdorp, one gentleman bawled out "That's where you were, wasn't it?" "No," cried another, "he was frightened." Sir Frederick Abel, one of the directors of the institute, here advanced to the platform and had a conversation with the chairman. Mr. Richards again rose and entreated a fair hearing for Mr. Draper, otherwise he would order the disturbers of the meeting to be expelled. A formidable array of the institute officials thereupon took up a position near the platform and the lecture was brought to a conclusion.

SHIPPING.

Doings in Marine Circles During the Past Twenty-Four Hours.

The British ship Cairnmore, the tenth and last of the 1896 salmon fleet, has just been loaded. She has on board upward of 41,000 cases and will leave in a few days for Liverpool. All the ships of the salmon fleet this season were vessels of the best class, and shippers are confident that the salmon will be placed on the market in good condition. The shipments by these vessels aggregate about 350,000 cases, and their value is upwards of \$2,750,000. The entire fleet was made by the firm of Cates and McDermott and received prompt dispatch at their hands.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Chilian advices state that on Tuesday, Nov. 17, the steamer Chantary, belonging to Lumpert & Hill, of Valparaiso, went on the rocks at Horeon, about 1,000 feet from the spot where the Kosmos company's steamer Pentaur was wrecked last July. It is expected the Chantary will become a total loss. The crew and passengers were saved.

The Mexico will leave for San Francisco this evening with the following Victoria passengers on board: Miss Jane Conway, J. W. Laing, Miss Ida Hunter, Miss E. J. Solomon, W. S. McDonald and wife, Mrs. H. N. Maynard and child, G. D. Child.

Last evening the steamer Wellington, coal-burner from Departure Bay, passed outwards to sea, and this morning the Everett passed inwards bound for Departure Bay.

The lumber laden American schooner E. K. Wood, for whose safety some fears were expressed, has arrived safely in Tientsin.

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BEAUTIFUL CALENDARS. Eleven Different Pictures From the Old Country.

Owing to the rush the last two seasons for these fine works of art, we have decided to take name and address of purchasers of \$5.00 worth from this date and reserve one Calendar for them. They are due about New Year. Come early and make sure.

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Advertisement for A. Gregg & Son, featuring the text 'A Good Thing Bears Repetition.' and 'Our Direct Importations of Fall Woolens.' Includes an illustration of a man in a suit.

BRIEF LOCALS

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

New Goods just received and cheap for cash at H. A. Brown & Co's, 50 Douglas street.

The inquest into the cause of the death of William T. Harris was held in the police court by Coroner Crompton this afternoon. The jury brought in a verdict that he had died from the effects of pneumonia. Harris was brought before the police Magistrate on Tuesday morning charged with being found drunk, and as he was unwell then he was remanded until to-morrow morning. He was sent to the Jubilee Hospital, where he died as stated, on Wednesday morning. The coroner's jury were as follows: Charles J. Wilkes (foreman), R. H. Taylor, J. M. Lee, W. Stewart, Antonio Sarantis, T. S. Robertson, J. R. Angus.

Totangh, a young Jap who had just completed a sentence of 10 days' imprisonment imposed upon him by Police Magistrate Macrae for his being convicted of drunkenness, committed suicide yesterday morning soon after he left the city lock-up, where he had been confined. He was seen to enter the garret of the Esperanza House on Rae street, where he had been boarding, and was not seen coming out again. In the evening the other Japanese boarders, becoming alarmed at his continued stay in the garret, broke open the floor and found his dead body hanging from one of the rafters. The body is now lying at the city morgue, where it was taken by order of the police. Coroner Crompton will hold an inquest to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

How to Prevent Pneumonia. At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Olagah, Ind. Ter. Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and grippe, we have never yet learned of a single case which resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand.

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... Of 1896.

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Advertisement for 'Before You Leave on Your Vacation' featuring an illustration of a man with a suitcase and the text 'Oxley's Elixer SENT TO YOU BY MAIL'.

Advertisement for 'BABY'S OWN SOAP' featuring the text 'YOUR BABY'S SKIN NEEDS "/>

—Southern California—the Italy of America, was the subject of Mr. W. T. Cookley's lecture at Temperance Hall last evening.

—Three carloads of furniture and other articles just arrived at Weller Bros. for the Xmas trade. See big ad. for list of latest arrivals.

—The next meeting of the Vancouver Island Reading Society will be held on Thursday next, when the drawing for the 22nd appropriation of that society will take place.

—Yesterday evening the Philharmonic Club was formed with the object of providing social evenings twice a month during the winter season. The first entertainment to be given by the club, a dance, will take place on Tuesday next at the Philharmonic Hall.

—For the band concert to be given at the drill hall on Saturday evening by the Fifth Regiment band two extra attractions are promised. They are the Balanchina melle and a potato race, both of which no doubt will prove very interesting.

—Arthur Langley, who was charged with vagrancy in the police court yesterday morning and remanded until this morning, was further remanded by Magistrate Macrae until more evidence can be obtained.

—William Gustave Meier, a man of many aliases, was charged in the police court this morning with stealing an overcoat on Tuesday last from the Occidental hotel. He was remanded until tomorrow morning, when probably other charges will be laid against him.

—In the police court this morning, a Chinaman, Ah Long, was accused before Police Magistrate Macrae with aggravated assault on another Chinaman, whose forehead bore silent testimony as to the nature of the assault. As the accused wished to call witnesses on his behalf the case was adjourned until tomorrow morning.

—William Lelievre, formerly a resident of Victoria, his mother now residing here, met with a serious accident at the horse show in San Francisco last Saturday. He was giving an exhibition of rough riding, when his broncho jumped the fence and attempted to climb into the loxes, causing a stampede. Lelievre had his collar bone broken.

—Pride of the Island lodge, Sons of England, on Tuesday evening elected the following officers: P. Tabb, W. P.; J. Hick, W. P. P.; T. Meads, W. P.; Lang, chap.; C. Fern, O. G.; H. Hancock, I. G.; F. Dykes, let G.; S. Newton, 2nd G.; A. Harris, 3rd G.; Allen, 4th G.; Norman, W. S.; S. Gravlin, W. S.; A. Lee was one of the trustees appointed.

—A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held at 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. G. A. Kirk, of the firm of Turner, Beeton & Co., was elected vice-president, and Mr. Arthur Robertson was elected a member of the council. The council also considered the address which was presented to Hon. Mr. Blair.

—A small boy named Harris was summoned to appear in the police court this morning charged with an infraction of the streets by-law. When the case was called the father of the boy responded in lieu of his son. He was accordingly sent for his son who was warned by the police magistrate and the father was bound over for six months to see that in future he kept the peace.

—Hon. A. G. Blair was interviewed to-day by several deputations regarding railway matters. At noon the minister and Col. Donville, M. P., were the guests of several of the members of the Dominion Club with whom they had luncheon. The party will leave for Nanaimo by train to-morrow morning. The Quadra will meet them there and take them to Vancouver.

—Mr. A. E. McPhillips, who was seen to-day regarding the reported sale of the property of the Consolidated Railway Company to an English syndicate, stated that he had received no official intimation that the sale had been actually closed, but negotiations had been in progress for some time, and he believed that the sale would be made. Mr. Hubbard, an English solicitor has been in the province for some time in the interests of the syndicate.

—The programme for to-morrow evening's concert at the Y. M. C. A. under Mr. Rowlands' management is as follows: Pianoforte solo, Mrs. McDonald; solo, "Daisy and Joan," Mrs. Rowlands; violin solo, Mr. Noel Barker; solo, Mrs. McDonald; character recitation, "De milk in de coconut," Mr. Sherborne; solo, Mr. Oliver; vocal solo, Miss Strain; solo, "Bonny Mary of Arglee," Mr. Gordon; trio, "Ye sheep heads, tell me," Mrs. Rowland, Messrs. Gordon and Rowlands; solo, Mr. Ivon God save the Queen.

—The election of officers of Princess Alexandra lodge, No. 18, Daughters of England, for the ensuing term, which took place yesterday evening resulted as follows: W. P. P., Sister Dow; W. P., Sister H. Gladding; W. P., Sister E. Pearce; W. Sec., Sister Treddale; Treas., Sister Temple; Chap., Sister Note; 2nd Guide, Sister G. G. 2nd Guide, Sister Smith; 3rd Guide, Sister Lawley; 4th Guide, Sister Nancy Gullie; 5th Guide, Sister Grimsom; 6th Guide, Sister Loney; T. C. Bro., Sister G. G. Bro. Shaw; Sisters Wolf and Owen; and Bro. Smith were appointed trustees, and Bro. J. Critchley and Sister F. Gladley auditors.

—A very pretty home wedding was celebrated at the residence of the bride's mother, 148 Johnson street, last evening. The contracting parties were: Mr. Robert Livingston, well-known on the football field, and Miss Grace Edith Craigie, both of this city. The bride was given away by her step-father, Mr. Blackmore, and Mr. W. Reilly, assisted by Master Jackie Trace, supported the groom, and the bridesmaids were Miss Jane and Miss Sarah Sandwith, cousins of the bride. Rev. Mr. Reid officiated at the ceremony. The presents were numerous and costly, among them being a beautiful marble clock, presented by the Colonial military staff as a token of the esteem in which the bride was held by the members of that establishment, with which she had been connected.

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MR. BLAIR'S VISIT

Minister of Railways Presented With an Address from Board of Trade.

The Importance of Railway Connection to Province is Brought to His Notice.

There was a large attendance of members and others at the British Columbia Board of Trade rooms at three o'clock this afternoon, when an address of welcome was presented to Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways and canals. In reply to the address Hon. Mr. Blair delivered a forcible speech, in which he referred to the opening out of this province by railways. A report of Hon. Mr. Blair's speech will appear in to-morrow's issue. Below is the address presented by the Board of Trade: To the Honourable A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals.

It affords the members of the British Columbia Board of Trade great pleasure in welcoming you upon this your first visit to this province. You will find appended to this address a memorandum of requirements which was presented to the Hon. J. Israel Davis and the Hon. L. H. Davies during their late visits, which covers the most pressing needs coming under the heads of different departments. We desire to avail ourselves of this opportunity now afforded us to place before you as minister of railways and canals some important matters affecting this province at the present time. Your visit has no doubt already enabled you to form an opinion which we cannot but conclude will be favorable of the vast mineral resources of the Kootenay district.

This board has learned with pleasure that such assistance will more than likely be granted to the Crow's Nest Pass railway during the coming session of parliament that will ensure its early construction. The great benefit this will be to the Dominion is unquestioned, and we would impress upon you most strongly the fact that in the opinion of this board assistance of the Dominion towards the construction of a direct line to Kootenay from this coast simultaneously with the Crow's Nest railway is of vital importance.

We call your attention to the fact that a large supply of English goods is carried by the coast wholesalers, which class of trade has hitherto been supplied from our cities, but it can now be clearly seen that the large houses of Spokane, by importing the same kind of goods direct by sailing vessel to the Sound ports and thence to their city by bond and delivering from bonded warehouses direct to Kootenay points, a serious competition has been established through the advantages Spokane has in supplying orders in a very much shorter time than from here.

This is only one illustration of how the coast cities are handicapped, and the difficulty can only be surmounted by a direct line of railway which would bring not only the Kootenay country in close touch with the coast cities, but also the equally rich mineral as well as agricultural country through which the line would pass.

Such a line would also be the means of bringing about the erection of smelters at the coast, the advantages of which would be very great owing to the splendid opportunity of selecting not only from the different Kootenay points but also from points on the coast the classes of ore necessary for fluxing and thereby ensuring successful smelting at the lowest possible cost.

This board would also draw your attention to the great opportunity which is afforded your government of taking into serious consideration the assisting of a line to the north generally known as the British Pacific that would open up through the Cariboo country one of the richest agricultural tracts in the Dominion as well as bring in touch with the outside world that portion of the British Columbia lying hundreds of miles to the north of the Canadian Pacific railway and which is now only partly reached by wagon road.

The confidence capitalists are now showing in the immense mineral wealth of this district cannot be better illustrated than by the large quantities of hydraulic and mining machinery that is now being forwarded by the wagon road and the prosecution of extensive mining undertakings and the exceeding heavy cost of working mines in this part of the country. If it is possible for mines to be worked at a profit after importing machinery on which as high as five and six cents per pound freight has to be paid in addition to the railway charges, it can be clearly seen what immense advantages would be derived by having this part of the country reached by rail.

The feasibility of this northern route has been clearly demonstrated by surveys made years ago by the Dominion government as well as by later investigations by the provincial government and which all go to prove that this road can be constructed and maintained at a very much lower cost than the Canadian Pacific railway.

Large tracts of grazing and agricultural lands will be made accessible for settlement and with the development of such a large market will be opened up which would not be as in the case with the lower part of the province that is so situated as to be supplied with foreign produce. It would also give a

splendid market for goods of home production.

This line could clearly be styled the Great Imperial Colonization Railway, as looking at it from an Imperial standpoint, it has no equal, being situated as it is many miles from any foreign neighbor and running through a country capable of sustaining an immense population and being protected by natural conditions until the Imperial Naval Station at Esquimalt is reached.

This board learns that application has been made to the Dominion government for a charter for this line and we hope that it will receive favorable consideration at your hands, and that, when the proper time comes for applying for the necessary assistance by whomsoever may decide to actively engage in its construction, such assistance will be given by the Dominion government commensurate with the importance of the undertaking.

Allow us to again remind you that British Columbia is a young and undeveloped province and whose natural resources are such as we believe are not equaled by any other province in the Dominion. To make these natural resources productive and to settle the lands with a happy and contented people it will require assistance from the Dominion which may temporarily add to the national indebtedness, but from which we are satisfied the best returns can be had. For the British Columbia Board of Trade.

D. R. Ker, President, F. ELWORTHY, Secretary, Victoria, B.C., December 18th, 1896.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

THE OAR. GAUDAUR ACCEPTS. Toronto, Dec. 17.—Gaudaur has offered to accept the challenge from Barry, the English oarsman, provided he rows at Vancouver, B.C. On this condition he will allow him \$3000 expense and will divide a purse, allowing 90 per cent. to the winner and 10 per cent. to the loser.

FOOTBALL. The Y. M. C. A. Rugby Club will be represented by the following in their match with the Fifth Regiment second fifteen at Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon: Full back, W. Wriglesworth; three-quarters, W. Peden, J. Byrn, G. Gardner and A. Finlayson; halves, A. Reed and J. Hemsworth; forwards, E. White, E. Sherbolt, C. White, J. Decker, L. Campbell, C. McNeill, P. Norris and W. Grant; reserve, F. Vigor. The Y. M. C. A. Association team will play the Barracks at the Barracks grounds to-morrow afternoon. The following are the players: Goal, R. Lormer; backs, H. L. Holden and W. York; half-backs, Walter Winsby, W. A. Lormer and H. Scott; forwards, B. Schwengers, W. N. Winsby, J. W. Lormer, C. Berkeley and L. York; reserve, J. Barnswell.

VICTORIA VS. NAVY. At a late hour to-day the Victoria Rugby club received a telegram that the New Westminster club could not come down and play to-morrow, as was scheduled. The club, however, has arranged to match with the Navy for to-morrow at 1 o'clock at the Caledonia grounds, when it is expected a good game will be witnessed, as this will be the first game of the season with the Navy after so many unsuccessful attempts have been made to have a game. The following will represent the Victoria club: Full back, H. Pettierow; three-quarters, J. M. Miller (captain), C. E. Wilson, C. Gamble, K. Scholfield; half backs, H. B. Haines, A. T. Goward, forwards, L. Crease, A. D. Crease, J. K. Macrae, J. H. Anstie, A. B. Spain, W. R. Atkins, W. O. Bevan, A. Langley.

THE RING. FITZ TO THE PEOPLE

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Bob Fitzsimmons gave out the following last night: "To the Public: I desire to extend to the many kind friends I made in San Francisco my sincere thanks for words of kind cheer during my effort made in court to receive the \$10,000 which, though honestly won by me, was dishonestly taken from me by the foulest conspiracy ever perpetrated in the annals of pugilism. I am pleased the public knew all the facts in this case, and am willing to stand or fall by their judgment. Fully realizing the great injustice done me and also doing every fair-minded citizen, by the parties to this foul conspiracy, I still have faith and believe that there are honest referees yet to be found in San Francisco. In conclusion I would assert that I have always been an enemy of foul blows and foul methods. That feeling I hope will continue with me as long as I continue to be proud of the true and honest friends I have made while in San Francisco. Yours sincerely, Robt. Fitzsimmons, only recognized champion of the world."

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The trial of Shallock (receiver of the Garasco estate) vs. Garasco and Wilson was adjourned this afternoon by Mr. Justice Walker until Tuesday next. His lordship could not hear the case as he is engaged in reviewing the judgments in several cases now pending before the courts. R. Cassidy for plaintiff and L. P. Duff and A. C. Laxton for defendants.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

—Mr. George Cruickshank has been appointed a clerk in the education office.

—The show windows at the store of Samuel Sca, Jr., are very tastefully decorated.

—The verdict of epicures all over the world has been given in favor of Yorkshire Relish.

—Dr. Emil Pohl, of New Denver, has been appointed deputy-coroner for the Slovan district.

—Many articles suitable for Xmas Presents at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

—No. 1 company's Tuesday evening drill has been discontinued until after New Year's.

—Blank books, memo. books and a nice line of stationery at wholesale prices. Johnston's, Kirk Block.

—Formal application to be called to the supreme court bar has been made by Mr. C. J. Prior of Victoria.

—Elegant lamps in wrought iron and brass; beautiful presents at moderate prices; great variety. Weller Bros.

—Louis Emanuel, of London, Eng., has been appointed a commissioner to take affidavits for the B. C. courts.

—James Dardie, J. P. of Hope, has been appointed judge of the court of revision and appeal for that district.

—The last of Bishop Perria's lantern lectures on "Our Lord's Advent," will be given this evening at St. Barnabas church.

—The board of school trustees of Vancouver has secured incorporation by letters patent under the name of "The Board of Governors of the Vancouver College."

—A slim pocketbook will not hinder you from having a fine rain coat on Xmas day for we are selling them at cost to clear. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

—The Kootenay Iron Works Company, limited, has been incorporated. The trustees are Messrs. A. R. M. Barrow, G. A. Bigelow and G. W. Richardson, of Nelson, and the capital stock is \$50,000.

—All the provincial offices will be closed from the 24th to the 30th inst., inclusive, and on the 1st and 2nd prox. County Court Christmas vacations extend from Thursday next to January 3rd, both days inclusive.

—In a word, we know it and the same knowledge will be yours. We are selling off all our trimmed and untrimmed millinery 25 per cent, less than the market price. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. Show room upstairs.

—The weekly winter tournament of the James Bay Athletic Association will be held yesterday evening at their club rooms. J. W. Bridgeman was the winner, getting ten games out of a possible thirteen. The consolation prize went to Mr. G. Watson. Next Monday evening a return match will be played at the club rooms with the members of the Conservative club.

—Philharmonic Hall was re-opened last evening by a "return leap year ball," given by the young men. The committee in charge consisted of Messrs. J. W. Colburn, A. Johnson, J. Fletcher, C. Becker, W. Campbell, H. Becker, D. Dallas and F. Maynard. The arrangements were most complete and all present spent a pleasant evening. The music was furnished by the Bugle orchestra, and Mr. Henry Clay, the well known caterer, provided a very appetizing supper at midnight.

—A San Francisco dispatch says: "The Behring Sea commissioners, who are now in session at Victoria, will come to San Francisco at the conclusion of their labors to continue their inquiry at this port. United States Attorney-General Harman has written to United States District Attorney Foote asking him to secure recognition for the commission. Mr. Foote has arranged to have the rooms of the United States circuit court of appeals set aside for their use up to February 1st, at which time the court will convene. The commission will probably need longer time and other arrangements will be made for the continuance of the session."

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The Mystery of Mr. and Mrs. Peacocke.
CHAPTER XIV.—'EVERY BODY'S BUSINESS.'
But there arose a trouble greater than that occasioned by the Broughton Gazette. There came out an article in a London weekly newspaper, called 'Everybody's Business,' which nearly drove the Doctor mad. This was on the last Saturday of the holidays. The holidays had been commenced in the middle of July, and went on till the end of August. Things had not gone well at Bowick during these weeks. The parents of all the newly expected boys had changed their minds. One father had discovered that he could not afford it. Another declared that the mother could not be got to part with her darling quite so soon as he had expected. A third had found that a private tutor at home would best suit his purposes. While the fourth boldly said that he did not like to send his boy because of the 'fuss' which had been made about Mr. and Mrs. Peacocke. Had this last come alone, the Doctor would probably have resented such a communication; but following the others as it did, he preferred the fourth man to any of the other three. 'Miserable cowards,' he said to himself, as he doctored the letters and put them away. But the greatest blow of all,—of all blows of this sort,—came to him from poor Lady Ann Clifford. She wrote a piteous letter to him in which she implored him to allow her to take her two boys away.
'My dear Dr. Worlie,' she said, 'so many people have been telling so many dreadful things about this horrible affair that I do not dare to send my darling boys back to Bowick again. Uncle Clifford and Lord Robert both say that I should be very wrong. The Marchioness has said so much about it that I dare not go against her. You know what my own feelings are about you and dear Mrs. Worlie; but I am not my own mistress. They all tell me that it is my first duty to think about the dear boys' welfare; and of course that is true; but you would not be very angry with me, and will write me one line to say that you forgive me.—Yours most sincerely,
'Ann Clifford.'
In answer to this the Doctor did write a few lines:—
'My dear Lady Ann,—Of course your duty is very plain,—to do what you think best for the boys; and it is natural enough that you should follow the advice of your relatives and their Faithfuls' yours.'
He could not bring himself to write in a more friendly tone, or to tell her that he forgave her. His sympathies at the present moment were only with Mrs. Peacocke. But then Lady Ann Clifford was not a beautiful woman, as was Mrs. Peacocke.
This was a great blow. Two other boys had also been sent away, making five in all, whose premature departure was owing altogether to the virulent tongue of that wretched old Mother Slightfoot. And there had been four who were to come in the place of four others, who, in the course of nature, were going to carry on their more advanced studies elsewhere. Vacancies such as these had always been resented long beforehand by the ambitious parents. These very four places had been pre-occupied, but now they were all vacant. There would be nine empty beds in the school which it met again after the holidays; and the Doctor well understood that nine beds remaining empty would mean nine cases of illness to be expected. It is known that created success, and decay that produces decay. Gradual decay he knew that he could not endure. He must shut up his school,—give up his employment,—and follow altogether from the activity of life. He felt that if it came to this with him, he must in very truth turn his face to the wall and die. Would it,—would it really come to that, that Mrs. Slightfoot should have altogether consigned him to the combat that had sprung up between them?
But yet he would not give up Mrs. Peacocke. Indeed, circumstances as he was, he could not give her up. And he had promised not only her, but her absent husband, that until his return there should be a home for her in the school-house. There would be a covardice in going back from his word which was already a foreign to his nature. He could not bring himself to retire from the fight, even though by doing so he might save himself from the actual final slaughter which seemed to be imminent. He thought only of making fresh attacks upon his enemy, instead of meditating flight from those which were made upon him. As a dog, when another dog has got him well by the ear, thinks not at all of his own wound, but only how he may catch his enemy by the lip, so was the Doctor in regard to Mrs. Slightfoot.

When the two Clifford boys were taken away, he took some joy to himself in remembering that Mr. Slightfoot could not pay his butcher's bill.
Then, just at the end of the holidays, some good-natured friend sent him a copy of 'Everybody's Business.' There is no duty which a man owes to himself more clearly than that of throwing into the waste-paper basket, unsearched and even unopened, all newspapers sent to him without a previously declared purpose. The sender has either written something himself which he wishes to force you to read, or else he has been desirous of wounding you by some ill-natured criticism upon yourself. 'Everybody's Business' was a paper which, in the natural course of things, did not find its way into the Bowick rectory; and the Doctor, though he was no doubt acquainted with the title, had never even looked at its columns. It was the purpose of the publisher to amuse its readers, as its name declared, with the private affairs of their neighbors. It went boldly about its work, exercising itself by the assertion that Jones was just as well inclined to be talked about as Smith was to hear whatever could be said about Jones. As both parties were served, what could be the objection? It was in the main quietly gratified the Joneses, while it afforded considerable amusement to the listless and numerous Smiths of the world. If you can't read and understand Jones's speech in parliament, you may at any rate have mind enough to interest yourself with the fact that he never composed a word of it in his own room without a ring on his finger and a flower in his button-hole. It may also be agreeable to know that Walker the poet always takes a multon-chop and two glasses of sherry at half-past one. 'Everybody's Business' did this for everybody to whom such excitement was agreeable. But in managing everybody's business in that fashion, let the writer be as good-natured as he may, and let the principle be ever so well founded, there is no doubt it is to be hurt, still there are dangers. It is not always easy to know what will hurt and what will not. And then sometimes there will come a temptation to be, not spiteful, but specially amusing. There must be danger, and a writer will sometimes be obliged to veil when the subject has been most innocent. It may be that, after all, the poor poet never drank a glass of sherry before dinner in his life,—it may be that a little toast-and-water, even with his dinner, gives him all the refreshment that he wants, and that two glasses of alcohol mixture in the middle of the day shall seem, when imputed to him, to convey a charge of downright intemperance. But the writer has perhaps learned to regard two glasses of meridian wine as but a moderate amount of sustenance. This man is much flattered if it be given to be understood that he falls in love with every pretty woman that he sees;—whereas another will think that he has been made a subject to a foul calumny by such insinuation.
'Everybody's Business' fell into some such mistake as this, in that very amusing article which was written for the delectation of its readers in reference to Dr. Worlie and Mrs. Peacocke. The 'Broughton Gazette' no doubt confined itself to the clerical and highly moral views of the case, and, having dealt with the subject chiefly on behalf of the Close and the admirers of the Close, had made no allusion to the fact that Mrs. Peacocke was a very pretty woman. One of two other local papers had been more scurrilous, and had, with ambiguous and timid words, alluded to the Doctor's personal admiration for the lady. These, or the rumors created by them, had reached one of the faintest of men, so obstinate, so unelastic,—so determined to make much of little! The Bishop had felt himself bound to warn a clergyman that, for the sake of the Church, he could not do altogether as other men might. No doubt certain ladies had got around him,—especially Lady Margaret Mansel,—filling his ears with the horrors of the Doctor's proceedings. The gentlemen who had written the article about the Greek and the Latin words had seen the truth of the thing at once,—so said Lady Margaret. The Doctor had condoned the offense committed by the Peacockes because the woman had been beautiful, and was repaying himself for his misery by basking in her beauty. There was no saying that there was not some truth in this. Mrs. Worlie herself entertained a feeling of the same kind. It was palpable, on the face of it, to all except Dr. Worlie himself, and to Mrs. Peacocke. Mrs. Slightfoot, who had made her way into the palace, was quite convincing on this point. Every body knew she said, that he went across, and that she had seen him every day. Everybody did not know that, if everybody had been accurate, everybody would have asserted that he did this thing every other day. But the matter, as it was represented to the Bishop by the ladies, with the assistance of one or two clergymen in the Close, certainly seemed to justify his lordship's interference.
But this that was mentioned was very terrible. There was a determination about the Doctor which made it clear to the Bishop, that he would be as bad as he could. When, he, the Bishop, had spoken of scandal, of course he had not intended to say that the Doctor's conduct was scandalous; nor had he said anything of the kind. He had used the word in its proper sense, and had declared that the offense would be created in the minds of people unless an injurious report were stopped. 'It is not enough to be innocent,' he had said, 'but men must know that we are so.' He had declared in that belief in Dr. Worlie's innocence. But yet there might, no doubt, be an action for libel against the newspaper. And when damage came to be considered, much weight would be placed upon the circumstances that the Bishop had paid to the article. The result of this was that the Bishop invited the Doctor to come and spend a night with him in the palace.
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In answer to this there came no written reply, but a copy of the 'Everybody's Business,' which the Doctor had already seen. He had, no doubt, known from the first that it was the funny paragraph about 'tupto' and 'amo' to which the Bishop had referred. But in the serious steps which he now intended to take, he was determined to have positive proof from the hands of the Bishop himself. The Bishop had not directed the pernicious newspaper with his own hands, but if called upon, would not deny that it had been sent from the palace by his orders. Having received it, the Doctor wrote back at once as follows:—
'Right Reverend and dear Lord,—Any word coming from your lordship to me is of grave importance, as those who think, and whose names come from a Bishop in his capacity, and they are of special importance when containing reproof, whether deserved or undeserved. The scurrilous and vulgar attack made upon me in the newspaper which your lordship has sent to me would not have been worthy of my serious notice, had it not been made, mostly by your lordship's agents, and in regard to which such a letter was written to me, as that of your lordship's of the 12th instant. Now it has been invested with so much solemnity by your lordship's notice of it, that I feel myself obliged to defend myself against it by public action.
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Victoria, B.C., Dec. 14, 1896.

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Dated this 10th day of November, 1896.
K. Q. ROMANO QUAGLIOTTI.
NOTICE.
Mortgagees' Sale.
Tenders will be received by the undersigned until the nineteenth day of December next for the purchase of all that and those four Town lots situate in Courtenay Township, District of Comox, and described and known as Lots 5 (fifty-five), 22 (twenty-two), 23 (twenty-three) and 24 (twenty-four) on the plan of Courtenay, and the hotel thereon known as 'The Riverside Hotel.' Mortgage registered in Charge Book, Vol. 13, Fol. 889, No. 70 D.
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City Clerk's Office,
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British Columbia.

NELSON. Nelson Miner. A contract for 150 feet of tunnelling has been let on the Fern mine, situated on Hall Creek, and five men will be at work nearly all the winter. Up to the present time there has been over 400 feet of tunnelling done.

Phillip Lowe, a farmer of the Illecillewaet river, fell from the Illecillewaet last Saturday while it was lying at Robson, and was drowned. How he came to fall is a mystery as he was perfectly sober, and when he disappeared under the water he never was seen again.

Notice of his pendens has been filed at the office in Nelson, by Thomas Kelly, Wm. J. Christie and Samuel W. Ray against P. W. George, R. W. Willey, S. J. Wiley, Chris Sherburn and R. H. Pope, plaintiffs claiming one-third interest in the Mollie Gibson, Aspen, Florence, La Plata, Little Duke and Florence Fraction by reason of their grub-staking P. W. George. They pray that the bond given R. H. Pope on October 17 be set aside and that the above-named parties be enjoined from selling, loading or working the above-mentioned claims.

On Tuesday night about nine o'clock the Hall Mine shaft was at once dispatched. Dynamite was used to raise the body, but without effect. The shores of the river have been searched but no trace of the missing man has been found.

The funeral of Captain S. C. Spaulding, who died at Pilot Bay last week, took place last Saturday morning from the Church of England in this city, under the auspices of the Masonic Order. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Nelson and nearly all those who attended the services by Rev. Akhurst at the church, accompanied the remains to their last resting place. Mrs. Spaulding returned to Pilot Bay on Monday morning and will soon leave for Rockland, Me., to visit relatives.

Mr. C. E. Perry, engineer in charge of the surveys in British Columbia for the C. P. R., arrived in town yesterday and will be engaged for the next month in making maps of the road from the foot of Sloca Lake to a connection with the C. & K. at Sloca crossing. To a reporter of the Miner he said: "The location survey of the line has been completed and construction can now begin at any time. The road will be on an easy grade and run through a valley that will be beautiful in the summer time. This valley is fairly well timbered and contains some good farming land. The chances are that construction will be commenced at an early date and the road will form one of the links of the Crow's Nest Pass road. We have completed a survey of the entire shore line of Sloca Lake and at considerable personal risk along the bluffs. The work on these bluffs will resemble that of the lower Fraser river canyon, but for the present the new boat now being constructed will give fast service in the gap between Rosebery and the foot of the lake."

SLOCA. The Kootenain. The shaft on the Republic group on the twelve mile divide is down twenty feet and the showing has improved greatly. Substantial buildings have been erected. Mr. McPherson, of Brandon, Man., has the property bonded for \$25,000.

New Denver within another year will be the richest town of its size in Canada. Between now and January 1st upwards of \$100,000 will be paid to the boys here on bonds, while four times that amount will be handled before another winter comes. The second shift on the Currie, on the galena farm, is now down nearly 90 feet perpendicularly, and it will be sunk as far again before the ledge is encountered. The shaft is a double compartment, each five by five feet, and well timbered. It is 250 feet from the first working. No work on the ledge will be done until March.

Native silver is becoming an everyday object on the Bonholder workings. Rav-aging of the claim will begin at once. The United Empire, adjoining the Iron Horse on the Enterprise lead, has been sold at a good cash figure to Vancouver parties. Kirkwood and Tunks were the owners.

Captain Woods has resigned the management of the Two Friends on Springer creek on account of ill health. The force of men has also been reduced. Vancouver people have just made another payment on the deal. Regular shipments will be made during the winter.

Fielding & Cooper, who had the Assinnton, on Springer creek, taken on their hands by the French syndicate two months ago have made a big strike on the property. They went to work on the east drift and this work developed a magnificent showing of ore and native silver.

Allen's pack train is taking down small shipments of ore from the Howard fraction and Black Prince on Lemah creek to Sloca City.

E. Mansell, of Nelson, operator for an English company, has made an unsuccessful effort to purchase the Howard fraction. The figure offered was tempting.

It is stated on trustworthy authority that negotiations have been, or are in the course of being concluded for the transfer of the Enterprise group of claims on Ten Mile creek, by J. A. Finch to a powerful syndicate of Colorado mining men for the sum of \$300,000 cash. Up to date no change has occurred at the mines, but it comes from headquarters that the deal is certain. This group comprises the Enterprise, the Enterprise Fraction and Sloca Queen, and were located by J. A. McKinnon and R. J. Kirkwood in June, 1894. The discovery of these claims was the cause of

the great influx into the lake country. After holding the property for a year the owners bonded the group for \$25,000 to J. A. Finch, who made the final payment last October.

Nelson Tribune. H. Herschell Cohen is again in the city, completing the transfer of some mining properties for which he has been negotiating.

The Mountain Chief mine is expected to ship three carloads of ore per month during the winter. There are seven men employed at the mine.

Scott McDonald is now in charge at the Payne group of mines, and George W. Hughes is giving his attention to other properties in which he is interested with A. W. McCune. Only high-grade ore is being shipped from the Payne. A concentrator will be built in the spring for treating the low grades, of which a large quantity is on hand.

The miners employed at the Wonderful have had a dispute with the management and have gone on a strike. It is said the dispute arose over some misunderstanding about the night shift. The Wonderful has been developed largely during the past month. In the upper tunnel 86 feet of work has been completed and in the south drift 82 feet. In the extension of the south-west drift 86 feet has been completed. In this drift an ore body 15 feet wide is said to have been cut. In the lower workings the tunnel is in 161 feet, a total of 415 feet of work accomplished last month.

The Noble Five hauled the first installment of their cable early this week, which was a difficult task owing to the steepness of the mountains. The concentrator and flume are now completed, and when the tramway is finished work will be commenced.

The Nelson Miner. Men and supplies went up Springer creek to open the Lily B and associated claims on December 6th. These claims are about half way between Brown's hotel and the Two Friends mine. They are under bond to J. Gilhooly for \$30,000.

Work is progressing steadily on the Republic and on the Sloca Bob. These claims are quite close to Sloca City and are only two of a good many promising claims along the same slope. The Exchange, under bond to David Brenner, is turning out some very pretty ore at present. This mine is already a shipper of high grade gold and silver ore. Like nearly all the ores between Lemah and Springer creek the value in gold is fairly high. Gold exists in workable quantities associated with dry silver ore to Southern Sloca. These ores are not free to a great extent, but become more so as one goes southwards towards Nelson, such as exist on the long high ridge between Six Mile creek and Yuill creek.

Ten Mile creek is probably the richest tributary to Sloca lake south of New Denver. It has won the faith of investors by turning out well so far.

W. Copley went up to the head of Dayton creek on December 6th to begin operations on the Skylark and Ranger, which were lately bonded by Copley and Cowles to Alex. Dick of Jaggins, N.S., for \$40,000. These claims are on the Lemah creek slope, just over the summit from the head of Dayton creek, and will be the pioneers in extensive development, although the Chapeau, an adjoining claim, is the pioneer shipper, with the exception of the Hansard Fraction which ships by way of Springer creek.

So far there is no trail down Lemah creek and all supplies and ore have to pass over the divide between Springer and Lemah creeks. This divide is low, however, and in no part of the district is there much danger of snow slides. Under these disadvantages four groups of promising claims have come to the front all of which should naturally ship down Lemah creek to Sloca river valley. These are Crusader, Howard Fraction, Chapeau, and Skylark Ranger groups. All are rich ores of argentite and gold. There are many other claims having an assessment done but the cost of packing, etc., over the divide has discouraged work to some extent but the chief reason has been an unwillingness of investors to take interest in properties which have no decent trail down their own drainage basin. This shyness is wearing off, as interests in the Crusader and Skylark Ranger groups have lately been transferred.

CLARKE. The Kootenain. T. Claridge, from Johannesburg, South Africa and London, has been looking over the Sloca district, and is evidently of the opinion that there must be a great future in store for it, as he understands he has acquired several properties and is considering other propositions.

Recent work upon the new vein of the Bluebird property has developed a very high grade ore. The Blue Bird has shipped some 300 tons, but the present showing on the new vein is by far the richest the mine has ever had. Assays of the ore recently taken out have shown 30%.

James A. McDonnell has made the sale of the Jennie Fraction group of claims in the Best basin of the Sloca mining division to Hirschel Cohen. The terms of sale are not made public, but it is said that a good round sum is involved. Development work has already begun under Mr. Hirschel and will be vigorously prosecuted during the winter. Manager Eaton of the Whitewater mine reports excellent sleighing on the wagon road from the workings to the railway station, single teams being able to take down five tons at a load. Illustration of rapid transit he says that a carload of ore at the mine in the morning is hauled down, loaded upon the car, delivered at Kaslo station and placed upon the steamer the same night. Late shipments from this mine have been taken to the Kaslo sampling works.

One of the richest specimens of ore ever shown in Kaslo is lying upon the counter of the Gold Dust saloon. It comes from the veins about thirty feet below the floor of the upper tunnel of the Whitewater, and is composed of grey copper and galena. It weighs about thirty-five pounds and is estimated by miners to be worth not less than a dollar a pound with silver at the present quotation. It will find an abiding place, ultimately, in the collection of John L. Retallack.

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SUCCEEDS HIS FATHER. Ex-Speaker Crisp's Son Elected in His Father's Old Constituency. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—A special election held yesterday in the Third congressional district to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles F. Crisp, resulted in the election of C. R. Crisp, the ex-speaker's son. Mr. Crisp, in response to a telegram from the Atlanta Journal, wired that paper: "I am in favor of the recognition of independence of Cuba by the United States."

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ESQUIMALT & NANAIMO RY. COMPANY. S.S. "CITY OF NANAIMO" will sail as follows: Leave Victoria for Nanaimo, Tuesday, 9 a.m. Nanaimo for Croft, Wednesday, 7 a.m. Croft for Victoria, Thursday, 5 a.m. Victoria for Nanaimo, Friday, 7 a.m. Nanaimo for Victoria, Saturday, 7 a.m.

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GOLDEN KOOTENAY CASE OF THE ADA

Hon. Mr. Blair and Col. Domyville M.P. Have "Discovered" the Kootenay District.

Both are Enthusiastic Believers in its Great Wealth and Possibility.

"Upon my return to the East I will refrain from describing all I saw. If I tell all the people will charge me with romancing." The speaker was the Hon. A. G. Blair; his theme was Kootenay. He is firmly impressed with its richness, its great possibilities, and he believes it alone will do much towards making Canada a great and wealthy country.

To a Times representative Mr. Blair stated that he visited Sandon, Nelson, Rossland and all the leading mines in those vicinities. He found everywhere that the residents were holding claims and mines, not so much for purposes of speculation, but because they believed they have in those mines incalculable wealth. Hon. Mr. Blair believes that from a national standpoint everything a government can prudently do should be done in assisting the work of development. He realized that the department of which he is head had a great responsibility in this respect.

"A special from Rossland," Mr. Blair credits you with stating "that the conditions were not yet ripe for government aid to a line through to the coast?" "I stated nothing of the kind," he replied. "I will, however, have an opportunity of explaining my views fully at the Board of Trade meeting this afternoon. Railways to assist egress and ingress to Kootenay must be built and assisted upon broad lines of state-manship."

Hon. Mr. Blair's enthusiasm, however, is cool in comparison to that of Lt. Col. Domyville, M.P. for King's County, N. East.

"In the East," he said, "I believe, like a great many other members of parliament, that the West was receiving too much attention; that it was time for the older constituencies to receive something from the government. I came West, I visited Kootenay, and I now say that if any measure comes up in the house that has for its object the development of the West, if an expenditure is contemplated with the same object, my voice and vote will always be for such measures and such expenditures. Why the people of Canada have no conception of the wealth of Southern British Columbia. It is useless to attempt to describe what we saw. People unacquainted with the district would not believe us if we did. It has an immense future before it. The ground has only been scratched. The moment the eyes of England are opened, the moment English capitalists have assurance of the bona fides of the district, there will be such a boom there that South Africa will simply be eclipsed. There is nothing in geological history that can be compared with the mineral wealth of Kootenay. Canada has been asleep, I presume, because of the scarcity of her population, and the great distance between Kootenay and the populous centres."

"Railways?" said Col. Domyville, in answer to a question. "I speak for nobody but myself in this matter. I believe that the country should be opened up as quickly as possible and by a high way that will afford speedy and cheap ingress and egress to the district, not by a railway owned by a private company, with exclusive freight rates and run simply as a money-making institution. There should be no politics in this matter. I cannot understand why you should have party politics here. Your politics should be the development of this wonderful province. But after all I am a free trader for the development of Kootenay. Let them get their mining machinery where they like and as cheaply as possible; let them buy their supplies where they like. The district is too valuable to be hampered by trade restrictions. There is a home for the hope of Canada, there is a place that will give a living to many of those Canadians who left their country and went to the United States. Open up this district and we win many of them back."

NEW MINING COMPANIES.

Eight Announced in This Week's Gazette.

Notice is given in the current issue of the B. C. Gazette of the incorporation of eight new mining companies, the aggregate capital being \$6,650,000. Of the new companies only one, the British Columbia Gold Company has its principal place of business here. The Provisional Trustees are Messrs. A. J. McLean, L. Gossage and A. H. R. T. Williams. The list of new companies follows:

- Alpha Bell Gold Quartz Mining Company of Vancouver, \$500,000.
- Black Rock Gold Mining Company of Seattle, \$1,000,000.
- Bowen Island Mining Company of Tacoma, \$1,000,000.
- British Columbia Gold Property Company of Victoria, \$250,000.
- Dundurn Gold Mining Company of Rossland, \$1,000,000.
- Gopher Gold Mining Company of Rossland, \$1,000,000.
- Quinnville Mining Company, of Chicago, \$1,000,000.
- Spokane-Kaslo Mining & Milling Co. of Spokane, \$800,000.

—Kootenay at Fleming Bros., Geo., et

Charles Lundberg Gives Evidence as to the Seizure of That Schooner.

How the Crew Were Treated While Remaining at Ounaska and Sitka.

Continuing his evidence yesterday afternoon before the Behring Sea Claims Convention, Captain Lachlan McLean said his total catch in Behring Sea in 1887 was 1884 seals.

To Mr. Warren—Witness said he had a conversation with Sir George Baden-Powell as to seal life when that gentleman was here. Shown a statement in the printed report of the Paris Tribunal made by Sir George Baden-Powell that the total catch of the Favourite in 1887 was 1887 seals, he said the statement was not based on information supplied by him. He stopped sealing on August 26th of that year, as he was short of water; if he had not come back then he would have had to stop in at some port on the way homewards to get water. He did not want to go into Ounaska, as he was afraid of seizure. His evidence in regard to the catches of 1888 and 1890, he said, was given from a memorandum book without which he could not have given his testimony. The entries in the memorandum book were not in his handwriting.

To Mr. Dickinson—The witness told of the different species of seals and said that no hair seals were included in the total catch.

To Mr. Belque—He said he may have taken a few hair seals in Behring Sea, but not many. There are very few in the Sea.

Captain William Cox said he was mate in 1887 of the schooner Sapphire when she was brought around from the Atlantic coast. He was mate in 1888 and captain in 1889 and 1890 of the Sapphire in her sealing cruises in Behring Sea. In 1889 he left Behring Sea on July 30, as he feared seizure if he remained longer. In 1890 he came home on August 15 as the Indians mutilated and would not remain. In 1888 he hunted to the west of the Pribilof Islands, as he thought it was safer.

An adjournment was then taken until 10:30 this morning. The Commission resumed its sitting at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Captain William Cox, continuing his evidence, under cross-examination of Mr. Dickinson, said the Sapphire did not go into Behring Sea in 1888, as the captain was afraid of being seized. In 1889 when the Indians mutilated, and wanted to come home, they did so because there was a sick man on board, and the Indians being very superstitious, were afraid he would die on board and prove a "Jonah" to the schooner. No classified account was kept of the various seals taken.

To Mr. Peters—Very few gray pups were taken in the Behring Sea. About one or two only in the season. Gray pups are found on the coast. Very few hair seals are found in Behring Sea.

To Mr. Dickinson—The hunters are not instructed not to take gray pups. They take anything they can get.

Charles Lundberg gave evidence in the case of the schooner Ada. He said the Ada was a first class vessel, built at Yokohama in 1882. The contract price for building her was \$3500. Her registered tonnage was 6325 tons. The witness said he heard of the price in a conversation in his hotel at Yokohama.

Mr. Dickinson raised an objection to this class of evidence, and a lengthy discussion ensued as to the admissibility of hearsay evidence, about which frequent objections had been made throughout the case of the Casco. It was argued by the British counsel that as the United States counsel had put in much of this class of evidence it should be admitted on their side. Finally, as no agreement could be arrived at by the counsel on the matter, Sir C. H. Tupper, who was examining the witness, said that to save time, he would allow the matter to stand for the present.

Continuing his evidence, Charles Lundberg said that in June, 1887, Mr. Gray offered \$9000 for the Ada, which offer was not entertained, the owner saying that he would not take \$10,000 for her. On June 10th, 1887, the Ada left Victoria on her sealing cruise to Behring Sea. The schooner was seized in Behring Sea by the United States cutter Bear on August 25th and taken to Ounaska. When alongside the wharf at Ounaska the officers of the cutter took ashore the skins and arms of the schooner. The captain of the Bear asked for the log book and Captain Gordon, after obtaining the captain's word of honor that he would return it to him, gave it to him. He never got it back. The crew were ordered to take the Ada to Sitka. At first they refused to do so, but ultimately consented. At Sitka they were compelled to remain on board for four or five days. There was a special policeman on board. The captain went away when and they were left there destitute of means to get away. Witness applied to the governor for aid to get away. They remained at Sitka until September 25th, when they were taken home by the United States cutter Fish. While at Sitka they used the provisions of the Ada. The special policeman placed on board took some of the schooner's provisions on shore. When seized on August 15th they had 1870 seals on board; had they not been seized they could have got one thousand more.

To Mr. Lansing—He said the crew had stayed on board the Ada at Sitka

until ten days after they arrived there, when the provisions gave out. They sold some of their clothes for food. The Commission then adjourned until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

PERSONAL.

S. Matson returned from the Mainland last evening. Mrs. F. S. Barnard returned from the Mainland last evening. J. H. Cambie and Capt. Soule, Vancouver, are at the Oriental. R. Jamieson was a passenger on last evening's Charmer from Vancouver. N. E. Butler, of Yarmouth, N.S., is visiting his son, Pilot Butler, of this city. James King, who has spent the summer prospecting in the vicinity of Shoal Bay, where he located several promising claims, returned from the North last evening and is registered at the Oriental.

PASSENGERS.

Per str. Charmer from Vancouver.—Mrs. F. S. Barnard, R. Jamieson, J. J. Crombie, Captain Soule, F. M. Marshall, P. McGilvray, W. Farrell, C. G. Henshaw, C. Caldwell, E. Stollerfoht, J. Wagner, G. D. Child, R. Hume, J. Emerson, H. W. Buckle, George Brown, R. McCrea, G. Adams, A. C. Smith, F. W. Burple, F. W. Bearman, W. S. McDonald and wife, T. B. Connet, P. Kearney, H. Longstrech, T. Drauey, Miss Hunter, W. Foriner and wife, W. G. Elworthy, J. T. Sheridan, J. Latimer, S. Matson.

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Per str. Kingston from the Sound.—H. E. Levy, Erskine Wall & Co., G. Kiew, E. Hutchinson, P. T. Patton, S. Leiser, H. B. Co., Joe Levy.

DIED.

CUTBERT—On the 17th instant at Haxby, near York, England, Elizabeth Cutbert, wife of James Cutbert, of York, 61, shire, England, aged 85 years.

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