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The weather. The oldest inhabitant never saw an autumn like it. No kick for September, if you have availed yourself of our bargains. We have new Valencia Raisins direct from the Mediterranean.

- Soused Mackerel in tins . . . 25c.
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THE LEADING LADIES' TAILOR

will shortly open up a branch establishment in Victoria especially adapted for the production of the finest garments known to the ladies tailoring trade.

Having secured the services of Miss Hampton, late of New York, whose knowledge and experience has been acquired with the finest designers from London and Paris, ladies can rest assured that all work entrusted to her care will receive that attention and skill which is the outcome of actual experience.

Our specialties will be Ladies' Evening Gowns, Opera Cloaks, Tea Gowns and our well known Ladies' Tailor Made Garments. Special attention will be paid to harmonize colors with the complexion.

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Double Screened Coal, \$5 per ton

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GOLF—A large and well assorted stock of golf clubs to be had at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

SECOND HAND GUNS bought and sold. Ammunition always on hand at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson street. 0215

WINCHESTER RIFLES and ammunition of all kinds, suitable for the Klondike and sportsmen, at J. Barnsley & Co., 119 Government street.

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VICTORIA WOOD AND COAL YARD, Government and Discovery. All kinds of fuel for sale at lowest current rates. Your order solicited. Delivery free. Also steam wood sawing done. Telephone No. 149. A. G. Hows 0219-20

TO-NIGHT, at A. O. U. W. Hall, Rev. J. C. Speer will lecture. Subject: Crawlers, Crutchers and Climbers. This is the kind of lecture that you have always said you would patronize. Why? Because it is not silly; at the same time you will have a good laugh and hear that which will make you say "I am glad I came." Rev. W. Leslie Clay will take the chair at 8 p.m. Tickets 25 cents; children 15 cents.



Naval Contracts.

Tenders will be received here, on behalf of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, until noon of Monday, the 26th Oct., 1897, for supplying such quantities of fresh beef, vegetables, soft bread and fresh water as may be required by H.M. ships lying at Vancouver; also for supplying such quantities of fresh beef, vegetable and soft bread as may be required by H.M. ships lying at Comox for twelve months certain from the 1st November, 1897.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Form of tender can be obtained at this office.

W. H. LOBB, Naval Storekeeper.

Esquimalt Yard, October 6th, 1897. 0218

COOL & WOOD. BAKER & COLSTON (LATE G. GAVETT & CO.) Wholesale Office, Belleville, James Bay.

Double Screened Alesandra Coal . . . \$5.00 ton. Or, Sack or Lump, Wellington. 6.50 ton. First Quality Dry Hardwood . . . 3.50 cord. Full weight and measure guaranteed. All orders executed as received. Telephone in name, Orwick & Co., No. 407.

JUST A RUMOR.

Officers of Imperieuse Said to be Interested in a Cocos Island Expedition.

The Sound papers publish a story to the effect that Charles Harford, who arrived here from Cocos Island on the schooner Aurora, and who claimed to have located \$20,000,000 in gold, silver and jewels on the island, has left Victoria, intending to pay another visit to the island. If rumor can be credited Harford should not be afraid to uncover the treasure on this trip, for it is said that several officers of H.M.S. Imperieuse, which recently sailed for the south, have interested themselves in Harford's story, and upon their arrival at the nearest port to Cocos Island at which they touch they will send out an expedition to see whether Harford really has the treasure located or whether his story is simply a "fak."

Some color is lent to this story by the fact that Mr. Ernest Harris, formerly with Lovensburg, Harris & Co., of Victoria, went south on the Imperieuse as a guest of Rear-Admiral Palliser. Mr. Harris also took a great deal of interest in Harford's story, and just before the Imperieuse sailed the two men were together most of the time. Whether Harford also went south on the Imperieuse or whether he went overland is not known for a certainty.

Of course it may all be simply a coincidence that Mr. Harris went south on the Imperieuse, the officers of which were also interested in Harford's story, at the same time that Harford left the city.

PERSONAL.

Murray Thain, of Vancouver, is in the city.

Robert Jamieson is back from a visit to Vancouver.

E. A. Wadhams, the canoeist, is a guest at the Driford.

J. B. Lovell was a passenger from Vancouver yesterday.

Johann Wulfschlag, Vancouver, is a guest at the Driford.

Dr. G. L. Milne was a passenger from Vancouver last evening.

Dr. Ernest Hall has gone to New Westminster for the exhibition.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Barrows, of Essex, England, are at the Driford.

Mayor Redfern returned last evening from a visit to Vancouver.

W. M. Bloor, U. S. immigration agent, Vancouver, is at the Driford.

Capt. George, the Algea pilot, came over from the Sound this morning.

E. B. Blyth, business manager of the Curious Opera Co., is at the Driford.

The Lieut-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney returned last evening from Vancouver.

Dr. W. J. Quinlan left this morning for Nelson, where he will be for some time.

A. B. Esdaile, of Victoria, was registered at the Bathurst Hotel, Montreal, on the 1st inst.

Mrs. Bilbrough and son leave for Hongkong on the Empress sailing Monday evening.

E. L. Patterson, representing Miller & Richards, type foundry, Toronto, is at the Driford.

B. Weinstein, of Kamloops, and E. H. Hughes, of Nelson, are registered at the Driford.

Mr. and Mrs. Yarrick, Miss Harris and Ronald Hartz, of London, Ont., are guests at the Driford.

SOME PLAIN TALK

London Newspapers Think a Check Ought to Be Put Upon the United States' Trickery.

Lord Salisbury Praised for Declining To Walk Into the Sealing Conference Trap.

London, Oct. 8.—The St. James Gazette, in an editorial, has expressed its formal announcement of Great Britain's decision to take part in the Behring sea conference with Russia and Japan.

There will be a feeling of relief that Great Britain, on behalf of Canada, has finally declined to walk into the trap which was being arranged at Washington. America has never paid the damages for the illegal seizures of Canadian sealers, and has exhausted every diplomatic artifice to evade the award, finally demanding a fresh conference. The Marquis of Salisbury consented, whereupon America calmly proposed that Russia and Japan should attend the seal conference, with the obvious intention of entrapping England and upsetting by a side wind the Paris award.

The Globe, commenting on the same subject this afternoon, remarks: "As a mere matter of business it is time that a firm check was put upon the policy of the United States in dealing with this country. In the interests of Canada it is well to let the United States understand that no settlement of the question will satisfy Great Britain which sacrifices one lot or title of the just and equitable rights of the loyal Dominion of Canada."

A SAD ENDING.

Once Prominent Citizen of Toronto Pleads Guilty of Forgery.

Toronto, Oct. 8.—Dewitt C. Kerr, once a prominent citizen, but lately a broker and money lender, pleaded guilty in the police court this morning to stealing three bicycles and to forgery. Kerr was sentenced to 18 months.

REASONS GIVEN

For the Refusal of Shing Kow's Application for a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

The decision of Hon. Mr. Justice Walker as to who should have the custody of the Chinese girl now in the Refuge Home, brief mention of which was made yesterday, is a rather important one. Mr. Helmecken made application on behalf of Shing Kow, a married Chinaman, for a writ of habeas corpus, addressed to the Refuge Home in this city, to deliver up a girl, alleged to be of the age of sixteen, to his care. It was said that Shing Kow's wife was some relative of the girl. Affidavits and several authorities were produced by Mr. Helmecken in support of the application, which Col. Gregory, on behalf of the Refuge Home, opposed. After considering these authorities Mr. Justice Walker decided that the object of a writ of habeas corpus was to relieve the person alluded to in it from unlawful restraint, and that was the only object; that the law in the present case did not recognize any right in the Refuge Home to retain the girl, nor, on the other hand, any right in the applicant to have her transferred to him. Two or three questions were raised during the course of the discussion that took place in respect to which his lordship would give no opinion, as he could not direct, under the circumstances, the transfer of the child from the custody of a person who was not legally entitled to the possession of the child to the custody of another person in the same position, legally speaking. The application was refused, but without costs, as the evidence showed that the applicant and his wife had supported and nurtured the girl for some years past. His lordship had examined the child in chambers, and she stated through an interpreter that she preferred living in the home. He certainly thought that it was not against the interests of the girl to allow her to remain there. He wished it understood that he did not decide that this private consultation with the child was necessary. As to this he would give no opinion, as the first ground mentioned seemed a conclusive one for refusing the writ.

Prussian Cabinet Believed to Have Adopted on Tirpitz's Programme.

Berlin, Oct. 8.—Yesterday's meeting of the Prussian cabinet was fully attended and the session lasted five hours. It is alleged on some show of authority that the ministers unanimously approved of the naval programme of Admiral Von Tirpitz, secretary of the navy, for the construction of battleships and ironclad cruisers, and that satisfactory arrangements are being made both with Prince Bismarck's Imperial chancellor, and the financial minister in regard to the manner of providing funds.

Details of the scheme will shortly be given in order to enable a full discussion before the meeting of the Reichstag. It is understood that the report that beer would be taxed to provide money is quite unfounded.

Among the recent arrivals at the Queen's are A. W. Campbell, E. Calder, R. McKinnon, of Chatham; D. McGregor and G. McGraw, of Seattle, and G. B. Ordan, of Cowichan.

THE RUSSELL FIRE.

Active Measures to Relieve the Distress Are Being Undertaken.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—No further deaths have been reported from the Russell fire. Subscriptions are pouring in to aid the distressed. Bundles of clothing are being forwarded to the destitute.

Toronto, Oct. 8.—Mayor Shaw received an appeal this morning from Mayor Bingham, of Ottawa, endorsed by Edwards and Heron, members of the commons for Prescott and Russell counties, asking for aid to the sufferers in the burned districts. Mayor Shaw will call a meeting of the board of control this afternoon. The government will likely make an appropriation of \$5,000.

SPAIN AND CUBA.

The New Cabinet of the Opinion That the System of Warfare Must Be Changed.

General Weyler Likely to Fight Tooth and Nail Against His Removal From Command.

London, Oct. 8.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times, referring to the cabinet council yesterday (Thursday), says:

The cabinet were unanimous in the opinion that the system of warfare in Cuba must be completely changed. Special attention was drawn to the condition of the sick and wounded soldiers now arriving. This aspect of the case was considered on the direct intimation of the Queen Regent. Regarding finances, although the optimistic views of the recent minister of finance do not appear to have been justified, it is believed that with judicious sufficient resources can be counted upon at least until the Cortes meets in the spring to authorize supplies.

The Daily Mail's correspondent says the premier has announced to the cabinet that the anarchists now in prison in the fortress at Mont Juich for the bomb throwing outrage at Barcelona during the procession of Corpus Christi will be immediately sent into exile or released.

New York, Oct. 8.—A dispatch to the Herald from Madrid says: General Weyler will fight tooth and nail against his removal from Cuba. He is trying to terrify the Liberal ministry into refusing him in command in Cuba till next June. If recalled now he will utilize his influence over the army and create disturbances in the peninsula, or sell himself to the Carlists. Now that the Conservative administration is no more than a shattered remnant, the organs of the Conservative press are nothing backward in vituperating one another and the defunct ministry in so bitter and so clear a way that there was no intention whatever of surrendering the reins of government had not the Queen Regent herself deliberately induced and insisted on the crisis. In consequence of this fallen magnates of the party, which has been one continuous brawl and national scandal for so many weary months, are being so bitterly arraigned in the columns of their own newspapers that their tongues are said to have suffered in the glorious melee, and more than one has departed from public office and even from trade with scowls upon his brow and anathema upon his lips, which has caused no little merriment to the unconcerned onlookers.

Madrid, Oct. 8.—It is reported here that either the Duke of Almodova or Senor Murugui will soon replace Senor Depay de Lome as Spanish minister to the United States.

CABLE FLASHES.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Oct. 8.—A French expedition, consisting of 500 soldiers and 2,000 carriers, has started from Porto Novo, on the coast of Dahomey, for Mikki, whence it proceeds to the Hinterland of Lagos. The colonial government has taken active steps to prevent this force landing upon British territory. French officials, it is stated, have pressed the natives of Lagos into service in the expedition.

Berlin, Oct. 8.—The design of Prof. Reinhold Beggs, the celebrated sculptor, has been selected for the Bismarck monument to be erected in Berlin.

London, Oct. 8.—A dispatch from Paris says that a French steamship company will shortly construct a new fleet of steamers for service between Havre and New York. The average speed of each steamer will not be less than 22 knots per hour.

AMERICAN BRIEFS.

New Orleans, Oct. 8.—The board of health officers announced today the 24 hours ending 6 p.m. last night 31 cases of yellow fever and two deaths.

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—F. C. Farnham, a mining engineer, of Seattle, has just returned from the east, where he succeeded in organizing a company to build a steam railroad from Skagway to Lake Bennett over the White Pass.

Flint, Mich., Oct. 8.—Lester L. Purton killed his wife and then killed himself in the parlor of a hotel here yesterday.

SOUGHT PEACE IN DEATH.

An Austrian Count Who Could Not Tolerate the Pain of a Broken Heart.

MEMBERS OBJECT.

Government Propose to Open the New Parliament Buildings This Month.

Many Think the Proper Time Is When the House Is Formally Opened.

There is very strong opposition to the proposal of the present government to open the new parliament buildings on the 28th of this month. That this is the date set for the opening is well known; in fact, the copper plate to be placed in a prominent place in the buildings, and containing the names of Lieut-Governor Dewdney and the members of the cabinet and the date of the opening, has been sent to Chicago to have the date changed. The original date was some time in February last, and the new date is October 28th. To the original date no objection was taken, the legislature being in session then, but to the new date there are very serious objections.

In the first place, it is felt that the representatives of the people, the members of the legislature, should take a prominent part in the proceedings. If the opening takes place this month many of them will not be able to attend. The proper time for the opening is when parliament meets; then all the members would be present, and the formal opening of the new buildings and the opening of parliament could take place at the same time. Many gentlemen have been spoken to on this question, and a very large majority hold this view. It need not interfere with the occupation of the buildings by the officials; they can occupy their new offices—some have already done so—without a formal opening, and besides, the buildings cannot be entirely completed this month. If the opening is left until the opening of parliament, the buildings will be entirely completed and everything will be in order.

Hon. D. W. Higgins, when asked what he thought of the proposition to open the new buildings on the 28th, replied that he could conceive of no course that would give greater dissatisfaction. The people's representatives authorized the expenditure, and should be consulted at to the date of the opening, which should be on the day the house is called for dispatch of business.

Asked if he would be present at the ceremony on the 28th inst., the speaker said that he did not think there would be any occasion for him to decline an invitation. He did not think that so unwise or indicate a step would be taken.

When told that the memorial plate would bear an inscription that the new buildings were "opened on the 28th October, 1897," which clearly showed the intention of the government, Mr. Higgins said that in spite of the plate he did not think the opening ceremony would take place on that or any other date prior to the day selected for the meeting of parliament.

Mr. H. D. Helmecken, M.P.P., is just as strongly opposed to the proposition as is the speaker. Like Mr. Higgins, he thinks the proper time for opening the buildings is at the same time as the opening of the house, when the representatives of the people, the men who voted the money for the buildings, could be present to take part in the ceremony. "The opening of these buildings," said Mr. Helmecken, "is no small matter. They will be standing long after we have passed away, and the opening should be a general one; one in which representatives from all parts of the province can take part. The only time all these representatives can be here is at the opening of the house."

It is said that even Hon. Mr. Martin, chief commissioner of lands and works, under the supervision of whose department the buildings were erected, also wishes to wait until the opening of the house, and that he was not taken into the confidence of the other members of the cabinet when it was decided to open them on the 28th inst.

Hon. Mr. Eberts confirmed the report that the buildings were to be opened this month, but did not know the exact date.

ROAD WILL BE BUILT. Toronto Capitalists Get Hold of the V. V. & Eastern.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 6.—Negotiations have been concluded between the promoters of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway and William MacKenzie, the well known capitalist and president of the Toronto street railway and other important enterprises, and D. D. Mann, whereby MacKenzie and Mann acquire the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway charter. The charter covers the line from Vancouver through Boundary Creek and Hazelton, and is the charter which Helmecken opposed at the last session of the Dominion parliament.

The British Columbia government has voted \$4,000 per mile for any company building on this route, and MacKenzie and Mann will apply immediately that this subsidy be attached to this charter. They will also apply for a Dominion subsidy at the next session of the Dominion parliament. They will put \$250,000 in the field immediately on the portion of the road between Hazelton and Boundary Creek, and the completion of that section will be completed rapidly as possible. When this is completed, railway communication with the important interior district of British Columbia will be opened up. The Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway from Hazelton to Hazelton on the Canadian Pacific railway. This section is only about 100 miles long and easy of construction. It is reported that the British Columbia government will be succeeded and one of the most important railway sections in British Columbia will have the subsidy attached to it. The subsidy will be applied for at the next session of the Dominion parliament. They will also apply for a Dominion subsidy at the next session of the Dominion parliament. They will put \$250,000 in the field immediately on the portion of the road between Hazelton and Boundary Creek, and the completion of that section will be completed rapidly as possible. When this is completed, railway communication with the important interior district of British Columbia will be opened up. The Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway from Hazelton to Hazelton on the Canadian Pacific railway. This section is only about 100 miles long and easy of construction. It is reported that the British Columbia government will be succeeded and one of the most important railway sections in British Columbia will have the subsidy attached to it. The subsidy will be applied for at the next session of the Dominion parliament.

BIG BATTLE IN CUBA

Victory Claimed by the Spanish, but the Rebels Are Said To Have Won It.

Insurgents Are Confident of Ultimate Independence—They Won't Accept Autonomy.

New York, Oct. 7.—A dispatch from Havana says that a big battle occurred October 2, in Canarogue's hills, not far from Matanzas, between the Spanish under General Molina and rebels under the command of Belancourt, Sanguly and Rosolirango. The fight began at 9 o'clock in the morning and continued all day.

The official report published here states that Molina attacked the rebel position and drove the rebels out with great loss. The same report says that General Molina had his horse shot from under him.

A correspondent at Matanzas has obtained a true account of the light from a Spanish soldier who was present. From this it appears that the rebel infantry were strongly entrenched in an almost inaccessible position in the hills and all efforts to dislodge them were futile, resulting only in heavy losses for the attacking forces.

The insurgents had only a few men killed and secured and taunted the Spanish during the whole engagement. General Molina narrowly escaped death. Enraged at his failure, he returned to the attack the next day, but with no better success. A large number of wounded and dying Spanish soldiers were brought into Matanzas.

General Jimenez Castellano left Puerto Principe September 25 with heavy forces for the purpose of attacking the Cuban government headquarters in Guayamarillo, but heavy rains and bad roads prevented him from carrying out his plans and after long marches he returned to Puerto Principe with 408 of his men ill.

General Ruiz, while escorting a convoy from Puerto Principe to San Nicholas, was attacked by rebels September 30. The rebel leader, Juan Ducas, has crossed the Mariel-Majana trocha with a large force and is now operating with General Castillo.

El Pais publishes a statement to the effect that up to date 2,000 of the 6,000 reconcentrados in the town of Jaguay Grande have died of hunger.

CUBA WON'T ACCEPT AUTONOMY. New York, Oct. 7.—General Carlo Roloff, secretary of war of the republic of Cuba, has sent the following letter to Gonzale de Quesada, Cuban charge d'affaires at Washington:

"We are now better prepared for an active campaign than at any time during either the present or late war. We are informed here that Spain will try to placate the American government by offering us autonomy more or less ample. I need not tell you, my friend, that we laugh at such offers, for already we are near the hour of our liberation.

"Should Spain seriously offer us autonomy, it would prove the full extent of her weakness and we will fight with renewed ardor until she shall recognize our independence. Imagine our delight should Spain thus confirm us in our belief that the end is fast approaching.

"Tell the American government that to enter into diplomatic discussion with Spain in the hope that we will accept autonomy is useless. We should simply thank it for its trouble, but manfully decline to end the war on such terms. We know that both Palms and you have often made this plain to the American government and public, but we wish you to reaffirm it."

THE REFORM PARTY PLEASED. Havana, Oct. 7.—El Diario de la Marina, the organ of the reform party, commenting on the new Spanish cabinet, in its leading editorial, says:

"The fall of the headless and disconcerted Conservative party means a transition from a dark night to a sunny day; it means a radical transformation of methods. The list of ministers is a clear indication that the platform of the new cabinet is pure and logical autonomy for Cuba. We have absolute confidence in a prompt establishment of peace. The rise in Spanish securities in Europe show that the public abroad has great confidence in Sagasta's cabinet."

"The change in the Spanish cabinet is of minor importance, as all true Spaniards must have the same patriotism in defending the high ideals of the nation."

AUTONOMY OFFERED TO CUBA. Madrid, Oct. 7.—At a cabinet council, last night the government decided to grant autonomy to Cuba under the suzerainty of Spain and to continue the campaign as long as may be necessary. Senor Gallon, minister of foreign affairs, explained to the cabinet the position of the diplomatic negotiations with the United States.

WEYLER WILL NOT RESIGN. Madrid, Oct. 7.—Senor Sagasta, the premier, has received a cable message from Captain-General Weyler, who offers his services to the government, and adds: "I shall not resign."

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

The "Phœnix" of "Bellefleur-Bush" Flies in Quebec. Montreal, Oct. 7.—One hundred and ninety-eight sailors and several officers are due here on Sunday by the Allan line. They are bound for Esquimalt to relieve the crew of H.M.S. Phœnix. A special fast train will carry them across the continent.

Joliette, Oct. 7.—Bush fires are raging all over the district. Immense tracts of maple trees with a number of sugar houses and their outbuildings have been destroyed.

Along the C.P.R. beyond Lacombe stations whole tracts of country are ablaze. Nothing but heavy rain will subdue the flames.

For cases of nervousness, sleeplessness, weak stomach, indigestion, dyspepsia, try Carter's Little Liver Pills. The only nerve medicine for the price in the market.

MAY EXPECT A LYNCHING.

Eleven Men Arrested for Assaulting a Young Wife.

Cincinnati, Oct. 7.—An angry crowd gathered about the court-house and jail in Newport, Ky., to-day, upon the announcement of a most shocking assault by 11 men upon the wife of a young switchman recently married. The sheriff was obliged to clear the corridors and threats of vengeance were made.

Thomas Gleason and his wife started out the Alexander pike to visit a friend last night, when two men with revolvers, representing themselves to be officers, stopped the husband and wife and dragged the woman into a field, where 11 men assaulted her. The penalty for this crime in Kentucky is death.

To-day Mrs. Gleason has positively identified six of the men who were arrested. Judge Helm will call a special grand jury to consider the case.

Eleven of the gang of ruffians were brought to preliminary trial before Judge Bennett, who upon the testimony held them all to appear before the grand jury without bail, the offence being a capital one.

The idea of a special grand jury was abandoned, as the regular jury meets October 10. Meantime, owing to the excited state of feeling, the men were ordered taken to Maysville this afternoon for safe keeping.

FIRES STILL RAGING

Have Broken Out More Furiously Than Ever in Manitoba—Many Persons Burned To Death.

Great Destruction of Property and Crops—Now Crossing into North Dakota.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 7.—The forest fires that have been raging in Manitoba close to the boundary line for the past ten days have broken out more furiously than ever.

Ten or twelve persons are reported to have been burned to death and the fire is rapidly spreading and crossing over the boundary into North Dakota.

Settlers have been fighting the flames night and day for over a week trying to keep them from getting into the more thickly populated districts.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of timber has been destroyed and considerable grain, as well as some farm buildings.

Up to this time the fire has been confined to the Canadian side of the boundary, but the swath line between the United States and Manitoba has been obliterated and great fears are entertained that the fires will get beyond the control of the settlers.

The flames are driving hundreds of waders and coyotes out into the open country and large flocks of geese and ducks have been seen flying over the burning forests.

Near Whitemouth, H. L. Laundry, a trapper, was burned to death. A German woman living in a small house near where the fire was the most furious yesterday is reported to have been burned to death and her children are missing.

A dispatch from White House says the fire is spreading rapidly. Several settlers had close calls for their lives.

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East of Whitemouth the situation is very critical. The section foreman of Darwin and his wife were picked up by a freight train and brought to Whitemouth.

Road Master Horner attempted to run from Darwin with his men, but nearly succumbed through suffocation and was compelled to take refuge in a passing freight.

All the telegraph poles for several miles east of the town are down and trains are tied up.

A Broken Head, Man., dispatch says: "The country is on fire here. On both sides of the Broken Head river much damage is being done. The smoke is so thick that it is impossible to see 20 yards in any direction, though there is no fire nearer than a mile. Mrs. Young, who lives out about eight miles, lost everything and she and her family only saved their lives by standing in the river for 12 hours, when they were able to come out to the burnt ground after the fire had passed. Nearly everyone in the path of the fire lost everything."

At Beauport, Man., seven persons have been burned to death. Mrs. O. W. Thomas, her son and daughter had a race with the flames for several miles. They had a team of horses, which they kept on the run. Sparks from the burning timber were thrown on the dry ground of a prairie which they were compelled to cross and soon they were surrounded by the flames. The frantic horses started to run straight ahead into the burning timber. Before they had gone far the carriage overturned and they were thrown down an embankment into a small creek. This probably saved their lives. They were badly burned.

A report from Morris, Man., says a prairie fire has been raging there and that only one family of five persons is known to have perished.

AN UPROARIOUS SCENE.

Vienna, Oct. 7.—There was another uproarious sitting of the reichsrath to-day, caused by the debate over the measure to be taken for the relief of sufferers from the recent floods. Herr Schrimmel, social Democrat, violently attacked the Christian socialists, whereas the latter became violently incensed and their shouts of anger filled the house. Many turbulent scenes ensued. Order was finally restored.

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HY. GEORGE'S CLAIM

The Only Regular Democratic Candidate Nominated for Mayor of New York.

The Views of Democratic National Committeemen—Tammany is Only a Side Issue.

New York, Oct. 7.—Henry George's claim that he is the regular democratic candidate for mayor of Greater New York has called forth expressions from members of the Democratic national committee.

W. H. White, member for Washington, telegraphed to Henry George: "The Democratic party of the state of Washington sends greetings. In this movement you are the representative of Jeffersonian Democracy. Your selection as mayor of Greater New York will bring assurance to the democracy of the west and south. Mammon worshippers have not throttled their love for free government in the east, and in 1900, as a united and purified party, we will meet forward in glorious national victory."

The following dispatches from Democratic national committeemen have been received: W. S. Holliday, Wyoming: "As a Democrat I recognize but one authority in determining Democratic policies on questions that are national in their scope—the Democratic national convention. If the Democratic party is to continue national in its policies, and therefore national in its character, all true Democrats must accept the platform adopted by the last national convention—the Chicago platform—until the principles of politics set forth in said platform are settled."

"Democrats throughout the country, I believe, regard the result of the pending campaign in Greater New York as being of such national significance that it will affect the Democratic party for good or ill in 1900. If I may express the opinion, no Democratic faction in any state in the United States will change the purpose of the Democratic party as set forth in the Chicago platform. That party in New York that accepts the Chicago platform ought to have the support of all Democrats."

Thomas C. McRae, Arkansas: "The Chicago platform is the latest authentic declaration of Democratic faith, and I believe it is the duty of all Democrats to support candidates who stand upon it in preference to those who ignore it."

M. Head, Tennessee: "I certainly believe that compliance with the Chicago platform should be insisted upon. Any organization claiming to be Democratic which absolutely refuses to endorse the national platform has no claim upon the support of the Democratic voters. I am not sufficient advised as to the rules of party organization in your state to venture an opinion as to who is the regular nominee, but Mr. Van Wyck certainly cannot lay any claims to it."

John Gilbert Shanklin, Indiana: "Were I in New York I should support Henry George, because he is the only exponent among the candidates for mayor of the principles decided on at the Chicago convention, absolute loyalty to the test of true democracy."

J. G. Dudley, Texas: "The Democrats who fought the battle of 1896 should insist that the Chicago platform and its principles should be the test. I cannot see how the Democrats who supported the Chicago platform and its nominees can vote a ticket nomination upon a platform which ignores the Chicago platform, and especially when there is a ticket in the field reaffirming the Chicago platform. They cannot afford to compromise principle."

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Benjamin R. Tillman, South Carolina: "The present situation in New York city is most interesting and of national importance. The result will show whether there is patriotism and manhood enough in its people to give themselves honest government, and save themselves from slavery to money. Van Wyck does not represent Democracy, but was nominated by a corrupt organization, hungry for the loaves and fishes, but too cowardly to fight for principle."

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True L. Norris, New Hampshire; Frank Campbell, New York; John M. J. McHattan, Montana; Bradley S. Smalley, Vermont; and J. J. Dwyer, California, held that the Tammany ticket is regular.

THE DETROIT FIRE.

Loss Will Reach Nearly a Million Dollars—Business Blocks Ruined.

Detroit, Oct. 7.—Five large buildings and two smaller ones, with all their contents, were destroyed this morning by a fire which swept through a block situated in the centre of the business portion of Detroit, and bounded by the Campus, Martin, Woodward, Gratiot and Monroe avenues. The total loss is estimated at \$800,000 to \$900,000.

The blaze started shortly before one o'clock on the stage of the Detroit Opera House. The origin of the fire is not determined.

The Opera House was soon a solid mass of flame. The other buildings destroyed were the ten-story structure occupied by the H. R. Leonard Furniture Company; the large jewellery establishment of Writ, Kay & Co.; the four-story building occupied by the Mitchell Table Supply Company; the six-story building adjoining the Mitchell Table Supply Company, and occupied by Werner's Crockery Company and the Grand Union Tea Company.

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RETURNED TO THE CHURCH.

A Pennsylvania Priest Repents and Enters a Monastery.

Cleveland, Oct. 7.—News reached this city last night which affords a sequel to the story of the broken vows of celibacy of the Rev. George Francis Dillon and his marriage to Florence Donovan, a telegraph operator of this city.

The couple were married secretly over a year ago and not long after that their escapade was discovered. They fled, coming first to Cleveland and then to Akron, where they took up their home and eventually opened a news and book store. They were not successful and a few months ago they left town.

It is learned that the Rev. Mr. Dillon expressed a wish to an Akron priest to be again taken into the church. His wife agreed to a separation, and a divorce was secured in a Pennsylvania town. Father Dillon then entered a monastery in Canada to do penance for his sin. He will teach in the monastery, and probably spend his life in this work. His wife, it is said, was provided for with the understanding that she would not contest the separation. It is stated that she is now in Chicago employed as a telegraph operator.

The case created a great sensation at the time, the Rev. Father Dillon being quite prominent in the church. He was originally from Olean, N. Y. He was one of the priests at St. Bridget's church, in Pittsburg, at the time of his marriage. He was taken ill and removed to the hospital. His wife called there to see him, and their secret was thus discovered.

Public Notice.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 60 of the "Municipal Clauses Act, 1866," that the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria has by resolution passed at a meeting of the said Council held on the 24th day of October, instant, declared that two certain wooden buildings or structures with the sheds in rear and outbuildings thereto belonging, erected, situate, and being upon the lot or piece of land known as the west part of lot 160, block 1, Victoria City, and which said wooden buildings are known as Nos. 11 and 13 Johnson street, all being within the Municipal limits of the City of Victoria are and the same and each and every of them and every part thereof respectively are and is a nuisance and dangerous to public health, and it is ordered that the same shall be pulled down and removed by the owners, agents, lessees or occupiers thereof; and in case of default by the said owners, agents, lessees or occupiers thereof within five days after publication of this notice in a daily newspaper published in such Municipality to comply with this order it is hereby ordered that such pulling down and removal of the said buildings and structures shall be done by the sanitary officer of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria at the cost of the owners or owners of such buildings and structures and that the payment of such cost and all expenses incidental thereto shall be enforced against the owner or owners thereof by the said Sanitary Officer in an action at law in any court of competent jurisdiction.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.O. City Clerk's Office, Victoria, October 7th, 1897.

WANTS.

COW WANTED, newly calved or about to calve; a good milker of a Jersey strain. State price. Address "K." Times office. oct-7-97.

WANTED—First class cook; no laundry work; housemaid kept; wages, \$20; permanent situation to competent person. Address Mrs. (Dr.) McKechnie, Nanaimo. oct-7-97.

WANTED—A residential lot at a reasonable price, or house and lot, in central locality. M. L. Dimes office. oct-6-97.

HOUSE OR COTTAGE, six or seven rooms, kitchen, bath, hot and cold water, garden, etc., within ten minutes' walk of Post Office. Rent must be moderate. Apply T. L. G., Times office. oct-6-97.

WANTED Immediately, respectable nurse girl. Apply to K., this office. sept-10-97.

WANTED—To rent, Calligraph typewriter. Must be in good condition. Address "Calligraph," this office. sept-10-97.

WANTED—The address of Arthur Charles Hancock, of St. Agnes, near Redruth, Cornwall, architect and surveyor; last heard of at Victoria, Vancouver's Island, British Columbia, about six years ago. Any information as to his whereabouts or as to date and place of death (if deceased) will be thankfully received by the Chief of Police, Victoria, or Mrs. D. M. Hancock, Tofgalow, Scorrier, Cors wall. oct-31-97.

FOR SALE—Two work horses. Apply Jennings Brothers, Brick Makers, Johnson Avenue. sept-10-97.

FOR SALE—Farm, comprising about 45 acres, on Esquimalt-Lagoon, fronting Royal Road. For full particulars apply to J. H. More & Co., Government street. sept-10-97.

FOR SALE—Shares for sale in all B. C. mines at lowest quotations; houses and recent lots in all parts of the city; farms in all parts of the province. A. W. More & Co., 88 Government street. sept-10-97.

FOR SALE—The fixtures, furniture and stock of the Hall Saloon, Fort street. Immediate possession given. Apply to Wm. Barnett, on the premises, or to Wm. Harrison, 67 and 69 Johnson street. sept-10-97.

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S. F. TOLMIE, VETERINARY SURGEON. Graduate Ont. Vet. Col., Member Ont. Vet. Med. Soc. (Office at Fry's Livery, 109 Johnson street). Telephone 107; residence telephone 117. Calls promptly attended to day or night. Victoria, B.C. sept-10-97.

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JULIUS WEST, GENERAL SCAVENGER, removing to John Dougherty, yards and cesspools cleaned, contracts made for removing earth, etc. All orders left with James Fell & Co., Fort street, grocery; Lochrane & Munro, corner of Yates and Douglas streets, will be promptly attended to. Residence, 99 Vancouver street. Telephone, 130. sept-10-97.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MRS. DE C. O. CHAMBERS, the celebrated Clairvoyant and Medium, Clarence Hotel, Room 8. sept-10-97.

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Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Co.

THE SETTLERS' COAL CLAIMS

Continuation of the Evidence Before the Commission in Session at Nanaimo.

Interesting Points Brought Out in the Examination by Commissioner Bothwell and Mr. Pooley.

John M. Davis, sworn—I reside in Nanaimo. I am a miner. My claim is for the mineral rights to the land situated in the district of the Marquis of Lorne...

By Mr. Pooley—I cannot say when I last heard of Kennedy. The last time I saw him was some time about 1880, but I cannot say the date. I live in Nanaimo. I have some other land. Part adjoins this. I pre-empted it from the government—Thomas and I.

Samuel Bennie—(Witness for John M. Davis) affirmed—I live in Cedar Bluff. I am a farmer at present. I knew Alex. Kennedy in 1881, when that petition was around to give satisfaction to the settlers, not the squatters, to see if we could get the right that belonged to us...

By Mr. Pooley—I reside on the land now. I took the land up for a home. It makes this much difference whether I have the coal rights or not—if I had them and was leaving it would sell for better, but I think it makes no difference in occupying it for a home.

proving it all the time. I have from 15 to 20 acres cleared. Nearly all the stumps are out. I have made a good log house 30x30 feet. They were put up four or five years ago—one was the other is over twelve years old.

By the commissioner—I am a miner. I was a miner when I applied for the land. At that time when a man applied for land he got everything as far as I know. I cannot remember whether I made any inquiry with any government agent regarding the title in the land between the time I applied to Mr. Fawcett and the time I applied to Mr. Bray.

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married. I don't know anything about my father's application for the land except what my husband told me and what I got from Mr. Bray's office this morning. This document, an application dated 2nd of April, 1882, made by E. Smithurst and George Shillito, under the law of 1875, for this land, coming to Nanaimo to record 320 acres. I got that from Mr. Bray, the government agent in Nanaimo. I don't know who my father paid for the land. I did not see the deed before he died. I heard him speak of it. I knew it was that deed because he had two of them. He had a farm at Union. I heard my father say positively that he had the deeds at home. I cannot say positively when my father got the piece at Comox, but think it was about nine years ago. I never heard any remarks made about this deed.

By the Commissioner—I cannot say when I first made a claim for the minerals under the land. I don't know if my father made any objections more than what I had heard him and my husband talking about. My husband is present.

Aaron Barnes (a witness in the Smithurst case) affirmed—I am the husband of the late witness, and the son-in-law of the late Elijah Smithurst. I know the property described in the deed claimed by my wife. I knew Mr. Smithurst when he lived on the land. I have known him since 1885. I know the improvements to some extent. There were

deal property paid for. I have no books of record or documents to show upon what land these taxes were paid. I don't know if Mr. Bray has any papers that were in my office before I took charge. I heard Mr. Cane making some inquiry for the records. I do not know if any were found.

By the Commissioner—I don't know if Mr. Smithurst paid any other taxes prior to the issue of the deed, but Mr. Cane has the receipts from 1885. I wrote for them to my brother-in-law at Union when I heard of the commission. He sent me what are here, but I know there are others up there. Neither I nor Mrs. Barnes have made any protest to the railway company. Mr. Smithurst's last occupation was as a police officer at Union. He was a miner before that and I believe he was at the time he made the application. He said he was a miner here in the early days. No person is living on the land now. It is not being cultivated. We intend to

By Mr. Pooley—I knew Mr. Smithurst in 1855. I was married in 1880 at the time he received this deed. He was living at Union. I was there, too. Mr. Smithurst told me that he had claimed the mineral rights prior to his getting the deed. I never heard him say that the old squatters had no rights to the minerals. He never told me that he had paid taxes on the land in 1876-77 and 1878, and he showed me one of these tax receipts at the time. He did not say why he stopped paying taxes after 1878. I saw those tax receipts in the life time of Mr. Smithurst. He went to Union about 1888 or 1890.

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WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Indications of Prosperity—Alberta Cattle in Good Shape.

Winnipeg, Oct. 7.—The Liberals of South Brandon will meet at 8 o'clock on the 24th to select a candidate for the seat in the legislature made vacant by the resignation of H. C. Graham.

John Penman, aged 16 years, was instantly killed yesterday while playing his loaded gun in a boat. The weapon accidentally discharged, and he received the full charge in his breast.

Congressman Hawkey, Henry and Cannon, United States commissioners to Hawaii, passed through here to-day en route to Washington. Their car was transferred here from the Canadian Pacific to the Northern Pacific and they left for St. Paul and Chicago.

Winnipeg bank clearings for the week ending to-day were \$3,116,003, balances \$648,682; a large increase over the same week last year, when the figures were clearances, \$1,358,023, balances \$207,708.

Senator Sanford, of Hamilton, is here. More men are being hired to work on the Crow's Nest road.

Sir Wm. Van Horne and party are expected here during the night en route to the Pacific coast.

Alberta stockmen report the cattle on the ranges in prime condition and in good shape to pull through the winter.

The low lands along the C.P.R. line between Fannistelle and Headingly, were burned over by prairie fires to-day, and several farmers were burned out. Nicholas Guillett and a young man named Mollott were brought to the hospital to-night from Fannistelle. Mollott was frightfully burned while assisting Guillette, to suppress the fires, and may not recover.

A Regina, N.W.T., dispatch says: Lieut. Governor Mackintosh arrived home this morning, and will immediately send for Mr. Haultain and ask him to form a ministry. Mr. Haultain will recommend as his colleagues Messrs. Ross and Mitchell of the present executive, and Messrs. Puley and Magrath. Nominations for the ministers' elections will be on the 20th.

At Moosejaw Mr. Ross will be opposed by I. G. Baker.

R. B. Gordon, whose two positions were terminated by statute on the 1st inst., will be reappointed clerk of the assembly, and subsequently to this the office of law clerk will be added.

CANADA'S BANKING SYSTEM.

Buffalo Banker Delivers Speech Eulogistic of It.

Buffalo, Oct. 7.—The speech of Wm. C. Cornwell, president of the City Bank of Buffalo, delivered at the annual banquet of the Bankers' Association, held at the Clifton House, Niagara Falls, this evening, was highly eulogistic of Canada's banking system. Among other things he said:

"You have had no collapse like ours of 1863. You have no money party, no silver craze, no yearning for international bimetalism; and the reason that Canada is enjoying entire freedom from these disasters is the fact that the currency all over British America can be increased to any extent that the demands of business may require, while in the United States, the only relief in the issue of bank notes, and the pressing demand for currency is always past before it can be got into the hands of the persons needing it, and in far off or thinly settled districts they never get any at all. If the people in our western and southern states could obtain money as readily and as expeditiously as the people of Europe, we would hear no more of 18 to 1.

"Today you are sharing with us an advance of prosperity, and in that you are on a solid basis, and equipped with an adequate and elastic currency, you are much better prepared relatively than we to be benefited permanently by the resumption of gold times."

LARGEST STEAM POWER PLANT.

The largest steam-power plant in the world, it is stated, will be erected by the Metropolitan Traction Company at Ninety-Sixth street and First avenue, New York City. The five north and south and the two east-west street railways operated by the company are to be run by electric current furnished from this one central station, which is to have a total capacity of 70,000 horse power. The location has been selected on account of its being on the water front, thus avoiding cartage of coal and ashes.

Those who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. F. E. Graham, of Osgood Mills, La., has to say on the subject, viz.: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war, and have tried all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found a remedy that effected a cure, and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This medicine can always be depended upon for relief, and is sold by all druggists and grocers. It is pleasant to take, and never fails to effect a cure. For sale by Langley & Hargreaves, Boston, wholesale druggists, Victoria and Vancouver."

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ROSSLAND, CLONDYKE AND VICTORIA.

Advisers from the Rossland district indicate that things there are not altogether rosy. The boom, if the rapid development of the district may be called a boom, has passed away. The speculative fever has spent its force, and people are recognizing that the only way to wealth is by industry. A correspondent in Rossland informs us that for some months people have been looking in vain for the great wave of prosperity that was predicted. Many empty stores, saloons and houses are to be seen in Rossland, and Trail, and not a few people are, like Micawber, waiting for something to turn up. Probably, however, there never was greater real prosperity and advancement in that portion of the Kootenay country than now. More development is being done, and more productive industry is in progress than ever before. The reign of speculation is over. Real estate has reached its highest price. Rents have been reduced from one-third to one-half their former amount. The creation of wild-cat company schemes has ceased, and stock in many of them can hardly be given away. Mines producing paying ore are doing better than ever, and with increased facilities of transportation, smelting and cheaper methods of working, their owners are making money. Gambling has given place to labor. The worker is again supreme. No doubt the Clondyke fever has partly produced this state of things. The new Eldorado, being now the centre of attraction, schemes to exploit the Yukon are making their appearance thick and fast; hence the present apparent lull of the Kootenays. Still, the mountains of Kootenay unquestionably contain treasures that will for centuries yield wealth enough to enable myriads to live in comfort. It needs only good management to make the eastern section of the Mainland a most desirable home for the countless throngs of busy workers, who are likely to be attracted thither by the prospect of fair remuneration for honest labor. Victoria has shared some of the benefits of the first rush to the Yukon district, and will probably share in those that are expected to take place next spring. Empty houses of the better class readily find occupants, and a satisfactory trade is being developed in the furniture business. Two of our advertisers in that line have told us that their business has largely increased during the last two or three months. It is also to be noted that fewer people are leaving the city than was the case a year or so ago. There is every indication of returning prosperity, and what is still more satisfactory, of a prosperity more solid and enduring than any the city has known. Victorians have little to complain of now that things are shaping themselves just as all who desire the advancement of the city could wish.

FOUR FRIENDS CONGE.

Well may it be said by all who have been following the tortuous course of the interminable sealing dispute: What business have Russia and Japan with the matter? And what business have the Americans to try to drag them into the wrangle? Great Britain, acting upon the advice of Canada, is promptly withdrawing from the discussion and refusing absolutely to have anything whatever to do with it so long as the United States maintains the extraordinary attitude which she has lately taken up, has followed the only course by which she could have conserved her dignity and escaped stultification. International quarrels and the quarrels between individuals are not, in their general aspects or in their details, dissimilar; and it might at this juncture be pertinent to enquire: Would any man of spirit, engaged in a debate with a rival or neighbor respecting some matter concerning them only, tolerate for an instant the arbitrary calling in by his neighbor of some third strength or indirect party to interest, direct or indirect, in the affair? If an individual, then, is not likely to put up with such assumptions on the part of his opponent, a fortiori a great and powerful nation will not and can not. Therefore, the position which Great Britain has taken up, although probably fraught with a gravity only understood in the cabinet of the nation, is one that will certainly meet with the approbation of every fair-minded man, whether he be Briton, or whether he be American. It is, perhaps, well to keep in view the fact that the behavior of the American executive in this, as in other questions, does not meet with the unqualified support of a certain body of the

American people; a body whom we are inclined to regard as not the least respectable of the least intelligent among that great population, and whom we cordially wish possessed greater potentiality in the affairs of their country. The time was fully ripe for Great Britain to display a firmness that could not be misunderstood, for it must be admitted that throughout the whole of the discussion on the seals she had exhibited rather more suavity in mood than fortiter in re. Her representatives have erred rather on the side of mildness; showing somewhat too much of the placatory spirit, and not as much as we could have wished of the spirit of determination to guard jealously her rights down to the jot and the tittle. Now, however, we hope the American government will fully understand that that stage of the dispute is past, and that, having taken up an indefensible, indeed, an utterly untenable attitude, unique in the annals of diplomacy, their wisest and most dignified procedure lies in retraction of the offensive proposal, frank apology for having caused the obstruction and delay, and a cordial resumption of the status quo ante bellum. Should the United States executive adopt these means of extricating themselves from the unpleasant position of affairs brought about by their unjustifiable step, we believe that every right-thinking American who desires to see fair play will honorably acquiesce. Should the American government, however, decline to realize from the strange attitude it has seen fit to take up, be must be a very optimistic prophet indeed who can survey the future with any equanimity and predict that "it will all come right in the end." The trouble is that Russia and Japan, having been named, have, no doubt, pricked up their ears and made up their minds that by hook or by crook they will have a finger in this pie, or know the reason why. They are, as it were, invited guests, and it will be rather awkward, according to all the laws of etiquette and diplomacy, to tell the Jap and the Muscovite, hastening joyfully to the feast, that there is no plate set for them and that they had better go home and worry along on the customary rice and sake and the pumpernickel and vodka. At all events, the action of the American government in this matter has not conduced, nor is it likely to conduce, to the spread of peace on earth and good-will among men. If the plain, blunt truth is told about it, the conduct of the States in this matter was nothing less than grossly discourteous to Great Britain, and must be classed as one of the most crass diplomatic blunders of modern times.

VICTORIA & EASTERN RAILWAY.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser announced yesterday the completion of the negotiations which have been in progress for some time back between the owners of the charter of the Victoria, Vancouver & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company and several well known capitalists. The charter has been sold to a syndicate represented by Messrs. William Mackenzie and D. D. Mann, both of whom have not only great financial resources at their command, but wide and varied experience in managing, with remarkable success, railway and other enterprises of considerable magnitude. Mr. Mackenzie is a capitalist noted both in Canada and in England for his business abilities. He, with his partner, Mr. Ross, controls, among other important concerns, the tramway systems of Toronto and Montreal and that of Birmingham, England. Mr. Mann is also a capitalist, who has been for many years identified with the projection and operation of great railway contracts and schemes, and is now heavily interested in East and West Kootenay mining properties. The province is, therefore, to be congratulated upon seeing the control of one of its most promising railway projects passing into the hands of men so capable of carrying it to success. An earnest of the vigorous style in which the work is likely to be prosecuted is afforded in the statement that steps are to be taken at once to survey the route from Pentiction to Boundary Creek, and that work is to be commenced on that section without delay. The public is pretty well informed by this time respecting the almost inexhaustible mineral wealth of the Boundary Creek district. The construction of a railway into that section must result in wonderful development of those riches. Connecting with this railway the steamers on Okanagan Lake will transfer the freight to the Shuswap & Okanagan railway, whence it will be conveyed to Sicamous Junction on the Canadian Pacific railway. The estimated length of the Pentiction and Boundary Creek line is a little over one hundred miles, the greater portion of it presenting no serious engineering problems. It is to be noted that the new line will bring a considerable increase in traffic to the Shuswap & Okanagan road, so that there is the encouraging prospect for the increase of the province, who have to contribute about \$40,000 a year, being the difference between the rental paid by the company operating the line and the interest on the bonds guaranteed by the province, that this burden will soon be considerably lightened. The Shuswap & Okanagan has hitherto done very little business, because it has had no railway connection at the south. The building of the Boundary Creek road will supply that outlet, and materially increase the receipts of the older line. It is stated that surveys are to be made by the syndicate to ascertain the feasibility and probable cost of a line from Pentiction via Hope, to the coast.

"HANDS UP!"

Plentifully distributed up and down the ranks of that happy band of hopeful pilgrims who will fare forth from Victoria to the Clondyke, while yet winter fingers in the lap of spring, 1898, will be many choice samples of the genus hobo. From Africa's sunny fountains, from India's coral strand; from the wallah-battered bush of Queensland, and the portulac of Whitechapel; and the Jago; from the "dives" of New York, from the "joints" of Frisco; from the "queeriest shops" of Chicago and "from the eucure and moute "lay-outs" of Denver; from the Eurasian dens of the Chinese ports, will come the bunco-steerer, the hoodlum, the hobo, the scallawag, the put-up-jigger, the smooth, insinuating confidence man, the chevalier d'industrie, and the common or garden tough. All hungering and thirsting to meet the Jes, the tenderfoot, the hayseed, the mug and the remittance man, and to introduce into the placid lives of those innocents one wild, whooping dixy hour of excitement; some knowledge of the excruciating sensation that comes of getting, to quote the dismal argot of those Ishmaelites, "snatched bald-headed." Like carrion crows the criminal, the vicious, the idle and the morally decrepit will flock to the gold fields in search of anything but honest work. Far rather would they fall in with a nice, fresh young man "just over" with his friend-ship, secure his confidence and then secure everything else about him except his skin, containing himself. No doubt, in spite of all warnings, many a poor fellow is destined to lose his outfit, his "pile," everything, in just this fashion. The only consolation left to a man in such a case, if it is generally all the sharks, who pick their victims very clean, leave to a subject on whom they have operated, is the consciousness that he has only himself to blame. Advice as to keeping a keen lookout for those land pirates is almost a work of supererogation; as the homely phrase hath it, "sage counsel too often goes in at one ear and out at the other." Every prospector and miner bound for the Clondyke should include in his outfit, not a revolver or an Arkanian toothpick, a "billy" or a brass knuckle, but a civil and lady-toned, an extra dose of civilization and reserve; a set determination to mind his own business and let other people's alone; a firm resolve to obey the laws, and, if necessary, to lend his aid to uphold them; to make every deal a square deal, and to see that every plank in his pack is earned by the sweat of his back. So equipped a man can hardly fail to come through the difficulties, the dangers, the temptations and the hardships of the Clondyke with a good share of the rich spoils, and better far than that, a clear conscience. Such men are wanted at Dawson City, and there can be no doubt that if anything like a fair proportion of them get there in the spring, they will head off the ruffianism that is too often associated with the early days of boom towns; and the hoboes out of the place and introduce the peaceable and rational usages of our common civilization. All going north from Victoria in the spring should not forget that they are likely to encounter some queer people before they get back. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

We should like a special commission composed of Chinese public executioners, Bashi-Bazooks, Malays, Kurds and Spanish soldiers, who have been through the Cuban war, to decide what torture would be exquisite, excruciating enough to inflict upon the author of this punning atrocity, which the Hamilton Spectator prints:

"Prime Minister Badeni, having escaped dissolution at the hands of Dr. Wolf in a duel, has now been granted absolute at the hands of the Pope. He's been Badeni squared it."

Mr. John Burns, M.P.P. (the "Battersea Coughdrop") discussing the conditions of labor in England and in America in a two-column letter to the London Times, says the American employer has fewer deadheads to garb about. "Where the American engineering excels the British is not because of the shortcomings of the British mechanics, but because of the wooden-headed and often pig-headed character of the employers, managers and foreman." What about engineering a "deal" through congress, John?

New Brunswick is going to have an unusually heavy amount of lumber to carry over this fall, the local market being paralyzed and no demand from Great Britain or the United States. On the St. John river 167,000,000 feet in logs were rafted this season; about 27,000,000 feet more than last year. Yet there are places in the civilized world where the husbands save the stems of the matches they use for lighting their pipes to kindle the matrimonial fire in the stove. Men, it is only in the civilized world that husbands get up and light the morning fire.

Right Rev. Dr. Dart, Lord Bishop of New Westminster, has been indulging the Montreal Daily Witness' young man with a long interview on ecclesiastical matters at the Windsor Hotel in that city, where he has been visiting. His Lordship is returning from the Lambeth conference. His Lordship was kind enough to admit "with," according to the Witness, "an indulgent smile, that the press is admirable no doubt, but the press was not present, so there was no need to appeal to buccombe and no fear

of misapprehension or misconception. An ecclesiastical conference without any appeal to buccombe! Prepare for the millennium; for it can't be very far off now.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

An attempt is being made by the Vancouver World to make the people of the province believe that the Turner government has not exceeded its authority in the granting of crown lands to the Nelson & Port Sheppard Railway Company. If the World is open to conviction, it can be convinced that such is the case by reading the recent judgment of Mr. Justice Drake in the appeal to the full court in the Ymir townsite case. In this case some jumpers claimed the townsite of Ymir, and securing an order from Justice Wilken restraining the railway company from obtaining a crown grant to the land embraced within what is called block 6, which included the townsite of Ymir. The railway company appealed against this to the full court. In judgment, in which Justice McColl concurred, Justice Drake took particular pains to set out that block 6 could not be granted to the Nelson & Port Sheppard Railway Company, if the provisions of the company's land grant act are observed. By this act it is specifically stated that the railway company must take up its lands in alternate blocks, and that the line of railway must be the frontage of each block. Justice Drake pointed out that the block which the railway company was claiming took its land on both sides of the railway, and that such a grant would be in violation of the provisions of the act. Justice Drake granted the land to the railway company in accordance with the provisions of the act, and the provisions of the act are observed. By this act it is specifically stated that the railway company must take up its lands in alternate blocks, and that the line of railway must be the frontage of each block. Justice Drake pointed out that the block which the railway company was claiming took its land on both sides of the railway, and that such a grant would be in violation of the provisions of the act. Justice Drake granted the land to the railway company in accordance with the provisions of the act, and the provisions of the act are observed. By this act it is specifically stated that the railway company must take up its lands in alternate blocks, and that the line of railway must be the frontage of each block. Justice Drake pointed out that the block which the railway company was claiming took its land on both sides of the railway, and that such a grant would be in violation of the provisions of the act. Justice Drake granted the land to the railway company in accordance with the provisions of the act, and the provisions of the act are observed.

Realizing that any fair measure of redistribution would be the death warrant of the Turner government, the editor of the Colonist has been endeavoring to deny that Premier Turner stands pledged to bring in a redistribution bill at the next session of the legislature. By reference to the press reports of the legislature's debates it has been shown that the editor of the Colonist lies when he states that Premier Turner is not pledged. The Vancouver World, the government's organ on the Mainland, reports Premier Turner as follows: "As a matter of fact, we know that the whole of this country, especially the southern part of it, has lately changed during the last twelve months. Places that had very few inhabitants a little more than a year ago are now populous towns. That is what the government have to prepare for, and they have to leave this matter till the last possible moment, so as to bring before the house a fair redistribution bill. (Hear, hear.) Probably before the bill was required there would be a very large population north of the Canadian Pacific railway. The honorable leader of the Opposition knew that this is likely to be the case. If this is the case, sir, it is wisdom on the part of any government to take the last moment possible for a redistribution bill, so that the whole province may be fairly represented at the next general election. The attempt of the Colonist to deny that any such promise was made indicates that the perfidious government at Victoria is again scheming to cheat the majority of the electors of the province from participating in the government of it. There is no attempt made to show that the present representation is just. Premier Turner admits that there is an injustice. The Colonist's hireling simply says that Premier Turner don't have to remedy the injustice.

During the coming provincial campaign pains should be taken by the Opposition press and speakers to make the people of this province acquainted with the workings of the Dunsmuir monopoly, and the Turner government's scandalous subservience to it. It cannot be to the interests of the province to keep in power an administration that is controlled by any such monopoly. That the Turner government is so controlled cannot be questioned. The Dunsmuir are the greatest beneficiaries under the crown that this province has ever known. They hold close upon 2,000,000 acres of land upon Vancouver Island, which, by implication, they contend is forever exempt from tax, and so great was their hold upon the Turner government that when during the session of 1896 the taxes upon all other lands in the province were increased, the Dunsmuir's enormous land grant was passed over. The Dunsmuir own nearly all the coal upon Vancouver Island, and pay no tax or royalty upon the same. When the proposition came up in 1896 to put a tax upon the output of the precious metal mines of Kootenay, Premier Turner's subservience to the Dunsmuir was evidenced by a misleading telegram which he caused to be sent to this city, stating that there was a tax upon the output of the Vancouver Island collieries, and though urged to do so in the house, Premier Turner refused to impose any tax whatever upon the Dunsmuir mine. The Premier's subservience was shown from Nanaimo to Victoria. Under governmental nursing it has thrived so well that it now dominates the government of the province.—Nelson Tribune.

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ENDURANCE. How much the heart may bear, and yet not break! How much the flesh may suffer, and not die! I question much if any pain or ache Of soul or body brings our end more nigh. Death chooses his own time; till that is sweet, All evils may be borne. We shrink and shudder at the surgeon's knife, Whose edge seems searching for the quivering life; Yet to our sense the bitter pang reveals That still, although the trembling flesh be torn, This also can be borne. We see a sorrow rising in our way, And try to flee from the approaching ill; We seek some small escape; we weep and grieve; But when the blow falls, then our hearts are still; Not that the pain is of its sharpness short, But that it can be borne. We wind our life about another life; We hold it closer, dearer, than our own, Anon it faints and falls in deathly strife, Leaving us stunned and stricken and alone; But, ah! we do not die with those we mourn; This also can be borne. Behold, we live through all things—famine, thirst, bereavement, pain; all grief and misery, All we and sorrow; life inflicts its worst On soul and body—but we cannot die. Though we be sick, and tired, and faint, and worn— Lo, all things can be borne. —E. A. Allen in Chicago Standard.

STEER BY SHIP'S WAKE. How Helmsmen Manage to Sail Without a Compass. Sailors steer by the wake of the ship, says a writer in the Century: When a vessel is running free—that is, with the wind dead astern—she must leave a straight wake or she is not running a straight course. When she is "on the wind," her canvas full, not shivering—when she is

As near as she will lie by—keeping her fall and by—her wake will be at an angle greater or less according to the force of the wind and the speed of the vessel. This angle measures what we call the ship's "leeway"—that which she loses from a true course. With a vessel hove-to in a gale the leeway becomes very large and is called the "drift." Coupling craft steer by the line of white surf on the shore, or in thick weather by its roar as it breaks on the beach or rocks. They haul in to catch the sound, then keep off until they lose it, and then haul in again to a central line and maintain it. An old sea dog once told me that one thick night, coming up along the coast with a head wind so that they had to tack in and off shore, they sailed their tacks, or ran their "legs," by candle—running off shore long enough to burn out two candles, but burning only one for the inshore leg, so as to avoid standing in too close. The Alaska steamers on the inside route between the main coast and numerous outlying islands steer, even in running through the narrow channels, by the varying echoes of the paddles from the shores. A given course can be run by soundings, or, rather, by a line of soundings. In entering New York harbor keep in, say, fifteen fathoms, forty fathoms, no less until you get ten fathoms. If then the lead shows fine white sand, look out for Sandy Hook lightship. Coarse yellow sand will land you on Fire Island.

Hawkins—I won't let a church sexton have charge of our wedding. Miss Blue—Why? Hawkins—When Tompkins married Miss Brown the notice of the wedding began: "Suddenly on the 10th inst."—Harlem Life.

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The Jubilee Hospital hall given by the Ladies' Auxiliary under distinguished patronage will be held at the Assembly Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 22.

We are going to have a hot time-hot time at the old shop to-day. Jackets, waterproofs, newest styles, lowest price, at Partridge's 86 Yates st.

SCHLITZ, the beer that made Milwaukee famous on draught, 5c. per glass, at the Bank Exchange, the finest, cleanest, coolest and cheapest restaurant in the city.

The officers and crew of H.M.S. Pheasant leave for England on Saturday night, making the trip to Halifax by the C.P.R. Mrs. Shipster, wife of Lieut. Shipster, accompanied her husband. The Pheasant will be tied up until her new crew arrives.

Rev. J. C. Spear, of the Metropolitan Methodist church, will deliver a lecture in A.G.E.W. Hall this evening on "Crawlers, Chiggers and Climbers." The proceeds are to be given to the Sunday school of the Metropolitan church.

The chief attraction next week will be the organ recital by Mr. G. J. Burnett, assisted by his pupil, Mr. Bantley. The soloists for the evening will be Miss Jameson and Mr. Pilling. If the pleasure evoked last year in the crowded auditorium is any criterion of next Tuesday's concert, Mr. Burnett will be greeted with a large assembly. The admission is free.

Tenders will be received by the naval storekeeper until noon on Monday, the 25th inst., for supplying such quantities of fresh beef, vegetables, soft bread and fresh water as may be required by H.M. ships lying at Vancouver, also for supplying the ships when they are at Comox with fresh beef, vegetables and soft bread for 12 months from November 1st.

Autumn Race Meeting at the Victoria Driving Park, October 15 and 16.

The other Indians are beginning to learn that it is a much more serious offence to be caught with a bottle of liquor in their possession than it is to be howling drunk. This morning Sgt. Hayton and Constable Cameron espied a drunken Indian and started after him. The Indian made a run for it, and feeling that he was about to be overtaken, broke a bottle of gin which he had on a rock.

The steamer Unstilla which sailed from San Francisco this morning has the following cabin passengers for Victoria: E. Miller, Mrs. J. Thomson, J. B. Stevenson, D. A. Stewart, J. Abbott, M. Duff, M. L. Taylor, Mrs. N. E. Kofod, J. C. Neiss, E. Whitford, Miss L. Brown, Miss McDonald, Mrs. O. Wells, Miss Mackie, Thos. Kelley and wife, Alex. Orr, Mrs. R. H. Helmore, Jno. Haggerty, Miss Cunningham and Miss M. McQuade.

As the result of negotiations between Dr. Milne, the principal shareholder in the Vancouver Gas Company, and Mr. William McKenzie, of Toronto, it is probable that in a day or two the latter gentleman will acquire a controlling interest in that enterprise. The physician has come to the conclusion that this property possesses the elements requisite to make it a profitable investment. Mr. McKenzie and associates own the Winnipeg gas works and he is therefore, well-informed as to such enterprises.

Mrs. Caroline Liddell was this morning convicted of the charge of assaulting Mrs. J. H. King, but no fine was inflicted. Another of the gentler sex was fined \$5 and \$2 costs for giving the pound-keeper a tongue-lashing. Harry Keown was summoned by Sanitary Officer Chisholm for failing to pay the expenses for cremating a horse of his, which hung itself to a swing rope on the Gorge road. Keown denied that he owned the horse, so the case was adjourned until Monday.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, DR. PRICE'S

PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE

A pure Grape-Corn of Tarter Powder. Free from Arsenic, Alum or any other adulterant 30 YEARS THE STANDARD

LIPTON'S TEAS for sale at Jameson's, 33 Fort street. The most popular sauce in the world—Yorkshire Relish. Oysters in any quantity—Eastern and natives—at the New England Restaurant. E. E. Chapman, of Kaelo, has been appointed a justice of the peace for Footenay. Jackets, capes and walking hats in the newest shapes and colors at the Sterling, 88 Yates street. Weather permitting, the Fifth Regiment band will give a concert on Sunday afternoon at Beacon Hill.

The capital stock of the Comparative Synoptical Chart Company has been increased to \$150,000. Constable Cameron arrested a man named Joe Grant this afternoon on the charge of supplying liquor to Indians. The Canadian Mining Syndicate, of Huddersfield, England, has been licensed as an extra provincial company. The capital stock is placed at \$50,000.

Another large consignment of jackets (ladies' and children's) just received. Call and inspect. Opening on Thursday. The Sterling, 88 Yates street.

A parlor meeting was held by the ladies of the W.C.T.U. yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. McNaughton, on the Edmonton road. The chief subject under discussion was "The Emancipation of Women."

Creighton & Co. have just received a large consignment of fall and winter woollens right direct from Glasgow, and the Scotch tweed suitings now exhibited in their window are the finest ever shown in the city. The Reliable Tailors, 74 Yates street.

All the Montana racing tracks will be here for the Autumn Meeting on the 15th and 16th.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church intend giving a Scotch social on Monday, November 1st, in the school room of the church. As the ladies of that church are noted for their Scotch socials particularly, don't make any other arrangements for that date.

From local fanciers alone 150 entries have been received for the Victoria Kennel Club's show. This number will be greatly increased when entries are received from the outside cities. There is no doubt but that the show will be the best ever held in the northwest, and at least equal to the big San Francisco shows.

The appeal of J. A. Lawrence against the decision of Police Magistrate Macrae fixing him \$400 for selling liquor without a license, was before Mr. Justice Drake in the county court to-day. An adjournment was taken until Monday. Mr. C. D. Mason, city solicitor, appeared for the city, and M. H. D. Helmecken for Lawrence.

The funeral of the late W. J. Miller took place this afternoon from his parents' residence at Victoria West. The funeral services were conducted both at the residence and at the cemetery by Rev. W. D. Barber, assisted by Rev. Donald Macrae. The pallbearers were: John Hanson, Joseph Egan, J. Hagan, J. Ellipsoid, H. Nixon and H. Harper.

M. B. Curtis, a delineator of Hebrew character, will be seen in this city in his widely known comedy, "Sam'l of Posen," at the Victoria Theatre on Monday evening. Mr. Curtis has appeared as "Sam'l of Posen" over 5,000 times, and the play has made more money than any other comedy ever written. The same splendid metropolitan dramatic organization that has supported Mr. Curtis in the east will be seen here.

Following is the programme for the concert to be given by the Fifth Regiment band at the Drill Hall to-morrow evening:

March—"Dundas Commandery"; Hall Overture to "The Bohemian Girl"; Gavotte—"La Baitana"; Bosworth Reminiscences of "Wagner's Opera"; arr. Myrtille Grand Fantasia—"Auld Lang Syne"; Dabney Waltz—"Hunting Boys"; Toland Char. Piece—"Introduction and Dance"; Popular Selection—"Is Gay New York"; De Witt God Save the Queen.

The Quartz Creek Water Supply Co., Ltd., have made application before Mr. Justice Walker under the Water Clauses Act asking for the grant of 100 inches of water from Quartz creek for the purpose of supplying water to the town of Ymir. Mr. H. D. Helmecken is acting on behalf of the company. The hearing is set for November 26th, as by the provisions of the Water Clauses Act the application must be advertised to give time for anyone who may have objection against the granting of the petition to appear when the case is heard.

A FEW TRUISMS.

It takes the average woman about twice as long to make up her complexion as it does to make up her mind. Some men are never satisfied to remain at the bottom of the ladder; they always try to get further down.

A man gets very little credit for what he does in this world, but he gets lots of blame for what he doesn't do. If you want to see the smartest, content and sweetest body that ever lived, just get any mother to show you hers.

A man isn't always to blame for thinking more of his typewriter than he does of his wife; he can dictate to his typewriter.

A splendid stock of sporting goods just received direct from the best factories in England and the United States, comprising shot guns, rifles, shooting coats etc. at Henry Short & Son's, Gun-makers, 72 Douglas street.

Crowley's carpets in all grades at Weller Bros'. We have just opened up another line of new goods.

FOR THAT COUGH TRY LONDON HOSPITAL COUGH CURE. JOHN COCHRANE, Chemist, N.W. cor. Yates & Douglas Sts.

NEWS OF THE SHIPS The W. J. Bryant is Safe—Minnie Arrives From Behring Sea—Boscovitz Sails.

The San Francisco Schooner Orion Lost in a Collision—Eliza Anderson Condemned

Another schooner of the sealing fleet, the Minnie, Capt. Victor Jacobsen, was towed into the harbor yesterday evening by the steam schooner Mischief. The Minnie brings 807 skins from the Behring sea, which with her coast catch of 103 makes an even 1,000 for the season's work. Capt. Jacobsen says that unless they have stopped on the coast, the schooners Alonka, Capt. Heater; Otto, Capt. McLeod; Zillah May, Capt. S. Balcon, and E. B. Marvin, Capt. Harris, ought to arrive to-day, for they came through Unimak Pass with him on Sept. 21st. While at Oonulaska on the 10th of last month, Capt. Jacobsen says that he spoke with many of the officers and crew of the United States revenue cutters Corwin, Rush and Perry, and was told by them that the United States experts now on the Pribyloff Islands were branding young cow seals as fast as they could count them. They were branding the letters "U. S." on their backs by means of electricity. They said that it was the intention of the experts to brand 10,000 seals. Capt. Jacobsen says that seal are plentiful in the sea, but they are wild and restless and difficult to approach.

Anxiety has been felt in shipping circles for the American schooner W. J. Bryant, which was caught in the storm which played such havoc with H.M.S. Wild Swan about the 20th of last month. H.M.S. Pheasant on her way down to Victoria was in company with the Bryant as far as Kodiak, where both vessels encountered the gale. The Bryant was in tow of the American tug Robert Holyoke, and during the storm the tug and her consort parted company. This fact was reported by the Holyoke when she returned some days ago, and by H.M.S. Pheasant when she returned to Esquimaux Saturday last. Since then fears have been entertained for the schooner. She is, however, safe, for word was brought to Port Angeles yesterday by a returning tug that the Bryant was in the straits beating up the Sound.

Six more of the crew of the lost whaling bark Nevarch, which was crushed in the ice in the Arctic ocean some time ago, have been saved by the whaling bark Charles W. Morgan, of San Francisco. The names of the rescued men are not given. Twenty-two of the crew are still missing, and all hope has been given up for them, as they could not have survived for any length of time after having become separated from the ship. Captain Whiteside, his wife and several of the crew were picked up and brought to St. Michaels by the revenue cutter Bear, from where they were brought to Seattle by the steamer Cleveland. A United States revenue cutter will probably be instructed to visit the whaling fleet to bring the shipwrecked whalers to Unalaska.

The repairs to the Barbara Boscovitz were completed yesterday evening and this morning she sailed from Port Simpson wharf for the north. She will go as far as Port Simpson, calling at each of the northern canneries and way ports. But few passengers sailed on her, but there was a fair amount of freight. With her new boiler and in consequence of the changes in her engine room the Boscovitz is now a much faster vessel than she was before she was repaired and she will without doubt make the trip in a day, if not more, less than she did formerly.

News has been received of a collision between two sailing vessels on Monday afternoon last off the coast near the Columbia river, as a result of which the three-masted schooner Orion, of San Francisco, was lost. The Orion was run down by the four-masted German bark Peru, bound in tow of a tug. The schooner was cut in two and immediately sank. Captain P. Nelson and four sailors succeeded in climbing up the ropes of the bark and gaining her deck, all being saved. The German ship lost her jibboom and bowsprit cap.

The old steamer Eliza Anderson, which sailed from the Sound many weeks ago with a large number of gold seekers and which was compelled to go into Dutch Harbor to prevent going to pieces, is now at Oonulaska, where she has been condemned as unseaworthy. Her passengers were taken to St. Michaels on a sailing vessel. It is doubtful if she will be permitted to leave Oonulaska, for her engineers and the authorities at that port all pronounce her unfit to go to sea.

The R.M.S. Mlowers is due this evening from Australia, New Zealand and Honolulu. The steamer Willapa is due from the West Coast, and to-morrow the steamer City of Seattle is expected to arrive from Alaskan points.

The British ship Iolanthe, Capt. Chamberlain, is still lying in the Royal Roads. Her mate, Frederick Goldsworthy Adams, was this morning taken from her to the Marine Hospital. He is suffering severely from liver complaint and Capt. Chamberlain does not think that he will live. Jacob Holmes, a seaman, was taken seriously ill with the same complaint on the voyage and died soon after he took sick. He was buried at sea. The Iolanthe will proceed to Steveston to-morrow to take on her salmon cargo.

The tug Lorne returned from the cape this morning, after towing the John C. Potter to sea, and soon after her arrival she set sail for sea with the British ship Irby, Captain Griffiths, in tow. The salmon cargo of the Irby is made up of 60,452 cases of salmon. The consignors are as follows: Robert Ward & Co., 20,724 cases; R. P. Rithet & Co., 23,776 cases; J. H. Todd & Co., 2,000 cases; and Pindlay, Durham & Brodie, 7,952 cases. Besides her salmon cargo the Irby has 98 tons of oil and 300 tons of naval stores. Her destination is London.

SCOTCH TWEED SUITS.

The popularity of Scotch tweeds among this season's suit makers has brought out a wonderful variety of exceedingly pretty weaves and fabrics. We've just added to our Fall suits about 200 new suits for gentlemen, among the lot about 75 Scotch tweeds of various mixtures. Prices start at \$7 and make many stops to the best at \$12.

Cameron The Cash Clothier, 55 Johnson Street.

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The steam schooner Mischief went down as far as William Head this morning to look for some of the incoming sealers, but the fog was so thick that she was obliged to return. She will make another trip down the straits this afternoon, and in all probability will return this evening with one or more of the returning sealers.

The little missionary steamer Glad Tidings left this afternoon for Port Simpson, having on board Rev. Thomas Crosby, who is making a missionary cruise along the northern British Columbia coast, calling at each of the missionary stations between Victoria and Port Simpson.

The sealing schooner Behring Sea has just arrived at Clallam Bay from the sealing grounds with 900 skins. She reports the following schooners: Dora C. Wood with 1,250 skins, Esquimaux, 440 skins; Sea Otter 11; E. B. Marvin, Victoria, 900 skins; and the Terce, also off Victoria, with 750 skins.

It is stated that the Pacific Pile Lumber Company, of San Francisco, is about to liquidate its affairs, and after January 1st next will have ceased to exist. After that date the mills forming the company will each work on their own basis.

The steamer R. P. Rithet sailed for the Fraser this morning to resume her lighterage work from the canneries to the ships Lady Lita and Silberhorn and the steamer Teves, now loading their salmon cargo at Steveston.

The British ship Lonsdale, in whose place the British ship Iolanthe has been chartered to load salmon at Steveston for the United Kingdom, has been chartered to load wheat on the Sound.

The British ship Dudhope, which sailed from Chemulans this spring with a cargo of lumber for the United Kingdom, is now on her way to Victoria with a cargo of general merchandise.

The steamer Portland is due to arrive at Seattle to-day or to-morrow from Dutch Harbor. She was unable to go as far as St. Michaels owing to a shortage of coal.

The steamer Oscar left this afternoon for the Fraser to continue her work as a tender between the canneries and the vessels now loading at Steveston.

After spending a day off the outer wharf the United States fisheries steamer Albatross, Captain Moser, left for the Sound early this morning.

The American bark King Cyrus was towed to sea from Chemulans yesterday by the tug Car, laden with lumber for Sydney, Australia.

Track records will disappear like snow before a Chinook breeze when the Oregon, Washington and Montana cranks meet next Friday and Saturday at the Driving Park.

FINGER NAILS SEVENTY-SEVEN FEET LONG.

It has been computed that the average growth of the finger nail is one-thirty-second of an inch per week, or a little more than an inch and a half per year. The growth, however, depends to a great extent upon the rate of nutrition, and during periods of sickness or abstinence it is retarded. It is understood to go on faster in summer than in winter, and differs for different fingers, being most rapid in the middle finger and slowest in the thumb, according to one investigator, and in the little finger according to another.

The same two authorities differ, too, with regard to the equality of growth on both hands, the former holding that the nails on the right hand grow faster than those of the left, but the latter one maintains no difference between them. According to the rate of growth stated, the average time taken for each finger nail to grow its full length is about four and a half months, and at this rate a man of 70 would have renewed his nails 26 times. Taking the length of each nail at half an inch, he would have grown seven feet nine inches of nail on each finger, and on all his fingers and thumbs an aggregate length of seventy-seven feet six inches.

You would do well to see Weller Bros' stock of table linens, napkins, towels, etc. They have a complete stock in that line.

There is some consolation in being called a diamond in the rough, for the imitation gems are always highly polished. Philadelphia Record.

EVERY PAIR A NUGGET. SHOES. OUR STRICTLY UP-TO-DATE, RELIABLE, POPULAR PRICED. MOCCASINS, RUBBER SHEETS, ETC. A. B. ERSKINE, CORNER OF GOVERNMENT AND JOHNSON STREETS.

SALMON ARE RUNNING, FINE TROLLING OFF BROTCHE LEDGE AND THEREABOUTS. GET YOUR SPOONS AND LINES AT 78 GOVERNMENT STREET. FOX'S

Our Stock of Fall and Winter Goods is Now Complete. FULL LINES OF Tweeds, Nobby Overcoatings, Fashionable Trouserings, Serges and Worstedes. A. GREGG & SON, Tailors, Yates Street.

SEAGRAM'S WHISKEY THE SOLE AGENTS ARE R. P. RITHET & CO., Ltd., Wharf St.

A LIFE PRESERVER Dick's Boots and Shoes THOROUGHLY WATERPROOF THEREBY PREVENTING SICKNESS THROUGH DAMP FEET. The Only Address, 91 Johnson Street.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE PRICE OF CLOCKS AND WATCHES HAVING BEEN ADVANCED 25 PER CENT., NO ADVANCE WILL BE MADE BY US ON FORMER PRICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. S. A. STODDART, DIRECT IMPORTERS, 68 YATES ST.

TO LET. 5 roomed house, Randall street, \$5. 5 roomed house, Pandora street, \$4. 7 roomed house, Oak Bay avenue, \$5. 7 roomed cottage, Jubilee avenue, \$12.50. 3 roomed house, 4 acres land, Oak Bay avenue, \$12.50. 10 roomed house, Pandora street, \$15. 6 roomed house, Oak Bay avenue, \$14. 9 roomed house, Clatham street, \$16. 9 roomed house and stable, Victoria West, \$18. 5 roomed house, Dallas Road. 11 roomed house, Gustafson Road, \$15. 9 roomed furnished house, Quatro street, \$18. And houses in all parts of Victoria. Beaumont Boggs & Co., 26 BROAD STREET.

WHAT?

In Memory of a Child. Across the waters dear, with force ungent, Consists the old unanswered question, Why?

With us always the question and the doubt— The darkness deepening as life grows old!

Over the world with Andrew— Over the hills and sea; We rise—we run In the face of the sun

Over the world with Andrew— With the gulls in their ocean flight; From lands of bloom To shores of gloom

What if we charm the secret From the Northland's icy breast, Or sink and die 'Neath a hopeless sky.

There, as here, on our mother's breast, —Frank L. Stanton, in the Constitution, Atlanta.

BRIEF NOTES OF NOTABLES.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox has named her summer home on Long Island Sound "The Bengal."

Lars Kille, who died long ago in Norway, was the Norwegian veteran of the war of 1814 between Norway and Sweden.

"Rudyard Kipling's 'Jungle Book' has been translated into German by an Englishman who teaches in the school where Mr. Kipling was brought up.

Someone who saw the great English millionaire, Mr. Beit, at Hamburg, the other day, says he looked the personification of amiability, as that week he had made \$3,000,000.

Prince Louis Napoleon, brother of Prince Victor, is colonel of a Russian regiment of Uhlans of the Guard, and has spelled his chances as a French pretender, according to the Paris Lantern's story, by accepting a German decoration on the occasion of Kaiser William's recent visit to St. Petersburg.

The appointment of Elias Echeleson to the professorship of civil law at the University of Upsala recalls the fact that she is a second woman professor of university rank.

A RACK RAILWAY IN SUMATRA The Sumatra Rack Railway, lately constructed, is said to be the first of its kind built purely for industrial purposes over any considerable length of line.

Popular Hotel Man. "I was troubled with pimples on my face and head which caused me much annoyance. After trying many remedies without benefit I was advised to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. The first bottle helped me and I took four bottles. I am now completely cured." James Reilley, proprietor Chapman House, Sarnia, Ont.

WHERE MEN ARE SCARCER. "Oh, yes," the Man-Eating Shark was saying. "I've met some deucedly pretty girls in the surf, in the course of the season."

Do not despair of curing your sick headache when you can easily obtain Carter's Little Blue Pills. They will effect a prompt and permanent cure. Their action is mild and natural.

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HOW THE MAN ROSE.

"No odds how had a start a man has in this country," the man with the lead said, "he's got as good a chance to be somebody as any other fellow has. If he watches the corners and tends strictly to business, why, dang it, the owner of Star Point was nothing but a church choir boy when he was a kid!"

LIGHTEST SUBSTANCES. The lightest substance known is said to be the pith of the sunflower, which is a variety of oil, while other pith—liberto recognized as the lightest substance—has a specific gravity of .00, remainder's hair .1 and cork .24.

ARCHER AND THE SURGEON. When Fred Archer, England's famous jockey, once consulted one of England's most famous surgeons, the surgeon said: "You must not think me rude, Mr. Archer, but I take no interest in any branch of sport, and I have never heard your name."

TOY FIRM KEEPS BIRTH RECORDS. Novelties in advertising are not limited to America. In some of the foreign cities enterprising firms watch the papers carefully for records of births and promptly send the mother presents of soap or toilet articles.

DEVIOTE DEFINITIONS. Nobody—a prominent woman's husband. Goop—a deadly gas that is often fatal to friendship.

Twinkling of the Stars. Caused by Innumerable Air Currents or Waves. An important discovery to astronomers was made by Dr. T. J. J. See, who is in charge of Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff.

WOMEN PREDOMINATE. Interesting Figures From the British Blue Book. The female sex predominates in Scotland, says the London Mail. The registrar-general's latest blue book, which by the way, is only for 1896, gives the number according to the last estimate, at 2,158,067, while the male population is 2,046,097.

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A BY-LAW

To Authorize the Sale of Lands Within the City of Victoria Upon Which Taxes Have Been Due and in Arrears for Two Years.

Whereas, it is expedient that all lands or improvements or real property within the limits of the Corporation of the City of Victoria upon which Municipal taxes have been due and in arrears for two years, shall be sold, and the proceeds applied in the reduction of such taxes:

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows: 1. The Collector of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria is hereby authorized and directed whosoever taxes on any land or improvements or real property have been due for two years preceding the current year, to submit to the Mayor of the City of Victoria a list (in duplicate) of all the lands or improvements or real property liable under the provisions of this by-law to be sold for taxes, with the amount of arrears against each lot set opposite to the same, and the Mayor shall authenticate such list by affixing thereto the seal of the Corporation and his signature, and one of such lists shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Corporation, and the other shall be returned to the Collector with a warrant thereon annexed, under the hand of the Mayor and the seal of the Corporation, commanding him to levy upon the land or improvements or real property for the arrears due thereon with his costs.

2. It shall not be the duty of the Collector to make inquiry before effecting a sale of lands or improvements or real property for taxes, to ascertain whether or not there is any distress upon the land, nor shall he be bound to inquire into or form any opinion of the value of the land or improvements or real property.

3. The Collector shall prepare a copy of the list of lands or improvements or real property to be sold and shall include therein in separate columns a statement of the proportionate amount chargeable on each lot for (1) the amount of taxes unpaid up to the date of the passing of this by-law; (2) the Collector's commission, authorized by this by-law to be paid him and the cost of advertising and contingent expenses of sale, and (3) the total amount of taxes and costs for which the property is liable to be sold; and shall cause a copy of such list to be printed for a period of one month preceding the date of such intended sale in two daily newspapers published in the City of Victoria.

4. The advertisement shall contain a notification that unless the arrears and costs are sooner paid he will proceed to sell the lands or improvements or real property for the taxes, on a day, at a time, and at a place named in the advertisement.

5. The Collector shall, at least one month before the day of sale, serve, or cause to be served, a notice of the intended sale and of the consequences thereof, in writing, or partly in print and partly in writing, signed by the Collector, on the person, or if more than one, then on each of the persons who at the time of the service thereof appeared on the Register of the City of Victoria as owner and also on all persons having a registered charge on the real property to be sold; or substituted service shall be effected in such manner as any Judge of the Supreme Court may direct. The Collector shall also, at least one month before the day of sale, post a notice similar to the said advertisement at the principal entrance to the City Hall, Victoria, and in the Post Office building, Victoria.

6. The day of sale shall be a day to be named by the Collector in the said advertisement not earlier than thirty-one days nor later than three months after the first publication in two daily newspapers of such list, exclusive of the day of such publication, and such sale shall take place at the Council Chambers in the City Hall, in the City of Victoria, and shall begin at 12 o'clock noon: Provided always, that if the Collector shall from any cause whatever be unable to effect service of any notice of sale, in the manner herein directed, or to effect substituted service as directed by any such Judge, he may postpone the sale of the property or parcel of land in respect of which he is so unable to effect such service, from time to time, and shall give notice of such adjourned sale by advertisement in the newspapers in which the original notice was advertised, or he may withdraw the said property or parcel of land from the sale, and in either case shall proceed with the sale of the remaining lands or improvements or real property in the manner herein directed.

7. If at any time appointed for the sale of the lands or improvements or real property no bidders appear, the Collector may adjourn the sale from time to time.

8. If the taxes have not been previously collected, or if no one appears to pay the same at the time and place appointed for the sale, the Collector shall sell at public auction so much of the lands or improvements or real property as may be sufficient to discharge the taxes and all lawful charges incurred in and about the sale and the collection of the taxes, selling in preference such part as he may consider best for the owner to sell first, and in offering such lands or improvements or real property for sale it shall not be necessary to describe particularly the portion of the lot or section, which shall be sold, but it will be sufficient to say that he will sell so much of the lot or section as shall be necessary to secure the payment of the taxes due, and the amount of taxes stated in the advertisement shall in all cases be prima facie evidence of the correct amount due.

9. If the Collector fails at such sale, or any adjournment thereof, to sell any such land or improvements or real property for the full amount of arrears of the taxes due, he shall at such sale or adjournment thereof adjourn the sale until a day to be publicly named by him not earlier than one week nor later than three months thereafter, of which adjourned sale he shall give notice by advertisement in the newspapers in which the original notice was advertised, and on such day he shall sell such lands or improvements or real property for the full amount of arrears of the taxes due, and the amount of taxes stated in the advertisement shall in all cases be prima facie evidence of the correct amount due.

10. If the purchaser of any property or parcel of land falls immediately to pay the Collector the amount of the purchase money the Collector shall forthwith again put up the property for sale.

11. Immediately after every sale the Collector shall return a list of the arrears satisfied by such sale to the Clerk of the Corporation and shall at the same time pay in the proceeds to the Treasurer of the said Corporation.

12. The Collector shall be entitled to five per centum commission on the sums collected by him as aforesaid.

13. This by-law may be cited for all purposes as "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-law, 1897."

Passed the Municipal Council the 20th day of September, 1897. Resolved the Council this 27th day of September, A.D. 1897. C. E. HEDFERN, Mayor. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

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NOTICE The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 27th day of September, A.D. 1897, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desirous of applying to have such by-law, or any part thereof, quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court within one month next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.

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SEALING CONFERENCE

United States Government to Address Another Note to Great Britain.

Full Information Before Washington Authorities Some—London Press Opinions.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The administration proposes to make clear to Great Britain the embarrassment she has caused this government by her refusal to participate with Russia and Japan in the proposed sealing conference.

A note is now in course of preparation at the state department which will deplore the withdrawal of the British government at such a late hour and call attention to the fact that the communication of May 10, which Secretary Sherman addressed to Lord Salisbury, announced that Russia and Japan would be invited to take part in the conference.

The British government has no reason to be concerned that the United States will not participate, when she has already accepted an invitation to take part, knowing that Japan and Russia would be represented in the conference.

It is also understood that the administration will yield to the inevitable and ask Great Britain to send representatives to meet those of the United States.

There is no intention, however, to abandon the proposed conference with Russia and Japan. These gentlemen will reach the United States in a few days. The latter conference will be held, it is thought, after representatives of the United States and Great Britain have had a meeting and reached a conclusion and the delegates of Russia and Japan will then be asked to ratify the action of the Anglo-American conference.

The determination to send the note above referred to followed the receipt of an official announcement from Ambassador Hay to the effect that Great Britain had refused to take part in the conference in view of the representation therein which Russia and Japan would have.

The real reason behind Great Britain's withdrawal is based by the official to Canadian interests in the sealing industry and the fear of the British and Canadian authorities that the United States, Russia and Japan, being in the majority, will outvote her representative on all important matters which may be considered.

WHY BRITAIN DECLINES.

Washington, Oct. 7.—The state department has received full information as to the position of the British government on the proposed Behring sea conference. This proves to be much more complete than the brief cable reports from London indicate, as the department has been advised not only of Great Britain's declaration to enter a conference unless it is limited to the experts of the United States and Great Britain and Canada, but also has been informed quite fully as to what led the Marquis of Salisbury to this conclusion.

The British view as laid before the state department is that at no stage of the negotiations has the British government agreed to a conference, except between the experts of Great Britain, Canada and the United States. It is not questioned that Secretary Sherman and Ambassador Hay made suggestions that the conference should be between the powers interested, and that some of the notes from the United States expressed a desire to have Russia and Japan take part in the conference. But it is pointed out that these suggestions came from the United States, and until accepted could have no effect in determining the nature of the conference. So far as the suggestions were accepted, the note of Lord Salisbury of July 28 is said to stand alone, and this note, it is stated, mentioned only a conference between the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

The latest correspondence on the subject leads to considerable doubt as to who will participate in the coming meetings. It has been understood that the difficulty will be bridged over by holding two meetings, in one of which Russia and Japan will participate without Great Britain, while a second meeting would be held between the experts of Great Britain and of the United States. It is understood that Ambassador Hay was directed to effect such an arrangement in case Great Britain declined to enter the general conference.

But there is now some question whether the British authorities will participate in any way until a definite decision is reached as to who will take part in the general conference, as there is understood to be some reluctance on the part of the British to join in a dual conference, and some doubt whether the British experts will leave for this country to attend either a general or limited conference until an understanding is reached on the entire subject. As the conference is so near at hand—the first plan having been to hold it on October 23—the negotiations are necessarily by cable, and by this means a satisfactory adjustment may be reached.

LONDON PRESS OPINIONS.

London, Oct. 8.—The Daily Graphic and other papers this morning justify Lord Salisbury's refusal to participate in a conference as to pelagic sealing which includes the representatives of Russia and Japan.

The Standard says: It rests with Secretary Sherman to find his way out of a self-created difficulty without a sacrifice of dignity.

The Daily News says: The impetuosity of the United States and their desire to include countries indirectly interested are unpleasant features of the controversy.

Miss Frances Goodwin, of Newcastle, Ind., a sculptress, who has recently completed a bust of the late Schuyler Colfax, vice-president under General Grant, is in Washington, arranging for the placing of the bust in the niche of the senate chamber prepared for its reception. The bust is said to be an excellent piece of work.

FAST TRAINS THE SAFER.

The Reason Why Slow Trains Kill the Most People.

"There seems to be an impression," said a railway superintendent to an Indianapolis Journal man, speaking of the fast service the railroads are now giving, "that the fast trains are the most dangerous for people to ride on, and that more persons are killed in crossing tracks, etc., than by the trains which are slower. This is a mistake.

"The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has given this matter special attention, and has statistics to show that, in proportion to the fast and slow trains run, more accidents have occurred to the slow trains and more persons not in the employ of the company killed by the slower trains. Men in charge of fast passenger or freight trains are constantly on the watch for danger.

"The engineer feels that there is more at stake, and one will notice that the blasts of his whistle are more frequent and sharper, that the fireman is more particular to ring the bell when passing through a town or a city or near a highway crossing. It would be difficult to find people living on the lines of the roads which run fast trains that have not heard of the Chicago limited on the Pennsylvania lines, the fast express No. 2, between St. Louis and New York, over the Vandavia and Pennsylvania lines; the Empire State Express, the Kulekocker on the Big Four, and the hundreds of other fast trains, and that they have seen and heard of people who know their time and keep out of the way. The equipment of the fast trains is kept at the best standard, and everything conduces to make them safer to ride on and less liable to injure people at highway crossings and in passing through towns and cities. The Pennsylvania transportation department is fully satisfied that the above statement is correct.

The same remark will apply to the freight service. In 1888 twelve miles an hour was considered the highest speed limit for a freight train, and J. J. Turner, when superintendent of the Indianapolis division of the Pennsylvania lines, the fast express No. 2, between St. Louis and New York, over the Vandavia and Pennsylvania lines; the Empire State Express, the Kulekocker on the Big Four, and the hundreds of other fast trains, and that they have seen and heard of people who know their time and keep out of the way. The equipment of the fast trains is kept at the best standard, and everything conduces to make them safer to ride on and less liable to injure people at highway crossings and in passing through towns and cities. The Pennsylvania transportation department is fully satisfied that the above statement is correct.

AUTUMN IDEAS.

The freshest of materials, soft and transparent as chiffon, are being made up into dinner dresses. The favorites are checks in pink, blue and mauve, with cross bars of white hair lines.

Old-fashioned point lace shawls are worn draped handkerchief-wise as "aprons" over dress skirts. A very full and deep rounce meets the edges.

Fringes are said to be coming in as decorations for mantles and capes. They are nuisances, as everything catches in them, but probably the fringe manufacturers think they have been slighted too long.

Light silk skirts either in black and white stripes or some pale color will be worn with fancy bodices. This is more artistic than the black skirt, which for a season has been worn with every kind of waist. Above one never sees a woman in a black skirt and fancy waist, for the two bear no relationship to each other, though no one denies that the black skirt is economical.

The rage for colored shawls and stockings ruffled in France, where the women are wearing pink shoes and red hosiery. This sounds too audacious to be true, but it is so.

One of the prettiest night-dresses worn this season and one which might be seen this winter for evening was of soft white silk muslin accented with pink and blue, with the bodice bloused at the front and back and a belt of white glace silk drawn through a diamond and turquoise pink trimmed with plaitings of silk, a bunch of pink roses on the crown, and a bunch of white roses at the back, where the trim turned up.

The most popular hat of the moment is black chip lined with white chip and trimmed with black ostrich plumes. Exceedingly pretty hats are inogue form made in white net spotted with black chenille fastened at one side with a paradise pinna.

CROUP QUICKLY CURED.

Mountain Glen, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief.—P. A. Thornton. This celebrated remedy is for sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale druggists, Victoria and Vancouver.

FAME'S PATHWAY.

Dr. Temple, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has dispensed with the use of wines at Lambeth palace, where during all Episcopal regimens since the reformation wine has been habitually served.

Count Tolstol, in a recent interview which is recorded in a Russian paper, has stated his strong objection to Wagner, whom he looks upon as decadent. Further, he says that he is not comprehensible to common folks.

Collis P. Huntington, the president of the Southern Pacific railroad and of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, maintains three palatial residences, which are kept in such perfect running order that any one of them is ready for occupancy by his family at a moment's notice.

The Prince of Wales does not take so much interest in his wardrobe as he did some years ago. He is still one of the best dressed men in the world, and his influence on men's fashions is as great as ever; but those who have charge of his wardrobe complain that he has lost his old enthusiasm on the subject of dress.

It is reported from the Transvaal that Mrs. Kruger is urging her husband to retire from the government and to devote his time to the understanding that he receive a pension of 4,000 or 5,000 pounds per annum. "If the president does this General Joubert will have an easy victory," adds the correspondent.

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POPPING THE QUESTION.

"Just my infernal luck," growled one of our most eligible bachelors, as he threw himself on a couch and looked daggers at his closest friend, as though he were the dispenser of fate. "If a fellow wants to get married and fulfill his proper destiny in life, fortune trips him up and makes a fool of him. You know that I popped to three or four girls, and in every case I've been just too late. You may put it down now that if ever I marry a woman she will do the proposing and make all the preliminary arrangements."

"Scored another failure?"

"Yes, but by an eyebrow, as usual. You recall that divine creature I pointed out to you from the club window the other day. That little Buddha and I have both been sweet on her—rivals, I suppose. I was the first to love her, but she is resisting early last evening to put my fate to the test. While I was screwing my courage up to the sticking point and trying to separate her from the other young people there, she was courted by one of the servants. She came back looking so rosy and sweet that I pushed matters, plied her to a side veranda and told her, with all the gush and sentimentality of some callow youth, how I loved her, how I could not live without her. She never looked more beautiful than when she told me how sorry she was to cause me pain, but she had just accepted Mr. Robbins by telephone. It was to talk with him that she had been called by the servant. I stammered my way to the hat rack and out of the house the best I could. The impatient little rascal, he knew I was going there, for I told him myself, and I kept on my feet for the rest of the evening. No other man would have had the cold nerve to propose by telephone. If any girl wants me after this she knows where to find me."—Detroit Free Press.

A CLOSE CALL.

"About the closest call I ever had," said the long-legged man on a backless chair in front of the grocery, "was when I was enroute to California in '90. There was 'bout fifty of us started together, but didn't agree very well, so ten of us separated from the rest and an expedition of our own. We got along all right till we got among the Apaches. They was soon hanging on our trail, and one day they surrounded us. They was fifty to our one, and all we could look forward to was to die a fightin'. They kept a circling an' a circling all 'round us, and we was all together waitin' till we could shoot 'em. Just when we was whuppin' good-bye to each other these red devils took to their heels like 'th' United States army was arter them. It was an airbrake done it, an' we wasn't troubled no more."

"Was they a volcano near there?" asked the little man with high shoulders and a weaned face.

"No, 'er volcano, you talkin' 'bout volcanoes, I said airbrake."

"I heard you. But I went through that same desert that year. The Apaches got arter us, an' we hunted up into the craters of a volcano so as to stay 'em off. We built a kind of platform inside, an' they couldn't look us in a thousand years if we'd had grub. One mornin' when we was just about starved, that old volcano exploded, an' we was landed in a man's bill. Not a darn one of us had a scratch."

The long-legged man reached for his vessel with, took on a sickly grin and said: "What'll you fellows take?"—Detroit Free Press.

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Lunatic (suddenly popping his head over the railing) "What are you doing doing there? Brown—Fishing! Lunatic—Caught anything? Brown—No. Lunatic—How long have you been fishing? Brown—Six hours. Lunatic—Come inside.—Punch.

"Is it any more dangerous to ride a tandem than a regular bicycle?" "I should say it was! I have known of two cases in which tandem riding has plunged a clerk on a small salary into matrimony."—Chicago Tribune.

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Barley, per ton, \$28 to \$30
Middlings, per ton, \$22 to \$25
Bran, per ton, \$20 to \$25
Ground feed, per ton, \$21 to \$23
Corn, whole, \$26 to \$29
Corn, cracked, \$27 to \$30
Oatmeal, per 10 pounds, 40c. to 50c.
Rolled oats, (O. or N. W.), \$3
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Straw, per ton, \$5c. to 7c.
Onions, per lb., 50c. to 75c.
Bananas, \$1.25 to 25c. to 35c.
Lemons (California), 25c. to 35c.
Apples, per lb., 3c. to 5c.
Apples, per box of 40 lbs., \$1.00
Pears (Island), 3c.
Oranges, Cal. seedlings, 40c. to 50c.
Grapes, \$1.00 to 1.25
Tomatoes, 1c. to 2c.
Plums, 1c. to 2c.
Peaches, 10c. to 12c.
Pineapples, 25c. to 45c.
Watermelons, 40c. to 75c.
Mushrooms, 25c. to 35c.
Fish—small, 5c. to 10c.
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Butter, creamery, per lb., 25c.
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Sides beef, per lb., 8c. to 9c.
Meats—beef, per pound, 10c. to 12c.
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Sir Wyke Bayliss, president of the Royal Society of British Artists, is a great chess player—indeed, he is a recognized "champion." So devoted is he to the game that he has declared that, if it were not for his sedentary nature, chess would be a sufficient recreation for all men's leisure hours. Besides his art work Sir Wyke has found time to write a number of books. His courteous amiability, his, perhaps, the most well known feature of his character; and his friends are more numerous than his acquaintances.

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Lunatic (suddenly popping his head over the railing) "What are you doing doing there? Brown—Fishing! Lunatic—Caught anything? Brown—No. Lunatic—How long have you been fishing? Brown—Six hours. Lunatic—Come inside.—Punch.

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WITH THE SPORTS

Footballers Will Play at the Hill To-morrow Afternoon—Rugby and Association.

Possible Winners of the Ozarewitch Handicap—Golf Fixtures.

COLUMBIA VS. HIGH SCHOOL.

The Columbia Junior team and a team from the High School will meet to-morrow afternoon at the hill in the second match of the junior league series.

At a meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Rugby Football Club held yesterday evening the following officers were elected: Capt. A. Reid; vice-captain, W. Pedan.

RUGBY MATCHES.

Two good Rugby matches will be played at Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon. Both are inter-team matches between teams chosen by the captains and vice-captains of the Victoria and Fifth Regiment clubs.

WHIST.

The first whist tournament of the J. B.A.A. was held yesterday evening and a large number of devotees of whist were present.

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GOLF.

COMING EVENTS.

On Saturday, October 23rd, the gentlemen players of the Victoria Golf Club will compete in the first monthly medal competition.

BASKET BALL.

Y.M.C.A. TEAM.

The Y.M.C.A. basket ball team has selected the following officers to look after the management of their affairs: Captain, Walter Wriglesworth; vice-captain, W. Pedan; assistant, C. W. Wilson.

THE KING.

GODDARD-SHARKEY.

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—The Knickerbocker Athletic Club has received a telegram stating that Joe Godard, who has just arrived in Boston, has signed articles for a fight with Tom Sharkey in November in this city.

SHIPPING LIST.

VESSELS ON THE WAY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.

- 7—Br. ship Aljouby, 1400; Wolfe, master; from Liverpool to Victoria, R. P. Rithet & Co.
8—British ship Benicia, 1807 tons; on berth at Liverpool for Victoria; R. P. Rithet & Co.
15—Swed. bark Adelaide, 1281; Meyer, master, via Callao, to Fraser River; H. Bell-Irving & Co.
16—Br. bark Agnes Oswald, 1380; Nicol, master; from Stanley, F. I., to Victoria; Turner, Beeton & Co.
20—Dan. bark Irvine, 994; Hansen, master; from New York via Macassar to Victoria; Robert Ward & Co.
21—British bark Lord Ripon, 2794 tons; from Liverpool to Victoria, with general cargo on account of Robt. Ward & Co.
22—British ship Dudhope, from Liverpool to Victoria with general cargo.
23—British ship Senator, 1612 tons; Lewis, master; from Delagoa Bay to Victoria.
24—British bark Port Adelaide, 1301 tons; McDonald, master; from Delagoa Bay to Victoria.
25—German bark Pamela, 1364 tons; Denharit, master; from Masatlan to Victoria.
26—Venezuelan bark Wrestler, 447 tons; Capt. Nielsen; from Iquique to Victoria.
27—French bark Ville de Rezon, 937 tons; Mabou, master; from Punta Arenas to Victoria.
28—Br. ship City of Henkow, 1163 tons; King, master; from Rio de Janeiro.
29—Br. bark Pass of Killecrankie, 1600 tons; Atkinson, master; from Salaverry to Vancouver with sugar for the British Columbia Sugar Refinery.

REMARKS.

- 7—Loading general cargo.
11—Loads coal for San Francisco.
15—Chartered for salmon, H. Bell-Irving & Co.
16—To load cargo of Pass of Balmaha.
20—To load salmon account R. Ward & Co.

VESSELS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA PORTS.

VICTORIA. Swedish ship Lady Lena, 1353; Svensen, master; loading salmon at outer wharf on account of Robt. Ward & Co. British ship Iolanthe, 1480 tons; Chamberlain, master; from Pisagua in ballast. To load salmon instead of British ship Londale at Steveston.

VANCOUVER. American bark General Fairchild, 1300; Brennan, master; loading lumber at Moodyville for Sydney. German bark Seestera, from Salaverry with sugar for the B. C. Sugar Refinery; to load salmon at Victoria for R. P. Rithet & Co. British steamer Amaraopora; loading lumber at Moodyville for China.

SALT SPRING ISLAND.

American bark Guardian, Marden, master; loading props for Santa Rosalia.

FRASER RIVER.

German ship Kehreweiser, 1366 tons; Katt, master; to load salmon on account of H. Bell-Irving & Co. British ship Silberhorn; Gibson, master; loading salmon on account of Turner, Beeton & Co. British steamer Tekoa; loading salmon on account Fraser River Canning Co. British ship City of Benares, 1490 tons; Baxter, master; loading salmon instead of British ship Lodore, cancelled.

LARGEST PADDLE STEAMER.

Empress Queen, the new steamer recently built by the Fairfield Engineering and Shipbuilding Company, Govan, for the late of Man Steam Packet Company, is the largest paddle steamer afloat, being in length 375 feet and 83 feet 6 inches in breadth. The engines are 10,000 horsepower. The speed attained in some of the trial runs was over twenty-two knots an hour.

AN ANCIENT PRAYER.

Old John Ward, who was pilloried by Pope in the "Dunclad," and who actually stood in the pillory in the year 1727 when he was said to have been worth £200,000, was, nevertheless, a poor man, says Household Words. He had large estates in London and Essex, and did not omit to pray for their welfare in the following manner: "O Lord, I beseech Thee to preserve the two counties of Middlesex and Essex from fire and earthquake, and as I have a mortgage in Hertfordshire, I beg Thee likewise to have an eye of compassion on that county; and for the rest of the counties deal with them as Thou pleasest."

VICTORIA'S CORONATION RING.

There is a ring which the Queen cherishes more than anything else she possesses save her betrothal and wedding ring—a circlet of fat gold in which shines a ruby surrounded by diamonds, signifying the sovereign's union with her nation; her coronation ring, in fact, which she has worn every evening since the day it became hers by right, and which is jealously guarded when not encircling her finger.

ALL OVER A CENT.

A remarkable case of marvellous treasury bookkeeping was developed recently at Washington by the settlement of a balance involving a single copper cent, which has puzzled the bookkeeping experts for seven years. As long ago as 1890 a controversy arose between the Treasury department and the Auditor of the Post Office over a shortage of 1 cent. An investigating committee took up his accounts, minutely and at last discovered that many years ago the disbursing officer had credited himself with an odd cent and the shortage was his prompt payment was made. This seems like red tape with a vengeance. It cost hundreds of dollars to round up that pesky cent.

PRINCESS OLGA'S BED.

At Peterhof, writes Mrs. Crawford in London Truth, M. Faure slept in a bed arranged for the first Grand Duchess Olga Nicholasovna. She was the youngest and the handsomest of the three beautiful daughters of Nicholas I. Versailles was the model on which Peterhof was built. The bed is like that of Louis XIV, in having a canopy, but is contained in soft silk. Opposite the foot is a mirror framed with Sevres porcelain flowers. The Grand Duchess, sitting up in this bed, could see herself in it. Lying down she could also see herself, her beautiful neck, for her allowed ceiling is lined with mirrors, also set in garlands. Olga, in her visits to Russia as Princess or Queen of Wurttemberg, dwelt in this suite of rooms. Their arrangement shows they were meant for a beautiful woman, and that her father intended they should be a suitable sanctuary for her loneliness. Her wedding dress was preserved there until the death of the Empress Alexandra (Charlotte of Prussia) in 1900, when it was taken to Stuttgart, where it was at Olga's death.

Rattan furniture at Weiler Bros., comprising arm chairs, rockers, tables, occasional chairs, settees, stools, and many other desirable pieces of useful and ornamental furniture.

DEED.

CULLEN—In this city on the 7th inst. at St. Joseph's hospital, Mrs. the beloved wife of Chas. E. Cullen. The funeral will take place from the family residence, 314 Superior street, on Sunday, October 10th, at 2:30 p.m., and from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 2:45.

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Among all the signs of prosperity to be seen on every hand it remains true that the fire department business is going to blaze. Lowell Citizen.

Not His Fault.—"I've been riding on the elevated for five years, and I've never offered a lady a seat." "Then you're never had any manners." "That isn't it. I've never yet had a seat."—Harlem Life.

She—Tell me truly, now, is your heart wholly mine? He—As nearly as it is possible, I being a loyal patriot. George Washington, you know, is first in the hearts of his countrymen.—Boston Transcript.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—Lieut-Gov Dewdney and Mrs Dewdney, J. Thomson and wife, R. Jamieson, Dr Milne, E. A. Washam, W. M. Rice, F. V. Austin, E. Melman, Miss M. Morrison, J. H. Brown, A. P. Perle, G. B. Harris, Mrs. Harris, Miss Harris, B. Harris, B. Wehrhritz, W. B. Sullivan, M. Thala, Consul Wolfsohn, A. North, J. Smith, G. Ramsay, H. Martin, A. Harris, P. O'Brien, H. McCabe, J. Thorne, Mrs. J. Jameson, J. E. McNeill, Mrs. McNeill, Miss McNeill, G. Morton, E. Gray, Mrs. McCreve, Officer Walker, G. Clark, Mrs. Greaves, L. McMillan, Mrs. Langley, J. B. Lovell, Dr. B. Bartram, J. H. Edwards, E. O. Smith, J. Ker, B. L. Patterson, R. Barker, O. M. Oliver, and G. B. Beidson.

Per steamer City of Kingston from the Sound—Mrs. Walter, Capt. Clark, Mrs. Burns, Miss Martin, Mrs. Pettigrew, Miss Macleod, J. Twiford and wife, Miss Astell, C. A. Hichardson, E. H. Henshe, P. Stoddard, J. S. Church, H. A. Galloway, J. B. Warren, Capt. George, Miss Fox, Watson, J. H. Healey, W. M. Hillburg, S. B. Kinsay, J. Boscowitz, H. O. Larson, J. Ambrose, R. Finlayson, Mrs. Finlayson and daughter, Mrs. Wilburg.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Islander from Vancouver—Miss Bowen Smith, Ames Holden Co. B. Williams, Weiler Bros., A. B. Erskine, F. J. Field, Langley & Son, H. B. Co., Lester, J. R. McNeill, Dr. Milne, Gilmore & McC, A. McGregor & Son, J. W. Khloek and Don Mc Co.

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GRAND TRUNK RY.

Financial Condition of the Line Shown in the Half Yearly Report Issued Yesterday.

The Directors Exceedingly Hopeful—Expected Surplus of \$200,000.

Toronto, Oct. 5.—Following is a special to the Evening Telegram, dated London, October 5th.

The half yearly report of the Grand Trunk railway was issued late yesterday afternoon. The gross receipts are shown to be \$1,722,491; working expenses were \$1,162,568, which is at the rate of 67.9 per cent., compared with 71.34 per cent. last year. The net traffic receipts were \$559,922; the net revenue \$654,394. Passenger receipts decreased 0.92 per cent., while mail and express receipts increased 4.56. Freight on live stock decreased 12,047 tons, but receipts therefor show an increase of 1.49 per cent., compared with 1896.

The directors are exceedingly hopeful. They expect a surplus of \$200,000 at the close of the year. The question is being seriously discussed as to whether it would be advisable to pay dividends or debts.

London financial journals commend the present management, and assert that the economy exercised accounts for the present prosperous condition of the Grand Trunk railway.

LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Significant Preparations by the United States Navy Department.

Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 5.—A special to the Evening News from Bridgeport, Conn., says: "That the government strongly anticipates serious trouble with Spain is shown by the notification sent secretly yesterday to the owners of a number of the largest steamships and steam yachts on the Atlantic coast asking immediate information as to the speed, capacity and fighting strength of their vessels, and other complete data with a view to their being enrolled as auxiliary cruisers in the navy."

"A further request was made, the Morning Union learns on good authority, for the owners to hold themselves in readiness to turn the vessels over to the government at a moment's notice, 'in anticipation being given that use will be found for them shortly.'"

AMERICAN BRIEFS.

Ocean Springs, Miss., Oct. 4.—Surgeon Murray returned last night from Scranton, and reports between forty and fifty cases of fever there. There were three deaths yesterday.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—The mint in this city will assume the coinage of silver dollars in accordance with instructions received from Washington.

New York, Oct. 4.—Four men were drowned by the capsizing of a boat at Long Beach, N. J., to-day. Three other men of Long Beach were rescued with difficulty.

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LAURIER AT TORONTO

Extensive Preparations Being Made to Welcome the Distinguished Liberal Leader.

A Grand Procession, Banquets and a Monster Reception at Massey Hall.

Toronto, Oct. 5.—Arrangements for the Liberal reception tonight are as follows:

Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrives on the 7 o'clock train, and will be met at Union station, when a procession will be formed, headed by mounted police, torch bearers and the Royal Grenadier band. Then comes the carriage with Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, Mayor Shaw and Alderman Scott, the chairman of the reception committee, followed by an escort of mounted police, the city council, citizens, Liberal clubs, etc.

The procession will march to Massey hall, which is to be open to the public. Here addresses of welcome will be presented by the mayor on behalf of the city, followed by addresses from German and French citizens in their respective languages.

The proceedings will close at 10 o'clock, after which hour Sir Wilfrid will be entertained at dinner at the Queen's Hotel by the city council.

On Wednesday evening Sir Wilfrid will be entertained at a banquet at Massey hall by the board of trade, and on Thursday afternoon at the convocation at the Toronto University, the premier will be invested with the honorary degree of LL.D.

RAILWAY WRECK.

Denver & Rio Grande Excursion Train Derailed.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 4.—One person was killed outright and another died soon after by a wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande at Colopaki, west of Pueblo, caused by the breaking of a journal of an excursion train. The first section of the narrow gauge from Marshall Pass was slowing down to take the siding at Colorado Pass, when a journal on the first day coach broke. The car pitched over on its side and dragged with it all the cars behind, another coach, two sleepers and the company's car. Three tourist cars and the baggage car remained on the track. The cars were all crowded with excursionists for the festival of "The Mountain and Plain" at Denver.

There was little excitement and not much wreckage, as the train was running very slowly. The dead are: Mrs. F. D. McIntyre and F. W. Seyler, of 2809 Carmony avenue, Cincinnati, O. The latter had his legs crushed and died on the way to the hospital.

SHE IS A FLYER

Another Remarkably Fast Passage Across Atlantic by the Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse.

Makes the Run From New York to Plymouth in 5 Days 15 Hours and 15 Minutes.

New York, Oct. 6.—A cablegram from London this morning announced that the new North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse was sighted passing Scilly Isles light at 10:35 this forenoon.

The Kaiser Wilhelm Der Grosse sailed from New York for Plymouth and Bremen on September 30th, clearing the bar at 4:02 a.m. and the lights 20 minutes later. Allowing four hours for the run from Scilly to Plymouth, she is due there at about 2:35 o'clock this afternoon.

This will make the time of the passage about 5 days 15 hours and 13 minutes.

This is better by 18 hours and 11 minutes than the time of the Hamburg liner Fuerst Bismarck, which held the Plymouth record of 6 days 9 hours and 24 minutes since August, 1896, and at this rate beats the Southampton record of the American liner St. Louis of 6 days 10 hours and 14 minutes, made last month, by about 12 hours. For had she been going to Southampton she would have been there about 8:30 o'clock this evening.

Those who believe chronic diarrhoea to be incurable should read what Mr. P. E. Grisham, of Gaars Mills, La., has to say on the subject, viz: "I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war, and have tried all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found a remedy that effected a cure, and that was Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This medicine can always be depended upon for colic, cholera morbus, dysentery and diarrhoea. It is pleasant to take, and never fails to effect a cure. For sale by all druggists, and a cure. For sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale druggists, Victoria and Vancouver."

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CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Destructive Forest Fires Raging—Rev. Baldwin Resigns.

Woodstock, Ont., Oct. 5.—Rev. Baldwin, the rector of old St. Paul's church, has resigned, owing to ill-health.

Destructive forest fires are reported in Bradford and Elice townships, and on northwestern boundary of Woodstock.

Hamilton, Ont., Oct. 6.—The board of trade yesterday decided to endorse the application of the T. H. & B. Ry. Co. to the Dominion government for a subsidy of \$3,300 per mile for a railway between Brantford and Welland, but it refrained from endorsing the statement in the petition of the company in regard to the cost of the proposed extension.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—The court stenographers' strike is still unsettled, and only one division of the superior court was able to sit to-day.

Toronto, Oct. 5.—A small fire occurred this morning in the office of the Graham Hall Works, adjoining the Central Prison, and evidently resulted from yesterday's conflagration. The office and fixtures were destroyed. Loss \$1,500.

Thomas Howard, the well known barrister, was arrested this morning charged with forging the name of John Somers to a note for \$100 on Sept. 29 last. Howard appeared in the police court, but deferred election as to trial.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—Sir William Van Horne, E. K. Clouston, manager of the Bank of Montreal; E. B. Angus, and James Ross left for the Pacific Coast this morning by special train. They will go through by daylight jaunts.

The increase in the earnings of the C.P.R. in the past nine days was \$255,000, the largest by \$100,000 over any similar period. For the next week it is expected to be larger. The earnings for the same period were only exceeded by two roads on the continent.

BRITAIN IS FIRM.

Maintains Her Determination to Exclude Russia and Japan from Sealing Conference.

This Strong Attitude Assumed at the Request of the Dominion of Canada.

London, Oct. 5.—The officials of the British foreign office have communicated with the United States ambassador, Col. John Hay, the final decision of the government, to the effect that Great Britain must refuse to take part in any sealing conference with representatives of Russia and Japan.

The British government asserts its willingness to confer with the United States alone, but insists that Russia and Japan are not interested in the Behring Sea seals to a degree entitling them to representation at the conference.

The British government does not suggest any date for the conference with the United States, and it is thought probable in London that Great Britain's withdrawal will result in two meetings, one between the United States, Russia and Japan, and the other between the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

It cannot be too strongly reiterated that the withdrawal of Great Britain from the Washington conference is due to Canada's insistence, and until Canadian officials informed the foreign office officials here of Canada's objections to the meeting of representatives of Russia and Japan, Great Britain fully intended to enter the conference.

ENTHUSIASTICALLY WELCOMED

Great Popular Demonstration at Toronto in Honor of Laurier.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—The reception to Premier Laurier here last evening was a huge success. He was met at the station at 7 o'clock by the mayor and council, Hon. Wm. Mulock and other prominent citizens, and escorted by a monster torchlight procession with fireworks by a circuitous route to Massey Hall. The procession was large and there was tremendous cheering.

The hall was packed to the doors an hour before the meeting began. The mayor presided and English, French and German addresses were presented. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied, saying that Canada was now a nation instead of a colony, and expressing pleasure that all nationalities are uniting to make Canada a unity.

Hon. Edward Blake being present, he was called upon by the audience, and gave a splendid speech, eulogistic of the leader. He said he was aligned sometimes to be a failure in politics, but at least he was a success in choosing a successor. An informal dinner followed the reception, Premier Laurier speaking briefly.

This evening Sir Wilfrid will be entertained at a banquet at Massey Hall by the board of trade, and on Thursday afternoon, at a convocation of Toronto University, the premier will be invested with the honorary degree of LL.D.

Do not despair of curing your sick headache when you can easily obtain Carter's Little Liver Pills. They will effect a prompt and permanent cure. Their action is mild and natural.

FROM THE CAPITAL

See Canal Traffic—Proposed Fruit Station at Grimsby—Repairing Parliament Buildings.

Mr. Tarte Prepared to Discriminate Against American Steamships—McInnes, M. P., Arrives.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The Soo canal traffic this year is well up to the figures of last year in the matter of freightage carried. Vessels to Sept. 30th numbered 3,470, against 4,265 for the same period last season.

Dominion horticulturists ask that the government should next season establish a station at Grimsby, where fruit can be suitably packed for export to the Old Country.

A large delegation from Cornwall have asked the government for a free site on the canal property there for the proposed roller iron mills.

The contract for a new roof on the western departmental building goes to a St. Hyacinthe firm named Paquet & Gobout. Hudon, Montreal, was the lowest tenderer and transferred the contract to them.

Minister Tarte, who arrived here to-day, will give full consent to the government subsidizing steamers from Canadian ports. He would build up our own ports even if a sacrifice at first is necessary on our own part. He thinks we have done enough for Portland, and would now take all subsidies from the American ports and give some assistance to our lines, even if the boats are slow and small at first.

Mr. McInnes, M.P., Vancouver, is here attending the supreme court in the case of the Union Colliery Company against the province of British Columbia, which is testing the constitutionality of the act preventing Chinamen working underground in mines.

The Restigouche election appeal, which was before the supreme court, has been dropped, being settled out of court.

Lieut.-Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., commandant of the 45th Battalion, has sent the following communication to the minister of militia: "With the object of assisting to uphold the British Empire and to strengthen the bonds uniting the motherland and colonies, and in full confidence that none would withhold their services from the colors more bravely than the boys of the Victoria Midland District of Canada, I have the honor to tender to the Imperial government through you the services of the 45th or Victoria Midlanders regiment, and to request authority to increase the establishment of the corps to 1,000 men for active service in any part of the world."

Messrs. Bell and Low, of the geological survey, returned from Hudson's Straits yesterday. They say the straits are navigable for about three months in the year.

Ontario fruit growers apparently won't learn by experience. More fruit for England has reached Montreal in over-ripe condition. Prof. Robertson left for Grimsby last night to again emphasize the necessity for care in selection and packing.

HOT IN CHICAGO

Unprecedentedly Warm Weather Being Experienced—All October Records Broken.

Dense Smoke From Forest Fires Adds to the Discomfort—Danger to Navigation.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 5.—Extremely hot weather for the month of October is now prevailing in this section. During the past 24 hours the thermometer in this city went up to 80 degrees, and according to the signal service records this is the highest point that has been registered for the month of October in 27 years. A dense smoke aggravated the conditions.

On account of the drought for the last two months everything is dry as tinder, and forest and prairie fires are numerous. Lake Michigan has been almost un navigable on account of the smoke and fog. Captains of incoming vessels have reported a most alarming state of affairs. Many have not slept for 48 hours on account of the watchfulness necessary. Boats picking their way through the Straits of Mackinac are particularly hampered. Emigrants are obliterated and lights rendered indistinct at the distance of the length of a steamer.

Chicago southwards and the suburbs are surrounded by prairie fires, and a dense smoke overhangs a large part of the city lying south of 70th street. Hundreds of acres of prairie have been burned over and thousands of feet of sidewalk and fencing consumed. The firemen in this division of the city are completely exhausted with fighting prairie fires night and day. Most of the fires were started by fires from the locomotives, but not infrequently by mischievous boys, who set the grass on fire for excitement.

Toronto, Oct. 6.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier received a cablegram this morning to the effect that Mr. Peterson, the contractor for the proposed new fast Atlantic service, had made the required deposit.

CAPTAIN IRVING'S PLANS.

New York, Oct. 4.—Captain John Irving, of the Victoria & Sitka Steamship Company, commander of the steamer Islander, is at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Captain Irving, in an interview to-day, said:

"There will be a railroad over the passes and down the Yukon to the foot of the White Horse river before midsummer next. This enterprise is partially responsible for my visit to New York. It will be an overhead trolley, chiefly for freight, and will simplify the trip to Dawson City to such an extent that we shall carry goods down the Yukon instead of up the river from St. Michael. My first trip to that port, early in June, I shall carry lumber for barges, which will be taken to the upper Yukon. After that I shall be back to Dawson City to descend below Fort Yukon. The barges will be floated or pushed down stream from the end of the carrying trolley and towed back. We shall be able to make several of these short trips per month. There will be no fear of provisions running short then."

"Will the building of that freight trolley be an expensive undertaking?" was asked.

"On the contrary, it will be very inexpensive," replied Capt. Irving. "Remember, it will not carry passengers. The system employed successfully for transporting ore will be used. The packages will not exceed 100 or 200 pounds, and will be carried on an overhead wire, propelled by a series of endless cables. Elevators and trees along the route will serve to support the carriers. A large storehouse can be erected at the terminus and the goods shipped through all ordinary winter weather. This will do away with the hardships of the trip up, and any man can walk over the Chilkoot Pass if he is unencumbered. Twenty miles of climbing from Dyea takes him over that obstacle; then the lakes and steers do the rest. We will undertake to deliver his supplies ahead of his arrival."

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FROM THE CAPITAL

Resignation of Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh to Take Effect on the First of January.

Many Aspirants to the Position of Senator—Forest Fires Delay Business.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—The resignation of Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh will take effect on the 1st of January.

The government is flooded with at least one dozen applications for the vacant senatorship to be vacated by Sir Oliver Mowat. All expect to get it and there must be a number of disappointed party men.

Forest fires on the line of the Canada Atlantic railway interfered with the sitting of the supreme court to-day, as the leading counsel were unable to get up to Ottawa. The court had to adjourn till to-morrow.

Considerable speculation is being indulged in here as to whether the government will receive any fairly favorable offer for the Atlantic mail service. The departmental advertisement states that the government are not under any obligation to accept any offer, and should the price asked be in excess of that now being paid, and the vessels of inferior class offered, it is not at all unlikely that the government will utilize the New York route for letters, and send the parcels from St. John by the Beaver and Furness lines. All steamship lines running services from St. John or Halifax to England may be compelled under their contract to carry mails without extra subsidy.

Mr. Blair, minister of railways, has returned from a trip over the Drummond County railway. Mr. Pottinger accompanied him. The rails are now laid to Levis, but considerable blasting is still to be done. It is expected that the new service will be inaugurated about November 1st.

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EDWARD LANGTRY INSANE

One of the Jersey Lily's Husbands Locked in a Madhouse.

London, Oct. 5.—Edward Langtry, the former husband of Mrs. Lily Langtry, the actress, who, it is said, privately married Prince Paul Esterhazy, has been found wandering in a demented condition on the railway line near Chester, and has been sent to a mental asylum. His condition was the same this morning as when admitted yesterday into the asylum for the insane. The sudden breakdown in Langtry's health is strange and unexpected. Up to the present he has always enjoyed the best physical condition. He was an ardent sportsman, lived a great deal outdoors, and was temperate in his habits.

OVER THE DALTON TRAIL

Tacoma, Oct. 6.—Henry Bratnaber, the celebrated mining expert, acting for the Rothschilds, of London, has reached Tacoma direct from Dawson City. He came over the whole trail alone, when within a hundred miles of Lynn when he found the mail carrier, who had lost his bearings, and then they came out the balance of the distance together.

Mr. Bratnaber left to-day for San Francisco. He refused to talk about his own business, but said that the amount of gold in the tributaries of the Yukon had been exaggerated.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East Indian missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Brouchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous Debility and Nervous Complaints, after having tried his wonderful medicine in cases in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Assisted by the medicine, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this remedy, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by enclosing a stamp, naming this paper. W. A. Noves, 520 Poyers' Block, Quebec, N.Y.

CASELMAN IN FLAMES.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—A report has reached here that the village of Caselman is in flames. It is surrounded by bush fires, and the train due here at noon from Montreal could not get past.

FROM OTTAWA ONLY CURED.

Mountain Glen, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief.—F. A. Thornton.—This celebrated remedy is for sale by Langley & Henderson Bros., wholesale druggists, Victoria and Vancouver.