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### Provincial Legislature

#### Continuation of the Debate on the Leader of the Opposition's Amendment.

#### Mr. McPhillips's Eulogy of the Premier-Settlers in E. & N. Railway Belt.

#### Petition to the House-Mr. Ralph Smith Proposes a Committee of Inquiry.

Victoria, Jan. 16, 1900.  
The Speaker took the chair at 2.15 p.m. Prayers were not read, no cleric being present.

Mr. Ralph Smith presented a petition from residents of Nanaimo district seeking for the settlement of certain grievances relative to the right of settlers within the E. & N. railway belt. This matter has for years been in the hands of the Dominion government; it, however, sent out a commission in 1897, who expressed the opinion that the grievances must be settled by the provincial parliament. Mr. Smith, therefore, presented the matter upon the attention of the provincial government so that the grievances might be settled once and for all.

Mr. McPhillips, in resuming the debate on the leader of the opposition's amendment to the address, said: "I think I dealt with nearly all the principal matters which were referred to by the honorable senior member for Vancouver city, who moved the reply to the speech, but I note that I did not refer quite so fully as I might to a matter which, I think, is of the very greatest importance. It should not be passed without comment in this House that an honorable member should say that when the Federal authority has disavowed the statutes passed by this Legislature and that this assembly should immediately re-enact these acts. I think the propriety of this Legislature is to advise itself as to whether or not the Federal authorities have acted within their power. I entirely disagree with the honorable member for Vancouver (Mr. Tisdall) on that point. I must assume that the policy of the government is to re-enact these acts. In so doing a policy would be evolved which he considered should be abandoned."

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton, now to a point of order. He wanted to put the honorable member right as to the member for Vancouver. Since the general election there had been two by-elections in Vancouver. Mr. J. Martin and himself were re-elected. Then Mr. Tisdall had to go back to his constituents. He was re-elected. By these re-elections it seemed to him that Mr. Macpherson was now the senior member for Vancouver, he (Mr. Carter-Cotton) was the second member, Mr. Martin was the third member and Mr. Tisdall was the junior member.

Mr. McPhillips asked the Speaker to lay down the precedence of these honorable gentlemen so that the House might know how to speak to them. He understood that Mr. Tisdall was the senior member for Vancouver. Council Baker thought a great deal of confusion was likely to arise after the remarks of the Finance Minister. They had on the previous day listened to a very interesting speech from the President of the Council. After that speech and after the poetry Dr. McKechnie gave them, he thought that might refer to Mr. Martin, the third member for Vancouver, as a fallen angel. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Henderson—You approve of the fall angel. (Renewed laughter.) Mr. McPhillips said he was proceeding to remark that the junior member for Vancouver, as he understood him to be (Mr. Martin), also made a statement on the floor of the House which showed that he was in line with the mover of the address that the act which had been disavowed, should be re-enacted. Therefore, he declared, it was evident that there was an intention on the part of the government to proceed on the line of policy started. That would be a wrong and improper course. The report of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Miles) indicated that these acts were unconstitutional.

Mr. Martin said the honorable gentleman was entirely mistaken. The Dominion government said it disavowed these acts because they had been requested to do so by the Imperial authorities. The Dominion government had not attempted to say that the province had not the right to give a bonus to a company, and accompany that bonus with certain conditions as for the kind of labor to be employed. He did not think that had ever been suggested by the Dominion Minister of Justice that we have not the right in this province to pass an act, which was called, he thought, the Allen Labor Act, or whatever it was called, which was passed in 1898.

Mr. McPhillips said that with all due deference to Mr. Martin, he thought the "avenue" of the report of Hon. Mr. Miles was out what he (Mr. McPhillips) said. He quoted from page 30 of the report in support of his view that the Minister of Justice had committed himself to the opinion that this legislation was ultra vires. He strongly denounced any

"playing to the passions of the people" by seeking to disallow this legislation. The proper course was to see how—if the interests of the province were jeopardized—those interests could be preserved in a legal and proper manner. The honorable member criticized at some length the railway policy of the government. He closed as follows: "I have passed last session to the effect that if corporations, after obtaining a bonus from British Columbia, went to the Dominion government and got another bonus, the provincial bonus should be cancelled. Reverting to his fears of conflict between the Dominion and Provincial governments, he urged that it was against the best interests of the province to antagonize the Dominion. This government should follow the example of Sir Oliver Mowat, who, during all the long time he was Premier of Ontario, had many conflicts with the Federal authorities. He fought Ottawa before the proper tribunals. He went to the Privy Council in England with these matters."

The Robson Midway Railway was the next subject to engage the honorable member's attention. He said he would read an extract from Mr. Tisdall's remarks on that subject from the report in the Times.  
"An Hon. Member—It was a good one. Mr. McPhillips quoted the following: "Referring to the extension of the road from Robson to Midway, Mr. Tisdall said it had made it almost impossible, owing to the circuitous route, for Coast railways to compete with those of the East. The proposal would have been to build a government owned road across the Fraser into the Boundary country by way of the Hope mountains, which would have practically cut off Eastern competition."

An Hon. Member—That is right. Mr. McPhillips—I am wholly in unison with that, but what is the position of this government with reference to this matter? How desperate they must be in the eyes of the public when the mover makes a reference of this kind, when not later than last session they were in the position of opposing the Statute Book, and struck out all chance of having such a road by the way in which they acted with regard to the Vancouver-Victoria & Eastern Railway. (Loud opposition cheers.)

The policy of the government has been diametrically opposed to the policy advocated by the senior member for Vancouver (Mr. Tisdall). I agree with him that it would be in the interests of this province, of the business interests of British Columbia, if a pro-Canadian government or otherwise, should traverse the better portion of the province along via the Hope mountains or some other way, so as to tap that country to the southward. He felt that the legislation of last session was due to the hypnotic influence of a certain member. The members for Victoria went on to denounce the government's offer in connection with the Pacific cable. It was not right to make that offer when so many public works were required in our own province. Continuing he said: "The legislation of last session was such a character that work as we did, talk as we did."

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As far as the speech was concerned he thought there should have been much more put in it. He wished first to notice the part dealing with the remission of taxation. He could not agree with the expressions in the speech. There might have been some slight remissions, but generally he thought there had been an increase in taxation. The small amount of taxes that had been taken away was only that on working free miners, but the liquor licenses had been largely increased by the method of collecting these licenses. Then again the charge for crown grants, mineral claims, mill sites and land purchased had all been doubled. He believed the land registry fees had been increased.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton—No. Mr. A. W. Smith said that the remission of taxes had not had any effect in reducing revenue, but on the contrary the increased taxation, other things being equal, should make the revenue larger than ever before. Regarding the proposal to substitute a new statute in the Columbia & Western railway land grant of 2,500,000 acres, he remarked that he had always been against paying cash subsidies to railways. Although he was nearly always able to agree with the general policy of the former government, he never was able to agree with it in paying such a subsidy that work as we did, talk as we did."

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eight-hour law it had stopped capitalists from making investments in Lillooet. He had heard miners object to it. They favored the eight-hour day, but that they chiefly desired was 7 day's pay and a good many of them lost from 50 to 70 cents a day under the law. Of course other miners strongly favored the law. The only thing to do was to await the result of the commission now enquiring into the matter. The capitalists, of course, did not like the law. He hoped the Attorney-General would be able to give some information as to the reported suits instituted by United States citizens to recover damages for being dismissed of claims in Atlin which they claimed to be entitled. He had hoped to see some mention in the speech of the action taken in repelling sections of the Mineral Act providing for miners taking out free miners' licenses before they commenced to mine. The result had been that very many Chinese and other aliens had been mining in the upper country during the past season without paying a cent like the law. For many years the late Turner government was called the Mongolian government, but he did not think that government ever did anything so adverse to the interests of the white men, or so much in favor of the Chinese as the present government had done by striking out clause 8, chapter 120, of the Consolidated Statutes. He himself had been accused of being a large employer of Chinese labor and letters had been written in the Kamloops Inland Sentinel with the object of showing that. But they did him no harm, for on the public platform he had been able to show that although in his time he had been a large employer of Chinese, he had never employed Chinese. He had challenged the writers of the letters to show that he had, and he made that challenge again now.

Mr. Heintzen—Get up and deny it. (Laughter in the galleries.) Mr. Smith—I have always employed white labor in any business I have carried out. He hoped that the government would so amend the Placer Mining Act that the parties who held hydraulic leases would be able to obtain crown grants. He had always said that the placer miner was handicapped as compared with the quartz miner in this country. On the other hand the working placer miner was made more expensive than the working quartz miner. It required just as much capital to open up an hydraulic claim as a quartz claim. There was no reason why the holder of a placer lease from 25 to 30 acres should not have the same privilege and the same security by being given a crown grant, the same as a man who merely went on a piece of ground and staked it out and put 30 days' work on it for five years. The outside investor could not be made to understand that a lease from the government was the same security as a crown grant. He hoped the government would take the matter into consideration.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton was understood to say "we will."

Mr. Smith next remarked that an order-in-council had been passed laying over section six of the Placer Mining Act and section 8 of the Mineral Act. There must be some cogent reason for the government to virtually repeal two important sections that conferred considerable benefit on miners and saved them from expense. The effect of the clauses was that mining recorders were allowed to perform the duties of gold commissioners. That would have been a great convenience to miners. The inconvenience now being referred to was more in Cariboo than in Kootenay. He hoped the Minister of Mines would be able to give some reasonable explanation of the action taken in changing the boundaries of the mining divisions. He could only speak now of the Lillooet division. He desired that there should be new order of things miners who had claims within five miles of Lillooet had to go from 60 to 80 miles out of their way in order to record their claims at Ashcroft. He spoke next of the need of roads in his district so as to allow a great convenience to miners. He hoped the government would be able to better convey and supply to the Lillooet district would always return more revenue than the amount of money expended on it. The revenue last year was more than the amount that the two members for the district had asked the government to appropriate for public works in the region. He hoped the Fi-

nanee Minister, in making his estimates would not forget that. Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton—No, I won't. Mr. Smith said in his estimate they had not a large population, but they were revenue-producing. The district was on the whole very healthy. But where there were mining operations there would be accidents. He thought Lillooet was the only district in the province where no government assistance was given to a hospital, or where no doctor was subsidized. He thought they should have a subsidy so as to induce a physician to locate in Lillooet. He thought \$500 would be enough. He also drew attention to the need of the inspector of mines paying the district a visit. There had been some complaint that the ventilation in some of the mines was not sufficient. He asked the Minister of Mines to look into the matter and see that the workmen were given proper ventilation.

Hon. Mr. Home—Which mines do you refer to? Mr. Smith—I am referring to the mines of Lillooet.

Some Hon. Members—The Golden Cache. Mr. Smith said there was one mine he could refer to, namely the Bead of O'R. Gentlemen spoke particularly of the Golden Cache. No doubt that mine had given them a sleepless eye. Mr. Macpherson—You will get over it. Mr. Smith—Yes, you will get over it. He said a company had bought that and other claims in the district and was spending about \$100,000 in a new mill and mining machinery. That machinery weighed nearly 300,000 pounds and a large portion of it had been taken in from Lytton over a road in very bad condition. He did not say that was the fault of the government. There were also other mills being erected in the district. He passed on to deal with the mines on McGillivray Creek, and told of the results obtained on the Lorne group with the old-fashioned arrastra, facts well known to readers of the mining columns. He trusted that the results of mining operations in his district would be such as to convince the government that it would be to the best advantage of the province to encourage the mining operations in the region by the expenditure of money on the roads. (General cheers.)

Mr. Speaker put the question twice before any honorable member arose to continue the debate, then— Mr. Booth got up and was severe on the members of the government for not attempting to reply to criticisms of the opposition. "Instead," he said, "the Minister of Finance sits like a sphinx in his seat and is ready to allow the question to be put." Mr. Carter-Cotton smiled. Mr. Booth considered this silence was an unanswerable argument that the leader of the opposition could not be answered. (Opposition cheers.) The government could not reply to Mr. Turner nor to the terrible onslaught of Mr. McPhillips. No such spectacle had ever been presented to the House before. This discussion had developed into one between the two wings of the last session's government party who endeavored to prove that each was the worse and he must say that both had made out a case. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. Henderson said the debate certainly had degenerated. (Renewed laughter.) Mr. Booth complimented the mover and seconder, and especially Mr. Tisdall. That gentleman had stated that the country was growing rapidly, both in revenue and population. He thought an honorable gentleman of Mr. Tisdall's acuteness would be able, in the course perhaps of another year, to give credit to those to whom it was due that this development had taken place. Certainly enough Mr. Tisdall stopped at about the time when the effects of the action of the late government might be considered to have stopped. Mr. Booth went on to attack the government for the manner in which he claimed it had introduced the eight-hour law. It was brought in, he said, at 11 p.m. and was rushed through without anybody knowing anything about it.

Hon. Mr. Henderson—Did you vote for it? Mr. Booth—"I suppose, Mr. Speaker, I must have. I certainly did not know of it." (Laughter.) He knew it was introduced in the House it certainly would never have passed in that manner, because any member could have stopped it by simply objecting. It was introduced contrary to the rules of the House. It was against the interests of the country to pass legislation in that way. There might be reasons why this law should go into effect, but he submitted that they had never been explained to the House. The proper course now would be to repeal the section of the law, and if it was necessary to make such a law it should be placed upon the statute book in the proper way. He did not think it was so much the passing of that section which had caused all the trouble in the mines. The injury was caused by the fact that such a departure from the laws of the country could be done in such a way without notice. (Opposition cheers.) If such a thing as that could be done what could not be done? That was why investors in the East had kept out of the province.

Mr. Macpherson—"That does not say to him that if someone with a bad had a few votes behind him, the government was willing to pass any sort of legislation. He declared that the present government had departed, from what he called "the settled policy of the late government to open up the country by railroads." He declared that but for the repeal of several charters last session the Kitimat railway and the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern would both have been built. If that line up the Kitimat valley had been carried through and the other line had been connected by ferry with the Victoria & Sidney line the world would have had capitalists here anxious to continue the Island railway to the end of the Island. He looked upon the desire of the government to aid in the building of a wagon road up the Kitimat valley as evidence that it

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JANUARY 1900 calendar grid with a small illustration of a person.

The New Vancouver Coal Mining & Land Co. advertisement for coal and steam gas.

The Daily Times advertisement listing subscription rates and office information.

THE DRAMA. Properly one hears the remark uttered somewhat despondently, that the legitimate or classic drama could not be profitably produced in Victoria...

Looking over the audience which assembled to enjoy "The Lion's Mouth," "Romeo and Juliet" and "King Richard the Third," there could be no reasonable doubt in anyone's mind that those people were there not because they thought it the correct thing to identify themselves with an honorable attempt to revive public interest in those imperishable works of genius...

London Weekly Dispatch notes the admirable enterprise of the town of Hastings on the sunny Sussex coast. Hastings has decided to promote a bill in next session of parliament for new local powers. One of the chief objects is to secure statutory authority to spend a penny tax on a band of bands for the benefit of visitors...

Public attention having been directed once more to Chinatown, it is a generally expressed hope that something may at last be done to bring that unsavory nook into line with the rest of the city. Why should Chinese be allowed to break the sanitary laws with impunity when white men are punished for doing the same thing? That is the question being asked.

Have You Seen THE Delmonico Sausage, Calf's Liver Pate, Head Cheese with Meat Jelly, The Beef Tongue. AT THE New Delicacy Store, 160 Douglas St., Brunswick Block.

QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY. To the Editor: In connection with the raising of a contingent to serve in South Africa, are the conditions which go to make one eligible, able to ride a horse well and to be a crack shot? If so, how are those who volunteer to be tested as to their ability? Might I suggest that such men who are anxious to join in Victoria should be afforded an opportunity of showing their skill with the Lee-Enfield rifle at the Corner Point rifle range...

NATIVE SONS' SOCIETY. To the Editor:—Although as a rule it is better to ignore anonymous correspondence, yet, inasmuch as "Canadian's" letter concerning the above-named society contains several inaccuracies, which are calculated to prejudice the society, I deem it right to correct the erroneous impressions that might be gathered from it.

It is a pleasure to note that the sneer so often passed as to Victoria's taste in things dramatic is not well-founded. There is here ample appreciation and support for good plays acted by capable men. Mr. J. R. Roy's numerous friends in British Columbia will be gratified to learn that he has just been appointed secretary of the department of public works at headquarters, Ottawa, and has entered upon his new duties.

SPENCER'S WINTER SALE 3 Days More. Special Cheap Lines For Thursday.

- Wadded Tea Cosies, covered sateen, Sale price... 20c and 25c. Stamped Linens and Roman Embroidery Goods... Half the usual prices. Feather Boas, less than half price. From 25c each. Corsets (sizes 24 to 29) usual \$2.50. Sale price... 50c. Boys' and Youths' School Boots. Sale prices... 85c and \$1.00 per pair. Ladies' Jackets... \$1.00 and \$2.50.

Special for Friday. REMNANTS IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Our Ladies' Tailoring Dept. During January and February will make Ladies' Suits to order, coats lined silk, at \$25.00 and \$30.00, complete. Cloths and styles on view in the department on the first floor.

Freight Cars vs. Bicycles. The man who builds freight cars could hardly build a fine bicycle. And the men who make coarse shoes could not succeed in making the fine gentlemen's shoe you want to wear. The "Slater Shoe" is made in the only factory in Canada where only gentlemen's fine shoes are made.

When you sew with Corticelli Sewing Silk you can depend upon your stitching. Uniformity in strength, twist and size; freedom from knots or flaws give it the right to be called what it is—"The best Sewing Silk in the World." It is always, full letter A. Every shade. 50 yard spools 5 cents, 100 yard spools 10 cents. Sold everywhere.

READ THE TIMES. And you will read THE WAR NEWS at first hand. The Times is first in everything. Largest, Cheapest and Best Paper in Victoria.

A Public Meeting

Of the citizens of Victoria (ladies and gentlemen) will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17 AT 8 P.M. In the Victoria Theatre

Which has kindly been donated by Mr. Robert Jamieson. The object of the meeting will be to consider and act on Lord Strathcona's noble offer to equip a Mounted Force of four hundred men for service in South Africa, to approve and act on the offer of the Legislature of this Province to raise and equip a force of one hundred Mounted Men for the same service, and other matters touching our present duty as loyal subjects of the Empire.

CHAS. HAYWARD, Mayor. January 13, 1900. VICTORIA THEATRE. One Big Rag-Time Night. Thursday Evening, Jan. 18. THE GREATEST COLORED SHOW EVER SEEN ON THE COAST.

The Hottest Coon in Dixie. 30 of the Leading Colored Singers, Dancers, Comedians and Specialty Artists of their race. Eighteen Colored Singers that were the Rage for 16 Weeks at the Fashionable New York Casino Roof.

20-Big Rag-Time Song Hits-20. Prices—1.00, 75c, 50c, and 25c. Seats on sale at Victoria Book & Stationery Store. VICTORIA THEATRE. FRIDAY, JANUARY 19. THE NEW YORK EMPIRE THEATRE SUCCESS.

"SOWING THE WIND" THE GREAT Sex Against Sex Drama Presented with the Same Care That Characterized the Performance When Last Seen in this City, and 200 NIGHTS IN NEW YORK. 300 Superb Cast. All the Original Effects. Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. Seats on sale at the Victoria Book & Stationery Store.

W. JONES, AUCTIONEER. MORTGAGEE'S SALE. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain indenture dated the 10th of February, A. D. 1880, registered in the Land Registry Office, Victoria, in Charge Book vol. 8, fol. 328, the undersigned has received instructions from the mortgagee to offer for sale by

PUBLIC AUCTION. On Saturday, the 20th of January, 1900 AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON. the following desirable real estate, viz: Lot "number 11 (situated) of suburban acre lot XIV, as per plan filed in the Land Registry, No. 256, with the cottage thereon, situated on St. Louis and Frederick streets.

W. JONES, City Auctioneer. SAVOY THEATRE. All of This Week. A Host of New Attractions INCLUDING The Latest European and American Novelties. Matinee Saturday at 2 p. m.

Choice Roses. ORNAMENTAL EVERGREEN TREES AND SHRUBS. FRUIT TREES and general nursery stock. A. OHLSON. Oakland Nursery, Victoria.

Finest Japan Tea 30c. a pound - 30c JAMESON, GROCER. PHONE 128. 33 FORT ST.

WANTED—Good wash register; state low est price. N. O. Times Office.

WANTED—By gentleman, front bed room, without board, in good locality; state terms. Argus, Times Office.

WANTED—Immediately, a girl in a small family; good wages. Apply in evening to Mrs. C. S. Baxter, 4 Loughlin road, near Jubilee hospital.

WANTED—General servant in small family; good wages. Apply in evening to Mrs. C. S. Baxter, 4 Loughlin road, near Jubilee hospital.

FOR SALE—Two young general purpose horses, broke to pulling stage or double. Apply 281 Johnson street.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, several houses on Stanley avenue, \$2,500 to \$2,800; 2 lots, \$200; cottages, Victoria West, for \$4,000; 2 cottages on Oak Bay, Victoria West, each; cottage and 7 lots, off Esquimalt road, \$2,000; 3 lots and four houses at Victoria West, \$1,200; house and lot, Victoria West, \$1,000; large house and lot, 291 Hill church, for \$300; valuable water frontage on the Gorge, near Fort Ellice bridge, 3.06 acres for \$5,000, or open as office. A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street.

TO LET. FURNISHED HOUSE, 5 rooms. Address "J." Times Office.

TO RENT—Part of desirable office on ground floor. Apply 43 Fort street.

FURNISHED HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS 15 in, with entire use of kitchen. Apply 39 Vancouver street.

TO LET—3 Cottages—one 5 roomed and bath, rent \$5; one 4 roomed, \$2.50; \$4, and one 4 roomed, \$3; all including water. Apply to A. Williams, 104 Yates street.

WELL FURNISHED ROOMS, single or en suite; modern conveniences; good dining rooms. Sample rooms for commercial use. M. Wait, The Vernon, 66 Douglas street.

TO RENT—Office in Times building, ground floor. Apply at Times office.

EDUCATIONAL. SHORTHAND SCHOOL, 15 Broad street. Shorthand, Typewriting, Bookkeeping taught.

SCRIPT SHORTHAND—An evening class in this modern system of shorthand opens in Victoria early in January. Particulars and terms "Script," this office.

SCAVENGERS. JULIUS WEST, General Scavenger, successor to John Dougherty—Yards and cesspools cleaned; contracts made for removing earth, etc. Apply to Julius West, with James Bell & Co., Fort street, grocery; John Cochrane, corner Yates and Douglas streets; or John Jones, 115 Douglas street. Residence, 59 Vancouver street. Telephone 129.

COAL AND WOOD. LUMP COAL, NUT COAL, SACK COAL, SLACK COAL. Telephone 604. Munro, Hobbie & Co., Front and Broad street.

MISCELLANEOUS. MADAM RAAB, Clairvoyant and Locating Medium, No. 43½ West street.

FOOTBALLS. FOOTBALLS—A large assortment at John Barnsley & Co.'s, 115 Government street.

A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths; Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc.; shipping supplied at lowest rates. Broad street, Victoria, B. C. Telephone call

IRRITATION of the face caused by shaving or any other roughness of the face or hands may be relieved by the application of BUTTERMILK TOILET LOTION.

BOWES. HE DISPENSES PRESCRIPTIONS. Telephone 425.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Report. Victoria-Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 47; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, 0.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Give your friends Blue Ribbon Tea. Superfluous hair and all facial blemishes removed by electrolysis. Electric Parlor, 114 1/2 Yates street.

Their will be a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council in Sir William Wallace hall to-night.

Four samples of 1900 Crawford bicycles can be seen at Onions & Pimbley's, Broad street, and they are beautiful.

John Michael has retired from the management of the Grand Central Hotel and will in future act as manager of the Dawson.

The Victoria fire department held a drill on the corner of Johnson and Broad streets last evening, both engines being brought into requisition.

Messrs. Onions & Pimbley have opened a branch establishment of General Hardware and Cooking utensils next door to Beck's Bicycle store on Broad street, and are selling at the lowest cash prices. Give us a trial.

Chas. H. one of the new towns between the White Horse rapids is to have a steam launch. Messrs. Racine & Dixon have purchased a plant which they will take in at once, and which they expect will be in running order by the first of May.

For the convenience of guests attending the dance given to-night at the Dallas Hotel by the Junior Batchelors and Benedicts, the tramway company has promised to have cars every 10 minutes from Government street, as well as special cars from the hotel at 1:30 and at the end of the dance.

A fisherman in the employ of Brown & Cooper made a remarkable catch at Esquimaux this morning in the shape of a huge Gad shark, which, upon being weighed, tipped the scales at 200 pounds. This formidable denizen of the deep was stretched out in front of the above named firm's premises during the day, looking vicious even in death.

A host of new attractions, Savoy to-night.

The sessions of the mock parliament in connection with the Young Liberal Club will be resumed on Saturday night. These meetings were discontinued during the holiday season, but were of such interest that the management had been urged to reopen them. The meeting will be at the usual place in Pioneer Hall.

The death took place yesterday at her residence on Oak Bay avenue of Mrs. C. F. Beaven, who with her husband has been a resident of Victoria for 30 years. Her death was very sudden, although she had been somewhat indisposed for some time. She was a daughter of the late Mrs. Moody, and has one daughter, Mrs. T. B. McCabe. The funeral takes place to-morrow from the family residence.

Next Saturday evening in Temperance hall, at the popular concerts, the entertainment will be given entirely by ladies. The chair will be occupied by Miss A. D. Cameron. The speaker of the evening will be Miss G. R. of the Salvation Army. A long list of Victoria's lady artists have kindly consented to assist, the whole being in charge of Mrs. Lewis Hall, and full particulars of this very special occasion will be given in a day or two.

Clean, cold cash—a discount of 20 per cent. on all cash sales of over one dollar until January 31st in all lines of clothing, men's furnishings, hats etc., at Reid's winter clearance sale, 122 Government street.

Arrangements have been made by the Victoria meteorological office to publish every Thursday a synopsis of the weather for the previous week for the information of those who do not get the daily papers. These will be published in the semi-weekly issue of the Times for the benefit of subscribers in rural districts. The superintendent, Mr. Baynes Reed, will be glad to receive from our subscribers communications of any interesting details relating to the weather. These should be addressed "Superintendent Meteorological Office, Victoria."

Mr. Frank Hennig, of the Frederick Ward Co., was a welcome visitor at the local telegraph offices last night after the performance. He banked, and he put it, to sleep a little lightning along the wire as of yore, for he was once a telegraph operator. The key was therefore given over to him for a space. Mr. Hennig, who played Mercutio in Romeo and Juliet, Buckingham in Richard and Marco in 'The Lion's Mouth', has been again and again voted one of our best actors by a modest man, out as a star, but being a modest man, formerly with Thos. R. Keene. Mr. Hennig is a friend to nearly all the operators from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I.O. O.F., last night had an official visit to the Grand Patriarch, J. E. Phillips, P.C.P., accompanied by grand officers for the purpose of conducting the ceremony of installing the elected officers for the ensuing term, viz: C.P., James Bell; H.P., R. Drake; S.W., B. Deacon; Scribe, A. Graham; Treasurer, A. S. Sherriff; E.W., John Bell, appointed officers: O.S., W. H. Huxtable; I.S., A. Babington; Guide, S. Reid; 1st and 2nd G. Tent, J. H. Matthews, A. Rumble; 3rd W. E. Brazg, 4th W. D. J. McIntosh. The ceremony being concluded the grand officers and visitors were entertained by the encampment to refreshments, speeches and songs.

On Monday evening last a Jap called at the residence of Mr. Munro, on the Saanich road, complaining of severe pains in the bowels. Mr. Munro did his utmost to alleviate the man's sufferings, but not proving successful he drove him to the city in order to obtain the services of a physician. On the road he, however, the Jap died, and the coroner and provincial police were notified. Dr. Robertson was the best mortician, examination, stated at the inquest yesterday afternoon that he could not swear that person had been administered, as he had not completed his analysis. The inquest was consequently adjourned until Friday, pending the completion of Dr. Robertson's examination. The provincial police authorities have no reason to suspect that the Jap was a victim of foul play.

A Fugitive Editor

D. W. Semple, of the Dawson Gleaner, Arrives Here to Appeal His Case.

Fled From Dawson the Day Before He Was to Be Tried For Contempt.

David William Semple, the editor of the Dawson Gleaner, who fled from Dawson city to avoid arrest for alleged contempt of the Dawson courts and judiciary, was a passenger from Seattle on the steamer Victorian this morning. He came here to appeal against the proceedings taken against him at Dawson.

The Gleaner, of which he is editor, is a daily paper of Dawson, which is selected without giving consideration to a corruptness of officialdom, the unlawful practices of some combination, or how the authorities are mistreating the miner.

He was here a year or so ago, when a delegate from a number of miners of the Klondike district, led by Capt. Dugan, to complain against the actions of certain officials.

The present trouble into which the Dawson editor has brought himself is the outcome of attacks made by him in the columns of the Gleaner against Judge Dugan and the Dawson courts. Because of the article he was fined \$1,000 and \$100 costs. He paid this and after his release wrote another article for the Gleaner bringing charges against two officials of Dawson. For this he was again cited for contempt, and the date of trial set for December 18th.

The day before, Semple had been tried by Judge Dugan, on charges of contempt, as given by himself, as follows: "A paper in Dawson, in glaring headlines, told the story of the 'death like' work of two 'sick detectives,' otherwise known as constables of the Dawson police, in the dealing of marked cards in a gambling house in Dawson, and crediting them with Hawke's admitted an extraordinary character. The editor's conduct, upon the part of the newspaper looked rather like blackmail or two policemen. When the Gleaner commenced its investigation of the case, and without comment of its own upon the evidence, published what it had been satisfied to be a case of 'black-mail,' and such testimony, that money had been demanded by the policemen, was amply proved in the trial of the accused card dealer in the criminal court. The publication of the information in regard to the Gleaner was the basis of the charge of contempt of court, and I was summoned to appear before Judge Dugan. I was denied a hearing, was not permitted to make a defense, nor to file any affidavits, nor to reply through counsel. I was summarily adjudged guilty of contempt, fined \$1,000 and \$100 costs, a total of \$1,100, and in default committed to the Dawson jail for 90 days, asking the court in which to obtain this amount, the court refused, saying, 'You should have come prepared. I was taken to jail where I remained 45 minutes, or until the money was brought into court, and I was released.' "Public sentiment was wrought into a state of high excitement over the apparent harshness of the judge against a newspaper man who had dealt to the officials of the Yukon so many blows. The day following my release I, of course, issued an 'editorial' of the Gleaner, and with two following regular numbers, might be considered as 'warm' messages.

"As the strong arm of the law laid upon me by the crown prosecutor, P. C. Wade, but not under charges where a jury might be obtained, but the same charge of contempt of court, a summary proceeding and without appeal, practically shutting out the right of appeal to the courts of Victoria, which is the appellate court in the Yukon, and by my counsel that a fair trial could not be had in the Yukon Territorial court, and acting under such, I left for Skagway."

PATRIOTIC MASS MEETING.

To-night's Gathering Likely to Be a Record Breaker in Both Attendance and Enthusiasm.

The Victoria theatre will, it is safe to predict, be packed to-night by citizens in response to the invitation issued by Mayor Hayward for a gathering to unify the efforts now being made to give Victoria well represented on the contingent which the government of British Columbia and Lord Strathcona are sending to the front to uphold the honor of the Empire. The large opera house has been generously placed at the disposal of the mayor by the proprietor, Mr. Robt. Jamieson, so that even the crowd which is assured will be accommodated easily without the crowding which would result from a meeting in the city hall.

While the addresses which will be made will be inappreciable, it is understood that several gentlemen will submit resolutions of loyalty, in which a high note of patriotism will be struck.

The Fifth Regiment band have kindly offered their services to make the meeting attractive, and will render a number of selections. The meeting of the school board, which was set down for this evening, has been postponed until tomorrow night in order that its sessions may not conflict with the larger meeting.

Price Edson, M. P. P., last night received a telegram from a number of young men at Keewina asking him to use his influence to secure them a place on the contingent. The two sons of G. B. Martin, ex-commissioner of lands and works, have also wired their desire to have a place with the contingent.

Mrs. C. L. Quagliotti, who was for many years a resident of Victoria, died at Seattle on Sunday. Mrs. Quagliotti was 59 years of age, was a native of Italy, and leaves a husband and 11 children. The remains arrived on the Victorian to-day, and the funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 9:45 o'clock, instead of this afternoon, as it was announced.

January sale 20 per cent. discount. Stevens & Jenkins, 84 Douglas street.

SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

Shipping men have another mystery of the deep to solve, and long shot gamblers are looking over records and making investigations in the hope of making another coup. The chances seem to be that some ship has gone to the bottom off the Horn, leaving no house or spar to tell the story. The cause of the excitement among the marine gamblers was the receipt of a letter privately tipping one of them that if some English coke ship was long overdue the word is safe in taking insurance on her. The writer, Capt. McBride of the Thornbank, reported passing through a whole bank of coke, which had not been passing long. The majority of San Francisco shipping men are convinced that some cargo ship has started a strike and gone down. One, though, advances the theory instead of coke it was volcanic ash or scoria, thrown up by some volcano. The majority of the mariners put no faith in volcanoes, however, and are pinning their faith on the story of some disaster indicated by the letter of the captain of the Thornbank.

The false report sent broadcast from Seattle that British steamers will not be allowed to carry freight to Cape Nome is being more publicly by a circular just issued by General Western Passenger Agent Stevens, of the Great Northern railway, which has been addressed to all agents of the road, with the object of disseminating information in regard to Cape Nome. Regarding steamship lines the circular says: "On account of a recent ruling of the treasury department of the United States it is quite probable that business originating in the United States will not be allowed to be transported to Cape Nome in British bottoms. To avoid confusion, needless delays and inconvenience, intending passengers should avoid attempting to book or anything but steamers flying the American flag. This traffic, freight will be carried in bond from here to Cape Nome, as is now done to Skagway."

Schooner Marjell, after being buffeted about on a tempestuous sea for forty days in trying to reach Hakodate from Kobe, arrived at Port Townsend yesterday morning, nearly stripped or sails and some of her spars gone. The Marjell sailed from Kobe to San Francisco, and after leaving the former port, on with a cargo of sulphur for San Francisco, and after leaving the latter port, on with a cargo of sulphur for San Francisco, and after leaving the latter port, on with a cargo of sulphur for San Francisco.

Coal is still scarce at San Francisco, and the delay of the coal carrying steamer lines the circular says: "On account of a recent ruling of the treasury department of the United States it is quite probable that business originating in the United States will not be allowed to be transported to Cape Nome in British bottoms. To avoid confusion, needless delays and inconvenience, intending passengers should avoid attempting to book or anything but steamers flying the American flag. This traffic, freight will be carried in bond from here to Cape Nome, as is now done to Skagway."

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Radam's Microbe Killer

GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER. Will Cure Your Rheumatism.

JOHNS BROS.

AGENTS. 250 DOUGLAS STREET.

One of our naval stores. She will proceed to Vancouver as soon as the supplies are put ashore.

The White Star liner Oceanic arrived in New York at 11 o'clock this morning. Steamer Oscar leaves the Rice Mills wharf to-morrow afternoon for Sooke.

Charmer left Vancouver at 1 o'clock and connected with the train.

Steamer Queen is due to-morrow afternoon from San Francisco.

British bark Brussels is on berth at Liverpool for this port.

A LEPER DEAD. May be the Vancouver Man, Who They Thought "Kept Alive on Paper."

A few days ago one of the unfortunate Chinese lepers at Daisy Island succumbed to the disease, and when the man who makes weekly calls at the island from Sidney arrived there the body had been placed in one of the coffins left at the leperetto by his fellow prisoners on the little island, and buried. The death and burial was reported to Dr. R. L. Fraser, city health officer, and by him to the authorities. So far, however, the leper who died has not been identified.

At one of the meetings of the council of last year towards the close of the year a resolution was offered that investigation be made to see if the Vancouver lepers were still alive, and one of the aldermen wanted the council of that city to charter a vessel to convey the reports of the council to Darcy Island so that personal investigation might be made as to whether their men were still living.

On becoming aware of the doubt expressed the aldermen of this city at once offered to take any of the Vancouver representatives up to

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Per Pair \$1.25 CASH ONLY

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A Fine Consignment From Sheffield. Each Warranted. Staving Crashes Cups and Soap. And a large variety of Razor Straps.

FOX'S

78 GOVERNMENT STREET.

The "Absent-Minded Beggar"

Is the man who forgets to insure until sickness makes it impossible to do so. We have a few forms of insurance that will certainly suit you. Send your age and we will send you a copy of our list of full particulars.

HEISTERMAN & CO., DISTRICT MANAGERS. Mutual Life Ins. Co. of N.Y.

No Hair--No Money.

I sell a preparation that will make hair grow and hold head on earth, and cure all scalp troubles. Ladies wishing beautiful glossy hair should use it as a dressing. E. M. MATHESON, Douglas street, sole agent for Vancouver Island.

National Cash Registers

Some New Styles Just Received. These Registers do the work of other machines and cost half the price.

M. W. WAITT & CO. Agents, Victoria, B. C.

20 per Cent. off Overcoats and Raincoats at The Fit-Reform Wardrobe For Two Weeks Only.

Last night the Central Farmers' Institute was treated to two lectures and a dramatic performance. Prof. Spillman lecturing on Fertilizer Plants and Prof. Marker on Dairying. Both of these were valuable and instructive contributions to the agricultural literature of the province. This morning the institute took up the advisability of amalgamating local institutes and agricultural societies, making the fees common. It was considered desirable to follow this system, and it was left to individual societies to take such a course if considered wise.

As an instance of the manner in which the legal people of England appreciate the value of the services of the soldiers in South Africa, a recent issue of the Western Morning News, issued at Plymouth, Devon, states that the contributions to the fund in aid of the wives and families of those at the theatre of war in three months have amounted to £9,982. In consideration of the fact that this fund is purely local, being inaugurated by the News, the handsome amount is, although a small one of the way in which every portion of the old land is being stirred to the depths in aid of those "whom Tommy leaves behind."

BLYTH, 45 Fort Street, Near Douglas. EYES TESTED FREE.

Have you tried Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea yet?

Mining News

Slocan Notes

An important deal is expected to be consummated this week, when a certain promising mining property will pass into the hands of the syndicate represented by Ernest Mansfield.

A carload of ore was shipped last week by the Broom. The returns from the previous car, sent to the Hall Mines, are not yet received.

The Black Prince will ship two more carloads of ore, a contract for the remaining having been signed.

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Information regarding the values contained in the quartz.

The company have built two substantial bunk and boarding houses, each 2214 feet in size, and have also constructed a trail leading from the Buckhorn mine to Deadwood camp.

Operations have begun on the Silverite with a small force of men.

Another payment of \$3,500 has been made on the No. 200 level.

The last car of ore shipped by the Broom was sent to the Hall Mines.

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CASCADE CITY.

The foundation of site work for the power-house of the Cascade Water Power and Light Company will be completed in a few days.

PHOENIX.

Miss Minnie B. Smith, of Foxwarren, Manitoba, has been engaged to teach the Phoenix school, and takes the place vacated by Mr. D. J. Matheson, recently appointed postmaster of Phoenix.

GREENWOOD.

The Miner will publish a list of buildings this week of 1899, prepared by the local architect. There were 130 buildings erected in the actual cost of \$320,000 last year.

SANDON.

Alex. McLaughlin was admitted to the Mingers' hospital last week suffering from a broken leg.

John Pratt, who has been working at the Rambler, was admitted to the hospital on Thursday with a serious case of pneumonia.

MIDWAY.

The tracklayers are now at work completing the Midway extension of the Columbia and Western railway. Owing to a shortage of rails, tracklaying was stopped two or three months since at a point about a mile from Midway.

SEASIDE.

Fifteen patients are undergoing treatment at the general hospital. The house physician has been compelled to refuse several cases during the past week through lack of accommodation.

The project of establishing a high school in Nelson will have a strong supporter in the person of Inspector Wm. Burns, who has returned from a lengthy trip through his northern district. Mr. Burns says: "I shall be very much pleased to see a high school in Nelson, and one in Rossland as well."

FOOT STEELE.

The members of the Foot Steele brass band have decided to erect a new building which will answer the purpose of theatre, practice and dance hall, building to be thirty by seventy feet. The construction of the building has been commenced.

The members of the Kootenay club are agitating the subject of a new club building to be erected on Riverside avenue between Mrs. Levett's and the office of J. A. Harvey.

There is a strong probability that the secret orders, of which there are many members in Fort Steele, will jointly build a hall suitable for their meetings.

CRESTON.

A C. P. R. train was wrecked on the Creston's Nest road about noon on Sunday. By a miracle no lives were lost, but three men were more or less injured.

The loss to the company will be heavy. The accident happened at a point one mile east of Creston. The train comprised a locomotive and tender, baggage car, colonist car, first-class coach and Pullman car. The train was running at an ordinary rate of speed and was rounding a curve when the crash came.

The locomotive kept the rails, and the tender, baggage car, colonist and first-class coaches were hurled some distance from the track.

SPRUZUM.

A serious landslide took place on the line of the Canadian Pacific railway near Spruzum on Sunday afternoon. The track about 1,000 feet of track, just this side of Spruzum, which is about three hours run up the line from Vancouver, had been covered by a slide of earth, rocks and trees from the side of the steep hill above.

He immediately notified the nearest telegraph station. A large gang was sent out and a temporary track was constructed around the break. Later on another slide occurred, effectually covering both tracks, and it was decided then to excavate the track right through. This work was going ahead all day Monday and on Tuesday night was far enough advanced to allow of the east-bound train going out.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mr. C. W. Durrant, accountant of the local Bank of British Columbia staff, left by Monday evening's Atlantic express en route for a three months' visit to his old home in England. Mr. Durrant was accompanied by Mrs. Durrant and the children.

The Columbian Mission House fund was started on Saturday, and has already made considerable advance, due chiefly to the liberal contribution by Mr. James Cunningham, of this city, and large stands as follows: Kennedy Bros., \$10; A. Pagan, \$1; James Cunningham, \$50; John Power, \$2. The Columbian will receive and acknowledge all subscriptions, large or small, and when the fund is closed—which will be within a reasonable interval after subscriptions cease to come in—will forward the full amount realized, with the names of the contributors, to the Lord Mayor of London, the custodian of the Mansion House fund.

GRAND FORKS.

For some time there has been much complaint because of a lack of certain conveniences at the public school building. David Woodhead having become interested in the matter took a subscription paper this week and raised \$125, with which the necessary repairs were made.

Very good progress is being made on the smelter. The grading of the railroad through the grounds and out to the main line has been almost completed. There remains nothing to do but to finish some rock work on each side of the river near the dam. However, it will probably be started before the road is ready for traffic. The foundations of the power house are now all in and the walls are now going up. The building will be up in a short time ready to receive the machinery. Everything else about the smelter is well advanced.

Several gentlemen who accompanied Mr. Hayes from Victoria are down the canal inspecting various properties. As soon as the weather permits, several mining gentlemen are going to Spruce Lake to look at some of the properties on the Taylor Arm and elsewhere. A rush of prospectors into that district is expected as soon as the snow clears.

A permanent exhibition of mineral exhibits is to be established here for the benefit of visiting mining men. Mr. Sola has kindly offered a building in the centre of the town for the purpose. This will be a long felt want.

Mr. W. B. Gansard, wife and child, have gone out to Nanaimo on a visit. They may go on to Vancouver.

A dance was given at New Alberni on Friday night by Mr. A. Watson, the proprietor of the New Alberni hotel. Some of the patriotic citizens of Alberni have chipped together and established a war club. The result is we get daily bulletins of the progress of the war.

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Yes, because old England refuses to countenance oppression and stands firm with her colonies for that which she believes to be right, though all the world show their teeth, and give her best sons ungrudgingly upon the bloody altar of battle, I say we have cause to be devoutly thankful, and more, because we are her sons.

While I am very friendly with Stead, I must confess that we part company when it comes to the question of our foreign policy. There is no need for Mr. Stead to wave the Quaker flag before us, excellent and noble as their sentiments are; we have nothing to learn from them. By that I mean, so true man loves war for its own sake; there may be a few of a low type, who enjoy bloody work because of it, but it may bring, but such is not the true characteristic of the Briton true.

There was a time when Mr. Stead himself was beating the jingo drum in the columns of the Pall Mall Gazette, more vigorously than any other showman in the land. It is refreshing to see him less bellicose; but he must not hard his missiles at those of us who never flinched with the jingos. It would be more fitting if he had a day of humiliation some time ago, when we allowed the Turks to ravish and slay the Armenians, whom Russia nobly delivered; then the capitalist and coward triumphed, but now, the order is reversed, and England goes forth to war with the calm light of ultimate victory in her eye.

A few party men are wrangling over Mr. Chamberlain and the raid; we are apt to forget that the raid was an effect, not a cause. If Joseph had never been born, the fundamental issue would still have inevitably arisen. The men who ought to be silent about the raid in the present—are such men as Sir William Harcourt and Mr. John Morley, who consented to hush up the parliamentary investigation.

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Our mode of life makes laxatives a necessity to health. And a very disagreeable necessity it is to those who through "old-fogyism" or lack of knowledge of the newer discoveries of medical science still use the old harsh remedies. They may be effectual, but the severe griping pain and the harsh reaction after taking should suggest to the patient that there must be something of a more gentle nature that will be effective.

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WHY SMITH LEFT HOME. Because Brown's in 1899 and has said so much about the Wisconsin Central's line between St. Paul and Chicago that Smith could not resist the temptation of a trip east.

THE SPLENDID STATEMANSHIP OF ONE, OR TWO IN THE PRESENT CABINET IS BECOMING MANIFEST IN THE DELAWARE BAY BUSINESS. Say what we may about the unreadiness of the country for war, we cannot deny the fact that this affair was seen a good way ahead, inasmuch as arrangements were being made some time ago in order to secure the seaboard around the affected district.

A little excitement was caused the other morning by the seizure made by our navy, but beyond a torrent of abuse from one or two insignificant foreign journals it did not amount to much. It still has inevitably arisen. The men who ought to be silent about the raid in the present—are such men as Sir William Harcourt and Mr. John Morley, who consented to hush up the parliamentary investigation.

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Romeo and Juliet Also Admirably Played by a Renowned Actor and Strong Company.

Mr. Frederick Wardle, the celebrated English tragedian, supported by a capable company, appeared at the Victoria opera house last evening in a representation of Shakespeare's historical drama, King Richard the Third.

The general feeling amongst the audience, judging from the remarks dropped by the dispersing throng was one of satisfaction that the experiment made in venturing to introduce Shakespearean drama in Victoria, even under the auspices of an actor so distinguished as Mr. Wardle, had been so signally successful.

Mr. Wardle's interpretation of the character of Gloucester was, to many present last evening, a revelation of the infinite variety of light and shade, mostly shade, of which this monstrous character is capable in the hands of a thoughtful, scholarly impersonator.

Professor John Stuart Blackie, the famous scholar and controversialist, whose death the world was recently called upon to mourn, was a staunch champion of the higher drama.

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Margaret and Lady Ann, and Miss Eliza Purcell, as widow of Edward IV., were daily equal to the exacting parts, the wailing scene between Richard and the royal widow being particularly effective.

"Romeo and Juliet" is a play that will never die. Its story of the disaster of young love is renewed in every succeeding generation.

There were many people chiefly young ladies at the Victoria yesterday afternoon and it was manifest from the beginning that the actress had gained their approval.

Mr. Wardle, probably, knows this, for he is not a good Romeo—least not by the essential features of the play—the first three acts, Frank Henning's "Mercutio" was greatly appreciated.

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THE BULLETIN BOARD.

"All day long the bulletin boards at Winchester House are closely scanned by friends and relatives of soldiers at the front."—Daily Paper.

Up to the bulletin boards they go, Fathers and mothers and sweethearts and wives, Bewailing the names with voices hoarse and low, British soldiers have lost their lives, A list of names of wounded and dead, On the bulletin board, and that is all, But hearts are broken and tears are shed For heroes who fell at duty's call.

A mother looks up at the fatal list, And her eyes are blurred with the falling tears, As she sees the name of the boy she loves, A month ago, 'mid the thundering cheers 'Twas the crowds who stood by the transport's side, When he was hurled amidst the allied way, On the knee's crest her hero died, And she is alone in the world to-day.

A father looks up at the list of dead, He thinks of his boy and the words he said, "Good-bye, dear, don't forget for me, I'm going into the war, and that is all, When you fought and died at Malaha Hill, We're not the chance to whip those Boers, Or do the men and Britons still."

A girl looks over the names with fear, Sweetheart or brother? 'twas some one dear, But men must die for victories gained, So are the slain, and the names are read, And dire the havoc of fire and sword, And many a heart is broken and sore, Who learn their loss at the bulletin board.

'Tis the fortune of war, and some must fall, And some will return as victors crowned, Honor to them, they are heroes all; Their deeds will live, and their names go round, And song and story for time will tell, How Britain's sons from every land Faced the bayonet and the rifle's end, For Queen and Empire, hand in hand.

Victoria, B. C., January 15th. J. W. S.

LEGISLATURE TO-DAY.

Division May Be Taken This Evening—Loyal British Columbians.

When is this debate on the address going to end? That is the cry of all who are anxious that the opposition should cease from troubling the House with their views.

A feature of yesterday's debate, which is too tedious to lose sight of, is the ball tossed by Mr. Booth. He was referring with some sarcasm to the Kingston Valley road, and was picturing how, if a railway line had been built last year, a great population would settle in that region.

It is within the probabilities that a division may be taken this evening on Mr. Turner's amendment to the address. At the latest the debate should end to-morrow and the division follow.

Standing committees were named this afternoon. A petition in regard to the Eight-Hour Law was presented by Mr. J. M. Martin from the British-American Corporation.

Ever since Premier Selin made his loyal offer on behalf of the government of the country for British Columbia to supply Great Britain with a regiment of rough riders, the members of the legislature have had ample opportunity of gauging the loyal sentiment of their constituents.

To-day Mr. J. M. Martin, of Rossland, handed to the Premier a number of notices he had received from Rossland and Greenwood, in which men of the right material almost implored places on the muster roll.

In order to make it clear to the non-professional mind how this work is carried out among the component parts of the British Columbia army corps, we will take the supposition of a general in command of one of the various battalions into which it is split up.

There is a little question which members of the legislature are anxious to put to Mr. McBride. He went into mock heroics yesterday over the alleged fact that the government had neglected his constituency by not providing it with a trunk road.

Mr. Semple, of the Klondike Gleaner, visited the press gallery to-day. Are free from all crude and irritating matter. Concentrated medicine only. Contains no opium, no alcohol, no poisons, no drugs. Try them.

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Sporting News.

BASEBALL. PROPOSED TEAM FOR VANCOUVER.

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Another portion of the picket supplies patrol, these are utilized either in constantly visiting the sentries and receiving reports from them, or in reconnoitering the country which the outposts are occupying.

THE TURK. WELDON'S POST.

London, Jan. 17. The Evening News says to-day that "Tom" Weldon is to replace Tom Stone, the American rider, as first jockey for Lord Beresford.

THE SIRDAR AND HIS SOLDIERS.

The nearest historian owes something to truth. His wonderful industry, his undisturbed patience, his noble perseverance, are qualities too valuable for a man to enjoy in his imperfect world without complimentary defects.

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It has become quite common for physicians to prescribe Dr. Chase's Nerve Food for patients who are run down by the ravages of chronic disease.

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FOUND—Two fox terrier pups. Owner can have them by paying expenses. W. Allen, Lansdowne road.

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The above reward will be paid for the recovery of a black silk belt with gold buckle and buckle, lost this morning. Apply Times Office.

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PASSENGERS.

The steamer Victorian from the Sound—John J. Seymour, E. C. Jennings, W. J. Collier, G. A. Parker, Jas. Buchanan, Mrs. Bruce, B. F. Lewis, M. King, W. W. Jones, Max Campbell, W. Barrie, B. Moore, T. B. Merritt, H. L. Miller, H. N. Street, N. J. Wilby, Miss Hartman, Miss Ball, R. M. Curry, Jas. Leuler, D. McWilliam, J. A. McElly, and wife, N. McDonald, M. G. Proctor, N. Parry, Miss Wildrie.

The steamer Charming from Vancouver—M. Hirsbach, H. A. Eggitt, Rev. D. W. Harber, Rev. Winchester, G. W. Boland, E. Forsyth, A. H. B. McGowan, J. C. Clute, J. Bentzen, Mrs. Carson, G. McVeigh, G. E. McDonald, H. O. Miller, M. Appowhite, Miss Shaver, C. H. McEwen, S. Edington, Miss Macooly.

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The best price ever paid in Berlin for property was for a corner measuring two yards long and two yards wide, for which a cigar dealer, five years ago paid \$1,500, and which he sold the other day for \$12,000.

A great man is one who affects the mind of his generation. Disraeli. After a recent tornado in Australia thousands of water snakes were found on the beach in one place, while in another the beach was entirely washed away, leaving nothing but bare rocks.

DEER. BRAVEN—At the family residence, Oak Bay avenue, on the 16th instant, Mary Helen, the beloved wife of C. F. Braven, aged 54 years. The funeral will take place to-morrow (Thursday), at 2:30 p. m., from the residence as above. Friends will please accept this intimation.

QUAILLOT—In Seattle on the 14th inst., Mrs. I. Quailott, formerly of Victoria, deceased was a native of Paris, Italy; aged 36 years. The funeral will take place from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Parlor, 32 Government street, to-morrow at 9:45 a. m., and from the R. C. Cathedral at 10 o'clock. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

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DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE... 25c. Not direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Shower. J. McNeil and H. G. Mutt, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion. R. W. Treat, manager of the Van Anst's mine, is a guest at the Dominion. D. W. Higgins, M. P. P., is confined to his room with an attack of rheumatism. R. Thompson, D. Crozier, S. Lee, of White Horse, are stopping at the Dawson. R. M. Currie and D. M. Williams, of St. Westminister, are registered at the Dawson. Rev. Mr. Barber and Rev. Mr. Winchester returned last night on the Charming from Vancouver. Fred G. Holland, of the V. Y. T. Co., foreman of the company's near construction at Bennett, goes North on the Danube to-night. M. Hirsbach, C. M. Rolston, W. N. O'Neil, H. A. Edgitt, 104, M. P. Morris, commercial men of Vancouver, are at the Victoria. PILES FOR FIFTEEN YEARS. Mr. Jas. Bowles, Councillor, Embro, Ont., writes: "For over 15 years I suffered the misery of bleeding, protruding piles. The many remedies I tried all failed. I was advised to use Dr. Chase's Ointment, and must say that the first application gave relief, after the third day the bleeding stopped and two boxes cured me completely."