

ASQUITH IS IN THICK OF FIGHT

SKY FULL OF GOOD Oomens, HE DECLARES

Lloyd George Says Lords are the Defenders of Monopoly.

London, Dec. 23.—Premier Asquith spoke four times and Lloyd George five at political meetings Tuesday, and other cabinet ministers were also on the stump, whilst ex-ministers and lesser stars orated everywhere. Speaking at Liverpool, the premier made a strong pronouncement on the efficiency of the navy. He said that Lord Curzon's picture of Belfast as a German naval base showed the amount of wisdom in letting loose a hand or two and pro-consuls who have been making the political welch ring.

Respecting fiscal matters he claimed that Great Britain has shorter hours of labor, higher wages and lower prices of raw necessities, and on the whole a less burden of unemployment than any protectionist country. Exportation of capital was one of the surest indications of the prosperity and productiveness of British industry.

Upon the constitutional issue, Mr. Asquith was sarcastic. "Really," he said, "they had better close the Commons altogether. (Laughter.) What need was there for it when by the mercy of providence—(laughter)—at the other end of the palace at Westminster there were Curzon and his friends, free from the dangers and temptations of a popular election—(laughter)—interfering with disinterested detachment the temper of the people? (Laughter and cheers.)"

The premier declared that the sky was full of good oomens.

Chancellor Speaks

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at enthusiastic meetings at Cardiff and Swansea, again chastised the Lords. "At last," he said, "they had blundered. We are sick of the garrotting of Liberal bills. I am very glad the premier has said never again."

Respecting the alleged, scarce he fested. It was not a house of peers, but a house of fears. They were not there to protect honesty and industry against confiscation. They were there to defend a monopoly which plunders industry. They were not there as guardians of liberty, they were there as a garnish of privileges. "We have found them out and Britain will strip them of their pretensions." (Cheers.) He could hear nothing but the ring of victory from one end of the country to the other.

Lord Cawdor

Lord Cawdor was so interrupted at Rochdale that he had to appeal for fair play. He asked that the coming fight should be clean. He regretted that they had not got a clear issue, fearing combinations and a confusion of issues which might land the country in trouble, which would be dangerous to the Empire.

Lord Curzon was enthusiastically received at Burnley, where he replied to Mr. Churchill.

Walter Long, speaking in Wiltshire, said tariff reform would produce \$18,000,000 annually. If they gave Ireland Home Rule they would require to reconsider it within twenty years.

Mr. Runciman at Bradford said that if a foreign fleet went to Belfast they would be prizes flying the British flag.

Question of Preference

Sir A. Spicer, president of the London Chamber of Commerce, was interesting. "Australians are willing as a nation to give us a small preference," he said, "but not as individuals. They want to buy that which suits them at the lowest price. We forget the effects of our running down our commercial position. We must find some way of preventing strong statements as regards British decadence, from going out to the Dominions. Personally, I do not believe them." Sir A. Spicer also urged cheaper cable rates.

Premier Asquith at one meeting said that if colonial preference were only to apply to food, individual disabilities would be made. Was South Africa to receive no preference whilst Canada and Australia did? Was that the way to weld the bonds of Empire? (Concluded on page 2.)

NEW MONARCH RULES BELGIUM

PRINCE ALBERT SUCCEEDS LATE KING LEOPOLD

Takes Oath in Presence of Members of Royal Family and Others.

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Prince Albert became King of Belgium to-day.

The oath was administered in parliament hall in the presence of the Belgian ministry, Prince Albert's wife, Princess Stephanie and Clementine, and scores of foreign diplomats.

Prince Albert became King of the Belgians from the moment the oath was administered, in view of the fact that the official ceremony does not include coronation.

In his inaugural speech King Albert attempted to defend the government and the late King Leopold against the world's attacks because of the Congo. "We will continue Belgium's policy of humanity and justice in the future colonization of the Congo. We have a great work to perform there, and we will give it our best administrative ability," the new monarch declared.

Prince Albert of Flanders, who succeeds his uncle, stands near to King Edward VII. in kinship, for the Prince's father, Philip Count of Flanders, being the brother of Leopold II, was first cousin to the late Queen Victoria, so that King Edward and his namesake Prince Albert are second cousins.

The new monarch was born on April 8th, 1875, and on October 2nd, 1899, married Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria. Their children are: Prince Leopold, 5 years old; Prince Charles, 6 years of age, and Princess Marie Louise, 3 years old.

King Albert is a tall, solitary young man—his "uncle" being perhaps the tallest sovereign in Europe—and he holds a commission in the Grenadiers. He went on an extensive expedition to Africa in the early days of April. Son of the Count of Flanders, brother of King Leopold, his highness was recognized as heir presumptive to the Belgian throne upon the death of his elder brother, Prince Baldwin. The succession should have passed to his father, who, however, decided to abdicate his rights in favor of his son.

The new king is one of the most popular members of the reigning house of Belgium. His wife is equally popular, their home life being such as to attract the admiration of the people. He is a man of affairs, and has been a great student of politics and economics. He has shown himself democratic in his disposition, with a decided talent for civil engineering. He has travelled extensively and has studied conditions among the people of many parts of the globe. In 1898 he visited the United States and spent a large part of his stay in the Northwest, in the company of James J. Hill.

He travelled about the country in the railroad man's private car, and saw all that was to be seen of the building up of a new country. Some of the lessons he learned there he seems to have turned to good account in a recent visit to the Congo. On his return from the Free State last September he spoke at Antwerp, urging strongly the needs of railroad development, and measures to uplift the natives.

King Albert's favorite recreation is hunting, to which he devotes a great part of his time. He is reputed to be a fine shot. His palace in Brussels has been converted into a museum of trophies of his prowess.



ALL IN BUT HAPPY!

MAKES ATTACK ON MARQUIS OF BUTE

ASSAILED BY CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER

Earl Cawdor Says Naval Defence is Greatest Issue Before Country.

London, Dec. 23.—Wherever Mr. Lloyd George goes there is the hottest corner of the battlefield. He is spending Christmas among his own people in Wales, and has chosen the Marquis of Bute, a millionaire land and mine owner of Cardiff, for a bitter attack.

The Marquis owns 117,000 acres of land, also Cardiff docks and some of the biggest mines, which pay him substantial royalties. It is only necessary to mention these facts in Mr. Lloyd George's style to inflame a working class audience.

The picture from a Radical standpoint, is completed by an enumeration of his titles as follows: Marquis of Bute, Earl of Dumfries, Lord Crichton of Sanguhar and Cumrae and Inchmarlock, Baron Cardiff, Earl Windsor and Viscount Mountjoy, with five princely residences in England, Scotland and Wales. It is also true, though Mr. Lloyd George does not mention this, that the Bute estates are excellently managed. He has made large gifts of land for public parks and has been a munificent donor to Welsh causes.

Mr. Lloyd George finds that the Marquis of Bute charges £1,200 annually as ground rent on land occupied by a theatre, but the agricultural rent of which was formerly £54, when cries of "shame" arose from his audience. Mr. Lloyd George proceeded: "I was astounded. I could hardly believe that extortion could go to that extent, so that I made very careful inquiries, and I find they are charging something like five shillings per square yard per annum. (Renewed cries of "shame.")

"Who is Barbara I would like to know. (Loud cheers.) All I say to the Marquis is this: 'You ought to contribute at the rate of £1,200 per annum. How could you expect people with such a record as that to let the budget through? Of course they threw it out, but it is going through (loud cheering), and many another bill will follow it.' (Renewed cheers.)

To which the Marquis of Bute replied: "For imperial and local taxation I pay on the annual return of the land to me, whether £54 or £1,200. That is fair. Lloyd George wants me to pay on £1,200 when I only received £54, which would be grossly unfair."

Donald McMaster is calling on the dukes to aid him in his fight in Chertsey division. Lord Dundonald spoke for him last week, and Tuesday night the Duke of Norfolk was his chief speaker. The duke's speech was a good deal interrupted, especially when he was defending the Lords.

Earl Cawdor, a Unionist and an ex-first lord of the admiralty, is another storm centre. His insistence upon the imminence of the German peril especially incenses ministers. Speaking at Rochdale Earl Cawdor said that

DEAN FARM IMPROVEMENT

IS TO BE SUBDIVIDED SAME AS UPLANDS

Property Adjoins Cadboro Bay—Area Owned by Winnipeg People.

The Times ascertained this morning on the highest authority that it is the intention of the owners—a Winnipeg syndicate—of the Dean Farm property, in the eastern section of the city, to sub-divide at a very early date that beautiful section of residential property on the same grand scale which will be followed in respect to Uplands Farm. It is said that the owners are only awaiting the commencement of the actual work at Uplands to take their improvement scheme in hand, and that an application respecting freedom from taxation similar to that made by the owners of Uplands, will be made to the Oak Bay municipality.

The Dean Farm property lies on the hillside stretching north and west from a point near the Willows. It is bounded on the east by Cadboro Bay road (which is the western boundary of Uplands), and is intersected on the west and north by the Mount Tomlin road and Lansdowne road, respectively. It is estimated roughly that it comprises 200 acres.

When the Dean Farm shall have been opened up and improved on the same elaborate scale as is to be followed in respect to Uplands, the eastern portion of Victoria will possess what many competent judges predict will be one of the choicest residential areas on the continent of America. It is also predicted that the present centre of fashionable residence in Victoria—Rockland avenue—will be completely overshadowed by this new area which will offer attractions to people of wealth and refinement not possessed by any other district at the present time.

The opinion prevails that with the opening up of this section of the city in the manner indicated the street car lines will be extended out Hillside avenue and along Lansdowne road to Cadboro Bay, possibly making a loop line with the Willows. Such a line would serve a very large territory and cater to all who may ultimately make their homes in that district.

NEW STEAMER FOR SOUND RUN

CONTRACT AWARDED TO MORAN COMPANY

Vessel, Which Will Cost \$175,000, to Be Ready for Service in June.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—The Moran Shipbuilding Company has been awarded the contract for the construction of a steel steamship for the Puget Sound Navigation Company, the cost of the new vessel to be about \$175,000.

The vessel will be ready for service on or before June 1st next, and will be placed on the run from Seattle to points on the Strait of Fuca.

PREMIER OF KOREA LIKELY TO RECOVER

Yi Wan Yung, Although Stabbed Several Times, May Live.

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 23.—Although he received several severe knife wounds in his lungs and abdomen, Yi Wan Yung, premier of Korea, whose assassination was attempted yesterday, is alive and may recover.

Reports of his death, issued immediately after the attempt to kill Yung, were later found to have been unauthentic, the state of coma in which the premier has lain since the attack evidently having been mistaken for death by excited attendants.

TWO MINERS KILLED

Overcome by Gas While at Work in Mine in New Mexico.

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 23.—Two Mexican miners are dead and twelve are hovering between life and death as a result of an outbreak of gas in the Weaver mine at the American Fuel Company's plant near Galley yesterday, when the workmen drilled through a wall separating the Weaver mine from the working of an old coal mine which has been burning for several years. The miners did not know the wall was at this point.

MAY ABANDON THE HOSPITAL

ISOLATION MAY BE MERGED WITH JUBILEE

Important Question Now Before The Board of Health.

Contrary to expectations there will be no special meeting of the board of health this evening to deal with the affairs of the isolation hospital. Mayor Hall said this morning that the meeting held on Monday evening last was adjourned to the call of the chair, and that he has not yet summoned a further session.

Dr. Robertson, the medical health officer, at whose instance an inquiry into the affairs of the hospital was instituted, has, at the request of the board, placed his charges against Mrs. King, the matron, in writing. This statement sets forth the reason why, in his opinion, it would be desirable to ask the matron for her resignation.

Dr. Robertson has informed the mayor that he will have to hand in his resignation should the board refuse to act upon his recommendation. In this connection a very interesting point has been disclosed. It is believed that should Dr. Robertson be compelled to hand in his resignation and the same be accepted, the board would find itself in the position of being unable to get any other physician in the city to take the position thus vacated, professional etiquette constituting a bar to such acceptance.

It has been ascertained by the Times that a number of the members of the board are favorable to reviving the proposition that the isolation hospital be surrendered as a civic institution and that the Jubilee hospital be given the task of caring for such patients as are now treated by the city. This question has been the subject of frequent conferences between the city and the directors of the Jubilee hospital, but no decision was ever reached. The Jubilee directors feeling somewhat indisposed to agree to the proposition. Now, however, that the affairs of the isolation hospital are in a somewhat involved condition, it is believed that the present is an opportune time to revive the agitation for a merger. In the event of an arrangement being come to the city would probably agree to pay the Jubilee hospital so much for each patient treated.

The isolation hospital has always been a very expensive institution to maintain. The salaries of nurses alone run into a large figure. Nurses are paid the regular scale of \$25 per week, whereas were the patients treated at the Jubilee hospital the charge for such service would be about one-half.

WHARF STREET OWNERS OBJECT

PROTEST AGAINST COST OF BRICK PAVING

Matter to Come Up at This Evening's Meeting of Streets Committee.

The contract system in connection with civic work will receive a jolt at this evening's meeting of the council, when a protest will be read from the property owners on Wharf street against the cost of the vitrified pavement which has recently been laid on that thoroughfare. It is stated that the sum which the property owners will have to pay exceeds—by \$7,700—the amount which was estimated by City Engineer Topp when the improvement scheme was first reported on. Another grievance of the owners is that while the Denny-Renton Company of Seattle, which supplied the brick, was willing to enter into an agreement with the corporation guaranteeing the pavement for ten years, the city council took no steps whatever to have this agreement executed.

One of the owners on Wharf street this morning explained the cause of this morning's protest against the cost of the work which has been charged against them. When the enterprise was first mooted there had been a meeting of the owners and it was decided to send a deputation over to the cities on the other side of the line to inspect the pavements there which had proved suitable for heavy traffic. This deputation had visited Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, and had been convinced that vitrified brick would be the best pavement.

They had seen the Denny-Renton Company of Seattle and had been informed by that company that a guarantee would be given the city that the pavement would last for ten years and that they would execute a bond making this guarantee binding on the company.

On returning to Victoria the Wharf street owners asked the city engineer for an estimate. He submitted the following figures: For vitrified brick, \$15.50 per lineal foot; \$3.50 per foot front; life, 15 years. Wood blocks, \$14 per lineal foot; \$4.00 per foot front; life, 10 years. Macadam, \$3.50 per lineal foot; \$1.00 per foot front. For 9-inch hard bed macadam, \$6.75 per lineal foot; \$2.25 per foot front; life nine or ten years.

As the owners were determined to get the best possible pavement suitable for heavy traffic, it was decided to ask the city council for vitrified brick and when the contract was called for, the owners objected to it being let for a lump sum, and it was finally decided to let it on the quantity basis—that is paying the contractors so much per cubic yard of rock excavated, etc.

The owners are now amazed to find that while the estimate of the city engineer for the total cost of the work was between \$20,000 and \$25,000, figured on the foot frontage assessment basis, it exceeds that amount by 25 per cent, or an amount of \$7,700. Hence the protest which has been lodged with the city council.

It was learned from an official at the city hall this morning that the Wharf street owners complain against the system of computing the frontage assessment, but that such objection is untenable. The system followed was to assess each owner equally regardless of whether the lot have buildings thereon or otherwise.

The matter is likely to cause a lively debate at this evening's meeting of the council, as there has long been a division of opinion among the members of the board relative to the merits of the contract and day labor systems in executing civic work.

MORE SWITCHMEN GO OUT ON STRIKE

Traffic Now Completely Tied Up at Butte—Many Mines Closed.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 23.—Following the threat made by the miners' union to deport every man who returned to work on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern here, the last switchman walked out to-day, completely tying up the movement of freight.

Several of the Butte mines have suspended operations and owners declare it will be necessary to close more unless the strike is settled soon.

WITHOUT MONEY FOR GIFTS TWO END LIVES

Woman Inhales Gas at Philadelphia and Atlanta Man Shoots Himself.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Lack of money with which to give his wife and two children a happy Christmas is said to have caused the suicide by shooting of James L. Monk here yesterday.

Woman Commits Suicide

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Rather than face her six children on Christmas morning without presents or money to buy them, Mrs. Sarah Ennis ended her life by inhaling gas.

BEER CONSUMPTION DECLINES

New York, Dec. 23.—The United States Brewers' Association has issued a report covering the sales of beer for the past two fiscal years, which shows there has been a decrease of about 4 per cent.

PANAMA CANAL TO BE COMPLETED IN FIVE YEARS

United States Congressman Says it Will Cost \$375,000,000.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Congressman Tawney, of Minnesota, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, said to-day that the Panama canal would be completed and opened by January 1st, at a total cost of \$375,000,000.

LORD STRATHCONA'S MISHAP

Auto in Collision, But High Commissioner Escapes Uninjured.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Strathcona had a narrow escape from serious injury just before 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. He was returning to his office from an official engagement when his auto was smashed into Lord Strathcona was knocked down in his car and dazed, but was otherwise apparently unharmed. His torpeding was at the high commissioner's office yesterday and seemed unaffected by the accident.

MORE CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMANIC POSITIONS

E. B. Jones and Capt. MacIntosh Are the Latest Aspirants.

E. B. Jones and Capt. D. MacIntosh will likely be candidates for seats at the aldermanic board for Ward 2. Mr. Jones is the well-known grocer of Cook street, and although a young man is a pioneer resident of the city. Capt. MacIntosh is at present a member of the board of school trustees. It is likely that both candidates will be endorsed by the Voters' League.

A prominent member of the Voters' League, said to the Times this morning that the league had not yet formally nominated any slate, though it was probable that Capt. MacIntosh would be given a position thereon when an announcement was made of those who would receive the organization's support. Mr. Gieson added that no meetings of the league would be held until after the holidays.

FOUR FROZEN TO DEATH IN COLORADO

Another Man is in Critical Condition and May Not Recover.

Burns Vista, Colo., Dec. 23.—Four men have been frozen to death and a fifth is in such a condition that probably he will die as a result of the intense cold during the past sixty hours.

The dying man refuses to give his name and the four dead men are unidentified.

ALLEGED PERJURY

Cobalt, Dec. 23.—Mrs. T. H. Jessop, of Halleybury, has been arrested charged with perjury and conspiracy in connection with the affairs of the S. Elkhart Mining Company. Mrs. Jessop, who is a well known business woman, is out on \$1,000 bail.

REVOLUTIONISTS IN PURSUIT OF TROOPS

Forces of Estrada Close on Heels of Fleeing Government Soldiers.

Bluefields, by wireless to Colon, Dec. 23.—Detachments of revolutionists to-day are pursuing the remnant of the government forces who escaped capture following the engagements at Rama and Puerto Libertad on Tuesday. The pursuers expect to come upon the fugitives near Chilo, according to messages from the fighting district, where the final battle of the Rama campaign probably will be fought.

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Sparkling No. 1, qts., each	2.00	Hennessy's (***),	1.75
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BEAUNE, CLARETS		Hennessy's (*),	1.25
Freller's No. 1 Beaune, qts., each	1.00	French Cognac (***),	1.25
Freller's No. 1 Beaune, pils., each	.75	Levallier (***), Cognac	1.00
SAUTERNES		Ginger Wine, quarts	.50
Freller's, quarts, each	.75	PORTS	
Birkdale, Hartman & Co., quarts, each	.75	Traver's Tawny Port	2.00
Birkdale, Hartman & Co., pils., each	.50	Hennessy's Old Port	1.00
GIN		Spanish Port	.75
Coates' Plymouth Gin, qts.	.50	California Port	.50
Gordon Dry Gin, quarts	.35	Native Port	.35
Board's Old Tom, quarts	.35	SHERRIES	
Anchor Gin, large quart	1.10	Spanish Sherry, No. 23	1.25
Anchor Gin, small	.60	Duff Gordon Sherry	1.00
Key Brand, large quart	1.30	Duff Gordon Sherry	.75
IRISH WHISKIES		Splendid Cooking Sherry	.50
John Jamieson's (***),	1.25	LIQUEURS	
Burke's, Imperial quart	1.25	Chartreuse, per bottle	3.25
Burke's, Old, quart	.80	Chartreuse, per bottle	2.50
Keeegan's, Imperial quart	1.25	Curacao, per bottle	1.25
SCOTCH WHISKIES		Creme de Menthe, per bottle	1.25
Kilmarnock, per bottle	1.00	French Vermouth, per bottle	.75
Red Seal, per bottle	1.00	Jamaica Rum, per bottle	1.00
King George IV., per bottle	1.25	STOUT	
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COOK'S TROUBLE.
 Report of Committee Which Investigated Reputed Ascent of Mount McKinley Will Be Unfavorable.

New York, Dec. 22.—The committee of the Explorers' Club which for more than two months has been investigating Dr. F. A. Cook's reputed ascent of Mount McKinley in September, 1906, has completed its examination, and Prof. Marshall I. Saville, the chairman, does not deny that the report will be unfavorable. The doctor promised last October to appear before the committee whenever desired to explain points that might need clearing up. He never appeared, however. The report will be made public Friday.

Cook in France.
 Paris, Dec. 22.—Cook, according to a credited report, arrived here to-day from Nice and was bound for Orléans. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cook and a youth of about 18 years, whose name was not learned.

A Marseilles dispatch received to-day states that the explorer recently registered at the Regina hotel there under the name of "Richardson," giving his address as Naples. His identity becoming known he fled to Nice last Tuesday, where he came to Paris.

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Livery Stable Sold for \$25,000—Other Deals Negotiated.

In spite of the near approach of the holiday season the realty movement keeps up. It is expected, however, that there will be some cessation for a few days in the buying. It is hardly likely that much will be done until after the new year opens.

So far there have been none of the Manitoba excursionists reported as arriving, but before the holidays are over they will be here. There are, however, a number of prairie men here buying, and the number will soon increase. Among the deals just made by people from the other side of the mountains is the livery stable at present rented by Dr. Richards, the veterinary surgeon, on Douglas street. This has a frontage of 32 feet, running back 120 feet. It was sold by Leo Mong Kow to Calgary people, the consideration being \$25,000. The deal was negotiated by the Northwest Real Estate Co.

The same firm reports recent sales as follows: A house and lot on Cormorant street, adjoining the Chinese Methodist mission for \$7,000; a house and lot on North Park street, \$3,000; and several lots in Rockland Park. The Assembly hall on Fort street, now used for a skating rink, has just been purchased by J. Maynard and T. Stockham, the price being in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The property runs right through to View street, having a frontage of 60 feet—240 feet long.

A number of residential lots are changing hands every day, the new subdivisions attracting most attention largely because of the great amount of publicity they receive through the advertising columns.

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Peers Urge Reform.
 The eccentricities of some of the peers, who are popularly referred to among Liberals as "the wild peers," now on the stump all over the United Kingdom, and the attitude of the public which is beginning to regard the Lords' meetings as substitutes for vaudeville performances, have forced leading peers to urge reform of the upper house.

Lord Dunmore, Conservative, favors an elective second chamber, with the bishops remaining in it, but reinforced by chiefs of other churches. This is evidently the direct result of Lloyd George's statement made at the recent remarkable meeting of men of the free churches.

Labor Candidates.
 Mr. Keir Hardie says the labor party expected the decision of the House of Lords that trades union levies for political expenditures are illegal. As a result of the decision Mr. Hardie has grave doubts as to the course the labor party should pursue with candidates. They are arranged for. There is no doubt the decision of the Lords will lead to the dropping of several labor candidates.

WILL HONOR AVIATOR.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 22.—Convicted that their townsman Wallace E. Tillingham is the foremost aviator of the age, two thousand people who last night saw a mysterious alrship circling over the city are awaiting his return from his nocturnal flight, eager to atone for the jeers they hurled at him when he recently declared that he had sailed to New York and back.

CARTRIDGES EXPLODE.

Firmen Have Dangerous Task Fighting Flames in Army at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 22.—The Fourteenth Regiment armory, Pennsylvania National Guard, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss is \$300,000. Fourteen thousand blank cartridges exploded, adding to the hazardous work of the firmen.

WORKING ENGINEERS PASS EXAMINATION

Fifty-six Candidates Were Successful—More Inspectors.

Out of three gentlemen who have recently qualified as inspectors of stationary steam boilers the cabinet will, when it meets again after the holidays, appoint two inspectors in order to cope with the work. It is probable that one of the two will be required to take up residence in the east, to examine and pass upon boilers intended for shipment to British Columbia. This will avoid the great expense entailed in bringing boilers out from the east which may be rejected.

Fifty-six candidates were successful in the recent examination for certification of competency as stationary engineers, their class and marks being as follows:

Angus Stewart, third class, 3977; B. S. Smeeth, fourth, 3978; Arthur Thompson, fifth, 3979; Frank Wingate, fourth, 3982; W. A. Cool, second, 3983; Arthur Fearley, fifth, 3984; C. E. Parsons, third, 3985; W. J. Baggard, fourth, 3987; W. M. Berkeley, fifth, 3988; Frank Cartwright, fourth, 3989; Charles Green, fourth, 3991; T. E. P. Harris, fourth, 3992; Joseph Leclair, fifth, 3993; Albert Lowe, fourth, 3995; John Littlejohn, fourth, 3996; George McLeod, fifth, 3996; Howard McFarlane, fourth, 3998; Harry Nicholson, third, 3999; Thomas Proudfoot, third, 4000; Howard Porter, fifth, 4001; Walter Robson, fourth, 4003; E. B. Smith, fifth, 4004; G. N. Y. Shaw, third, 4005; Fraser Watson, fourth, 4006; James Argyle, fourth, 4007; J. D. Denham, third, 4009; R. W. McIntyre, third, 4011; T. H. Waller, fourth, 4012; J. J. White, fourth, 4013; W. H. G. Murdoch, second, 4014; John Medforth, fifth, 4015; A. W. Ford, fourth, 4016; Gustav Halbersten, fifth, 4018; R. E. Jackson, fifth, 4019; William Baldwin, fourth, 4020; J. P. Forsythe, fourth, 4021; M. C. Wain, fifth, 4022; R. A. Chalmers, fifth, 4023; W. S. Knox, fifth, 4027; H. J. Lamont, third, 4028; E. D. Newcombe, fourth, 4029; Crossland Oddy, fourth, 4030; Thomas Oswald, fifth, 4031; Chauncey Woodward, third, 4032; J. W. Yates, fifth, 4034; John Axelsson, fourth, 4035; Peter Barron, fourth, 4036; J. W. Cullis, fifth, 4037; Norman Kay, second, 4039; Peter McCulloch, fourth, 4040; William Rintoul, third, 4041; Evan Thomas, fourth, 4042; H. W. Symons, third, 4044; Archibald Cox, second, 4045; P. C. Chester, fourth, 4046; W. J. Derby, fourth, 4047.

ELEVATORS IN ALBERTA.

Over One Hundred Erected During Past Year and Others Planned.

Calgary, Dec. 22.—Evidence of the marked progress and possibilities of Alberta comes in the announcement that during the past year grain interests expended over \$17,000,000 in the erection of 119 new elevators throughout the province. These elevators provide 55 new towns with grain storage facilities, the total storage added during 1907 being 3,558,000 bushels. This province now has 245 elevators, with a capacity of 3,550,400 bushels, which is practically equal to the capacity of the entire Northwest territories in the season of 1904-1905. It is expected, however, that next year will eclipse the record of 1907, as plans are already being laid to add to the present terminal elevators here, and in addition elevator facilities must be provided in towns that are springing up along the new railroads that will reach Calgary in 1910.

TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF.

Hillsboro, Ore., Dec. 22.—Following his conviction on a charge of wife murder yesterday, John D. Rosalid attempted to dash out his brains against the steel walls of the death cell.

A social and smoker will be held on Christmas Eve, commencing at 8 o'clock, at the Seaman's Institute. A good musical programme will be rendered and refreshments will be served at the close. All seamen in port are invited to be present.

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ESQUIMALT LIBERALS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Resolutions Passed and Officers for the Year Elected.

The annual meeting of the Esquimalt Electoral District Liberal Association was held last night at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, with John Jardine, M.P.P., in the chair and a full attendance. The following resolutions were unanimously carried:

"Resolved, that in view of the growing importance of Sooke Harbor as a fishing and lumbering port and a harbor of refuge, together with the possibility of its great development as a railway construction port, it is important that a sufficient sum should be placed in the estimates of the Dominion government to completely remove the rock at the entrance of the harbor and render a passage suitable for ships of the freight and passenger service."

"Resolved, that this meeting recognizes the efforts of our representative, Mr. Ralph Smith, and our British Columbia minister, Hon. Wm. Templeman, in bringing before the Dominion government the claims of Esquimalt as a site for a dry dock sufficient to accommodate the largest ships afloat, and it is the opinion of this meeting that in view of the rapidly increasing coasting service, together with the great increase in foreign shipping and the prospect of the early enlargement of the naval base here, that no time should be lost in starting the building of this dock at Esquimalt."

Officers were elected as follows: Honorary president, Ralph Smith, M.P.; president, Jno. Jardine, M.P.P.; 1st vice-president, A. W. McCurdy; 2nd vice-president, H. C. Helgeson; Secretary, J. C. McIntosh; treasurer, W. Thompson, Edwin Williams, R. H. Albert; Sooks, Douglas Muir; East Sooke, A. Godt; Metchosin, L. Field; Colwood, Adred Peatt; San Juan, J. Baird, J. P. Williams.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the committee having charge of the different meetings at the last provincial election, and particularly to the committee in charge of the smoker tendered Mr. Jardine after the election.

Mr. McIntosh announced his retirement from office of secretary, but the meeting refused to nominate another to fill his place, and at the request of the members he finally allowed his name to be proposed and agreed to act in the former capacity again.

Metchosin, Sooke and Colwood and other outlying sections of the electorate were well represented.

THE AIRSHIP LINE

Bleriot Company Has Orders for 150 Cross-Channel Aeroplanes.

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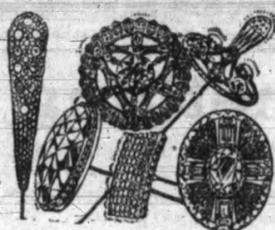
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AIRSHIP VISITS MASSACHUSETTS CITY

Circles Over Worcester for Fifteen Minutes, Then Disappears.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 23.—Flying through the night at an average speed of 30 to 40 miles an hour, a mysterious airship last night appeared over Worcester, hovered around the city a few minutes, disappeared for about two

hours and then returned to cut four circles above the gaping city, meanwhile sweeping the heavens with a searchlight of tremendous power.

The airship remained over the city for about 15 minutes, all the time at a height that most observers set at about 2,000 feet, too far to enable even its precise shape to be seen. The glaring rays of its great searchlight, however, were sharply defined by reflection against the light snowfall, which was covering the city at the time. The dark mass of the ship could be dimly seen behind the light.

After a time, it disappeared in the direction of Marlboro, only to return later. At the time of the airship's visit, Wallace E. Thilghurst, the Worcester man who recently claimed

to have invented a marvellous aeroplane, in which he said he journeyed to New York and returned by way of Boston, was absent from his home and could not be found.

The visitor from the clouds was first sighted over Marlboro at 5.20 p.m. The 16 miles between this city and Marlboro was covered in 30 minutes. Coming up from the southwest, the sky voyager veered to the west, remained in sight a few minutes and then disappeared to the northwest. In five minutes the searchlight was again seen glowing in the distance like a monster star, and the ship came up, hovered over the city a short time and disappeared to the southeast. Two hours later an eager shout from the crowds announced its return; it circled four times above the city and then disappeared finally, heading first southeast and then to the east.

TIM SULLIVAN DEAD.

New York, Dec. 23.—Timothy P. Sullivan, the "Little Tim" of the Bowery, and a power in metropolitan politics, died at his east side home last night. He had been in bad health for more than six months, and within a week his condition had become critical. Death resulted from Bright's disease and inflammation of the heart.

Heckney coaches were forbidden during the reign of Charles II. on the ground that they destroyed the King's highway.

FORMER PREACHER ELOPED WITH ORGANIST

Arrested in California on Charge of Embezzlement and Wife Desertion.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 23.—E. O. Tilburne, formerly a preacher in the Christian church at Linton, Ind., was arrested here yesterday on a warrant issued by Indiana authorities on charges of having embezzled \$200 of church funds and of having abandoned his wife. Tilburne protested his innocence of both charges and declared that he had secured a divorce from his wife three months before he left Linton and that he had married Miss Mary Smith, organist of the Linton church, in Chicago. She is with him and said she would stay with him. Tilburne is preparing to fight extradition to Indiana.

Disappeared With Organist.

Linton, Ind., Dec. 23.—Rev. Oliver Tilburne, arrested in Pasadena, Cal., is wanted here on a charge of embezzling funds of the Linton Christian church, of which he was pastor. At the time of Tilburne's disappearance three months ago the church organist, Miss Mary Smith, also disappeared.

Daniel Smith, the young woman's father, has offered a reward of \$500 for the recovery of his daughter.

BEATEN TO DEATH.

Two Section Men Held in Connection With Murder of Operator.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 23.—Redwater, a flag station on the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway, 56 miles north of North Bay, was the scene of a brutal murder Tuesday night, the victim being Operator W. J. Dyson. The tragedy occurred about 6 o'clock when a man entered the station and became boisterous. Dyson attempted to eject the intruder and a fight ensued. Suddenly another man rushed in and struck Dyson with a club, crushing his skull, and he sank dying to the floor, living only a short time.

Two sectionmen named Morin and Cornish were arrested by provincial constables for the murder. The prisoners were brought to North Bay on a special train early yesterday morning together with the body of Dyson.

Cornish's story of the tragedy is that he had words with Dyson over orders given by the latter to unload a car of coal. The quarrel resulted in a fight, and Dyson threw Cornish on the floor and was pounding him when Morin rushed in with a heavy club and struck Dyson repeatedly over the head until he rolled over on the floor unconscious and bleeding. Cornish and Morin returned to their shack where they remained until arrested. Morin admits using the club, but says he had no intention of causing death. Both prisoners are young men, Morin 31 and Cornish 25.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON FROM A BUSINESS STANDPOINT.

To-morrow night will close a Christmas shopping season which has been unprecedented in the history of Victoria. If there were any method of computing what has been bought it would doubtless be shown that at least fifty per cent. advance over any other year has been the rule. Many merchants spoken to state that their trade has doubled over the corresponding period of last year, while others declare that their sales up to last night were far in excess of their total trade of last Christmas. And this with two bumper days still to go.

The reasons for this unprecedented rush of business are many and various. In the first place, Victoria has always been a great gift-buying town. This is partly due to the character of the people, of whom Old Country men and women form a large proportion, but it is principally due to the fact that our people are able to afford the luxuries of life. It is perhaps not generally known that the records of the banking institutions here two or three years ago indicated that, judging from deposits, this is the wealthiest city per capita in Canada, and among the richest in America. The purchasing power of every man, woman and child in Victoria is much above that of the average resident of other cities on the continent.

Moreover, this purchasing ability does not fluctuate as it does in cities which have a few large industries with big pay rolls, and which are affected by strikes and financial stringency. The financial panic two or three years ago, which struck even neighboring cities on the coast with staggering force, left not a ripple on the commercial surface here, because the vast majority of the inhabitants are unaffected by such things. These features have combined to make Victoria one of the finest retail centres in Canada.

The great access of population during the past five years, too, is only beginning to be realized. Upwards of 20,000 people have been added to the population in the last five or six years. The census of 1910 will probably show that the city has more than doubled in population in the decade. With all this increase there has not been a proportional extension of the business area, and hence the tradesmen of the city have reaped corresponding advantages. This factor in the situation is particularly emphasized at the Christmas season, when buying is much more indiscriminate both as to expenditure and locality than at any other time.

We think the delightful weather had little to do with the case. Had the Christmas holidays fallen in torrents of rain or in a snowfall, buying would still have been on an elaborate scale. Project the Christmas spirit into a city of the character and wealth of Victoria and all the conditions are present for a roaring trade.

One more element in the situation as outlined must not be overlooked. As at no other time of the year, the supply regulates the demand. The stocks carried by the merchants of Victoria reflect the high class trade to which they cater, and the displays this year in all lines were never excelled, perhaps never equalled, in the history of the town. The tradesmen of the city, too, know how to advertise, as the columns of this and other papers in the city well attest, and it is a notable fact that the firms which have recognized and used this modern method of crying their wares are the ones which have reaped the richest harvest. A few old business houses still hesitate, but there are very few of them now which do not recognize that in all their plans for pushing trade a vigorous advertising campaign must occupy a foremost place.

It should also be remembered that all this record trade is due to no booming or artificial stimulation of business, but is merely the result of a sane, progressive and enterprising development of legitimate trade. And this is the only enduring basis upon which any permanent prosperity can be based.

BANKS AND BUSINESS.

To any one deeply interested in the internal affairs of the country nothing, surely, can be of a more fascinating character than the annual financial statements of leading monetary institutions. From the Canadian chartered banks extend the arteries from which the commercial life blood of the nation flows. Next to the budget speech of the Finance Minister in point of interest to the business man follow the reviews of the managers of our leading banks.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada, in his annual statement intimates that Canada is enjoying at the present time an era of prosperity unexampled in her history. Of course most of us did not feel to be informed of that fact. We have the evidence of it in our possession. But it is gratifying to have the feeling confirmed by one in a position to speak with authority and to be told that the prosperity is not individual or local, but general. It is comforting to most of us at this joyous season of the year to be informed that our neighbors are quite as prosperous as we are on the Pacific Coast.

The banks of Canada are proverbially conservative institutions. They have little sympathy with the spirit which cries "Let her boom." The general manager of the Merchants' Bank, therefore, as might be expected, counsels prudence in the conduct of our affairs. Public expenditures are growing fast, and it might also be said that private expenditures are growing at a still greater ratio. The Dominion government has listened to the counsel of prudence, as its expenditures this year are going to be several millions less than the outlays of last year, notwithstanding an estimated heavy increase in revenue. But it is hardly likely that private interests will follow the example of public men. Perhaps such a course would not be completely justified in the light of the prospects which have followed the most abundant harvest in the history of Canada, which is going to be sold at the highest prices ever realized.

Consequently Canadians are in need of more capital, and the Merchants' Bank is going to do its share in supplying that demand. Its directors have voted to increase the capital of the institution by four millions of dollars. This in anticipation of increased business. The records of the transactions of the past year are among the best in the bank's history. Its assets at the close of the year amounted to \$66,300,000, while its advances to the public were close to the fifty million mark. Its also were its deposits. The earnings reported during the year just closed were \$31,159, equal to 13.85 per cent. of the paid-up capital of \$2,000,000, and \$32,582 in excess of the figure of 1900. The disposition made of the earnings, which, with the balance brought forward, gave a total of \$1,232,157 for the directors to deal with, was prudent and strengthening. Only \$480,000 was taken for the 3 per cent. dividend. There was transferred to the reserve a sum of \$500,000, raising it to \$4,500,000, or 75 per cent. of the capital. Then \$100,000 was written off the bank premises account, \$50,000 was appropriated for the officers' pension fund, and a balance of \$102,157 was carried forward.

Hamilton Times: Wonder what Mr. R. L. Borden thinks of the Victoria Colonist's intimation that the Ottawa Tories cannot have McBride as a leader. It is a trifle rough on Borden to have the matter of supplanting him thus discussed in the leading party organs as if all that saved him from the party headman was the lack of McBride's consent!

The government printing bureau at Ottawa has issued a volume of great importance and more than passing interest to Canadian dwellers on the Pacific slope. The title of the book has merely to be indicated to convey an idea of its value. "British Columbia Coast Names, 1592-1906." It was compiled by Captain John T. Walbran of the Canadian Fisheries Protection Service, and is undoubtedly a product of a great deal of painstaking labor and research. The coast nomenclature from Acton Sound to Russell Cape is

arranged in alphabetical order, origin and history being tersely outlined. Captain Walbran in compiling this volume has performed a valuable service for the community as well as for the Marine Department.

Yes, Cooke's goose is cooked, but it laid a fair-sized golden egg before being consigned to the pot. The fable is estimated to have cleaned up a hundred thousand dollars before the fraudulent nature of his claim was discovered. The doctor asked four thousand dollars a night as the price of his lectures, and in many cases he did not ask in vain. Now the University of Copenhagen is talking about stripping the bold man of the honors bestowed upon him and the city of New York is going to take back its "freedom" of the borough of Manhattan. But the doctor has got the money and Lieut. Peary shares alone the glory of being the one true discoverer of the pole.

The Times has received a card from Lieut.-Colonel Currie and the officers of the Fifth Regiment conveying the compliments of the season. Many thanks, gentlemen. May the gallant Fifth flourish. Its officers have reason to be proud of the martial appearance it has presented in recent parades.

In the meantime what of Dr. Cook's boast that he had named the American flag to the north pole? It may turn out that after all our own Captain Bernier has been the farthest north of any present-day explorer. And the captain explored and hoisted flags to some practical purpose.

TOOK AFTER FATHER.

Slum Worker—What a well-behaved little boy he is!
 Burglar's Wife—And he comes by it natural, ma'am. His poor father always got his sentence reduced owing to good behavior.—Kansas City Journal.

A FORECAST.

"What's the matter, daughter?"
 "Purdy and I have parted forever."
 "But in that case I suppose he won't be around for a couple of nights."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

QUITE SUFFICIENT.

Tourist—I suppose travellers often fall over this cliff?
 Guide—No, me! Herr; never more than once.—Exchange.

NOT SO SERIOUS.

Ed.—Isn't Tom thinking rather seriously of getting married?
 Ned—"He couldn't have thought very seriously about it, for he has gone and done it."—Brooklyn Life.

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To the Electors for School Trustees

I beg to offer myself as a candidate at the forthcoming Municipal Elections, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

WILLIAM H. P. SWEENEY

Y. M. C. A. PLANS TO BE ALTERED SOMEWHAT

Larger Swimming Tank to be Installed—Meeting of the Building Committee.

A meeting of the building committee of the Y.M.C.A. was held last evening in the association rooms, Broad street, when H. S. Griffiths and A. J. Brace presented a report on their findings during the recent tour of Washington state cities. During the trip Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and Walla Walla were visited, but the two officials paid most attention to the building in the latter city.

In the report special stress was laid on the Walla Walla building, as the local Y.M.C.A. will be constructed on similar lines. A number of changes to the plans now drawn up were suggested, one of which is to install a swimming bath of larger proportions than the one in the present plans. The new tank will be 20 feet by 60 feet, and will permit races to be held in it. It will be tiled and fitted with a filtration system. As a result of enlarging the swimming bath the gymnasium will have to be enlarged somewhat. Several other improvements were suggested.

The report presented was received and adopted.

It was decided to elect a plan committee, which resulted in the following being appointed:—E. W. Whittington, W. A. Gleason and R. C. Horne.

A resolution asking W. Northcott, the city assessor, to act with this committee, was passed.

All tenants who now occupy the building on the Y.M.C.A. site, corner of View and Blanchard streets, will have to vacate these premises by February 1st. The houses are to be sold, and as soon as they are removed tenders for the excavation work will be called for.

Among those who were present at last night's meeting were: R. B. McMicking, in the chair; R. L. Drury, E. W. Whittington, Dr. Wasson, A. B. McNeill, W. E. Stenland, A. B. Fraser, W. A. Gleason, H. F. Griffith (architect), and A. J. Brace, secretary.

SCHOOL BOARD TO HAVE FULL REPORTS

Routine Business Yesterday—Special Meeting on Tuesday.

The school board met yesterday afternoon and after dealing with routine business decided to have reports on the fire alarm and fire escape conditions of all schools submitted at a special meeting next Tuesday night. The building and grounds committee will report on the progress of the work in this direction regarding the Girls' Central school. The finance committee will report on the work of the board for the year. A committee consisting of Trustees McNeill, Riddell and Superintendent Paul will report on teachers' salaries.

Chairman Jay reported having attended the trustees' convention committee, which waited on the government, and that if the board took action and got the Vancouver board interested there will be a probability of getting a grant towards the High schools, which lapsed in 1905.

Trustee McIntosh reported having attended the Chilliwack convention, where much good work was done, and will submit a full report later. Accounts to the amount of \$634.19 were passed, and other routine business was transacted.

CHRISTMAS IN CITADEL

Arrangements for Celebrating Holiday Season by Salvation Army.

Christmas festivities are commencing early at the Salvation Army citadel on Broad street. To-night at 8 o'clock an entertainment will be given by the juniors of the corps, under the leadership of J. S. Sergeant-Major McNeil, assisted by the junior company guards. A good programme has been arranged which will please the grown-ups as well as the little folks. The Christmas

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On Christmas Day services will be conducted in St. Mark's church at 10 a.m. by Rev. W. Barton.

Douglas N. Campbell, of "Bread-albane," arrived home last evening. He was one of the young men out last summer in the neighborhood of Fort St. James with the Gray-Devereaux survey party. He looks well and speaks highly of the treatment the boys received from their chief in the far north.

Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Paterson will take up residence at Government House next week and receive, for the first time since His Honor's assumption of that office, on New Year's Day. Hon. James Dunsmuir, ex-governor, and family, are busily engaged in superintending the transfer of their effects from Government House to Hatley Park, Mr. Dunsmuir's handsome new home near Esquimaux, which has just been completed.

The funeral of the late John McAdoo Wark took place yesterday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock from the family residence, Simcoe street, and at 2:30 o'clock at St. James' church, where an impressive service was conducted by Rev. J. H. S. Sweet. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral offerings were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: Hon. D. M. Eberts, H. D. Helmecken, K. C. J. R. Anderson, J. H. Lawson, J. Tolmie and R. Finlayson.

MOTORING DISTANCES.

The following shows the distances from Victoria of different points on Vancouver Island:

	Miles.
Alberni	117
Cowichan	8
Cremains	26
Duncan	23
Goldstream	11
Ladysmith	59
Nanaimo	72
Esquimaux	21

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CRYSTALIZED GINGER, 1-lb. tin 25¢	NEW BRAZIL NUTS, per pound 20¢	CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS, each, 5c to \$2	Per pound 15¢
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SOCCER GAMES TO BE PLAYED IN MORNING

Island League Fixture at Oak Bay is Main Attraction.

The week end soccer fixtures in the Island first division and the second division of the Victoria City league will be played Saturday morning, instead of in the afternoon as usual, as Saturday is Christmas Day.

In the Island league the A. O. F. and Victoria West teams will meet at Oak Bay at 10:30 a. m., when Sidney Thompson will referee.

The teams will be practically the same as those which represented the two clubs in the Island league matches last Saturday, except that McKittrick will replace Tait on the forward line, and Buxton, formerly of the Garrison, may be on the forward line also.

The A. O. F. team at present has no alterations on that of last week and the same men exactly will probably line up.

In the second division of the city league the matches with referees and time are as follows:

North Ward vs. Baraca, at Beacon Hill upper grounds, commencing at 10 a. m. Fred Richardson will act as referee.

Y. M. C. A. vs. Regiment, at Beacon Hill lower grounds, commencing at 10 a. m. J. G. McKenzie, referee.

Esquimalt vs. Beacon Hill, at the Canteen grounds, commencing at 10 a. m. H. Brightman, referee.

Empress vs. Victoria West. There is a possibility that this match will be postponed, as the clubs thus far have found it impossible to agree on a time and grounds.

BASKETBALL

SIDNEY v. NORTH SAANICH.

Sidney and North Saanich basketball teams played a hard game last Friday night, the latter winning by ten points. Williams played a good game and much credit of the victory was due to him. A dance and supper was held after the game and the returns from all sources were \$21, which will be presented to the Protestant Orphans' home.

ATHLETIC UNION MEETING TO-NIGHT

Delegates of All Affiliated Clubs Notified to Be Present.

The Victoria branch of the British Columbia Amateur Athletic Association will meet to-night at the Y.M.C.A. at 8 o'clock, when representatives of all affiliated athletic clubs will be present.

The secretary of the branch has notified all the clubs to send a delegate, as the meeting is held to be of the utmost importance to all clubs affiliated.

The principal matters to be discussed are the action of the Victoria West and A.O.F. soccer clubs playing in the Island league against the desire of the secretary and president of the union. The meeting has also the question of the threatened suspension of all the players who took part in the Island league matches, and will have to deal also with the basketball league, and the five J.B.A.A. and three V.W.A.A. players who played with and against Okell and Bailey at the rink Monday night. The basketball league has a protest on the game, but this has not been dealt with by the league, and will therefore not come before the union officially at this meeting.

The general opinion among athletes is that the two officials of the union here will have some plan of settlement of the present difficulty to put before its members, which if carried can be forwarded to the two football leagues for consideration.

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ALL READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS DAY RACE

Six Clubs Represented and Sidney Sends One Runner.

Christmas morning the Empress road race will take place, and Secretary Lucas has secured W. H. Wilkerson, the jeweler, for starter, who has donated a handsome cup for the winner.

Mrs. H. D. Helmcken will present the prizes won at the close of the race.

There are six athletic clubs represented in the race and a runner from Sidney will represent that town. There is also one unattached runner and a lad eleven years old. The second man will get a cup donated by the club promoting the race and will offer a medal for the third man.

The course will be the same as that over which the Y. M. C. A. road races are run, only the Empress club race will start at the hotel in place of the corner of Broad and Yates street, and end at the hotel.

Those entered are: C. Brown, V. W. A. A.; E. M. Case, J. B. A. A.; C. Thomas, J. B. A. A.; E. Coates, N. W. A. A.; E. Coleman, V. W. A. A.; W. Kersey, E. A. C.; G. Carroll, E. A. C.; E. Tribe, E. A. C.; Ira Brethour, Sidney; W. Linn, Fifth Regiment; T. Sheppard, unattached, 11 years old.

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Consolidated Company Will Erect Concentrator Near Greenwood.

Rosland, Dec. 22.—The No. 7 group of mineral claims situate in Central camp, eight miles southeast of Greenwood and two and a half miles east of Boundary Falls, has been sold by the B. C. Copper Co. and the Giant Powder Co., to the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada. The group consists of eight claims and fractions, aggregating 300 acres. The ledges carry gold and silver and the ore is of the concentrating type. The ledges are of fair average width and very persistent. About 3,000 feet of development work has been done, including a shaft of 300 feet, and drifts along the main ledge.
The acquisition of this property by the Consolidated company means a great deal for the Greenwood camp and the surrounding country, as the intention is to build an aerial tram two and a half miles in length and a concentrator with a capacity of 150 tons a day. The concentrator will be of a type thoroughly adapted for the concentration of the class of ore found in the ledges of the No. 7 group. This will no doubt give other properties in the district, carrying the same character of ore, of which the country has a great many, the long desired opportunity of having their ore tested and of finding out if the ore can be profitably treated, without going to the expense of building concentrators of their own. The acquisition of the group by the Consolidated company is largely an experiment, and the outcome will depend on its being able to mine and handle the ore at a low cost, and at the same time be able to make a high recovery of the values in the ore, and it is not what might be considered of a high grade.

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WESTMINSTER BONDS HAVE BEEN SOLD AT PAR
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New Westminster, Dec. 22.—At the council Alderman Jardine, on behalf of the finance committee, reported that the city has disposed of \$104,000 worth of bonds at par, with accrued interest. This amount was sold to George Stinson & Co., of Toronto, and the same firm has been given an option for three months on the remaining bonds, to be taken on the same terms. He recommended that the unsold bonds be deposited in the Bank of Montreal as security for the advances obtained from that institution by the city. The report was adopted.
In speaking of the bond question his worship remarked that he had been informed by the solicitors of two of the most prominent bond houses in Eastern Canada that the recent issue of \$4,000 authorized by the council for advertising purposes was illegal. The reason advanced was that the money would be used for advertising purposes, and in the course of a year or two would all be dissipated and no asset for the city created. The mayor said that in his opinion no reputable financial house would touch the bonds, and he was of the opinion it would be better for the money to be drawn from the current funds. He said that he had tried to meet the advertising committee appointed by the board of trade, but for some reason the meeting never took place.

ASYLUM BLAZE CAUSES PANIC AMONG WOMEN

Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 22.—Fire destroyed three wards of the north annex of the Central Hospital for the insane here, entailing a loss of about \$4,000. One hundred and eighty women patients were removed in safety from the burning wards and were housed in wards of the men's department.
In a few instances the women ran back into their rooms and hid themselves under beds or in closets. As a result four had narrow escapes. All were rescued.
Attendant McElroy found an aged woman huddled in bed. Although the woman fought desperately amid blinding smoke and flames, she carried her out.
Several firemen were injured by falling walls in the first half hour. Most of the patients rescued from the burning section were escorted by guards and volunteers to the south wing of the asylum, a new addition. The fire, however, so alarmed patients all through the asylum that the situa-

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carried out in the near future, the Hill engineers have been successful in locating a line that of eight-tenths of one per cent. as against westbound traffic," said Mr. Kennedy. "The maximum grade as against eastbound traffic will, of course, be heavier. The figure for twenty miles of the distance is two and one half per cent., and for an additional fifteen miles it will amount to one and one half per cent. On the mountain section going east should also be included a two-mile section along Coquehalia lake, and constituting virtually a dead level for that distance.
"When the tunnel project is carried out, a project by the way that is not a pressing one, it will reduce the summit by 675 feet, and accomplish a saving of thirty miles in the route, as well as cut off six miles from the two and one half per cent. grade."
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—J. H. Kennedy, chief engineer of the V. V. & E. railway, in an interview here discussed the question of grades over the Hope Mountains between Princeton and Hope. His statement tends to dispel a very widespread belief that the grades are almost insurmountable. "Without taking into consideration the tunnel project, which will not be

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The Rainbow Will Sail From Old Country in the Spring.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The first Canadian warship will be in commission in Canadian waters next spring.

The government has arranged for the purchase from the British admiralty of the second class twin screw cruiser Rainbow, one of Apollo type of unarmored cruisers, and the vessel is now in drydock in Great Britain undergoing necessary alteration and repairs preparatory to being sent across the Atlantic early next spring.

Arrangements are also being made for securing from the admiralty another second-class cruiser of somewhat larger type for service in Canada next summer.

Both vessels are to be used in the dual capacity of fisheries protection cruisers and training ships.

The Rainbow will probably be put in commission on the Pacific coast and the second cruiser will be stationed on the Atlantic coast.

It had been the intention of the government at first merely to secure a loan of the Rainbow from the admiralty pending the construction of seven new ships contemplated in the initial naval construction programme, but the arrangements now made are for purchase outright vessels being offered to the Canadian government at a reasonable price.

The purchase price is not yet divulged, but will be announced to the Commons next month.

The vessels will be manned at first, of course, by British officers and men, whose places will be taken by Canadians gradually as men and officers are trained.

The main object of getting the cruisers at once is to secure speedy training of crews for the new warships, which will of course not be completed for probably a couple of years or so. The complement of the Rainbow's crew is 275. She was launched in 1901 and cost \$200,000. Her tonnage is 3,600, length 290 feet, draft 16.5 feet, speed 29 knots. She carries two 6-inch guns, six 4.7-inch guns, eight 6-pounders and four torpedoes tubes.

GERMAN VIEWS

Professor Schlemann Writes On Relations of Mother Country and Colonies.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—To-day Professor Theodore Schlemann, writing in the Kreuz Zeitung, says in the English column very little attention is paid to the antagonism between Great Britain and Germany. Never has the fact been more clearly demonstrated that Great Britain is a country standing by herself, and that the colonies have grown separate nations with their own separate interests. In Canada the wish is coming to be felt more and more that there must be separate Canadian diplomatic corps to represent Canada throughout the world.

SCARED TO DEATH BY COON.

A curious case of an old woman being frightened to death by a pet coon occurred near Greensboro, Ala., a few nights ago. After she had retired to her bed, and while there was no light in the room, the old lady saw an object crawl over the bed toward her. She slapped it and pushed it back, but it came again. The woman then became frightened and got out of her bed, when, to her dismay, she discovered that she thing was still pursuing her. Thinking surely that it was a "haunt," she screamed, and other people in the place ran to her. By the time that any one got there she was so overcome with fright that she could scarcely speak, and died shortly after. It was learned that the object that had been following her was a pet coon.

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32-Caledonia Ave. and Cook St.
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Two Days' Delay Message to Ar Adams.

Despite the fact that on Monday evening the water commis...

The Times was informed a gentleman who knows as the manner in which the constructed as any other it will cost a considerable money to repair it and make fight. Asked what was the with the reservoir, he replied the whole trouble was in the concrete. The first place, it was improperly mixed, the grouting being bad, and secondly, it had been placed against a slanting "dry" wall with the concrete to be poured into the space between the wall and the stone collected in a heap at the bottom.

The Times informant said that while the work was in progress this condition of affairs came to the knowledge of the men engaged by the city in looking after the job, and when they found work was not being done they were told to keep quiet and to take their instructions from Mr. Kempe.

Asked what would be the better way of repairing the reservoir to make it watertight, the reply was to the effect that a coating of asphalt would not do the trick. It was explained, however, that on top of the asphalt there would have to be another coating of concrete, as should the asphalt be bare to the sun it would, during the summer, run off the face of the slanting walls on to the bottom. The sum involved in the job of effecting repairs will be very considerable in consequence, as the surface to be treated is very large.

EXECUTOR CALLED ON TO PROVE WILL

Unusual Lawsuit is Being Heard by Mr. Justice Gregory.

A lawsuit of an unusual type is going on before Mr. Justice Gregory today, the executor of the late Matthew J. Marshall, of Cowichan, J. Forrest, as plaintiff, being called upon by John Spears to prove the will in solemn form.

Marshall died on January 15th last, on January 2nd he made a will leaving section 3, range 1, to William Moulton, and the balance to Spears, who was a nephew. Spears alleges that the testator was not competent to make a will at the time, that there is a former will under which he is sole beneficiary and that he can prove by documentary evidence that the section mentioned was sold to him by the old man in 1899.

S. Perry Mills, K.C., instructed by Wootton and Goward, is acting for the plaintiff, and Arthur D. Crease for defendant.

The chief witness to-day was Moulton, who appears to have been living with Marshall, a man of 84, for some time, as was Spears, and he claims that the will in question recognized his services in taking care of the old man. A letter from Spears to Moulton was put in, in which Spears declared that he had proof of his purchase of the section, and added: "If that don't make your will of January 2nd look like three cents I will eat my hat."

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New York, Dec. 23.—In obedience to his dying wish that his funeral be held on Friday so that the Bowers could attend without missing its Christmas dinner, arrangements are under way for the services attending the burial to-morrow of the late Alderman Timothy P. Sullivan.

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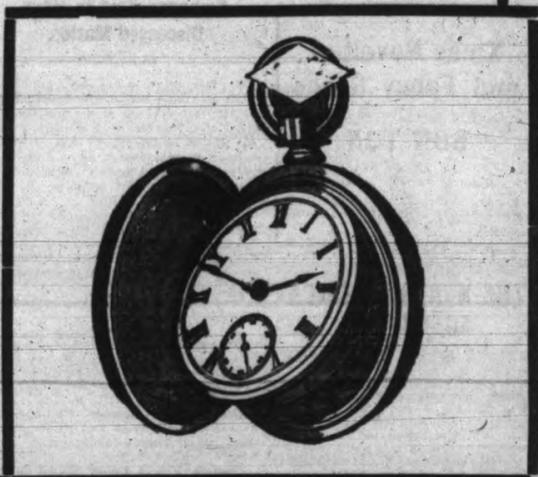
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"ALASKAN" HERE WITH SOME NEW FEATURES

Snowball Battle and Totem Pole Dance Are Big Successes.

"The Alaskan," produced before a well filled house at the Victoria theatre last night, with a number of new features, provided one of the best musical comedy entertainments that has visited the city this season. In place of some of the weak features of the former production the Alaskan is strengthened by new scenes and new songs.

Chief among these is the snowball song, a feature which proved a great attraction last night, and in which the audience take an active part, and although Gus Weinberg announced those on the stage had won last night's battle, the audience was of a different opinion, holding that more damage had been done by the snowballs returned from the audience than by those thrown from the stage.

This scene, the totem pole dance, which was in last year's show, H. H. H. "Mother Did," are all well given, and the ballets are splendidly arranged and well danced.

BOXING BOUTS FOR CENTENARIANS ONLY

Frank Slavin at Forty-eight Would Box Four Old Timers.

Frank Slavin has lost count of his birth anniversary, and has written to the London, England, Sportsman, as follows: Now, Mr. Editor, if Mitchell, Sullivan, Kilrain or Choyanski (those who were in the ring in my time) could buck up sufficient courage to consider this offer—namely, that I will take the above-named old scrappers on in one night and agree to stop them, one after the other, for \$10,000. If they stay ten rounds amongst them they can get \$10,000 of my money. All that is necessary for them to do is to make a deposit of \$1,000 to the editor of a British Columbia newspaper, and I will cover it and arrange all preliminaries respecting dates, etc., and I will show them that they never could, and never will, be in my class as athletes in the prize ring. Sincerely yours, Frank P. Slavin, M. E. Beaumont P. O., Victoria, B. C.

The sportsman says: As regards Slavin's challenge, it is, while probably genuine enough, is not, we think, likely to lead to business. Mitchell would think several times before going so far away from home. Sullivan is aged 51 years, and Kilrain, who is only a year younger than John L., must still have on his mind the terrible drubbing he received at the Granite Club, Hoboken, when he was battered almost to a pulp in nine rounds by Slavin, who later in 1896, knocked Jake out in one round. This leaves Choyanski, who of the quartette is certainly the most likely man to take up the challenge. Besides being nearer the scene of action, Joe Choyanski is six years the junior of Slavin, and at forty-one he would still be a power to be reckoned with, for according to a well-known American sporting man who only crossed from the States a fortnight ago, Joe is a wonderfully well-preserved man and is actually thinking of making another trip to England. The five celebrities mentioned were born as follows: John L. Sullivan, October 15th, 1858; Jake Kilrain, February 9th, 1859; Charles Mitchell, November 24th, 1861; Frank Slavin, January 30th, 1862; Joe Choyanski, November 8th, 1868.

CHRISTMAS STEAMERS.

The steamer NING Chow of the Blue Funnel line is to be a Christmas steamer this year if she arrives on time. She is expected to arrive here on Saturday. The Empress of India came rather near being a Christmas steamer. She is expected here this evening with cargo and passengers from the Orient. The San Francisco steamer is also due to arrive on Christmas Day.

DEATH THIS MORNING OF THOMAS SPRAGGE

Deceased Had Been Resident of Victoria for Nearly Twenty Years.

By the death of David Spragge, which occurred this morning at the family residence on Third street, Victoria lost one of her most respected citizens. Mr. Spragge died after a painful illness of some three months' duration. Coming to Victoria about nineteen years ago from Guelph, Ontario, he has since been known to the citizens of Victoria in several business capacities. He was recently the local manager of the Imperial Oil Company. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and five children—Mrs. William Nichol, of this city; Gordon Spragge, who is at present in White Horse; Miss Phoebe Spragge, who is a member of the staff of the Girls' Central school, and Messrs. Leonard and Alfred Spragge. The deceased was sixty-three years of age and a popular and valued member of the First Congregational church of this city. The funeral is to take place from the First Congregational church to-morrow afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. The body lies at Hanna's undertaking parlors.

SCOTTY WANTS A RAILWAY.

Maister Editor:—One majority here and two at Quatsino for the Liberals. It's nae sae lang since they were all Liberal votes at Quatsino. It's ayevant Scotty what that mesmerizer, McBride, does at the folk. Since the time they were all Liberal the mon McBride has tied up all the land w' a shaker see nae mair settlers could come in; sae the pulp schemers mair time to build (yon graft must hae run eicht years the noo). Oot o' a' the big revenue frae this timber here he comes up w' a few thousand, just before election, gies us a great send off with these grant roads, and sae finish aff comes oot with a railway policy that cuts us puir bods aff at this end o' the islan' completely, and cooily saks us sae vote for him, and we do it. The peety about the matter to my mind is our Socialists. Maybe ye dinna ken, but we hae quite a number o' these here and a few at Quatsino. I'm a daft on the subject mair, sae ye hae seen, nae doot, but what I was gaun to say, ye ken last simmer doon at Quatsino a daft chief came back frae Victoria with instructions to start a Conservative association to get a bunch o' siller for the road. This worked all right. All hands at the meeting put doon their names and the siller came along next boat. Now the mon to look after this sort o' business for the district, and the one who is paid for it, Maister Brewster, M. P., he might hae been over in China for all he kenned o' the matter. What is this but graft, a fine way to handle the business o' the country. This is some o' the sore points o' the Socialists, this sort o' graft for votes. On the other hand, Maister Brewster says in his speech, "I ken weel ye want roads, the country is nae good without them, but if ye expect me to get ye siller for roads for yer votes I'll hae name o' it." When I heard o' this I wanted to shake the brav mon's hand. I tell ye, Maister Editor, it takes a brave man these McBride times to tell such. Now this talk was good Socialism. Nae string on the people's representative. But how about all these votes for McBride just put in the box here? A lot o' them think they're aye for McBride, but they want Socialism ye must hae Socialists w' a little mair bone up their back. This issue was over plain here. On one side a plainly organized machine, the other an honest man speaking his mind. My intention to writ ye this time is on a vera important matter, but these politics hae got in first again. I want to tell ye about our district, something ye didna ken before. Ye dinna ken, that this end o' the islan' is cut into by a salt water harbor that is about 200 miles around the side; all harbor, mind ye. Along the side o' this harbor is the biggest bog iron deposit in British Columbia, a lot o' big coal, copper, copper claims galore, and the whole thing is covered over w' the finest kind o' timber. Now, mind ye, I'm nae telling ye this for nothing. Sae listen. The whole thing can be brought within 20 hours o' Vancouver or Victoria by just building a wee railway only 10 miles lang from Hardy Bay to here. The Camosun brings ye from Vancouver to Hardy Bay in 18 hours. A safe logging road, 18000 a mile would do for a start. Ye could come over this in an hour. We would be nae mair than a West Coast point four days frae Victoria, but a suburb o' Vancouver, so to speak. "Four days o' pulling on the siller, and would be taken often if only 20 hours o' comfortable ride all the way would dae it, and the chief w' the capital yourself come an' see for himself, sae he could see, tak that it would be easy and less expense to develop the thing we hae here, w' this chance to communicate quickly. Now, Maister Editor, to come to the

SHIPPING REPORT

(By Dominion Wireless.)
Cape Lazo, Dec. 23, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; wind S. E.; thick seaward; bar., 30.05; temp., 33; sea moderate.
Point Grey, Dec. 23, 8 a. m.—Cloudy; calm; thick seaward; bar., 30.05; temp., 33.
Tatoosh, Dec. 23, noon—Light snow; wind S. E., 7 miles; bar., 30.15; temp., 35; passed in, steam schooner at 5.50 p. m.; out, steamer, 6.35 p. m.; in, small steamer at 4 a. m.
Pachena, Dec. 23, 8 a. m.—Snowing; wind east; bar., 30.01; temp., 35; sea smooth.
Estevan, Dec. 23, 8 a. m.—Raining; wind S. E.; bar., 30.08; temp., 37; sea moderate; Kagera Maru reported in latitude 49.30 north, longitude 120.24 west at 1 p. m.
Cape Lazo, Dec. 23, noon—Cloudy; wind S. E.; bar., 30.07; temp., 34; sea moderate.
Point Grey, Dec. 23, noon—Cloudy; calm; thick seaward; bar., 30.13; temp., 35.
Tatoosh, Dec. 23, noon—Light snow; wind east, 12 miles; bar., 30.14; temp., 45; sea moderate; passed in, two-masted steamer at noon.
Pachena, Dec. 23, noon—Snowing; wind east; bar., 30.02; temp., 37; sea smooth; Leebro east bound 10.45; Empress of India 30 miles west of here, 11.30.
Estevan, Dec. 23, noon—Cloudy; wind S. E.; bar., 30.09; temp., 40; sea moderate; steamer Victoria, 120 miles from Cape Flattery south bound at noon.
Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co. of Birkenhead, have received from the British admiralty a provisional order for a floating dock, the largest of its type ever built in England.

A CASE OF "MUCH ADO"

Money Advanced to Be Repaid by Executors.

"Much ado about nothing," Chief Justice Hunter termed a matter brought before him in chambers this morning.

At the time of the death of John Irving, of the Goldstream hotel, he was negotiating with James K. Kelly for the sale of the hotel and had received \$2,000 from him, which was to be credited against the purchase price when the deal went through.

For the executors, Frank Higgins this morning asked the advice of the court as to the matter, and the claim of Kelly to have his money returned. R. T. Elliott, K.C. for Kelly, explained the circumstances under which the money was advanced to Irving. His Lordship said there should be no

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point o' this letter. I am gaun to ask ye a favor, and it's nae easy one either. I want ye to gang yersel to the Hon. Richard McBride (it's sae weel to gie him his full name the noo) and lay this matter o' the wee railway before him. Every man Jack and Gill at this end o' the islan' would sign a petition for this, but what is the use, there is nae voting the noo. We might call it a Conservative association, but it's a lang time to the next election, and I hae ma doots if this would work either. The only way, Maister Editor, I can see, is for ye to try it yersel. A lot depends on how ye approach His Honor. It wadna be wise to tell him Scotty sent ye. I'm affraid he has sae love for this chiel in callin' him McDick and other things. But if it was me noo, mind ye, dinna ye dae what I say if ye dinna like, but I should fix mysel up like D. D. Mann. Hae one o' my pouches sticking oot weel at the side, w' a corner o' siller showing at the top, with a pro- per wink now and again. Ye ken what I mean, but, mind ye, if ye think it's no richt, dinna ye do it. It's only Scotty's mind that is warped w' the siller my neighbors say. The point is to get the wee railway, and it's a deeficult thing to tell ye just how to work it. Of course ye might tell him the real truth, that it would be a great thing for the district. Mind ye explain that the road is in the Comox district, but it's the Alberni district that is most to benefit. I tell ye what, ye ask him to make a dicker w' the people that he has already given a charter for for this same road, then take all the siller that is coming ta us for the two districts this next year for roads, put a little more to this and get the thing finished this next year. Never mind the political road boss, but get a tender-true some logging chiel, and it will be done for half the siller. One steam car to come over and back once a day or meet boats would dae the trick for the present. That Scot, Maister Lyon, at Hardy Bay, is a bit o' an engineer. He would dae it all himself, I'll bet ye. I tell ye McDick would get back again. Scotty's richt. He kent the machine was weel greased. Another I tell ye is richt, ta, about temperance matters, is my last letter. I said it would be a good see since a leading article on the same subject in the Montreal Family Herald. He tells ye weel what I couldna. Now if he will prophesy again that we get oot w' the railway. Now ye see if I am no richt. If Scotty gies it richt the third time he will be gettin' swilled heid.

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WATER TANKS IN LEAKING CONDITION

Steamer Chieftain Will Tow Lumber North After Being Overhauled.

Steamer Chieftain, which was reported coming south with a big scow full after Christmas, but in imagination he smelt the Christmas turkey and mentally resolved that he would be here on time.

Captain Noel, telling of his trip, said that it was the finest passage between Prince Rupert and Victoria he had ever made.

While the Chieftain is being overhauled the scow will be loaded by the Westholme Lumber Company for Sol. Cameron, and will be taken to Prince Rupert.

MAY MAKE SEATTLE PORT OF CALL

Director of Union Steamship Company Said to Have Discussed Matter.

A Honolulu newspaper publishes what it claims was a statement made by Mr. Roberts, one of the directors of the Union Steamship Company.

The Sandheads lightship is reported out of position, and word has been sent to the steamer Newington to cross over and replace her.

Andrew Weir steamer Claverley is expected to-day from San Francisco to take coal at Comox for Guaymas.

Steamer Harold Dollar passed up to Sidney to-day to complete her cargo of lumber.

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Blue Funnel Liner First Steamer to Enter at Swansca.

A Blue Funnel liner, the Polyphemus, had the honor of being the first vessel to enter the new King's dock at Swansca, Wales, which was opened last month.

The largest single-dock in the world where the water is held up by dock gates is at Newport, on the Bristol channel also, this dock now approaching completion having an area of 135 acres, the entrance lock being 1,000 feet long and 100 feet wide.

PRESENTED BELL

Chinese War Bell to Guide Ships to Seattle Pier.

Now that the foggy season has about arrived the dock managers along Seattle's water front are digging up all kinds of old cow bells and triangles to hang out at the ends of the wharves and make distinctive noises which can be identified by the different ship captains who may be attempting to make a landing.

E. J. Maston, manager of pier 2, thinks he has secured an instrument which will proclaim the location of his dock in unmistakable terms.

HARD VOYAGE

Steamer Bertha Encountered Very Severe Weather in Northern Waters.

Returning home from the hardest and most disagreeable round voyage of her experience in the Northern trade, the steamer Bertha, Capt. McGillivray, of the Alaska Coast Company's fleet, arrived at the Tacoma smelter Tuesday morning from Valdez and way ports.

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The vessel, after sliding off the coral, rose easily, and was apparently not injured to the extent of any of her plates being loosened enough to permit the ingress of water.

When the vessel finally yielded to steady pulling by the Arcona and the Inter-Island steamers Helene and Makahala, as well as by the rising tide, the warship immediately began steaming away from the dangerous locality.

The Arcona then went to take on more coal to make up for what she burned, and with her make haste to reach Tokohama before Christmas.

PRINCESS MAY HERE FROM PRINCE RUPERT

Steamer Brought Many Passengers North for Christmas Holidays.

Steamer Princess May arrived from the North last night about midnight, making a fine passage, but reported passing some ice just north of Prince Rupert.

The May brought north about 220 passengers, of whom nearly 200 were first-class.

The May will go north again on Saturday night.

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	Wheat Flakes, per packet	12.00
	Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.	45
	Graham Flour, 10 lbs.	45
	Graham Flour, 50 lbs.	1.75
Feed—	Hay (baled), new, per ton	30.00
	Straw, per bale	75
	Middlings, per ton	25.00
	Brass, per ton	30.00
	Ground Feed, per ton	25.00
	Shorts	25.00
Poultry—	Dressed Poultry, per lb.	35
	Ducks, per lb.	35
	Geese (Island), per lb.	30
Garden Produce—	Cabbages, per lb.	1.00
	Patatoes (local)	1.00
	Onions, per lb.	1.00
	Carrots, per lb.	1.00
WHOLESALE MARKETS.	Lemons (Cal.)	4.00
	Walnuts (Eastern)	19
	Walnuts (Western)	19
	Cocoanuts, each	19
	Ham	20
	Bacon	23
	Carrots, per lb.	2
	Bananas, per lb.	4
	Potatoes (local), per ton	15.00
	Butter (Creamery)	30
	Butter (Dairy)	25
	Eggs (traced), per doz.	25
	Oats, per ton	25
	Hay, per ton	30.00
	Corn, per ton	30.00
	Grape Fruit	4.50
	Tomatoes (local)	1.00
	Watercress, per doz.	1.00
	Green Onions, per doz.	1.00
	Radish, per doz.	1.00
	Cauliflowers, per doz.	1.75
	Onions (silver skins)	1.00
	Onions (local), per lb.	1.00
	Navel Oranges	1.50
	Pears (local)	2.00
	Apples, per box	2.50
	Cranberries (New Jersey), bbl.	2.50
	Cranberries (local), per bbl.	3.00
	Garlic, per lb.	3.00
	Celery	3.00
	Figs (Cal.), per package	1.00
	Figs (Smyrna), boxes	1.50
	Figs (Smyrna), per doz. baskets	1.25
	Prickles (Cal.)	1.00
	Malaga Raisins, 25 lbs.	2.50
	Oranges (Tangerine), per box	2.50
	Pineapples, per doz.	4.00

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Bakeries, Limited 7 1/2
Canadian Northwest Oil 36
Diamond Coal 11
Diamond Vale Coal & Iron 11
Great West Permanent 114.00
International Coal & Coke 7 1/2
McGillivray Creek Coal 25
Nootka Marble Quarries 5 1/2
Northern Bank Certificates 34.00
Crown Certificates 35.00
Northern Oil 104
Pacific, Local 50.00
Pacific Whaling (pref.) 60.00
Portland Cement Mining 11 1/2
Rambler Cariboo 10
Royal Collieries 50.00
South African Scrip 60.00
Silica Brick 1.32
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FORESTS OF THE DOMINION
CARE BEING TAKEN FOR THEIR PRESERVATION
Patrol to Guard Against Fire—Forest Survey Needed.

"If the forests of this great region, so absolutely necessary to a northern district, a great portion of which is not even provided with coal, are to be preserved, an appropriation sufficient to provide an efficient and comprehensive patrol must be given, and the interests involved would thoroughly justify the expenditure."
These words are used by R. H. Campbell, superintendent of forestry, in regard to the immense stretch of country lying between Hudson Bay and the Arctic and north of the Saskatchewan and form part of his contribution to the report of the department of the interior, lately laid before parliament. The district extends about 1,000 miles east and west, by some 300 to 600 miles (averaging 400 miles) north and south, and is all more or less forested.
Steps have already been taken for the patrol of part of the region, rangers having, in 1908, been kept on the Athabasca, Lesser Slave, Peace and Great Slave rivers, in the region north of the Pas, (Sask.), and in the country north of Prince Albert, Sask., including the Lac la Ronge district, the scene of the mining excitement. Some of the most important points and routes of travel, however, remain unprotected, such as the whole district surrounding and north of Lake Winnipeg as far as Hudson Bay, the whole valley of the Churchill river and a great part of the Peace and Mackenzie river districts.
Fire notices have been printed in Cree and Chipewyan for distribution in the north and a copy of one of these is appended to the report.
A special patrol was maintained along the route of the G. T. P., with the encouraging result that no serious fire occurred. Similar precautions need to be observed on the many other railway lines projected in the northern country.
The importance attached to this branch of the work by the forestry branch is shown by the increase in the number of fire rangers from 47 in 1907 to 52 in 1908; these rangers patrol their respective districts, discover and extinguish fires and warn travellers and residents of the danger of setting or neglecting fires. Few serious fires occurred on Dominion lands in spite of the dryness of the season and the consequent risk. The most serious fires were at Salmon Arm, Manson Creek and the White Lakes, in British Columbia, and in the valley of the spray river in Alberta.
For the British Columbia fires equalities on timber berths were chiefly responsible and in one case carelessness on the part of a lumber company was a partial cause; for the Spray valley fire the carelessness of tourists is responsible. By the British Columbia fires 20,000 feet of forest were destroyed and 10,000,000 feet damaged; the Spray valley fire burned about 3,000,000 feet.
Forest Survey Needed.
There is the greatest need of a survey of this northern forest belt, to say nothing of its protection from fire. An exploration of this tract, similar to the exploration of Northern Ontario made in 1900 by the government of that province, could, Mr. Campbell states, be made for \$200,000, an amount, which, spread over ten years, would mean an annual expenditure of \$20,000. Some of the main lines of travel through the country are well known. It is true, but large areas are entirely unknown, particularly away from these routes, and in order to secure adequate knowledge upon which to base proper administration of the country definite knowledge of it is essential.
On the forest reserves timber surveys were continued during 1908 and plans of administration of the reserves are now being prepared in accordance with the results of these surveys. Fire and careless cutting have resulted in the deterioration of the reserves, and a long period of management will be required to bring them back into proper condition. Of the whole area of 10,000,000 acres comprised in the reserves, about 1,500,000 acres have been surveyed during 1908.
The reserves are described at some length by A. Knechtel, inspector of forest reserves, in his report appended to the main report. The Riding Mountain reserve is described at length in a separate bulletin ("The Riding Mountain Forest Reserve," by J. P. Dickson, assistant inspector of forest reserves), the survey of the reserve having been completed. The result of a "reconnaissance" survey of "The Pineau" reserve made in the summer of 1908, is also published as an appendix to the report (Appendix No. 2, report of H. R. MacMillan, assistant inspector of forest reserves). Additions to existing reserves have also been recommended. One of these consists of a tract of some 200 square miles lying to the north of the Saskatchewan river, opposite Prince Albert, Sask. It is also recommended that the Cypress Hills reserve in Alberta be considerably extended; aside from the value of the forests in this reserve, it is found that the reserve is of considerable value as a source of hay for ranchers in the vicinity. The forests of the Crow's Nest district were also reported on by Assistant Inspector MacMillan (see Bulletin No. 5, "Forest Conditions in the Crow's Nest Valley, Alberta.") Regulations for the management of camp sites within the forest reserves are printed at the end of Mr. Campbell's report, and regulations for leases of mining lands in the reserves are also given.
Tree Planting Reports.
Over two and a half million trees were sent out from the forest nursery station at Indian Head, Sask., in the spring of 1909, 2,016 applicants being supplied. In the spring of 1910 trees

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Butter (Creamery)	30
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Eggs (traced), per doz.	25
Oats, per ton	25
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Corn, per ton	30.00
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Tomatoes (local)	1.00
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Radish, per doz.	1.00
Cauliflowers, per doz.	1.75
Onions (silver skins)	1.00
Onions (local), per lb.	1.00
Navel Oranges	1.50
Pears (local)	2.00
Apples, per box	2.50
Cranberries (New Jersey), bbl.	2.50
Cranberries (local), per bbl.	3.00
Garlic, per lb.	3.00
Celery	3.00
Figs (Cal.), per package	1.00
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Prickles (Cal.)	1.00
Malaga Raisins, 25 lbs.	2.50
Oranges (Tangerine), per box	2.50
Pineapples, per doz.	4.00

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

Victoria, Dec. 22-5 a. m.—The pressure is high in the North Pacific states and lowest on the British Columbia coast; snow is falling in Eastern Oregon and Idaho, and the weather south of Vancouver Island is chiefly fair and moderately cold. From the Kootenays eastward fair weather prevails with temperatures close to or below zero. A vast high area covers the entire Mississippi valley, its centre being in Tennessee.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity—Easterly winds, chiefly cloudy and cold, with snow to-night or Friday.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, mostly cloudy and cold, with snow to-night or Friday.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 34; minimum, 29; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 34; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.50; temperature, 15; minimum, 10; wind, 4 miles E.W.; snow, trace; weather, clear.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 2; minimum, zero; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 42; minimum, 30; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, 10 below; minimum, 12 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.
Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 10; minimum, 4; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

The trial of the libel actions brought by deputies of the Croatian diet and the Hungarian parliament against the Austrian historian, Dr. Freitjung, ended yesterday in a compromise. Freitjung admitted that the most important documents adduced in support of his assertions were forgeries, whereupon the plaintiffs withdrew their suit. The court ordered the costs divided.

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SHIPPING GUIDE
OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Vessel	From	Due
Shimano Maru	From the Orient	Jan. 18
Empress of Japan	From the Orient	Jan. 21
Marama	From Australia	Jan. 12
Ella	From Mexico	Jan. 12
Lonsdale	From Liverpool	Jan. 15
Ning Chow	From Liverpool	Dec. 25
Monteagle	For the Orient	Dec. 28
Aorangi	For Australia	Dec. 31
Lonsdale	For Liverpool	Dec. 24
Bellerophon	For Liverpool	Dec. 23
COASTWISE STEAMERS.		
TO ARRIVE		
Umatilla	From San Francisco	Dec. 25
Senator	From Skagway	Jan. 5
Princess May	From Northern B. C. Ports	Jan. 5
Vado	From Northern B. C. Ports	Dec. 28
Princess Beatrice	From Northern B. C. Ports	Dec. 29
St. Denis	From Northern B. C. Ports	Jan. 5
Tees	From West Coast	Dec. 27
TO SAIL		
Umatilla	For San Francisco	Dec. 31
Senator	For Skagway	Jan. 7
Princess May	For Northern B. C. Ports	Dec. 25
Vado	For Northern B. C. Ports	Dec. 23
St. Denis	For West Coast	Dec. 30
Tees	For West Coast	Jan. 1
FERRY SERVICE.		
Steamer Victoria	Victoria-Vancouver	Daily at 1 a. m.
Steamer Vancouver	Vancouver-Victoria	Daily at 7 a. m.
Steamer Victoria	Victoria-Seattle	Daily at 4:30 p. m.
Steamer Vancouver	Seattle-Victoria	Daily at 12:30 a. m.
Steamer Victoria	Victoria-Seattle	Except Sunday at 12:30 a. m.
Steamer Vancouver	Seattle-Victoria	Except Sunday at 7 a. m.
Steamer Victoria	Victoria-Seattle	Except Sunday at 4:30 p. m.
Steamer Vancouver	Seattle-Victoria	Except Sunday at 12:30 a. m.

GIBSON YARROW
DIED IN NANAIMO
Had Been a Resident of Coal City for Twenty Years.

Nanaimo, Dec. 22.—The death occurred in the city on Monday night of Gibson Yarrow, one of the best known and most respected residents of Nanaimo, having resided here for close on twenty years.
Mr. Yarrow had been a sufferer with inflammatory rheumatism for some time, but it was only several days ago when he was forced to go to bed, his illness terminating fatally last evening at his home on Nicol street.
The deceased was a native of England, aged 41 years, and is survived by his wife and an adopted child. A brother, George Yarrow, a sister, Mrs. Johnson, and his father, also reside here.

MINING IN KASLO.
Best Year in Many in the Silver-Lead Region.

Kaslo, Dec. 22.—While mining, taken as a whole, has not been as brisk as expected, the year just drawing to a close has been the best for a number of years past in regard to tonnage, as far as the Kaslo-Slocan district is concerned. The total output of silver-lead and zinc up to November 30th amounted to about 18,726 tons. It is

TIDE TABLE.
Victoria, December, 1909.

Date	Time H	Time M	Time H	Time M
1	02:14	10:17	9:09	1:02
2	02:14	10:17	9:09	1:02
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25	02:14	10:17	9:09	1:02
26	02:14	10:17	9:09	1:02
27	02:14	10:17	9:09	1:02
28	02:14	10:17	9:09	1:02
29	02:14	10:17	9:09	1:02
30	02:14	10:17	9:09	1:02

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 9 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the sea. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

Run Down?
Ask your doctor all about Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Entirely free from alcohol. A strong tonic and alterative.

HALF FAMISHED AND LOST IN NORTH WOODS

Young Man Wanders for Three Days Near Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 23.—To wander, bewildered and half-famished for nearly three days in the woods in the neighborhood of Kalen Island has been the experience of Thomas Knowling. He arrived in town with Matthew Kritza, and he has the later to thank for guiding him out of the wilderness and thereby saving his life.

Mr. Knowling's condition. He had some tobacco, and he made the most of it. Mr. Kritza was ranging the woods in connection with certain prospecting operations. He met the lost man, and it didn't take long for him to realize that he was indeed suffering from the effect of hunger and exposure. A fire was made, also hot coffee and a meal, and Mr. Knowling paid his respects to the rest with all the vigor that he was capable of summoning. A good rest and some of the essentials of civilization and Mr. Knowling will be himself again.

KILLED BY ROCK FALL

Miner Lost His Life in the Mother Lode Mine. Greenwood, Dec. 22.—The inquest on the body of William Ennis, the miner who was killed at the Mother Lode mine, took place on Saturday last. After the evidence had been heard the Jurors returned a verdict of accidental death. The deceased came to his death about 1 o'clock in the morning. After drilling with his partner a round of holes in raise 84, on the 166-foot level, the men blasted at 12.30, but returned to see the damage later, when rock from the roof of an adjacent raise fell and crossed the path of the two men who were returning to the surface, instantly killing Ennis. The funeral of the deceased was very largely attended by his friends and members of the Miners' union.

WHAT CAUSES THE BLUES

London, Eng., Dec. 20.—Doctors have discovered that the "blues" or "mental depression and irritability" is really a disease caused by defective circulation in the cells of the brain. The British Health Review says "by improving the circulation, there is an immediate improvement in the mental outlook." If this is the case, we Canadians do not have to wait for the foreign scientists to pursue their investigations any farther. We have the cure for the "blues" in those wonderful fruit liver tablets called "Fruit-a-tives." It is doubtful if the greatest physicians abroad will ever discover anything to equal "Fruit-a-tives" to purify and enrich the blood and improve the circulation. They go straight to the root of the trouble, stimulating the torpid liver and kidneys and regulating the bowels. Thus they cleanse the whole system and renew vitality, mental as well as physical. Fifty cents a box, \$ for \$2.50, or trial size 25c. At dealers, or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

What Other People Think

CHRISTMAS OBLIGATIONS.

To the Editor:—The happy faces of mothers and fathers preparing for the Christmas season brings to my mind the fare of a mother in this town, for whom the festive season will have but little charm, a time-worn face, its youth and freshness gone, and in their place the lines of care and track of tears. Almost a stranger in the land of her birth, after an absence of years, the old faces have vanished, old friends departed long since when poverty and misfortune entered her door. The husband seldom in employment, and when others are busy preparing for the day which should bring joy to all, these people, too proud to ask for assistance, are alone. I had occasion to call at the house several days ago, when I learned the sad, pitiful tale of misfortune and reverses. I thought with a twinge of conscience of several little conchaves of my children, of private views of things hidden from me at the bottom of drawers, of wild flights when father appeared unbidden in the door, which I had allowed for once to pass unheeded. Absorbed in business, I had hardly thought of Christmas coming on, until now it was here—for some—but not for others. For once I prayed inwardly for wealth, that I might be able to relieve the burden of debt which hung over this woman, just to have what others have wasted and spent on frivolities and card parties, to help her regain a foothold and start again, but this is to be denied me, for have I not tried to make most of what we had for last Christmas—serve this? The old dolls newly dressed, the winter frocks turned and retrimmed, and all the other economies practiced, for my husband is but a working man. Heaven knows what would happen in the constant tragedies of life, if instant help were not at hand—the arm outstretched to the drowning, without formal reference to friendly visitors and official committees. I would have the richest and most generous men and women in the community remember how difficult it will be for them to match the generosity of the poorest poor in the Christmas days which are so near. Indeed, the poor are the greatest givers at Christmas, and at all other times. They are the most generous with their little store; they give not only of their worldly goods, but of their time, their labor, their helpful sympathy. I gave the woman a sprig of holly from the bunch I carried. She started as she took it. Perhaps it stirred tender memories, or she did not expect to be remembered even with it, or perhaps it had come to remind her of the days of long ago when she wandered in beechwood clearings as a girl, tracking through the snow? "Christ-thorn," we called it in our youth. The red berries, so our simple faith, were the drops of blood that fell from the Saviour's brow as it dropped under its cruel crown upon the cross. Have we changed or forgotten that Christmas is still the same, with the old cheer, the

Big Values For The Last Hours

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SPECIAL attention is called to the Special Value Counters. By these we mean counters on which odd lines of china, etc., are placed for speedy riddance. Each counter contains a range of gift pieces at a certain price—one is a 5-cent counter, another a 10-cent counter, etc.—The values in many instances reach double the price asked, and hundreds of excellent gift things are numbered in the offerings. For the person with a long list of friends and with but a very limited bank account, these counters are particularly welcome. Daily new things are being added, and you shouldn't fail to visit this department to-day, and every day until Xmas. COUNTERS AT 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c AND 50c

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We have just opened a shipment of decidedly attractive Cut Glass, fresh from one of Austria's foremost makers. Late in arriving is the main reason for the special pricing of these pieces. Here is an opportunity to secure a splendid gift at a little price. Glass is of finest quality, cutting deep and attractive patterns. Don't miss seeing these splendid values. CUT GLASS VASES—Specimen vases, 6 inches high, dainty cut star pattern. Splendid for single roses or other flowers. Special at 25c. SUGARS AND CREAMS—Attractive shapes, with a pleasing cut star pattern. The pair are specially priced at 1.00. CREAM JUGS—Specially priced at, each 40c.

SHAVING MUGS 25c—Shaving Mugs from 25c—settles the gift question for some. Dainty decorated china. Moustache Cups—excellent line at 25c. TOAST RACKS \$2.50—Silver-plated Toast Racks in a great variety of designs. Prices ranging from \$2.50. Hundreds of gifts in silver here. Great values offered. NUT CRACKS AT 35c—Nut-cracks are needed for Christmas. Several styles here. Prices at 65c and 35c. Silver-plated styles at \$1. Lots of China Nut Bowls. KNIFE BASKETS 65c—A Knife Basket of such splendid design as these would make an ideal gift for your home—or any home. Wicker Knife Baskets priced at 60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$2.50.

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CRUMB BRUSH AND TRAY—Just received a shipment of these. Splendid for gift giving because they are practical. Come in and see them. HEAVY JAPANESE—Decorated, splendid brush. From \$1.00. POLISHED OAK—Best bristle brush. Priced at \$1.50. EMBOSSED—Polished brass, best brush, at \$2.25. CHILD'S SETS—Knife, fork and spoon of Polish silver—not tarnish. Three pieces in case, for 50c. CHILD'S SETS—In 1847 Rogers' Bros.' silver plate. Knife, fork and spoon. In lined case, at \$1.75. Some splendid gift pieces in B. C. and Victoria souvenir china. Just the thing to send some out-of-town friend. Dainty yet little-priced. See it on the balcony. SMOKERS' SETS—In brass. Some of the handsomest yet have ever shown. Prices range at \$7.50, \$7 and \$6.50. TOBACCO JARS—Earthenware styles. Priced at \$2 and \$1.00. STEINS for the men folk. Many styles and sizes. Some silver mounted. Prices start at 75c. TOBACCO BOXES of china. Big value at 25c. NEW TABLE MATS—Another excellent new arrival—these are Mats. Just in time for Christmas, the time of times for Table Mats. Some very attractive Lherusta Walton Mats in either oval or oblong shapes, and in pretty green, blue or buff tints. A set of eight, assorted sizes, for \$1.00. WILLOW MATS—Six for \$1.00. HEARTH BRUSHES—A Hearth Brush is something every home needs and these are of such attractive style as to make splendid gifts. In black or brass, at 50c. All Bristle Brushes for crumb trays, at 50c. DOZENS OF NEW KITCHEN THINGS—CAMPFIRE TRUNKS make ideal gifts for ladies. The safe way to keep valuable furs as moths or other insects positively cannot live inside these. Priced from \$7.50. You'll find these trunks on the second floor and while there we would suggest that you see the special showing for holiday gifts. Many desirable articles shown. All prices.

Newest Bisque Figures at Very Enticing Prices

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old message of good-will, the old royal road to the heart of mankind? No; not changed, but apt to forget in the midst of plenty that some have nothing. Dear readers, how often have I seen its blessed charity, that never scrupled, make light in the hovels of darkness and despair! How often watched its spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion in those who had, besides themselves, nothing to give! And as often the sight had made whole my faith in human nature. No! Christmas is not of the past; its spirit not dead. The sprig of holly bore witness to it. The season wears on. The flight of time. What a solemn thought! It jacks but a few days to the close of the year. All nature, nor the gods, can stay its flying by a second. To meet these coming moments bravely, to be busy in right things as they go, to have fitted tasks and pure pleasures to think back upon—these should be much of life. Will Christmas morning dawn pure and white for these sufferers? To whom much is given, of him should much be required." A.C. James Swain, a half-breed, who for twenty-seven years was in charge of the Hudson's Bay Company transport from York Factory, died Tuesday on an island in Black Sturgeon Lake, about nine miles south of Kenora, Ont. He was 70 years of age, and had resided in this district since 1882.

ESKIMOS AS HUNTERS. In all my experience I had never encountered a rougher, more difficult country in which to hunt than this in Ellesmere Land. Ordinarily, I should have believed these mountain sides, with walls of smooth rock sheathed with a crust of hard ice and snow, quite unscalable. In places they were almost perpendicular. Rarely did they offer a crevice to serve as foot or hand hold, and jutting points and firm-set bowlders were too widely scattered to be of much help. In this his native land the Eskimo has a decided advantage over the white hunter. His lifetime of experience has taught him to scale these ice-clad heights with a nimbleness and ease that are astounding. He is quite fearless, and even the mountain sheep is not his superior as a climber. As if by magic, and with little apparent effort, the two Eskimos flew up the slippery walls, far outstripping me. How they did it I shall never know. Now and again I was forced to cut steps in the ice or I should inevitably have lost my footing and been hurled downward several hundred feet to the rocks beneath. I was astonished even at my own progress, and when I paused to glance behind me I felt a momentary panic. But there was no turning back and one look down robbed me of any desire to try it. The Eskimo has no conception of distances. He is endowed with certain artistic instincts which enable him to draw a fairly good map of a coast line with which he is thoroughly familiar, but he cannot tell you how far it is from one point to another. On very many occasions I noted this peculiarity when travelling with them. Often when they told me a place we were bound for was very close at hand, it developed that we were far from it. This is something they are sure of and cannot indicate. The Eskimos have a white man "stung to death" from every point of view. They not only can go to sleep promptly, but sleep soundly and well as they travel, when circumstances permit. They get sustenance, too, by eating hard-frozen walrus and seal meat or blubber. This I could never do, for it is so strong in flavor that it invariably nauseated me, though I did succeed very well with raw hare or deer's meat when I had it.—Harry Whitney, in January Outing.

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section (160 acres, more or less) of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

DUTIES.—Within six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 50 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$10 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to carry homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Purchased homesteads may be acquired on any available lands on either odd or even numbered sections south of Township 48, east of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and the western line of Range 18 and west of the third Meridian and the Salt Railway line. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$50.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1.00 an acre. Not more than 1,500 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per ton.

QUARTZ.—Within eighteen years of age and over having made a discovery may locate a claim 1,500 feet by 1,500 feet. Fee, \$5.00. At least 100 must be expended on the claim each year, or paid to the Mining Recorder. When \$400 has been expended with the claim may be purchased at \$1.00 an acre.

PLACER MINING CLAIMS generally, 100 feet square. Entry fee, \$5.00.

DREDGING.—Two leases of five miles each of a river may be issued to one applicant for a term of 20 years. Rental, \$10 a mile per annum. Royalty, 25 per cent after the output exceeds \$10,000.

W. W. COURT,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior,
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FLASHLIGHT PICTURE OF BENEDICT BANTLY AND HIS MUSICAL PUPILS.

A most successful pupil's recital was held Monday evening by the classes of Benedict Bantly at his spacious music studio, 1125 Fort street.

The various numbers were very ably rendered by the respective performers.

which evinced the proof of the superior instruction meted out to them by their talented teacher. At the end of the recital programme, Mr. and Mrs. Bantly contributed several vocal and instrumental solos, which were much enjoyed. A noteworthy feature of the

arrangements of the evening was the placing of Mr. Bantly's two beautiful grand pianos side by side for the double piano work. These lovely instruments were especially imported from the Bluthner factories in Leipzig for Mr. Bantly's Victoria studio.

NATURAL GAS AND PETROLEUM

REPORT ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF MINES

Dominion Government Gives Information Relative to Production in Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—During the current year the Department of Mines, Hon. Wm. Templeman, Minister, has issued a large number of reports on the mineral resources of Canada and the various phases of their development. These reports are the results of investigations conducted in the field by geologists and mining engineers, and of course, cover a very wide range of subjects. There has been a considerable demand for these publications, which, it is pleasing to note, is increasing every year.

Recently the department issued an interesting and instructive report on the production of natural gas and petroleum during the calendar years 1907 and 1908. The information contained therein is succinctly given, a few pages only being required to set forth the facts with regard to these two products.

In 1907 natural gas was produced by three provinces: Ontario, Alberta and Quebec, the value of the total being \$185,022. To this amount Ontario was the largest contributor, with Alberta second. The next year witnessed a substantial increase in the production, the amount being \$1,912,660, and this may be noted, came from the provinces of Ontario and Alberta only, no production being reported from Quebec.

A glance at the table of production in the report shows that the natural gas production is largely on the increase. The production for the last five years, particularly, has shown a marked growth, the figures rising from \$228,375 to \$1,912,660, and this, it may be noted, is the greatest activity prevails, as shown by the production, are the counties of Welland, Haldimand, Essex and Kent, in Western Ontario. Of the total for 1908, Haldimand contributed 51 per cent; Welland, 21 per cent; Essex and Kent, 11 per cent. Alberta's contribution was 7 per cent. All the fields gave increased production, but the expansion in Haldimand was the most noticeable.

With regard to the West, the outlook for a considerable expansion of this industry is very promising. For instance, gas is reported to have been struck in merchantable quantities at Calgary by a company which has been engaged in exploratory work for several years. It is expected that the returns for 1909 will include a contribution from the Calgary field. The Canadian Pacific Railway has been drilling for oil and gas in Central Alberta for some time, and large flows of gas have been struck at Dunmore Junction, Suffield and Bow Island. At Bow Island a flow of 4,000,000 cubic feet per day was struck at 1900 feet depth.

Last year there were 450 wells producing natural gas in Canada, distributed as follows: Welland field, 281; Haldimand, 23; Kent and Essex, 35; Alberta, 12.

Natural gas is an almost ideal fuel, and there is no doubt that it will play a prominent part in industrial development. That it is regarded as an important asset in Ontario is shown by the efforts made at different times by municipalities and those interested in industries to have the export of gas to the United States so regulated that none can be piped across the border until the Canadian consumers have been supplied. Two years ago the Dominion parliament passed an act regulating the exportation of gas, petroleum and electric power on the lines just referred to.

Another part of this report, quite logical, deals with petroleum. Everybody knows something in a general way about this product, because of the tremendous industrial factor it has become in the United States, and the huge fortunes that were reared upon it, not to forget the accompanying abuses. Canadians may well hope for the large expansion of the petroleum industry in the country, because the consuming public will share more liberally in the fruits of that development than their brethren across the border,

Manmoth combinations in oil could not exist in an atmosphere which would present to them uncongenial economic conditions.

The total production of crude oil in Canada in 1907 was 788,572 barrels of thirty-five gallons each, valued at \$1,667,688. In 1908 there was a decrease in the production which amounted to 522,887 barrels, valued at \$747,162. The entire oil output for these two years came from Ontario. Active drilling operations for oil were carried on in Alberta and British Columbia, but no production has been reported from these provinces.

Under an act of parliament passed in 1904 a bounty of 1 1/2 cents per gallon is paid on crude petroleum produced from wells in Canada. These payments are made on claims submitted by the producers to the minister of trade and commerce. The claims have to be substantiated as to quantity by the certificates of the receiving stations, tanking companies, refineries or other purchasers, as well as by the supervising officers of the department of trade and commerce. In 1907 the sum of \$144,158 was paid in bounties, and in 1908 the amount was \$277,188.

Although the returns show a decrease of 33.07 per cent in the production of crude oil by gallons in 1908, the decrease in value was not so great, owing to the slightly increased prices obtained last year. The falling off in production occurred principally in the Merlin field in East Tilbury and Raleigh townships in Kent county. In East Tilbury and Raleigh the production fell from 344,258 barrels in 1907 to 176,589 barrels in 1908.

The value of the products manufactured in 1907 was \$2,245,980, and in 1908 \$1,995,982. It is worth reflecting, however, that the refineries use a considerable proportion of imported crude petroleum, equal, probably, to the total production of Canadian crude oil. The imports of crude petroleum into Canada in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1908, amounted to 25,000,000 gallons. In other words, there is a big gap to be filled by Canadian petroleum as soon as it can be produced, and if the expectations of those boring in the western provinces are realized, an immense industry will spring into being.

The importation of 25,000,000 gallons does not include the products of petroleum. These are gas oils, kerosene, illuminating and lubricating oils, etc., which, in 1908, brought the total imports of petroleum and products into Canada to 36,314,718 gallons, valued at \$2,066,015.

Oil shale deposits have long been known to exist in New Brunswick, and more than thirty years ago, steps were taken to exploit them as a source of mineral oil. The discovery of the Pennsylvania and other oil fields, however, caused this enterprise to be abandoned.

Recently the Department of Mines has been investigating the distillation of oil from these shales, and Hon. Mr. Templeman instructed Dr. R. W. Ellis to go to Scotland, to witness experiments on forty-five tons of New Brunswick shales which were sent to Glasgow for the purpose. The results were very satisfactory, the average yield per ton of shale being 46.9 gallons of crude oil and 76.94 pounds of sulphate of ammonia.

The mines branch of the Department of Mines has installed a distillation furnace and apparatus in its chemical laboratory, for the purpose of testing oil shales, determining their yield of crude oil, sulphate of ammonia, etc. It may be mentioned that the oil shale industry is successfully carried on not only in Scotland, but in France and New South Wales. The outlook for the establishment of an oil shale industry in Canada is very promising.

MILES OF WIRE.

More than 15,000,000 miles of single wire is used by the people of the United States in communicating with each other. Of this amount, about 12,000,000 miles is operated by the telephone companies, the rest by the telegraph companies. The length is enough to encircle the globe at the equator 600 times.

In fact, it must be even greater by this time, as the foregoing figures, though recently published by the census office, refer to 1907. At the 1890 census the telephone companies reported 34,205 miles of wire, about one-ninth of the mileage of the telegraph companies. In 1907 the telephone mileage was eight times as great as the telegraph.

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THE MERCHANTS' BANK

REPORT OF THE 46TH ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held on Wednesday, January 13th, at the head offices, 235 St. James street, Montreal. The chair was taken at noon by Sir H. Montagu Allan, the President.

Mr. J. M. Kilbourn, Secretary of the Bank was appointed Secretary of the meeting, and read the notice calling the meeting. The minutes of the last annual meeting were taken as read, after which the President presented the report of the Directors, as follows:—

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors have pleasure in submitting the report of the Merchants' Bank of Canada covering the year's business up to the close of books on 30th November, for the information and approval of the shareholders.

The net profits amount to \$21,159.57, equal to 13.53 per cent upon the capital, as against \$738,597.19 or 12.20 per cent for the previous year. We hope you will consider this a good return, and from present indications we feel safe in saying that the outlook is promising for equally good results covering the next twelve months. We are loath, however, to predict, for we all know how easily it may turn out otherwise, so many factors come into the calculation.

The past year's earnings have been dealt with as follows:—After paying the usual dividend at the rate of 8 per cent, we have written down our bank premises \$100,000, and credited \$50,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, leaving a balance to be dealt with of \$20,159.57. This sum, added to the amount brought forward, enables us to add \$50,000 to the Reserve Fund, making it 75 per cent of the capital, and to carry forward a balance in the Profit and Loss Account of \$102,157.51.

All the branches of the Bank have been inspected during the year. We have opened fourteen offices, namely, St. Eugene, Ont.; Ste. Agathe, E.Q.; Unity and Kisbey, Saskatchewan; Castor, Mannville, Viking, Acme, Trochu, Killam and Okotoks, Alberta; Nanaimo, New Westminster and Sidney, B. C. We have also opened four sub-agencies, viz., Meadowdale and Muirkirk, Ont.; Strome and Botha, Alta. We have closed the Fort Saskatchewan Office.

We are asking you to authorize us to apply to the Dominion Government for power to increase the capital stock of the Bank by issuing, at a convenient time, 40,000 new shares, equal to \$4,000,000. We are not proposing to issue this stock now, but think it desirable in your interest to take the necessary power.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGU ALLAN, President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year ending 30th November, 1909.

The Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to	\$ 21,159.57
The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1908, was	400,997.94
Making a total of	\$1,232,157.51

This has been disposed of as follows:	
Dividend No. 86, at the rate of 8 per cent, per annum	\$120,000.00
Dividend No. 87, at the rate of 8 per cent, per annum	120,000.00
Dividend No. 88, at the rate of 8 per cent, per annum	120,000.00
Dividend No. 89, at the rate of 8 per cent, per annum	120,000.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund	140,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account	500,000.00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000.00
Balance carried forward	102,157.51
Total	\$1,232,157.51

THE STATEMENT.

The Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1909, was read as follows:—

LIABILITIES.	
1. To the Public.	
Notes in Circulation	1909. 1908.
Deposits at Call	\$5,541,700.00 84,740,478.00
Deposits subject to notice (accrued interest to date included)	\$19,230,454.53 12,514,562.52
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	28,987,961.64 25,830,182.87
Balance due to Agents in Great Britain	49,471,524.92 2,933,156.29
Balance due to Agents in the United States and elsewhere	711,530.92 8,412.15
Dividend No. 89	352,661.33
Dividends unclaimed	120,000.00 120,000.00
	707.00 865.00
Total	\$56,197,994.19 846,197,627.83
2. To the Stockholders.	
Capital Paid up	\$8,000,000.00 8,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	4,500,000.00 4,500,000.00
Balance carried forward	102,157.51 400,997.94
Total	10,602,157.51 12,900,997.94
Total	\$66,800,151.70 859,098,625.77
ASSETS.	
Gold and Silver Coin on hand	\$1,588,652.57 1,569,823.58
Dominion Notes on hand	3,777,988.50 4,612,220.00
Notes and Cheques of other Banks	3,222,191.66 2,876,482.38
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	7,326.61 4,796.95
Deposits due Banks and Agents in the United States	149,854.10 12,625.78
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada	\$2,883,775.42 1,967,782.71
Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada	9,504,802.57 8,868,351.07
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	13,268,378.29 29,729,822.81
Municipal, Railway and other Debentures	699,144.81 609,071.56
	5,371,329.08 5,344,224.32
Total	\$28,850,065.92 254,746,377.75
Time Loans on Bonds and Stocks in United States	\$1,371,894.71
Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of Interest Reserved)	\$4,819,648.68
Loans to other Banks, secured	36,790,938.20 29,729,822.81
Loans and Discounts overdue, (loss fully provided for)	337,617.57 456,889.89
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation	31,418.52 86,788.01
Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank	240,000.00 240,000.00
Real Estate	45,184.57 53,794.38
Bank Premises and Furniture	46,794.44 49,968.69
	1,227,947.39 1,118,665.93
Other Assets	24,134.30 17,989.21
Total	\$66,800,151.70 859,098,625.77

The President—You will see from this that the figures in the Statement are clearly shown, with last year's figures introduced to form a basis for comparison and show the progress of the Bank during the year just ended. Before the motion for the adoption of the report is put, I shall be very glad to answer any questions any of the stockholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Thomas Long—I think the stockholders would like to have the General Manager say a few words in connection with this statement.

GENERAL MANAGER'S ADDRESS. Mr. Hebbden, General Manager of the Bank, then made his annual address.

It was then moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, that the report of the Directors as submitted be, and the same is, hereby adopted and ordered to be printed for distribution amongst the shareholders.

THE CAPITAL STOCK. It was also moved by the President, seconded by the Vice-President, that: "Inasmuch as it is expedient that the capital stock of the Bank should be increased from six million dollars to ten millions dollars, that for that purpose the following by-law be, and the same is, hereby adopted as by-law No. 8 (Ten) of the by-laws of the Bank:

BY-LAW NO. X.

"The capital stock of the Bank is hereby increased from six million dollars to ten million dollars by the creation of forty thousand new shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

THE DIRECTORS.

It was moved by Mr. A. Halse Sims, seconded by Mr. M. S. Foley, that Messrs. C. R. Black and D. Kinghorn be appointed Scrutineers for the election of Directors about to take place, and that they proceed to take votes immediately; that the ballot shall close at three P. M. but if an interval of ten minutes elapse without a vote being tendered the ballot shall close immediately. Carried.

Moved by Mr. A. Piddington, seconded by Mr. G. Durnford, that the Scrutineers cast one ballot in favor of the following persons as Directors:—

- Mr. H. MONTAGU ALLAN,
- Mr. JONATHAN HODGSON,
- Mr. THOMAS LONG,
- Mr. C. F. SMITH,
- Mr. HUGH A. ALLAN,
- Mr. C. M. HAYS,
- Mr. ALEX. BARNET,
- Mr. F. ORR LEWIS,
- Mr. K. W. BLACKWELL.

This was unanimously adopted, and the Scrutineers accordingly reported that the old Board of Directors had been unanimously re-elected.

The President—Gentlemen, you have heard the result of the election of Directors. This ends the business of the meeting, and all that remains for me to do is to thank you for your attendance.

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was then moved by Mr. A. Halse Sims, seconded by Mr. G. F. C. Smith, that a vote of thanks be tendered the President and Directors for their able services during the past year. Also that a vote of thanks be tendered the General Manager, Mr. Hebbden, and his staff for the loyal manner in which they have worked to further the interests of the Bank.

(Heard, hear.) This motion was unanimously carried, with applause.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent special meeting of the Board of Directors the following officers were re-elected: President, Sir H. Montagu Allan; vice-president, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson.

MAKER OF THE NAVY'S BIG GUNS

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No living man knows more about guns and explosives than Sir Andrew Noble. He is chairman of Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., whose great works stand at Elswick, on the up-river side of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Elswick has a hand in almost every department of the steel industry, but its specialties are big guns and warships. It has built the greater part of the Japanese navy. Forty thousand pounds is distributed there every week in wages among 25,000 men. Some hundred thousand of the population of Newcastle are more or less dependent on Elswick. It has a river frontage a mile and half long, and a hundred and fifty separate workshops. It has even a children's school.

The ordnance department, in which Sir Andrew Noble won his fame, covers over forty acres, and employs 15,000 of the men. Work goes on there day and night.

Born at Greenock 77 years ago, the son of a naval officer, Sir Andrew soon became a captain in the Royal Artillery, and an enthusiastic student of everything relating to cannons.

When the great struggle between gunpowder and armor plating began, the government appointed, in 1883, a committee of inquiry, with Captain Noble as a member. In the same year, so rapidly had he come to the front, he was made assistant inspector of artillery.

It was in 1880 that he began his famous partnership with the late Lord Armstrong, who 13 years before had abandoned the quieter paths of the law and founded a small factory at Elswick.

In 1859 he had just added an ordnance department, and saw that the brilliant young artillery officer was the man he wanted. The two worked together for 40 years, while the factory grew from small things to become one of the biggest industrial establishments in the world.

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New Albany, Ind., Dec. 23.—Systematically giving her husband poison for four days, causing his death, in order that she might "have a good time," is charged against Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, in jail here.

Boxes that had contained the poison, a pair of gloves Mrs. Armstrong had worn to protect her hands when it is alleged, she filled with carbolic acid capsules that she persuaded her husband to swallow, were found by the police at the Armstrong home. Florence Myrtle Harris, 16 years old, who lived with the Armstrongs, directed the police to these articles and told them Mrs. Armstrong had given the poison to her husband.

Mrs. Armstrong declared her husband had taken poison with suicidal intent. She is 24 years old and he was 45. He held a \$1,000 life insurance policy.

BLOWN TO PIECES.

Man Thaws Out Dynamite and Explosion Follows.

Ellensburg, Wash., 23.—George W. Sleet, a well known contractor of Ellensburg, was instantly killed by a premature explosion of frozen dynamite which he was thawing out before an open fire. The violence of the explosion was so great that window panes within the radius of half a mile were shattered. The man's body was thrown twenty feet into the air, his right leg

being torn from the trunk and blown into atoms. Mrs. Tom A. Harris, whose home was within sixty feet of the explosion, had left the house only a few minutes before the explosion. Her home was almost entirely demolished. One side was partially blown in, every window shattered and the doors wrecked.

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Pupils Who Were Successful in Annual Distribution of Prizes.

During the closing exercises at Miss Messenger's school, The Poplars, on Monday the annual distribution of prizes took place. Evelyn Floyd won the first prize for music, and the following pupils of Miss Archbutt's primary class also won prizes: Aline Stewart Williams, Mona Miller, Rosamond Munday, Dorothy Lawson, Lillian Woodward and Mary Wightman. The good conduct prize was awarded to Aline Williams and the "noblesse oblige" badge to Vivienne Charlton. The Easter term, it is announced, will begin on Wednesday, January 5th, 1910. Following is the awards in the various classes:

First class—Evelyn Floyd, arithmetic and algebra 85; Scripture 91, English 84, German 80; Florence Smith, second, English 83, French 81, German 80, map drawing 80; Doris Worfold, literature 82; Mary Beaumont Boggs, general improvement.
Second class, upper division—Denise Harris, highest term's marks 86 1/2; Phyllis Slater, Scripture 80, elocution 81; Grace Robertson, composition 80; Margaret Macdowall, spelling and dictation 82.

Second class, lower division—Kitty Smith, arithmetic 85, literature 85, French (conversation) 82; Margaret Hollyer, geography 87, English history 81; Hilda Fleming, geography 87, English 87; Vivienne Charlton, elocution 80, English grammar 83; Cordelia Jennings, dictation 82; Carmen Macdowall, general improvement.
Third class—Victoria Wyde, literature 80, geography 81; Meta Bowker, composition 78; Isabel Fox, writing, spelling and dictation 85; Rosamond Munday, Scripture 77; Norah Masher, general improvement.
Fourth class—Aline Stewart Williams, English elocution 80, literature 80; Lillian Woodward, Scripture 85; Frances Munday, arithmetic and spelling 84; Marie Courtney, reading 83.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.

Now-a-days wedding anniversaries serve as occasions for entertainments, especially in the form of afternoon teas or dinners, and though the practice of giving expensive presents has quite gone out of fashion, yet as a rule it is customary to bring some small trifle representative of the particular fabric that is supposed to be symbolical of the day.
By the way, following are the various titles of wedding anniversaries: First year, Paper; second year, Cotton; third, Leather; fifth, Wooden; tenth, Tin; fifteenth, Crystal; twentieth, Silk; thirtieth, Silver; fortieth, Gold; sixtieth, Diamond.

It is the simplest thing in the world to celebrate a paper wedding. All the decorations of the house, such as shades and festoons and garlands of flowers, must be made of colored paper. Delightful effects can be produced by banking up the mantelpiece with flowers appropriate to the season, and cutting out brilliant moths and butterflies to hover round them. Paper favors in the form of something to wear must be provided for the guests, and the host and hostess should also be decorated with one of these favors. On the refreshment table the cloth, d'oyles, candle-shades, and baskets should all be composed of paper, and the plates must be pasteboard pastry shells. For souvenirs to the wedding guests pretty little paper fans inscribed with the two dates in gilt lettering may be given to the ladies, and book-markers or booklets to the men. The same idea must be carried out for the cotton anniversary, which is much on the same lines as the leather anniversary. For the latter wedding, the invitations may be sent out in leather cards, made by cutting out pieces from leather and gumming them on cardboard, fountain pens, and pens and small round discs of leather to seal the flap of the envelope like wafers.

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Social and Personal

Miss M. Greig is on a visit to Vancouver.
Mrs. D. E. Powell is visiting friends in Seattle.
Hon. W. J. Bowser left last night for the mainland.

A. Johnson sailed for the Terminal city last night.
Miss Roberts is spending a few days in Vancouver.
Miss Carter will leave on Friday for Vancouver.

A. W. Bell is leaving on Friday night for Vancouver.
G. Robb is leaving on Saturday night for the mainland.
A. Jamieson is leaving on Saturday next for the north.

W. Kuleman will leave for Vancouver on Friday night.
J. E. Brown was among last night's passengers for Seattle.
Mrs. M. Kruger of this city, left last night on a visit to New York.

A. O. P. Francis, of Vancouver, left for the Terminal city last night.
S. A. Bird and R. W. Perry are leaving for Vancouver on Friday night.
A. W. Colley went over to Seattle on the Princess Charlotte last night.

C. W. Roberts crossed over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Victoria.
Geo. Williams was a passenger for Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Mrs. C. Owen will be a passenger on the Princess May for Prince Rupert on Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Saunders are visiting Southern California points, leaving last night.

A. R. McGregor is leaving on Friday for Port Townsend, where he will spend several days visiting friends.
H. H. Welch of Vancouver, after spending some days in this city, left for the Terminal city last night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Palmer left last night via the Northern Pacific on a visit to South California points.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Apasch, of Ketchikan, who have been on a visit to this city, will leave on the steamer Jefferson on New Year's Day for their home in the northern town.

Mrs. Graham Bell, wife of the famous inventor of the telephone, is visiting Mrs. A. W. McCurdy, Esquimalt road, with whom she will leave immediately after the holidays on a visit to Southern California.

USES FOR APPLES.

In comparison with other fruits the apple has many advantages. It may be used for the production of vinegar, cider, liqueur, apple jelly, apple-cheese, and what not. In a word, it is indispensable in the still-room as in the kitchen, where national dishes, such as French and Tyrolean biggners, and German tartlets may be prepared. Here is the recipe of a famous Viennese chef, Herr Helitz, the director of the cooking school there, for apple Charlotte. Line a dish with a sheet of white paper, then take thin, lightly browned pieces of toast, and soak them in melted butter.

The apples must be peeled, cored and cut into slices and stewed in an enamel saucepan, with sugar and cinnamon, and left to cool. Sultana raisins should be added, and the stewed apples and raisins poured over the pieces of toast which line the dish. Bake a golden brown, and serve piping hot. It is the Charlotte of Charlottes!
Another delectable dish that the Austrians serve is apple "strudel." For this you take eighteen ounces of flour, two ounces of butter, one egg, a half cup of lukewarm water, and salt. Put the flour on a board and make a hole in it, into which pour warm water. Add the butter, melted, and then the salt; mix well, roll, and leave it for thirty-five minutes.

Now roll the dough until it is thin, and spread it out like a cloth. The apples should have been previously cut in thin pieces and then placed on a sheet of dough with sultanas and peel, and a thin coating of butter should be added with a feather to the dough, which should then be rolled together. Bake in a quick oven, and cut in slices.
A Tyrol "strudel" is equally good. The dough should be rolled out five times, cut into strips, and spread with very finely cut apples, currants and cinnamon. Beaten egg should be brushed over the surface, and the "strudel" be cooked in a hot oven and strewn with powdered sugar.
To make mint jelly with a basis of apple jelly is a quaint and new idea; and it is besides a very effective dish. The recipe hails from Philadelphia, "the city of green shutters and friendship," and was composed by one of the good housewives there; since when it has become very popular with her friends and relatives.
Do not peel tart apples, but cut them in quarters and put these into a porcelain-lined preserving pan, with just enough water to cover the bottom of the pan. Cover closely and set on one side of the range and simmer gently until the apples are softened.
Be sure not to squeeze, but strain them through a jelly bag. To each pint of juice allow a pound of granulated sugar. Put the sugar in pans in the open oven to get hot, stirring often so that the mixture may be heated all through. Return the juice to the fire and bring to a rapid boil.
Bruise a large bunch of mint, break and tear into pieces, put back into the saucepan and cover with just a little boiling water. Allow it to steep until

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Apple and chestnut salad is a curious Italian compound, but it will be found to the taste of many an epicure and is, moreover, such a decorative dish. Simmer some chestnuts until the peat cracks and the nuts are soft. Take them out of their shells and put on one side until cool. Rub with a white cloth and cut each in half.
Take large, red apples and scoop out the insides, leaving a lid to top each apple. Mince a little of the apple and mix with the halved chestnuts. Now toss nuts and fruit in mayonnaise and all the scooped out apples with the mixture. Put on the lids and serve on cups of green lettuce leaves.
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MATERIAL SCIENCE HAS GOT TO LIMIT

Representative Institutions—Need for Faith in These Days.

In the Christmas number of T. P.'s weekly are a number of replies to the question put by the editor: "Whither are we tending?" Here is what H. G. Wells says: "The present time is harvest home for the prophets. The happy speculator in futures sits on the piled-up wain, singing 'I told you so,' with the submarine and the flying machine and the Marconi gram and the North Pole successfully achieved, in the tumult of realizations it perhaps escapes attention that the prophetic output of new hopes is by no means keeping pace with the crop of consummations. "The present trend of scientific development is not nearly so obvious as it was a score of years ago; its promises lack the elementary breadth of that simpler time. Once you have flown, you have flown; once you have steamed about under water you have steamed about under water. There seem no more big things of that kind available, so that I almost regret the precipitance of Commander Peary. "No one expects to go beyond the atmosphere for some centuries, at least; all the elements are now invaded. "On the whole I think material science has got samples now of all its crops, and that what lies before it in the coming years is chiefly to work them out in detail, and realize them on the larger scale. The outlines are all sketched in. No doubt science will still yield all sorts of big, surprising effects, but nothing, I think, to equal the dramatic novelty, the demonstration of man having got to something altogether new and strange, of Montgolfier or the Wright brothers, or Columbus or the Polar conquest. "It is not only that an amplifying science may give mankind happier bodies and far more active and eventful lives, but that psychology and educational and social science, reinforcing literature and working through literature and art, may dare to establish serenities in his soul. For surely no one who has lived, no one who has

watched sin and crime and punishment but must have come to realize the enormous amount of misbehavior that is mere ignorance and want of mental scope, and of the good habits of patience and charity. "The way that led from the darkness of the cave to the electric light is the way that will lead to light in the souls of men, free and fearless thinking, free and fearless experiment, organized exchange of thoughts and results—that, and patience and persistence and a sort of intellectual civility. "Social Evolution. "G. K. Chesterton writes on Social Evolution, and says: "There is only one truth that emerges clearly out of the intricate chaos of the social conditions of modern England. That is, that if we are to have effective reform we must find some fixed ideal or confession of faith. In other words, the country will not have a revolution until it has got a religion. England is kept quiet and law-abiding by its indolence. The reason is not that she often alleges that the mob needs a supernatural morality to restrain it from excesses. The mob does not need it any more than all mankind does. "Now it is no use at all to discuss practical social conditions until we are agreed on this permanent social ideal. A religion is (I think) the only quite final way of fixing and popularizing such a type; but whether religious or not, such a type we must have. "What sort of man do you want to have as the normal citizen of England? Until you have settled that it is mere idleness to indulge in statistics and exposures about the various kinds of men you do not want to have. Anybody can see that the pawnbroker in Park Lane is the wrong kind of a man. Anybody can see that the pawnbroker's drunken client in Poplar, though enormously superior, is the wrong kind of man, too. "Anybody can see that the average newspaper proprietor is the wrong kind of man, and that the average book-maker is the wrong kind of man; that the village idiot is the wrong kind of man, and the cabinet minister the wrong kind of man. But what is the right kind of man? If everybody asked himself that question before plunging into sociology, we should have shorter books and better ones. This abstract idea of perfection is more urgently and pungently practical than all the tables of figures or libraries of sociology. The most practical thing in the world is to get to the point. And, as Euclid knew, the point is always an abstraction. "Parliament. "T. P. O'Connor writing on Parliament, says: "I was rather startled some weeks ago when Mr. Bourke Cochran, now the greatest of living orators in the United States, expressed to me the opinion that representative institutions were no longer on their trial; they had, he contended, been already tried and already condemned. To one like me, who is a parliamentarian to his fingertips, this was a startling statement, especially when it came from a man who has been nearly all his life a member of some representative institution, and whose laurels have been gained in a hundred great cities on the floor of the House of Representatives at Washington. "I value the freedom of debate in the House of Commons as one of the greatest of national assets. After all, there is always something to be said for the other man's side. You had better listen to it patiently and tolerantly if you want to do justice to him and also to yourself. I remember a gentleman, an observer of the Commons, who wanted to understand our debates, which seemed to him incomprehensible. He said there is a majority which will vote one way and a minority which will vote another; why then talk? That put in a nutshell the very antithesis of our sane view of how the government should be carried on. We discuss because although we know that when the division comes the party who has a majority will win in the division lobby, the points at issue will first have been debated; and the minority may, and often does, find itself convinced by the arguments of the majority. "Talk is the exchange of thought, if it takes place between thoughtfully prepared men, it is often—especially in a deliberate assembly—as much action as action can be. To destroy the faith in representative institutions is to return to an earlier, a less enlightened, a less free age; it is to substitute the tyranny of a bureaucracy for the tyranny of a despot; and it is hard to say where the one kind of tyranny is much better than the other."

LLOYD GEORGE IN A WELSH PULPIT

No Suffragettes Were There, for the Welsh Tongue Was the Passport.

For the first time for quite a long while, a cabinet minister was able to deliver an address in London without the noisy intervention of the militant Suffragettes. And the method in which his immunity from disturbance was secured was simplicity itself. Ability to speak the Welsh tongue was the sole passport to admission to the gathering, and any Suffragists who sought entrance were ignominiously felled, without firing a shot, so to speak. Various reflections are naturally suggested by the brilliant success of experiment. It may lead to a run upon Welsh stewards, wheresoever public meetings with a cabinet minister for speaker are contemplated. Yet there are obvious difficulties in the way of adoption of such a precaution. Or the militant Suffragettes who in the past have sought to pass for furniture, or charwomen, or ladies in evening dress, may now take to the earnest study of Welsh in order to be able to storm the citadel. "It was, appropriately enough, the Chancellor of the Exchequer—who was the hero of the victory over the Suffragists. The scene was the New Jewin church of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist body in Fann street, off Aldersgate street, and the occasion was a gathering to stimulate the scheme which the Welshmen of that denomination have now mooted for the purpose of raising sundry thousands of pounds for church purposes. Apparently the London members of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church resemble those of other religious bodies, in their inability to run into debt on church buildings, and accordingly an effort is to be made to reduce the aggregate amount of debt on sixteen churches in the metropolitan district by a sum of £15,000 before the end of October of next year. "Mr. Lloyd George encountered the unwelcome attention of the Suffragettes before he entered the building, because as he drove up to the door two members of the militant sisterhood tried to shower a bundle of their literature upon him. But the police easily disposed of the couple, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer crossed the church portals in triumph. An audience which crowded the building to overflowing rose to its feet in a body as he entered with Mr. Lloyd George, and cheered him to the echo. Various speakers, including Mr. Timothy Davies, one of the joint honorary treasurers of the scheme, and Sir Vincent Evans, who presided, addressed the assemblage before the Chancellor of the Exchequer was called upon. All the speeches, including that of Mr. Lloyd George himself, were in Welsh, and were listened to with fervid and sympathetic attention. "When Mr. Lloyd George's turn came to speak he mounted the pulpit amid ringing cheers. The hush which fell upon the audience as the speaker opened his mouth was speedily broken, for the Chancellor of the Exchequer had not uttered a couple of sentences before he had the assembly rocking with mirth. The main theme of his address was naturally a stirring appeal to all Welshmen to support the scheme which he had come to champion; but it was punctuated with numerous anecdotes, and with various silly humorous references which the audience eagerly took up. He had come to raise money, he told them, and then he added that he had been trying to do that for months. Whilst enlarging on the beneficent influence which the Welsh churches in London exercise upon young people coming up to the metropolis from Wales, not only in safeguarding their moral welfare, but in breaking down local prejudices, and in promoting social intercourse amongst Welshmen, the eye of the Chancellor of the Exchequer happened to alight upon an old schoolfellow in the audience, and straightaway the right hon. gentleman told how the two went bird-catching and rabbit-catching together. "I don't know how many rabbits he caught," he said, whilst the audience roared with laughter. "Later on he mentioned a recent visit he paid to a Welsh chapel near Newcastle. The audience took up the reference at once and laughed consumedly. "I happened," said Mr. Lloyd George, "to be talking there to some people on a subject on which they were interested." "On more than the people laughed heartily. "I see you know about it," remarked Mr. Lloyd George, "so I need not say any more about it." Still further on in his speech, while emphasizing the value of numerous small contributions, he adroitly introduced a reference to the super tax. And so the Chancellor of the Exchequer went pleasantly on, whilst the audience manifested the feeling of the moment by their rippling laughter or rapturous applause. Probably the most serious part of the right hon. gentleman's speech was that in which, towards the close, he showed how Londoners naturally judged Wales by the samples it sent into their midst; and how desirable and necessary it was, therefore, that they should support the work of their Welsh chapels, if their young people were to be tended and guided, and so give outsiders a good opinion of their race. It was altogether a stirring and powerful address, delivered to ears that drank in every word of it.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.
Victoria Meteorological Office, December 23rd to 29th, 1909.
At Victoria there were recorded: 21 hours and 42 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature, 45 on 18th; lowest, 27 on 21st; no precipitation.
At Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 8 hours 12 minutes; highest, 50 on 16th and 17th; lowest, 23 on 21st; precipitation, .04 inch.
At New Westminster—Highest, 38 on 16th; lowest, 22 on 21st; no precipitation.
At Kamloops—Highest, 52 on 15th; lowest, 18 on 21st; trace of snow.
At Barkerville—Highest, 30 on 15th; lowest, zero on 19th; snow, 30 inch.
At Fort Simpson—Highest, 40 on 19th; lowest, 24 on 23rd; rain, 1.00 inch.
At Atlin—Highest, 45 on 16th; lowest, 8 on 19th; no precipitation.

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METHOD OF TAXING MINING PROPERTIES
Subject Discussed at Recent Convention at Nelson.

Nelson, Dec. 22.—At the mining convention here considerable time was taken up with a discussion of the question of taxation of mining properties, the subject being introduced by the following resolution, moved by J. C. Harris of New Denver, seconded by G. O. Buchanan, lead bounty commissioner: "That as, in the opinion of this meeting, the present method of taxing mining properties is unjust and tends to keep owners of such property from opening their holdings, therefore, the government of British Columbia be asked to reconsider the question of mining taxation and, if necessary, to appoint a royal commission to try to devise some more scientific and workable system."

VANCOUVER TO VOTE ON NEW CITY HALL SITE
Some Aldermen Would Like to Get the Old Courthouse.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—It was decided at the last meeting of the council that a plebiscite is to be taken at the forthcoming elections re the exchange of the old hospital grounds for the court house site.

Mayor Douglas reported that the committee appointed to approach the provincial government had decided to recommend a plebiscite before opening negotiations. Ald. McSpadden and McBride, from the east end, objected to the proposal to move the city hall westward from its present location. They, with Ald. Kirkpatrick and McTaggart, voted against the motion for a plebiscite, on a yeas and nays vote, which was carried, seven to four.

The coal and wood by-laws were taken up in committee of the whole, and given a second reading. The first clause in the former, providing that the dealer shall upon application furnish the customer with a ticket stating the weight of the load, and the weight of the wagon, stirred up a long discussion, as several aldermen considered it unwarrantable. The stand taken was that where three tons of coal was on a wagon and there were several customers, the dealer could hardly give a ticket in each. The words "in bulk" were finally inserted in the clause to make it applicable only to loads going to one person.

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HEAD OF STEEL PUSHING WEST

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC IS WEST OF PEMBINA

Three Large Bridges Being Constructed—Contractors Forge Ahead.

Two great track-laying machines passed through Edmonton Friday on the Grand Trunk Pacific, and next day the first rail on the section of the road west of the Pembina river was laid. With the placing of the last steel girder between the furthest west tower and the abutment at the west side of the river, together with the riveting of a hundred or two bolts, the Pembina bridge will be complete. The false work now spans the canyon, and trains can pass over.

From the Pembina west to Wolf creek a distance of fifty-five miles, the grade is ready and the ties laid. No obstacle remains to the rapid laying of steel, and the steel head is expected to reach Wolf creek by February 1st. One hundred teams and a corresponding number of men, will be engaged in the work of track-laying.

A half mile only, separates the two steel bridges at Wolf creek at McLeod river, and the May Construction Company, Ltd., is engaged on the sub-structure of these two bridges, operations being conducted from one canyon under the direction of James Collins, who left for the west this morning.

To facilitate the work of the bridge contractors, the Grand Trunk Pacific will bend every effort to push westward, ever westward the steel head. In the meantime, however, the railway company has undertaken to transport the cement required for the sub-structures to the construction company's camp by teams.

The sub-structure contractors will have finished their work by May 1st next. The bridges will then be ready for the steel superstructures, and by next fall the grade will be completed through from Edmonton to the Athabasca river, a distance of 170 miles. From Edmonton to the Pembina river is 68 miles, from the Pembina to Wolf creek 55 miles, and from there to the Athabasca 47 miles, making the total distance between this city and the Athabasca 170 miles.

There are at the present time 500 men with a corresponding number of teams employed on Foley, Welch & Stevens' grading contract, west of the McLeod river, and this winter the rock cuts and sand work on this section of the line will be prepared, so that when spring opens up the grading will go ahead with a rush.

When the grade reaches the Athabasca river there will remain only 420 miles of the road to be completed, and much of this section is through a level country. The distance on the Grand Trunk Pacific from Edmonton to Prince Rupert is 1,000 miles.

The steel bridge which spans the Pembina river is in many respects one of the most remarkable on the entire system. It is not distinguished by length, but by height. It is 213 feet high and 500 feet long. It is the highest bridge between Moncton and Prince Rupert. There are two large cement abutments on either bank of the river. At the point where the railroad crosses, these banks rise almost perpendicularly from the river bed, and from a score of cement pedestals, tall towers rise to support the heavy girders which form the top of the bridge.

The steel head reached Pembina on September 2nd, and work on the bridge was started September 7th. From that time until the present the Canadian Bridge Company, Ltd., of Walkerville, Ont., the contractors for the super-structure, have prosecuted their work vigorously, and despite unfavorable weather and other trying difficulties, have made most satisfactory progress. The contractors stated several months ago that with favorable weather the bridge would be completed by December 7th. This was the shortest possible time in which the bridge could be finished. That it is so far advanced as to be in a condition to allow trains to cross, just one week later, notwithstanding the severe weather, is attributed to the energy of the bridge construction company's staff and the bridge department of the railway company, which has kept continuously urging the contractors to make greatest possible haste consistent with the highest standard of workmanship.

The two bridges over Wolf creek and the McLeod river are not so formidable as that over the Pembina. The Wolf creek bridge will be 500 feet long and the McLeod river structure 600 feet long. Their general description is not unlike that of the Pembina bridge, although in the McLeod bridge a departure in bridge construction is made in the design of the large river pier, 90 feet above water level. In concrete pier bridge engineers have been faced with the problem of overcoming the cracking which results from

expansion and contraction. When the cement is put in, the outside, naturally, cools first—cement is heated when it goes into a bridge pier casement—and consequently cement in the interior of a pier is subjected to the variations in temperature.

In the McLeod river bridge central pier there are to be three voids, that is, openings, running from the level of the water to the top. These voids will be reinforced, and it is expected that by this idea of exposing more surface, the cracking of the cement will be entirely eliminated.



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A. Henderson

HOPE DIAMOND'S TRAGIC STORY

ITS LATEST OWNER DROWNED AT SINGAPORE

Gem That Always Brought Sor-row to Its Owner is Lost.

A telegram has been received in Paris stating that Senor Habib, the wealthy Spaniard who owned the famous blue Hope diamond, was among the passengers drowned in the wreck of the French mail steamer Seyne at Singapore.

It is believed that Senor Habib had the Hope diamond in his possession at the time.

Senor Habib's death (says the Express) adds another tragedy to the long list of misfortunes associated with the ownership of this historic gem.

Since the so-called Hope diamond was first brought from the East by Jean Baptiste Tavernier, the great traveller, in 1668, it has brought misfortune to many people.

Tavernier sold the gem to Louis XIV., with twenty-four other large diamonds, but his association with the diamond marked a turn for the worse in his fortunes. Tavernier's son involved him in unfortunate speculations, and at the age of eighty-one the discoverer of the Hope diamond sold his estate to pay his debts, and started on a fresh voyage to the East. He died of fever before his return.

Mme. de Montespan was the favorite of Louis XIV., when the Hope diamond became part of the Crown jewels of France. The King acceded to her entreaties to be allowed to wear the stone, but her influence declined from about this time.

Fouquet, the famous financier, borrowed the diamond for one of his costly fetes. Soon afterwards he lost the Royal favor and was imprisoned.

During the Regency the diamond remained with the rest of the regalia. After Marie Antoinette became Queen of France she heard of this wonderful stone, and wore it at a ball at the Tuilleries. She perished on the scaffold, while the Princess de Lamballe, who likewise wore the diamond occasionally, was killed by a mob.

After the revolution the diamond disappeared for forty years. An Amsterdam diamond cutter named Fals is said to have been commissioned to cut the gem, and it was stolen from him by his son, who afterwards committed suicide, while the unhappy diamond cutter was ruined for life.

The younger Fals is said to have given the diamond to a Frenchman named Beaujeu, who brought it to London. He was in a state of destitution, and offered it for sale to a dealer named Daniel Eliason. The latter paid the price asked, and the next day Beaujeu died of starvation.

Eliason sold the diamond to Henry Thomas Hope, whose name was thereafter associated with it. The stone became part of the entailed property of Ford Frances Hope, Mrs. Hope's grandson. He obtained permission to sell the diamond, and it was sold to Mr. Well, a London diamond merchant, in 1901.

More than a year ago it passed into possession of M. Colot, a French dealer, who sold it to Prince Kantoski, a Russian. He lent it to Lorenz Ladus, an actress at the Folies Bergere, and shot her from a box the first night she wore it.

The prince proved the diamond to be his property, took possession of it, and two days later was killed by revolutionaries. The dealer Colot became insane and committed suicide a few days afterwards.

Then this sinister stone came into the possession of Simon Montheardis, a Greek jeweller, who was afterwards thrown over a precipice, with his wife and two children, all of them being killed.

Abdul Hamid, the ex-Sultan of Turkey, is said to have been the next owner of the Hope diamond. He gave it to Abu Sabir, an expert in gems, to be polished and mounted, and the jeweller was afterwards thrown into prison.

The diamond was kept in a vault at Yildiz Kiosk, and the keeper of this vault was found strangled at his post, Kutub Bey, the eunuch, who was entrusted with the stone for a time, was one of the reactionaries hanged in the streets of Constantinople.

Senor Habib, whose tragic death has just occurred at Singapore, was the next owner of the diamond, having paid \$50,000 for it. He sold it at auction on June 24th last, but the stone only fetched \$16,000, and the transaction was afterwards annulled.

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 By Order of the Board. W. T. ALEXANDER, General Manager.
 For the convenience of Victoria stockholders the above dividend will be payable at the company's branch office, 384 Government Street, on and after Jan. 4th, 1910.

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