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Joseph Devlin Will Represent North Kilkenny in the Imperial Commons.

(Associated Press.)
 Dublin, Feb. 25.—Joseph Devlin, the official leader of the Belfast Nationalists, who is at present in the United States, has been elected to represent North Kilkenny in the House of Commons without opposition, to succeed Patrick McDermott, who resigned his seat on his appointment as steward and bailiff of the Manor of North Stead.

TO FULLY DETERMINE VALUE OF WAR EAGLE

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars Will Be Spent on Development—Captain's Certificate Suspended.

(Associated Press.)
 Toronto, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the War Eagle Mining Company yesterday it was announced that the company would the Bank of Toronto \$250,000, and Mr. George Goodrich \$250,000. It was decided to give Mr. Goodrich a mortgage of \$125,000, and to borrow \$200,000 to develop the mine down to 1,450 feet. This work will finally determine the value of the property.

Ask For Increase.

The Bricklayers' Union has asked the master bricklayers to increase the wage scale from 37 1/2 to 45 cents per hour, effective May 1st.

The Referendum.

To a deputation representing the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance this afternoon, who objected to the conditions of the prohibition referendum, Premier Ross practically decided to have the referendum taken next January, at the same time as the municipal elections are held.

Attacked Societies.

The conference of mission boards of the United States and Canada this morning decided to hold next year's conference in New York city next July and appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. Rev. Dr. Reid, Nashville, Tenn., made a vigorous attack upon the young people's societies of the various churches. When he went to China, a number of years ago, he had great hope of them, but on his return discovered that they had become social and literary organizations. He said he would prefer to see them cultivate the muscles of knees in prayer than organize nigger minstrel shows. A number of delegates defended the work of the societies.

Will Retire in a Body.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—The city council last night decided by a vote of nine to six to retire in a body on April 30th in order to give the citizens an opportunity of approving or disapproving of the high taxation which, it is alleged, the aldermen are responsible for.

Certificate Suspended.

The Marine court of inquiry into the loss of the Allan liner Greelan, off Herring cove on February 10th, this morning suspended the certificate of Capt. Harrison for three months for not having made himself acquainted with the proper course and failing to notify the pilot of the same. The board recommends that the minister of marine cause all pilots to be examined in hearing and seeing every six months.

Centenarian Dead.

Elizabeth A. Ether died this morning, aged 100 years and nine months. She had all her faculties up to the time of death.

Rev. J. Livingston's Proposal.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 25.—Rev. John Livingston, president of the London Methodist conference, intends to inaugurate a movement to have the Methodist church adopt the Roman Catholic rule, which provides that no man shall receive a Christian burial if he is not a member of the church.

STRIKE SETTLED.

(Associated Press.)
 Havana, Feb. 25.—Col. Scott has satisfactorily settled the longshoremen's strike at Cienfuegos, by having all the parties agree to pay the same scale of price as is now in force in Havana.

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PRINCE HENRY IN CITY OF NEW YORK

WILL BE SHOWN THE SIGHTS THIS AFTERNOON

Was Entertained to Luncheon and Tonight Will Review Parade of German Societies.

(Associated Press.)
 New York, Feb. 25.—This was to be a quiet day for the Prince compared with the busy one yesterday. After resting on board the Hohenzollern during the morning he was entertained at a luncheon at Sherry's, to which one hundred men from different parts of the United States, prominent in commerce, industry and finance, had been invited. Luncheon, it was expected, would take up the Prince's time till 3:30, when it was his intention to go for a sightseeing trip through New York. The evening's programme included a visit to the Arion Club, a review of a parade of German societies and the dinner given by the New York State Zeitung to the American press in Prince Henry's honor.

Miss Roosevelt's Message.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The following is a copy of a cable sent to the German Emperor yesterday from New York by Miss Roosevelt:

"His Majesty the Emperor, Berlin, Germany. Meteor has been successfully launched. I congratulate you, and I thank you for your courtesy to me and send you my best wishes. (Signed) Alice Lee Roosevelt."

London Paper's Protest.

London, Feb. 25.—The attitude of the English newspapers towards the visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to the United States has called out a rebuke from the Westminster Gazette, which cautions the responsible papers against a continuance of a policy whereby Great Britain is placed in the awkward position of seeming desirous of making bad blood between Germany and the United States, while putting in a claim for gratitude on her own account on the score of past favors.

"It is not dignified and scarcely well bred," says the Westminster Gazette, "to remind the United States of obligation we have no reason to suppose they will forget, and it is certainly not politic to display anxiety in regard to the possible results of the friendly meeting between the President and the German Prince."

The paper then proceeded to sound a note of warning against carrying resentment towards Germany to the point of endeavoring to make mischief between Germany and another power, "in view of the already strained relations occasioned by the big-sax policy of the government which threatens to place Great Britain in a position of antagonism to both Germany and Russia."

LEFT MONASTERY.

Brother Eugene Renounces Vows—He Wants to See the World.

(Associated Press.)
 Dubuque, Ia., Feb. 25.—An event unprecedented in the history of the Trappist monastery in this country is made public. Brother Eugene, for 23 years an inmate, has deliberately renounced his vows, which he took nearly a quarter of a century ago. He has left the monastery and is now looking for some work to earn a living. His name is Jos. Graham, and he came from Illinois when 23 years old. The Trappist rules are the most rigid of any monastic order, and Brother Eugene got tired of them. He wants to see the world. It is stated that his permission to leave the monastery came from Rome.

TEACHER MURDERED.

Murderer After Twice Shooting Himself Jumped Into Well.

(Associated Press.)
 Decatur, Ill., Feb. 25.—Fletcher Barnett, a school teacher, today entered a school house one mile from Camarago, and without warning, shot and instantly killed Miss Eva Wiseman, the teacher in charge. He then shot at Bert Hopewell, a pupil, who attempted to interfere, but missed him. Barnett then shot himself, but apparently without serious injury. He rushed out of the building and then shot himself again, but still got fatally. He then jumped into a well and was drowned. Barnett had been a suitor for the girl's hand. All were highly connected.

CHARGED BY CAVALRY.

Troops Called Out to Disperse Workmen at Bucharest.

(Associated Press.)
 Bucharest, Roumania, Feb. 25.—A force of cavalry had to be finally called out to disperse the workmen who attempted to invade the Chamber of Deputies here yesterday while making a demonstration in favor of a modification of the bill dealing with trades unions. In the charges many persons were injured. About 200 arrests were made.

COUNT TOLSTOI.

(Associated Press.)
 Yalta, Crimea, Feb. 25.—All immediate danger of the death of Count Tolstoi is past.

AT SALONIKA.

Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka Are Well and Cheerful.

(Associated Press.)
 Salonika, Feb. 25.—Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka and baby have arrived here well and cheerful. They received the members of the Anglo-American community in the railway carriage. At the instance of the officials of the United States legation here, Miss Ellen M. Stone and Madame Tsilka will start without delay for Smyrna, Macedonia, for Constantinople. In the meanwhile they are staying at the missionary headquarters, where the released missionaries are receiving the congratulations of their colleagues.

Official Cable.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The state department this morning received a cablegram from Minister Leishman, at Constantinople, containing the first official announcement it has had of Miss Stone's release.

The state department does not hesitate to announce its full approval of all that has been done toward affecting the release by Minister Leishman and Spencer Eddy, the secretary of the legation, and by Consul-General Dickinson.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

BOERS ARE ACTIVE IN TRANSVAAL COLONY

Lost Fifteen Killed in Rushing Outpost Line—British Convoy of Empty Wagons Captured.

(Associated Press.)
 London, Feb. 25.—Lord Kitchener reports that 600 Boers, driving cattle, rushed the outpost line near Bothaburg, Transvaal Colony, during the night of February 23rd, and that some of them got through. The Boers left 15 dead and 6 wounded on the field.

Convoy Captured.

London, Feb. 25.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener made public today: "A convoy of empty wagons was attacked and captured by the Boers southwest of Klerksburg, Transvaal Colony, on February 24th. The escort consisted of a force of the Imperial Yeomanry, three companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers and two guns.

"The fighting was severe, but have no further details."

FIGHT FOR INSURANCE.

Decision in Favor of Mrs. Sternaman Who Was Charged With Murdering Her Husband.

(Associated Press.)
 Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Through a decision of the Court of Appeals Mrs. Olive A. Sternaman will receive from the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company of New York, the amount of the policy carried by George H. Sternaman, her husband, whom she was accused of murdering.

As will be recalled, Mrs. Sternaman was arrested in this city about four years ago following the death and burial of her husband in Canada. It was claimed that she had poisoned him. She stood trial, was convicted, and was awaiting execution in the Cayuga jail, when an order came granting her a new trial. On the second trial she was acquitted. The Metropolitan officials refused to pay the amount of the policy carried by the alleged murdered man, and the widow brought suit. The lower courts decided against her, and the case was carried to the Court of Appeals, with the result that a decision was handed down reversing all the decisions of the lower courts.

BARCELONA RIOTS.

Fifty-Six Persons Were Killed During the Recent Troubles There.

Barcelona, Feb. 24.—The Alealls, in a statement made public today, give the number of persons killed during the rioting since February 17th, at fifty-six. The number of wounded cannot be estimated. The ironmasters have compromised with their employees on the basis of nine and one-half hours' work per day. There are fifty-seven undischarged vessels in the harbor.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

Steamer Celtic Reaches Greece With Party of Tourists Aboard.

(Associated Press.)
 Athens, Feb. 25.—The White Star steamer Celtic, having on board a party of American tourists, arrived at Piræus today. The passengers are well. The steamer is due at Constantinople on February 28th; Smyrna, March 3rd; Calcutta and Jaffa, March 5th; Alexandria, March 11th, and Naples, March 26th.

UNFOUNDED REPORT

That the King of Serbia Has Been Assassinated.

(Associated Press.)
 Belgrade, Serbia, Feb. 25.—There is no foundation for the rumor which emanated from Ruda Pesth that the King of Serbia had been assassinated.

GORDON HUNTER TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE

H'S SELECTION HAS BEEN DECIDED ON

Cost of Permanent Corps in Canada—The Cabinet Changes—Statement by the Premier.

(Special to the Times.)
 Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Gordon Hunter, of Victoria, will be Chief Justice of British Columbia. His appointment has not yet been made, but it will be within the next few days. It has been decided upon.

Proceedings in the House.
 Mr. Gallihier introduced a bill in the House to-day, entitled an act respecting the United Gift Fields of British Columbia, and asking for power to construct a line of railway about eight miles long from Frank, on the Crow's Nest Pass railway, to the Northwest Territory to Grassy Mountain. The bill was read a first time.

In answer to Col. Hughes, Dr. Borden said that the cost of the permanent corps in Canada was \$300,000 per year. Replying to Mr. Puttee, Hon. Jas. Sutherland said that 118 railway employees were killed during the year ending June 30th, and 970 were injured.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained the recent changes in the cabinet, stating, at the same time that in order to recognize the growing importance of the West, Hon. W. Templeman was sworn in a minister of the cabinet without a portfolio. Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, approved of all the changes, as well as the elevation of Sir Lewis Davies and Hon. D. Mills to the bench.

At the Privy Council.
 Hon. W. Templeman took his seat at the privy council meeting for the first time to-day.

Contract With Marconi.
 Hon. W. S. Fielding laid on the table to-day the contract the government had with Marconi. The amount which the government promises to contribute is \$80,000 for assistance. What they receive has already been made public.

HUGO CENTENARY.

Series of Festivities Began in Paris To-Day.

(Associated Press.)
 Paris, Feb. 25.—The series of festivities to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Victor Hugo, which will last till Sunday next, the anniversary of a grand ceremony in the Pantheon, under the auspices of the government. President Loubet, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the Premier, and other members of the cabinet, the members of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, representative delegations from all the provinces, states bodies, including the leading lights of art, science and literature in France, and deputations from the various lycées and educational institutions were present.

KING'S HORSE WON.

His Majesty Saw One of His Races Finish First in Steeplechase To-Day.

(Associated Press.)
 London, Feb. 25.—For the first time since his accession King Edward appeared on a race-course. He went to the Kempton Park steeplechase to see his Grand National candidate, Ambush II, run in the first steeplechase. This was the first appearance of the King's colors on a race-course since the death of Queen Victoria. Consequently the sporting world hailed the day as notable in turf annals. As anticipated Ambush II, won the race, and his victory was followed by a scene of wild enthusiasm. The distance was two and a half miles.

SAYS HE KILLED RICE.

Statement Made By Jones at New York To-Day.

(Associated Press.)
 New York, Feb. 25.—The cross-examination of Charles F. Jones was continued to-day in the trial of Albert T. Patrick. Jones, in his direct examination, said he killed Rice by the use of chloroform and that he did so by Patrick's orders. Yesterday Jones, in answer to Attorney Moore, who conducted the cross-examination, said he had made four different statements of the circumstances attending the death of Rice.

DOUBLE EXECUTION.

(Associated Press.)
 Asheville, N. C., Feb. 25.—Dudly Johnson, white, and Ben. Foster, colored, were hanged here to-day for burglary, which is a capital crime in this state. The crime was committed in the combined post office and store kept by Sam Alexander at a little hamlet near Asheville, on the night of February 1st, 1901.

ANOTHER BODY FOUND.

(Special to the Times.)
 Nanaimo, Feb. 25.—The water is falling in Extension mine at the rate of about 14 feet a day by leakage. No 2 level, where most of the bodies are, will be cleared of water to-morrow, it is expected. The body of Anthony Pascaletto was found in No. 1 level to-day.

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LIVELY MEETING OF PROHIBITIONISTS

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the vicinity, and the mine building blown to atoms. Aged 103 Years. Brookville, Ont., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Aikon Dorway is dead at West Post, aged 103 years.

Succession Duties. Toronto, Feb. 25.—The Attorney-General of Ontario yesterday called this morning to recover from the executors of the estate of the late H. P. Payne, of Cleveland, the sum of \$189,362 succession duties. He claims Payne left an estate of \$3,087,248 in Ontario, chiefly investments in and advances to the Canadian Copper company and the Central Ontario railway.

Request Land Grants. Twenty thousand requests have been made to the Ontario government for grants to be filled in by veterans for land grants which the government propose to give men who have served their country.

Labor Matters. The Building Trades Council of Toronto, representing fourteen unions, has decided that in future the organization as a whole would stand behind the individual bodies it represents in case of strikes.

OVER-WORKED RAILWAYMEN. London, Feb. 25.—In the House of Commons to-night Capt. Norton (Liberal) called attention to the excessive hours of labor of railroad men, and moved that the government should be empowered to demand returns from the railroad companies of the hours exceeding 12 per day worked by their servants. After some debate, which was directed towards showing that accidents arose from over-worked part of the railroad employees, Gerald Balfour (Conservative), on behalf of the government, admitted that there was some justification for the demand, but that he was willing to accept a modified form therefrom, but the House carried Capt. Norton's original motion by 155 votes to 154, amid loud cheers from the opposition.

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One of the heaviest southwest storms that has been experienced in many years struck San Francisco yesterday. Ships dragged their anchors or broke from their moorings, a fishing aloft was capsized, the telephone and electric wires were down, and awnings, shade trees and fences were wrecked and pedestrians were greatly inconvenienced. Two thousand houses were blown down in the Mission district.

CHARACTER AND CHARACTER OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early life, his struggle with slavery, his early character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, will be given at 8 p. m. at the Grand Opera House, Toronto.

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To Secure Votes. J. K. McLennan issued a public manifesto to the temperance people to-day announcing the organization of the Prohibition Campaign League to oppose the Dominion Alliance action in ignoring the referendum. The league will work to secure a large temperance vote on referendum day.

Ask For Disallowance. A petition asking for the disallowance of the Liquor Act Referendum Bill was to-day presented to Lieutenant-Governor McMillan by the Manitoba Dominion Alliance, and a similar document was mailed to the Governor-General at Ottawa. The petitioners urge a veto on the ground that such a referendum is a subversive of the principles of representative and responsible government, inasmuch as it would be contrary to the usage and repugnant to the spirit of the constitution, and, moreover, injurious to the dignity and prerogative of the Crown, if not also to the lives of the British North America Act.

Sunday Cars. The Winnipeg city council passed a resolution to give of 9 to 3 asking the legislature to vote the city power to pass a by-law allowing cars to run on Sunday.

Sudden Death. W. R. Seger, a passenger conductor, died suddenly at North Portal yesterday after completing his run.

Wetman Killed. Halifax, N. S., Feb. 25.—A terrible explosion of 230 pounds of dynamite occurred this morning at the American Tunnel mine, Waverley, killing James Munro, the watchman, who was thrown 200 feet away. His bones were wrecked.

BERNIA RUGS. INDIA TABLE CLOTHS. INDIA PULKARIES. TIGER SKINS. IVORY WARE. DAMASKED BRASS. GEORGE CARTER. 80 BROAD ST., NEXT DRIARD HOTEL.

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BERTHA BROUGHT HERE LAST NIGHT

THE STEAMER MAY BE REPAIRED IN PORT

Tees Arrives From Northern B. C. Ports—Grafton Leaves Plymouth En Route to Esquimalt.

Lying at the outer wharf to-day is the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha, which struck on the rocks off Kwakwaka in Fitzhugh Sound, on the night of the 8th when bound north from the Sound with passengers and freight for points in Alaska. The steamer was successfully floated on Tuesday night, and has been brought to Victoria pending negotiations for repairs. She arrived here last night from the scene of her trouble, having met tempestuous weather all the way south. She came in under her own steam, although the small tugboat Pagan, which was directed to demand returns from the railroad companies of the hours exceeding 12 per day worked by their servants. After some debate, which was directed towards showing that accidents arose from over-worked part of the railroad employees, Gerald Balfour (Conservative), on behalf of the government, admitted that there was some justification for the demand, but that he was willing to accept a modified form therefrom, but the House carried Capt. Norton's original motion by 155 votes to 154, amid loud cheers from the opposition.

SEATTLE COMPLAINS. That British Columbia shippers, are making themselves felt in competition is indicated by the following dispatch from Washington, D. C.: "Under the present conditions an American vessel can be taken to British Columbia, and after undergoing repairs, can be returned to the United States with payment of the cost of the repairs, as soon as the vessel mentioned is ready to undertake it, which it is said will be about nine months hence. When that time comes the romance of the South seas will depart forever, for that improvement of civilization will place them in as close touch with the world as London is with New York."

HEAVY NORTHERN FREIGHT. From the appearance of the steamer Amur, which went North last night, it would appear that the movement of freight to the Klondike country from this city has commenced. Several of the leading merchants of the city forwarded large shipments on the steamer. The cargo included fifty tons of dry-goods from this city. Mr. Spence, of Leis & Leiser, which firm was one of the principal shippers, took with him twelve heavy horses which he purchased at Calgary a short time ago, and which he will sled the freight into Dawson.

MARINE NOTES. Tug Pilot left for Vancouver to-day with the ship Adelder in tow. The Adelder, which arrived from Shanghai last week, is under charter to load lumber at Hastings mill for Australia. On her return the Pilot takes the Belford, now at the outer wharf, to Vancouver.

A SKEAGWAY VIEW. The Skegway Alaskan thus refers to the reduction in rates soon to be enforced over the White Pass & Yukon railway: "The understanding reached between the Canadian government and the White Pass & Yukon Railway Company, on a tariff sheet for the company, marks an era in the history of the country. Never before in the history of the country has freight been delivered in the interior at the low rate that will prevail under the new tariff. Regardless of the rate is being the matter again, before the senate committee developed to this measure, the senate committee of the senate finally refused to give the matter further consideration. In the meantime the question of the injustice which appears to be suffered by Puget Sound shippers is again being discussed, and Senator Foster thinks he may be able to bring the matter again before the senate committee with some prospect of relief."

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

THE ADJOURNMENT CAME AS A SURPRISE

Present Outlook of the Government and Some Important Changes Which May Take Place.

Press Gallery, Feb. 25th.

There was a sudden adjournment of the legislature this afternoon, the legislators not occupying their seats more than half an hour. After the question of privilege, which has already been reported had been disposed of, a number of petitions, reports and motions were received, and then the Premier rose in his place and intimated that for certain reasons he would ask the House at its rising to stand adjourned until Monday next.

The notification that the Premier would ask for this adjournment did not reach the members of the opposition until half an hour before the adjournment was formally conveyed to the House. It is stated that the Premier gave as his reasons for asking the adjournment that investigation at Extension mines had disclosed some of the bodies of the men who perished in that catastrophe, and that matters there would require his personal attention.

However, the members believe that there is more significance than this in the request made by the Premier. It is no secret that he is weary of retaining power at the hands, and on the influence of Mr. Martin, for that settlement is not usually desired by him as his victim in his power. Even the announcement of the resignation of the Premier would not cause a shock in the House, or among those who frequent the corridors. Never enumerated in the records of the House, the last two days have not been without their effect on the Premier, and his immediate supporters, in their attitude to the ex-leader of the opposition.

At present the constitution of the House may be properly arranged as follows: Government—Messrs. Dunsen, Eberts, Prentiss, A. W. Smith, Price, Ellisson, Hall, Rogers, Hunter, Wells, Mounce, Dickie, Pooley, and Clifford—13.

Opposition—Messrs. Martin, McInnes, Gilmore, Stables—4.

Opposition—Messrs. McBride, Neill, Gifford, Munro, Green, McPhillips, Helmecken, Tatlow, Hayward, Fulton, Taylor and Murphy—13.

Independent—Messrs. Kidd, Oliver, Curtis, Hawthornthwaite, Houston and E. C. Smith—6.

The above represents accurately the positions of the respective members, for while men like Messrs. Kidd and Oliver, it is a proceeding sort of way which threatens its permanence. Were the administration purged of the Martin contamination, this support, it is safe to say, would be more or less cordial. On the other hand, although John Oliver, of Delta, votes with Mr. Martin, he is by no means bound to any party in the House, nor will he follow slavishly where any leader dictates he should go. Mr. Houston is by no means wedded to the government, while Messrs. Curtis and Hawthornthwaite are independent, but opposed to the administration.

Taking Speaker Pooley out of the thirteen who may be classed as government in their affiliations, it will be seen that the administration are in a distinct minority in the legislature. Efficient government is out of the question under the circumstances, and a new arrangement must be reached or an appeal taken to the country. As few of the members relish the suggestion of an appeal to the country, it is probable that the first alternative will be selected.

As for granting the Premier's request for an adjournment, that was in line with the policy of the opposition, which is eagerly awaiting the result of the Victoria bye-election in the belief that it will further augment their forces. Indeed had the House not adjourned so quickly it is probable that a motion of adjournment would have been offered by the opposition, the date for resuming business being set for a date subsequent to the Victoria election, as they are anxious to affirm their belief in the policy of a full House.

The following business was transacted before adjournment:

Petitions.

Mr. Garden presented the petition of the Vancouver & Westminster railway company for a bill to amend their charter.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite presented the petition of Wm. Hunter and others, locomotive engineers, asking amendments to the Steam Boilers' Inspection Act.

Mr. Murphy presented the petition of Thos. Woodward and others, of Nicola

Valley, re route of Coast-Kootenay railway.

Mr. McPhillips presented the petition of B. W. Pearce and other ratepayers of Victoria, opposing amendments to the Municipal Act by municipal councils without the approval of the ratepayers.

Notice of Motion.

Mr. Martin gives notice that he will move for an order of the House for a return showing the names of the license commissioners for Southeast Kootenay, and the name of the inspector for said district, and for copies of all correspondence between the government and said commissioners, as said inspector, with regard to licenses granted in said district for the year 1901.

Question.

Mr. Gilmore will ask the Attorney-General:

How many special police have been engaged by the police since March, 1902?

If any were engaged during the trackmen's strike on the C. P. R., how many?

Did any of the said special police take the place of the strikers, or act as watchmen on the C. P. R. track of bridges?

If so, why did the government take the part of the company against the men?

Number of Passengers Carried in Three British Columbia Cities During Last Fiscal Year.

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During this period, there were 575 miles of electric railway completed, of which 470 miles were laid with steel rails, 158 being double track. The total capital amounted to \$30,076,019, of which the municipal aid amounted to \$175,000. The number of miles in operation was 472. The gross earnings aggregated \$3,768,283, and the working expenses \$2,333,120. The number of passengers carried was 129,934,056, and the freight carried amounted to 287,920 tons. The car mileage was 31,750,754 miles. New Brunswick, 122; Nova Scotia, 10; Manitoba, 38; and British Columbia, 51 miles.

ABOUT STREET RAILWAYS

Number of Passengers Carried in Three British Columbia Cities During Last Fiscal Year.

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During this period, there were 575 miles of electric railway completed, of which 470 miles were laid with steel rails, 158 being double track. The total capital amounted to \$30,076,019, of which the municipal aid amounted to \$175,000. The number of miles in operation was 472. The gross earnings aggregated \$3,768,283, and the working expenses \$2,333,120. The number of passengers carried was 129,934,056, and the freight carried amounted to 287,920 tons. The car mileage was 31,750,754 miles. New Brunswick, 122; Nova Scotia, 10; Manitoba, 38; and British Columbia, 51 miles.

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

Rowland Britain, patent attorney, Vancouver, sends the following report, being an abstract from the Official Gazette of the United States patent office for the week ending Tuesday, February 11th:

During this week 622 patents were issued, 585 being to citizens of the United States, to Austria-Hungary 1, Canada 8, Cuba 1, Great Britain 1, France 3, Germany 6, Netherlands 1, Norway 1, Sweden 1 and Victoria 1.

The following patents have been issued to British Columbia this week: To W. W. Jarvis, Clinton, a United States patent by assignment on a carburetor.

J. Coote, Vancouver, by assignment, a British patent on a folding bed, and H. Peck, J. M. K. Letson and F. W. Burpee, of Vancouver, a Canadian patent on a camp fire crane.

MUST BE SHOWN. Coffee Drinkers Require Proof.

When persons insist on taking some kind of food or drink that causes disease it is not fair to blame a Doctor for not curing them.

Coffee keeps thousands of people sick in spite of all the Doctor can do to cure them. There is but one way to get well. That is to quit coffee absolutely: a great help will be to shift over to Postum Food Coffee.

A case of this kind is illustrated by Mrs. E. E. Kelly, 233-8th Ave., New York, N.Y., who says, "I have been ailing for about eight years with bilious trouble and indigestion. Every doctor told me to give up coffee. I laughed at the idea of coffee hurting me, until about three years ago I was taken very bad and had to have a doctor attend me regularly.

The Doctor refused to let me have coffee, but prescribed Postum Food Coffee. I soon got to making it so well that I could not tell the difference in taste between Postum and the common coffee.

I began to improve right away and have never had a bilious spell since giving up coffee and taking Postum. When I started I weighed 160 pounds. Now I weigh 130. My friends ask what has made the change and, of course, I tell them it was leaving off coffee and taking up Postum.

I know husband will never go back to the old fashioned coffee again. You can use my name if you print this letter, for I am not ashamed to have the public know just what I have to say about Postum and what it has done for me."

REPORT OF BUREAU OF INFORMATION

LARGE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED

Secretary Gosnell Tells of the Work in His Department During the Past Year.

The first annual report of the bureau of provincial information and immigration, prepared by the secretary, R. E. Gosnell, was presented to the House yesterday. It is as follows:

"I have the honor to submit my first annual report as secretary of the bureau of provincial information and immigration. Upon the death of the late John Jessop, upon your recommendation, the offices of information, or statistics and immigration, as being closely allied, were merged, and the work has been carried on ever since by the bureau occupied by a respected pioneer and an efficient public servant, I wish to say that an examination of his correspondence, and from a personal knowledge of his work, he rendered valiant, obliging and very careful and methodical in the information afforded to inquirers, and ever industrious.

"During the year 1901 the number of inquiries received was 1,468, and the number of letters sent was 1,250. Of these, 262 were received by the late Mr. Jessop. The number of letters outward was 1,380.

"It is interesting to note the localities from which the inquiries proceed. By far the greater number come from the middle and northwestern states of America, and the Canadian Northwest. A fair sprinkling comes from California, Oregon, Washington and Eastern Canada. In nearly every instance the inquiry is for land and for information respecting government land. These originate on account of the favorable reports about our climate, markets and general good prospects. Those from the Northwest and northwestern states frequently express a desire to go where it is not so cold in winter. Many in the United States are Canada naturalized and long to return to Canada and Canadian institutions. The inquiries from Great Britain are largely from those seeking employment.

"The publications which have been distributed from the office are the following: Revised Compendium of the Year Book, 1900; Minister of Mines Report, 1900, 1,500; Report of Department of Agriculture, 1900, 1,000; Vancouver Board of Trade Report, 2,000; Victoria Board of Trade Report, 2,000; Digest of Crown Lands Surveys, 1901, 1,200; C. P. R. British Columbia pamphlet, 1,500; Pamphlet, Minister of Mines, 2,000; Mining and Land Acts and other publications, as asked for.

"These publications have not been sent out indiscriminately, but as the result of direct inquiry. A number of the reports, columns and exhibits prepared by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, through this office, they were:

"For Malcolm Island, for a colony of Finns, a grant of 80 acres for each colonist on terms of five years' occupation and improvement.

"For San Jose valley, north end of Vancouver Island, 80 acres to each of 100 settlers on terms of five years' occupation and improvement.

"For 3,200 acres on Queen Charlotte Islands for dairy purposes, 29 settlers, 100 acres each, on conditions of improvement and erection of creamery.

"For one township in Bulkley valley, 100 settlers, at 100 acres each, five years' occupation and improvements equal to value of land.

"The regulations in each case will be made this spring, and one year is allowed to complete arrangements.

"Special investigation has been entered into in regard to the markets on the Pacific open to British Columbia, with reference to iron, steel, pulp and paper, copper, lead, fish and timber, and products thereof. In regard to iron and steel and pulp and paper, the results were published in the Compendium of the Year Book, 1901, which gives all the information available. There are, however, special difficulties in obtaining in regard to some of the countries on the Pacific under the flags of various foreign powers.

"However, the matter was taken up through the agent-general, London, circular letters being addressed to all the British consular agents on the Pacific, requesting the fullest information on each subject, and letters were also addressed to each of the governments in question. The subject was also brought to the attention of the department of trade and commerce, Ottawa, with a request for co-operation. Replies are now being received, and as soon as all of these are in hand a bulletin will be issued containing the fullest and latest information.

"For some time prior to the departure of Hon. J. H. Turner, the department was engaged in preparing material and supplies for the office of the agent-general, which has been pretty thoroughly equipped. Among other things, a very large and representative collection of photographs, numbering about 800, besides several hundred lantern slides for lectures, were forwarded.

"An effort is being made through the agent-general to obtain domestic recruits in Great Britain, and a number of applications have already been received from those desiring of making contracts of employment with girls or women who are reputedly endorsed. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have expressed themselves agreeable, in the matter of transportation, to meet the government on advantageous terms, provided a sufficient number of fares is guaranteed.

"As the appointment of the secretary of this department is made under the authority of the Library and Bureau of Statistics Act, 1894, historical research is also included among the duties of the office. In 1901, a number of Hudson's Bay Company documents referring to the Oregon Territory, from the date of the founding of Fort Vancouver onward, including letters and journals, have been secured, and will be placed in the archives of the province.

"CAMILLE" LAST NIGHT.

Florence Roberts Gave Splendid Portrayal of the Well Known Role.

Florence Roberts adduced fresh evidence of her great art at the Victoria theatre last night when she held her audience spell-bound by her splendid delineation of unhappy "Camille." There were strength, naturalness, and impressiveness in her portrayal such as to make one forget that he or she was gazing on the mimic world. Her French play-wright's heroine, which was a strange admixture of two extremes, frivolity and intense sorrow, was depicted with affecting realism, and there was many a wet eye when death ended the story of the drama.

Seldom indeed have Victoria's eyes kindled to hearing an artist possessing such histrionic power as Florence Roberts. Seldom indeed does such an actress appear at the Victoria theatre, with the reasonable prices of admission charged during the present engagement. In the fourth act last night, and in fact in all the intensely emotional passages, she was exceptionally strong, and her impersonation throughout can be disparagingly summed up as faultless.

She was most ably supported by Lucius Henderson, in the role of Armand Duval. He was exceedingly effective in the fourth act, and shared with the leading lady the honors of the evening. The others acquitted themselves creditably according to their scope.

To-night's play will be a dramatization of Alphonse Daudet's "Sapho," in which Miss Roberts is said to excel as fine as in kind to be endured. Her in this the other roles enacted by her in this play is to be the "Sapho" presented in the East, which received such strong commendation there, but tells the same story with all that is objectionable eliminated.

CANCERS AND TUMORS

All forms of malignant growths, such as cancers, tumors, lupus, old running sores and foul ulcers, are completely cured by our New Constitutional Remedy. No operation or suffering of any kind to be endured. Send two stamps for full particulars to Stoltz & Jurg, Bowmanville, Ont.

A hair of the beard of the Prophet Mohammed has been presented to the Constabulary postoffice by a lady of that city. A great procession of state officers and military dignitaries, the relic when the transfer was made.

NO SUBSTITUTE for "The D. & L." Mestbol Plaster, although some unscrupulous dealers may say there is. Recommended by doctors, by hospital surgeons, everywhere, for stiffness, rheumatism, etc. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

COMMUNICATIONS. POINT ELLICE BRIDGE.

To the Editor.—It tends to some feeling of confidence in the good intentions of the aldermen to note that they hesitate to abandon altogether their anti-bridge promises. All those that spoke on the Point Ellice bridge matter, physically advocated a stone bridge, and foreign material; to be built by home-workmen instead of aliens; to circulate the money amongst the ratepayers of Victoria instead of sending our bread to feed the penniless of other lands. Not a bridge to be built of stone, and steel bridge to be the most attractive spot we have to show our visitors, but we should have to be taxed year by year during its lifetime for its maintenance; and, by the bridge being a stone bridge, would be the original debt was paid off, and the structure would be pretty well worn out. Trade regulations, limitations of speed, numbers to be carried, etc., would become intolerable once more.

Now a stone bridge would not only be an object of beauty, an adornment to the

TERRIBLE BACK PAINS

Mrs. Maggie Woodford Suffered Terribly Until Cured by Powley's Liquefied Ozone.

The kidneys are about the most important organs of the body. All the waste products caused by muscular action and of digested food, which are found in the blood, have to be thrown off from the body—most of them pass through the kidneys. If there is any interruption in this process, instead of being thrown off, this poisonous matter is reabsorbed by the blood and spread to the remotest parts of the system to work harm and injury. Powley's Liquefied Ozone stimulates the action of the kidneys, causes them to throw off all poisonous matter, restores health conditions to all the tissues of the body.



The Ozone Co., Limited—Gentlemen: About July last I was attacked with a sinking sensation; I would have frightful dreams; food would not digest, and my nerves seemed to be unstrung. I had a terrible pain across my back; sometimes I felt that it would break, so great would be the pain. I also had rheumatism in all my joints. I tried a laxative and thought I might get some ease, but I only got worse. My husband advised me to try Ozone, as it was doing so much for other people. We purchased a bottle and I am so thankful we did, as I soon got relief and now am well and gaining rapidly in flesh. The Ozone seems to do my blood so much good. My belief now is that I had a bad attack of kidney disease. We keep Ozone continually in our house and no matter what the trouble is, we find it a ready friend to relieve pain, sores, cuts, stomach trouble or any case where we have need of a good remedy. (Signed) MRS. MAGGIE WOODFORD, 350 Gerrard St., East Toronto.

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approach to the scene of our regatta, but as a structure, would be as permanent as the other is as permanent as the solid earth on which it rests. A battery of artillery might pass over the steel bridge on "dippy-toes," but they could gallop over a stone bridge as close as they could pack.

As to time, one pile driver could possibly drive 40 piles per day, and take three weeks to do the same work that four pile drivers could do in five days. The same with regard to derricks, barges, machine concrete mixers, etc. Time is a matter of available plant, the judicious application of which could reduce the limit to one-fifth what stupid Victoria usually allows. If the ratepayers want to dance to fast music eight or ten thousand dollars will find the best of bands. Then, again, Ald. Kinsman must remember that the great European bridges were built in lime mortar, before cement was known. The settlement was slow and gradual, and it was years before it took its final bearing; but granite, properly worked and bedded in cement, is quite a different proposition, each stone stays just where it is put, for all time, and when the arches are complete they should be

as sound as if built of one solid stone, and heavy enough to take up all possible vibration, and massive enough to appear to the eye fit to meet all possible demands.

A concrete steel structure would be built as light as possible to save every pound of material, and the city engineer suggests facing this concrete bridge with granite, if desired, giving the exact appearance of solid masonry.

Oh, shades of all departed braves, Scotia, please—we know that in modern Artimus Ward was once entertained by Indians in the wilderness, they offered him his choice between raw dog and pork pie. "Give me raw dog," he said, "I know what raw dog is, but no one knows what pork pie is." We know what stone is; give us stone.

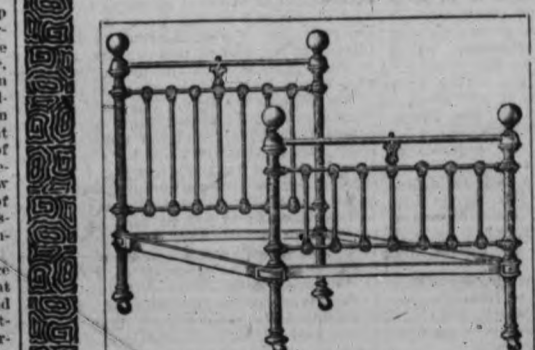
THOS. S. SORBY, February 25th, 1902.

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THE ARMISTICE. The explanation given in the Colonist for the adjournment of the House on Monday is, to express it mildly, not very clear. Perhaps it is not an easy matter to explain just why the breathing spell was asked for. It is not unfair to assume, however, that the ministers find themselves hard pressed. Possibly the pressure is not entirely from one quarter. The exhibition given has not been exactly edifying or in any way calculated to increase the very small modicum of esteem in which the government is held.

The Times is in possession of no inside information. It, like the public, can only judge of what is occurring to-day by what has already taken place. The government is ashamed of some of its supporters and desires to shake them off. It has approached the opposition more than once with proposals which had that much-to-be-desired consummation in view. No doubt a continuation of these negotiations will be attempted. Whether anything will be accomplished it would be difficult to say. We surmise, however, that nothing but a very radical change in the personnel of the government would be satisfactory to the opposition, which evidently has merely to bide its time and it will have the game in its own hands.

Falling success in these negotiations, the Premier may ask for a dissolution. This will probably be denied him, because it is well known that there is a general belief that we have had too much political turmoil of late, and that it might be possible with all the seats in the House filled to form a good, strong government capable of carrying on the business of the country until the end of the legislative term and passing a redistribution bill which would do justice to all sections of the province before asking for the verdict of the people upon its acts.

On one point there can be no division of opinion. The government has lost the confidence of the country and it has demonstrated its inability to "control the House." As at present constituted and with its present support it cannot carry on the business of the province. Its legal position is questionable as well. It is only a fractional government and to lawfully perform the duties appertaining to it it should be a whole government. It has attempted several times to comply with the requirements of the constitution, and each time it has failed. Negotiations with its former supporters have failed; appeals to the electorates have been in vain. Why not accept the inevitable and resign? That would be a simple and effective way of meeting the desires of the people and of purging the administration of the contempt it has brought upon itself by its desperate, frantic, imbecile attempts to retrieve its political fortunes.

DEBATES OF THE FARMERS. The discussions of the representative farmers of British Columbia have been carried on in a spirit worthy of emulation by some bodies endowed with higher powers and claiming more extensive jurisdiction. From the prevailing tone of the debates participated by the members of the Institute, it is evident the agriculturists of the province realize that theirs, if it is not now, must ultimately become, one of the most important of the industries of British Columbia. Why the farmers do not properly assert themselves and elect more representatives of their class to the provincial legislature is inexplicable. There are probably as many men of the necessary ability amongst them as in the ranks of any other class, not even excepting the lawyers, who have special opportunities to qualify themselves because of the license they have to afflict courts with their "emphatic" eloquence. The sound,

practical common sense of the farming class might be exercised to some purpose in the discussion of public questions. The present House is not a perfect one, by any means. It is sadly in need of leveling up to a higher standard. More sound, wholesome agricultural counsel would be bound to have a good effect, unless the members fell under the spell of party leaders of doubtful motives, as we are sorry to observe some of the substantial agricultural representatives appear to be in danger of doing at the present time.

Probably the business to which he has decided to devote his life has more attraction for the average farmer than the trade of lawmaking and much talking. There are great opportunities for development in farming in this province. We are said to import more than five million dollars worth of agricultural products per year at the present time. Population is increasing at a rapid rate and the demand for food must increase in an equal ratio. New mines are emerging into the producing stage, and older ones are increasing their output with considerable rapidity. Is the supply of farm products keeping pace with the demand? It appears not. But the farmers are bending all their energies to the task of meeting the demands that are being made upon them. They are co-operating with transportation companies for the purpose of placing their goods on distant markets in good shape and at prices which will meet the competing products from foreign parts. The transportation facilities must be improved and cheapened until it will not be necessary to maintain Spokane or any other American point as a distributing centre for any section of British Columbia. The deputy minister of agriculture and those who are acting under him, the scientific farmers who develop ideas and are eager to share the benefits of their research with their fellows, deserve credit for the work they are accomplishing, and we hope their hands will be strengthened by any government which may be in power.

DEGENERATES. While writers in the press of the Western coast are quarrelling and disputing as to which city is the greatest and most populous at the present time, and has the "brightest future before it," as regards size, we find New Yorkers lamenting over the good old times that have passed away when men were gentle and courteous in their manner and there was room and time to cultivate the higher and nobler feelings of humanity—the homely virtues which give a charm to life and make it worth living. The European invasion has made New York a mighty mass of struggling men and women, who are too busy fighting for the things that perish to waste time over "non-essentials"; it has increased the value of real estate and rendered it possible for fortunate owners to escape to more congenial surroundings in slow-going Britain, gay, happy France or sunny, idyllic Italy; but the emigrants have erred American manners away with them and the immigrants have brought those of the vulgarities of continental Europe in. American women are no longer treated with the old-time deference and respect; they are obliged to stand before their lords and masters in the street and other cars and be content with the place luck or the chance of meeting an occasional gentleman accords them.

So it appears there is something more to be desired than life in the "surgin, seething throngs" that struggle and battle for existence in a mighty metropolis. In a late issue of the New York Times a lady who had returned from a trip to Britain lamented that none of the wild flowers—daisies, cowslips, wild or dog roses, primroses, heather, broom—which lend such an almost inexpressible charm to field and hedge in all parts of that highly-favored land, could be induced to raise their welcome heads in any part of America. The feathered songsters of the sea, for some reason or other—probably on account of the marked difference in the climate—cannot subsist out of doors in any part of the United States, and the consequence is that Americans, who have been seized with a longing for life "as it is in England," must go across the ocean to get it. Here is something for Vancouver Islanders to ponder over. We have the British daisies and broom and the wild roses and honey-suckle here already. They appeal to the hearts of exiles in a strangely eloquent way. Many times the feasibility of importing British song-birds has been discussed and movements have been set afoot which promised to result in something definite. But the notes of the lark and linnet are not yet heard in the land. They will be heard some day, we have no doubt, and then Vancouver Island will be known as the Britain of the Pacific.

In the meantime let us be content with things as we find them. We are the most fortunate people under the sun, with a future promising enough to satisfy the most material-minded amongst us. If it be ordained that we shall attain to an at present unimagined degree of activity, our readers may rest assured that the ratio of comfort and happiness will never be greater than at the present time, when the strong still have the grace to give place to the weak and feeble, and childhood, whether of the first or second degree, is treated with tenderness and solicitude.

Dr. Conan Doyle's pamphlet, "The War in South Africa: Its Cause and

Conduct," is having a large sale in Great Britain. Though it was published only a month or so ago, a quarter of a million copies have already been printed, and Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co. contemplate a fifth impression, comprising 300,000 copies, immediately. The French, German, Scandinavian, Italian and Dutch translations of the work are well advanced, while every effort is being used to ensure their early publication in the respective countries. It is also proposed to translate the work into Welsh, Russian and Spanish, if the funds received from the public permit.

Great Britain, the United States, Germany and Japan have practically told Russia that she must release her grip upon Manchuria. It is not likely that force will be exercised to deliver the Chinese province from the hands of the Muscovite, but commercially it will remain open to the world, and Russia will not be eager to run the territory under such conditions. She will have no chance to tighten her grip, and as soon as she can do so without sacrifice of dignity she will probably drop her prize altogether.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S REPRESENTATIVE. (Toronto Globe.) Sir Wilfrid Laurier's announcement that Senator Templeman will be asked to become a member of the Dominion ministry will be received with general satisfaction, especially in British Columbia, which the Senator now represents as his own province. He is eminently qualified to represent the Pacific province in the cabinet, as he is familiar with the needs of the varied local interests, and has a comprehensive grasp of the general situation of western trade and industrial development. Senator Templeman established The Almonte Gazette in 1867, but moved out to Victoria, B. C., in 1884, where he established The Victoria Times, which he still publishes. He was actively engaged in journalistic work and prominent in public life at the coast before the recent extensive development of mining and smelting enterprise, and before the building of the Canadian Pacific railway altered the relationships and revolutionized the development of our western province. Senator Templeman has had the advantage of seeing the distant feeling of a separate Crown colony give place to a spirit of union and thorough reconciliation to new conditions. British Columbia is certain to grow in importance as her great stores of mineral and timber wealth are developed, and her relative importance as a part before the recent Dominion must proportionately increase. The Premier has made a wise choice in selecting as western representative a man of sound judgment, thorough familiarity with the development and conditions of the Pacific coast, and one who upheld the cause of Liberalism when it was discouragingly weak in the West, and he has had the satisfaction of seeing a change of public sentiment which has been gradually winning the support of former opponents.

SHOOTING OUT OF SEASON. To the Editor—Residents in the neighborhood of Beacon Hill are incensed over the actions of a man who has been killing quail in this neighborhood. After the poor birds finished to breed in the week of severe weather they are now in danger of a more insidious kind. If the incident of February 21th be repeated, a complaint will certainly be made to the authorities. AN ONLOOKER.

THE COLONIST'S CABINET OF CURIOSITIES. To the Editor—The Colonist refers this morning to "an imitation lady's As-trachan car." Some time ago its location column called for the return of "small snake-skin lady's purse." Might not the Colonist with interest and profit open a curiosity cabinet, say as an annex to the Tourist Association reception rooms, and in it exhibit the "imitation lady," "the small snake-skin lady," Bill Nye's Diogenes-tub, British Columbia's three-headed cabinet, a clay model of the "Solid Six," and an oil painting of the ex-chairman of the park committee, with two swans rampant at his feet? Many other chic attractions will suggest themselves.

THE MARCHIONESS. A STRANGER'S VERSION. To the Editor—As a spectator from the strangers' gallery of the unfortunate scene in the legislative assembly during Monday's sitting, I should like to be allowed to make the following remarks: Directly Mr. McBride rose to his feet to take part in the prayers, Mr. J. Martin advanced and placed his hat on the floor. Mr. McBride and his chair preparatory to taking possession of the chair on the completion of prayers. This commenced the fracas, and this is a solid fact. Unfortunately, the readers of the Colonist are to be misled by the account to have an impartial report of what occurs in the House while that paper is the property of and controlled by Dunsmuir. I regret to say it was not at all likely that the Colonist should report any action of Mr. Martin detrimental to that gentleman. The two divisions which have taken place in the House so far this session show to the veriest tyro that Martin & Co. are at present supporters of the government. On Thursday Martin & Co. voted with the government; on Monday the government voted with Mr. Martin & Co., and so it will continue as long as it suits Mr. Martin, that is, until Mr. Martin has made his plans, collected and formed a sufficiently strong party, when he will inevitably turn on the government and drive them off.

Meanwhile it behooves the opposition to bide their time and to treat the action of the Dunsmuir-Martin combination with a contempt as silent as possible under the circumstances. Every member in the House saw the action of Mr. Martin on Monday. The Speaker himself must have seen it, unless indeed he acts indirectly under the influence of Mr. Martin. Every stranger in the gallery who had

a clear view saw it, therefore it is not the slightest consequence what the Colonist or anybody else says on the subject. A STRANGER IN THE GALLERY. Wednesday, Feb. 26th, 1902.

Fine Tableware. We have just put in stock a large assortment of the following articles: Best quality English Table and Dessert Knives, Forks and Spoons, quadruple plate, Al quality. Fish and Dessert Knives and Forks, with Pearl, Ivory or Celluloid handles, in polished oak boxes. Carving Sets, three and five pieces, in silk lined cases. Fish Carvers, with Ivory or Celluloid handles, in elegant cases. The above goods are all imported direct from the manufacturers and are guaranteed to be the very best quality. C. E. Redfern, 43 Government Street.

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Mining News. Rossland Camp. The output for six days commencing on Sunday, February 24th, and ending Friday, the 21st, was 5,455 tons. The Le Roi has hardly worked up to the average of 800 tons daily that is to be attained shortly, but it is only a matter of a few days until the standard desired is reached. The shipments from the Velvet have been considerably less than was anticipated. The shipments follow: Le Roi, 4,165 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 1,290 tons, and Velvet, 40 tons. The Le Roi—the operations at the mine during the week have not been marked by incident out of the ordinary. Stopping and development have gone ahead steadily, and excellent results have been attained. The contract work in the lower levels of the mine is to be started immediately. Le Roi No. 2—in the Josie and No. 1 mines nothing of special interest has occurred. Mining has gone ahead steadily since the resumption of the electrical power plant, and the work was taken up where it was left off when the power was withdrawn. The same applies to the Nickel Plate mine. In all these properties the work is carried on in the same levels as before. Kootenay—Drifting on the 400 and 600 foot levels has been under way steadily and the work has made good progress without incident of special interest. Centre Star and War Eagle—The usual operations have been carried on, work being confined almost exclusively to development. Steady progress has been made with the work in the main shaft and on the drifts at the 600 and 700 foot levels of the Centre Star. Diamond drilling is still being carried on in the 800 foot level of the War Eagle. While Bear the work at the mine is progressing steadily and unusually good results are believed to have been attained. Abe Lincoln—The work on the north and south drifts at the 200 foot level is proceeding steadily without incident of importance. Green Mountain—Sinking on the two-compartment shaft between the 200 and 300 foot levels is under way steadily. Rapid progress is being made without incident of special interest. Velvet—Ore is being broken down for shipment to Nelson and is being taken over the wagon road as rapidly as possible. Activity in Coal Fields. News has been received at Nelson from East Kootenay and Western Alberta that there is great activity in the development of the coal measures there. The Canadian-American Coal & Coke Company, at Frank, Alberta, is now taking out 300 tons of coal per day, and in six weeks, through the development of a second level, will increase the output to 800 tons per diem. The Canadian Pacific railway is taking most of the output from Frank, and the remainder is disposed of at towns along the Crow's Nest line. The company has just let a contract for the construction of 250 coke ovens and the work of building these will be commenced just as soon as the contractor can assemble his material. It is anticipated that a market can be found for the coal produced at Frank at the smelters in British Columbia, Idaho, Washington and Montana. Excitement has been demonstrated that the Frank coal makes coke of fair quality. Near Frank, the Fleutot syndicate is developing coal deposits. Mr. Fleutot is now in Paris, where he has successfully been conducting financial negotiations in connection with his colliery. He expects to return within a few weeks, and then promises to build a railway

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THE THAM BYE. Oculists say that one of the commonest affections of the eye is produced by continuous riding in trams. The seats run lengthwise, and therein lies the difficulty. Some day, as you are riding in one of these vehicles, watch the eyes of the man opposite you. He is gazing out of the window, possibly reading the signs of the business houses just to kill time. First his eyes glance ahead of the car, fall on the sign, and as the car passes by his eyes turn back. Then they shoot ahead again. This constant shifting of the eyes is very rapid if a passenger watches the people on the pavement. In half-an-hour's ride his eyes will have twitched back and forth with a continuity that brings on fatigue. But he keeps it up to the end of the ride, and later in the afternoon wonders why his eyes are weak and tired.—Health. LOCAL OPINION IS STRONG in favor of Paine's Balsam. It cures coughs and colds with absolute certainty. Present to take and cure. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Expeller.

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Mr. E. V. Bodwell. And other speakers will address the Electors of Spring Ridge at the Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday, the 27th Inst. At 8 o'clock. NOTICE. The annual general meeting of the Victoria Garrison Artillery Rifle Association will be held in the Men's Room, Drill Hall, on Monday, March 3rd, at 8:30 p. m. J. GAVIN, Secy. Treas.



The Workshop and Home. Should Be Supplied With a Few Surgical Bandages, etc. CYRUS H. BOWES, CHEMIST.

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

Victoria, Feb. 25-5 a. m. The important storm area which was centred off Vancouver Island yesterday, when it caused a southerly gale along the Coast, is now slowly crossing the province to the Territories. The barometer is still 28.30 inches north of Vancouver Island and the weather remains threatening along the Coast, accompanied by heavy rain. Snow is falling in Caribou and rain at Prince Albert and Swift Current.

At the meeting of the Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., to-night, the third degree will be conferred on a brother.

To-night at 8 o'clock there will be a practice of "Creation" in the Metropolitan church. A full attendance is requested.

To-morrow evening at the Victoria cafe the members of No. 2 Company will hold their annual dinner. Members present must be in uniform.

Hon. Mr. Smith, of Minnesota, will address the meeting of the Dairymen's Association, which will be held at the city hall to-night. The public are cordially invited to attend.

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The regular monthly business meeting of the Central W. C. T. U. will be held to-morrow afternoon at the Refuge Home, Cormorant street, at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Shrimps, oysters and haddock in tins, two for 25 cents. Mowat & Wallace, grocers.

When you feel "out of kilter" our Toss will prove a blessing! Phone 503, Direct Importing Tea & Coffee Co., cor. Douglas and Johnson streets.

The favorite route from this city to Nanaimo is now by the Victoria & Sidney railway and steamer Inoquoia. Trains leave every Monday and Thursday at 7:45 a. m. Single fare \$1.50. Return, good for 14 days, \$2.50.

Marked improvement, the block pavement will be commenced in the near future, the permanent causeway is progressing rapidly, the bridge promises an early settlement, the Capital Clearing Company, commencing the work for which is a marked improvement.

All aboard for Crofton, the new smelting centre. On and after February 1st a daily passenger and freight service will be inaugurated between Victoria and Crofton and way ports, by first-class steamer, connecting with V. & S. railway. Trains will leave the V. & S. station at 7:45 a. m.

Cheap rates from all points East via Northern Pacific Railway Company, effective "at once." The Northern Pacific Railway Company will sell tickets from all Eastern points at reduced rates on account of "The Home-seekers' Excursions." If you intend sending for anyone to come to Victoria, B. C., call on C. E. Lang, general agent, corner Yates and Government streets.

A committee consisting of Dr. R. Nash, G. J. Burnett, E. A. Powell, C. A. Lambard and B. J. Bantley has been formed for the purpose of inducing leading artists, authors, and composers to visit Victoria in their itineraries. If they meet with encouragement they will engage the well-known violinist Leonora Jackson to give a recital in the Institute hall. She was a pupil of the great Joachim.

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Miss Anna Wey's pupils entertained a fashionable audience in Waitt's music hall last evening. Misses Alma Clarke, Vivian Blackwood and Millie Green acquitted themselves very creditably. Several young vocalists, pupils of Mrs. W. E. Green, contributed much to the evening's entertainment.

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A cow belonging to W. F. Ballou was killed on the Esquimalt road last night. The animal in some way was struck by one of the tram cars on that line, and caused considerable interruption to traffic.

The police have received a letter from Mrs. Mary Arnold, of Seattle, asking for information of the whereabouts of her daughter, Bridget Todd, who came to this city with her little daughter for the purpose of marrying a clerk named John Nicholson.

An "At Home" will be given by Mrs. W. H. Barracough in the Centennial Methodist church school room on evening. There will be an excellent programme and everybody is promised a good time. A collection will be taken up in aid of the Ladies' Aid society.

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THE GOVERNMENT IN A QUANDARY

COMPLETE TIE-UP OF DUNSMUIR CABINET

Unable to Carry on Business—Redistribution Bill Being Forced on Them by Vancouver Member.

The air is heavy today with political rumors. The sudden adjournment of the House yesterday afternoon has set the tongues of the political gossips wagging, and the result is a persistent lot of rumors.

While there is a wide difference of opinion in regard to the final outcome, upon one point all are agreed, namely, that the government is in desperate straits and that the adjournment is merely sought in order that they may spar for time. It is believed that a meeting of the executive would go a long way toward meeting the views of the opposition were the latter to manifest a willingness to give way. The general sentiment among them, however, is in favor of adhering stoutly to their position, and of neither asking nor taking any terms.

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Every garment is resplendent with an exclusive beauty that will mark them as the smartest things to be shown this season. These garments are of a specially inviting character and are practically unmatchable. Remember the best styles go first.

Ladies' Stylish Jackets, Misses' Smart Jackets, Children's New Jackets.

MAIL ORDERS CAREFULLY FILLED. The Hutcheson Co., Limited, Victoria, B. C.

Japanese Rugs are evidently in great demand. We have been selling an unusually large number during the last few months, and will now clear out the balance at a special discount. Weller Bros.

FOR SALE 10-Roomed House

Bath, hot and cold water, electric light throughout, good locality, and on car line. Terms for \$25.00 a month. Price \$3,000.00. Apply to SWINERTON & ODDY.

Here is a Chance to Own A Home

We offer a seven roomed Modern House Near town, for \$2,500. Terms, \$100 down, balance \$15.00 a month. And 6 per cent. interest. It will pay you to look into this.

Heisterman & Co.

The Grand Chief Factor, Dr. J. D. Helmecken, assisted by deputy installing officer Samuel Sen, Jr., last night installed the following newly-elected officers of Post No. 1, Native Sons, in K. of P. hall: Past chief factor, W. C. Moreby; chief factor, Joseph E. Wilson; first vice-factor, Thomas Watson; second vice-factor, W. H. Langley; secretary-treasurer, E. F. Johnston; recording secretary, Arthur R. Haynes; hon. treasurer, Thomas G. Fox; inside sentinel, J. A. McTavish; outside sentinel, H. Smethurst. Delegates to the Grand Lodge were appointed as follows: Messrs. J. S. Yates, Henry J. D. Helmecken, P. Higgins, W. Moreby, S. Sen, Jr., T. G. Fox, Phil. R. Smith.

New Spring Goods

ARRIVING DAILY. All the Latest Novelties, beautiful Applique Trimming. Fancy Muslins, Blouses, Muslin Suits, Silketies, Laces, Etc., Stevens & Jenkins, 84 DOUGLAS STREET.

Honest Shirts

Honestly, now have you ever seen a better shirt than our Tooke's at \$1.00? Ever found such comfort and satisfaction? Ever seen such well made seams, gussets in all openings, and cushion neck bands? Why not have the best? Costs no more. A dollar and get a dollar's worth.

The Best Yet

..NEW.. Music Folios. Which will be sold at the low price of Only 50c Each. Beautifully bound and printed; representing every description of music, old and new. Ask for our latest catalogue of 10c music. Contains over 5,000 pieces. Fletcher Bros. GOVERNMENT STREET.

Reductions

Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Vests. Also a Selection of Ladies' Bicycle Skirt Lengths, at \$4.50. These prices will only last until February 28th. Alex. Peden's, MERCHANT TAILOR, 35 FORT STREET. Successor to Geo. R. Jackson.

Plumbing

CHARGES REASONABLE. Watson & McGregor, PHONE 745. 99 JOHNSON ST.

A NIGHT ATTACK.

The Deadly Grip of an Invisible Hand.

The climax of some of the most weird and most attacks is reached in the choking grip of an unseen hand upon the throat of a sleeping victim.

"I wrote to you for advice and you advised me to take 'Golden Medical Discovery' and 'Pleasant Pellets,' which were the only ones that cured me."

I did, and to my surprise got well. writes Mr. Joseph A. Valley, of Fort St. John, B. C. "I had the doctors called bronchitis, and whenever I would take cold would suffer greatly; but since taking two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and one bottle of his 'Pleasant Pellets' have been cured of that terrible trouble."

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Provincial News

THE DEATH TOOK PLACE OF Mrs. Mary Jane Forbes, wife of Isaiah Forbes, on Sunday evening, aged 41 years.

The question of aldermanic indemnity is to be decided by a vote of the people.

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In July last young McMillan and the son of A. C. Stewart were bathing in English Bay. McMillan had gone ashore to rest, when suddenly he noticed that his companion was apparently in distress.

Stewart had been seized with cramp. McMillan at once went to his rescue. Stewart sank twice before McMillan reached him, but the latter, after a most plucky and exhausting effort, succeeded in bringing him ashore, where willing hands set to work to revive him, in which they were successful.

C. J. Smith, as the British Columbia representative of the Royal Humane Society reported the matter to London, and on Monday he received a certificate and medal for the rescuer.

He immediately made arrangements for the medal to be presented by the mayor, at a public meeting. The medal to be presented to him is the bronze medal of the society, which is the 31,758th presented by the society.

The certificate which accompanies the medal bears the signature "George P." that of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who is president of the Royal Humane Society.

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ASHNOLA A CITY OF WONDER, PROGRESS and PROSPERITY. The development of the Coal Mines, the installation of water, electric light and power plants, etc., etc., arranged for by the Ashnola Coal Company of their property, owned by the Toronto Syndicate, and the equipment of their mines has already been arranged for, which is a guarantee of two large payrolls for Ashnola.

Resources. COAL, COKE, GOLD, COPPER, SILVER, LEAD, IRON, LIME. Lots in Ashnola are a Safe Investment. Large herds of cattle, fine grazing lands, all kinds of fruit, hay, meadows, vegetables of every kind, game in abundance, millions of feet of lumber.

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would be worthy of the capital of an important European power.

Drives, Walks and Country Homes. But it is over the drives and walks and suburban homes that Mr. Knight is most enthusiastically appreciative.

"Some drives and walks which I took in the neighborhood of the city during my stay gave me a full explanation of why this is a place so beloved of the British. The city, its suburbs, and its parks are all contained on a many-jointed promontory that juts out into the smooth island-studded waters of the Straits of Juan de Fuca—a magnificent situation. The country immediately outside the town is singularly beautiful, the undulating promontory being fringed with woods of pine and fir and lovely wild jungle of arbutus, roses, flowering bushes of many varieties, and English broom ablaze with its golden blossom for a great portion of the year.

In the spring and summer there is an extraordinary abundance of beautiful wild flowers, and in the autumn all the vegetation is aglow with tints vivid or mellow. Amid this pleasant background, skirting the little bays and headlands of the promontory, are scattered the delightful homes of the fortunate citizens of Victoria—the professional men, the retired soldiers, the members of the Empire. Each house stands within extensive grounds. Landscape gardening is made easy for one here. One has but to leave a portion of one's plot of land uncleaned to have a sweet wilderness of rocks and evergreen bush and fern-growth rocky dells with here and there a meadow, and in the autumn all the vegetation is aglow with tints vivid or mellow.

Victoria as a Home. Viewing Victoria as the place for an ideal home, Mr. Knight has this to say: "Victoria is not only a busy place, a great emporium of trade, the distributive centre for British Columbia, but is also a favorite place of residence for well-to-do people in no other city on the western coast of the North American Continent does one find oneself amid a society of such cultured people, British-born and Canadian, whether they be men of leisure, members of the learned professions, or engaged in business, in short, Victoria, as a place in which to make one's home, presents many social and educational advantages. As might be expected, there are some excellent clubs in the city."

Buildings. Our public buildings are thus touched upon: "Victoria is a handsome little city, with broad streets of substantially built houses and public buildings, which display a fine taste in their architectural features. The magnificent parliament buildings, constructed of grey stone.

Mount Baker. The writer felt the wistfulness of Mount Baker: "Then how magnificent are the landscapes on which the possessors of these pleasantest of homes look out, embracing broad waters, alpine straits, timbered islands and capes, and, behind all, the mighty mountain ranges of the Mainland, with their summits of eternal snow, the most conspicuous peak being Mount Baker, which, although a hundred miles away, is generally clearly visible from here. When I saw this fine mountain it looked like a huge bell of delicate white suspended in mid-air, for only its snowy dome gleaming in the sunlight was distinguishable, its lower slopes blending with the blue of the sky."

Yachting. Yachting receives its most consideration. Mr. Knight evidently has the Englishman's love for sea and ships. He says: "These waters form a splendid cruising ground for the yachtsman, and nearly everyone here keeps his little yacht or sailing boat, which in many cases lies at anchor at the bottom of his garden, and often in his own little sheltered inlet. Yachting can here be combined with grand sport, the best of shooting and fishing, and even with exploration. Mining, Fishing and Lumbering. Our three leading industries come in for the author's notice—nothing seems to have escaped the far-reaching eye and clear intelligence of the correspondent of the Morning Post: "I have said enough to show how attractive a place is the capital of British Columbia. There is much even in the business of the city that is picturesque and fascinating—the lumbering with the shipment of the giant timber, the salmon fishing and canning industry, the trading of the Hudson's Bay Company, the departure and return of the Canadian fur-sealing fleet, of which this is the headquarters, the excitement of a gold-mining centre, with the fitting out of the miners, the rushes for wealth, the little yet known, beautiful city, and what is more, one in which there are no really poor people, and it is claimed for it that, 'per capita' Victoria is the wealthiest city on the Pacific coast."

FASSBENERS. Per steamer Chatter from Vancouver—W. Ferguson and wife, W. H. James, Mrs. Foster, H. N. Bess, Quarter-Master Sergeant Clarke, wife and child, Mrs. C. H. King, J. S. Harrow, M. Harper, Thos. Hooper, F. J. L. Lyler, E. Cook, Miss Cook, T. J. Trap, J. Shary, H. J. Kirkland, S. Knight, A. C. Wells, J. Simpson, T. W. Griffiths, T. Shannon, F. V. Harris, Thos. Cunningham, H. J. McPherson, W. Williams, H. H. McPherson, C. G. L. Geordie, Miss F. Stern, Rev. E. G. Taylor.

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Fighting the Fires. Hard life the plucky firemen lead, out in all sorts of weather, losing sleep, catching cold and straining their backs. Hard to have strong, well-kidneys under such conditions. That's why firemen, policemen and others, whose lives are exposed to weather, are so often troubled with Weak, Lame Backs and with Urinary Troubles. DOAN'S Kidney Pills are helping hundreds of such to health. Mr. John Robinson, chief of the fire department, Dresden, Ont., says: "Prior to taking the pills I had kidney trouble which caused severe pain in the small of my back and in both sides. I had a tired feeling and never seemed to be able to get rested. However, I commenced the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, and after taking three boxes am completely cured. I have now no backache or urinary trouble, and the tired feeling is completely gone. In fact, I am well and strong."

TENDERS FOR Brass Goods, Valves, Lead Pipes, etc.

Separate tenders will be received up to 3 o'clock on Monday, February 25th, for the following: 1st, Brass Goods and Pipe Fittings. 2nd, Valves. 3rd, Quantity of lead pipe. Specifications for each of which can be obtained at the office of the undersigned, where also samples can be seen. Tenders must be sealed and addressed to Wm. W. Northcott, purchasing agent, and endorsed "Tender for Brass Goods, etc." The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT, Purchasing Agent. City Hall, Victoria, B. C., January 21st, 1902. NOTE:—The time for receiving tenders for the above is extended to Monday, March 3rd, at 3 o'clock.

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For Disposal of Minerals on Dominion Lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon Territory.

COALS. Coal lands may be purchased at \$10.00 per acre for soft coal, and \$20.00 for anthracite. More than 250 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at such rate as may from time to time be specified by Order in Council shall be collected on the gross output.

QUARTZ. Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding Free Miner's Certificates may obtain entry for a mining location. A Free Miner's Certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$10.00 per annum for an individual, and from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A Free Miner having discovered mineral in place may locate a claim 1,500x1,500 feet by marking out the claim with two legal posts, bearing on the line of the lot or vein, each one on the line of the lot or vein. The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days after the date of discovery in the Mining Recorder's Office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles of location. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.00.

At least \$100.00 must be expended on the claim each year or paid in lieu thereof. When \$500.00 has been expended or paid the locator may, upon having a survey made and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre. Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the net profit exceeding five per cent. PLACER MINING, MANITOBA AND THE N. W. T., EXCEPTING THE YUKON TERRITORY. Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square, entry for such claims may be made on the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and 50 feet wide, the latter 100 feet long and 50 feet wide. The latter licenses bar-dredging, but extend back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where stream power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

DREDGING IN THE RIVERS OF MANITOBA AND THE N. W. T., EXCEPTING THE YUKON TERRITORY. A Free Miner may obtain only two leases of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bars or benches of the river below water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, claims for bar-dredging, or other claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold. Entry must be made within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each five miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10.00 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty on the output after the first year, collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.00.

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TO GRAPPLE WITH DOG POISONING

LOCAL S.P.C.A. BRANCH TO TAKE MATTER UP

Society Will Offer Reward for Evidence Leading to Conviction of Perpetrators of Cruelty.

The local S. P. C. A. has determined to grapple with the poisoning of dogs, which is so greatly on the increase, and which has caused grief to many dog fanciers during the past year. They have, therefore, issued a notice...

Whereas it is alleged that persons in this neighborhood have cruelly and maliciously poisoned sundry dogs, this is to give notice that the act of parliament relating to such criminal offences will be put into operation by the undersigned upon the production of evidence against the guilty party...

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Another matter to which the attention of the society has been directed is the poisoning of blinkers on horses' heads. A paper has just been received dealing with this subject, which will receive more weighty consideration than hitherto accorded it. It is claimed that the horse, being the most sensitive of animals, should be protected from the use of blinkers...

The Great Northern Railway.—We have now lost horses running with blinkers, bridles as they wear out are not re-used. I find the use of plain bridles satisfactory. London & Northwestern Railway.—We are in favor of open bridles.

Great Central Railway.—I have to inform you the company have not put into use any bridles with blinkers for 12 years. (Some thousands of horses are yearly not used with blinkers with their full blinkers.)

Great Western Railway.—Our stock of horses in London and elsewhere is about 2,000 and I think perhaps 200 blinkers are used on young horses recently purchased. For old horses require them, I would say, like yourself, I entirely object to the use of blinkers.

London, Brighton & South Coast Railway.—I hope to say in the course that we have not a horse running with blinkers.

Great Eastern Railway.—The number of this company's horses working in London without blinkers is 200.

Midland Railway.—1,450 horses working without blinkers.

North Metropolitan Tramways Company.—I beg to inform you that we have no difficulty with our horses without blinkers (about 1,000).

Messrs. Milner & Co.—Our horses are without blinkers.

PASSING 15 WORMS. I gave Dr. Low's Worm Syrup to my little girl two and one-half years old; the result was that she passed fifteen round worms in five days.

Mrs. B. Roy, Kilsnash, Ont.

THE WHITE HOUSE Ladies' Stylish Straw Sailors FIRST LOT ON VIEW THIS WEEK. ALL IN THE NEWEST SHAPES. HENRY YOUNG & CO.

CHAT WITH R. E. BROWN.

His Views on South Africa—Dewet Shrewd in Business Matters.

R. E. L. Brown, the American engineer, well known in Victoria, who brought a suit against the Transvaal government for 1,200 mining claims valued at \$5,000,000, is in Toronto.

Interviewed by a Globe reporter, he spoke very highly of the wily Boer general, Dewet. If the general walked into the Queen's, he would probably be taken for a successful Manitoba farmer. He was a very pleasant man to meet, shrewd and farseeing in business affairs. He and Mr. Brown had been and were still partners in a ranch. Mr. Brown believed that General Dewet and Botha would get on in, and they with the other Boers, would take an important part in the politics of the new colony.

Legal Intelligence.

Argument of the motion for an interim injunction and for a receiver in Dunsmuir et al vs. Colonial Printing & Publishing Co., et al, was completed yesterday afternoon. On counsel for the defendants undertaking to have the meeting of the shareholders, called for to-day, adjourned for a week. His Lordship, Mr. Justice Drake, reserved his decision on the motion, promising to give same prior to the holding of the meeting; the directors elected at the annual meeting on the 17th inst., to continue to act in the meantime.

The only application in Chambers this morning before Mr. Justice Drake was in re Venezuela; deceased, an application by A. D. Crease, on behalf of the executor of the estates, for an order appointing a guardian ad litem of the infants of deceased, which was granted. F. T. Cornwall, who appeared for the next of kin, consenting to act as guardian.

CARNEGIE OFFERS MEDAL.

(Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26.—Andrew Carnegie to-day wired the secretary of the American telegraphers' tournament to offer a gold medal in his name for the speediest work at the coming contest in Atlanta. Mr. Carnegie's telegram came from Fernandina, Florida, and says: "May the record be broken; 73s. to all. The convention will be held on Saturday."

FIREMEN BURIED.

(Associated Press.) Munich, Bavaria, Feb. 26.—During a fire at Dinkelsbühl to-day the wall of a house collapsed and buried fifteen members of the local volunteer fire brigade. There is no hope of rescuing the men.

A NEW ANTIDOTE FOR ALCOHOL.

(From the "Times and Opinion," London, England.) A recent remarkable discovery in medicine, which has been found to annihilate all appetite for alcoholic drink in a few hours, even in the most hopeless cases, is attracting a good deal of attention among those interested in temperance work. The medicine is purely vegetable, perfectly harmless, and absolutely free from narcotics. Many well known physicians who carefully watched several patients while being treated during a demonstration given by the discoverer, Mr. A. Hutton Dixon, of Toronto, Canada, under the auspices of a number of clergymen, philanthropists, and others, are endorsing this new product as being the only physical cure for alcoholism, yet discovered which leaves no evil after effects. The morphine, and similar drug craves, also yield to this new medicine, and the beneficial results from its use in aggravated cases are extremely satisfactory. A strong argument in favor of this medicine, which is being carried in the pocket and taken in absolute privacy, thus dispensing with the publicity, loss of time and expense of an institute treatment. A report of the results of above mentioned demonstration and full particulars regarding this medicine can be obtained by addressing Mr. Dixon, 81 Wilcocks Street, Toronto, Ontario.

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relieved in a day. Eczema, Salt Rheum, Itch, and all eruptions of the skin quickly relieved and speedily cured by Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It will give instant comfort in cases of Itching, Bleeding, or Itching, and will cure in from three to six nights. 35 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—110.



BASKETBALL. BAYS ARE PRACTICING.

The Bays will continue practicing all this week, and expect to be in good form to meet their local opponents, the V. A. team, in the draw on Saturday night, and all players are requested to be on hand.

Although defeated by the Seattle Y. M. C. A., there were others who met defeat by the Seattle boys and it is hoped that Saturday night's game will show that the Bays are by no means back numbers.

BOYS' BRIGADE VICTORS.

The match last evening between the Boys' Brigade and the Intermediate Fernwoods at the V. A. C. hall resulted in a win for the former by the score of 21-17. The game was very fast throughout, and several of the competitors giving promise of developing into good players.

THE KENNEL.

T. P. McConnell is mourning the loss of his valuable English setter bitch, Victoria Belle II. Belle is a blue belt bitch, ticked white and black, with black on one side of face and head. She is also nursing a litter of puppies and has at this time a puppy more and over loss at this time is a very serious one. Anyone giving information that the keeper will be suitably rewarded.

Personal.

James Bird and H. P. Mulkey, two Americans, who returned from Nome last fall, fitted out here and left on Saturday night for a prospecting trip of Queen Charlotte Islands, arrived from the North on the steamer "Tees" this morning. The men say that they have been up and down the coast of the islands between Skidegate and Cape St. James three or four times. They made the trip in a Columbia river fishing boat, from the Condon, Mattson, on a voyage of the missing fish. The storm which has been so severe, has done a great deal of damage to the islands. On the southern part of the island, the timber was leveled to the ground, and a great deal of property, particularly among the sealers, has been destroyed. The men say that they have a heavy mortality roll among the Indians at Skidegate this winter, many of the natives having died very suddenly. Messrs. Bird and Mulkey are at the hotel.

Paul W. Law, the Seattle sailing expert, has returned from a trip to Alaska, where he inspected a number of prospects, including those of the Pacific Steel Company, the Seattle, Copper Island and Sechart. He will return to Seattle.

J. H. Williams, advance agent for "The Christian" mission, is at the Victoria, is at the hotel. He is accompanied by Mrs. Williams.

Harry Smith, owner of the rich mines now being developed at Cowichan Lake, is now in Victoria.

D. Rose, of the well known Dawson firm of Rose & Townsend, returned from Seattle this morning and is at the Victoria.

John Peck, provincial fire inspector, came down from New Westminster and is at the Victoria.

T. A. Sharp, superintendent of the experimental work at Agassiz, is registered at the Victoria.

E. L. Conway, customs officer at Ladysmith, is in the city.

R. Lee, a mining man from Duncan, is at the Dominion.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. Text at 22nd Central Institute respect to this question, in which it was stated that the committee had thoroughly examined various reports of similar insurance companies doing business in Ontario and several states of the Union. The principle is that the company should be licensed and means insurance at cost price.

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PRACTICAL ADVICE ON FARM METHODS

(Continued from page 6.)

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Central Farmers' Institute resumed its sittings at nine o'clock this morning. The first business was the nomination of an advisory board, to be recommended to the government for appointment. Those recommended were as follows: Messrs. Heard and Laymer, representing the interior; Sutherland, Langford, the Lower Mainland; and Mabee, Muttler and Munroe, Miller, Vancouver Island.

Mr. Miller moved, and Isaac Heard seconded, "Whereas there has been regularly passed by the legislative assembly of British Columbia an act entitled 'The Farmers' Institutes and Co-operative Act,' the objects of which act are set forth in section 4 thereof: "And whereas the legislative assembly at its last session voted \$24,000 in favor of agriculture and the branches of which gross sum \$4,250 was set aside for Farmers' Institutes: "And whereas the act particularly sets forth how all such sums of money for the purposes herein mentioned are to be expended: "Therefore be it resolved, That the interests of the members of the farming community in this province would be better served by amending the present act so that the amount voted for Farmers' Institutes shall become a guarantee for a period of 20 years; and

"That it be further resolved, That said capital sum of \$20,000 shall only be raised for the purpose of erecting warehouses in different parts of the province for the use of members of Farmers' Institutes, to be managed through a proper board of officers elected by the institutes and representatives on said board appointed by the government; and

"That it be further resolved, That all title to property the acquisition of which is provided for in the act, and which is to be managed through a board as herebefore provided, be transferred to the institutes: "Resolved, That the Attorney-General be requested to devise such legislation as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the act, or to couple it with the proposition of establishing abattoirs and cold storage, as forebushawed abattoirs and cold storage, together with such other and further assistance as may be deemed necessary."

Many of the delegates considered the time now a waste of time as suggested by the resolution, and the resolution was defeated. Mr. Noble moved, and Mr. Metcalfe seconded, "Whereas it is known that for the development of export trade in agricultural products it is desirable to have the establishment of cold storage stations in rural districts where fruits, dairy products, and other perishable goods are produced, it is advisable to ship in necessary, therefore be it resolved, That in the opinion of the members of this Institute it is important and necessary that the legislature provide for the incorporation of a measure to provide for the incorporation of co-operative cold storage associations, and to the extent of the means available to support the cost of construction and equipment of any building erected for cold storage purposes, the government be requested to contribute the balance of the cost of such buildings in rural districts." This resolution passed unanimously.

Capt. Stewart moved, and Joseph Whelpitt seconded, "That we most respectfully but earnestly request the government to pass an act to give the formers of this province or to establish a fund to form themselves into a mutual fire insurance association, similar to that which is now in force in the province of Ontario, and to appoint a special committee of three to be appointed from this body to interview the government on the subject of pressing this matter on their attention."

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TO-NIGHT, TO-NIGHT, TO-NIGHT—Temperance hall. Come and see the magnificent costumes, hear the fine singing, etc., at Ye Old Folks' Concert. Admission 25c. Commences 8 o'clock.

FOR SALE—Two milch goats. Apply to Ernest Saunders, 220 Pandora street.

LOST—About middle of February, a watch chain (number's eleven). Finder will be rewarded by returning same to Times Office.

LOST—On Tuesday afternoon, a parcel containing one coat of Hattenberg brand and four pairs of thread. Finder please leave at Times Office.

TRY BURTON'S ENGLISH ALE ON DRAUGHT AT THE WILSON BAR 94 YATES STREET.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

Members are requested to meet at 21 San Juan avenue, James Bay, at 1:30 p. m. on Thursday, Feb. 27th, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dods's late wife. J. G. TAYLOR, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Owing to the death of the late Mr. H. Short, the business of Messrs. Henry Short & Sons will remain closed for the purpose of stock taking, until Monday, 3rd March, and we trust that our numerous customers will not be inconvenienced thereby. HENRY SHORT & SONS.

MONUMENTS

Get STEWART'S Prices on Monuments, Cemetery Coping, Importing, and all kinds of stone work. Nothing but first-class stone and workmanship. Corner Yates and Blanchard Sts.

BIRTHS.

WILLIAMS—At Vancouver, on Feb. 22nd, the wife of George Williams, of a son. WILKINSON—on the 23rd inst. the wife of G. T. Winkel, of a daughter.

DIED.

FORBES—At Mount Pleasant, Vancouver, on Feb. 23rd, Mary Jane Forbes, beloved wife of Isiah Forbes, aged 41 years 7 months.

DAW—At New Westminster, on Feb. 23rd, Harold Victor, second son of A. J. Daw, aged 2 years and 2 months.

TIDE TABLE.

(Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Table with columns for High Water and Low Water, showing times and heights for various dates in February 1902.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by the B. C. Stock Exchange, Limited.)

Table of stock prices for various commodities like sugar, flour, and other goods.

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11 a. m., the following: UNCLAIMED AND ABANDONED GOODS. Tim Kee, 6 c. wine; A. L. Henderson, 1 freezer; Order Neta Co., 50 cases mineral water; M. Olsen, 1 trunk effects; H. L. Salmon, 1 case cigarettes; Pacific Coast Co., 2 bbls. candy; E. F. Downing, 8 cases glassware; J. Colbert, 1 c. fittings.

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