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COTTON KING'S CAMPAIGN.

How Fund Being Raised Among Spin-
ners of the United States Will
Be Spent.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—J. Sully, the cot-
ton king, who has made \$10,000,000 in
the great campaign in cotton futures,
which yesterday put the price of the
commodity up to 14 cents, the highest in
twenty-five years, and which has closed
cotton mills all over the country and
Europe and thrown many thousands of

HOSTILITIES NOW SEEM UNAVOIDABLE

RUSSIA REPORTED TO HAVE SENT A REPLY

Declines to Grant Japan's Request— Chinese Generals Anxious to Fight in Manchuria.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—A special cable
from London to the New York Herald
today says:
"Mr. Bennett Burleigh, in a cable mes-
sage to the Daily Telegraph from Tokio,
says 'war trembles in the balance, if it
has not already tilted the scale, for re-
port affirms that Russia on Saturday
answered declining Japan's request."
"Diplomacy is terrified as to what
will happen in China if there is war be-
tween Russia and Japan."
"The Japanese and French dispatches
show, that the imperial authorities are
on the alert, and will attack Russia.
Their best generals are eager to attack
Russia in Manchuria, but the real key
of the situation is the situation in
the Far East. The situation is such
that if Japan wages a successful war,
she is not prevented from reaping the
fruits of victory."
Provide For Emergencies.
Tokio, Dec. 23.—An emergency ordinance
promulgated late last night invests
its government with practically unin-
limited credit for the purposes of military de-
fence. Three other ordinances were is-
sued, relating first to the mobilization
of the railway, which is brought closer under
official control; second, to the revision of
organization of the imperial military
headquarters in war time; third, the cre-
ation of a war council in war time.
These ordinances, it is considered, com-
pletely provide for all emergencies.

Conservatives Will MEET IN VICTORIA

Members of the Provincial Executive Discuss Measures to Discipline John Houston.

A meeting of the provincial conserva-
tive executive was held in Vancouver
yesterday to take into consideration a
number of burning questions. One of
these was the notorious disposition of
John Houston, who, despite his formal
reading out of the party by Chas. Wilson,
manifests a determined disposition to
exercise the duties of the office reposed
in him by the Conservatives of the pro-
vince in convention.

MASSACRED BY NATIVES.

Missionary and Eighteen of His Follow- ers Killed in Liberia.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 23.—United States
Minister Lyon has reported to the
American state department the details of the mas-
sacre in an African forest of a white mis-
sionary named John G. Tate, with all of
his followers, 18 in number.
The massacre took place on March
15th, 1901. The first detailed account
has just come to hand in an affidavit by
Mrs. Mary L. Allen, a white missionary
in Liberia. She had the story from some
of the native tribesmen. Tate had a
large mission and farm, and maintained
a school. All were murdered and their
heads taken as trophies.

YUKON COUNCIL.

Another Adjournment Owing to the Absence of a Quorum.

(Special to the Times.)
Dawson, Dec. 23.—The Yukon council
has again adjourned until January 4th,
owing to the continued absence of a
quorum through the refusal of Charles
Thomson to be present. Governor Con-
don still remains firm, and insists he will
not allow his hand to be forced, and no
interests in the country will suffer by
the refusal of the council to business.
The weather is still mild. The ther-
mometer has only been as low as 13 be-
low zero once for the past three weeks.
It ranges from zero to two above zero.
An enormously rich strike of gold has
been made by Louis Cardinal ten miles
across the American boundary in Alaska.
The strike is on the ancient White river
channel, and a ten thousand dollar gam-
ble is going out to-morrow. The ground goes
from eighty cents to three dollars per
pan, and a stampee will probably occur
this winter.

GAMBLING IN COTTON.

Deputation Will Urge British Govern- ment to Adopt Measure to Prevent Practice.

(Associated Press.)
Manchester, England, Dec. 23.—At a
mass meeting of the cotton trade held
here, a resolution was adopted strongly
condemning "international cotton gam-
bling," which has greatly injured the trade,
resulted in a serious loss and lessened
employment, thus bringing disastrous
conditions, and inviting the government
to receive a representative deputation
with the object of urging measures to
prevent "gambling in cotton."

NEW MANAGER.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 23.—T. P. Shontz, president
of the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railway
with its absorption by the Lake Shore
has been elected president and general
manager of the Clover Leaf road (Chicago,
St. Louis & Western) in place of Benjamin
Norton, resigned.

TROTTER RECORD.

Protest Against Official Recognition of the Time Made September By Lou Dillon.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—The Sun to-day
has the following:
"Robert L. and Frederic Bonner, sons
of the late Robert Bonner, have joined
with the secretary of the American Trot-
ting Register Association, a protest
against the official recognition of the re-
cord made by C. K. F. Billing's mare,
Lou Dillon, which at the Glenville track
at Cleveland last September started to
beat the record of 2:08 1/2, made by Robert
Bonner's great mare Maud S. 18 years
before. Lou Dillon trotted the mile in
2:05. The ground of protest is that Lou
Dillon did not make her mark under the
conditions in which Maud S. made hers."

ARCHBISHOP ENTROINED.

Impressive Ceremony at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of West- minster.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—The Most Rev. Francis
Bonnie, Roman Catholic arch-
bishop of Westminster, was entroned
this morning with impressive ceremonies.
The cathedral is the first Roman
Catholic cathedral that has stood in the
Metropolitan See of England since the
Reformation. It is situated half a mile
west of Westminster Abbey, and is a
magnificent structure of the Byzantine
style, with a great campanile tower, three
hundred feet high and crowned with a
metal dome surmounted by a double
cross of bronze.

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A. C. BLAIR WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN

EX-MINISTER HEAD OF RAILWAY COMMISSION

Has Gone to New York on Business in Connection With His New Duties.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—It is reported that
A. C. Blair has sent in his resignation as
member of parliament for St. John city.
This is preparatory to his acceptance of
the chairmanship of the railway com-
mission. The news will be officially an-
nounced within the next forty-eight
hours. Mr. Blair left to-day for New
York. It is said that his visit is in con-
nection with the duties of his new office.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

Sir Richard Cartwright will not seek
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THREE REVOLUTIONS

Now in Progress in San Domingo— Another United States Warship Going to Island.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 23.—With three re-
volutions raging on the island, the forces
of Jimenez within four hours of San
Domingo city, and great excitement pre-
vailing, United States Minister Powell
thinks the situation demands the pres-
ence of an additional warship, and in a
cablegram dated yesterday appeals to
the American state department for aid.
In anticipation of the crisis, which ap-
pears to have arrived, the department
has already taken steps to send another
warship to San Domingo, and at its re-
quest Secretary of the United States
Navy Moody yesterday called Rear-Ad-
miral Lamberton, commanding the South
Atlantic squadron now at Trinidad, to
dispatch one of his vessels to San Dom-
ingo at full speed to assist the gunboat
Newport in protecting American and
other interests.

THE KISHINEFF JEWS.

United States Cabinet Likely to Con- sider Report That Fresh Outrages Have Been Planned.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 23.—A meeting of
the cabinet is to be held this afternoon
at 4 o'clock. It is not unlikely that the
Kishineff situation may be considered.
At the instance of President Roosevelt,
who has interested himself in the
reports of massacres and contemplated
massacres of the Jews in Kishineff, the
state department is making active in-
quiry through its diplomatic and consular
offices with a view to ascertaining
the exact situation as affecting the
people.

TWO OF THE LISTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED

Successful Candidates From Two City Schools in Recent High School Examination.

The examinations in connection with the
High School entrance examination, which
was held a fortnight ago, have nearly
finished their labors. By tonight, it is
expected, the lists will be ready for in-
spection, and will appear, complete, in
to-morrow's Times. According to
Superintendent Robinson, the Victoria
schools stood exceptionally high in the
recent examination in marked contrast
with Vancouver, which could not be
scored.

MRS. GANNER DEAD.

Widow of Former Nanaimo Alderman, Who Died Saturday, Passed Away Last Night.

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—Grief at the loss
of her husband, who died on Saturday
after 40 years married life, affecting a
body weakened by sickness brought on
by long months spent in nursing him,
resulted last night in the death of Mrs.
J. Ganner. The sudden loss of both par-
ents has had such an effect upon two of
the daughters, Mrs. Lewis, of Vancouver,
and Mrs. Parks, of Cumberland, who
both arrived for their funeral in time
to stand at the head of the casket. The
mother, that great anxiety is felt re-
garding them. Deceased couple were
pioneers and highly respected. The sad
circumstances and the fact that the late
Mrs. Ganner was an alderman for some
years caused the city council last night
to decide to attend the double funeral,
which will be held on Thursday.

PREPARE FOR LEAP YEAR.

Worcester Women Organize Progressive Matrimonial Club—Prize For Those Who Win Husband.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 27.—The first
move to force bashful young men here
into the state of matrimony during the
coming leap year started on Sunday when
forty-eight young and middle-aged wo-
men met in a private house and organized
a progressive matrimonial club. Officers
were elected, a set of by-laws drawn up
and a committee appointed to secure per-
manent quarters. The membership of
the club is limited to one hundred. The
principal subject of debate at to-day's
meeting was "Is it proper for a woman
to propose to the man she likes?" The
affirmative side.

FRENCH DUEL.

Paris, Dec. 23.—A duel with swords
was fought yesterday between Captain
Levy, of the Fifth Regiment of Chev-
aliers, and Henry De Molroy, for some
time in the arm. The traditional results
of French duels were not followed in this
case, for the opponents were reconciled.
The duel was the outcome
of an altercation over the Dreyfus case.

WILL CASE WAS RESUMED TO-DAY

MORE EVIDENCE PUT IN BY THE DEFENCE

A Weigher in the Office of R. Dunsmuir and Sons Company Examined in Court.

(Associated Press.)
The trial in the case of Hopper vs.
Dunsmuir was resumed this morning be-
fore Mr. Justice Drake. The only wit-
ness examined was E. W. Brock of
Oakland, a weigher for R. Dunsmuir &
Sons Company. He was examined by
A. P. Luxton.

WITNESS SAID HE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED SINCE 1896. HE KNEW ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR FROM 1895. HE HAD BEEN A BOY AT THE GRAND HOTEL THEN. WHEN ALEX- ANDER DUNSMUIR GAVE HIM THE JOB HE TOLD HIM HE SHOULD NOT SPEAK TO HIM AS THE OFFICE AS HE DID NOT WANT TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE EMPLOYEES. OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR TREATED HIM AS HIS OWN FATHER. FROM THE CLOS- ING OF THE OFFICE AS A BOY ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR AND MRS. WALLACE.

ON SUNDAYS AT THE INVITATION OF ALEX- ANDER DUNSMUIR AND MRS. WALLACE HE WENT OUT TO SAN LEANDRO. ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR USED TO WALK AROUND WITH HIM AND TALK ABOUT THE NEW HOUSE. HE SHOWED WITNESS MRS. WALLACE'S ROOM, MRS. HOPPER'S ROOM, AND JAMES DUNSMUIR'S ROOM. HE WENT OUT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR WENT WEST. THEY USED TO TAKE LONG WALKS. HE GENERALLY HAD DINNER AT SAN LEAN- DRO AND PROBABLY DID SO THAT DAY. HE COULD NOT RECOLLECT WHETHER HE HAD DINNER UPON THE OCCASION HE SAW MRS. HOPPER THERE. ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR WAS IN BETTER HEALTH WHEN MRS. HOPPER WAS THERE IN 1890 THAN ANY TIME BEFORE. ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR ALWAYS ACTED LIKE AN ORDINARY MAN. HE NEVER SAW ANY- ONE FALLING DOWN AND DOING THINGS THAT WOULD BE THE MARK OF ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR. HE NEVER SAW ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR SHUFFLE HIS FEET. HIS MEMORY SEEMED TO BE GOOD.

UPON THE OCCASION WHEN WITNESS SAW ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR JUST BEFORE GOING AWAY IN 1890, THE LATTER SEEMED TO BE FAIRLY WELL.

WITNESS SAW MRS. WALLACE AFTER FROM JUNE, 1900, UNTIL DECEMBER, 1900, WHEN SHE WENT AWAY AGAIN. SHE WAS WEAK WHEN SHE CAME BACK IN JUNE, BUT GOT STRONGER.

CROSS EXAMINED BY E. V. BODWELL, K. C., WITNESS SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO DO DIRECTLY WITH ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR IN THE OFFICE. HE SAW HIM ONLY AS MR. DUNSMUIR CAME INTO THE OFFICE. ALEX- ANDER DUNSMUIR, WHILE WITNESS WAS BOY AT THE GRAND, DID NOT WITH ANYONE ELSE TO WAIT ON HIM WHILE WITNESS WAS ON DUTY. HE NEVER CARRIED DRINKS EXCEPT BETWEEN 5 AND 7 IN THE EVENING. HE WOULD CARRY FROM ONE TO THREE CIG- ARETTES UP. ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR WAS NOT STAYING AT THE HOTEL AT THE TIME. AFTER DINNER, ABOUT 7 O'CLOCK, HE OFTEN TOOK UP HATTERIES, CIGARETTES, OYSTER LOAF, AND CIGARETTES. HE WOULD SOMETIMES ORDER CIGARS OR CIGARETTES. FOR DINNER HE HAD NOTICED A BOTTLE OF ALE BEING TAKEN UP BY THE WAITER.

AFTER WITNESS WENT TO WORK FOR ALEX- ANDER DUNSMUIR IN 1896, THE LATTER USED TO ASK HIM HOW HIS BUSINESS WAS AND HOW MUCH COAL HAD BEEN SOLD. ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR HAD ADVISED HIM TO ATTEND A NIGHT SCHOOL. WITNESS ATTENDED THE SCHOOL FOR FROM ONE YEAR TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

AFTER HE QUIT ATTENDING NIGHT SCHOOL AND WORKED UNTIL 7 OR 7:30 IN THE EVENING, WITNESS USED TO CALL AT THE GRAND AT LUNCH TIME AND GO ON ANY ERRANDS WHICH MRS. WALLACE WISHED HIM TO GO. HE USED TO SEE ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR THERE QUITE FREQUENTLY. ABOUT HALF THE TIME HE WAS UP AND DRESSED; THE REST OF THE TIME HE WOULD BE IN BED.

AFTER ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR MOVED OUT TO SAN LEANDRO WITNESS WENT OUT ABOUT TWO OR THREE TIMES A MONTH, ON SUNDAYS AND ON HOLIDAYS. THIS BEGAN IN APRIL.

MRS. WALLACE OFTEN WALKED AROUND THE PARK WITH HIM. THEY ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT THE HOUSE. THEY VERY OFTEN WENT TO THE RESERVOIR.

QUESTIONED AS TO THE NUMBER OF TIMES HE VISITED THE SITE OF THE RESERVOIR, WITNESS WOULD ONLY REPLY THAT IT WAS MANY TIMES.

MR. BODWELL ASKED IF WITNESS HAD EVER SAID TO MRS. HOPPER THAT HE COULD NOT GIVE EVIDENCE FOR HER IN LOSING HIS JOB WITH R. DUNSMUIR & SONS. "THAT'S A LIE, I NEVER SAID IT," REPLIED WITNESS.

CONTINUING, HE SAID JUDGE COYNE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT ALEXANDER DUNSMUIR GETTING PESSIMAR. WITNESS DID NOT SEE IT. WITNESS SAID MR. AGNEW AT SAN LEAN- DRO MANY TIMES. HE HAD SEEN MRS. AGNEW THERE OFTEN ALSO.

SINCE THE DEATH OF MRS. DUNSMUIR WITNESS HAD VISITED NEVIN'S AT SAN LEAN- DRO. HE HAD SEEN MRS. AGNEW THERE ON ONE OCCASION.

ON THE WAY UP FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO GIVE EVIDENCE, OCCUPYING ABOUT A COUPLE OF DAYS, WITNESS CAME WITH MR. NEVIN AND THE AGNEYS. THEY NEVER SPOKE TO

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JAPAN SECURES MORE WARSHIPS

RUSSIA WAS ANXIOUS TO PURCHASE VESSELS

Russia's Delay in Answering Note is Regarded in Some Quarters as Favorable Sign.

London, Dec. 28.—Rumor continues busy with the Russo-Japanese crisis. The latest report credits Japan with insisting that Russia shall reply to its last note before January 1st, on the ground of the rapid approach of Russian naval reinforcements to the scene of action.

Russia Unprepared. Rome, Dec. 28.—Following the receipt of the reports from the Far East, a rather optimistic view of the difficulties between Japan and Russia is entertained in official quarters here.

It is believed that Russia will first consider the warships in the Far East with the volunteer fleet in the Mediterranean, which latter now numbers nine vessels. The vessels of the Mediterranean fleet have been purposely kept apart, so that no idea might be given of the character or strength of the squadron.

In political circles the opinion prevails that the attitude of the United States government will have a definite influence in solving the situation, whether it sides with Japan and Great Britain or remains neutral.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—In official circles here the delay in presenting Russia's reply is not regarded as ominous. On the contrary, the fact that Russia, in accordance with Japan's request is actually reviewing the matters in dispute, is regarded as a favorable sign.

London, Dec. 29.—According to the Daily Chronicle the Japanese government has actually purchased the warships. Moreno and Rivadavia, both of which are now nearing completion at Genoa.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokyo correspondent says that at the meeting of the ministerial council, the Emperor entertained the councilors at luncheon. The cabinet then held a sitting, which was prolonged until late at night.

Continuing the correspondent says: "The Japanese officials have already taken over control of the Seoul-Fusan railway. The president of the railway has been dismissed and replaced by Mr. Fureh, chief of the Japanese railway board."

Remains in Manchuria. Pekin, Dec. 28.—Lien Fung, first secretary of the board of foreign affairs, visited Russian Minister Lessor today and requested information concerning the evacuation of Manchuria.

WATCHMAN'S CRIME.

Shot His Wife and Committed Suicide—Civic Elections in the East.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 28.—This morning Joseph Boyd, night track watchman at Tunnel station, shot and killed his wife and then took his own life. He leaves a family of five children, three quite young.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 28.—The Conservatives of Dorchester have selected J. B. Morin, M. P., as candidate for the Dominion House.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—To-day the Great Northern Railway leased by MacKenzie & Mann, inaugurated a through regular passenger service between Montreal and Quebec.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 28.—Mayor White was re-elected by acclamation. Guelph, Ont., Dec. 28.—Mayor J. Hamilton and Alderman John Nemo were re-elected.

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VANCOUVER NEWS.

Funeral of the Late N. C. Schou—The Merchant Service Guild.

The funeral of Mr. Nicolai C. Schou, who died in Victoria on Christmas morning, took place on Monday from Centre and Hanna's parlors to Trinity church, Fairview. The members of Ennis-Klen Lodge, I. O. O. F., were present at the funeral. It was attended by a large number of citizens owing to the cold weather and exposure.

The P. M. R. are holding a new harbor water front, east of Gore avenue, for the New England Fish Company.

O. L. LeRoy, who has been appointed mineralogical surveyor of the Imperial railway of China, sailed on Monday for Shanghai.

A branch of the Merchant Service Guild, whose members are composed of British masters and officers, is flourishing in Vancouver. On Saturday night the guild held a social in the city and a very able address on the aims and objects of the guild was delivered by Captain Eddie, who was the promoter of the guild here.

No large congregation flocked to hear the famous divine, Rev. Mark Gray Pearce, at the Wesley Methodist church on Sunday evening that eventually even the available standing space was occupied. Rev. Pearce conducted the service throughout, taking for the subject of his sermon the part played by Peter in the story of the Cross. Rev. Pearce delivered his famous lecture, "The Old-Folk-at-Home," on Monday evening.

St. John's Day fell on Sunday this year, and the Free Masons of Vancouver celebrated the day dedicated to their patron saint by attending divine service in a body at Christ church. Rev. Bro. Roy and the Rev. C. C. Owen officiated, while the Masonic sermon was preached by the grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge, Rev. H. G. Finlay. Clinton The Masons filed the body of the church. Rev. C. Emerson Sharp, Grand Master, expressed his much pleased with the splendid turnout, which was very encouraging to the new officers of the year, showing as it did so emphatically the prosperous state of Masonry in Vancouver.

On Monday the usual commemoration of St. John's Day took place.

DIAMOND DYE Word Competition

LIST OF THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, have much pleasure in announcing the result of the great Diamond Dye Competition which opened on November 28th. The ladies of Canada are to be congratulated on their efforts. Even the unsuccessful competitors deserve praise for their excellent work, and the thousands of ladies who had taken part in the contest, in the East, to Victoria, B. C., in the West, who hailed the competition with delight, will probably have another chance to meet themselves still better acquainted with their dictionaries.

Some papers were so deserving of recognition that five extra prizes of one dollar each were added, making in all seventeen prizes. The following ladies are the prize winners:

1st \$10.00—Miss H. Moore, 400 Selwyn street, Montreal, P. Q.

2nd \$6.00—Mrs. S. Casey, Wyoming, Ont.

3rd \$4.00—Mrs. A. Abenas, 12 d'Israeli Place, Montreal, P. Q.

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12th \$1.00—Mrs. Frank P. Savage, 92 Angleton square, Ottawa, Ont.

13th \$1.00—Miss Alice Creeper, 98 High Park avenue, Toronto, Ont.

14th \$1.00—Miss Amy Morgan, Lucan, Ont.

15th \$1.00—Mrs. John S. Brown, 1154 Seymour street, Vancouver, B. C.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

George Giesing, the novelist, died of consumption on Monday at St. Jean De Leon, in the Pyrenees. He was born at Wakefield, England, in 1857.

A Manila dispatch says: "Fire in the palace of Calumpit destroyed 250 houses. Several lives were lost and 1,500 persons were rendered homeless. The loss is \$75,000."

The State department, Washington, has received the following undated dispatch from Minister Powell regarding the progress of the revolution in San Domingo: "Another revolution at Azua and Barahona with another provisional government there. This makes two revolutions and a couple of governments, one in the north and centre, and one in the south."

Florence Haver, of the Dorcas mill, Florence, Colo., who recently dismissed all employees who belonged to the Western Federation of Miners because of a threat of the Cripple Creek Mine Owners' Association to shut off the ore supply if he did not, has been advised by the owners of the Morgantina coal mine that no more coal could be secured for the mill at that mine, as the coal miners had threatened to strike if the Dorcas was given coal.

Mr. Monk: Dear Teacher—We, your pupils in North Saanich day school, desire, at this festive season, to express our gratitude for your kind and patient guidance in training us in the various departments of education to fit us for future usefulness. We, therefore, beg your acceptance of this small present as a token of our esteem with the sincere wish that you may fully enjoy this, and many following Xmas seasons.

We are, dear sir, most respectfully, YOUR SCHOLARS, Xmas, 1903.

Mr. Monk replied, expressing the kindest feelings towards the parents and scholars of the district for their hearty cooperation in the work of the school.

The audience sang "He is a Joyful Fellow," concluding with cheers for the teacher.

Other addresses, including one by Rev. Dr. Reid, of Victoria, followed, after which the Christmas entertainment broke up.

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TO LET—Cottage, in first-class condition and location. Apply 247 Yates street.

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CANADA'S PROSPERITY UNDER LIBERAL RULE

A Brilliant Speech by Minister of Trade and Commerce--Potentialities of Preferential Trade Policy.

Sir Richard Cartwright addressed a public meeting of the Toronto Reform Association recently. Association hall was filled to hear him and Sir Richard showed all his old time vigor during the course of the one hour and forty minutes his address occupied. Sir William Mulock occupied the chair, and there were present many well known Liberals. Sir William Mulock's introductory remarks occupied only a few minutes.

When Sir Richard Cartwright was called upon he was given an enthusiastic reception. Many things had happened, he said, since he last appeared before a Toronto audience. At that time the atmosphere at Toronto was almost blue with denunciation of Conservative journals and speakers who were reviling Israel Tarte. The prodigal son, however, had returned. They had it on the highest authority that there was joy over a repentant sinner.

"We know also on the same authority that there have been cases where an evil spirit has been temporarily cast out of a man and that after ten or twelve years of marching up and down, that evil spirit has taken unto himself other evil spirits, worse than himself. (Laughter.) And they have entered into their former habitation and the last state of that man has been worse than the first. (Loud laughter.)

"Now it is not for me to say which particular role Mr. Tarte is enacting at the present time in the Conservative ranks. I have my suspicions. But I am bound to say that my own estimate of Mr. Tarte does not vary from that which I entertained of him when he was a member of the Liberal government. He is a gentleman, active and plucky, and at the same time intelligent, fearless and straightforward. He is a man of wit, and I have not forgotten nor will any of us soon forget the excellent services which he rendered to the country twelve years ago, when he rid the folk of the terrible mass of corruption which had festered in the Conservative ranks for some years. For that good deed we continue to cherish a kindly regard for Mr. Tarte and I would say to our Conservative friends that they might perhaps take a lesson from what has occurred. I think that in future they would do well to show a little modesty, but I do not wish to appear to be asking an impossibility. I think, however, they should exercise a little caution in expressing opinions prematurely about public men.

"For myself, ladies and gentlemen, such is my affinity towards my political opponents and so boundless is it that I am prepared to say that I like Mr. Tarte and that even if he had been all that their fancy painted him three years ago I am prepared to say that there are much worse men than Mr. Tarte. However, ladies and gentlemen, I have some what graver matters to lay before you to-night than any little peccadillo about Mr. Tarte and the Conservative journals.

"Sir, a period of seven and one-half years has passed away since the destinies of this country were entrusted to the Liberal administration. You all remember that the Liberal administration succeeded where the Conservative government which held power for eighteen years. Now, sir, I think the time has come at which we may very fairly contrast what has been done for Canada in the two terms of eighteen years and seven and one-half years respectively. I do not pretend for my part that the Liberal government is immaculate. I have, as Sir William Mulock has told you, had a forty years' experience of being in public life in Canada and, for one thing, I entirely agree with the late Sir John Macdonald that Canada is by no means an easy country to govern. In fact, Canada occupies almost a unique position.

Some Telling Results.

"There are difficulties, political and geographical. We are not a homogeneous population by any means. There are serious questions affecting race and religion constantly cropping up. Now, I do not pretend to say our government has been immaculate. But I ask you to judge us by the broad results obtained, results manifest to every man who knows anything of the affairs of Canada; and to contrast the position that Canada occupies today, in 1903, with

exports in 1868, it had increased to \$121,000,000 in 1896, and in the last year, in 1903, had reached \$225,840,000. Perhaps you would like to know what that increase in exports is chiefly composed of, and I would draw your attention to the fact that the growth of the exports of our farm products in Canada shows enormous and most gratifying results. We began forty years ago with \$19,000,000, which increased to \$50,000,000 in 1896 and \$112,000,000 in 1903. Now have the manufacturers lagged much behind. This, gentlemen (as a new diagram was thrown on the screen), is a diagram showing the increase in the exports of our manufacturers. They amounted to about \$2,000,000 in 1868, to \$10,000,000 or a little more in 1896, and they amounted in 1903 to \$262,400,000, by no manner of means a bad showing for a government which has the highest credit to be determined to ruin the manufacturers of Canada and from whom, according to Sir Charles Tupper, one universal wail of anguish would resound from earth to heaven on the elevation of the Liberal party.

"This, gentlemen, is a diagram in which as a Canadian I take some pride. This shows you how Canada has compared with all other competitors in the commercial race of the world for several years. The figures relate to Canada, then comes Japan, Cape Colony and the United States, a long way behind; Italy, Germany, Belgium, Argentine Republic, Switzerland, Great Britain and France, Gentlemen, I advise you who desire to see what the relative progress of your country has been to look at that diagram and study it well. It shows that today in 1903 Canada is nearly first in the commercial race. (Applause.) And if you want to know where Canada was in the racing party in 1868, I am sorry to say that Canada was nowhere.

"Now, sir, although we are proud to say that great progress has been made I shall not say that we have done all that I hope we should do or all that I think we can do.

Bonus Census in 1891.

"If there is one thing more than another that ought to be carefully attended to, it is the agricultural statistics in a country like Canada. Nevertheless, sir, we found very lately on examining the returns of the census under the crop, that in the census of 1891 the enumerators and census authorities had returned 39,000,000 acres as being under crop, when the schedules in the department of the census department showed that there was only 15,000,000 acres under crop. They added four and a half millions to the nominal acreage under crop through the error of the census takers. This is a very bad showing, and is but in keeping with a great number of facts which have recently been brought to light in connection with the same census, and which, taken together, would justify my statement that there has been the grossest and most criminal negligence displayed in the taking of that census from first to last."

Startling Increases.

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"In 1896 the number of immigrants reported to have come to Canada, professing to intend to settle here, whether they did or not, amounted to 17,394. In 1903, for ten months only of the current year, the number of immigrants, whom we have every reason to believe all remained in Canada, amounted to 123,084. (Applause.)

"I have spoken before of the increased volume of trade in the four months which equalled and more than equalled the total increase in the four months predecessors. But you have all heard, I have not the slightest doubt, that among the many sins of the Reform government was the smaller gross revenue and very nearly quadrupled the net revenue.

"I say that the increase in the total volume of trade in a period of seven and one-half years has been more than equal to the increase of trade in the entire thirty years which preceded our regime. (Cheers.)

"I found the population of Canada in 1896 almost at a standstill; if the truth were told, I believe that for many years previous the population of Canada had not been increased at the rate of 30,000 a year.

"Sir, there is every reason to believe that last year, putting together the increase of immigration and the natural growth of the country, the natural increase of our population which I am happy to say, is for the most part, remaining in Canada, the growth of population ranges between 200,000 and 300,000 souls, and was rather nearer the greater figure than the smaller. In respect of one year under the Liberal administration, the number of people added to Canada is equal I say to the number that were added in the ten years under our predecessors. (Cheers.)

"When we came into office, no man can honestly contradict my statement that we found Canada ignorant and slighted. Canada was noticed at all by the foreign press, it was in cast some sneer; it was as the place and the home of boodlers; or, as the old Conservative premier was wont to call it with respect to his own cabinet, a 'nest of traitors.' (Cheers and laughter.)

"Gentlemen, how stands it now? Sir, Canada leads the pace. Statements of the highest rank are quoting what Canada has done, are holding up Canada and our acts and policy as an example to their own countries. Sir, we hold a high place in the councils of the Empire. As I have said, Canada is known, is admired, is respected, as an example is being followed. Time will prove, and on that I shall have something more to say before I sit down, that the policy of Canada, if adopted, may prove the chief factor in settling the great questions that are now disturbing the whole of the British Empire.

"Sir, there may be greater things yet in store for us if I do not miss our opportunities. I grant I am not in the least disposed to deny it, that the Liberal government have had great good fortune. In 1867 the volume of trade amounted to just \$131,000,000; in 1896 it had grown to \$230,000,000, or thereabouts, being an increase of \$100,000,000. From 1896 to 1903 it has grown to \$225,840,000 (cheers), being an increase of \$220,000,000 in seven years, as against an increase of \$100,000,000 in the thirty years preceding."

"After speaking of the great improvement of trade conditions in the last few years, Sir Richard illustrated his remarks by diagrams thrown on a screen, showing the increase in exports and imports since 1868. He said: 'At the close of the year 1868, the value of our exports in one year was \$19,000,000, and in the last year, in 1903, had reached \$225,8

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ABOUT THE WEATHER.

The peace of Eastern Canada is disturbed. Once in a great while the newspapers forget themselves and publish the fact that the thermometer has fallen below zero.

As a matter of fact, it is well known that the rainfall in Victoria might be greater. It would be to the advantage of the region round about if the precipitation were a foot or two heavier.

In regard to the conditions our Eastern brethren are obliged to put up with, we are glad to believe that the wind which is the most annoying power of a Manitoba, or rather Dakota, blizzard is tempered to the skin of the dead buffalo or bear which defies it.

CARTWRIGHT'S SPEECH.

We publish to-day in a somewhat condensed form the speech delivered by Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of Trade and Commerce, in Toronto a couple of weeks ago.

No reader of the newspapers, no student of political affairs, will detect any sign of mental deterioration in the speech. It stamps the member for South Oxford as still the keenest political analyst in the Dominion.

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SMITTEN THREE TIMES.

The Colonist has been smitten three times by the leader whom it likens into Balaam. Readers of the paper will agree with us that the last stroke is the most grievous of all.

ROSS, M'BRIDE, AND OTHERS.

Premier Ross of Ontario is thought by Conservative newspapers in British Columbia to be in a bad way. He must surely resign, they say.

We make no pretence of defending the weakness of Ross and his partners in keeping North Rowan vacant for a session and a half.

The people of the constituency of Nanaimo have decided wisely in their own interests in selecting Ralph Smith, M. P., as the candidate of the Liberal-Labor elements of the community as their representative in the House of Commons.

HON. GEO. E. FOSTER IS CREDITED WITH HAVING EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT ONE GENERATION OF ABSTAINERS IN CANADA AND A FIVE PER CENT. TARIFF WOULD BRING ABOUT THE GREATEST PROSPERITY THAT HAS EVER COME TO THE COUNTRY.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster is credited with having expressed the belief that one generation of abstainers in Canada and a five per cent. tariff would bring about the greatest prosperity that has ever come to the country.

Hamilton Times: The U. S. Pig Iron Combustion output for November was 400,000 tons less than in the same month last year.

Mr. E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, who has just returned from a trip abroad, states that the Grand Trunk Pacific will have no difficulty in procuring in Europe the money required to build the new trans-continental railway.

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Goodbye 1903. Welcome 1904.

The men of the garrison which departed from our shores on the Empress today were thorough sportsmen. Their football teams engaged in many a desperate struggle for supremacy over local kickers.

Sir Hibbert Tupper says he is out of Dominion politics, but it remains to be seen if he could be induced to enter the provincial field.

The initials "J. S." are not sufficient to secure the insertion of a letter in the Times.

HEAVEN ENOUGH FOR HIM.

Last evening I was talking with an elderly aged and gray. Who told me of a dream he had, I think I was yesterday.

A CAREFUL LITTLE HOUSEWIFE.

Charles Keeler, the poet, who lives over under the eaves of the Berkeley hills, has a four-year-old daughter who has already developed a remarkably practical turn of mind.

Goodbye 1903. Welcome 1904.

Wish their friends a Happy New Year. No effort will be spared to please them in 1904.

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A DISRAELI STORY.

The late Lord Dufferin used to tell an amusing story of his first meeting with Disraeli. The occasion was a wedding in one of the old Jewish families in London.

MANY KINDS OF PEARLS.

Pearls are of several distinct kinds, differing in shape and perhaps in origin. "True" pearls—those that are found loose and separate from the folds or layers of the mantle and gills, or between the latter and the body of the mollusk—comprise most of the true spherical pearls.

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A Clearance Sale of Slippers Wednesday and Thursday. Spencer's Western Canada's Big Store. New Costumes. Black and Navy Cheviots, trimmed neat pleas. Prices \$25, \$30 and \$35 each.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN TWAY, LATE OF LAKE LAKES TRUST, B. C., FARMER.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the said John Tway, who died on the 18th day of December, 1903, are required on or before the 28th day of January, 1904, to send to the undersigned full particulars of their claims.

Municipal Election 1904.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required during the month of December to make and subscribe before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

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Good Resolutions

Time says: "Move on old 1903, for 1904 stands waiting at the door." Let it be so—for a year, at best, is but a twinkle on the Calendar of Time.

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City News in Brief.

Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktail.

Good Evening.—Have some Black & White and soda—the popular drink of the people. All the rage in London.

Erskine's Grocery is not on Government street, but is more central for quick delivery of family orders. The stock is fresh and clean and prices low for cash. Telephone 106 for a trial order.

The Robertson-Godson Company, of Vancouver, has just purchased the plumbing supplies department in the Terminal City of Boyd, Burns & Company. Mr. Godson is well known in this city, having conducted a similar business in Victoria for a number of years.

Mrs. M. E. Marr, proprietress of the Boomerang restaurant, remembered the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home in a substantial manner. A large packing case filled with a variety of welcome presents was sent by her to the Home for distribution among the children.

Preparations are being made by the children of the Rose Circle of the King's Terrace on Saturday, January 31st, at the Phillarmonic hall. The proceeds of the entertainment will be donated to the assistance of the mission schools for Indian children in this province.

The Junior Conservative Club at its meeting last evening resolved to invite the executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association to attend a union meeting at an early date, in order to make the preliminary arrangements for a meeting of the party for the selection of a candidate for the city for the House of Commons.

German residents of the city held a Christmas tree festival in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening. There was a large attendance and the entertainment provided was typically German in character. A tree was furnished heavily laden for the young people, and the programme of songs and recitations given in connection with the Christmas tree festival was kept with the character of the entertainment were served.

The entertainment at the Edison this week is certainly an enjoyable one. The most original and interesting features of the day worked up with mechanical effects that produce such a true life production, together with their clearness, despatch and the punchers are excellent. The musical sketch team please all, and the Irish comedians make a great hit. The programme is well arranged as 40 variety.

The Cinderella, which was to have been given by Mrs. Lester on January 1st, has been postponed until January 5th. It will take place in the Assembly hall. The children will be in possession of the floor from 7.30 to 10 o'clock. At the latter hour the adults will take possession. At midnight refreshments will be served. Tickets are procurable from members of the classes at Alexander College hall, Government street. J. M. Pim will have charge of the music.

For some reason not altogether clear at present, Sing Kee, a Herald street Chinaman, decided to celebrate a few days ago, so he lighted a pack of fireworks and turned them loose. It happened, however, that just at that critical moment Rev. Mr. Gibson's equine was tied to a pole not far away. The animal failed to appreciate the fun Sing Kee was indulging in and broke away, damaging the buggy to which it was attached. Sing Kee was summoned to appear before the magistrate, and this morning he was ordered to pay costs, the amount of \$2.50. Two drinks were fined \$5 each. The gambling case in which Tong Yue was the accused was withdrawn.

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Good Evening.—Have some Black & White and soda—the popular drink of the people. All the rage in London.

A word to the wise is sufficient. Begin the New Year well by patronizing Erskine's Grocery, corner Johnson and Quadra street. Telephone 106.

A meeting of the school board will be held this evening at 5 o'clock to appoint a teacher to the Spring Ridge school, in succession to Miss MacLennan, who has resigned her position.

The paper on "School Libraries," by D. Wilson, B. A., inspector of public schools in this province, appears in a recent issue of the Canadian Educational Review, published at Toronto.

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

The committee in charge of the Fifth Regiment smoking concert has found it necessary, owing to unforeseen difficulties, to postpone the event to Monday, January 4th. A meeting of the general committee will be held at 2.30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon at the A. O. U. W. hall. All interested are requested to attend.

The funeral of Henry Newman, of Esquimalt road, who died yesterday at the Jubilee hospital, took place at 11 o'clock from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. Appropriate religious services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Barber, both at the parlors and grave.

A meeting of the contract holders of the Dominion Co-operative Home Builders' Association and the People's Loan Deposit Company, is called for Tuesday evening at 7.30, December 29th, to be held in the Pioneer hall, Broad street, front of View. All who make a contract are invited to be present. W. J. Holden, vice-president.

News From England.—London, Dec. 27th.—This Christmas of 1903 will be a merry one here. People who buy the best are calling for Black and White—the popular Scotch whisky. This is the leading whisky here, and the favorite drink of the people is Black and White and soda.

The fire department had a run last night to Fernwood road, where a shed in the rear of a house occupied by Mr. Potts, the tailor, was in flames. The blaze was extinguished by a hose stream. A telephone alarm this morning attracted the firemen to a house on York street, where an overheat stovepipe caused some trouble. The fire was easily extinguished.

The Mutual Life of Canada stands today at the head of all life companies doing business in Canada in the net amount of insurance in force gained over all its competitors during the past five years, as shown by the Dominion survey reports. If you wish to obtain the best policy at the lowest rate apply to The Mutual Life of Canada, R. L. Drury, provincial manager, 54 Broad street.

A quiet wedding took place last evening at Broadbaine, the residence of Rev. Dr. Campbell, when Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Mrs. Elizabeth Bechtel were united in the bonds of matrimony. Laurel S. Hubber and Peter Cook supported the bridegroom, and Miss Mabel Florence Bechtel, the bride's sister, acted as bridesmaid. The newly married couple intend taking up their residence at Vancouver.

The death occurred yesterday of Herbert Edmund Eyres at the residence of his parents, No. 58 Rock Bay avenue. Deceased was 31 years of age and a native of Sussex, England. He was the second son of the late street photographer, and the news of his demise will be received with general regret. The funeral has been arranged to take place tomorrow at 2 p.m. from the family residence. Religious services will be conducted by Rev. W. D. Barber.

The annual dinner of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, will take place on January 7th, at the Hotel Victoria. The committee having charge of the affair have arranged a unique menu card, and an entirely new toast list. Miss Host Lawson, who is one of the flock, is doing his best to make this banquet one of most enjoyable yet held. The officers will be installed on Thursday evening, January 7th, in the K. of P. hall, at 7.30 o'clock, and afterwards march to the hotel in a body. Tickets can be received from Bro. A. Copman, W. P. Nathan, Windsor Grocery Co., J. H. Mansell and Hotel Victoria.

The naval correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette says when the news was first received of the accident to the Florida the cry was raised "another cruiser gone." The paper continues: "When a ship gets high on the rocks it is rarely that she has much chance of floating again. If the Florida had not been saved she would have made the fifth ship lost to the navy within less than that number of years. The cruiser Sybille, the sloop Condor, the turbine destroyers Viper and Cobra have all been gathered into Davy Jones's locker, and in two cases there was a serious loss of life. The list seems an appallingly long one; but when the size of our fleet, its need, its dispositions, and the great risks that are continually being encountered, are considered, the fact that the casualty list is so small speaks eloquently of the skill with which the ships are handled. There are, however, narrow escapes at times, and it is doubtful if but very few realize the narrowness of the escape from a coral disaster. Those who are interested in the Prince George of Spaulding's month ago."

SOLDIERS DEPART FOR THE FAR EAST

Embarked on Empress of China This Morning—Interesting Scene at Outer Wharves.

Company No. 83, R. G. A., had fare-well to Victoria this morning. The Empress of China, taking them to Hongkong, arrived down from Vancouver last night about 8 o'clock, and remained over here until 10.30 o'clock this morning in order to embark the troops in daylight. The scene presented at the outer wharves this morning was a most interesting one. The piers were crowded with people from every morning. As soon as they broke the pier from Work Point were on hand to see that their baggage was placed safely on board. Down beneath the passenger deck quarters had been prepared for the men's accommodation. Hammocks were swung for them to sleep in, and other arrangements provided for the men's shelter and comfort. The departing company numbered six officers, one hundred and thirteen men and twelve women and children. Major Gardon, as stated heretofore, is in command, and accompanying him are Capt. Wakefield, Lieut. Milne, Cameron, White and Allan. These officers have all made many friends for themselves during their sojourn here, and their friends, together with those of the men, gathered on the wharf in large numbers to see them started on their long voyage.

Sergeant Wood, the well known footballer, accompanies the company as far as Hongkong, and from that point goes on to England to take a course in gunnery at Woolwich. The company coming from Halifax to succeed Company No. 83 will arrive here on the Empress of China. There are 183 men in the contingent. They are in charge of Major English, who on his arrival here and taking command at Work Point will be promoted to the local rank of colonel.

How to economize. Place your orders for groceries with Erskine. Your bills will be smaller and your shopping easier. Telephone 106 to corner Johnson and Quadra streets.

Davidson, the man who scalded the hall yard on Cornmutant street and made his escape the other day, is now in the land of the screaming eagle. He boarded the steamer Callum from an Indian canoe off the outer wharf and went on to the Sound.

The annual sale of property in arrears of taxes within the municipality will take place to-morrow at noon in the council chambers. The list shows a much smaller than last year's, satisfactory evidence of the prosperity of property owners generally.

It is announced in Sound papers that an increase in commodity rates applying to all Western bound traffic on all roads, including the C. P. R., is shortly to go into effect. It is said that the proposed increase will amount to 17 1/2 per cent. So far, however, local agents have not been notified of any change.

There is still another contingent of Chinese immigrants to arrive before the new entry tax becomes operative. They are coming north from San Francisco on the Queen, due here tonight, having crossed the Pacific on the liner, and belonging to that port. They number in all 30-odd people.

A member of the Metropolitan Methodist church choir had a new cravatette overcoat taken from the school room, where he had left it during the evening services on Sunday. As there was no coat in its place it is thought to be a case of deliberate theft. The police have been informed, and every effort will be made to recover the lost article.

It is probable that before long another church will be established in the central portion of the city. The German residents of Victoria, now numbering over 400 people, have acquired the building formerly used by the lecturers of Spring Ridge as a place of worship, and in the near future expect to remove it to a location on Johnson street. The building has a seating capacity for 200, and with some improvements, it is said, could be made very comfortable.

Local Sunday school workers have been informed that the Vancouver Annual Sunday School convention will be held in Jerusalem in March next, when a large number of delegates from Canada and the United States will attend. Two of these representatives will go from British Columbia, one from Vancouver and the other from Vernon. It is the first convention of the kind that has ever met in the ancient city, and from that fact itself a great deal of interest is attached.

There was a large attendance at the farewell recital given last evening by Mrs. and Mr. Rawel at the Metropolitan Methodist church. Many lantern pictures illustrating Maori land were shown, and the interesting and instructive descriptive addresses delivered by the Rawels were much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Rawel intend leaving for the States in a few days, and before returning to New Zealand will make an extended tour of America.

A well-known mining man of Revelstoke, Ferguson by name, has mysteriously disappeared from the Dominion West, where he has been staying during his visit to the city. His absence was noted about two weeks ago, and it was discovered that he had left his personal effects in his room. As he expressed no intention of leaving his friends here, including a brother, became anxious, and have reported his disappearance to the police. The missing man is about 41 years of age.

A Seattle detective is in the city investigating the story of the disappearance from a Frisco liner of a woman and a child, referred to which appeared in these columns at the time. As will be recalled the two were on board the steamer left Seattle, and some of the passengers claimed to have seen them on the vessel after she left Victoria, but they had disappeared when San Francisco was reached. It is suspected in certain quarters in Seattle that the woman and child left the steamer here, which accounts for the investigation by the Seattle city sleuth.

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OFFICERS INSTALLED

At Meeting of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge Last Evening at Masonic Temple—Enjoyable Banquet.

There was a large attendance at the installation of officers of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., which took place last evening at the Masonic Temple, the banquet was. After the ceremony adjournment was taken to the Victoria hotel, where a banquet had been prepared for the occasion, and the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

Promptly at the time appointed those who had gathered to take part in and witness the ceremony of installation were called to order. Right Worshipful Bro. E. B. Paul, district deputy grand master of the jurisdiction, was assisted by W. Brothers Geo. Glover, W. P. C. Pope, D. Wilson, A. McKeown, J. Walker, Dr. Colburn, B. S. Oddy, W. T. Phillips, S. B. Netherby, W. Dalby, H. L. Salmon, P. J. Riddell, A. A. Davies, W. T. Bainbridge, M. A. Thompson and Bro. Shottell, in conducting the ceremonies. Following are the officers who were installed: W. M., J. J. Randolph; S. W., A. Currie; J. W., H. M. Graham; treasurer, J. J. Walker; secretary, M. W. Bro. R. B. McMeekin; S. D., L. Tait; J. D., A. McAfee; I. G., E. H. Russell; S. S., A. McCrawford; J. S., H. Edwards; director of ceremonies, S. G. Willis; organist, W. Haynes; Tyler, F. Stockman.

When the ceremony had been completed those present, as already stated, proceeded to the Victoria hotel, where they sat down to tables laden with all manner of delicacies. A first class dinner was served under the personal supervision of Miss Host E. Lawson, which was, needless to say, thoroughly appreciated. J. J. Randolph, the newly-elected master, presided at the banquet.

The President of the United States? was proposed by W. Bro. W. P. C. Pope and responded to by Bro. A. Smith, U. S. consul, in an interesting address. He told of the relation between the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes, and concluded his remarks with a few amusing remarks.

W. Bro. A. Walker proposed the "Grand Lodge of British Columbia" in an able speech. He dealt with the history of the inauguration of that august body and told a number of interesting incidents of the early days of Masonry in this province. Bro. E. B. Paul, D. D. G. M., responded with a few well chosen remarks.

The next toast was that of the "Newly-elected Officers," and was proposed by the Right W. Bro. E. B. Paul, who paid the new officers a high compliment and wished them every success during the ensuing term. He also referred to the pleasure it gave him to be present and on an occasion, W. M. J. C. Randolph thanked the former master for his complimentary words, and asked the brethren present to render him their assistance during his period as presiding officer.

In an able address Bro. A. W. Currie proposed the toast "Sister Lodges," which was responded to by Bro. E. B. Paul, and other "Sister Lodges" was proposed by Bro. H. M. Graham, and responded to by Masons from other parts of this province and from the States. The toast "All-Boys and All-Girls Lodges" was proposed to by Dr. C. N. Colbett, and met with an enthusiastic response.

A. K. Prince and Guy Dourie of Chicago, who are making a tour of the world, were present and gave a number of entertaining vocal and instrumental selections. Mr. Prince gave several whistling selections and received a number of encores.

The gathering broke up in the early hours after all present had spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

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COUNCIL MEETING WAS VERY BRIEF

BUSINESS COMPLETED WITH MUCH CELERITY

Call Members of the Fire Department Petitioned for an Increase in Salary—Other Business.

Last night's meeting of the city council was a record breaker for brevity. It lasted only half an hour—the order paper being unusually limited.

Mr. Justice Martin on behalf of residents of St. Charles street requested an electric light at the point where the street turns; also repairs to the thoroughfare. Referred to the electric light committee and the city engineer.

E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector, asked permission to attach certain letter boxes to electric light poles where convenient. Request granted subject to the approval of the city engineer, the permit to be drawn up by the city solicitor.

The waterworks commissioner recommended that waterworks employees of the city be allowed one full day's work yearly. Received and adopted.

The building inspector recommended the removal of a certain shack on Fort street, do hereby humbly petition your honorable body that you may take into your favorable consideration the matter of granting our request for an increase in salaries. We beg to submit the following reasons for making the above request:

1. Some months ago, in connection with the department was less, a higher rate of pay was allowed than at present.

2. The damage done to our personal clothing while suppressing fires is, in the course of a year, a considerable item of expense to us, no wearing apparel being provided for the department by the city.

3. We are subject to call at any hour of the day or night (Sundays and holidays included) in case of a fire occurring, thus having our whole lives in the service of the department.

4. The number of calls, besides the regular weekly drills, we have responded to during the past year exceeds those of any previous year, while the record of losses caused by fires has been correspondingly less.

We now wish to lay before you a scale of pay which we consider a fair amount of remuneration for the services rendered by us, and trust that upon due consideration of same by your honorable body, you will feel justified in according to our wishes in this regard.

Assistant chief, to be raised from \$25 to \$30 per month; captains \$30 to \$35; firemen, \$18 to \$21.

We beg to remain, gentlemen, your obedient servants.

H. P. McDowell, W. P. Smith, W. Dunbar, R. Petterson, P. W. Dempster, Hugh L. Fletcher, J. B. Oliver, B. A. Durrill, J. H. Smith, Charles Palmer, O. Gledhill, J. Dempster, W. A. Sprinkling, W. H. Carroll, W. Walker, Wilson, J. Stanton, J. C. North, A. Kinsey.

Referred to the favorable consideration of next year's council.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$1,583.92 for the usual purposes. Adopted.

The sewer specification by-law was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed. The council then adjourned.

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SPORTING

WRESTLING CONTEST AT VANCOUVER.

A match will take place at Vancouver on January 17th between Tom Davis, champion of British Columbia, and D. A. McMillan, champion mixed wrestler of America.

THE RING. CORIBETT v. HANLON. A twenty-round contest will take place to-night at 'Prisco between Young Coribett, of Denver, and Eddie Hanlon, of San Francisco.

HANDBALL. THE SEMI-FINAL. The semi-final in the J. R. A. A. handball tournament took place between Frank Smith and B. C. Pettigall on Christmas morning. After a hard game Smith won out by score of 21-21. It is probable that the final match between Frank Smith and Stan Smith will take place next Friday (New Year's Day).

RUDDY FOOTBALL. VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER. On Saturday next, at the Coladenia grounds, a league match will be played between the Victoria and Vancouver senior ruddy football teams. The match will be held at the Victoria grounds, the local team is determined to win on their own grounds against the champions of Vancouver. At a meeting held last night the team was selected as follows: Full back, Ken Gillespie; three-quarter backs, K. Schofield, Talbot, Hep, Gillespie and J. Conroy; half backs, A. Gillespie and H. Bray; forwards, McRae, Cullin, Moresby, Austin, Malsbrook, Fisher and K. K. K.

Those familiar with local players cannot but acknowledge that the above team is upon a par with any other in the province. The three-quarter division and the half backs especially show great improvement. J. E. Conroy has been placed on the three-quarter line and with his speed and reliability may be depended upon to do effective work there. Schofield, Fisher and K. K. K. are all well known and have been strengthened by H. Bray, who is a quick player and sure in his pass. The forward line speaks for itself. All are heavy men well up in scrimmage work. Alexis Martin will act as referee.

JUNIOR MATCH. A junior league game will be played before the senior match on the same grounds between the Victoria and Vancouver teams. The local juniors are training for the occasion and will hold runs every evening from 7 o'clock to 9 o'clock. All junior players must attend.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. SOLDIERS LEFT TO-DAY. Those who have taken an active part in football during the past season will regret the departure of the 3rd Co. R. G. A., today for Hongkong. The soldiers, during their stay here, have taken part in the senior league and won the championship from the civilian teams on several occasions. They have done every foot justified in according to our wishes in this regard.

Sergt. Wood has not only maintained a live interest in football at the Barracks, but has for two years rendered good service as secretary of the British Columbia District Association. When his resignation was submitted at the meeting of the association, expressed his regret at his loss in no uncertain terms. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the retiring secretary, which is safe to say, is seconded by all local football enthusiasts.

As most of those who have been following the city league are aware, the defeat of the Victoria eleven by the Columbus eleven was practically the end of the championship once more in the hands of the Garrison team. This being the third time they have succeeded in winning the cup, the soldiers were entitled to carry away with them the trophy. A meeting of the Garrison association was called by the secretary, the other evening, to consider the situation. After some deliberation it was decided to leave the trophy here to be competed for as in the past.

Although the majority of the Garrison eleven left to-day a number of the players remain at work. Point to be played on Saturday with Victoria.

TWO PROTESTS. This evening a special meeting of the Victoria District Football Association will be held, commencing at 7.30, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Broad street. A full attendance is desired. The most important business will be the deciding of two protests. One of these is entered by Victoria against the Columbus playing an unregistered man in last Friday's match, and the other is made by the Victoria West Intermediate team. The latter claim the intermediate championship on the ground that the Captains did not enter a scheduled match at Macguyal Point some Saturdays ago.

LACROSSE. WESTMINSTER THE CHAMPIONS. For some time past J. M. Mellis, secretary of the B. C. A. L. A., has been endeavoring to bring about a better understanding with Vancouver and Westminster in regard to the provincial championship for lacrosse. He has written a number of communications to the two Mainland clubs informing them of the unsatisfactory finish of the year's league. Writing to Vancouver that city's team was told of the claim Westminster made for the championship on account of Vancouver's failure to play to the draw game. No reply was received to this, but since then Westminster has written asking Mr. Mellis to interfere. Mr. Ward regarding his offer, on behalf of Messrs. Murkie & Co. of a trophy and medals to the winning team. The secretary answered that he did not consider such a step was justified until the draw was played off, and it was definitely decided which team wins the championship. After the application for trophy and medals from Westminster, Secretary Mellis wrote the following communication to the Vancouver and Westminster teams:

Dear Sir:—This is to notify the Vancouver Lacrosse Club that seeing you did not play

of the draw game of August 29th, which should have been played off in New Westminster two weeks after the scheduled game, and as your club took no notice of my letters or let me know when you would play off the draw so that I could have informed the Westminster club, the New Westminster club has claimed the draw game, putting your club (Vancouver) and the Westminster club out of the league. As I have just had word from the president of the B. C. A. L. A., H. Ryall, asking about the trophy and medals offered by Messrs. Murkie & Co. I may state I would not think of asking him about them, as the medal awarding that the final game for the championship has not been played. As the New Westminster Lacrosse Club were champions for 1902, and as they can now claim the draw game, making them even with Vancouver, I feel it is quite clear to you all, and wishing you all good luck for 1904.

Yours sincerely, JAMES M. MELLIS, Secy-Treas. B. C. A. L. A.

From the above it will be seen that if a deciding game is not played Westminster are justly the remaining pair of champions for the year 1903, without, however, receiving the trophy and medals offered by Messrs. Murkie & Co. An effort will be made to arrange a final game between Westminster and Vancouver to open the season 1904. If this is decided upon the winning team will be considered the champions for 1903, and will receive the above mentioned trophy and medals. Each match would have to be played on neutral grounds, and as Victoria is the only outside club represented in the league there is every reason to believe it would be played here.

CAREFUL RESEARCH. Napier Denton Delivers an Interesting Address Before Natural History Society.

The Natural History Society held its regular meeting last night. Among the subjects discussed was that of the sky birds brought from England. The sky birds, the remaining pair of robins had been given their liberty, and were believed to be doing well.

Letters were read from Mr. Flinger, of Portland, through whom the birds had been imported, and a letter was read from Prof. Hoadley, of New York, who inspected the birds at New York. It has been ascertained that the birds were not given proper attention in transportation. They had not been fed on the trip. The experience gained will be of great assistance in future.

The principal feature of the evening was the address by Napier Denton, of the meteorological station, upon the subject of "The Effects of Atmospheric Pressure on the Earth's Crust." The lecture was fully illustrated with diagrams. The subject was an advanced study on that contained in the paper read by him before the Royal Meteorological Society and British Association in England two years ago.

Mr. Denton advances the theory that the movements of the horizontal pendulum of the seismograph is influenced by changes in the atmospheric pressure. With the increase of pressure the earth is tilted somewhat, and is then marked by the seismograph. When the storm area is wide in extent the seismograph's bolts indicates it even before the barometer.

Mr. Denton had made a careful study of the subject, and has collected valuable data in connection with it during his connection with the station at Victoria, and later at Victoria. After the address considerable discussion followed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Denton at the close.

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

Victoria, Dec. 23-24. The barometric pressure, though still high, is gradually giving way over the Pacific slope. Rain has been general on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and snow is fast accumulating. The weather remains mild in Alberta, while in Manitoba the temperature is 10 below zero.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday. Partly cloudy and mild, with showers to night or on Wednesday.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, mostly cloudy and mild, with showers to-night or on Wednesday.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 42; minimum, 41; wind, 2 miles N.; rain, .08; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .10; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 12 miles N. W.; weather, clear.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

It was stated at the request on John Steele, a gasfitter, who was killed by falling from a building in Covent Garden Market, London, that he had just been taking a look round before descending after finishing his work.

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MUNICIPAL. Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the THIRTIETH DAY of December, 1903, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1903," unless the holders of the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold, the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Table with columns: Lot, Block, Section, Assessed Owner, Registered Owner, Taxes due to City, Interest, Total amount due. Includes entries for J. W. Keller, P. R. Brown, J. A. J. Douglas, etc.

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY. Reduced Rates for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

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W. T. HARDAKER, AUCTIONEER. TO PERFORM HERE. Stanford University Glee and Mandolin Club Will Entertain Victorians.

The Stanford University Glee and Mandolin Club will give a performance at the Victoria theatre on Friday evening next. Of the entertainment provided by them in Tacoma, the Ledger says: "Everyone in the brilliant audience which greeted the Stanford boys last night at the Tacoma theatre was apparently in the heartiest sympathy with the spirit that gives to the music of college glee clubs its irresistible charm. College men, filled with memories, and proudly recalled the days when they joined in similar endeavors, and the boys and girls gave way to the hilarity of the occasion and vociferously applauded the clever work of their contemporaries."

There has not been a more enjoyable concert presented by the young men of Stanford on any of their tours, and it is a pleasure to note that they were given a reception both cordial and substantial. The honors as between the two clubs, which did the finest work of the kind ever heard in Tacoma. In the splendid volume of tone, the absolute unity of action, the superb crescendo, the general style and finish, the numbers played by the captivating strings were notable. "The Glee Club is in good form, especially in the bass, and sang with plenty of spirit and excellent attention to shading and expression. "Mr. Byrne, the raconteur, with his smile that defies description, his clever mimicry and dramatic power, won the instant friendship of the house, and performed a long list of selections imitating everybody went down before Bush and Baker, the two funny men."

PERSONAL Rev. Mark Guy Pearce, the noted English preacher, lecturer and author, is expected to arrive in Victoria in a few days. He will occupy the vacant pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday morning, and in the evening will preach at the Metropolitan Methodist church. In the afternoon it is probable he will address a public meeting at the Y. M. C. A. assembly room, Broad street.

James Brown, of Chilliwack; C. A. Sargent, Geo. W. Adams and Mrs. P. Evans, of Vancouver; and R. A. Alcock, of Mount real, are at the Victoria. Henry Gray and A. S. Raymond, of San Francisco; J. H. Howland, of Seattle; and C. D. Gower, of Toronto, are registered at the Driford. H. McLean, of Vancouver; Thom Reid, of Metchwau; and H. C. Booth, of Edmonton, are at the Dominion. Supt. Hosmer, of the provincial police, is confined to his room at the Rialto by an attack of influenza. T. R. Pearson, a real estate agent of New Westminster, is among the guests at the Dominion hotel. F. Carter-Coffey, of the Driford hotel, is in the city. E. J. Cullen, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., is at the Driford hotel. H. J. Anderson, of Winnipeg, is at the Dominion.

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The London of the Romans lies buried about 15 feet below the level of Chesham, and still deeper than that is buried the earlier London of the Britons. In nearly all parts of the city there have been discovered (repeatedly) Roman ornaments, weapons, coins and statues of the ancient Roman gods.

E. J. WALL. W. A. SMITH. WILL CASE WAS RESUMED TO-DAY. (Continued from page 1.)

Windsor Grocery Company. Just received a consignment of large ITALIAN PRUNES, NEW JAPAN ESE ORANGES, NAVELS, AND LEMONS. OPPOSITE POST OFFICE, GOVERNMENT ST.

SEALING COMPANY. DECLARES DIVIDEND. GOOD SHOWING OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION. Will Send Twenty-Two Vessels Out This Coming Season—Seals in the Great Lakes.

Notwithstanding some heavy losses sustained during the past season, the depression in the price of fur seal and some \$13,000 spent in repairs and overhauling vessels for sea, the Victoria Sealing Company for the past season ending November 30, has been able to declare a dividend of 50 cents per share. This was the very gratifying statement made in the annual report presented at yesterday's meeting in the board of trade building. The net balance from the company's earnings during the season was \$16,886.03. The wages paid to crews operating vessels on the Pacific Coast amounted to \$128,382.97. Eleven of the company's Indian schooners worked on this coast and eight white schooners in the Behring Sea, which took combined 11,714 skins. In addition there were the Florence M. Smith and the E. B. Marvin, which were sent to Cape Horn, and which took 3,321 and 2,474 skins, respectively. It was decided to send a fleet of about 22 vessels to sea this year, the Casco and Triumph, which will be ready to sail in about ten days, and 20 others which will go down the coast. The rate of seal will be paid Indian hunters, it was agreed, should remain unchanged, namely, \$5 per skin for each case, or \$2.50 per man.

The old board of directors were re-elected as follows: Capt. J. G. Cox, R. Hall, M. P. P., W. Menzie, R. Seabrook, A. J. Bechtel, W. Grant and J. J. Bechtel. At a meeting of the directors R. Hall, M. P. P., was elected president in the place of Capt. J. G. Cox, the retiring president; R. Seabrook, was elected vice-president; Capt. W. Grant was re-elected president; and A. J. Bechtel as treasurer. Capt. Grant's management of the company's business met with the approval of all present, and his successful and economical methods highly commended. No discussion arose in regard to the recent agitation over the reported proposed sale of the company's interests, above mentioned the meeting adjourned. Members of the company were interested in the following dispatch from Marquette, Mich., shown them this morning. The dispatch says: "Preliminary steps for the formation of the Lake Superior Seal Propagation Society have been taken at Ashland, Mich., and the first seal, Lake Superior with fur-bearing seals. The principals of the organization are Seben Malroff, a Russian, with 20 years' experience as a seal hunter; J. S. Robbins, of Rhineland, and J. S. Robbins, of Rhineland. It is estimated that 10 male and 40 female seals in the lake will increase to 1,000 in 20 years. The Apostle Islands, together with Isle Royale and the rock shores of Lake Superior, would, it is believed, be ideal breeding places."

Capt. J. G. Cox was somewhat surprised to learn that any such experiment as the above is about to be tried. It is a well-known fact, he says, that up to the present every precaution has been taken to prevent the food fish of the Great Lakes. If the seal is introduced the destructive propensities of the little animal will soon be realized. The seal is an expert in eating, and the food fish consists of about six pounds of fish at once. But it is not in the mere consumption of this amount of fish that the seal is most destructive, for when its hunger is about half satisfied the little animal fish promiscuously and biting off the heads only devours the same, leaving the rest untouched. In this way the seal destroys a great many fish, and many of them in the Great Lake would soon give cause for complaint.

MARINE NOTES. The decision of R. B. Whitney, inspector of boilers, who investigated the collision of the steamers Flyer, Bellingham and Dode, which took place on the Sound on the morning of December 20th, commences. Whitney is concerned in blame. They have decided that the collision was unavoidable. Steamer Queen is due from San Francisco to-night, and the Unatilla is scheduled to sail for the Golden Gate tomorrow evening. The steamer Shimano Maru sails for the Orient on January 12th.

ENGINEER DEAD. Sir W. Allen, Well Known Tynesider, Passes Away. London, Dec. 28.—Sir Wm. Allen, the well known marine engineer, shipowner and member of parliament for Gateshead since 1865, is dead. He was born November 29th, 1827.

OIL REDUCED. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Standard Oil Company made a reduction of five cents a barrel in the price of high grade petroleum to-day, and also made a cut of two cents on the inferior grades. Festus Madden, of Plymouth, has been killed in jail at Montrose, Pa., charged with the murder of Patrick Fleming, of Forest City, on Christmas morning. The alleged murderer is believed to be the return of an unprovoked assault on the part of Fleming, who was intoxicated at the time, called at the residence of Madden and began throwing missiles at the house. He was ordered away, but soon returned and commenced firing shots from his revolver. Madden returned the fire with his shotgun and Fleming was killed.

AGRICULTURAL. The spread of noxious weeds can be attributed to no single cause. They seem to be naturally adapted to rapid spreading, and besides there are various natural and artificial agencies which aid in their dissemination. Not the least of these is the seed trade. Almost every farmer purchases yearly seed of grain or grasses and clovers with little thought of noxious weeds which they may be carrying. As a thing seed, however, he seldom gets seed perfectly free from weed seeds of some kind. Occasionally these are not particularly injurious, but are being introduced unconsciously, and, in fact, footed before their presence is suspected. In this connection some particulars of the analysis of several samples of clover seed analyzed during 1903 only four had no weed seeds in them; in the others over thirty different kinds of weed seeds were represented. Of these, timothy, peppergrass, sheep sorrel, ribgrass, false brome, and white clover were most commonly present. In the case of several thousand samples, the weeds were upwards of forty species of weed seeds, those being commonest whose size approximated that of the clover seed. Thus in red clover were commonly found curled cock, Canada thistle, white clover and ribgrass, while in alskie, false brome, white clover, sheep sorrel, cinquefoil and black nodules were prevalent. The primary cause of this prevailing condition is no doubt the growth of weeds with the crop for seed, and the tendency of farmers to buy seed improperly because they are cheaper than, and to a casual examiner, equally as good as dealer grades. It is usually safe to regard cheap seed as inferior quality and on this account to avoid buying. Dodder was present in twelve samples of red clover at an average rate of 418 seeds per pound; this is considerably more than the case with any other weed. No doubt due to more seed being imported from the south, where this parasite thrives much better than here. The analysis of several samples of timothy seed from Chib showed that dodder is a very common impurity in seed from that country, one sample having upwards of seven hundred seeds per pound. The west coast of Canada has a high probability of Canada ever having to import seed from Chib, but as both countries have a common market for their surplus supply, the presence of this injurious weed in the Canadian product is a considerable advantage. Were it not for this circumstance the Chilian red clover seed would prove a dangerous competitor as it is well colored, plump and of high vitality, and with few other objectionable impurities. Several samples of exported Canadian alskie and red clover were obtained from the same source, and the analysis showed a uniform quality, none of them free from weed seeds, but had apparently been well cleaned as there was a noticeable absence of such impurities as curled cock, Canada thistle, white clover and ribgrass, which are either larger or smaller than the bulk of the sample. Small numbers of cockle, black medick and false flax still remained in the alskie, and of foxtail and timothy in the red clover. The germination was uniformly over ninety per cent. The average quality was therefore considerably better than that of the seeds retailed in Canadian markets. It should be remembered, however, by buyers that, while the average quality of Canadian seeds may be low, the highest grades are always offered for sale, and this quality is in the end the most profitable.

PHOENIX NOTES. On Friday morning William Robb fell between the Knob Hill car crusher and a large pile of stone at the Knob Hill mine. This is the first mine in the Boundary or in the quartz mines of the province to use this power, and is a step forward in the development of the low-grade properties of the country. Another of these locomotives has also arrived, and will be placed in service in the No. 2 tunnel of the Granby mines. A third one has arrived at the smelter and will be used as a reserve. These three locomotives are of the Davenport Machine Works, of Davenport, Iowa. They were made specially for the class of work for which they will be used. They have nine-inch cylinders with a fourteen-inch stroke, the breaking being done by a fly wheel. They are intended to haul from five to ten loaded mine cars. Filled with rage because he believed that his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence, had induced his wife to leave him, Joe Eardley, a pluck wayer of Bridgport, Conn., forced his way into Mrs. Lawrence's home and shot her. She died later from the wound. Eardley was arrested and became hysterical in the police station. He made a statement in which the police say he admits the shooting. From the deck of a ship the visual distance is about fifteen miles.

NEW EXPLOSIVE. Big Claims Made For Novel Smokeless Powder—Is Christened 'Veloelite.' Col. W. Hope announces that after nine and a half years' continuous work, in which he has calculated and recorded over ten thousand experiments, he has produced an absolutely safe and stable smokeless powder, which he calls 'Veloelite.' It contains 73 per cent. more powder as a propellant agent, weight for weight, than the British government's present powder, and is 50 per cent. more powerful than the British powder. It is 50 per cent. more powerful than the British powder. It is 50 per cent. more powerful than the British powder.

BOY'S DEATH. Hanged Himself to Try How It Felt—Had Meant to Cut Rope. It is not an uncommon thing, perhaps, for lads of inquisitive bent to try all sorts of queer experiments in order to get to the exterior of things, but few as a young student in Latimer school did the other day, says a London dispatch. The sad part was that the experiment was too complete a success, for the lad was found dead in a bathroom by his father. During his fourteen years of life Sydney Cumming earned the reputation of venturing into the most risky experiments. Bright and cheerful, and a very apt pupil at school, he was unable to content himself with the explanations of phenomena found in text and other books. On one occasion he jumped from a high tree, using an old umbrella as a parachute. At another time he nearly blew himself to pieces with gunpowder while investigating the force of explosives.

REJECTED LOVER'S LAWSUIT. Man Sues Father of His Fickle Sweetheart to Recover Money Spent on Presents. A St. John, N. B., dispatch says: "In the backwoods of New Brunswick, where hard work is plentiful and money very scarce, a young man named Charles McLeath adopted a most ungalant course toward Sadie Jordan, because, after he had wooed her for ever so long and showered her with gifts, she changed her mind and told him that she had no notion of marrying him. Charles was willing to change his mind to profit and loss, but the memory of the presents was bitter to him, and so he brought suit against Sadie's father, who held under age, to recover the value of said presents. The case was tried before Justice W. Harrison, and was heard by the entire population of Sheffield village. Charles sued to recover on the ground that Sadie had broken her promise to marry him, on the strength of which alleged promise and for no other consideration the father had given her the presents. The verdict in the following bill for things wasted upon Sadie Jordan, who had fooled him: Sheffield, Sundry County, N. B. John Jordan, to Charles McLeath, Dr. To: One red dress \$ 1.00 One blue dress 2.40 One pair shoes 1.25 One pair rubbers 1.10 One pair overalls 1.00 One night dress 1.00 One pair kid gloves25 One set pins25 One engagement ring75 One watch 1.00 One handkerchief10 One collar button05 One purse20 Four cards20 Three toilet perfumes20 Two stick pins35 Cash at different times 6.24 Total \$24.14 Cr. To balance due \$23.94 The jury gave a verdict for plaintiff, allowing the full bill, with costs.

TIDE TABLE. Victoria, B. C., December, 1908. (Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Table with columns: Date, Time, Height, etc. for various dates in December 1908.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor. The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria. Equivalent (at Dry Dock) From observations during six months, May to October, to H. W. at Victoria.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. CARPENTER WANTED-3 days work. Apply immediately 50 Cadboro Bay road. WANTED-Light home work by the day. Room 35, Strand Hotel. WANTED-A nurse girl to take care of two children from 1 o'clock to 5 daily. Apply to Mrs. Fred. Ritchie, Dallas Hotel. WANTED-Lady stenographer and typewriter for business house; only those thoroughly competent need apply. Address, giving references, to P. O. Box 602, Victoria. CLERK-Disengaged January 15th, would like to hear from anyone requiring a counter hand. D. H. Times. FOR SALE-Good milk cow; cheap for cash. Apply N. Times Office. LOST-On Monday afternoon, a lady's gold chain with small blue knife attached. Liberal reward by returning to Times Office. LOST-Buriedette avenue and Barclay's street, a carriage lamp made of brass and containing a small lamp. Return to Barlow's. Reward. LOST-A lady's prayer book, last Sunday evening, on Blanchard street, between Johnson and Chatham streets. The sheep were with another book. The murderer then fled, but was captured.

VICTORIA THEATRE. FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st. One Night Only. Eighth Annual Tour of the Stanford University Glee and Mandolin Club. A night of fun, frolic, music, college stunts, etc. Prices, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, and gallery, 25c. Sealy comfort seats at Victoria Book & Stationery Store, Government street. EVERLASTING FLOWERS. In Great Variety, at STEWART'S GRANITE AND MARBLE WORKS, Cor. Yates and Blanchard Sts. MARRIED. MARTIN CUTHBERTSON at Phoenix, on Dec. 24th, by Rev. J. D. Knox, Daniel M. Martin and Miss Lizzie Cuthbertson. compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. P. N. Denton. Wm. Shepherd, of Letcher county, Ky., has been arrested, and is in danger of lynching at Whitesburg. Shepherd went to the home of Obadiah Fields, his father-in-law, and shot and instantly killed Billy Welsh. Shepherd's wife and her infant child also were wounded with another bullet. The murderer then fled, but was captured. Seven thousand sheep were burned to death at the East Buffalo stock yards on Monday night. The long, narrow sheds in which they were confined were swept by the flames before any of the animals could be released. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. The sheep were what are known as "explosives" and were in charge of Federal officers. Senator Hale, chairman of the United States senate committee on naval affairs, said on Monday that it is the intention to make provision for another addition to the navy during the present session of congress. He says that when the additions already authorized are complete the United States will have a more powerful navy than any other nation except Great Britain. "That is the third merciful who has barked himself against me this morning," mused the "waxing" tree, "without hurting me a bit. Take it all in all, I am more skinned than skinned." -Cincinnati Enquirer. BUY THE TIMES