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COTTON KING'S CAMPAIGN.
How Fund Being Raised Among Spinners of the United States Will Be Spent.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 23.—J. Sully, the cotton 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 message to the Daily Telegraph from Tokyo, says 'war trembles in the balance, if it has not already tilted the scale, for reports affirm that Russia on Saturday answered declining Japan's request."
"Diplomacy is terrified as to what will happen in China if there is war between 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 to the seriousness of the situation will be further terrible outbreaks against foreigners in China, or in the equally dangerous problem, what will Germany and France take if disturbances break out? Great Britain and America should be prepared also to see that if Japan wages a successful war, she is not prevented from reaping the fruits of victory."
Provide For Emergencies.
Tokyo, Dec. 23.—An emergency ordinance promulgated late last night invests its government with practically unlimited credit for the purposes of military defence. Three other ordinances were issued relating first to the mobilization of official control; second, to the revision of organization of the imperial military headquarters in war time; third, the creation of a war council in war time. These ordinances, it is considered, completely 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 conservative 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 province in convention.

MASSACRED BY NATIVES.

Missionary and Eighteen of His Followers Killed in Liberia.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, Dec. 23.—United States Minister Lyon has reported to the American state department the details of the massacre in an African forest of a white missionary 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 Congdon 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 Thomson to do business.
The weather is still mild. The thermometer has only been as low as 13 below zero once for the past three weeks. It ranges from zero to ten 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 gambol 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 Government 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 gambling," 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, 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 today has the following:
"Robert L. and Frederic Bonner, sons of the late Robert Bonner, have joined with the secretary of the American Trotting Register Association, a protest against the official recognition of the record 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 ENTHERED.

Impressive Ceremony at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Westminster.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 23.—The Most Rev. Francis Bourne, Roman Catholic archbishop of Westminster, presided at a service in the cathedral 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.
The expenditure on the entire edifice up to the end of October was just over a million dollars.

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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 commission. The news will be officially announced within the next forty-eight hours. Mr. Blair left today for New York. It is said that his visit is in connection with the duties of his new office.

Sir Richard Cartwright Will Seek Re-election in South Oxford.

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 inquiry 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 examiners 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 announcement, 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 compared.
By noon to-day the lists for two of the schools were complete, and are as follows:
Boys' Central School.
Number of candidates, 8; passed, 6.
Marks Obtained.
John V. Johnson 940
Clifford O'Brien 942
Alfred W. Gowen 925
Donald A. McInnes 925
Robert Harrison 870
Frederick Cole 858

MRS. GANNER DEAD.

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

(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Dec. 20.—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 parents 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 reservoir, that great anxiety is felt regarding 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 women 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 permanent 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 Engineers, and Henry De Molroy, a lieutenant in the arm. The traditional results of French duels were not followed in this case, for the opponents' wounds were reconciled. The duel was the outcome of an altercation over the Dreyfus case.

THREE REVOLUTIONS

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

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

THE KISHINEFF JEWS.

United States Cabinet Likely to Consider Report That Fresh Outrages Have Been Planned.

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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.

The trial in the case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir was resumed this morning before Mr. Justice Drake. The only witness 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 Alexander Dunsmuir gave him the job he told him he would not speak to him as the office as he did not wish to be familiar with the employees. Outside of the office Alexander Dunsmuir treated him as his own father. From the closing of the office at the Grand hotel, Dunsmuir used to go errands for Alexander Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace.

On Sundays at the invitation of Alexander 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 east. They used to take long walks. He generally had dinner at San Leandro, 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 1899 than any time before. Alexander Dunsmuir always acted like any ordinary man. He never saw anyone falling down and doing anything for the amusement 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 1899, 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. Alexander Dunsmuir, while witness was a boy at the Grand, did not wish 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 cocktails up. Alexander Dunsmuir was not staying at the hotel at the time. After dinner, about 7 o'clock, he often took up buttered toast, oyster loaf, and a cocktail. 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 Alexander Dunsmuir in 1896, the latter used to ask him how 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 they 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 and Mrs. Hopper sent for him in December, 1901, and wanted to make out that Mrs. Dunsmuir was of unsound mind. Witness saw them at the San Leandro. Witness told them nothing. They told him everything. He saw them again. They wanted to make out Mrs. Dunsmuir was crazy. Witness could not say what they wanted. Witness wrote them a letter and they did not want to call him as a witness, he thought. It was not because he was afraid of losing his job that he wrote the letter.

Questioned as to why he wrote a letter when he had already told them that he could not say that Mrs. Dunsmuir was of unsound mind, witness said he did not know why he wrote it. Judge Coyne kept arguing that his evidence was important. The judge got the last word and seemed to make out that the whole case depended upon witness. Witness then wrote the letter to Mrs. Hopper.

There was not much said about Alexander Dunsmuir. Judge Coyne said something about Alexander Dunsmuir getting peculiar. Witness did not see it. Witness saw Mr. Agnew at San Leandro many times. He had seen Mrs. Agnew there often also.

Since the death of Mrs. Dunsmuir witness had visited Nevada at San Leandro. 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 Agnews. 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.

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.

Bought Ships. London, Dec. 29.—According to the Daily Chronicle the Japanese government had actually purchased the battleships 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.

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Remains in Manchuria. Pekin, Dec. 28.—Lien Fung, first secretary of the board of foreign affairs, visited Russian Minister Lessner 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.

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 passenger service between Montreal and Quebec.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—A rumor is going the rounds that Cornelius Shields, president of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, will sever his connection with that company and join the management of the Newfoundland railway with Messrs. Bell, Mr. Shields visited Newfoundland recently.

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 by acclamation.

Kingston, Dec. 28.—William G. Craig, Mayor Bell and Christopher J. E. Graham have been nominated for mayor.

Port Arthur, Dec. 28.—Nominations: Mayor Clavel elected by acclamation. Councillors—Andrews, W. P. Cook, S. W. Ray, C. H. King, Geo. Horrigan, George Marks, S. Downing, John Boulter, James Vance and Henry Demuth.

Portage, Dec. 28.—Nominations: Mayor—A. S. Horvessell and W. G. Cameron. Aldermen—F. Hudson, J. Sherman, W. McCarthy, A. H. Horne, M. Wink, A. Carmichael, J. R. Bridson, H. P. Phillips, Greenwood, G. W. Chelwick, C. W. Belyea and J. B. Kelly.

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THE DREYFUS CASE.

How Evidence Against the Accused Was Manufactured.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The grounds upon which Dreyfus depends for vindication and restoration to the army have been communicated to the Associated Press.

Some papers were so desiring 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 \$4.00—Mrs. S. Casey, Wyoming, Ont. 3rd \$4.00—Mrs. A. Abenas, 12 d'Israeli Place, Montreal, P. Q.

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.

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Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the Central Ward and respectfully request your vote and influence at the coming election.

TO THE ELECTORS OF South Ward.

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for South Ward, and most respectfully request your votes and influence.

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At the solicitation of a number of Electors, I announce myself as a candidate for Alderman for the South Ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

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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. Nor 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 rating in the world. It is 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. It 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 amply 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.

"In the year the Liberals came into office, 1896, the value of Canadian Pacific railway stock was at the average of 57 cents on the dollar; and if you had been so disposed and had money, you might have bought the whole of the sixty-five million of Canadian Pacific stock for \$36,000,000. To-day there are eighty-five millions of that same stock; it has been selling at an average of 120 all through the year, and you would now have to pay \$108,000,000 for the same stock which you could have got for \$36,000,000 in 1896.

"In 1896 there were in the Northwest and Manitoba, in all homestead entries to the number of 1,800,000. To-day there are 31,883 homestead entries. (Applause.)

"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 year's 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 which they had increased the national debt. It was even asserted that they had increased it very nearly one-sixth as much as our predecessors had done in a similar time. (Laughter.) And Sir, Gentlemen, I think you will all admit we are not responsible for the addition to the national debt which took place in 1897, under the estimates prepared by Mr. Foster and his colleagues, but the debts were begun and put under contract by our predecessors; therefore, I select the year 1897, in which the national debt amounted to \$261,538,506, increased only \$71,000.

"On the first day of July, 1903, the national debt under the present most extravagant and profligate government amounted to \$261,000,720, being an increase of \$71,000 in these six years. (Applause.) And the last of my isolated facts is this, that the Conservative government went out in 1896 and the Liberal government have been in from 1896 to 1903. I do not say that there is a necessary connection between these two governments, but you of you perhaps may see your way to make it.

"Now, sir, when I hear men who ought to know better, in the press and on the floor of parliament, alleging that the people of Canada are most grievously ill-treated because, forsooth, some sixty or seventy million dollars worth of goods are imported from the United States, I am tempted to say, 'Sir, if they have ever set out to consider of what our free imports from the United States consist, and who would be injured if the present government were to cut a tax on these same free imports. Now, to you, as representing a great business community this is a matter of some small interest.

Value of U. S. Settlers.

"And let me observe that there is every reason to believe that the total profits on the great trade between the United States and ourselves are very small indeed under the present system, and I believe, for my own part, and I am not speaking without warrant, but in concurrence with the opinion of the American economists, that the \$5,267,000 of goods coming into Canada each year, the property of American settlers seeking homes here, is, as I have said, all interests and purposes a free gift from the United States to Canada, and that five and a quarter millions would in all probability represent the total profits which the Americans make out of their trade with us. I do not hesitate to say that immigrants of this class will, almost within a year and a day, produce an increase of wealth in our country of something like \$10,000,000. You are getting value for your money 100 fold, or nearly 100 fold, on that expenditure.

"I apologize to Mr. Sifton and to the able officers of his department for saying that they had done as much in one year as their predecessors had in ten. On looking at homestead entries, I find that the total entries were 1,300 in 1896, but 31,883 entered in 1903. (Applause.) So instead of doing as much work in one year as their predecessors

had in ten years, Mr. Sifton and his coadjutors have done as much in one year as they did in thirty years. (Loud applause.)

Financial Comparisons.

"Now, I can only deal in a general way with the question of expenditure. I do not object on the whole to reasonable criticism under this head. Seven years ago I would have condemned myself, and very truly, and the government, for expending sums of money equal to the sums which we are now expending on these matters; and for right good reasons, because the whole volume of trade was stagnant, population had only increased one-half of one per cent, in any year, and the best of our people were flowing from our country, and it was plain to see that emigrants came and looked in and year after year. I would have been denominated such increase as is now taking place. It seems the only thing in the minds of some of our opponents is to say: 'You said this or that eight or nine years ago, that such a sum was too much, now you are spending many millions more.' Let us strike the percentage. Let us understand, if we are going to make a mere matter of comparison, and what estimates. We will take the expenditures of 1896 on the estimates prepared by Mr. Foster and his colleagues, and compare them with 1903, and compare these two together, I will leave you to judge.

"In that connection I have three questions to put to you and to ask of all business men.

"The first is, how much of the increase is nominal, and how much comes out of one pocket and goes into the other without adding to the burdens of the people?

"How much has the population increased between 1896 and 1903?

"Lastly, how much of the increase is due to the increased cost of material and wages?

"I think I am in a position to show that the total increase between 1896 and 1903, 50 per cent, is purely nominal, a mere matter of bookkeeping, and that the money out of one pocket and putting it into the other. Population has increased 25 per cent, and material and labor 25 per cent. I give these figures and believe, taken together, that the expenditure was of a productive character.

Sir John A.'s Record.

"Now, let me call your attention to a few little inconsistencies on the part of our friends. I am not going to enter into any lengthy disquisition of the policy of Sir John A. Macdonald. I merely wish to call the attention of Conservative who regard him as a model statesman and a genius in finance, that in the six years from 1867 to 1873 Sir John Macdonald added about \$8,000,000 to the annual expenditure of Canada—about \$32,000,000. He added about 40 per cent to the national debt of Canada, and in so doing was, according to the Conservative, an able and far-seeing statesman. Even if I were to admit that we had increased the national debt and our expenditures, as much as our opponents allege we have increased it, how would the case stand? Under Sir John Wilfrid Laurier in six years the gross increase has amounted not to 80 per cent, but to something like 35 per cent, and the increase of public debt, instead of being \$21,000,000, amounts to only \$7,000,000.

"Let me briefly enumerate the causes of this increase: In 1896 our expenditure amounted to \$27,000,000, and in 1903 our consolidated fund account to \$51,022,000, a difference of something more than \$24,000,000, a very large increase, you say. How was it brought about?

"Well, three and a half million was due to the increased expenditure on the railroads of Canada, but it was balanced by the increased receipts to a slightly greater extent. In 1896 the total receipts from railways, canals and public works was \$3,549,000; and in 1903 the total receipts amounted to \$7,250,000; so that the net increase in our expenditure on the one hand by a matter of \$3,500,000, we had gained \$3,600,000 in increased receipts.

"The postmaster again had added the matter about \$500,000 to our annual expenditure as between 1896 and 1903, but on the other hand, sir, while the receipts of the post office in 1896 amounted to \$2,564,000, the receipts in 1903 amounted to \$3,200,000, so that Sir William Mulock had added \$450,000 to expenditure of the post office department, Sir William was bringing in an increase of \$1,437,000 to the revenue. (Prolonged applause.) And Sir William was doing more. He was giving you a postal service for about two-thirds of what it cost you before. The letters that cost 3c. are now delivered in Canada. Letters that cost 4c. are delivered in various parts of the British Empire, likewise cost 2c. Sir, I do not think that the accusation of a very formidable increase of expenditure will lie in the case of the post office.

The Yukon.

"In the case of the Yukon we were obliged to spend about a million and a half, and we received every penny of it back. No portion of that expenditure cost in any form or shape or way a cent to the people of Canada. I may add that in the sinking fund we expended \$500,000 more and we received about \$500,000 more. I may point out that in the case of the customs we spent \$900,000 or thereabouts in 1896. We spent \$1,229,000 in 1903; and in the interval an additional charge for customs of \$300,000 or thereabouts, but our receipts from customs had increased from \$19,823,000 to \$17,001,000. (Applause.) Our predecessors required a matter of \$900,000 to collect \$18,800,000. Mr. Paterson has taken for the collection of the additional \$18,000,000 a matter of \$300,000. No very great signs of extravagance there. Now, if you will be good enough to add all that together you will see that in these various ways and methods which I have just enumerated one half of the total expenditure is accounted for, and accounted for without any additional charge upon the public.

We Have 6,000,000 People.

"According to the best evidence in our possession at the present moment, the population of Canada has increased so rapidly within the last three years that there are probably at this moment something like 6,000,000 of people in Canada, and it is interesting to observe that of this, close upon 1,000,000, as nearly as we can now estimate, live west of Lake Superior, rather more than the total population of the maritime provinces all put together. There is every reason to believe that before the close of 1904 if not very great check occurs to interrupt our progress, that this will increase to 1,200,000. There is reason to believe that by 1905 it will have increased to 1,400,000, not far short of the present total population of the province of Quebec.

Sir, if you will compare 4,800,000, appears to have been the population in 1896, in the light of the investigation and research that I have alluded to, you will find that there has been an increase of population of 1,200,000 in these seven or eight years which have elapsed since the Liberal government took charge of the affairs of Canada. (Applause.) In other words, that the total population of Canada is about 25 per cent greater than it was eight or nine years ago. As I have said, I cannot enter into minute details

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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.

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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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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.

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

Wednesday and Thursday THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THE OLD YEAR. Some attractive offerings to wind up the most successful year's business we have experienced.

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Fifteen Cases of Underwear arrived yesterday. This has been the most difficult season we have experienced in keeping up our stock of Underwear.

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Sterling Silver Photo Frames, \$1.00 ones for 50c.; \$2.50 ones for \$1.25. Sterling manicure pieces, 50c. ones for 25c.; \$1.00 ones for 50c.

78 Walking Skirts.

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We will sell all the Handkerchiefs used in the decorations at reduced prices Wednesday and Thursday.

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For the convenience of the public who desire to qualify under the "Householders' and Licenseholders' Qualification" as voters at the ensuing Municipal Elections...

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...

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We Are Now in Receipt of Certificates for 1904. And shall be pleased to issue renewals to Travellers who are already members, and to qualified applicants for membership in this strong and able managed institution.

DR. S. D. POPE.

Announces that in the solicitation of parents he has decided to open a Day School for Girls Only.

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.

Welcome to 1904.

New Year's resolutions are now in order. Start right in everything. Get the habit, early in the year, of buying the best Clothing made. Such a resolution will bring you here.

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City News in Brief.

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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 capital pictures 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 15th. 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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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 30th, 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 of three children of a 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 for new 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 Spass'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.

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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 same ship 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 social given last evening by Mrs. and Mr. Ravei at the Metropolitan Methodist church. Many lantern pictures illustrating Maori land were shown, and the interesting and instructive descriptive addresses delivered by the Raveis were much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Ravei 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. Cobbett, 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. Shotbolt, 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. Leitch; 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. He left the immediate past master, Bro. W. F. C. Pope, and all at his right as the district deputy grand master, Bro. E. B. Paul.

After the inner man had been satisfied the usual Masonic toast list was taken up. "The King and Queen" was first proposed and responded to with patriotic enthusiasm.

The President of the United States was proposed by W. Bro. W. F. 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. S. Rowe and others. The "Living Brethren" 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-Do-Well and Distressed Brethren" was proposed to by Dr. C. N. Cobbett, 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. Price 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, 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 gun boom 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 time engaged 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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Yours sincerely, JAMES M. MELLIS, Secy-Treas. B. C. A. L. A.

CAREFUL RESEARCH. Napier Denison 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.

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.

THE SEMI-FINAL. The semi-final in the J. R. A. A. handball tournament took place between Francis Smith and B. C. Pettigall on Christmas morning.

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

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Those familiar with local players cannot but acknowledge that the above team is upon a par with the best in the province.

JUNIOR MATCH. A junior league game will be played before the senior match on the same grounds between the Victoria and Vancouver teams.

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.

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Although the majority of the Garrison eleven left to-day a number of the players remain at work. Point to the secretary with the players who are expected from Halifax, will no doubt make a strong team, so that some interesting games with the soldiers are anticipated.

PRACTICE TO-DAY. The Y. M. C. A. players are holding a practice this afternoon at Beacon Hill in preparation for the league game 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.

One of these is entered by Victoria against the Columbia 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 Macguy 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 arrange for the championship with Vancouver and Westminster in regard to the provincial championship for 1904.

He has written a number of communications to the two Mainland clubs informing them of the unsatisfactory finish of the season of Vancouver's failure to arrange for the championship with Westminster in regard to the provincial championship for 1904.

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 games, and as your club took no notice of my letters...

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 champions for 1903, without, however, receiving the trophy and medals offered by Messrs. Markle & Co. An effort will be made to arrange a final game between Westminster and Vancouver to open the season 1904.

If this is decided in the league there is every reason to believe it would 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.

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