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BRITAIN PROTESTS Against Turkey Allowing Russian Warships to Pass Through the Dardanelles.

Constantinople, Jan. 6.—Great Britain has vigorously protested to the Turkish government against the permission granted in September last to the unarmed Russian torpedo boat destroyers to pass through the Dardanelles and into the Black sea under the commercial flag of Russia.

OUTBREAK OF FIRE Caused Excitement in Chapel Royal, St. James Palace, London.

London, Jan. 6.—There was considerable alarm at the Chapel Royal, St. James Palace, this morning, owing to the sudden outbreak of fire in the altar.

Barley Chop For fattening and keeping horses in good condition.

ENGLISH COAL TRADE. Orders from the United States Continue to be Received.

New York, Jan. 6.—The year has opened with excellent prospects for the North of England coal trade, says the Tribune's London correspondent.

The American demand for English coal has had an unlocked for effect in preventing the expected decline in the Northumberland miners' wages.

About 9 o'clock Monday morning a miner named Fred. Turton met almost instant death in the Knob Hill mine at Phoenix.

A SCHOONER AND STEAMER ASHORE

OTHER WRECKAGE HAS BEEN CAST ON COAST

Large Quantity of Plotsam Washed up at Carmanah—Queen City Returns With Salmon.

Old Father Neptune in one of his angry moods has been casting up more wreckage at Carmanah, that point at the southwestern extremity of Vancouver Island, which, during the winter season, is often littered with the remains of some vessel.

It will be remembered that in November last Lightkeeper Daykin, who is at ways on the alert for any tidings of disaster, reported that two miles west of Carmanah there was a stern of a large ship's boat, painted white and with the name "Erickson, Cardiff," in black letters appearing on it.

Since Mr. Daykin forwarded this news the steamer referred to has been learned to be the Vladimir, the little tug which disappeared from San Juan last week during one of the heavy blows on the coast.

As for the schooner and the rest of the wreckage referred to little can be said in the form of definite information. There are some overtures, but had the wreck mentioned been either of these it is very probable that the lightkeeper would have recognized it, unless it happens to be battered beyond recognition.

QUEEN CITY FROM COAST.

A shipment of salmon from the Clayco cannery on the West Coast arrived on the steamer Queen City last night, and will be forwarded from here to the Orient on one of the China Mutual liners.

MARINE NOTES.

Americans who served aboard the Bogota after she had been fitted up as a war vessel and sent to Panama on a filibustering expedition have resigned.

DAY OF BATTLE IS DRAWING NEAR

FATE OF CANDIDATES DECIDED NEXT WEEK

The Nominations Will Take Place on Monday—List of Candidates to Date.

Nominations for the municipal elections will be held in the police court on Monday next, between 12 o'clock noon and 2 p.m. Prospective candidates have therefore five days left in which to announce themselves, but in that time quite an additional batch of aspirants may enter the lists.

Already there is quite an extensive field of candidates. There are two for mayor and fifteen for aldermen. So far the largest number of aspirants is in North Ward, where six competitors will race for three seats.

BOERS WERE PRESENT.

Gen. Botha, Delarey and Cronje Attended Garden Party in Honor of Mr. Chamberlain.

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OFFICERS ELECTED.

Regular Meeting of Court Vancouver, A.O.F., Last Night.

The regular meeting of Court Vancouver, A.O.F., was held last evening when business of importance was transacted. A committee was appointed to arrange in conjunction with Court Northern Light for the reception of D.O. H. Bro. Pearson and officers at the next meeting on January 14th, when the officers of the two courts will be installed.

CASES ARISING OUT OF FERNIE DISASTER

Application by Counsel for Plaintiffs Adjudged for Two Weeks—Full Court Sittings.

The sittings of the Full court opened at 11 o'clock this morning, all the judges being present. On behalf of the Law Society, E. V. Bodwell, K.C., presented the following new barristers to the court, viz: S. Child, C. L. O'Brien, H. M. Daly and C. C. McCaul, K.C., who took the oath of office and signed the rolls, and together with R. H. Rogers, were also sworn in as solicitors.

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THE RESULT OF TORONTO ELECTION MR. URQUHART RETURNED AS MAYOR The Referendum Returns Give Over Two Hundred Thousand Votes in Favor of Liquor Act.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The mayoralty elections here to-day resulted in a surprise. It was generally conceded that the fight lay between Mayor Howland, who had the Conservative support, and Ald. Lamb, a Conservative who had the support of the Liberal papers. Urquhart, a straight Liberal, walked in ahead, the vote standing: Urquhart, 8,634; Howland, 7,888; Lamb, 7,573; Robinson, 908. The mayors elected to-day throughout the province included: Guelph, J. H. Hamilton; Kingston, Ald. Bell; Hamilton, Ald. W. J. Borden, elected mayor over Ald. J. Dixon by 250 majority. The Referendum.

Related returns from outlying districts indicate that the total vote cast on December 4th on the referendum may yet come near to the required 212,000 votes required to put the Liquor Act into force. Returns from East Victoria show the vote to be over 2,000. There are yet three ridings from which no official returns have been received, namely, Fort William and Lake of the Woods, Grenville and East Nipissing.

Accountant Ill. Hason Harman, chief accountant of the Dominion Bank, was operated upon yesterday for appendicitis, and is in a low condition.

Swallowed Oyster Shell. Guelph, Jan. 5.—Fred. Noble is dead from swallowing an oyster shell on Christmas evening.

Asphyxiated. St. John, N. B., Jan. 5.—Annie Orr, 16 years old, was asphyxiated by gas from a soft coal stove on Friday night.

Personation. Kingston, Ont., Jan. 5.—Michael Cushion this morning pleaded guilty to personation at the recent referendum vote and was fined \$50 and costs.

Found Dead. Iona Station, Ont., Jan. 5.—Jennie Kerr, 25 years of age, youngest daughter of Alex. Kerr, Southwold, was found dead this morning in bed.

Rector Resigns. Rev. Mr. Heeny has resigned the rectorship of Christ church, and will be traveling secretary for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Plenty of Wood. Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—There are nearly 7,000 cords of wood in the railway yards here waiting dealers. The blockade is not due to any fault of the railway, but is the result of inactivity on the part of the cordwood middlemen, who neglect to unload the cars.

Manitoba College. Dr. Bryce, moderator of the general assembly, returns to-morrow from a victorious tour in the interests of Manitoba college. Several thousand dollars were received, Regina Presbytery giving \$3,200, with only three self-sustaining congregations, and Moose Jaw \$1,100.

ANOTHER FIGHT. Report That Revolutionists Retreated Before Venezuelan Troops.

Caracas, Jan. 5.—Fourteen hundred revolutionists under General Rames and Penolosa attacked 900 government troops under the command of General Acosta on Sunday morning at a point near Guatiere. After four hours of fighting the revolutionists abandoned the field and the town of Guatiere. They had 57 killed and many wounded; one of their guns was taken. A prisoner captured by the government forces is authority for the statement that the revolutionists still lack ammunition.

GERMAN ARMY AND NAVY. Estimated Expenditures Show Large Increase Compared With Last Year.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—The army estimates show a recurring expenditure of \$112,000,000, an increase of \$1,375,000 compared with 1902. The naval estimates show a recurring expenditure of \$25,349,092.50, an increase of \$1,634,232.75. The non-recurring naval expenses include \$20,165,250 for shipbuilding and armaments, an increase of \$12,250,000 compared with 1902. The total devoted to shipbuilding alone shows a decrease of \$197,750 over last year, the decrease being due to cheaper prices for material. Extraordinary expenditures for the new harbor works at Wilhelmshaven, Kiel and Danzig will require \$2,750,000 increase over 1902. The bill creates an additional rear admiral and 114 additional minor officers. In the army estimates \$25,000,000 has been set apart for experimenting with field automobiles, as trials with these machines made up to the present time have shown them to be of permanent value. Among the extraordinary expenditures is the sum of \$5,750,000, of which \$5,200,000 is for fortresses and \$500,000 for field railway material.

TWO MEN DROWNED. Lost Their Lives While Rescuing People at O'Brien, Washington.

Seattle, Jan. 5.—The flood situation in the district south of Seattle does not seem to be greatly improved. Two men engaged in rescuing people at O'Brien have been drowned by the darkness owing to the flooding of the electric lighting plant.

Trains Delayed. Tacoma, Jan. 5.—The delayed Northern Pacific and Great Northern trains from the East have arrived from Portland with hundreds of passengers for Seattle and other Northern points.

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THE REVOLT IN MOROCCO. Pretender Has Retired and Sultan Reconciled With His Brother.

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Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 4.—According to official news received here from Fez, the adroit move of the Sultan in bringing his brother, Mulai Mohammed, to the capital has attained the desired object of depriving the pretender of the throne of his prestige, and the latter has retired, discredited, to Laza. He has been deserted by a number of the local tribes, who dispersed to make sure of their bodies.

Buhamara, the pretender, having proclaimed the intention of enthroning Mulai Mohammed, his rebellion has no longer any reason to continue, as the Sultan has publicly reconciled himself with his brother, and Mulai Mohammed has made a solemn entry into Fez, acclaimed by the populace. The Sultan has announced the appointment of Mulai Mohammed as governor of the province of Fez, thus disproving the rumors that Mulai Mohammed aspired to the throne. When this had been done, according to the official authority for these statements, the tribes around Fez swore fidelity to the Sultan and denounced Buhamara as an impostor whom they would prevent from coming to Fez.

All immediate danger has disappeared. The routes from Fez to the coast are open. It is said the Sultan is now preparing a large expedition, with the intention of crushing the rebellion.

Advices received here from Fez under date of December 29th, are to the effect that the members of Haina tribe, who were fighting for the pretender, have declared their allegiance to the Sultan. Twenty thousand troops have reached Fez from the Sultan. The Sultan has placed his brother, Mulai Mohammed, in command of the expedition against Buhamara.

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WITH ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN BOSTONIANS IN THE FAVORITE OLD OPERA

A Splendid Presentation at the Victoria Theatre Last Evening—"Maid Marian" This Evening.

The "Robin Hood" of De Koven & Smith has been seen here on several occasions, but never has there been such a pleasing presentation of this jolly opera as that given by the Bostonians in the Victoria theatre last night. The company is a large one, it embraces some capital vocalists, especially in the prominent roles; the scenery is in complete keeping with the character of the play and the general excellence of the company, while the large and well-balanced orchestra completed the features necessary to make the play completely enjoyable.

The audience was a large one, and so general was the expression of pleasure that the company are assured of a full house again to-night. From the standpoint of the performers the audience were over-enthusiastic, for they insisted on repeated encores for almost every vocal number, to the manifest exhaustion of the singers. The solos, duets and choruses of "Robin Hood" are in the majority of instances exacting, especially those of Maid Marian, Robin Hood and Will Scarlet, and to the frequent repetition, while meant as complimentary to the performers, while it severely taxed their powers, while it prevented unduly the run of the play.

The inadequacy of the local stage was again demonstrated last evening, for its proportions proved all too limited to permit of freedom, when, as often happened, a large proportion of Barnabee's and MacDonald's big company were on.

Henry Clay Barnabee, one of the proprietors, has the part of the sheriff of Nottingham, and his portrayal of the role is what might be expected from a veteran who has acquired at least a portion of his fame in the character. He is now in the serene and yellow light of life, so far as years are concerned, but perennial youth seems to remain with him in his mimic life. His lessons in life making to his ward and his part in the celebrated "Stinker" scene were good examples of his finished work.

Miss Grace Van Studdiford, the leading lady, has a voice of great compass, and as Maid Marian delighted her audience with "I Dream of You" and other favorites. The flexibility of her voice and its striking harmony with the instrument she perfectly illustrated in another solo given with orchestral accompaniment.

The company have a fine basso in Howard Chambers, whose "Old Cross Bow" and "Armorer's Song" were musical treats.

In Geo. Forthingham the Bostonians have an imitable Friar Tuck, whose drollery was a compensation to C. W. Weeden as Robin Hood had some heavy vocal work, in which his fine tenor was displayed to good advantage, while W. H. MacDonald was a capable Little John.

The company gives "Maid Marian" to-night. "Captain Jinks" on Friday.

If any one should be in doubt as to the progress of the United States in civilization in the last thirty years, these doubts could easily be removed, if he were to attend a performance of "Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," the best Clyde Fitch comedy, in which are shown the idiosyncrasies, customs, manners and peculiarities of New York life in the early 70's. One of the strong points about Mr. Fitch as a playwright is his ability to hit off strange people and strange things in a satirical vein which lays the subject open, although it does not cut it to pieces. The primitive

way of interviewing which the New York reporters used in 1870, when the art of interviewing was in its infancy, as compared with to-day, is one of the subjects treated with delicious humor by Mr. Fitch in "Captain Jinks." In the second and third acts, there is introduced a travesty on the time-honored ballet, which so often has been food for the paragrapher of fun, and the audience since at a rehearsal, a full-fledged corps de ballet, as employed by the famous Mr. Mapleson during his season of grand opera at the Academy of Music in New York. The sale of seats for "Captain Jinks," which is to be presented at the Victoria theatre on Friday evening, opens at the Victoria Book & Stationery store to-morrow morning.

Highlanders' Band. Referring to the band of the 48th Regiment, Toronto Highlanders, which plays here next month, the Detroit Free Press says:

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was only fair to the property holders that the streets be repaired.  
Ald. Kinsman and Worthington agreed with the motion.  
Ald. Yates wanted to know if any space had been left between the market entrance on Figuard street and the railway track. He understood that there was not room for a wagon to pass there.  
Before adopting any motion Ald. Vincent thought it might be well to find out who owned the Terminal Building. The City Engineer was asked if he could collect a bill. He moved an amendment to this effect, which Ald. Kinsman seconded, and which Ald. Grahame protested against, as it would make the original motion ridiculous.  
Ald. Yates moved an amendment that the company be notified to forthwith keep their cars on Figuard street, so as not to impede the castary ingress and egress to the market.  
This amendment was added to the motion.  
Ald. Grahame thought it an extraordinary thing that the names of the referees were not known, while Ald. Yates thought that it was within the Mayor's power to write to the company and obtain the information.  
While sympathizing with the motion, Ald. Cameron thought it might hardly be expected that the council should make a large expenditure on the streets without first having a report from the city engineer as to the extent of the work required to be done.  
Ald. McCandless, not knowing that the clerk had written to the company, then wished to have further consideration of the motion deferred, and this course was pursued, the motion being left over until the meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock.  
His Worship then drew notice to the by-law respecting the carrying of lights on bicycles, which had been introduced by Ald. Barnard in June last, and stood over because of the decision then arrived at by the council to await replies to letters forwarded by the clerk to other cities, seeking information as to what was done in those places in regard to the carrying of lights on wheels.  
Ald. Yates said that as Ald. Barnard was not present he thought it well to defer consideration of the by-law until such a time as there would be a full meeting of the board. He understood that Ald. Barnard had changed his mind about the object for which the by-law was intended. On motion the by-law was accordingly laid over until to-day, and the meeting adjourned after a short session.  
The Mayor announced that he wished to have a full meeting of the streets committee, to be held at 4 o'clock, this afternoon, as there was he thought some very important business before them.  
**SILVER-LEAD INDUSTRY.**  
Resolution Adopted by Mine Owners of East and West Kootenay.  
At a meeting of the silver-lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, held at Sandon, B.C., at which fifty-three mining properties were represented, the following resolution was presented by J. L. Parker of the North Star mine, and seconded by A. G. Garde of the Park Mining Company, and carried unanimously:  
Whereas the silver-lead industry of British Columbia, notwithstanding the unusual richness of the ore, the proved continuity of the veins and the favorable natural conditions for mining in this province, and for some time has been in a declining condition, which, if not averted, will end in total stagnation;  
And whereas the lead mining camps of the United States, and particularly those in Idaho, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado, have for many years past been enjoying great prosperity, due to a protective tariff conserving the home market;  
And whereas the silver-lead mining industry has been for some years of national importance, and unless allowed to decline will result in serious economic depression of great importance, benefiting by its increased expenditures the trade and advancement of both Eastern and Western Canada;  
And whereas our domestic market for the manufacture of products of lead is chiefly supplied from the products of ores mined in Mexico and Europe, whereas labor and cost of production in those countries is lower than in this province, and the condition of affairs permitted by the wholly inadequate protection afforded by the existing tariff, while the prices of white lead, sheet lead, lead shot, in the Dominion of Canada, are approximately equal to the prices charged in such countries in the United States, all to the detriment of the producer, consumer and transporter of lead in this province;  
And whereas, under the existing tariff, little or no protection is afforded to the lead producing mines of this province, the loss of which is a matter of equal importance to all other industries of equal importance known to us;  
And whereas these conditions result in the importation of a preponderance of our crude ore and bullion, the former to United States smelters and the latter to the manufacturers of lead in this province, in competition with the products of cheap European and Mexican labor and the surplus production of the protected industry of the United States;  
Therefore we, the silver-lead miners of the East and West Kootenay districts of British Columbia, in convention assembled, do hereby recommend and respectfully urge the enactment of a tariff which will benefit the producer, manufacturer and transporter of lead, thereby creating and fostering a new and important industry in this province, and in view of the interests of the producer, manufacturer and consumer of lead, we would recommend a duty equal to that imposed by the United States, viz.:  
On lead ore, 1 1/2 cents per pound.  
On lead in bullion, pigs, bars and old lead, 2 1/2 cents per pound.  
On lead in sheets, pipe, shot, etc., 2 1/2 cents per pound.  
On all other products of lead, as provided in the Dingley Tariff Act of July 24th, 1897.  
Provided always that if at any time it should be proved that a combination has been formed for the purposes of unduly increasing the charges made for smelting lead ores produced in Canada, or for selling or marketing lead bullion, or if the charge for smelting and refining in Canada is proved to be greater than the cost of such smelting and refining in the United States, and the secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of the foregoing resolutions to the members of the Dominion Parliament representing British Columbia, with the request that they be reduced in force by the Government as a memorial with their endorsement.  
The writ which the German consul at Geneva proposes to serve upon the Crown Princess of Saxony in a petition for judicial separation from her husband, The Princess, on the other hand, demands absolute divorce from the Crown Prince.

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**WEATHER BULLETIN.**  
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.  
Victoria, Jan. 6—5 a. m.—Since yesterday an important high barometer area has spread over this province from the Pacific; it is accompanied by fair cold weather, which may continue for several days. Light to moderate northerly winds prevail on the coast, and sharp frosts have been general southward to California. From Alberta eastward the weather is abnormally mild.  
**Forecasts.**  
For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly winds, generally fair and cold to-day and Wednesday, with frosts at night.  
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and cold, frost at night.  
**Reports.**  
Victoria—Barometer, 30.47; temperature, 38; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, trace; weather, clear.  
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.46; temperature, 32; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 18; weather, clear.  
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.42; temperature, 32; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.46; temperature, 16; minimum, 12; wind, calm; weather, clear.  
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 12 miles W.; weather, clear.

**STREET CONDITIONS WERE CONSIDERED**  
**THE COUNCIL DEFER ACTION UNTIL TO-DAY**  
City Milk Inspector Presents Annual Report—States That Good Quality Is Supplied.  
Another letter addressed to Mayor Hayward from Captain Bernier, the Arctic explorer, was read at last evening's meeting of the city council acknowledging the city's offer of assistance for the polar expedition. A lengthy discussion took place over the condition of the streets in the northern end of the city adjoining the Terminal railway, and now out of repair, and among the other features of last night's meeting was the effort made by His Worship to bring forward the proposed by-law to amend the by-law requiring bicycles to carry lights, and the presentation of the milk inspector's report.  
In the order of communications, that from Captain Bernier was first read. This was as follows:  
Quebec, Dec. 26th, 1902.  
To His Worship Mr. Hayward, Mayor, Victoria, B. C.  
Dear Sir:—In confirmation of my telegram, I beg leave to thank you very much for the generous offer of assistance which has been made by you as a contribution to the expenses of my contemplated expedition to the North Pole. I would rather see your subscription raised up to \$5,000, adding to that, all facilities and privileges which could be obtained from your locality.  
The fact is that the enterprise being a non-political and non-sectarian, but a purely geographical and scientific, and more over a national one, I will select as a spot where I will build the ship and where I will start from, the place in the Dominion where I will find the largest possible measure of encouragement, both in money and in kind, where also will be given the best facilities in any direction, which facilities may widely vary according to localities and will be of serious consideration in the estimation of the sum which will be required to foot up the total expenditure of the expedition.  
Hoping that my suggestions will be considered worthy of reconsideration by all the authorities, both governmental and municipal, I have the honor, sir, with the compliments of the season, to subscribe myself your obedient servant, with the good will of my fellow countrymen regarding the exploration of the North Pole crowned with success.  
**CAPT. J. E. BERNIER.**  
During the reading of the letter the Mayor remarked that the writer had jumped at conclusions. The captain had not yet got the money. His Worship had written "if the council subscribed \$5,000." The letter was received and filed.  
L. F. Northey, who represents a new invention which sprinkles and cleans streets by means of compressed air, wrote from Montana recommending the machine to this city. It had, he claimed, 15 advantages over any other device of the kind.  
On motion of Ald. Williams the letter was received and referred to the city engineer for report.  
Edward North had complained that the residents on Victoria Crescent had not been treated fairly by the council. Work which had been recommended done on the street had never been carried out. The letter was received and filed, and on motion of Ald. Cameron the writer will be informed that steps have already been taken to have the improvement made.  
P. C. MacGregor & Co. gave notice that the insurance company's policy for which they are responsible would soon lapse, and asked for renewal of the same. Granted.  
Thomas Shaw applied for the position of bridge inspector. Referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee.


City Clerk Dowler reported as follows:  
Gentlemen:—I have the honor to inform you that the following communications have been received and referred to the city engineer for report, namely:  
Mrs. S. S. Burt, calling attention to the condition of a drain in front of her property, Vancouver street.  
James Platt, complaining of the condition of a drain on Michigan street.  
Received and filed.  
City Engineer Topp wrote stating that he had taken steps to have a box drain at the corner of Government and Herald streets, which had overflowed, repaired. Received and filed.  
The city market superintendent reported receipts for the month of December aggregating \$75.70.  
Two annual reports, one from Dr. Tolmie, milk inspector, and the other from the park committee, were next submitted, and will be printed. The former was read as appended:  
Gentlemen:—I beg to submit a report of inspections made by me since my appointment to the position of milk inspector on June last.  
There were 80 milk vendors supplying the city, and the milk derived from about 1,200 cows. I have gathered the samples of milk for testing from the mains in all parts of the city. One hundred and fifty-six samples tested by the Babcock machine, averaged over 2.5 per cent. butter fat, which is an excellent showing when we take into consideration that the standard for milk generally adopted on this continent is 3 per cent.  
I am making regular inspections of the dairy premises, giving particular attention to the sanitary surroundings, cleanliness of the milking and handling of the product, care of utensils, the health of the cattle, water supply and nature of food. I have found the dairymen as a rule ready and willing to make any improvements suggested, and some of the dairies will compare very favorably with those to be seen anywhere.  
I would respectfully suggest that some milk standards be adopted by the city. The three per cent. standard is the one in general use, and I think would be satisfactory to all concerned.  
The standing committee on finance recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$1,923.50. Received and filed.  
The fire wardens reported recommending that the old fire engine taken from the Oaklands station be returned. Carried.  
Ald. Grahame's motion, which had been seconded by Ald. McCandless, was then introduced. It provided that the city should go ahead with the improvement of the streets left in bad condition by the Terminal Railway Company after six days' notice, and that the cost of the same should be charged to the company.  
The motion provoked considerable discussion, but was finally deferred until to-day.  
The mover explained that he had taken the step not out of any prejudice to the company, but only in justice to the property holders who suffered. In one place he mentioned where vehicles sank to the axle. In another part near Mr. Justice Walkem's residence the street was in a bad shape. He pointed out the clauses compelling the company to keep their road beds in good repair two feet from the track, and referred to a letter from Mr. Bodwell promising that all portions injured by the track should be kept in good repair. That they have not been may be due to the fact that the city officials have not insisted on the work being done. He wanted to see the streets placed in good condition at once.  
Ald. McCandless said the motion, if carried, would test the company. It

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THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The forces are lining up for what promises to be one of the most interesting municipal campaigns in the history of Victoria. A belated candidate or two may yet come to the front, but there is at present plenty of material offering from which to select capable and efficient governing bodies. A new element has appeared in the conflict this year, and a fair proportion of the electorate seems disposed at present to regard its presence with doubtful feelings. And yet the representatives of labor are not under any obligation to apologise for their decision to take an active part in the government of the city, with the approval of the ratepayers. It is often urged as a reason why incompetence and corruption prevail in the government of municipalities on this continent that the masses of the people, the better elements of the community, do not take the interest they should in the administration of public affairs. The experience of other and larger communities proves that that which is most to be dreaded in connection with municipal life is the deadening, paralyzing effect of the creeping, insidious dry rot of indifference. There may be some legitimate objection to the division of the forces which make for progress into sections, but good men should be welcomed into the wholesome competition for civic honors no matter from what source they may emanate. Therefore it is well the labor candidates are in the field. But they must be weighed in the same balance as the other aspirants for service on the aldermanic and school boards. If they are considered to be wanting, even by their comrades in the unions, they will hardly succeed, because the labor men of the West are not of types of individuals that can be rounded up and driven to the polls in bodies. And there is nothing to deplore in that fact.

INVASION AND REVOLUTION.

Victorians think they are engaged in a very warm contest at present. According to a dispatch from Mexico, there is some real fighting ahead—a contest in which something more substantial than mere words will be flying about. Canada, we are told, is soon to be invaded by Boers, with the able assistance of pro-Boer Americans. General Samuel Pearson (the names is not very familiar, although we thought we had heard of most of the prominent Boer generals) is to command the expedition. He had all his plans prepared and the necessary funds were in sight, through the munificence of a wealthy American. Then Providence interfered in our behalf and removed the financier. This lucky interposition will give us a little time to prepare for the invasion. The timely visitation has postponed the invasion from the season originally planned, March or April of the present year, to a date yet to be decided upon. The sinews must now be raised in another quarter. If the millionaire had not departed prematurely, it is somewhat disquieting to think we should all have

been citizens of some other country before the end of May. The whole transaction was to be completed inside of a month with an army of three thousand men. The general evidently has a very contemptible opinion of our prowess on the field. As it will now be necessary for him to go upon a lecturing tour for the purpose of raising the funds to equip his forces, Canadians will have a month or two in which to recover from the stinging effects of the announcement and to place their armies upon a war footing.

In the meantime it is scarcely probable the meeting of Parliament will be postponed. There will be plenty of time to vote the extra supplies necessary and to listen to the everlasting contentions between the advocates of high and moderate tariffs. We may even have time to construct another "military" line of railway across the continent, although there are powerful influences opposed to it, such as the C. P. R., which has suddenly and disinterestedly arrived at the conclusion that the time has gone by for governments to assist railways, and the Canadian Northern company, which holds the dire possibility of Canada being divided against itself if the route chosen by the Grand Trunk should be endorsed by the government. On the question of state assistance, Mr. Mann reserves judgment until he sees in what direction the aid is likely to go. Canada is indeed in a perilous state, what between a possible invasion from without and a predicted uprising within her own borders. There is a way to meet competition and invasion from without and disintegration and anarchy from within. Put the tariff away, up. That will bring about co-operation and cohesion, and all will be well. Shut the country up, make the people affluent unto themselves, and they shall dwell in peace, happiness and contentment ever after.

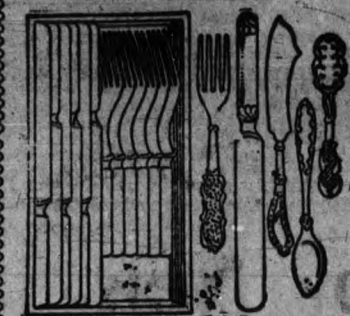
All these rumors of wars of various kinds are quite disquieting at the beginning of this new year—just when we have as a people finished congratulating ourselves upon the unprecedented progress of the past year and the hopeful prospects for the future. No country in the world made such a record as ours in the year 1902. Now when we had reached the natural conclusion that the course was well mapped out and that there was nothing for us to do but abide by the counsels of experience and walk in it, here we are confronted with a dilemma. We must either execute a flank movement or content ourselves with the prospect of a division of the country into fragments. The old cry that the only road to prosperity lies through the gates of protection with a big P has fallen in the light of experience. Now the red flag of revolution is raised in front of the diminished, disorganized ranks of the "grand old Conservative party."

The trustees and the superintendent of education are to be congratulated upon the character of the teaching in the graded schools of the city. They have secured the most efficient staff of instructors in the province, judging from the records. The ratepayers should not overlook this fact when the day arrives for them to mark their ballots. The new blood that is seeking arteries in which to circulate may be bright and warm and ardent in its desire for reforms, but the old, with its experience, is not to be despised. Messrs. Hall, Haggart and Jay have proved their worth by the attention they have devoted to the interests of the ratepayers in what is by no means the least important department of civic government. They have earned the confidence of the electors, and it should not be withdrawn, without cause. But the candidates of the labor bodies are confessedly likely to prove a strong factor in the contest, while the ladies generally contrive to land their nominee well up towards the head of the poll. The election of trustees is not likely to prove the least interesting skirmish in the annual campaign.

Emperor William has informed the Princess Salm Hostmar and several other ladies of the court that they are not fitted to fight vice or elevate the social conditions of the cities. The noblemen had formed an anti-vice society in Berlin, and the Emperor in discouraging the movement wrote to the Princess that she "should know that such things are much better left to the law and its officers, and if it is true that even they are frequently puzzled as to what course to pursue, how can you women, residing in palaces or on estates in prosperous surroundings, undertake to successfully fight the evil?"

We are very much averse to the publication of anything calculated to increase the agitation of His Worship the Mayor. His nerves are in such a work-up condition that his memory is seriously affected. We are not sure but the whole moral fibre of his being is more or less shattered—only temporarily, of course. Nevertheless it is our solemn duty to warn him to prepare for the worst. There may have been a time when the people in Victoria were willing to recognize claims upon the Mayor's chair as a permanent seat. Possibly in case of the advent of the right party they might have undertaken to make it the post hereditary. But public opinion has undergone a change. In every community there is a growing sentiment that the highest

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munificence should be distributed as widely as possible. There is a very marked disposition to discountenance monopoly of a dignity which should be the aim and ambition of every worthy citizen. The greatest city in the world has set an example in this matter. The smaller corporations are becoming more and more disposed to follow the lead of London. Hence we find the people of Toronto rose yesterday and deposed a very highly respected and able man who would not be satisfied with two terms and said it was absurd to suppose he could be beaten by any of the candidates in the field. The point of the moral lies in the application thereof.

The Colonist says Ald. McCandless has so far been losing ground steadily. But then the same paper said the election of Mr. Robertson in North Victoria was "morally" certain; also that the same candidate had victory in his eye. And he had. Perhaps the Mayor has his triumph in the same place.

Will one of the principal parties to the controversy over the responsibility for the deathblow to the exhibition please rise and explain definitely whether the show has been permanently buried, or is there room for hope of a glorious resurrection?

A DOUBLE CHANCE. Chicago Record-Herald. Prayers were offered up in one of the New York churches on Christmas for "the speedy recovery or happy death" of Cornelius Vanderbilt. Evidently the members of that church thought they would take a chance of getting their prayer answered.

HIS ONLY MIRACLE. Dr. Lorenz, in an interview. When I was in Salt Lake City I was called downstairs in the hotel to see a case. There sat a girl, about sixteen years old, and an older brother also was in tears. I asked what the trouble was, and she said that two years ago she fell and hurt her hip, and had had to use crutches ever since. I examined her later in a hospital, and found not the slightest trace of injury. She had pain when she fell two years before, and started to use crutches, and after that she couldn't get along without them. I threw them away and told her to walk and she did. That is the only miracle I have performed in America.

THE OBSCURE MAN'S CONSOLATION. Thomas F. Porter in Boston Globe. Of me the great world never has heard, A yet in this an sorrowful blessing, My lonely state has never stirred, Easy in any human breast.

And if I do not feel inclined To strive some mighty part to play, In this I cannot see a blessing, I stand not in another's way.

If I ever seek wealth's lofty height, One thing at least I feel and know: My goal do not scheme day and night To bring about my overthrow.

And if I am of lowly birth, And a retiring life have led, I doubt if there is on the earth One soul that wishes I were dead.

To me this great earth's riches alone, Men have their days in scheming passed, But we the stubborn fact must own— Old mother earth gets all at last.

THE WAR OF 1812. The injustice of the war of 1812 is well explained by Dr. James Hauney in the first installment of his history of that great struggle which appears in the January Canadian Magazine. He points out that before the news of the declaration of war had travelled from Washington to London the objectionable orders-in-council concerning the right of search had been withdrawn. Thus the only acknowledged reason for the war was removed before a blow was struck. There was an armistice on receipt of the news, but the United States would not agree to stop the war. Napoleon was preparing to invade Russia. Great Britain's hands were full of war. Hence the United States considered it an excellent moment to strike a blow at England—the old mother who was so keenly hated—and at the same time gain possession of Canada. President Madison was coerced by his political friends, who declared he only could secure a second term by carrying on the war. He yielded against the dictates of his better judgment.

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OPENING EXERCISES

At South Park and North Ward Schools Yesterday Afternoon.

There was a large attendance yesterday at the Assembly room of the South Park school, the occasion being the opening exercises. The following programme was rendered: Theresa Mosher, piano solo; Katherine Roberts, song; Ethel Green, recitation; Moriel Hall, piano solo; Georgina Bebbington, song; Violet Mesher, piano solo. High school entrance certificates were presented to the four successful candidates, Marion Albert Hanna, Geo. Clifford Irving, Eva Elizabeth Mason and Violet Winifred Relford. Mrs. Jenkens, trustee, headed to the respective winners the four championship swimming medals won by South Park in the summer inter-school competition. The salt water champions were: In the rescue class, Gilbert Lancaster Sparrow and Violet Winifred Redfern; in the under 12 swimming championship, Aline Constance Cusack and Thos. Clarendon Briggs. The last high school entrance class took advantage of the opportunity to present their instructor, Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, principal of the school, with a very handsome flower vase in silver and cut glass. The presentation was accompanied by an appropriate address, which was suitably responded to by the recipient.

CHARITABLE GIFTS.

Home for Aged Women Has Received Many Donations.

The Aged Woman's Home has been a few weeks in connection with the many acts of kindness bestowed on the inmates of the institution, it might be mentioned that the L. C. O. Society, who have identified themselves with this Home for the past three or four years, have added greatly to the comfort of the aged inmates. They have covered the floors of the front hall, one corridor and three bedrooms with linoleum, given four large linen tablecloths, warm dressing jackets to each inmate, besides linen bedroom towels, bath towels, tea towels, pillow cases, etc., and other such kindnesses by these friends and others, whose donations appear below, materially lightens the labor and anxiety of the committee, as well as comforts and cheers the aged inmates. Both wish all their friends a very happy New Year.

The following donations were much appreciated: L. C. O. Society, cash \$15, two long-linen tablecloths and seven towels; Mrs. Fern, \$10; Miss Murray, \$5; Mrs. J. Brown, Cherry Bank, \$5; Mrs. Waitt, \$5; Mrs. Geo. H. Berge, \$5; Mrs. Whitelaw, peach preserves; Mrs. Mary's sweet potatoes, wrapper and stockings; Mr. J. H. White, sack of potatoes; Miss Becker, box perfume to each inmate; A. W. Wilson, copper boiler; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McNeil, box oranges; W. C. C. Dorcas Society, A new garment and 9 toilet mats; Ministering Circle King's Daughters, 2 night-dresses; Mrs. W. F. Miss and Miss J. L. McCalloch, 2 boxes of tea and 1 dozen bottles of marmalade; Fred. Carne, Jr., six fancy biscuits, candy, figs, canned pease and peaches; Emmanuel Baptist Church, bread, cake, pie and apples; Mrs. H. Clay, Fort street, fruit cake; Bishop and Mrs. Bridge, Christmas cards to each inmate; Mrs. S. Barnard, 2 boxes of

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Municipal Elections

Meetings in Interest of the Labor Candidates will be held at the following dates and places: Odd Fellows' Hall, Spring Bridge, Jan. 8th; Temple's Hall, Jan. 8th; Creamer's Hall, Jan. 9th; South Park school, Jan. 12th; North Ward school, Jan. 13th; Labor Hall, Jan. 14th.

To the Electors of Victoria City.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the earnest request of a large number of electors I have decided to offer myself for re-election as School Trustee. I therefore request your vote and influence on my behalf.

To the Electors of North Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for alderman for above ward and beg to solicit your vote and influence.

To the Electors of Centre Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having been requested by a large number of electors I offer myself as a candidate for alderman for above ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

To the Electors of Centre Ward.

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### City News in Brief.

John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparkling purify.

Miss S. F. Smith, A. T. C. M., has resumed her classes in pianoforte, 57 Fort street. Easter term beginning January 5th, 1903.

The Friendly Help Association will hold its monthly meeting to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in the city market. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

In the happy holiday days the ideal drink is John Labatt's crystal Indian Pale Ale. For sale by Dixie H. Ross & Co., Erskine, Wall & Co. and Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

Mr. Arnold, window dresser for Spencer, has used a unique device for displaying sponges in the firm's windows this week. A regular bath tub has been placed in the window and a large size doll is to be seen about to take a bath.

Last evening the regular meeting of the Tailors' Union was held, when officers were elected as follows: President, A. J. Kennedy; vice-president, J. Fraser; recording secretary, F. J. Knight; financial secretary, Percy Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. Barrett.

The employees of the Victoria & Esquimalt Telephone Company here were generously remembered during the Christmas holidays by their employers and by Mr. Galletly, of the Bank of Montreal, who has yearly given each of the young ladies a souvenir of the season.

There will be three installation ceremonies in the I. O. O. F. lodges this week, commencing to-morrow night, when the officers of No. 2 lodge will be installed for the ensuing year. On Thursday night No. 4 will install officers and on Friday the same ceremony will be conducted in No. 1.

Arrangements have been completed for the installation banquet to be held by the I. O. O. F. in the hall next Monday evening. The joint committee met last night and furthered preparations for the event. The officers of Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will be installed this evening. Officers: President, B. C. Pettigall; vice-president, Margaret White; recording secretary, H. A. Cornell; financial secretary, Elina Hoff; treasurer, Lizzy Freeman; guide, Florence Brown; finance committee, Sara McGilivray, Clara Chapman and Annie Strachan; board of trustees, Mrs. R. Wilson, Isabel Wilkins and Clara Merriman; executive committee, H. A. Cornell, C. Chapman, L. Freeman, M. Allen, E. Roff, A. McKenzie and M. Waehter; sergeant-at-arms, L. Newbigging.

At Labor hall last evening a meeting of Local No. 5, Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers' Union, was held, when the following officers were installed: President, Richard Ryan; vice-president, Edward Gilligan; financial secretary, J. Robinson; recording secretary, J. A. Tripp; treasurer, J. Creed; warden, H. Erskine; conductor, G. Brown; delegates to trades and labor council, J. Wheatman, R. Ryan and F. Hensckl.

Officers were elected as follows at a meeting of the Garment Workers' Union held in Labor hall last evening: President, B. C. Pettigall; vice-president, Margaret White; recording secretary, H. A. Cornell; financial secretary, Elina Hoff; treasurer, Lizzy Freeman; guide, Florence Brown; finance committee, Sara McGilivray, Clara Chapman and Annie Strachan; board of trustees, Mrs. R. Wilson, Isabel Wilkins and Clara Merriman; executive committee, H. A. Cornell, C. Chapman, L. Freeman, M. Allen, E. Roff, A. McKenzie and M. Waehter; sergeant-at-arms, L. Newbigging.

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A large number of spectators turned out to witness the basketball game last evening between the Victoria Athletic Club and Work Estate junior teams. Although the V. A. C. boys were much smaller than their opponents, still at half time the score stood 6 point to 2 in favor of the former. Just before the whistle blew for the commencing of the second part the ball was in the basket, and in trying to knock it out the work estate was pulled over and the rim was bent so that the game could not be continued. The matter will be laid before the executive of the league to decide whether the game will be replayed or only the remaining 20 minutes. S. Porter gave entire satisfaction as referee, the linesmen being A. Janion and F. Dakers.

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The monthly meeting of members of the Horticultural Society will be held in the city hall on Thursday evening, January 15th, at 8 o'clock; not on Thursday next.

New for 1903.—Tomato Bracer, the new beverage for bar and family use, is a first class article, made from tomato, beef extract and vegetable condiments. Try it. It's all right. Kola Wine Co.

Is it an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and the present muddy weather is a boon to the makers of door mats. It is impossible to do without one. Weiler Bros. have them from 50c. to \$3.50.

The drawing for the beautiful doll at Mrs. M. A. Vigor's, 81 Douglas street, resulted in little Miss Ethel Rivers, daughter of Wm. Rivers, 28 Stanley avenue, securing the prize. There were 500 tickets issued.

An important business meeting of the S. P. C. A. was held last evening when it was decided to offer prizes to the different Sunday schools throughout the city for the best essay on the subject of the treatment of animals.

At the union prayer meeting to-night at the First Presbyterian church the subject for addresses will be "The Relation of the Church to Society." 1. "To Organize Society," Rev. Dr. Rowe; 2. "To Social and Business Life," R. V. J. F. Vichert, M. A. A. Huggett will occupy the chair.

The Bishop of Columbia acknowledges the receipt of \$150 toward the Seaman's institute from the following: F. S. Barrard, Mrs. Dunsuir, W. Fernie, A. C. Flumerfelt, D. R. Ker, G. A. Kirk, Hon. J. D. Prentice, T. R. Smith, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., C. Todd, A. W. Vowell and Messrs. R. Ward & Co.

As announced in yesterday's Times the senior and junior Rugby teams will leave on Friday evening next for the purpose of playing the Vancouver aggregations. The probable personnel of the junior team follows: Full back, A. Newcombe; three-quarters, Ogden, Keefer, Janion, Todd; half-backs, Patterson and Sweeney (W.); forwards, Jeff, Fisher, Fawcett, Sweeney (L.), Newcombe (W.), Sweeney and Keefer, Spare man, Walker.

The Mothers' Club will hold their meeting, as usual, in the Spring Ridge school on Wednesday, January 7th, at 3 p.m. As the object of this meeting is the arrangement of the programme for all the meetings until midsummer, it is hoped that as many mothers as can conveniently do so will be present. The work of this club during the past term was very satisfactory, but even better results are hoped for this term.

Yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the marriage of Mr. Henry C. Janion and Marguerite, eldest daughter of the late Capt. Colin Campbell-Black, took place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Miss M. Black, a sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was attended by Mr. C. M. O'Brien. After a honeymoon to be spent in Mainland Mr. and Mrs. Janion will take up their residence in this city.

Referring to the Vancouver Lodge's story of an alleged cannery combine the News-Advertiser, of that city, says: "The announcement in a contemporary on Saturday that the negotiations for the cannery combine promoted by Mr. D. J. Munn, of New Westminster, and in connection with which that gentleman recently went to England, had been almost completed, is incorrect. Mr. Munn, who is now on his way back to the Coast, has been unable to raise the necessary capital for the flotation of the company in England."

About a year ago the city of Nanaimo purchased the waterworks which were formerly held by a private company. The results of the first year have been very satisfactory. The revenue for 1902 totalled up to about \$10,000, while the expenses of operating the system were not more than a fifth of the sum, being between \$3,000 and \$4,000. There has therefore been a net profit of \$15,000. An offset to this is the sinking fund and interest of the money borrowed when the works were purchased. This constitutes an annual charge of \$6,125. Then there is the expenditure of the year on improvements which approximate \$10,000, of which it is possible to pay off nearly half out of profits, leaving the remainder for next year.

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A lecture on the Chinese question was given by J. M. Campbell at a meeting of the Carpenters' Union last evening.

The names of Mr. Goldfinch and Mrs. Henry Clay were omitted from the list of those who made donations to the Home for the Aged and Infirm, published in yesterday's Times.

The Presbytery of Victoria will assemble in St. Andrew's, Nanaimo, on Sunday next, when Rev. Mr. Miller will be inducted into the pastorate. Rev. Dr. Campbell, moderator, will perform the ceremony.

John Williams, an able seaman on the ship Kenilworth, fell overboard from the vessel in Nanaimo harbor on Sunday. He was struck in falling and partially stunned, but was rescued by a fisherman, who was near at hand with a boat.

Ald. A. G. McCallister, the people's candidate in the majority contest, has been invited to attend the meeting held in the interests of the labor candidates this evening. He will be present and will deliver an address by request. The gathering will be held in Spring Ridge.

The regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Kennel Club will be held this evening in Pioneer hall. Terriers will be the class on exhibition, and any who have well bred dogs of this breed are requested to enter them. The total receipts received through the entrance fees will be divided among the winners.

Wm. Crucksank, a fisherman who has been living in his sloop which lies in the Gap at Nanaimo harbor, is believed to have been drowned. He came from his sloop on a skiff on Saturday to make some purchases in that city. The skiff still remains where he left it on the waterfront, and the fisherman has not been seen. It is feared that he has fallen into the waters of the harbor.

The next rehearsal in connection with the musical festival will be held on Wednesday at the city hall, commencing punctually at 8 o'clock. Harris's "Festival Mass" and Stanfor's "Revenge" will be studied. A sign of the widespread interest that has been aroused by Mr. Harris's musical festival is the donation of \$1,000 by Messrs. Heintzman & Co., of Toronto.

Victorians, especially those who purport attending the performance of "Maid Marian" by the Bostonians to-night, will be pleased to learn that one of the leading parts will be taken by a singer who created a very favorable impression when she sang here some years ago. She is Miss Maude Leekly, who, as prima donna contralto with the Boston Lyric company, won many eulogistic notices by both her singing and acting. She will be seen to-night in the part of Alina Dale, a role for which she is admirably adapted.

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### SUCCESSFUL TEST.

Voting Machine Owned by Victorians Used in Ontario Yesterday.

The feasibility of voting by machine was completely demonstrated yesterday when the town council Orangeville, in the province of Ontario, was elected by the modern method. Four machines were employed, and instead of a tiresome wait of hours for the results to be counted up, the returning officer was able to give out the results of the day's election in five minutes after the polls were closed. Everything proceeded with, out a hitch, and the reliability of the new method, together with its great advantages over the old ballot system, was completely established.

The result was awaited with a great deal of interest in Victoria, for to a local company belongs the honor of first exploiting this new field in Canada. The Imperial Automatic Voting Machine Company, with headquarters and offices in this city, and with the majority of its shareholders residing here, also have for several years been perfecting a model voting machine at great expense. A preliminary test was made at an election in Ottawa, Ont., two or three years ago, but since that time the device has been greatly improved, the inventor having been working steadily with a corps of assistants in a Toronto workshop since that time. The machine used yesterday is the result of these years of work, and is identical with the one now on view in this city, and which the city council here highly recommended a few weeks ago.

The company holds its annual meeting here in a month or so, when arrangements will be completed to start manufacturing on a large scale, and to dispose of the patent rights held in Canada to the United States, Australia, Great Britain and several continental countries. It is claimed that the Canadian machine is a great improvement on the models now being made on the American side of the line, and Chicago parties are negotiating for the acquisition of the rights for the whole Union.

The County court sittings have been adjourned until Thursday, January 22nd.

The regular meeting of the Victoria and Far West Lodges, K. of P., to be held as usual on Thursday and Friday, will be of more importance than usual, the occasion being the annual installation of officers. After the ceremonies in connection with Victoria Lodge, No. 17, a banquet will be given by members of the order. The committee in charge of the arrangements is making every endeavor to make this function an unequalled success.

Military scrip can only be applied to agricultural land. The commissioner of lands and works has announced that this is the interpretation which is to be put upon the order governing it. It is not to be interpreted as giving the holders of the scrip an option of selecting timber lands. This latter course was contemplated by many, and speculation was being made of it by a syndicate on the Mainland who expected to secure considerable of this scrip, and apply it to the acquisition of timber limits.

Mr. Justice Irving was a passenger from the Mainland by the steamer Princess Louise last evening.

H. Pender and Mrs. McPhail arrived from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Princess Louise.

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CHAPTER XXI.

The Debt and Credit Account. For several minutes Mr. Cleveland could scarcely credit his own senses. Elizabeth, the invalid, the saint, engaged to be married, and to the curate! It was altogether beyond his comprehension. He scratched his head and looked from one to the other, then exclaimed: "Good Heavens!"

"Why should you look astonished, father?" Elizabeth said. "We have known each other now for nine months, and were drawn to each other from the first by a mutual affinity."

"So this explains how it is that Mr. Plenty has come so often to Sandhurst, does it?" he said. "Well, well!" "Of course, you cannot raise any objection, father," Elizabeth questioned, and again scratched his head. "Well—no, you are old enough now to make up your mind, and it's no business of mine to interfere; but, Good Heavens! I should as soon have thought of the Pope getting married."

"I owe Mr. Plenty something for all the good he has done to me," Elizabeth said; "and as his wife I hope to be able to repay him."

"I hope you will, indeed," said Mr. Cleveland. "By George, it will make a change!" "You will miss me, of course," Elizabeth said; "but you will soon get used to it."

"Miss you! Well, I rather think we shall; the house will seem another place without you!" "But you will think of me being more happy and more useful in a new sphere."

"Well, yes, but it will take a good deal of thinking." Mr. Plenty stood by Elizabeth's side with his hand bent, listening to the conversation but taking no part in it. Now and then, when Elizabeth appealed to him, he assented to her words; but he was by no means certain whether he was in his right mind or whether he was quite awake.

Mr. Cleveland at length took him by the arm and led him into his own den. "Look here, Mr. Curate," he said, "we may as well talk the matter over quietly between ourselves."

"Yes, yes," said Mr. Plenty, abstractedly; "it would be well to talk the matter over." "You seem a good deal dazed," Mr. Cleveland remarked when the door of his study closed behind them.

"It will be a great change for me," Mr. Plenty answered, looking through the window to the distant landscape. "Elizabeth says that you will present me with the living of Briardene."

"Oh, that is the game is it?—Well, well, that seems a reasonable proposition—anyhow, and, of course, you will need something to live upon," and Mr. Cleveland lit a cigar, and for some minutes he smoked in silence. The curate did not smoke, but sat with his elbows on the arms of his chair and his chin in his hand, looking with a strange, abstracted expression out of the window.

On the whole, Mr. Cleveland was pleased with the arrangement. It would be a relief to have Elizabeth taken off his hands. She had been for many years a good deal of a cross. She restricted his movements, she imposed her will upon his, she ruled the household, and not always in the way he liked; she interfered with his free action. He had certain plans and ambitions of his own, and he dared not carry them into effect because of Elizabeth.

"The curate will have his hands full, by Jove!" he reflected; "but still, it is only fair that these burdens should be shared. Of course, I am very fond of my own daughter, but she is a bit of a trial. These saints give one a heap of trouble sometimes. Perhaps having a saint for a husband, she will manage to pull along with him comfortably."

He looked up at length, and said, abruptly: "Look here, Mr. Plenty, you will need some compensation—that is, I mean you will need a good deal to keep up an establishment. Elizabeth has been used to every comfort and luxury, and I am not sure that the tithes of Briardene will run to it; so I will make her a handsome allowance. Do you understand?"

"It is very good of you, I am sure," Mr. Plenty answered, mildly. "I really have never considered money in the matter." "Oh, well, so much the better; it will come as a pleasant surprise to you. Yes, I will make Elizabeth a handsome allowance, so that you may be able to rub along without any worry about ways and means."

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more or less all knocked into a heap myself."

"The Vicarage is a very pretty one," the curate went on, in the same dreamy, abstracted manner, "and the parish is not large. We get to the end we desire, but not by the road we expected. Ah, well, it is not possible to have everything."

"What, wanting more already? Well, really, Mr. Plenty!" "No, no, it is not that exactly," the curate answered, blushing and withdrawing his eyes from the landscape. "No, no, fortune has favored me more than I deserve. Elizabeth is a very wonderful woman!"

"You've said that before, I think," Mr. Cleveland answered, grimly. "Have I? Well, I mean what I say. But I think I will go now," and he rose abruptly and took his departure.

Mr. Cleveland pushed himself further back into his chair and closed his eyes. "Well, this is a kettle of fish, with a vengeance!" he muttered; "and, by George! I don't seem to get quite to the bottom of it, either. The curate himself seems a good deal flabbergasted. I wonder which of them has done the courting!"

Then Mr. Cleveland's thoughts turned to Dorothy. "What would this new turn of events mean to her? Had Elizabeth considered her in the matter, or had she, as in most other things, considered herself alone?"

"Poor Dodo?" Mr. Cleveland muttered, with a softening expression upon his face. "This is rather rough on the little girl after all she has given up."

Meanwhile, the curate was making his way slowly in the direction of Mr. K. His eyes were upon the ground, his brain was in a whirl. He was not certain yet whether he ought to rejoice or to be sorrowful.

It was not altogether pleasant to be called upon suddenly to give up the romance of his youth and settle down to very ordinary prose with a woman whom he cared nothing for. It might be true that Mr. Plenty no longer occupied a place in his thoughts and in his heart that she once did. Time had taken the fire out of his passion, and robbed him of the sweet impatience of youth. Nevertheless, there were times—brief moments—when he was able by a little effort to project himself back into the old days, and feel something of the old passion stirring in his blood.

For Elizabeth Cleveland he could never feel what she had once felt for Mr. Plenty; there was no halo of romance surrounding her head. No glamor of youth and beauty and the nameless charm of ingenuous girlhood to glorify her presence. Then, too, she had been an invalid—indeed, he regarded her as an invalid still; and notwithstanding her assurance that she was well, how did he know that when the present excitement was over, she would not drop back into the old groove and be just as bad as ever?

There was no depending upon these hysterical people. They were always apt to break out in fresh places, and when least expected.

Neither could he deny to himself that he had been deliberately trapped. To put it vulgarly, Elizabeth had been too many for him. She had outmaneuvered him, outgambled him, outwitted him. It was very humiliating, and in his heart he resented it.

And yet what could he do? Strictly speaking, he had only himself to blame. He had not been careful; he had made much of her, and led her to think that he had meant more than he did. He had tried to recall some of the little speeches he had made. He had used terms of endearment again and again. They had spoken of love—there was no denying it. Of course, he had intended her to interpret his words as people did the Songs of Solomon; but, being a woman, she had done nothing of the kind. She had lost sight of their spiritual meaning altogether—and cherished them in her memory and in her heart. It was a somewhat awkward not at all sure that the blame was not more his than hers. He ought to have considered this contingency, and backed out months ago if he was not prepared to take the consequences. This was the debit side of the account.

When he considered the credit side he looked a little more cheerful, and walked with more buoyant step. At last he was within sight of being a vicar. That meant a very great deal. A demerit of a bishopric did not seem impossible, after all. Moreover, being the husband of Elizabeth meant being the son-in-law of Peter Cleveland. There were possibilities in that fact he had never measured

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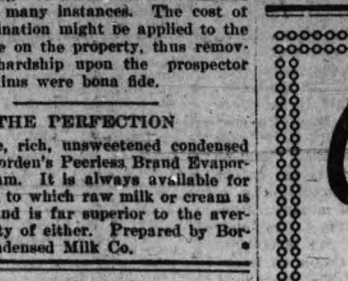
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