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SWEEP OVERBOARD.

Three Passengers Lost From Steamer Arcadia on the Voyage Between Hamburg and Philadelphia.

New York, Nov. 9.—A dispatch to the Herald from Philadelphia says:

"Lost at sea is the only explanation made of the disappearance in mid-ocean of three passengers on the Hamburg-American line steamship Arcadia, which has arrived here. The missing persons are Anna Frohn, Otto Frohn and Josef Bona.

"The Arcadia left Hamburg with 450

steerage passengers, among them the Frohn family, including the father, mother and five children, of whom Anna and Otto were the oldest.

"Anna and Otto Frohn, and young Bona were promenading the deck one morning, but when dinner was served they were not in their accustomed places. They were never again seen. That they had been carried overboard was the conclusion reached by the ship's officers, who are unable to explain why they made no outcry. If they had cried for help it is believed some one would have heard them."

THE ASSINIBOINE GIVES UP ITS DEAD

FINDING OF BODIES SOLVES A MYSTERY

Death of Ex-Lieut.-Governor Masson of Quebec — Woman Assaulted Uncle With Axe.

(Associated Press.)

Portage la Prairie, Man., Nov. 9.—Another mystery was cleared up last night when the bodies of the two unfortunate little Davidson girls, who disappeared during the summer of 1902, were found on the banks of the Assiniboine about two miles west of the town. The remains were identified by means of some clothing which they wore, although but little remained of the bodies, save the skeletons. They were removed to McKillop's undertaking establishment and will be interred to-morrow. Much mystery surrounded the disappearance of the little girls at the time, and it was first thought they were kidnapped. The river was searched for days, but to no avail, and now at last it has given up its dead.

Ex-Lieut.-Governor Dead.

Montreal, Nov. 9.—Hon. L. F. R. Masson, ex-lieutenant-governor of Quebec, is dead. Lieut.-Col. Louis F. R. Masson was born at Terrebonne on November 7th, 1833. He was educated at the Jesuit College, Georgetown, Worcester, Mass., and at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. Later he entered law offices in Montreal, and in 1859 was admitted to the bar. He never, however, practiced his profession. On August 21st, 1863, he was appointed brigadier-major 8th militia district of Lower Canada, doing active duty during the first Fenian Raid, March, 1866, and also during the second raid the same year. He was mayor of Terrebonne in 1874. In 1867 he was first elected to parliament for the county of Terrebonne. In 1873 he declined a seat in the Macdonald cabinet. Five years later when the MacKenzie administration resigned Mr. Masson was offered a portfolio in the new ministry, and was sworn in as minister of militia and defence. On January 16th, 1880, he resigned and was appointed president of the privy council. In the same year he resigned his cabinet position and two years later was called to the Senate. In 1884 he was appointed a member of the legislative council of Quebec, and held that position until November of the same year when he resigned to assume the duties of lieutenant-governor of Quebec.

Zionists Meet.

A largely attended meeting of Zionites from all parts of Canada was held here last evening, when the offer of the British government to extend a protectorate over a colony of Zionites to be established in East Africa was endorsed. At the same time it was plainly set forth in the resolutions that the acceptance by the Canadian Zionists and the British government's offer in no way affected their full adherence to the basic programme.

Football Championship.

The championship of the Quebec-Ontario football union was decided on Saturday, when the Ottawa Rough Riders defeated the Ottawa College by 13 to 12, winning the championship, while the second place went to Montreal, by defeating the Britannias of this city, by 15 to 6.

Conservative Candidate.

Guelph, Ont., Nov. 9.—Hugh Guthrie was the unanimous choice of the South Wellington Conservative convention to-day for representative in the Dominion House.

Body Found.

Oakville, Ont., Nov. 9.—The body of Donald McGregor, ex-manager of the Bank of Commerce, at Galt, was found on the lake shore today. The clothing was found near the same spot two weeks ago, and it was reported that McGregor had taken this means of quietly disappearing.

Fire at Strathroy.

Strathroy, Ont., Nov. 9.—The premises of the Cameron Dunn Manufacturing Co. were burned on Saturday morning. The loss is twenty thousand dollars.

Attacked Her Uncle.

Fannie McGarrett, a young woman of this town, last night probably fatally wounded her uncle, Patrick Upton, of Adelaide. The young woman had been living with Upton for several years as housekeeper. Last evening Upton called at the residence of the girl's parents, and while sitting in the house the young woman came in with an axe hidden under her cloak, with which she attacked her uncle, striking him three times on the head. The young woman was placed under arrest. She has been exhibiting signs of insanity for some weeks.

MORE MEN IDLE.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Two thousand men have been laid off by the Illinois Steel Works, South Chicago. In addition to this reduction, 1,200 men who were discharged two weeks ago and who expected to return to work to-day have been informed that there is no work for them. The officials of the company refuse to talk about the retrenchment going on, but it is said by the men that they are being laid off because of cutbacks in the output.



MINISTER'S SUICIDE.

Member of the Italian Cabinet Shot Himself With a Revolver.

(Associated Press.)

Naples, Nov. 9.—Minister of Finance Rosano committed suicide by shooting himself last night. He was found dead this morning in his room, a revolver by his side.

Signor Rosano was given the position of minister of finance by the Italian cabinet, the formation of which was announced only last Wednesday.

Charged With Corruption.

Rome, Nov. 9.—Since the formation of the new cabinet the Socialists have attacked Signor Rosano, the minister of finance, charging him with corruption during his political career, challenging him to disprove the charges, and adding that otherwise they would bring the matter up at the opening of the chamber of deputies. It was at first announced from Naples that the minister had been stricken with apoplexy and died while taking a nap for Rome. Later, however, it became known that he had committed suicide.

OPERATION PERFORMED ON GERMAN EMPEROR

Official Bulletin Which Says His General Condition is Satisfactory Does Not Reassure Populace.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Nov. 9.—A bulletin concerning the condition of Emperor William, who was operated upon Saturday for the removal of a polypus from the larynx, was issued this morning at the new palace. It is as follows:

The inflammation which naturally follows as a reaction from the operation already is diminishing. We can therefore be satisfied with the appearance of the left vocal chord. Nevertheless the healing of the little wound will require another week.

The Emperor's general condition is good. His temperature and pulse are normal.

(Signed) Von Leuthold, Schmidt Ulbers.

The court circular states that the Emperor this morning personally heard the report of Herr Von Lucanus, chief of the civil cabinet.

Causes Unrest.

New York, Nov. 9.—Information contained in private dispatches received here shows that the operation on Emperor William is similar to the first one performed on his father, and consequently causes concern in his household. The official statement issued by the surgeons of the fair week was most innocent.

In addition to these extra expenditures it was found necessary to build horse stalls and re-floor some of the pig pens. These amounts properly belong to permanent improvements, but as the expenditure was made on the driving park, which is outside the property of the association they could not be classed as such, although of a permanent nature.

It will be noticed that the operations show a deficit of \$664.22, but included in this amount is the sum of \$300.15 chargeable to permanent improvements, chandeliers and effects, medals on hand (which will be used next year), and accounts carried over from 1902, leaving a difference between the receipts and actual running expenses of 1903 of only \$363.47.

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It will be noticed on comparison with last year's accounts that the expenditure for 1902 was \$2,831.90 less than that of the previous year, due to a large extent to careful and economical management, although the expenditure for repairs and maintenance for 1902 was about \$1,000 more than this year. It will also be noticed that the gate and grand stand receipts this year were considerably less than the previous year. This falling off is due entirely to the weather, which during the latter part of the fair week was most inclement. Had the weather been fair there is no doubt that the accounts would have shown a handsome balance to credit instead of a deficit. As far as is able to judge, this year's exhibition was conducted in an economical as well as most efficient manner.

I have much pleasure in stating that the secretary has adopted a most admirable system of keeping the accounts, and his book shows in a full and yet concise manner a complete record of the whole of the transactions in connection with the exhibition, and the records so established will furnish a valuable data for guidance and comparison in the future.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

C. S. BAXTER.

The detailed financial statement follows:

Receipts.

Membership fees \$ 518.00

Subscriptions \$ 3,099.00

Provincial government \$ 300.00

Citizens 1,355.00

Special prizes paid to association \$ 365.30

In addition to this there were orders for cash and goods, \$1,000.

St. in all \$ 4,088.22

Entry fees \$ 93.00

Gates and grand stand \$ 319.95

Privileges including receipts for electric light 712.60

Race entries 512.50

Prize list, advertisements 235.00

Race programmes 62.80

Sundry receipts 63.30

Bulletin Give Facts.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—Professor Bernhard Frankel, the eminent throat specialist, of Berlin University, in an interview today with the correspondent of the Associated Press said: "The public concern about the Emperor's condition is unwarranted. The facts are absolutely as stated in this morning's bulletin. The people are only agitated, because they remember that the first reports about Emperor Frederick did not disclose his true malady, but this time the bulletin is correct."

The Kaiser at Work.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—The latest news regarding the condition of Emperor William is satisfactory. He worked several hours this afternoon on government business, and wrote a long telegram to King Edward congratulating him on his birthday.

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BRITAIN AGAIN WORKS FOR PEACE

United States Requested to Look After Interests of British Subjects

Washington, Nov. 7.—A dispatch to the state department from Minister Beaupre, dated at Bogota, November 6th, says there were rumors of trouble and insurrection there on that date.

Government advises indicated a regular development of the new government of Panama.

The British government has formally requested the state department to look after the interests of the British subjects on the isthmus, and similar requests from other European nations are expected, all of which will be promptly granted.

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Assumes Obligations.

Panama, Nov. 7.—On the most reliable authority, the correspondent of the Associated Press is authorized to state that the Republic of Panama will assume the Colombian canal obligations, and that arrangements with that end in view are already being made.

Condones Americans.

Parks, Nov. 7.—Colonel-General Torres says that the action of the American naval forces at Colon prevented Colombia from sending troops to Panama to suppress the uprising, thus preventing Colombia from fulfilling her treaty obligation to maintain order. He further declared that in spite of American interference Colombia will fulfil her treaty duties and will march troops by land to Panama.

Surprised.

London, Nov. 7.—Some surprise is expressed in official quarters here at the quick action taken by the Washington government in announcing the attitude regarding the new Republic of Panama, which, though not accepted as a formal announcement, is universally taken as tantamount thereto. Particular interest is attached to Secretary of State Hay's expression that Panama has "accomplished" its independence, and there is a frank expression of the difficulty which faces any European government in recognizing a revolutionary body, unless it has proved itself able to hold its own.

The view expressed by a British official to the representative of the Associated Press is: "Of course, if the United States sends a note to the powers indicating their belief, that Panama has practically established, or, as Secretary

of State, has no doubt that Sir Ernest Satow, the British minister to Japan, at Lord Lansdowne's instigation, told Japan that Great Britain would not give her any financial help should she unnecessarily precipitate hostilities."

The result of this interesting chapter in diplomacy, which in its entirety will probably never be revealed by any public dispatches, is that in the event of a satisfactory conclusion of the Russo-Japanese negotiations Japan will shortly after signing a treaty, endeavor to obtain another loan in London, having the full unofficial support of the British government. All that the foreign office will say for publication in this connection is that it is extremely probable that Japan will need more money.

From one of the leading embassies here, however, the Associated Press learns that even in signing a treaty under which Russia will agree to give up all claim to commercial and political privileges in Korea, which is now conceded to be the basis of the forthcoming agreement, Japan will feel constrained to keep up her present defensive strength, at any rate until the spring of 1904. At least the British government's unofficial guarantee that, upon the successful conclusion of a treaty with Russia, Japan shall have adequate financial resources to maintain her forces as a safeguard.

May Resign.

Yokohama, Nov. 7.—It is reported generally at Tokyo that Admiral Alexoff, the Russian viceroy of the Far East, will shortly remove his headquarters from Port Arthur to Vladivostock, and resign the viceroyalty in favor of a certain Russian prince, and that Vladivostock will be made an open port.

In memory of "the best of another's jaw," is Queen Alexandra's tribute to the late Queen Victoria, inscribed on a memorial just erected at the royal mausoleum at Frogmore, near Windsor. The memorial is a beautiful statue of the Saviour, 17 feet high, sculptured and cast from Denmark at the expense of Queen Alexandra.

The strike in the slate quarries at Port Pirie, North Wales, which had been maintained for the last three years, entailing enormous expense and suffering upon the families of the workers, has collapsed. The men volunteering to return to work without obtaining a single concession from the owner, Lord Penrhyn.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and biliousness.

Hay says "accomplished" its independence, and expressing the condition of unwilling Panama in that condition, there is not the slightest doubt that every power will formally recognize what would then be the obvious independence of that state."

AFTER LONG CHASE.

Fugitive Foreman of C. P. R. Sectionmen Arrested at Brooklyn—How He Was Traced.

New York, Nov. 7.—The Press to-day says: "Canadian detectives, with the assistance of two men detailed from the central office, arrested Frank Frappier in Brooklyn last night on a warrant charging him with the theft of \$40 from the Canadian Pacific railway. The slants from Canada said the charge was technical, and that the prisoner had robbed the company of many thousands of dollars by means of 'dummy' pay rolls and a system which he devised for paying employees at distant points on the line."

"Frappier said he would fight extradition to the last, and would endeavor to prevent them taking him back to Montreal for trial. He was traced by the detectives through his wife, who led them a chase through the New England states in an effort to throw them off her trail. Frappier was in the employ of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co. and an electrician.

"According to the story told by Detective Wm. Crowe, of Montreal, Frappier was a prominent man, and it is believed he has an ample fortune stowed away somewhere. The detectives say he kept a large hotel in Montreal in addition to his place as foreman of sectionmen employed by the Canadian Pacific. He was arrested in August and jumped his bail. His wife remained in town, but the detectives learned she was making hasty preparations for departure. They decided to trace her, correctly assuming she would lead them to her husband. The woman discovered she was being followed, and she went to Boston and other places in New England, finally going to Brooklyn.

"Frappier refused to talk. When arrested last night he defiantly told Crowe he would have plenty of trouble before he took him back to Montreal."

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PERISHED IN HOME FIRE.

Eight Men Known to Have Lost Their Lives—Hercule Superintendent's Death.

Virginia City, Mont., Nov. 7.—The list of the dead as a result of the fire which started yesterday in the Kearsarge mine, at Summit, eight miles from here, numbers eight.

The plant employed 200 men. The fire, which started at 7 o'clock as the shifts were being changed, still rages furiously, and the rescuers, hundreds of whom have gone from Virginia City, will be hampered, as there is no apparatus at the mine.

Superintendent Turner gave his life for his men. He was at breakfast and partially dressed when the alarm came. Dashing into the shafthouse in his shirt sleeves with a valise whose name has not been learned, Turner made his way into the main tunnel. Here they found everything ablaze. They groped their way down and dragged out five bodies. In a second attempt they did not come out, and later their remains were recovered by rescuers. The man that so heroically died Turner perished with him.

THE HAZELTON QUEEN.

Many years ago in the little missionary village at Skeena Forks, when Bishop Ridley was in charge of the church duties at Caledonia, when steamboat, and, in fact, all communication was practically cut off from the outside world, one paper was published and circulated among the miners and residents of the village. Its circulation was free, and its object was the extension of the Word of God. It was the extension of the Word of God. It was published every Saturday morning and distributed among the residents for miles around. Copies in those days had to be in the hands of the printer on or before Thursday of each week, as printing a paper then was no easy matter. The office of the Hazelton Queen was in the bishop's residence, his drawing room being the press room, and C. W. D. Clifford, now M. P. P., was chief seer and pressman. Under his able management, and with the assistance of Bishop Ridley, the paper made its appearance every Saturday regularly, and was eagerly awaited.

It was printed by the genuine process. First the paper had to be written by hand, then transferred to the galatine and the required number struck off.

The first number appeared in December 18th, 1880, and the paper existed until the miners and others began to move away, and on March 12th, 1881, this quaint little journal ceased publication.

The paper itself was about the length of a sheet of foolscap, and three columns wide. News was contributed by the bishop and staff; riddles and poems were in order.

The riddles appeared in one issue and the answers in the next.

Copies of this paper are very rare, as the circulation was limited, but the initial announcement and a complete file is a cherished possession of Mrs. Andrew, 239 Johnson street. Contributed.

Professor Bieramonti, before the Venezuelan arbitration tribunal, continuing his argument for Italy, declared that the objections to the employment of force was purely sentimental. The blockade had excellent results, as it forced Venezuela to recognize her responsibility for damages resulting from civil war.

Thomas Costello, alias Tom Murphy, an aged pal of Pat Crows, the outlaw, has been arrested at St. Joseph, Mo. Costello confessed participating in the kidnapping of young Chuddy at Omaha.

He says that the man Johnson, who is now serving time in Montana for train robbery, seized young Chuddy, while he and Crows waited at a little house on the outskirts of Omaha.

The timber suit brought by the United States against Senator W. A. Clark, involving timber lands in the Bitter Creek valley, Western Montana, to the value of \$2,000,000, has been settled by Judge Knowles, of the United States District Court, in favor of the defendant. Judge Knowles finds that the defendant was guilty of irregular purchases of lands, and innocent of the illegal registration of the same, if such irregularity existed.

A German missionary from Damaskus reports that Lieutenant Jobst, commandant of Warmbad, ordered the Bondelzwaerts to deliver up their rifles for registration. A deputation of the natives met the commandant to discuss the matter, and an alteration arose. The commandant, becoming incensed, shot the Bondelzwaerts chief, killing him. This led to a general attack by the natives, in which it is believed that 15 of the soldiers in the garrison were killed and that few escaped.

"My wife was for five years," writes M. J. Milton Lager, of McComb, Pa. "Her heart was pleated, and she took a purgative every few days but only relief from it. I bought one bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery from a druggist and after taking it she said she felt like a new person, and has no pain nor bloatings, and has gained fifteen pounds in weight."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation and biliousness.

TRAMWAY COMPANY'S BUSINESS FOR YEAR

Annual Report Shows an Increase in all Departments—Profits Have Also a Corresponding Advance.

The report of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, Ltd., for the year ended 30th June last, states that business has largely increased in all departments, and the profits made show a corresponding increase.

The gross receipts show an increase over the preceding year of \$85,717, and the net earnings, after charging new debts, an increase of \$39,172. The following charges have been made against the revenue of the year: Renewals maintenance, \$10,448; bonus to employees, \$1,494; written off preliminary and issuing expenses, \$1,000; added to capital amounting, £1,395. The net profit for the year, after making the above deductions, amounts to £37,895, and adding the balance brought forward, £533, and deducting debenture interest, the dividend and preferred ordinary stock for nine months to 31st March, 1903, and the interim dividend on the deferred ordinary stock for six months to 31st December, 1902, there are available for distribution and reserves £15,779. The directors have decided to provide for the dividend on the cumulative perpetual preference shares to 30th June, 1903, to provide for the dividend on the preferred ordinary stock for three months to 30th June, 1903, to recommend a dividend on the deferred ordinary stock at 3 per cent., making 5 per cent. for the year, to transfer to the reserve fund £3,000, leaving a total of £11,000.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Nov. 9.—5 a. m.—A storm area from the north developed yesterday on the Vancouver Island coast, causing a heavy easterly gale along the Straits and the outside waters; the wind attaining here an hourly velocity of over 50 miles; cautionary storm signals were displayed here, and at Nanaimo and Vancouver; rain and sleet fell on this island and on the Lower Mainland, and snow in Barkerville; and snow has fallen on the adjoining Sooke hills.

Owing to the storm no American reports have been received this morning; in the Northwest the pressure is decreasing and the weather is fair and cold.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Decreasing winds from west and south, chiefly cloudy and cold, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Decreasing winds, mostly cloudy and cold, with rain or snow.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, 24 miles W.; rain, 27; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles S. W.; rain, 54; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.43; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 10 miles S.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.34; temperature, 26; minimum, 24; wind, calm; rain, 10; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, 29; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

ENJOYABLE PERFORMANCE.

"Floradora" Attracted Crowded House on Saturday Night—The Features.

That "Floradora" has lost none of its power of attraction was proved by the large audience which assembled at the Victoria theatre Saturday night when this time-fair comic opera was again presented. Unfortunately, the scenery which was destroyed in the recent railway accident in California had not been replaced, and previous to the rise of the curtain, R. E. Graham, on behalf of the management of the company, and theatre, explained the loss and requested the audience to overlook this, intimating that otherwise "Floradora" would be presented in the same manner as previously.

That this was no idle statement was proved when the performance began, for the opera was as entertaining as ever. On this occasion there was an entire change of principals, but the high standard of excellence set when the opera was last heard has been maintained. Considerable interest attached to the reappearance here of Miss Isadora Rush. That she was favorably remembered for her portrayal of the lady detective in "The Wrong Mr. Wright," in which she played with Roland Reed, was demonstrated by the hearty applause which she received. A more amusing Tweedle-dum than Philip H. Slyle would be hard to find, and his "My Photograph" never failed to create a laugh. Another mirth provoking scene was the burlesque on opera in which he appeared with Dolores, R. E. Graham as Cyrus W. Gilpin was also excellent. "Galloping" the song and dance by Angela Gifford, Miss Harriet Merritt, and Capt. Donegal, Donald Brine, was encored a couple of times.

One would imagine that from the number of times "Tell Me, Pretty Maiden, Are There Any More at Home Like You?" has been pronounced to Victoria audiences that the question had been definitely settled as well. Ann's age, for instance, but this delightful double sextette is destined to be ever popular, and Saturday night had to be given several times ere the singers were allowed to retire.

From beginning to end the opera proved as enjoyable as ever, and many will look forward to again hearing its tuneful numbers.

Charles H. Leonard, of East Orange, N. J., who was arrested at Vancouver recently with his wife, on a charge of forgery, and who went back from the Terminus City without extradition, is in jail at New York, and will shortly come up for trial. His young bride was allowed to go to her home.

In consequence of the Porte's reply, pleading the superiority of the new reform scheme for Macedonia on the ground that Turkey is carrying out the proposals previously agreed to, it is believed that Austria and Russia will send an ultimatum, giving the Turkish government a fixed term within which to accept the proposals, and that in the event of another refusal, the two powers will take steps to compel Turkish action.

Monkey Brand Soap cleans kitchen utensils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery.

A VERY WET GAME AND A CLOSE ONE

BETWEEN VICTORIAS AND THE COLUMBIAS

Won by Former After Hard Struggle—
Rugby Match Resulted in Favor
of the Intermediates.

month of the Columbia goal repeatedly. It was after one of these kicks that the Victoria's scoring the goal which won for them the game. The ball was taken by the forwards and rushed into the goal. J. Lorimer scored.

The remainder of the game was evenly contested, but neither team added to its score. Secret Wood referred the game to the satisfaction of both teams.

CENTRAL 1, CAPITALS 0.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather only half of the junior league match between the Capitals and Central school teams was played on Saturday. When the game was called off the Capitals were in the lead by one goal. The Capitals were putting up a hard game, however, and there was little to choose between the two elevens. W. A. Lorimer acted as referee.

If necessary the remainder of the game will be played at the close of the season. By the time the series of games is completed either one or the other team may have such a lead as will render it unnecessary to play off the latter part of this match.

AT CANTEEN GROUNDS.

The Y. M. C. A. and Grafton teams played a close game at the Canteen grounds on Saturday. This match resulted in a score of 1 goal to 0 in favor of the sailors, who proved somewhat better in combination work than their opponents. In spite of this advantage, however, the game was stubbornly contested, and it was only after the hardest kind of work that the Grafton crew secured the winning goal. The play of the Y. M. C. A. team showed a decided improvement. Owing to the condition of the grounds, the match was not as fast as might have been, but at times the forwards on both did some really brilliant work. E. M. Whyte, in goal for the Y. M. C. A., saved some difficult shots. The all-round play of the sailors and the work of the Y. M. C. A. backs deserves every praise.

THE RING.

ENDED IN EIGHTH.

On Saturday afternoon a splendidly contested game was played between the Victoria and Columbia teams at Beacon Hill, resulting in a victory for the former eleven by the narrow margin of one goal.

Owing to the condition of the grounds, which were covered with puddles of water, and were very muddy and slippery, playing was not as good as would otherwise have been the case. The men found it difficult to keep their feet, and on many occasions fell when a careful bit of play would have put either one or the other team in the lead.

A comparison of the rival elevens on their showing in Saturday's match gives the Columbias the advantage in the forward division. There is no doubt that the boys in red are faster on their feet and in dribbling than their opponents. This they proved by their repeated dashes on the Victoria back division.

These assaults were cheered by a large number of adherents. In fact the majority of the crowd seemed to encourage the Columbias, no doubt on account of the indomitable pluck that has been displayed by that team in persevering against heavy odds in the fight for the cup.

Although the Columbias have a fast forward division the opposing forwards, although not as "speedy," showed up splendidly in combination work and, through their persistence and weight, gradually tired the Columbia backs until they secured the goal which gave them the game. It was the back division of the Victoria eleven that defeated the Columbias. In spite of their well-directed attacks they could make no effect on Peter. Goward, Gowan or Jones, the goal keeper. As Secret Wood, the referee, afterwards remarked, these players deserve every praise. Of course Goward was the most prominent. When the Columbias made their dashes he was always in the right place at the right time, and repeatedly sent the ball well into the centre of the field. When necessary Jones, in goal, was on hand, and always proved equal to the occasion.

The Columbias backs worked hard. In the first half when Victoria was kicking down hill into their goal they played a splendid defence game, being always ready to receive the ball and put it in a less dangerous part of the field. Johnson played a great game at back. His work would have done credit to a player of more experience. It was due to his presence of mind and skill that many of the risks of the Victoria forwards did not take effect.

The match started at 3 o'clock promptly. For the first half the Columbias kicked up hill, and they were, therefore, for the most part, on the defensive. When the ball was kicked off the Columbias started in with a rush on the Victoria's goal, which looked as if it might take effect. They played splendid combination and dribbled fast. However, the Victoria backs were in their places, and the ball didn't pass them. The remainder of the first half was much the same. The Columbias, just after time, endeavored to score and as frequently their efforts were repulsed. Victoria then took a turn at the attack but also without success. Several times the ball was carried down field, and passed in front of Columbia's goal only to be returned by the backs. This was the play for the first half. It was varied occasionally by a bunch of players dash madly into a puddle in the centre of the field after the ball.

Before the finish of the match, however, the chill of the water had cooled the ardor of the players, for it was noticed that in the second half they weren't so eager to take to the water for the ball. In this connection a misfortune which befell Tye, one of Victoria's speedy little forwards, may be mentioned. He was coming down the field after the ball, which had taken a position in the centre of the pool. Without hesitation he dashed into the water, but before reaching the ball slipped and fell. Although an experience which might have been expected it was without a doubt most unpleasant. To the spectators, however, it appeared to be most amusing.

At half time the Columbias kicked down hill, and many thought that they would then be able to score. However, the Victoria backs were still able to repulse attacks and the forwards of the same eleven buckled down and did some good fast work. Rithet showed up to advantage in this half. He was playing left half back, and sent the ball into the

From the kick off the seniors played up better. The ball was kept for the most part in the intermediates twenty-five, and finally the seniors succeeded in securing their first and only touch down. Phil Austin did the scoring. The kick was taken by Macrae, but killed.

The seniors were confident of victory in the second half, and started off with confidence. Before long, however, they began to be convinced that the problem of winning out was more serious than they had anticipated. The intermediate forward division worked splendidly and pushed the seniors over the field in great style. A series of scrimmages brought the ball in close proximity to the senior touch-line, and a short sprint by E. Foot resulted in a second try for the seniors.

Again Blackburn placed the ball and once more he made a kick that would have done credit to the best of the seniors. It was judged carefully and placed splendidly. As the ball passed between the bars for the second time the seniors felt that their fate was sealed.

There was no further score, the game ending with the intermediates in the lead.

The play of the intermediates deserved every praise. Each of the forwards worked together. In the scrums they were in unison, pushing and heeling in great style. The half backs, Sweetland and Poole, did their part well. Both are good in sprinting and have method in their tackling. J. Hunter, W. Todd, A. Newcombe and L. Bell, on the three-quarter line, did almost as good work as could be expected under the circumstances. They should have, however, to play a little more together. Had they been in closer touch with one another and in line their combination would have been improved and they would have had more opportunity for scoring. Schoolfield, Macrae and Phil Austin played well for the seniors.

R. H. Hurst referred to the satisfaction of all concerned.

HOCKEY.

VICTORIA AT NANAIMO.

On Saturday about twenty-two high school players visited Nanaimo. There were two teams of young ladies and a young men's. These elevens met similar Nanaimo teams, and both matches were keenly contested. The match between the young ladies of Victoria and Nanaimo resulted in victory for the latter by a score of 1-0, and the game between the young men of the two cities was a draw, both teams scoring 1 goal.

This is the third time the Victoria High school students have visited Nanaimo, and on each occasion they have been well entertained. New friendships have been formed, and the result has been the drawing of the young people of the two cities into closer social intercourse.

Although Saturday's game was the fourth that has taken place between the young ladies of Victoria and Nanaimo it is the first time that the latter eleven has proved victorious.

Accounts of the games are given by students of the High School who were present. The match between the girls' teams is written by a young man and that between the boys' teams by a young lady. They follow:

Nanaimo Girls Won.

On Saturday the Victoria High school girls' and boys' hockey teams went up to Nanaimo to meet the players of that city. The girls' match was the first to be played, and just at the time to start a heavy shower commenced. Nothing daunted, the fair players, after donning their hats and donning the boys' caps, began to play. The rain soon stopped and the rest of the afternoon was fine. The game was certainly the best exhibition of hockey ever seen in Nanaimo. Both teams were almost equally matched. During the first half no one succeeded in scoring, but some splendid shots were made, Miss Green, in goal, making fine stops. In the second half, Miss Johnson, after a splendid run, scored for Nanaimo. In vain did the Victoria girls try to score. After a desperate struggle the game ended with the score 1 to 0 in favor of the Coal City. For Nanaimo, the following players were conspicuous: Misses E. Johnson, E. Priestley, V. Gibson and R. Dobson. Among the High school girls' girls, Misses E. Cordeil, M. Sommerville, M. Lowe and Miss Watson were especially prominent. A noticeable feature of the game was the friendly feeling existing between the girls. Victoria players are delighted with the treatment given them in Nanaimo, and hope soon to be able to entertain their opponents in this city.

Resulted in Draw.

As soon as the girls' match was over the boys' game took place, and in spite of the soggy condition of the ground play was very fast. In the first half, after many brilliant runs on both sides, a goal was scored by Nanaimo. The second half saw the Victoria boys determined to win, and they put the ball through in a scrimmage; however, the goal was disputed, and a penalty foul was given which sent the ball down the field again. Some very fast play followed, and Cobett, after a fine run up the field, put the ball through for Victoria. The score was now one all, and as no more goals were obtained the match remained a draw. Miss Watson and Miss E. A. Teague made excellent referees. Some of the best players on the Nanaimo team were McKinlay, Rockhampton and V. Teague, while for Victoria Cobett, Gibson, White, C. Rogers and Bowes distinguished themselves. In the evening there was a most enjoyable entertainment at St. Paul's Institute. With a short programme games and dancing, the players and their friends spent a very pleasant evening.

THE FIRST MEET.

The Victoria Hunt Club held the first meet of the season on Saturday. There was a good attendance. Promptly at 3 o'clock word was given and the hounds started from the residence of E. P. Pemberton. The course was down the Foul Bay road, over some slip banks, through the Pemberton wood, on to Fairchild road across Mr. McMilligan's, through the Chinaman's, over Oak Bay Avenue to Mr. Bookert's, along Oak Bay beach and finishing up in the B. C. Market Company's land. One of the hounds overtook the hounds before the end of the run, and finished the course with them. There were several untried men on the intermediate team.

Needless to say the result was a surprise to members of the contesting teams as well as to the spectators. If the intermediates play as steadily a game next Saturday as they did in this first meet, they will be the victors.

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NO REASON FOR ALARM.

The state of the retaining wall in front of the remains of the mud flats is not nearly so alarming as our sensational contemporary would fain lead the people to believe. There is no immediate danger of the stone structure collapsing, nor has any secret been made of the actual state of affairs. The operations of the dredge have not ceased because of any fear of the result of piling a greater weight of mud along the embankment. The machine was stopped because the new agitator lately put in either did not give entire satisfaction or gave out altogether. The old one has been mounted again, and if the dredge is not working to-day she will be in business within a few hours.

The retaining wall has of late evinced a disposition to wander away from its original foundations, or rather the foundations and superstructure of the central portion have been forced out about six inches by the tremendous weight of earth put upon them. The foundations, even with immense piles driven down into the depths, have not proven as stable as was anticipated. That is all. If any attempt has been made to keep the fact secret the Times is not aware of it. The fact has been perfectly obvious to the naked eye of anyone who cared to survey the structure. The city engineer certainly did not attempt to conceal the facts, because all his observations were promptly reported to the city council. That body, on the advice of its officers, took the action it thought necessary to overcome the danger of serious consequences. These operations could not be carried out secretly. All that was done was executed before the eyes of men. Nothing has been done in the dark. No one that we are aware of is open to censure in connection with the matter.

Competent authorities have expressed the opinion that the "sagging" operations can be overcome in very short time and at little expense. The suggestions are to be carried out immediately. If they fail we suppose the problem will then become a more or less serious one. In the meantime the authorities are sanguine, and the work of filling in the flats will be continued as assiduously as heretofore. We hope the difficulties encountered will not prove serious.

THE NAVY BALL.

The citizens of Victoria will on the evening of the 25th of the present month give a farewell ball to Admiral Bickford of the Royal Navy. We believe the bare announcement will be sufficient to assure the success of the function. The heartiness with which the officers and men of H. M. fleet stationed here have seconded the efforts of the people of Victoria in all the celebrations which have made the city renowned above all places on the coast for the heartiness and spontaneity of its fêtes has placed us under a deep depth of gratitude to the sailor men.

Then there is a business side to the relationship of the navy to Victoria. This would be a dull place indeed without the picturesque figures of sailors, marines and soldiers parading the streets. The "service" in all its branches enters with spirit and hilarity into the sports which constitute the pastimes of our young men. But the picturesque side is not the only side. In a marked sense the navy is the life of our life, and in a real sense also it is the lifeblood of our business. It is true, we regret to say, that the strength of one branch of the service has been temporarily reduced. But the reduction will only be temporary. The present genial, popular admiral is not likely to be the last of the admirals. The Pacific station is becoming too important a place with the immense strides Canada is making and the tremendous growth of our interests in Asia for the diminution of the fleet to remain a permanent feature of the policy of the British admiralty.

In giving a ball to signalize our appreciation of the efforts of Admiral Bick-

ford as commander-in-chief of the station to relieve the dull routine and monotony of the "daily grind," the corporation is but reviving an old custom. There was a time when the Navy ball was an annual affair. May that custom never again be permitted to fall into decay.

MR. AYLESWORTH'S SPEECH.

The discussion of the Alaska boundary award received a slip in the East by the arrival of Mr. Aylesworth, one of the Canadian commissioners. The eminent jurist of repute was tendered a banquet by the Canadian club, which was notable an affair as has been held in Canada since confederation. Some of the country were inclined to the ill-considered word on the assumption that injustice was done our country by the action of Lord Alverstone. There is little doubt about the injustice, but there is some doubt about the judiciousness of the utterances of the critics. These gentlemen were rebuked in unmistakable but courteous and well-timed terms by Mr. Aylesworth in a speech which has been commended in all portions of the Empire for its temperateness of expression and breadth of view. Even the chairman of the feast came in for an indirect but none the less obvious admonition. Mr. Macdonald, the presiding officer, in proposing the toast of the guest of the club, said the question of annexation was absurd at present. He would be inclined to say it was the dream of fools, if he were not of the opinion that he should not use the plural in the connection. The United States, he had been told, was waiting for Canada with open arms. But the speaker had seen other arms in which he would prefer to rest. Those arms were the arms across the sea. The position of the Canadian club was not anti-Imperial, for until it could be shown that Imperialism was opposed to Canadianism, the club was an Imperialistic institution. The only possibility was independence, and they could not consider that for twenty or thirty years to come, and it might then be unnecessary if Mr. Chamberlain's ideas prevailed. Mr. Aylesworth, as it is reported to the remarks of Mr. Macdonald, speaking for the Canadians, said they had fought a good fight and had lost in the struggle, and the only course now open was to bow with good grace to the decision and submit to the inevitable result. Resentment was childish, and the patriotism and loyalty of the Canadian people were not of a character to be easily affected. They would stand, he believed, the strain of many Alaskan awards. He might, with propriety, in this connection, quote the words of a notable Canadian, "A British subject I was born a British subject I will die." He was sure that would be the answer of the people of Ontario and Quebec, and of the Dominion. They could stand much more severe strains than this one. In conclusion Mr. Aylesworth said: "Whatever the result, Canada is for England, and Canada is to continue part of the grand, great British Empire."

On the general subject of the proceedings of the tribunal Mr. Aylesworth declared that Canada had really been fighting the battle of the whole Empire. "If," said he, "that feeling could have been more appreciated in all parts of the British Empire, the circumstances under which I am endeavoring to address you might have been of a very different character." As if in reply to those who in British Columbia and in other parts of Canada have spoken with more zeal than knowledge about the findings of the commission, Mr. Aylesworth said: "For himself he had nothing but a general vague knowledge of the subject last July, when his appointment was first mooted, but since then he had studied the vast mass of documents that concerned and possibly clouded the points at issue with an earnest desire to arrive at a just conclusion, as free as possible from all tinge of bias. The whole matter, however, was to be submitted to adjudication, not to arbitration."

He had been told that after acting in such a judicial capacity no one of controversial character should appear in the final presentation, and that nothing more should afterwards be said.

"My only answer to that," said Mr. Aylesworth, "is that from the first I felt I had a duty to discharge to Canada."

Proceeding, Mr. Aylesworth said he felt that the key to this would be found in his preceding remarks regarding the natural bias of the members of the tribunal in favor of their respective sides. The distinguished president of the tribunal had recognized this, and feeling that he was the only member holding a judicial position, had assumed the attitude of an unprejudiced referee as between the parties. This had led to the unfortunate result already explained, a result he deplored.

Mr. Aylesworth stated that Great Britain had made a good fight. The case had been ably presented. He could not commend too highly the manner in which the brief and the evidence had been prepared by the Hon. Chard Sifton and the corps of able men associated with him. There had been no facts that had not been adduced, and no points that had not been thoroughly canvassed. The opening address of the Attorney-General was a masterpiece of logic. Of the address of the distinguished Canadian, Mr. Christopher Robinson, nothing too strong could be said. Mr. Robinson's comparatively brief argument was presented in a finished, scholarly style, and well merited the hearty encomiums passed upon it. Mr. Robinson spoke under great physical disability, but notwithstanding this, his argument was splendidly presented, and couched in the fewest possible words. Sir Edmund Carson, the English Solicitor-General, gave perhaps the ablest address in support of the British contention. The men representing the United States side were fully the equal of the other side in culture and learning, but he had no hesitation in saying that in argument the prosecution of the case for Great Britain was of a superior character.

"The Postand Channel did not appear

to present much difficulty, and was a pure question of fact, not law—simply to decide what the powers of the treaty meant as to the Postand Channel. Their whole information was evidently taken from Vancouver's narrative, and his nomenclature was embodied in the treaty. Upon this question Vancouver's language leaves no doubt, and I can say without being misunderstood, that any one interested from the American point of view, may admit if this narrative was in the hands of the treaty-makers, its references to the Postand Channel state that it is 80 miles long and never more than two miles wide. It is divided by the four islands, Pearse, Wales, St. John and Cunningham, into two channels, and Vancouver's narrative makes it plain that he intended to name the branch north of these islands as Postand Channel. The argument was on this matter of fact as to which channel Vancouver designated, and until the tribunal's decision, was reached no question of dividing these islands had ever been suggested. Under these circumstances, when the majority decided that these islands should be separated, with two for the United States and two for Canada, it seemed to me that this was not interpreting the terms of the treaty, nor was it adjudicating.

"I am not ascribing to any member of the tribunal any motive for this decision, but in my honest judgment, that disposition of the matter in controversy was not a judicial determination of it. On this point I desire to say nothing more."

"In regard to the second branch of the case," continued Mr. Aylesworth, "as to whether the mountain tops which formed the boundary were to be found behind the island or found parallel along the coast, that was a question on which men might well differ. It was a matter, if submitted to jurists, which might well be decided one way or the other. It was a question largely of law, on which any of the six members of the tribunal might all honestly arrive at opposite conclusions. On this point neither Sir L. Jette nor myself had anything to say. There was no complaint in that regard."

Dealing with the third question, the identity of particular mountains, the tops of which constituted the boundary, Mr. Aylesworth said there was not so much room for divergence of opinion. The British contention was that the mountain referred to were those which Vancouver had seen, and these were unquestionably the mountains nearest the sea. On the other hand it was conceded by the Americans that the treaty had reference to a chain of mountains. That there was an idea of continuity a chain of mountains. No such chain of mountains existed. There were mountains, it was true, in fact, a whole sea of mountains, but no chain of mountains existed. This boundary was to be a uniform distance of ten leagues from the coast. The two views were as wide apart as the poles. They were necessarily irreconcilable. In one case it had reference to a line miles and miles inland, and in the other to one on the ocean coast.

"One thing was certain, the four islands in question belonged to one or the other of the contending parties. The giving of two of the islands to Canada and the other two to the United States was something that could not be explained by his mind, on any principle of law. It was to him not intelligible from a judicial viewpoint. It was, in fact, a division of territory, not an adjudication. It was for this reason that he and Sir Louis Jette have deemed it their duty to take the course which they felt to be an extreme one, of declining to affix their signatures to the award.

"I am not here in defence of our cause. I am not upon my defence. That cause was not taken without anxious and long deliberations and full realization by Sir Louis Jette and myself of the responsibilities we were incurring. It was not a result of any impetuosity of temperament, of any petulance of feeling, or any irritation, or even a feeling of grief. It was a step we decided upon after mature deliberation, and we must take the consequences. If it was wrong we are in the judgment of this country and the British nation for having acted in that matter, but whether it was right or wrong, it was the course that we two, after anxiously, carefully and earnestly considering what was due to ourselves and what was due to this country, decided to take and in regard to which, as I have said, we must bear responsibilities."

"Our reasons for that course are laid down in the written memorandum I have referred to and to the other reasons which were published. I think by this time reasons prepared by Sir Louis Jette will have been published in the British press. By these reasons we must be judged, as far as we are personally concerned, and with these I have left the matter."

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British newspapers containing comments upon the decision of the boundary tribunal are beginning to arrive. Some of our contemporaries are rather more outspoken on the subject than the average Canadian newspaper. Others speak of the question as a troublesome one that it is well to get out of the way upon any terms. The Globe summarizes the situation in the name of the friends of the colonies in the following words:

"Deeply as we regret the decision of the Alaskan Boundary Tribunal, there will

be at least some sort of value in it if it

convinces this and future British govern-

ments of the insensibility folly of

pandering to American goodwill at the

expense of colonial feeling. Canada is

sad and angry at the way she has been

treated, and we do not wonder at it."

The news from Berlin is rather disquieting. Too many of the Hohenzollern family have been the victims of cancer for the public to accept the assurance of physicians without question. Emperor William is probably not quite of the stature he imagined, but he is a strong man, a good man, a brilliant man in spots, and a liberal-minded man considering his education. The world might be considerably inconvenienced if he were removed prematurely.

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—The Women's Council is meeting this afternoon at the city hall for the purpose of preparing for the annual meeting in December.

—The adjourned general meeting of Messrs. Simon, Leiser & Co., Ltd., will be held at the head office of the company, Yates street, on Tuesday, November 24th, at 11 o'clock a.m.

—Every man, woman and child in Victoria should see the exhibit of students' work in the International Correspondent schools of Scranton, Pa., at Waitt & Co.'s music store. It is of local interest.

—The civil-service examinations will open on Tuesday next in the city hall. It will be conducted under the charge of Rev. Dr. Campbell. There are few candidates presenting themselves for examination.

—A smoking concert will be given by Banner Lodge, A. O. U. W., this evening. During the evening an address will be given by Bro. Walsh on the advantages that will accrue with the introduction of the new rates. All Workmen are invited to be present.

—R. Marpole, general superintendent of the Pacific division of the C. P. R., is down from Vancouver on business in connection with the company's new wharf in this city. Mr. Marpole will look over the plans for the proposed structure with Capt. Troup, and it is expected that building operations will be commenced before long.

—A very interesting debate was conducted by the Y. M. C. A. Literary Society on Saturday night. The subject was the fiscal policy of Mr. Chamberlain, and a number of excellent speeches were delivered. The affirmative, advocating the endorsement of the ex-colonial secretary's plan, was taken by Messrs. Clark, Fisher, Little and Dr. Lewis Hall. The negative was supported by David Tait, Gordon Grant, Dr. Morris, Welby Solomon and Croft. There was a large attendance, and the deepest interest was manifested in the various points brought out. In this connection it is worth recalling the prediction made by Edgar Wallace, the celebrated correspondent of the London Daily Mail, who was recently here. Mr. Wallace said that Mr. Chamberlain would most assuredly win out.

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—Banner Lodge, A. O. U. W., will give a smoking concert this evening. Grand Master Workman Bro. Walsh will address the meeting. Subject: The advantages members will derive from the order when the proposed new rates are introduced. All Workmen cordially invited.

—In anticipation of a big summer travel next year, details of the service will be made out by the C. P. R. officials. According to a dispatch from Winnipeg it was learned that there will be two daily through trains, to be known as Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Even numbers will run east, and odd numbers run west. The "Imperial Limited," it appears, is a thing of the past, so far as the name is concerned. It is likely, however, that the schedule will be about the same as that of this year, when the Limited was running.

—In the First Presbyterian church on Sunday evening Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted a special service for sealers. There was a large number present. References were made to the success of the schooner fleet engaged in the industry, the concern which the owners took in the comfort and safety of the men and to those who lost their lives during the season. The preacher's remarks were listened to with close interest. The choir rendered special music for the occasion, a number of very enjoyable solos and a duet being contributed during the evening.

—The failures of so many assessment insurance societies and the constantly increasing rates of others has had a marked effect upon public opinion, and those desiring to protect their families are looking elsewhere for insurance. A glance at some of the policies in The Mutual Life of Canada that are in force on the lives of men in this city demonstrates that the policyholders in this company are not only paying a very low rate for their insurance, but in addition their policies are increasing in value every year through the added paid up and cash values attaching to them, before insuring elsewhere call and see the results on policies in force in this city in The Mutual Life of Canada. R. L. Drury, Manager, 34 Broad street.

—The first practical step toward the erection of a pianist hotel in Victoria by the Canadian Pacific railway is being taken in the head office to-day, where Hayter Reed, manager of the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec, and F. M. Rattenbury, a Victoria, B. C., architect, have the plans for the structure under consideration. "Mr. Rattenbury came from Victoria to consult with the C. P. R., and was soon summoned to be present. The new hotel will be fitted out in the most approved fashion, but work upon it will not begin for some time. It will be admirably located at James Bay causeway, and will be an important addition to the chain of fine hotels now operated by the Canadian Pacific."

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—Education in Germany is general and compulsory. The school age is from 6 to 14. In 1900 the proportion of illiterates among the recruits was .07 per cent. The highest proportion was that of West Prussia, .45 per cent. Wurtemberg and most of the small states had no illiterates among their recruits.

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—There will be a meeting of the basketball league at the Y. M. C. A. rooms this evening, commencing at 8:30 o'clock.

—A meeting of the Friendly Help Association will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock at the rooms in the city market.

—J. E. Marks has purchased a lot on Stanley avenue, adjoining Mr. Scott's, and contemplates erecting a handsome residence upon it in the near future. The sale was effected through Grant & Conyers.

—The County court, which should sit here on November 12th, will have to be adjourned for one week, owing to no judge being available. The court will sit on November 19th.

—Court Vancouver West, No. 4183, I. O. F., will meet in Semple's hall, Victoria West, at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, J. Irvine, supreme court organizer, will be present. With several candidates for election all members are requested to be present.

—Mrs. Frances O'Neill, wife of Jas. O'Neil, of the Savoy theatre, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital. Deceased was 40 years of age, and a native of Missouri, U. S. A. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2:30 o'clock from the parlors of W. J. Hanna.

—November is certainly making a record for itself. The velocity attained by the wind last Thursday was almost equaled yesterday evening, when gusts were registered of sixty miles an hour. The average velocity during the height of yesterday's storm was 50 miles an hour. As in the storm of Thursday, the wind blew from the southeast. Heavy rain accompanied it at times, and snow can be plainly seen on the Sooke hills to-day from the streets of the city.

—To-day is the sixty-second anniversary of the birth of His Majesty King Edward VII, and flags are flying above the principal buildings of this city. No special celebration marks the day, the King having proclaimed that his birthday shall be observed on May 24th. Two organizations, however, will honor it in Victoria this evening. The Veterans' Association of Vancouver Island will hold their third annual dinner at the Royal Cafe, commencing at 8 o'clock, for which elaborate preparations have been made. The second annual dinner of "Ye Olde London Wanderingers" will be held at Vernon hotel, commencing at 8:30 o'clock prompt. Both these functions should prove most enjoyable.

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—Under ordinary circumstances the new Attorney-General would have no difficulty in carrying the seat. With conditions as they exist and the parties so evenly balanced in the House, there is little doubt that a Liberal may easily be returned from Vancouver instead of Hon. Charles Wilson K. C. The members of the government themselves show unmistakable evidences of their timidity as to the result. While they openly express the conviction that the Attorney-General will be returned easily, they take every precaution to gain an advantage in connection with the fight. This accounts for their keeping back the announcement of date of election as long as possible in the hope of the government candidate reaping some advantage.

—R. B. Ellis has been appointed returning officer for the bye-election.

—The Liberal Association of the city of Vancouver, according to the News-Advertiser, met on Saturday night and decided in favor of putting a candidate in the field. Vancouver Liberals believe they have an excellent chance of winning in the contest. It is probable that a selection of a candidate will be made this evening, so that the active campaign can be commenced at once.

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—The two latter were engaged upon naval plots near the canteen. Their evidence is to the effect that they came upon the accused sitting in a little camp made of boughs. He had a gun in his possession and in the game bag beside him was the hen pheasant in question. The two men took it from the accused, and the strength of this charge is founded.

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In the Days of the Red River Rebellion (1) is an account of the work of Rev. John McDougall as a Methodist missionary among the Indian tribes away to the north of Edmonton, from the year 1868. The narrative is a continuation of his "Pathfinding on Plain and Prairie." The book is hardly more than a plain account of his daily life and environment. But the life and surroundings were in themselves so unusual, so full of excitement and of such geographical interest that one reads with avidity. Here is a paragraph which illustrates the writer's enjoyment of his work and life and the enthusiasm he brought to bear on his hunt for game and souvenirs: "The autumn day was like Indian summer, the atmosphere quiet and still and nature at rest. The summer's work was finished. . . . And I ardently wished that man would turn from his evil ways so that there would be no necessity to constantly act and watch and listen as I was now doing. On the coolie, some times on foot and again in the saddle, cantering across a hidden bit of cane or lowland, but watching, always watching, ground and horizon and copse and bush and bits of lawn-like prairie, then mere open country. The flight of certain birds and of crows and ravens is noted; the movements of wolves and coyotes, the action of buffaloes, especially stragglers who in ones and twos and more are here and yonder, and because of, which you must be most careful, for these, if once started, would give you straight away to some other scoundrel, of whose vicinity you have been altogether ignorant, but of whose near presence you are now most unpleasantly aware. Coming to a prairie ridge, you alight and spread your horse-blanket under the running pad which serves as saddle, and then, letting your horse graze at the end of the lariat you stretch and gently wriggle and slide in advance of him across the slope and over the summit and down the other side until cover is reached; your horse coming slowly and nipping the close-cropped grass, and with the blanket spread over him and pad up on shoulders looking in the distance like a buffalo gently feeding as he travels." The author has a pretty turn of wit and fancy which livens the pages, I am glad to have seen this pleasant account of early life in the great wilds of the Northwest. Great hardships are made light of. There is a devout and earnest missionary spirit in the hearts of the writer, his family and his friends. It is a noble record of sacrifice.

Jack London's The Call of the Wild (2) is a book which will always appeal to men more than to women. It is in the author's nervous virile style, the writing which has made his name a household name in the North. It is entirely a story of adventure. It depicts in broad bold lines the life of the most desperate gold-hunters of this adventurous age. We say of the Klondike that the road to it is "worn by broken hearts." And we of the coast towns know how true that is. And it is after reading such a work as this that one understands how strenuous and desperate a life was that of the early Klondiker. It is a fascinating, breathless narrative. The story of the dog Buck, his abduction from his happy home in Southern California and his subsequent career as a trail dog in the great North, his masters, his career and his varied environments—He is the central figure, and all about him and all above him and below him is the atmosphere of the wonderful, terrible land of the north. The book follows Buck through many a hard day's run, past the scales and the timber line, across glaciers and snowdrifts hundreds of feet deep, and over the great Chilkoot divide, which stands between the salt water and the fresh and guards forbiddingly the sad and lonely north." He learned all a dog can learn of the lessons of life in the wilds. At his long dead wild dog instincts awoke within him. "The domesticated generations fell away from him. Forgotten ancestors quickened the old life within him, and the old tricks which they had stamped into the heredity of the breed were his tricks."—And when on the still cold nights he pointed his nose at a star and howled long and wolf-like, it was his ancestors, dead and dust, pointing nose at star and howling down through the centuries and through him. And his tendencies were their tendencies, the tendencies which voice

their woes and to them was the meaning of the stillness, and the cold, and the dark." The story is written in the days when he still believed in British fair play and expected that our honest American neighbors would give back the land they stole from us. It will not be surprising note if the Klondike is claimed as well. Then Mr. London will have to rewrite this story.

Stories of Great Artists (3), by two young women, Olive Brown Horne and Katherine Lois Scobey, is a useful addition to a juvenile library. There are not many books of this nature available for school use. The stories make fine reading. One is able to make acquaintance or renew old acquaintance with these great and simple-hearted souls. Their lives are valuable lessons. By means of such a book as this the child's interest in the artistic and beautiful is permanently aroused. The illustrations include portraits and copies of the artists' best works.

Millie's Primary Arithmetic (4) is in this widely used series. It is intended to cover the first three years at school. The main purpose of the course, the acquisition of a ready knowledge of numbers, is kept constantly in view.

The Wrong Road (5), by Major Arthur Griffiths, is a long narrative of varied interest. The strong man in the case wins out. The story leads one far afield. Much of it is concerned with a hunting county in England. But there is an exciting hook in Cape Breton. It is a good book for a long journey.

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A PLEA FOR QUALITY IN FRUIT.

In an address at the recent annual meeting of the American Pomological Society, held at Boston, G. Harold Powell gave some excellent advice in regard to growing fruit of first-class quality. Many of the points which he brought out were noted with approval by W. A. MacKinnon, chief of the Dominion fruit division, and are given here for the benefit of Canadian fruit growers.

Mr. Powell recommended as summer apples for the United States, Red Astrachan, Sweet Bougu and Williams; for autumn apples, Gravenstein and Alexander; for winter, the Greening, the Newton Pippin, which he stated had sometimes sold as high as \$20 a barrel, the King, the Spitzberg, Baldwin, Spy and Macintosh Red. He recommended top grafting the King on two-year-old Spies, stating that in this way a vigorous tree bearing good crops would be obtained.

Regarding the Ben Davis, Mr. Powell made a very cutting criticism, declaring it has only one quality to recommend it, namely, its color, and stating that no fruit would take a prominent place in our markets, we would continue to be a profitable one for growers which depends upon a single virtue for its sale.

The Champion grape received a similar castigation. Its only virtue is its earliness, and this Mr. Powell thinks has made it one of the worst enemies of the grape grower, inasmuch as the price of the Champion, at first very high, drops almost to nothing.

The last price of the Champion, or what the public are willing to pay after they have become acquainted with its wretched quality, fixes the price for all other grapes which follow, though they are infinitely superior in quality to the Champion. In other words, rock-bottom prices having been once fixed it is impossible to get back to normal prices.

Mr. Powell spoke rather more kindly of the Elberta peach, but is of the opinion that it also is not an unmixed blessing to the fruit growers. It is a splendid slipper, but has no quality.

The conclusion to be drawn from Mr. Powell's remarks is that whatever transient advantages may be obtained by the grower from the production of inferior varieties, it is to his permanent advantage, and it is his only wise policy, to produce the highest quality, in each sort of fruit which he places on the market.

Speaking testimony to the value of such advice is furnished by some reports of fruit sales just received by the fruit division from London, England. On October 7th, there were sold a large number of half cases of California and other American pears, including about a dozen varieties. The Seckel, which is generally regarded as one of the highest quality, though small in size, sold for 12s., the Glout Moreau for 13s. 6d., the Calabash (similar to our Rose) for 11s., the Comice one of the varieties recommended by the fruit division) for 11s., to 12s. If we compare these prices with those for fruit of inferior quality, we must conclude that the Englishman weighs only the best fruit, and that he is prepared to pay for it. Bartlett, which are certainly above medium quality, fetched 6s. to 7s., Anjou 9s., Clairgeau 7s. to 7s. 6d., Duchesne 8s. 9d. to 9s., Hardy 2s. 6d. to 3s. 9d., and Keiffers, which it is only fair to mention were "wet," only 10d. to 1s. a cask. Large quantities of Canadian apples sold on the same day brought all the way from 10s. to 25s. per barrel (the latter figure being for Ribston), with the greatest majority at 15s. to 16s. On October 12th, a half case of Comice pears were sold by the same firm for 11s. 6d., while the Duchesne variety fetched only 4s. 3d., these being the only two sorts of pears handled that day. The highest figure for apples on that date was 22s., again to the credit of No. 1 Ribston, while the lowest price were 12s. for No. 2 Fall Pippins, and 13s. for No. 2 Ribston and Gevsteines. The wide variation of 10s. per barrel between No. 1 and No. 2 Ribston is particularly worthy of notice, indicating as it does that quality is sure to tell.

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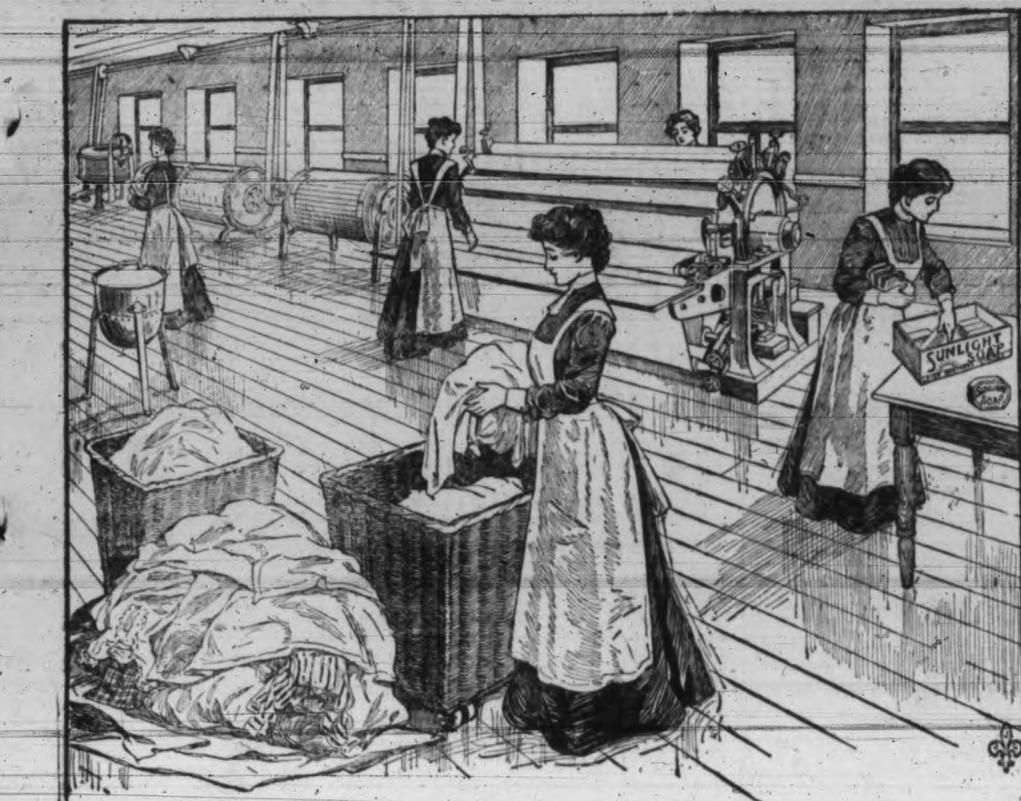
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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

KAMLOOPS.

Deputy Sheriff Bumby the other day promptly recaptured an escaped jail bird named "Kil" McDonald, a man of about 35. He escaped from the local chain gang, hoping thus to avoid the remainder of a six months' term of imprisonment. Bumby, however, came upon the fugitive at a point about four miles from town, and brought him back at the point of revolver.

The executive of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia will meet in Kamloops on Friday, November 23rd. The local association is making arrangements to entertain the visitors during their stay here. A banquet will be held in the evening.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia, the financial statement was presented by the manager, as follows: Receipts—Subscriptions to prize-list, \$525; subscriptions for special prizes, \$385; provincial grant, \$5,000; admissions, gates, \$7,129.45; grand stands, \$1,668.85; concerts, \$313.20; membership tickets, \$1,216; sundries, boathouse and privileges, \$383.15; telephone bills, \$5.25; memberships, 1902-03; subscriptions for attractions, \$2,765.75; total, \$17,430.75. Expenditures—Prizes, \$7,024.63; district exhibits, \$812.71; baby show, \$10; printing and advertising, \$907.25; office expenses and maintenance, \$449.81; exhibition expenses, \$1,478.62; salaries

\$969.00; miscellaneous expenses, \$209.55; attractions, \$5,581.42; buildings, \$40.00; total, \$17,514.58. The manager explained there is an apparent shortage of \$83.99, but there is due to the society \$929, all but \$25 of which will be collected, in which case there will be a balance clear of \$845. This means, of course, that the \$610 overdraft of last year has been paid off, the society starting afresh next year without any liabilities. In the matter of memberships the \$1,216 received from this constitutes a new record. As compared with last year the total receipts showed a slight falling off—\$1,006.65. On motion the report was received and referred to the auditor.

An exhibit of sturmy will be given in the new Carnegie library building, to raise funds in aid of the hospital funds.

Mr. Bassett, of Westham Island, passed away on Friday at the advanced age of 85.

VANCOUVER.

A painful accident occurred to W. H. Mackie, the well-known logger, a few days ago. A wire cable used for hauling logs broke suddenly and struck him a severe blow in the back, breaking several ribs. He is progressing favorably towards recovery.

A small frame house, situated at the foot of Haro and Broughton Streets, was burned to the ground on Saturday. Passers-by in the vicinity of the house were startled by a loud explosion and a moment later the roof was blown off and the whole building was in one mass of flames. A small dog, evidently locked up in the building, was killed in the explosion. Soon after the alarm had been turned in, the owner of the house appeared on the scene, but he could not enlighten anyone on the origin of the fire. The place had been unoccupied for the past six months, and of late had been used for storing tools, etc. When the owner was there on Friday he locked the dog up to keep it from straying away, and intended releasing it on Saturday afternoon.

A logger narrowly escaped death the other night, providentially only sustaining a fractured ankle. He was it, is supposed, lying asleep partly on the C. P. R. track when an approaching freight train drove him to a sense of his danger. He was unable, however, to escape without incurring injury above stated.

C. S. Sword, Dominion fisheries inspector, was in the city on Friday on business connected with the shipment of some salmonova to the hatchery at Seaton lake, Lillooet. The shipper was sent up in charge of D. S. Mitchell. Mr. Sword stated that while there had not been many fish at the interior spawning grounds last season, they had been plentiful at Harrison lake; and he expected to let free at least 10,000,000 fry next season. This number is greatly in excess of previous years, when the average has been about 6,000,000.

The first of a series of meetings to take place in the various wards was held on Friday by the Electoral Union in Fairview. The chief object of the meet-

was to elect ten members to represent the newly created Ward VI, on the central executive. With reference to the mayoralty, it was decided that if Mayor Neelands sought re-election, the members would support his candidature.

The case of Ellyn vs. the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, being an appeal from a decision of His Honor Judge Forin, was before the Full court last week. This is one of the actions for damages growing out of the explosion last May. After discussion the appeal was, by mutual consent, withdrawn, and it was decided to have five actions brought on simultaneously on the 6th inst.

These cases are to be selected as typical to the thirty pending, and the others will stand or fall on the result.

Campbell Sweeny, manager of the Bank of Montreal, has returned from a week's business tour of the Interior cities. During his absence Mr. Sweeny visited Nelson, Rossland, Sandon and a number of other places in the Interior, and reports that business prospects in the Interior generally were looking much brighter than for some time. In Rossland this was especially noticeable," said Mr. Sweeny. "The introduction of the Elmore oil process for the treatment of the low-grade ore bills fair, from what I could learn, to be very successful, and a number of the leading mining companies are, I understand, about to introduce that process in the treatment of ore. Nelson was about the busier place I encountered during my trip, and things are very bright there. Most of my time was taken up in visiting various branches of the Bank of Montreal in the Interior, and on business matters generally."

"Without food for four days and absolutely without any idea which way to turn to find human habitation, J. C. Squarebriggs, of this city, nearly perished in the rough country lying between Atlin and Log Cabin," says the Province. "Had not Squarebriggs been accidentally found by an Indian who pointed out the direction of Log Cabin to him, it is likely that his bleaching bones would have lain in the hills for years without discovery. Squarebriggs left Atlin to go to Log Cabin overland. He thought he could easily make the trip in three days, and he only took with him sufficient food to last him that length of time. Altogether he was seven days making the trip. When found by the Indian, Squarebriggs was wandering aimlessly about. He was in a famished condition and very weak. Encouraged to proceed, he took up the directions given him by the Indian and finally after many hardships he reached the tracks of the White Pass & Yukon Route. He was too exhausted to proceed any further, and lying down near the tracks, he awaited death or chance discovery. Luckily for the man, a train happened along, and the engineer, McKeen by name, saw him lying by the track. McKeen thought the body was that of some man struck by a train passing previous to his own, and he stopped the train to investigate. When he found that

Squarebriggs was alive, he had him taken on the car and at the next station warm food was prepared for the man. Squarebriggs recovered after reaching Skagway, and he was able to come south on the steamer Dolphin."

ROSSLA.

Among the incidents of last week in the Rossland camp was the intimation that the O. K. mine would probably resume operations immediately. The property has produced much Bonanza free gold ore in the past and possesses a state-mill now under lease to the lessees of the L. X. L. mine, which adjoins. The Le Roy No. 2 mill operated continuously and successfully throughout the week, producing about 30 tons of high grade concentrates from ore that would not otherwise have been profitable. Efforts are being made to secure a remission of the duty of five cents per gallon on the heavy petroleum used in milling. The oil is not produced in Canada, and a similar concession was granted by the Federal government in the matter of oil for agricultural machinery. Excellent progress is being made with the War Eagle-Centre Star concentrator near Trail. Over 100 men are employed in and about the works. The shipments of ore for the week and year to date were as follows: Le Roy, 1,170; Le Roy No. 2, 630; Le Roy No. 2 (milled), 50; Jumbo, 112; Spitzer, 36; I. X. L. (milled), 149; Kootenay, 224; total for week, 9,646; total for year to date, 340,220 tons.

PHOENIX.

District Manager Hodge, of Nelson, and the Vernon & Nelson Telephone Co., has arrived in town, bringing with him Foreman Irwin and a number of linemen for the purpose of building a new telephone system throughout this city, to take the place of the one that has been in service for something like five years. Mr. Hodge met the city officials the other night, and arranged as to the location of the new main line of poles that will be constructed through the heart of the city. Mr. Hodge expects to have the new plant in full working order early in December.

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ALBERTA.

At the second annual meeting of the Nelson Agricultural and Industrial Association, the secretary read his report for the past year which showed receipts and expenditures as follows: Receipts—Membership tickets, \$336; entrance fees, \$45; donations, W. A. Galliher and others, \$80; gate receipts first day of fair, \$520.50; gate receipts second day of fair, \$1,080.40; government grant, \$2,000; total, \$4,071.90. Disbursements—Expended on buildings and grounds, \$1,023; printing and advertising, \$374; prints, sports and amusements, \$1,903; lodges' expenses, \$20; labor, preparing buildings and tents and guards at fair, \$67; sundry account, \$82.70; secretary's salary, \$220; balance on hand, \$362.20; total, \$4,071.90. This report was accepted, as was that of the auditors, which followed, certifying to the correctness of the books of the society. Nominations were then called for the election of officers: James Johnstone, president; E. C. Traves, vice-president; J. E. Augable, secretary, and J. J. Malone, treasurer; all were unanimously elected. Among honorary officers were appointed hon. president: John Houston, M. P. P.; hon. vice-presidents, W. A. Galliher, M. P. P. and H. Wright, M. P. P.

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WEDDING GIFTS.

(Associated Press.)
London, Nov. 9.—Subscriptions are being raised in the Scotch towns of Kelso and Dunbar for wedding gifts, fêtes and illuminations in honor of the forthcoming marriage of Miss May Goelet and the Duke of Roxburghe.

SERVIA NEEDS MONEY.

Wants to Borrow Twenty Million Dollars to Equip Army.

(Associated Press.)
Belgrade, Nov. 9.—The government is making efforts to secure a loan of \$20,000,000, to be used principally for the equipment of the army.

SECTS IN RUSSIA.

Theoretically all religions may be freely professed in the Russian Empire with the exception of the Jewish. There are said to be about 12,000,000 dissenters in Great Russia alone. These include Armenians, Roman Catholics, Protestants, Lutherans, Mohammedans, Jews and Pagans. All these bodies have for many years worshipped in their own churches or temples. But these have never belonged to the Greek faith, and they have not received recruits from that faith. It is only when any member of the orthodox church demands for himself liberty of thought and conscience so far as to follow it out of that communion into a dissenting church that the law of Russia interferes and sternly forbids such liberty.

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NEW PRINCESS ON TRIAL SATURDAY

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Something of the Excellent Interior Arrangements of the Ship—Mild Weather on Yukon.

Standing like monuments to the progressiveness and enterprise of the C. P. R. Steamship Company, under the management of Capt. J. W. Trout, the magnificent new steamships Princess Victoria and Princess Beatrice are to-day lying in James Bay. The Princess Beatrice, the latest acquisition to the fleet, had her trial trip on Saturday afternoon, the weather being such as to test all her qualities as a sea boat. She was timed over a measured course in the Strait of Gulf and made a little better than ten knots an hour against a heavy squall and a strong reverse tide. All the ship's machinery worked smoothly, and in the heavy wind the steamer's performance was admirable. Of course the machinery being now and stiff, it was not expected that the best results would be obtained. The vessel will run better after being in service a time and it is thought that then eleven knots an hour will be gotten out of her.

In the outing Saturday Capt. Trout was in command, and Supt. Engineer McGowan, of the C. P. R., was present with Chief Engineers Wallace in the engine room. Both were highly pleased with the ship. On board there was a party of about forty people, including the builders, Messrs. Bullen, of the Esquimalt Marine railway. The freight deck was fitted up with boating and other decorative material for the occasion, and the initial run of the ship was duly celebrated.

Painted white like many of the other C. P. R. liners, the Princess Beatrice as she lies alongside the larger Princess presents a very trim and graceful appearance. But her exterior is no more attractive than her interior. The Times has heretofore described the exceptional strength of the hull. It has been pronounced by all mariners who have seen it under construction in the yard of the Esquimalt Marine railway to be the stanchest seen in any wooden vessel on the coast. In fact it is as strong and rigid as wood and metal could make it. The Messrs. Bullen taking pains to make the ship, the first of any such proportions built in their yard or north of San Francisco, a lasting tribute to the work there done.

The new craft was constructed for the northern British Columbia route, although in the dull winter months it is likely that she will be commissioned for the Fraser river service. For this run it is said that she is now preparing, having yet to receive the finishing touches from the joiner, upholsterer and painter. The interior arrangements differ from any other steamer seen in these waters, and the innovation will certainly be welcomed and appreciated by the travelling public. So designed is the interior that there is not a dark corner in the whole ship. In all there are 43 staterooms, there being five large ones which the mechanics now aboard call bridal chambers. On the freight deck about three-quarters of the length of the steamer is reserved for cargo, with hatches leading to a hold below. In the fore-quarters are arranged for the crew, each room having light and ventilation independent of the other. Probably no boat in port has better accommodation in this respect. Aft and on the port side of the engine casing which by the way has a glass opening in front allowing of a view of the machinery—are the officers' quarters, big airy apartments. There are about three of these rooms, while the same space on the starboard side of the steamer is devoted to kitchen, pantry, etc. Going still farther aft one enters the dining saloon, another big apartment which extends the whole width of the steamer, while astern of this again are three staterooms on either side with the steward's apartments, the butcher house, store rooms, etc., right in the end of the vessel. An ascent to the passenger deck is gained by a stairway leading from the dining saloon into a social hall. The landing is within a few feet of a hatch, which in turn extends to the engine casing, and when in event of the cargo to be discharged, can be raised in such a manner as to form a new partition, and yet not blockade the stairway passageway. The social hall also opens out on the promenade on either side of the steamer. Staterooms, the partition aft, and more staterooms and the engine casing form the partition forward of the social hall, while wide passageways take one forward into the saloon and aft into a ladies' saloon cosily arranged and with every accommodation, the apartment being surrounded by staterooms with a dome above affording good light and plenty of air. Forward of the saloon, doorways lead into a smoking room with the bar in the extreme end. Above the smoking room are located the wheelhouse, a chart room and captain's sleeping apartment.

The ornamentation of the ship is a feature that is receiving special attention. Mr. William Muir, representing Muirhead & Mann, has charge of the jewelry work, while the upholstering is in

WARM TRIBUTE TO GOOD MANAGEMENT

(Continued from page 1.)

Halls and Buildings Department—	Wages	\$ 346.00
Sundries	135.19	
Decorations	67.00	
Electric Light	223.10	

Less charged to improvements for dis-		\$ 41.80
trict stands	80.00	

Live Stock and Yard Department—	Wages	\$ 285.85
Sundries	50.58	
Light	80.40	

Total running expenses	\$ 12,645.97
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Sports and Attractions Department—	Wages	\$ 186.87
Races	2,481.25	
Attractions	535.00	
Prizes for sports	184.35	
Sundries	236.12	

Mineral Department—	Wages	\$ 3,573.59
Meals, judges and others	69.00	

Total running expenses	\$ 12,645.97
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District exhibit	\$ 80.00
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New horse stalls, 74	15
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Stands	\$ 154.15
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Chattels and effects	32.33
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Medals on hand	82.50
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