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A BIG RAILWAY SYSTEM OUTLINED

Comprehensive Transportation Scheme Indicated in Application to be Made at the Forthcoming Session.

This week's Provincial Gazette contains a series of notices confirmatory of the news published by the Times last Saturday relative to contemplated railway construction in this province.

Robertson & Robertson, the solicitors for A. A. Arthur, of New York, and those associated with him give notice of application to the legislature at the next sitting for amendments to various railway charters concerned in the system, which is proposed to be organized.

A notice showing what is contemplated by the system sets forth that application will be made to incorporate a company with power to acquire the following charters and operate the undertakings: The Vancouver & Coast Kootenay Railway Company; the Vancouver & Cowichan Railway Company; the Kamloops & Atlin Railway Company; and the Midway & Vernon Railway Company.

Accompanying notices show how these are to be connected up into a system. The first one that goes from Vancouver & Coast Kootenay, is a charter held by McLean Bros., the route being from the Kootenays to Vancouver city along much the same route as the V. V. & E. now in course of construction. It is sought to extend the time for the completion of that line and to authorize the building of a branch to Kamloops.

The Midway & Vernon charter is sought to be amended so as to permit of building to Kamloops also, and permission is asked to build a branch to Penton.

The Kamloops & Atlin act is sought to be revived, ratified and confirmed. The time for constructing the line is asked to be extended, and an alteration in the line is asked to be permitted so that it may run from Kamloops, where it will meet the Coast Kootenay and the Midway & Vernon, up the North Thompson river to Yellow Head Pass.

Permission to build a branch to Quest Lake will also be asked.

In connection with the Vancouver Island branch an application is to be made to reverse, and confirm the Cowichan-Alberni and Port Rupert Railway Act by extending the time for

RETURNING HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. Loring, of Montreal, Completing Round-the-World Tour.

R. Loring and Mrs. Loring, of Montreal, passed through Victoria last night on a tour of the world. Mr. Loring is the Canadian representative of R. Hoe & Co., the celebrated press builders, of New York and London, and has been remarkably successful in selling up-to-date machines to the enterprising newspaper men of Canada. The World, Economist and Times being among the number. Mr. and Mrs. Loring left on a world-circling trip. In Australia and New Zealand fine large printing machines were sold. Mr. Loring thus combining a maximum of business with a very enjoyable one in every respect.

While impressed with the wonderfully recuperative powers of Australia and its great resources as a mining and pastoral country, he returns more in love than ever with Canada.

THE DRUG MERGER.

T. M. Henderson Will Attend Meeting in Montreal.

T. M. Henderson, of the firm of Henderson Bros., wholesale drug merchants, will leave to-night for Montreal to attend the organization meeting for the big Canadian drug merger, the nature of which has already been fully described in the Times.

Mr. Henderson will be accompanied from Vancouver by his brother, Wm. Henderson, and the two will represent their firm. The question immediately at hand is whether the merger will be incorporated, and will decide upon the necessary measures to bring the big combination of interests into existence. It will be held on December 7th.

FAREWELL TO THE OLD CLIFF HOUSE

FIRE DESTROYED IT EARLY THIS MORNING

Ashes Now Mark Site of Well-Known Land Mark—Once Old-Timers' Rendezvous.

The Cliff House is no more. Like its celebrated prototype outside the Golden Gate that preceded the palatial structure which now commands the majestic Pacific, the well-known boathouse near Clover Point has been reduced to ashes. The fire flared up in its destructive work at an early hour this morning. It is presumed that the flames started in the kitchen, as it was in the rear of the house that the fire was discovered. The fire department was notified by telephone and hose carts and chemical engine hurried to the scene.

A CONFERENCE

Of the Victoria and Vancouver Game Clubs Being Arranged for Next Week.

An effort will be made to arrange for a joint meeting of members of the Victoria and Vancouver Game Clubs sometime next week. It will be remembered that at the last general gathering of the local organization Secretary Mungrue was entrusted with the task of bringing about a joint conference at an early date for the consideration of two very important matters, namely, the position of a gun license and the amendment of the Game Act in such a manner that certain districts now unorganized, and throughout which those holding miners' licenses were bona fide followers of that vocation or not, may destroy game indiscriminately, may be made organized according to act of parliament. These are only two of the questions to be discussed. Other matters, in connection with the protection of game in British Columbia, which many sportsmen believe should be brought to the attention of the government in the form of amendments to the act, will come up for debate on this occasion.

SUDDEN DEATH.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Nov. 24.—Albert Angel, engraver, died last night after taking poison by mistake or intent. Angel had been drinking, and was worried by business troubles.

FOR SPANISH ARMY.

Proposal to Purchase Two Hundred Rapid Fire Field Guns.

Madrid, Nov. 23.—The minister of war presented today in the Cortes an appropriation of \$4,200,000 for the purchase of 200 rapid-fire field guns. The minister of the interior presented a bill regulating emigration. The measure is intended to stop a wholesale exodus from the famine-stricken districts of Spain.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S FUND.

London, Nov. 23.—Ambassador Whitlaw Reid has contributed \$500 to Queen Alexandra's fund for the unemployed, which now amounts to \$400,000.

CABINET COUNCIL HELD MEETING

MINISTERS FAVOR AN APPEAL TO COUNTRY

The Attitude of Liberals May Compel the Government to Seek a Dissolution.

London, Nov. 24.—Today's cabinet which, although not originally summoned for the purpose, had to decide the question of the resigning or temporary prolongation of the retention of office by the Balfour ministry, was attended by all the members with the exception of the Marquis of Salisbury, president of the board of trade.

Only a few scores of the public gathered in the vicinity of Downing street to witness the assembling of the ministers, and there was no demonstration.

It was regarded as a foregone conclusion that the cabinet was going out, and the only public interest was in the manner of its going out, whether the premier and his colleagues would take precipitate action or decide to remain in office for a little while longer to wind up the business actually on hand.

Mr. Balfour's hand, it is understood, was somewhat forced by the resignation of the Marquis of Londonderry, the president of the council and president of the board of education, which was tendered a few days ago. The question immediately arose whether the collective resignation of the ministry would not be preferable to its gradual disintegration.

The session of the cabinet broke up soon after 2 o'clock in the afternoon, after a discussion of the Balfour resignation. It is understood that the proposals for the collective resignation of the cabinet were rejected, and that the ministers arrived at the decision that it would be better to dissolve parliament themselves and appeal to the electorate.

Should this course be followed it will largely be due to the well-grounded belief that the Liberals would decline to form a cabinet before a general election places them in the presence of an adequate parliamentary majority to carry out the Liberal programme.

WILL TOW FLOATING DOCK TO MANILA

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BIG UNDERTAKING

Three Colliers Will be Employed, and Distance to be Covered is Fourteen Thousand Miles.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24. J. D. Wood, a tug master of Norfolk, has just signed a contract with the navy department to go out to Manila on the D. D. Dewey on one of the most remarkable cruises of modern times.

The D. D. Dewey is the big steel floating dry dock now at Solomons' islands, in the Chesapeake bay, which is destined to dock the largest ships of the American navy in the Far East. It is a great structure, the largest steel ropes in the world, outside of some of the great suspension bridges. Competent naval officers believe that the Dewey can be towed at the rate of about 100 miles a day, and allow three or four months for the trip via the Suez canal.

The dock will be towed by three colliers—the Glacier, Caesar and Bruhl. Each of the colliers will have its own wireless plant, so that they may freely communicate with each other. The towing line will be a steel cable, a half inch in diameter, and a half inch in length, regarded as necessary to guard against sharp strains in a heavy sea, and even with this great towing line, bolts with pneumatic cushions have been placed in the cables, the largest steel ropes in the world, outside of some of the great suspension bridges. Competent naval officers believe that the Dewey can be towed at the rate of about 100 miles a day, and allow three or four months for the trip via the Suez canal.

FISICO STREET RAILWAYS.

Have Changed Hands and President Roland Will Retire at End of Next Month.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The United Railroads of San Francisco have changed hands. The New York banking house of Brown Brothers & Company, which has controlled the local street railway since the consolidation nearly four years ago, no longer have any interest in the properties. Arthur Roland, who during the past four years has held the position of president, will retire at the end of December.

Just what interests have succeeded in the control of the United Railroads is not officially announced, but it is known that the owners are the New York banking house of Lazard, Thalmann & Co. and its associates and clients, Patrick Cathoun, stockholder in the largest individual stakeholder in the controlling company, and it is said will have the naming of the new president.

ACTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Daniel E. Baldwin Dropped Dead From Heart Failure.

Missoula, Mont., Nov. 24.—Daniel E. Baldwin, a Shakespearean actor of note and one of the best known residents of Montana, dropped dead at his ranch near here last night of heart failure. He was 66 years old and was born in Cassel, Germany. He leaves a widow and family.

BRICKLAYER'S FORTUNE.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Thomas H. Mitchell, a city bricklayer who earns \$5 a day, is reported to have fallen heir to \$50,000, left by two grand-uncles in Australia.

RAILWAY TICKETS.

Michigan Companies Will Issue Book For 1,000 Miles at Flat Rate of \$20.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 24.—In order to meet the wishes of patrons in Michigan, the Michigan Central, the Lake Shore, the Grand Rapids and Indiana and the Washtenaw Central will issue an individual 1,000 mile ticket at a flat rate of \$20, beginning on December 15th. This ticket will be interchangeable and valid in the state of Michigan and will be honored also in the territory between Grand Rapids and Chicago for both local and through traffic, and between Michigan and Toledo. This book will be in addition to the regular Central Passenger Association book, which is valid on all lines in the Central Passenger Association territory.

SMUGGLE DIAMONDS.

Chicago Assistant District Attorney Asks to Have Gems Forfeited.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Information was filed in the United States district court yesterday by Assistant District Attorney Goldman to have forfeited 279 diamonds valued at several thousand dollars, said to have been smuggled past the customs officials at Boston. The confession that the gems were smuggled into the country was made by Henry Hoffman.

A few days after the arrest of Mrs. Lena Becker here it was learned that the woman had been implicated in a diamond robbery in New York. The woman is believed to be an accomplice of Hoffman's, and has been indicted by the New York authorities.

LESS LAND IS BEING MORTGAGED

ANOTHER INDICATION OF COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY

Some Interesting Figures Regarding Real Estate on Which Loans Have Been Advanced.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—One frequently hears it stated that the farmer is the backbone of the country and this being so the increase or decrease of the amount of money borrowed of real estate becomes an important factor in reckoning the prosperity of the country.

In commerce when trade is good and the resources of the manufacturer are exhausted in keeping up the supply to meet the demand, then it becomes necessary for him to borrow money in order to enlarge his plant and purchase more raw material. Thus it is in the good years that the manufacturer becomes a borrower, and that accordingly bank rates rise and money becomes what is technically called "dear."

With the farmer the principle is absolutely reversed. He wants to borrow in the bad years and to repay in the good, and thus it comes to pass that when the demand for loans on real estate becomes heavy the indication is that the farmer is having bad times. When on the contrary mortgages on real estate are sinking in proportion then there is a decided indication that the farmer is enjoying an unusual amount of prosperity.

It may be said that the mortgages on real estate do not only cover agricultural lands. That is true, but whilst many householders and builders of new houses find it necessary to borrow on their homes, yet these form but a small proportion of the whole bulk of the mortgages of the country.

It was said a few years ago, with apparent truth, that in one county in Ontario there was not a single farm that was not mortgaged to nearly the full value of its selling price, and it is noticeable that the larger proportion of the mortgages are still extant in the province of Ontario.

The Statistical New Book contains some very interesting information concerning the value of real estate under mortgage and the value of the land upon which the loans have been made. In 1881 there was land to the value of \$132,986,635 pledged for the amount of \$61,948,053, of which \$2,044,091 was recorded as overdue mortgages. In 1896 the amount of land pledged had increased to the sum of \$255,670,945, whilst the amount loaned on mortgages had increased to \$115,724,852, whilst the overdue mortgages amounted to \$3,413,027.

Thus in the sixteen years the amount of land under mortgage had nearly doubled, and the amount of overdue mortgages had increased less than \$400,000.

In 1903 the latest year for which statistics are given, the value of land under mortgage had decreased to \$229,984,341, whilst the amount loaned thereon had increased to \$121,160,625, and the value of overdue mortgages had decreased to \$1,128,360.

Thus in the seven years the value of land had decreased \$125,686,604, whilst the amount loaned had increased some \$5,566,600, and the amount of overdue mortgages had reached a lower figure than at any period since 1881.

There is nothing in the statistics given to show the proportion of agricultural and building estate upon which money is loaned, but it seems probable that the decrease in the value of real estate under mortgage is due to the sale of western immigration property and the great bulk of the land is in the province of Ontario, whilst Quebec comes second. There can be no doubt that the immense strides made in farming in the Northwest have had a depressing effect upon agricultural land in the older provinces, but it must be stated that the statistics do not show in what provinces mortgages have been paid off, and it cannot be concluded that the land under mortgage in 1903 is the same as that in 1881.

With regard to the figures for the amount loaned it must be remarked that in the seven years the increase was only five and a half million dollars against fifty-four and a half million in the preceding sixteen years. In other words, whilst the increase was at the rate of \$3,200,000 yearly from 1881 to 1896, the rate of increase in the seven year period was only \$910,000, or a little over one-fourth of the previous rate of increase.

It is also observable that the rate of proportion between the amount of the loan and the value of the property upon which it is made has steadily increased, having been only 46.6 per cent. in 1881, rising to 81.2 per cent. in 1896 and to 85.4 per cent. in 1903. During the same time the rate of interest on loans has considerably lowered so that it becomes evident that the terms are more advantageous to the borrower in both cases.

The property mortgaged lies mostly in Ontario where real estate to the value of \$107,509,333 lies under bond to the companies. In Quebec the amount is \$10,291,039, in Nova Scotia \$1,589,092, in Manitoba \$57,688, and in British Columbia \$883,472.

It is remarkable that with the immense uptaking of land in the west, where in the last eight years 28,692,670 acres of land have been taken up for agricultural purposes, that the value

of real estate under mortgage in Canada should have decreased, a fact which speaks volumes for the character of the immigrants who are becoming settlers in the vast western country of Canada.

The fact that less land is being mortgaged speaks well for the general prosperity of the country, especially when the immense increase in the occupation of land is taken into account.

TO BRING SULTAN TO TIME.

Turkey's Answer Will Not Postpone the Naval Demonstration by Powers.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Nov. 24.—It is stated in official quarters that the exchanges of communications between the powers concerning Turkey's answer to their ultimatum have resulted in the practical determination not to consider the answer as postponing the naval demonstration which will proceed without further parley.

It is understood that the warships of the powers are already moving from Ploeseu. The objective is not yet definitely stated, but the Island of Mytilene still appears to be the objective applicable to the situation.

CASTRO PAYS.

Hands Second Installment of Pimley Arbitration Award to United States Minister.

(Associated Press.)

Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 24.—In view of the fact that no representative of the French government called on the Venezuelan government on November 14th for the second installment of the Pimley arbitration award, that being the date the money was due, the Venezuelan government asked the United States minister to receive the installment, and yesterday afternoon the money was delivered to the American minister.

GROWTH OF TRADE.

Between United States and Its Non-Contiguous Territory.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 24.—The commerce of the United States with its non-contiguous territory in 1905 seems likely to exceed by many million dollars that of any preceding year.

According to a statement issued by the department of commerce and labor for the nine months ending with September, the shipments from the United States to its non-contiguous territory in the same period against last year amounted to \$69,550,159, compared with \$47,141,628. The figures given relate to merchandise only. Alaska shipped to the United States \$7,000,000 of gold produced in that territory and \$3,500,000 of foreign gold, which presumably originated in adjacent British territory. In the merchandise shipped from Alaska to the United States there is a falling off of a little less than \$2,000,000 compared with the previous year.

In shipments from the United States there was an increase of nearly \$2,000,000 to Alaska, over \$3,000,000 to Porto Rico, about \$1,000,000 to the Philippines and nearly \$7,000,000 to the Hawaiian Islands.

In shipments to the United States there was an increase of about \$5,000,000 from Porto Rico, of over \$4,000,000 from the Philippines, and about \$12,000,000 from the Hawaiian Islands.

The value of the non-contiguous territory for the entire year of 1905 will approach \$125,000,000.

RAILWAY APPOINTMENT.

G. McI. Brown Will Take Up His New Duties on December 1st.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Nov. 24.—A circular issued today from the office of Robert Kerr, passenger traffic manager of the C. P. R., announced the appointment of Geo. McI. Brown as general passenger agent of Canadian Pacific railways and Atlantic steamship lines, the appointment to take effect on December 1st. Geo. A. Ringland, who has been acting as general passenger agent of these lines, will now act as Mr. Brown's assistant. Mr. Brown was from 1887 until 1897 district passenger agent for the company at Vancouver, where he was later executive agent. In 1901 he came to Montreal to assume the duties of superintendent of the sleeping, dining and parlor car department of the company's service.

CONGRATULATED D. D. MANN.

Board of Trade's Message to Vice-President of Canada Northern.

T. W. Paterson, president of the board of trade, has availed himself of the completion of the Canada Northern to Edmonton to convey to D. D. Mann the board's congratulations. This morning the following telegram was dispatched:

Victoria, B. C., November 24th, 1905.

D. D. Mann, Esq., Vice-President Canada Northern Railway, Edmonton:

Please accept the hearty congratulations of the Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade upon the opening of your line to Edmonton. In the near future we hope to have the pleasure of again congratulating you upon the completion of the Canada Northern railway to a Pacific Coast terminus.

VICTORIA, B. C., BOARD OF TRADE.

T. W. PATERSON, President.

SPECIAL SITTING OF FULL COURT

APPEAL ARGUED IN NELSON POWER CASE

Preliminary Objections Taken on Motion to Submit Supplementary Evidence for City.

The Full court is holding a special sitting in this city today to hear argument in an appeal in West Kootenay Power & Light Company vs. Nelson city. The court is constituted as follows: Mr. Justice Martin, Mr. Justice Duff and Mr. Justice Morrison. The appeal is taken from a judgment given by Mr. Justice Irving in a trial which was heard after an application had been made for an injunction to restrain the city from blasting and depositing rock along the Kootenay river, where works were being built by the city. The ground taken was that this work seriously interfered with the Kootenay company's water supply farther down the stream.

The forenoon was altogether occupied with argument on a motion made by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., on behalf of the city of Nelson for the producing of further evidence. With Mr. Bodwell representing the city of Nelson is W. A. Macdonald, K. C. The Power Company is represented by A. H. Macneil, K. C., of Rossland, and R. S. Lennie, of Nelson.

Mr. Macneil objected to the motion, citing a case to show that the practice of the court required that an affidavit should have preceded this motion, in which it should be set forth what the character of the new evidence was to be, and how it came to the knowledge of the applicant.

Mr. Bodwell held that this only applied to the case of evidence which might have been adduced at trial.

Mr. Justice Martin said that it appeared to him that Mr. Bodwell would have to show how this motion differed from the case cited, establishing the rule.

Mr. Justice Duff, however, expressed the opinion that this was not really a preliminary objection to the motion. The court knew nothing of the character of the motion, and this was really argument on the character of it.

Mr. Justice Martin thought Mr. Bodwell should assume the onus that this evidence could not have been adduced at trial.

Mr. Bodwell said he had done this in opening. He then proceeded to outline the case. The city of Nelson, he said, was conducting blasting light works. It was necessary to blast rock on the banks of the river. Some of this was deposited

FITZSIMMONS AND O'BRIEN.

Contest Will Take Place in San Francisco on December 29th.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—The Fitzsimmons-O'Brien contest will be held at Mechanics' pavilion on Tuesday evening, December 29th. This announcement of the date is authorized by a telegram from Promoter Coffroth, who is still in New York.

MEET AT 'FRISCO.

Jimmy Gardner and Mike 'Twin' Sullivan Ready for Battle.

San Francisco, Nov. 24.—Jimmy Gardner and Mike 'Twin' Sullivan will meet at Woodward's tonight in a contest which is scheduled to go 20 rounds. Both men are in good shape for a hard battle. The fight is at such a weight, which has made the conditions of the men an easy task.

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ELECTIONS MAY BE POSTPONED

IF BALFOUR DECIDES TO RESIGN AT PRESENT

Campaign Not Likely to be Commenced Until January—Liberal Leader's Speech on Ireland.

London, Nov. 23.—There was tremendous activity in political circles to-day, consequent on the circulation of a well-founded report that Premier Balfour had decided to bring his ministry to a close and to directly or indirectly appeal to the country.

Edward at Windsor Castle, it is believed that His Majesty had been informed of Mr. Balfour's intentions.

All political interest now centres in the cabinet meeting to be held to-morrow at which it is understood the situation will be discussed.

Conservative papers are in favor of the resignation of the cabinet, which will place Liberals on the defensive in case of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's consent to form a cabinet.

The Associated Press understands that forces have been at work inside the party for some time to bring about the present situation.

Refused a Hearing. West Houghton, Lancashire, Nov. 23.—Lord Stanley, the postmaster-general, was booked for a speech to his constituents here to-night.

WILL VISIT MADRID. Madrid, Nov. 23.—Official circles here expect King Edward will visit Madrid in May, following Emperor William's visit to this city in April.

Charles Dubois, a Frenchman, developed great skill in catching fish from the Seine by means of his hat.

THE AMALGAMATION OF ROSSLAND MINES

Scheme Approved by War Eagle Shareholders—Girl Banned to Death at Montreal.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—A meeting of the shareholders of the War Eagle Mining Company this morning, approval was expressed of the scheme to amalgamate with the Centre Star Company.

Winnipeg, Nov. 23.—H. Hannab, of Laurier, Man., who farms extensively, his disposed of only a portion of his wheat of this year's crop.

Winnipeg, Nov. 23.—The staff of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company at Portage la Prairie is preparing a large shipment of flour for Japan.

Winnipeg, Nov. 23.—Premier Roblin to-night announced the decision of his government to construct a system of telephones covering the entire province of Manitoba.

Wagon Factory. Fort William, Nov. 23.—It is probable John Studebaker, the great United States wagonmaker, will locate a branch factory here.

Kicked by Colt. Wawaheas, Nov. 23.—L. Mackenzie was killed on his farm near here by being kicked by a colt.

Nominations. Yorkton, Sask., Nov. 23.—A. Garri, rancher, was nominated for the legislature at the Liberal convention to-day.

Halfway, Nov. 23.—Rufus W. Black, constable and well known citizen of Pugwash, N. S., committed suicide this morning by drinking carbolic acid.

Promoted. Montreal, Nov. 23.—Among the changes recently inaugurated in connection with the Montreal bank, one well-deserved promotion is that of J. H. Campbell, formerly their Trenton manager.

Said Fatality. Montreal, Nov. 23.—Lily H. White, the seven-year-old daughter of Charles White, machinist, died at the general hospital last night from the effect of burns sustained yesterday afternoon while preparing her father's supper.

BEYOND CONTROL. In District in Southern Russia Troops Are Unable to Cope With Disorders.

Kursk, Nov. 23.—The Agrarian disorders in the district of Subzha have assumed such volume that the troops are unable to cope with them.

Demand Stocks. Vladimir, Nov. 23.—In the Jurlof and Alexandrovsk districts of this government peasant mobs are demanding the surrender of the stocks and provisions and are threatening to set the torch to the whole locality and to storm the county treasury.

Hopes to Compromise. St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—Premier Witte was in constant communication during the night, and this morning with M. Coubkoff and his other lieutenants at Moscow in hopes to compromise some of the declarations in the resolution adopted yesterday by the Zemstvo congress.

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THE WIFE BEHIND THE URN.



There's a man behind the capital, The man behind the gun, The man behind the enterprise, The man behind the son.

What though the frenzied financiers Do tear each other down; I leave my struggles, cares and fears Behind me in the town.

The wind may shake the window-pane And howle in the gale; Our roof can shed the driving rain, Our love sheds trouble, too.

With CHASE & SANBORN'S coffee, dear, True comfort do we learn; I pledge you in its fragrant cheer— The wife behind the urn.

socialists denounced the propositions of the majority to support the government under any circumstances as being the basest treason.

The leader of the Social Democrats informed the Associated Press that if the Premier agreed to universal suffrage it would be a hard blow to the revolutionary organizations and would compel them, when it was demonstrated that supporters of the democratic republic were in a minority in the national assembly, to employ against the constitutional monarchic regime the weapons which they have been using against the autocracy.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—The reports published in the London newspapers to the effect that Count Witte is suffering from a stroke of paralysis or is otherwise ill are absolutely false.

Halifax, Nov. 23.—The report that Privy Councillor Nicholas N. Gerhard has been appointed governor-general of Finland is correct.

Preparations for the forthcoming musical festival in which the Watkin Mills quartette will take a prominent part are being completed, and indications point to a grand success.

At the Metropolitan Church—Mendelssohn's "Elijah." Solists—Miss Edith Kirkwood, Miss Gertrude Lonsdale, Harold Wilde and Watkin Mills.

Part I. Duet—Wachmann, What of the Night. Recit. and Air—O. Rudder Than the Cherry (Lied and Song)—Handel (Lied and Song)—Watkin Mills.

Part II. Song—Cyclo—Daisy Chain. Liza Lehmann By Watkin Mills' English Quartette. 1. Quacette. 2. Song (ballad). 3. Song (ballad). 4. Song (ballad). 5. Song (ballad).

Part III. 1. Quacette. 2. Song (ballad). 3. Song (ballad). 4. Song (ballad). 5. Song (ballad).

Part IV. 1. Quacette. 2. Song (ballad). 3. Song (ballad). 4. Song (ballad). 5. Song (ballad).

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PHYSICAL FEATURES AS POLITICAL FACTORS

The heir-direct to the Roosevelt reputation has a broken nose. He received the fracture in a boxing bout and had it aggravated in a football scrimmage. Young Theodore is qualifying for a strenuous life. Our own Sir John Macdonald owed a good deal to his nose and to the cartoonists who exaggerated its prominence. The "Gladstone beak" and old-fashioned collar were noteworthy factors in enhancing the political reputation of the Grand Old Man. Roosevelt's strong teeth typify pictorially wherever a cartoonist plies his trade the dominating personality of the irresistible president. If Lincoln had been a man of ordinary physical construction, that is built on the lines from which the ward politician, with his fat, sleek, rotund figure surmounted by a plug hat, is drawn, he could never have impressed his countrymen as did gaunt, rugged, forceful and original rail-splitter did. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a unique figure. He is masterful, notwithstanding the apparent delicacy and frailty of his frame. So, too, is Mr. Balfour and that most-underrated individual, Mr. Chamberlain, although their characteristics are different. Either of these two British political leaders has been endowed with physical advantages superior to those of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and, from the point of view of the class which believes in the ultimate dominance of personality, either is likely to achieve more enduring success in public life. Sir Henry has waited a long time for his opportunity. He is about to grasp it at last, but if he had been a Chamberlain in disposition and personality he might have achieved success at a period of life when it would have seemed more worth while.

Therefore, we say there appears to be a more or less direct connection between certain physical characteristics and political success. Of course the strong features we have noted may have been developed in accordance with the wills which governed their growth. We are told by theorists that anything of that kind is possible. And so it may be that young Mr. Roosevelt, having made up his mind to follow in the footsteps of the great man his father, and noting that his features were too regular in their formation to attract attention, and apparently not being subject to mental direction, art has been resorted to to supply the deficiency. Accordingly the broken nose is being built up upon improved lines. Nothing will be neglected that is considered necessary to assure the future success of Theodore II. The broken but improved nose will carry him to victory and further enhance the glories of the great name of Roosevelt.

MORAL VICTORIES AND THE OTHER KIND

We expected a moral victory would be claimed for the Conservative party in Ontario. Our expectations have been realized. But the deductions are not based upon facts, except in so far as they demonstrate that Mr. Borden, the leader of the major wing of the party, has gained a major moral victory over Mr. Maclean, the head of the minor wing. Whether that achievement will tend to the production of harmony within the party remains to be seen. But we have our doubts. As showing the weakness in the reasoning of those who claim that "while the Conservatives in the by-elections did not

make such gains as to indicate the speedy overthrow of the government, they do give substantial evidence of its waning popularity," may we be permitted to point out that it is a mistake to put forward as a basis for this comfortable but perhaps human optimism the claim "that it is not often the unpopular candidate of a party in power is defeated in a bye-election, and the victory is all the more significant." It was the Conservative candidate who was unseated in Westworth. Mr. Smith, who is reported to have carried the constituency by eight votes, was declared by a County Court Judge to be entitled to the seat, but this decision was subsequently upset on appeal. His official declaration of majority has been reduced to eight, and there is a possibility that it may disappear altogether on a recount. So that, notwithstanding the good work of Mr. Borden and his assistants, who concentrated all their energies on Westworth, probably to confound their enemies within the party who have maintained that it was not led with courage and ability, the sacred cause of Toryism appears to be progressing backwards, and it is quite safe to say it is literally true that there is nothing in the general result to indicate the speedy overthrow of the government.

With the moral effect of the great provincial victory of Premier Whitney fresh in the minds of the people, with the active assistance of the workers of the "Conservative party in Ontario, who have been revived, stimulated and energized by the results of that victory and gratified by its fruits, with the school question exploited to the fullest extent in the only province in which it has any influence whatever upon public opinion, greater results were confidently expected. We know the government is well satisfied with the result of the elections in Ontario. If the opposition is also pleased an unusual condition obtains, as it is not often that both winners and losers are content with the outcome of a contest of considerable importance.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The leaders of the Liberal party in Great Britain have for some time been vociferously clamoring for the resignation of Premier Balfour and the dissolution of his government. They have claimed, and the results of the bye-elections appear to have fully substantiated their assertions, that the administration has lost the confidence of the country. The Premier has burnt all his bridges and cleared the way for the advent of the Liberal party. There is every outward indication that he intends to resign within the shortest time possible. He seems determined to go into opposition for a term in the hope that the experience of criticizing as opposed to the carrying out of a policy will consolidate the forces of Conservatism and remove the differences which of late have hampered him so seriously as leader of a government. In a word, all the Liberals have long hoped for is about to be realized. They are to be entrusted with the task of governing the country. But still they are not satisfied. They assert that the Premier should follow the course they would prescribe for him; take his defeat in the House and afterwards in the country like a man. Then from the newly-elected parliament the Liberal leader should form his government. This position is so different from what we are accustomed to in Canada as to be worthy of some consideration. Here it is always assumed that the government is at an advantage when it is permitted to make an appeal to the people as a government. And that assumption is generally sustained in actual experience. The possession of power, the control of the electoral machinery, the assumption that supporters of the administration are in a better position to implement pledges respecting schemes of development—the most important features of a government's policy in a new country—everything works together for the strengthening of the cause of the administration of the day if it has done nothing to seriously weaken its prestige for honesty of aim and integrity of purpose in the estimation of the electorate. Apparently in Great Britain the political point of view is different. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has expressed his preference for an offensive position. He does not want to be put on his defence on an appeal to the constituencies. He would prefer to attack the position of the government rather than construct a platform of his own, and defend it against the attacks of the leaders of an aggressive party determined upon undermining it and tearing it to pieces.

Imagine the opposition at Ottawa cavilling at the terms of capitulation if it foresaw a prospect of the government resigning!

Premier Whitney of Ontario has done his best to satisfy the clamors of Tory office-seekers. He has made as many vacancies as he could without resorting to the spoils system as they have it in the United States. But thirty years is a long time to wait for opportunities to serve one's country to personal advantage, and the Premier's task is no easy one. Many protests have been sent in complaining of the government's lack of zeal for a deserving cause. After a late meeting of the representatives of the party in Toronto Mr. Whitney received the following delicate hint in the form of a resolution: "Finally, while not approving of the spoils system in the ordinary sense

of the term, we are of the opinion that it would only be fair to divert the benefits of patronage to those who have struggled so long and faithfully to place the party to which we have the honor to belong in power." Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, who is the boss of the party in Ontario, explained that the government meant well. It was now up to the party to get back in power at Ottawa. "I hope when we get there that our rewards will be a little more prompt than they have been up here." Such is the firm basis of the high patriotism of the true Tory heart.

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ONE ON THACKERAY. It is related that when he first visited Ireland Thackeray took a drive on a Dublin car some distance into the country. Milestones had recently been erected along the roads, and on each was printed the number of miles, with the letters "G. P. O." distances being measured from the general post office. Thackeray was an aware of this, and in his thirst for information asked the carman what the letters meant. The prompt reply was, "God preserve O'Connell." Thackeray believed what he was told, but the incident only appeared in the first edition of his book.

AN OUTSIDER'S OPINION. To the Editor:—As a newcomer to your city, may I offer a few words concerning the trouble in the South Ward school? For several years I sat on the school board in New York City, and I am sure that we never found it our duty to dismiss a teacher who everyone admitted to be a first-class instructor, and, besides, a person of some literary reputation. The huge petition shows that Miss Cameron's thoughtlessness by the majority, and as this country is ruled by the people she should surely be reinstated, guilty or not guilty. It is sufficient if the people say so.

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The petition for the reinstatement of Miss Agnes Deans Cameron to the principalship of South Park school can be signed by any citizen at Hibben's and at Victoria Book & Stationery Store.

The local preachers of the various churches met by request at the Congregational church last evening and took charge of the meeting. A very profitable time was spent which was appreciated by the pastor and members of the church.

Messrs. Croot and Clement, leaders of the opposing sides in the mock parliament, will be given readings at the Philological Society social in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium this evening. This will be of special interest to members of parliament, who will be allowed to ask questions about either gentleman.

The first regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. in the new mission hall, Yates street, was held yesterday afternoon, there being a large attendance. A number of matters of importance were considered. The regular monthly meeting of the mission board will be held in their new room on Monday at 2:30 p.m. Every member of the board is requested to be present.

In the Provincial Gazette this week notice is given that at the next sitting of the legislature a charter will be sought to construct a line of railway from Qualicum Sound to Seymour Narrows, thence up Bute Inlet to the Chilcotin river and on to Pine River Pass. The company is to be given power to construct all necessary bridges, etc. The solicitors for the company are Wilson & Paters.

During the exercises connected with the formal opening of the new quarters on Yates street of the W. C. T. U. mission on Wednesday a resolution was passed highly commending the work of the Willard mission. It further recommended the institution to the liberal support of the public. The resolution was moved by H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., and seconded by Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

It seems to be the general impression among Victorians that Hutchison Ryce, the electrical and mechanical engineering business on Broughton street, are solely agents for Oldsmobiles and Truxton launches. This is entirely erroneous, as their premises are admirably equipped with the very latest machine tools for the repair and making of the most intricate parts for all kinds of mechanical and electrical machinery.

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F. J. Bittancourt, of this city, and W. W. Armstrong, of Montreal, have procured 229 acres of land in the Sooke district, with a view to entering the cattle raising business. The ranch borders on a body of water covering 20 or 40 acres, and which Mr. Bittancourt has named Surprise lake. Buildings are to be erected on the property, a log cabin having already been constructed, and at an early date the farm will be stocked.

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Garrison vs. Victoria United, Saturday, Oak Bay. Admission, soldiers and sailor in uniform, 10c. Ladies and children, 5c; civilians, 25c.

At Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon a general practice of members of the Victoria Rugby Football Club will be held in preparation for the next of the regular series of inter-city matches.

A social will be held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, under the auspices of the Young People's Guild, on Monday evening. An excellent programme has been prepared, and a pleasant time is guaranteed all attending.

The royal commission over the drawing marks imbroglio has not yet been appointed. Premier McBride informed a Times representative this afternoon that the matter was still under consideration by the council of the board, and a decision would be arrived at in a couple of days. Until this is forthcoming the question hangs in statu quo.

A football social took place at the I. O. O. F. hall last evening, the piece de resistance being a wicket tournament between members of Dominion Lodge No. 4 and the Encampment. The former were successful, winning out by a score of 74 to 54 points. After this the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse, and to the enjoyment of the refreshments thoughtfully provided by the management committee.

Members of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will hold an important meeting this evening, when three candidates will be initiated and the election of officers for the ensuing term conducted. Steps are being taken by those interested to increase the membership of the society, and to achieve this a badge valued at \$25 has been offered to the one bringing in the largest number of new members before the 31st of next month. To-night's meeting is expected to be largely attended.

There was a large attendance at the annual dance of the Fernwood Athletic Association held last evening at the city rooms. Members of the committee in charge had decorated the hall appropriately, using a profusion of flags, hunting and flowers with artistic effect. The floor was in splendid condition, and the music—supplied by the orchestra—was well dispensed about midnight, and the affair was unanimously voted an unequalled success. Those in charge, to whom must be attributed this most gratifying result, are to be congratulated upon the thoroughness of their arrangements.

Rev. Edward Melville Parker, of Concord, N. H., elected coadjutor bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New Hampshire to-day. Bishop Parker was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1855. He was educated at St. Paul's school in Concord and at Oxford University, England. During the past 25 years he has been master at St. Paul's school.

The gun-room of a man-o-war is a cabin where the midshipmen, naval cadets and other junior officers pass their time when off duty. It came to be called the gun-room because formerly it was under the care of the chief gunner.

FISHERIES COMMISSION.

Took Evidence in the Coal City Yesterday Afternoon.

The fisheries commission met at the court house, Nanaimo, yesterday afternoon and proceeded to take evidence. The first person examined was J. A. Standale, who has had seventeen years' experience fishing in local waters and on the Skeena and Fraser rivers. He explained that he was not allowed to fish in Nanaimo waters, one man controlling the whole coast, he said, and making it difficult to get a license. He also complained that the fish inspector, John Williams, had given Mr. Draney authority to fish in waters prohibited by law, namely, the spawning grounds in the Quoy River.

Harry Paraghar, of Vancouver, another witness, said he had fished herring in Nanaimo harbor for six or seven years. He believed the quantity of fish was becoming less yearly, one of the principal reasons being the practice of Indians of destroying large quantities of spawn. Other witnesses were: J. E. T. Powers, one of the share-holders of the Nanaimo Fisheries Co., Ltd., Allan Watson, a resident of Vancouver, A. Baxter, manager of the Gulf of Georgia Co., and W. Robinson.

The Nanaimo correspondent of the Times telegraphed as follows: "The fisheries commission convened again this morning. Some important evidence was taken relative to the operations of American boats in Canadian waters. Regarding the export of fresh herring to points in Puget Sound, most of the witnesses were strangely opposed to such prohibition. The sittings here will probably be concluded to-day."

HALL AT SOUTH SAANICH.

Agricultural Society Hold Very Enjoyable Event, Wednesday Night.

The annual ball of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society was held on Wednesday night at the hall, South Saanich.

The hall was prettily decorated with hawthorn and evergreens by a committee of ladies and gentlemen of the district.

The attendance was not large, which was good in a way, the floor being not over crowded. The music provided by Messrs. Schi and Solomon was of the best, and all enjoyed it until the early hours of the morning. The committee were fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Fredericks, of the Windsor restaurant, who provided a splendid repast during the night.

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, the 25th, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. A good attendance is requested.

PERSONAL.

Edward W. Trevelyan and party, who have been in the city for the past week, registered at the Oak Bay hotel, leave for Los Angeles on Sunday night. Mr. Trevelyan is said to own a large estate in San Diego. He, as also the members of the party accompanying him, are all from England. In the party are: Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Trevelyan, Miss Trevelyan, Mr. and Mrs. Hargreaves and Mr. Kayley.

J. T. Pearce, who has been running the Crofton hotel at Crofton for several years, is again in the city and will take up his residence here. He has leased the hotel to Jones & Lewis.

Edwin Goodall, formerly senior member of the firm of Goodall, Perkins & Co., shipping agents, San Francisco, Cal., is visiting the city. Mrs. Goodall accompanies him.

Frank L. Clarke, who has been toiling the province collecting data for the purpose of preparing a pamphlet for the C. P. R., has returned to the city.

Charles Lane and mother, who have been visiting here for some time, left last night for Pomona, Kansas, via the Northern Pacific and Burlington railway.

W. J. Honey and J. F. Coffey, of San

Francisco; A. Hart and E. A. Steiger, of Portland, Ore.; Geo. Taunt, representing the Texas Star Laundry and Laundry Co., and A. E. Parry, of Vancouver, are among those registered at the Dominion hotel.

J. S. Gibson, E. M. Barron and H. M. Parker and wife, of Seattle, Wash., are in the city. They are among the guests at the Dillard hotel.

Max Switzer, of Nanaimo; R. Boulton and R. C. Shepherd, of Portland, Ore.; and J. Gibson, of Vancouver, are staying at the Victoria.

Miss Morrison, Miss A. S. Parker and W. R. Mann arrived from San Francisco on the steamer City of Pictou last evening.

Geo. C. Fenmore, of Kelowna, B. C., is among the guests at the Dominion.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., November, 1905.

Table with columns: Date, Time, High, Low, Time, High, Low. Rows 1-30 showing tide data for various dates in November.

The time used in Pacific Standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as classed as each port be ascertained.

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WILL ENDEAVOR TO SETTLE DISPUTE

BETWEEN EXECUTIVE AND THE JAMES BAYS

Basketball Situation Before Club Delegates Last Evening—Fixtures For To-Morrow.

Delegates attended last evening's meeting of the Victoria Basketball League from all local athletic organizations with the exception of the J. B. A. A. When the meeting was called to order and W. Fairall, of Victoria West, appointed to take the chair it was found that F. Y. M. A., V. W. A. A., and the Fifth Regiment were represented, while S. Porter, of the J. B. A. A., was present as secretary, and not as an officially appointed delegate. One of the first points and, probably, the most important point was the question of whether the meeting should be termed a reorganization of the annual gathering. It was pointed out that if the former, the James Bays would enter teams, but that if the old league continued to exist that club could not consider entering any of the local competitions.

This was discussed at length. On behalf of the James Bays the secretary explained that the executive of the organization to which he belonged would refuse to participate in any series governed by last year's management owing to the misunderstanding between the F. Y. M. A. and J. B. A. A. regarding an interpretation of the rules and the consequent withdrawal of the latter's teams at the end of the 1904-05 season. They would, however, enter teams if it was decided to reorganize, adopt a new constitution and by-laws, and transact business in a business-like manner. The Y. M. C. A. representatives favored the formation of a new league, considering it the best means of settling the difficulty as well as placing the league on a more satisfactory basis. It was opposed by the V. W. A. A. and F. Y. M. A. Finally a motion was put by P. Marchant to the effect that the secretary be requested to read the minutes, and that the business be proceeded with in the usual way. This was equivalent to a resolution providing for the continuation of the old league, and was carried by a vote of eight to two.

A report was then submitted by a committee appointed at the last meeting to draft a new constitution. They stated that a rough outline of one had been compiled. It was read and laid upon the table with the understanding that it should be left at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, where members of the different clubs may inspect it at any time in order to ascertain what amendments should be made. At the next meeting on Thursday it will be taken up clause by clause and adopted.

The chairman in a few remarks expressed the opinion that something should be done to induce the James Bays to come into line for the ensuing season. It was in the interests of basketball generally that such a thing should be brought about, and he believed no difficulty would be experienced, providing the proper steps were taken, to accomplish this.

Secretary Porter contended that as reorganization had been decided against, the J. B. A. A. would, in all probability, refuse to consider any overtures.

Messrs. Marchant and Caldwell believed that if the situation was clearly explained to the management committee a solution of the problem could be reached. They thought a committee might be appointed to wait upon that body and enter into a detailed explanation of the position taken by the executive in relation to last year's dispute. The outcome of such action, it was thought, would be a change in the attitude assumed by the J. B. A. A. in their opinion that association had not understood the issue, the James Bay delegates, reporting, having no doubt given them a somewhat biased account of what actually happened.

Upon this point, however, there was a wide difference of opinion. It was pointed out by Secretary Porter, who was supported by others in his view, that the difficulty centered upon the interpretation of a somewhat ambiguous clause in the rules and regulations. One thing was construed to mean one thing by the executive and another by the management committee of the James Bay Club. Under the circumstances the reviving of the old trouble could only result in the continuation of the strained feelings, and not bring about the desired result. He would be

glad to see a committee wait upon the J. B. A. A. in a conciliatory spirit, however, and endeavor to reach a settlement upon some mutually satisfactory basis. A committee so empowered might be successful.

After a prolonged debate a committee, consisting of J. T. Groot, G. A. Caldwell and Robt. Dunn was selected to wait upon the James Bays at the earliest possible date. They were instructed to ascertain what kind of a proposition would be acceptable to the James Bays, and to report back to the league at its next meeting.

The question of where the games should be played was introduced by Mr. Fairall. He reported that for some time past he had been endeavoring to reach an understanding with Bandmaster Pfedner with a view of bringing off an exhibition match between the Victoria West and Fernwood clubs at the drill hall at an early date. The latter had at last come to an agreement to the effect that the receipts, after the subtraction of all expenditures between the bandmen and the players, that is that each individual actively participating in the entertainment should receive an even share. By this means everyone would be satisfied, and that going to the players of the teams would, of course, be diverted to the coffers of their respective clubs.

This seemed to meet with the approval of those present, but its adoption was left in abeyance.

An adjournment was then taken until next Thursday evening.

THE RING.
FOUGHT A DRAW.

A dispatch from Baltimore, Md., says: "Kid Sullivan, of Washington, and Abe Attell, of San Francisco, met in a fifteen-round match here last night. It was whispered at the ringside that immediately before the men met, Attell insisted upon the fight being called a draw if both men were on their feet at the close of the fifteenth round, and his object seemed to be to prolong the fight to that point. He succeeded, and Referee O'Hara held up the hands of both men."

WANTS A MATCH.

Yesterday Kid Newman and his manager, C. Atkinson, arrived in the city for the purpose of endeavoring to arrange a match with any British Columbia boxer between 148 and 160 pounds. If this cannot be arranged he expresses his willingness to come to an understanding on a catch weight proposition. Mr. Atkinson is anxious to match his man against Gr. McNane, of the R. G. A., who has gained quite a local reputation, for a side bet of \$100, the winner to take all the receipts.

HOCKEY.
MEMBERS ATTENTION!

A full practice of members of the Victoria Hockey Club will be held to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, at the Oak Bay grounds. As there are only a few more opportunities to train before the match with Vancouver at the Fernald City on the 16th of December takes place, a full attendance is desired.

THE SECOND ELEVEN.

Arrangements have been made for a match between the Victoria and Vancouver second elevens. In all probability this will take place a few days after Christmas at the Oak Bay grounds.

TO FINISH ANAIMO.

Members of the Victoria ladies' team will leave for Nanaimo to-morrow to try conclusions with the Coal City eleven. The locals have been training regularly, and are confident of returning victors.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.
AT BEACON HILL.

An intermediate league game is scheduled to be played between the North Ward and Central school teams to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, at the Beacon Hill grounds. A close and interesting contest is looked for by enthusiasts. C. Jasper will act as referee.

AN IMPORTANT GAME.

What is expected to prove the final match for the local championship will be played to-morrow afternoon between the Garrison and Victoria-United teams at the Oak Bay grounds. This is the last athletic contest of the series, and providing the local eleven win, they will be entitled to the trophy. But if the Garrison is successful another match will be necessary to decide the question of supremacy.

There will be a slight change in the line-up of the respective teams. In connection with the locals Palmer and J. A. Lormier will play in the forward division—one on the right wing and the other on the left. Williamson will be the new light of the Garrison forward line, taking the place of Simons, and his play, it is stated, will be of high class order.

The executive of the Victoria-United held their meeting to choose the team the other evening, and it was a difficult matter, as there were no less than 14 aspirants for places. If steady training counts for anything, the teams certainly should be in the best of condition, and the Victoria-United, under the able management of Prof. Foster, will do their best to keep up their unbroken record.

Not having lost a game this season so far, on the other hand the Garrison, knowing that even in the case of a tie they lose the championship, are determined to come out with colors flying.

As usual the British Columbia Electric Tramway Company will run extra cars between 1.30 and 3 o'clock to accommodate the large numbers who, it is hoped, will be present. The grounds for the big event will be roped in, and there will be no fear of interference from the spectators, also several members of the silver-bullet brigade will be on hand to keep the enthusiasm in check. The usual admission fee will be charged. Sailors and soldiers in uniform, ladies and children,

10c.; civilians, 25c. These prices include the grand stand.

The line-up of the Victoria-United follows: Goal, E. White; backs, A. Goward and S. Lormier; half backs, C. S. Thompson, H. Gowan and J. Harter; forwards, L. Yorke, B. Tye, B. Schweigens, J. Lormier and C. A. Palmer.

MATCH WITH SEATTLE.

It is expected that a match will be played between the Victoria-United and Seattle teams on New Year's day at the Oak Bay grounds. At a recent meeting of the former organization it was decided to invite the Seattle eleven to play here on that date. For the past two months the game has been taken up with enthusiasm on the other side of the line, and the Seattle team is reported to be strong, so that a first class game is anticipated.

JUNIOR MATCH.

On Saturday afternoon the North West eleven will line up against Victoria West in a junior league match. The game will take place at Beacon Hill and will start at 1.30. It promises to be a very fast contest, as the last time these two teams met Victoria West won out, one to nil.

The North West team will line up as follows: Goal, P. Audi; full backs, S. Hunter and J. Dacres; half backs, N. Sebrook, C. Bishop and Eberts; forwards, F. Tate (center), F. Sweeney, C. McCarter (left wing), A. McGregor, B. Taylor (right wing).

The conference of the American rabbis at Chicago has issued an appeal urging that every rabbi in America request the people to close their places of business at 4 p. m. on December 24th and meet in their homes of worship at 8 p. m. for the purpose of an expression of sympathy with their afflicted brethren in Russia.

Five men were killed and one seriously injured Thursday in a head-on collision near Albion, Ind., between a work train and a gravel train on the Baltimore & Ohio railway.

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French Navy Department is Preparing for Emergency.
(Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from London says a French cruiser will take on armament on December 12th for the purpose of forming a part of the division charged to make a demonstration in Venezuelan waters. The Minister of Marine, however, will not give any additional details. The foreign office officials insist that no decision has yet been taken to use force, but they add that the naval branch is taking preparatory measures so as to be ready in the event of the failure of the negotiations to secure a pacific solution.

The Marquis of Londonderry Was Present and Has Probably Withdrawn Resignation.

(Associated Press.)
London, Nov. 23.—As the Marquis of Londonderry was present at today's meeting of the cabinet council it is evident that Mr. Balfour did not accept his tendered resignation, and the Lord President of the Council probably withdrew it. It was informed that the cabinet would not again meet parliament with the idea of transacting further business. The ministers have not yet given any information of the actual date of the dissolution and appeal to the constituencies.

According to the latest statistics, 400 plates of beer were drunk by each inhabitant of Munich from January to September last, this being an increase of seventy-five plates over the corresponding period, last year.

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There is some speculation on what is likely to be done in the Victoria and Puget Sound service another year. It is thought by some that the Alaska Steamship Company, owners of the Whatcom, will introduce an important change when they resume their connection with this port in early spring in taking the Dolphin from the northern run, on which she has been operated ever since coming to this coast and placing her in the local business.

The Dolphin is a much larger vessel than the Whatcom, and, being converted into an oil burner, will when these improvements have been made be able to make the speed which she has been reputed to have. This is sixteen knots an hour. The trouble with the steamer of late has been her boilers. It is said that she has not been able to keep up high pressure for long, and that this has seriously handicapped her. The company still manages the trade between Seattle and Port Townsend, and from the first named port dispatch a boat daily to Port Townsend, while two steamers are running on the trip down the Straits.

It may not be generally known that while the business of the Alaska Steamship Company is carried on by the C. P. 2, steamship Princess Beatrice during the winter months the company still manages the trade between Seattle and Port Townsend, and from the first named port dispatch a boat daily to Port Townsend, while two steamers are running on the trip down the Straits.

MAY CHANGE SCHEDULE.
That a number of changes in the scheduled sailing dates of the Minnesota and Dakota will be made when Howard James, the new vice-president of the company, returns, is the belief expressed by officers of the Great Northern Steamship Company, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. In their opinion the visits of the big liners to Nagasaki will be discontinued. No freight nor passengers whatever are loaded at that port. The vessels merely call there. The sailing would be done in any of the other Oriental ports as well. This would change the entire schedule for the vessels in Oriental waters. Several days would be gained and the work of loading and discharging would be materially expedited.

TRAVEL IS LIGHT.
Travel to and from San Francisco is now at its lowest stage. While staterooms on the coast liners could hardly be secured on a day preceding a sailing some months ago, ships are now running light in so far as their passenger accommodations are concerned. The City of Puebla, which arrived from the Bay City last evening, had but 21 travellers, of whom 19 only were cabin passengers. The Queen sailing for San Francisco this evening will also have a light list of passengers, the number to embark here being exceptionally small.

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The barque Soda has been chartered to load lumber at Chemainus. The Soda is now at San Francisco. She is the vessel which a year ago put into Falkland Islands in distress, having encountered a storm which seriously damaged her and rendered her unable to continue her voyage. She Equipped with coal from Cardiff. As will be remembered the voyage was never completed, and the cargo was sold while the ship remained south.

LOST AN ANCHOR.
Barque Australia leaves to-day in tow of the tug Loran for Taroom. Some days ago the barque lost an anchor and about five fathoms of chain in the Royal Roads,

for which a futile search has been made. Almost every year anchors are lost in the Roads, testifying to the excellent character of the anchorage grounds there found. Such vessels as the Minnesota and one of the Express liners have lost their anchors there. The former's, the biggest ever seen in these parts, has never been recovered, although it has been looked for weeks at a time.

SHIPPING NOTES.
The barque Carleton, 1,302 tons, under charter to load lumber at the Hastings mill for South Africa, is expected to arrive here about the end of the present month. She is coming from San Francisco in ballast.

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