

ORIENTAL DAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Full Text of Speech Delivered by Ralph Smith in Introducing Motion to Restrict Japanese Immigration.

(Special Correspondence of the Times).

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Yesterday might be described as "Oriental Day" in the House of Commons. The greater part of the afternoon and all the evening were devoted to a discussion of the question of Oriental immigration, the contributors being the parliamentary representatives from British Columbia. In view of the general excellence of the speeches, and the emphatic, unambiguous manner in which the facts were presented, it is safe to say that those who heard them, and those in the East who pursue the speeches, will have a clearer idea of this very important matter than they formerly entertained.

The motion of Ralph Smith, M. P., Nanaimo, upon which the discussion occurred, was as follows:—
"That in the opinion of this House steps should be taken to restrict the influx of Oriental immigrants into Canada, and inasmuch as the policy of the government concerning Chinese immigration has proved entirely satisfactory, a definite policy should be immediately put into operation looking to the accomplishment of equally satisfactory results with regard to all other Oriental immigrants."

The mover, Mr. Smith, spoke at length and as this question is one of all-absorbing interest to the people of British Columbia, it would be well, perhaps, to give his remarks in full.

He said: In moving the resolution which stands in my name, calling upon the government to restrict the incoming of Oriental labor into British Columbia with regard to the Japanese to the same extent as they have done with regard to the Chinese, I am fully aware how the discussions on this question have been members in the minds of certain members of the House who have not had the western experience of this question, with the principle of provincialism and race prejudice.

In 1902, when I addressed this House on this question previous to the imposition of the head tax on Chinese, one good old Presbyterian, a conscientious old gentleman, in this House, rose and said that in his opinion the policy I had advocated was contrary altogether to the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Sir, it was easy to associate a discussion of this question with provincialism. I have heard it stated repeatedly that the Oriental question was a provincial question. It is true that the agitation on this subject is confined to British Columbia, because the effects are more directly felt in British Columbia. I do not think it is possible for the members of this House to have a correct conception of the importance of this question until they have had a personal experience of it in the west. I have known leading members of this House, on both sides of it, who, some years ago, expressed strong views against the anti-Oriental agitation, and after they paid a visit to British Columbia, and came in contact with the actual circumstances and conditions, when they met the facts face to face, they came back to this House willing to favor restrictions being placed upon that class of immigrants. This is not a provincial question. Mr. Speaker, I desire to say, as a representative from British Columbia, that the representatives of that province, are supposed to be informed of the actual circumstances surrounding this question. I desire to say to this House that I do not support the principle of restriction on this kind of immigration because I think it would be beneficial only to British Columbia; I want to take the broader stand that what is bad for British Columbia is so because its ultimate results would be bad for Canada. I want to take the position in this House that what is good for British Columbia can only be so considered when it can be conclusively proved that the operation of the same principle will be good for Canada. I am prepared frankly to place the statement and allow myself to be placed on record, that though it may appear at first sight as peculiarly affecting the interests of British Columbia, it will ultimately affect the whole of Canada.

This is a national parliament, and I am not advocating a provincial question. If it is a good thing to allow unrestricted Oriental immigration into British Columbia then it must be also in the interests of Canada. Why, sir, the protection of British people in British Columbia, the development of her industries on former lines, are evident, and undoubtedly in the interest of the whole people of Canada.

Then this discussion has been associated by its opponents with race prejudice. Mr. Speaker, there always was a race prejudice. So far as I am concerned, I have been trying all my life to practice a belief in the equality of races and of men, and I am not easily induced to do anything or to say anything contrary to the principle of the equality of races. But no man with observation and experience will say that there is not a race prejudice, that there is not an influence in that direction affecting men's minds. That influence has to be recognized, it is a universal principle that cannot be obliterated by any revolutionary process in a few minutes, or in a short period. Why, sir, race prejudice is a part and parcel of

the inequalities existing as a consequence of the depravity of the human race, and is seen not only in the conflict of man against man but of race against race. The antagonism existing in systems of government and in economic conditions are based on the same principle as race prejudice. I have faith enough, however, to believe that the words of the Scotch poet will come true:

When man to man the world o'er
Shall brothers be, and all that.

But we know by experience, we know in our business operations, we know by the ordinary competition of man against man, that there are those who are not fair, and that there are those who are not just. I have faith enough, however, to believe that the words of the Scotch poet will come true:

While the prosperity of the country may not consist in the enlargement and development of railway systems, factories and the operation of mines, it is quite possible to be grinding out by a system of alien and low priced labor, any amount of high dividends and enormous profits, but in spite of such prosperity and development it is possible that we are not grinding out these profits in the best interests of the country. I do not regard this condition as a system of spoliation and injustice, but I do regard a system which has for its object the promotion of the personal and private interests of the few as against the welfare of the people of the country as a whole as a system of spoliation and injustice. We are very apt to be tainted and affected by the excitement which is associated with this question in British Columbia. All level-headed and sensible men in British Columbia have had to bring pressure to bear to restrain the explosive tendencies of the province, as this question.

RICHMOND MINE PAYING PROSPECT

WILL SOON SHIP ORE TO TRAIL SMELTER

Property at Bannock City is ideally
Sited—Uninterrupted Development Work

(Special Correspondence of the Times).
Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 22.—These days Chief of Police A. E. Savage is receiving many congratulations from his mining friends over his recent good luck with the Richmond property at Bannock City. In speaking of this property Mr. Savage said: "Yes, the Richmond is looking better ever since F. McFarlane made the big strike, a few weeks ago. We now have a well defined lead fully three feet in width, which has already been stripped for over 60 feet. Assorted samples of ore taken from across this lead ran as high as \$25 in gold alone. I have every confidence of the lead proving of significant proportions, and it is our intention to very shortly start shipping ore, probably to the Trail smelter."

Situated as the Richmond is, on the gentle slope of Pathfinder mountain, within only a few hundred feet of the Kettle Valley line railway, the question of shipping is only a matter of detail. To a visitor this group with its long tunnel, thoroughly equipped with tram car and track, has all the appearance of a fully fledged mine. At the present time the Richmond is one of the very few claims on the north fork river that is being systematically worked this winter, and it is now stated that uninterrupted development work will be carried on at this claim from now on.

Wonderful Recovery.
West Fee, one of the principal owners of the Maple Leaf property in Franklin camp, has beaten all records here in the cottage hospital, having recovered from an acute attack of typhoid pneumonia after being in the hospital just one week. In speaking of the Maple Leaf property Mr. Fee stated that he fully expected that work in the form of prospecting the claim would be resumed again this winter, but that he would know definitely next week.

WATER REPORT NOW IN HAND

EXPERT ADAMS SEEMS TO FAVOR ELK LAKE

The city council has received the report on the water situation from the expert, A. L. Adams. The intention of the board when Mr. Adams was asked to make the report, was to immediately submit a proposition to the electors when the report was received, and ask their decision from that source. It is expected, will be followed. The report was read at the council meeting last evening and discussion then was laid over until next week.

IMMIGRANTS NOT ALLOWED TO LAND

One Hundred Who Arrived Without Funds Are Deported—Advisements Are Withdrawn

(Special to the Times).
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Over one hundred immigrants were deported from Halifax on Saturday because they had not sufficient funds to keep them until they got work. Advisements have been put in all the British papers by the Canadian government warning immigrants not to come to Canada until spring.

Certain parties on the continent of Europe have advertised for thirty thousand laborers for Canadian railways. Bruce Walker, head of the Canadian immigration office, telegraphed to have the advertisement stopped or he would prosecute. The advertisement was withdrawn.

The Ontario government has also withdrawn all its advertisements for parties coming to Canada from Great Britain, only agricultural lands with funds, or those coming to friends or to positions, will be allowed to land in Canada. This rule will not apply to domestics.

PREMIER FOUGHT BLOODLESS DUEL

Hungarian Minister Refutes Allegation of Dishonesty by Colleague at Point of Sword

Budapest, Dec. 23.—Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, and former Minister of Justice Polonyi fought a duel yesterday with words, as a result of an allegation of political dishonesty against the premier by the ex-minister at a sitting of parliament a few days ago. The meeting took place at noon and was a bloodless one. Neither man was in any way injured and the two became reconciled.

Dr. Wekerle proved his superiority as a swordsman in both the bouts that were fought. He broke down his opponent's guard and dealt him harmless blows with the flat of his sword. Minister Polonyi then apologized to Dr. Wekerle, whereupon they shook hands. After the duel the premier telegraphed an account of the affair to the emperor, who sent back his congratulations.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY IN U. S.

Platform to be Issued by Thomas W. Lawson—Roosevelt Again for Presidency.

New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, who on last Tuesday called on President Roosevelt at the White House and who subsequently said he would "probably make a statement to the public within a few days," will, according to an interview published by the World yesterday, soon launch a new political party.

Its candidate for president and vice-president, according to the plan announced, will be Theodore Roosevelt and Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota.

In his formal announcement Mr. Lawson avoids any direct statement that his chosen candidates have acquiesced in his political programme.

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EMERALD ISLE IN STATE OF TURMOIL

Law and Order Has no Part in Campaign of United Irish League.

A cable to the New York Herald from London says that Ireland is in a state of extreme agitation, and that the police describe their experiences as the worst since the eighties.

The United Irish League is doing its best to stamp out the cattle industry by "cattle driving," and the sport of hunting as well, and in the scurrilous which take place both police and people get broken heads.

Mr. Redmond, the Nationalist leader, advocates the continuance of the "home rule" agitation, and indeed it is not believed that he could stop the movement if he would. A judge has said that one can scarcely credit that it is a civilized country. No jury at the winter assizes has been found to convict persons accused of cattle driving, although in many cases no defense was offered. The government is very reluctant to adopt extreme measures, but it is felt that some radical step must be taken.

TATOOSH WIRELESS DAMAGED BY STORM

Gale Velocity in Straits Reached Eighty Four Miles an Hour Yesterday.

Tatoosh, Dec. 24.—(By wireless)—Yesterday the wireless station here was damaged by the storm which attained a velocity of 84 miles an hour off the straits. An exceptionally heavy gust of wind carried away what is known as the "crier" on the wireless mast. This was repaired this morning. A large plate glass window in the building here was smashed in while other minor damages are reported from various points.

To-day the wind has died away altogether and this morning was scarcely more than three miles an hour. Barometer reading is 29.89, temperature 42. No shipping in the straits up to 11 a. m.

BROKEN HEARTED HE ENDED HIS LIFE

Brooding of Medical Student Over Death of His Father Led to Tragedy.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—After brooding for two years over the death of his father, John Grant Herald, a young medical student of Queen's university, Kingston, Ont., shot himself through the head in a room in the Strathcona hotel on Saturday night, and died a few hours later in the general hospital.

The deceased came to Winnipeg from Morris on December 9th, and registered at the Strathcona hotel together with his chemist, L. Lawson. They were assigned to room No. 52, on the second floor of the hotel, and have occupied the room since December 9th.

The deceased was the only son of the late Dr. John Herald, of Kingston university, and was student at the same institution. He had one more year to study until he secured his degree of M. D., but was broken hearted at the loss of his father. He gave up his studies and came to the west in the endeavor to forget his troubles. He came to Winnipeg and obtained a clerkship in the city, but did not keep the position long, and left for Grandview, where he took a situation on a ranch. From there he left for Morris, Man., where he went in for farming, and until December stayed on the farm. A fire broke out in Morris, in which he lost all his belongings, and he came to Winnipeg with the intention of again taking a position in the city. His

CHANGE IN TIMBER LAWS OF PROVINCE

Government Has Withdrawn All Unstaked Sections From the Public—Move on Part of Administration Has Been Tardy.

The provincial government is evolving a new policy with respect to the timber lands. This is nothing new. Hon. F. J. Fulton, the chief commissioner of lands and works, advised a reporter this morning that a change of the timber laws had been for a long time contemplated by the government, and that an order in council passed yesterday would give the government time to develop its policy with respect to the subject.

This order in council, he explained, suspends all traffic so far as the taking of timber is concerned, pending the further decision of the government in the matter. No timber lands can be secured by striking after and including to-day.

Up to the present about 6,500,000 acres of timber have been staked in the province. The revenue from this source alone last year was something like \$1,275,000 a great stimulus having been given to the interest in this feature of the natural resources by the prospective opening up of the country by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

Hon. Mr. Fulton declined to indicate the probable nature of the amendments to be introduced with respect to the timber laws. But the suggestion has been heard that the changes will be based on the system prevailing in Ontario, under which the government executes the surveying of timber areas. In British Columbia, under the present system, the surveying of timber lands

is done by the parties seeking to stake the lands.

It will be remembered that last year the provincial government attempted to work some changes in the timber laws only to be besieged by the timber men from all over the province. The government was forced to back down and withdraw the legislation.

In the House it was promised that a change would be made in the laws affecting the administration of timber. The present move, according to the announcement of the chief commissioner, is intended to make provision for the new system which is to be introduced.

The sudden withdrawal of the timber laws will work a hardship on some, and work to the great advantage of others.

It is pointed out by some timber men that the time for this action is long past. It should have been done some years ago when the movement towards staking timber lands was beginning on the grand scale. At present there is much more timber staked than can be cut in 21 years. Moreover all the timber that is immediately available for cutting is now in the hands of speculators and timber men. The timber left is not situated so as to be available for many years to come. It is held therefore by them that the mischief in connection with the sacrifice of the timber resources of the province has been done, and the present legislation will not help very much.

Another and sister in the meantime had been on a trip to Europe, and on their arrival home at Dundas, Ont., sent for him to come home for Christmas, which he intended to do. He made up his mind to return to the university and finish his studies, and was to leave for the east last Monday. He had all arrangements made and had his bill at the hotel paid up to date.

MAYOR'S STORIES OBJECTED TO

ALD. HANNA TAKES EXCEPTION TO THEM

He Explained to City Council Why
He Opposed the Chief
Magistrate.

Replete with worthy encounters as last night's council meeting was, the liveliest occurred during a discussion of the motion regarding the improvement of transportation facilities between Mayor Morley and Ald. Hanna. In response to a question, Ald. Hanna accused the chief magistrate of telling stories which not only bordered on the vulgar but were absolutely indecent. The incident arose from the mayor asking whether or not he (Ald. Hanna) had gone to the city solicitor's office and taken away a map, the property of the city.

Ald. Hanna replied that he had asked for the map and had got one which was given to him.

The mayor did not let the incident close here, for a show while after he made a pun directed against Ald. Hanna.

The alderman rose to his feet and declared: "What little respect I had for the head of this council immediately vanished whenever I got into close contact with him. After some of the invective and obscenity which he has heard him relate in committee meetings, there can be no surprise at the lack of respect."

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, Inspector Gill to Retire After Twenty Years' Service—His Successor.

After nearly twenty years' service, Inspector Gill of the Inland Revenue Department, will be superannuated at the end of the month.

He is to be succeeded by J. E. Miller, of Vancouver, who will arrive in Victoria on the first of the year to take over the inspectorship. Mr. Miller will be a great acquisition to the sporting element of the city, as he is deeply interested in Rugby and was elected as president of the British Columbia Union on Saturday.

"ROOSEVELT AS PEACEMAKER."

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The leading article which appears in the Deutsche Tageszeitung this morning, and which bears as the caption, "Roosevelt as Peacemaker," reflects in the president's efforts to secure peace in the South American republics. The article recognizes the cessation of revolution and wars in these regions as of very great advantage to European, and especially to German, enterprises.

MINNESOTA AFFIRE.

Kobe, Dec. 24.—Fire has broken out on board the American steamer Minnesota. Capt. Austin, in this harbor. Both the vessel and her cargo are damaged. The Minnesota is from Seattle for Hongkong.

CONSERVATIVE M. P. ILL.

Preston, Ont., Dec. 24.—Jno. A. Clark, Conservative member of parliament for South Waterloo, who has been suffering from an acute form of indigestion, is now out of danger.

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ALL WILL BE HAPPY TO-MORROW

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Everything Is to Be Done to Make the Holiday Pass Pleasantly in City.

To-morrow citizens generally will join in the celebration of Christmas Day. Various philanthropic organizations in the city have taken pains to provide the means whereby all will enjoy Christmas cheer.

The Friendly Help Society through the generous donations of the general public has been able to provide for a number of families who would not otherwise have been able to mark the holiday season.

At the Royal Jubilee hospital a Christmas tree is to be unloaded to-night and to-morrow will be marked by the usual Christmas arrangements. In the provincial jail the forty inmates will be reminded of the holiday by a special dinner of roast beef and plum pudding to distinguish the meal from the ordinary routine.

At 10:30 a service will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Grundy at which all prisoners will be asked to attend.

In the afternoon Mr. Franter, assisted by several members of the Methodist church, will entertain with songs and music. Fruit will be distributed and everything possible that will tend to help the prisoners forget their surroundings for a moment will be done.

A number of city ministers have expressed their intention of being present during the afternoon.

At the Orphans' Home the children will hang up their stockings to-night for Santa Claus and to-morrow will have a special Christmas dinner. The Christmas tree for the children will be put on later in the holidays.

The members of the W. C. T. U. will play host to-morrow to the large number of frequenters of their Mission on Yates street. This afternoon the hall was gaily decorated until it assumed a festive aspect.

The dinner will be provided by the visitors themselves, the W. C. T. U. supplying all the accessories, such as knives and forks and table linen.

In the afternoon the hall will be thrown open and at night an informal entertainment will be given.

This is the same programme as was carried out last year, when the success of the affair gained many friends for the mission.

The Churches. In many of the city churches Christmas will be observed with special services adapted to the day.

In Christ Church cathedral the services for Christmas day will be as follows: Holy communion, 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.; morning service and holy communion, 11 a.m.; the preacher at the service will be the Bishop of Columbia. The music set for the day is as follows: Voluntary, "Pastorale," Dinnell; Cathedral Psalter; Proper Psalms, Cathedral Psalter; Te Deum, Smart, in F; Benedictus, "Silver" (M.S.); Antiphon, "Thus Spake the Lord of Hosts," Sir J. Stainer; Kyrie, Dr. Gower (M.S.); Gloria, Russell; Hymns, Nos 59 and 61; Voluntary, "Communion," Du Bois.

In St. Barnabas' church, corner of Cook street and Caledonia avenue, this evening there will be a midnight celebration at 11.30, when St. Ignace's Mission services in D will be sung, and appropriate Christmas carols. On Christmas day there will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 and 9 a.m.; matins at 10.30, choral eucharist and sermon by the rector, Rev. E. G. Miller, at 11.

The following music will be rendered: Organ, "The Pastoral Symphony," Handel; Processional, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"; Service, "St. Peter in a Hat"; Hymns, 59 and 61; Anthem, "God From on High Hath Heard"; Rev. E. R. Hall, tenor solo, Mr. Skelton, soprano solo; the choir boys in Munson Nunc Dimittis, St. John; organ, "For Unto Us a Child is Born"; Handel. There will be evening songs with devotional reading at 7.30 p.m.

At St. James' church the rector, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, the services to-morrow will be as follows: There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8; matins and sermon at 11, and a second celebration at 12. The collection at the 11 a.m. service will be given to the clergy, widows and orphans fund. The following music will be rendered by a full choir: Organ Voluntary; Venite and Psalms, special Cathedral Psalter; Te Deum in G, J. L. Hopkins; Benedictus, Trotbeck; Anthem, "O Come All Ye Faithful," arranged by V. Novels; Hymns, 60 and 62; Kyries, Sullivan; Com. Hymn, 322; Nunc Dimittis, Felton.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church to-morrow at 11 o'clock a Christmas service will be held. Rev. C. K. H. Adams, the pastor, will preach on the subject, "God Manifest in the Flesh."

FOUR OLD-DAD. 'Tis Christmas Eve, The presents Are all laid out, Behold The slimmer, in the freight, O'furs, and gems and gold.

They're mother's Russian sables Upon the great gold chair, And this is Ren's rope of pearls, That Sophy's favorite wears.

See Albert's seal-lined overcoat How soft the fur and line; And Gus's gold repeater O' would that I were mine!

Nor think, 'mid all the giving, They've passed dear father by; But note, upon the music stool, His quarter-dollar lie.

Buffalo Express

Marine and Shipping

NEW AIDS TO NAVIGATION.

The steamship Cascade will leave at the end of the week to build the foundation for the new explosive belt beacon on Helen Point. Active Pass, utilizing the material which was intended for the Lewis reef beacon.

Two of these beacons are to be established, one at the point above named and one at Beaver Rock, Chatham Point, in Discovery Passage. The foundation for the latter has already been built and the beacon will be installed as early as possible.

The beacon has a new attachment known as the explosive bell signal. By a timing arrangement a shot is discharged at intervals, striking the bell and sounding periodic signals.

RESTORER DUE SHORTLY.

As stated in the Times some time ago, the cableship Restorer, Capt. Coombes, will dock at Esquimalt in January to rent. A cablegram from Honolulu, which was received in the city yesterday, states that the Commercial Cable Company's vessel will leave the Hawaiian port at the end of this week for this port.

The many friends of the Restorer's officers and crew in this city will hear with pleasure the news that the Restorer will pay an early visit. During her previous sojourns in this port Capt. Coombes and his men made a large number of friends and acquaintances, who have been eagerly awaiting confirmation of the news that the vessel would come here in the new year.

ROSCOWITZ STEAMSHIPS.

The Roscowitz steamship Venture returned to port this morning from Naas river and way ports, bringing a quantity of freight and three passengers. Except for heavy weather, the Venture's trip was uneventful.

At Vancouver the steamship landed 72 passengers, 5,000 cases of salmon from the Skeena and Rivers Inlet and 15 tons of freight from Esquimalt. The latter was merchandise which was consigned to Hazelton, but could not be taken up the Skeen before navigation closed.

The Venture will lay up for a month to undergo a thorough overhauling, her place on the Naas river route being taken by the other vessel of the line, the Vado, which will sail on the 29th inst. and will make special calls at Skidegate and Jedway, Queen Charlotte Islands.

Yesterday a curious accident befell the Vado while lying at Spratt's wharf, which, luckily, resulted without the vessel receiving any injury. The hull, which had been sealed and banded, and in testing them the upper tanks were filled before any water had been put into the lower tanks. A gush of wind struck the steamship broadside, causing her to heel over at a dangerous angle and giving all on board a scare. The upper tanks were speedily emptied and the lower ones filled, and the Vados was soon placed on an even keel again, none the worse for the mishap.

TEES TO RESUME SERVICE.

The overhauling of the C. P. R. west coast steamship Tees has been completed, and the vessel is expected to resume sailing on the west coast upon the Amur's return from Cape Scott, sailing for Ahousat on January 1st.

HUTTONWOOD'S CLOSE CALL.

During the gale which blew yesterday afternoon and through last night the British Steamship Huttonwood, Capt. White, bound from San Francisco for Comox, put into Esquimalt harbor and had a narrow escape from being blown on the White rocks.

The Huttonwood, which is one of the steamships that carried coal for the United States navy from Norfolk to Prince, was bound up-light and sought shelter in the harbor yesterday afternoon. Two anchors were put out, but about half-past four, the wind caught the vessel abeam and she commenced to drag. For several minutes it appeared as if she would strike the White rocks and her progress in that direction was watched with absorbing interest by many on shore.

Fortunately this mishap was avoided one of the anchors holding before the steamship went too close to the rocks. She was brought up by the wind and again anchored, this time secure from the pranks of the wind which was almost of a typhoon intensity.

The tug, which is to port last night after a long battle with the gale down the coast. She was forced, through the heavy weather, to cast off a boom of logs at North Saanich which she was towing to the Leigh mill here. The Albin reported the weather very heavy on the East Coast.

During the afternoon between 5.30 and 5 o'clock several exciting incidents occurred as a result of the strong gale. The launch belonging to the Victoria Chemical works was endeavoring to tow a scow containing an acid tank from Mud bay to the company's wharf when the wind suddenly increased. Try as it would the launch could hardly make any progress and it was only after two hours of struggling that the tug First came up and put a hawser on the heavy scow.

A night watchman on the public works department's blasting outfit, moored in the inner harbor, had a heavy task in getting aboard last night. The wind opposed to his old arms gained the mastery and his strenuous plying failed to place him on the side of the blasting boat. Lusterier came to his assistance and two young men placed him aboard.

MARINE NOTES.

The Princess Victoria, after being overhauled, took up the Vancouver run again last night. The Royal, which has replaced her for two trips, resumed on the Seattle run to-day.

The motor launch Lily, which has been in use at Bella Coola during the summer, was brought down to-day on the steamship Venture, and will be delivered to F. M. Rattenbury, her present owner.

The Bucknall steamship Kazembe sailed at 10 o'clock this morning for New Zealand, via the Fiji Islands, carrying 5,000 tons of freight.

The Holt liner Cyclops is scheduled to reach port to-morrow via the Orient.

The Holt liner Onfa sails to-morrow for Liverpool from the outer wharf.

The Queen City sails to-morrow night for Hardy Bay and way ports on the east coast.

The steamer Princess May leaves to-morrow night for Skagway.

The N. K. K. steamship Shinano Maru will sail from the outer wharf this evening for the Orient.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan sails from the outer dock this evening for Hongkong and way ports.

NEW IMMIGRATION RULE IN FORCE

White or Yellow Landing on Pacific Seaboard During Winter Months Must Have \$50

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Oriental Immigration will not trouble British Columbia for the winter season. The department has decided to apply the same regulations to the Pacific as are now applied to the Atlantic. That is to say, no immigrant, whether foreign or British, white or yellow, can land on the Pacific Coast unless he has sufficient money to maintain himself.

This regulation will remain in force up to February 1st. After February the money which each person will require to have will be \$25.

VANCOUVER FATALITY.

Bridge Carpenter Fell Into Seymour Creek and Was Drowned.

(Special to the Times). Vancouver, Dec. 24.—George Aldridge, aged 24, a bridge carpenter in the employ of the city, fell off the bridge at Seymour creek last night and was carried into the canyon and drowned.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

Totals Show Increase on Record Obtaining Last Year.

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Immigration figures for November show an increase of 18 per cent. over the same month last year.

The totals were 13,598 for last November, compared with 11,524 for Nov. '06. The arrivals by ocean ports were 9,908, compared with 7,225 for November last year, and 2,999 from the United States, as against 4,299 for November, 1906. There was a decrease of 302 from the United States and an increase of 1,483 by ocean ports.

NEW IMMIGRATION BUILDING.

Contract For Victoria Structure Awarded to Luney Bros.

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Tenders for the new immigration building at Victoria were: Luney Bros., \$63,140; Dinsdale & Malcolm, \$65,865; Gribble & Skene, \$74,000. The contract has been awarded to the lowest tenderer.

PRIMROSE MINSTRELS.

The Entertainment Given Last Night Pleased the Audience.

A fair-sized audience thoroughly enjoyed the show given by the well known Primrose minstrel troupe at the Victoria theatre last evening. The performance was a most creditable one and was refreshingly free from burlesque and vulgarity.

George Primrose seems to have lost none of his grace and agility in his dancing and his comedy is in every way up to his wonted standard. Billy Beard's stories, songs and jests kept the audience in continual laughter and brought appreciative applause from all quarters of the house. David Irwin sang to advantage and filled the role of interlocutor in the first half excellently.

The musical turn given by the Cates family was very fine and proved one of the most interesting features of the show. In every way the troupe came far up to expectations and, while the house was not as large as might have been expected, the applause showed that the day of minstrelsy is not, by any means, over.

Hibben & Co. have issued for the Xmas trade two pictorial novellas which are sure to be eagerly called for on the closing hours of the holiday rush, to-night. One is a booklet of pretty colored local views, and the other is a post card booklet of the approach to Victoria harbor. Both are reasonable, handsome and unique.

CANADIAN SHIPPING.

A marine department blue book, issued lately, shows the total number of vessels of all kinds on the register books of Canada on December 31st, 1906, was 7,312 with an aggregate tonnage of 654,179, being an increase of 187 vessels and a decrease of 15,446 tons register as compared with 1905. The value of this registered tonnage is about \$19,825,370.

The number of vessels built and registered in Canada last year was 367, with a tonnage of 21,741, and worth approximately \$978,000. Nova Scotia heads the list of provinces. In respect to registered tonnage with a total of 187,328. Ontario comes next, with 189,540 and Quebec third, with 144,240. In respect to vessels built last year, 154 were built in Nova Scotia, 89 in British Columbia, and 24 in Ontario. Canada compares with other nations. Canada comes tenth on the list, with Japan eighth, and Sweden ninth.

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LIBERAL VICTORY IN CENTRE YORK

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The latest returns from Centre York gives D. G. MacLean a majority of 19. Campbell's majority at the last election was 78, not 124 as reported in the Parliamentary Guide.

PERSONAL.

A party of enthusiastic hunters, including J. Evans, E. George and W. Robbins left on the Princess Victoria for the Midland. The party will push up through the Cariboo and hope to bring back to Victoria a large bag. They will be away about three weeks.

J. E. Whitelaw, of Birmingham, Eng., arrived in the city last night on a visit to friends. Mr. Whitelaw is en route to China where he has large interests.

The marriage of Mr. E. Guy Warner and Miss Gladys M. Green will take place on Wednesday, the 5th of February, 1908.

Miss Vera Gossnell left last night for Bellingham, where she will spend Xmas the New Year with relatives.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I beg to announce myself as a candidate for Alderman in Ward No. 2 at the forthcoming municipal election, and request your vote and influence. Respectfully yours, A. M. BANNEKMAN.

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FOR REEVE To the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Saanich, Ladies and Gentlemen.—At the request of a number of electors I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for Reeve at the forthcoming municipal election, and solicit your votes and influence. Yours respectfully, A. G. SNELLING.

CIVIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Voters' List of the City of Victoria, 1907, posted on the Bulletin Board at the City Hall, Victoria, and will remain so posted until the sitting of the Committee of Revision, and that the Committee of the City Council appointed on the 9th day of December, 1907, as a Court of Revision on said list, will sit on Friday, the 3rd day of January, 1908, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the hour of 10 a.m. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., 23rd Dec., 1907.

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INDICTING A BOOK.

Even in Russia it does not often happen that a charge is brought against a book, and not against the author or publishers thereof. Yet a case of this kind was brought before the Warsaw courts the other day. The charge was laid against a work by a certain Gustave Baumfeld as being of a nature likely to arouse its readers to revolutionary actions.

The explanation of this peculiar incident is that the book in question was discovered by the police whilst still in the printer's hands, and that as it had not yet been published neither the author nor the publisher was held responsible for its revolutionary tendencies. All the blame was laid on the book, of which every sheet has now been destroyed.

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ORIENTAL DAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

(Continued from page 1.)

tion affects them so closely. Every sensible man who wanted to view this question without prejudice, to consider it from every standpoint, to be fair and to take into consideration every interest, has had to use his influence to press excitement and mob influence. It has been difficult for the representatives of the people in parliament to impress upon the public mind of British Columbia the seriousness of this question as it affects industrial interests. The tendency under such circumstances is to consider only local interest. The disposition, in consequence of that natural excitement is not to look at and see the national or international aspects of this question. I regard it as a most important question, and while some men have been ready to try to use this question in the interest of party politics, in so far as I am concerned, I desire to say that I have too strong an opinion in regard to the seriousness of the subject, as it is associated with the social and industrial life of British Columbia and of Canada, and as it is associated with international considerations in every part of the world, to sympathize with any attempt on the part of any one to make it serve political ends. It is an important question. It is important because of its international features.

We stand in this House for peace and harmony. We stand in this House as representatives prepared to give every consideration to international affiliations and interests. We recognize our responsibility as representatives in this House for maintaining the closest feelings and connections with other portions of the Empire. When any question affecting a local interest is likely to involve anything that would injuriously affect the association of Canada with the British Empire, it is an important consideration. Although there may be on the surface an exit that may directly affect a local interest, with which I am associated, I am prepared in the consideration of this question, to look at it as it affects the international interests with which we are associated, as well as the local. This is an empire problem and must be looked at in the light of our Empire. It is bad for Canada cannot be very good for the Empire. If the settlement of this question is good for British Columbia it is good for Canada, and what is good for Canada is good for the Empire. We cannot dissociate these several interests, and I firmly believe that the restriction of all Orientals in British Columbia is the best thing for the good of the Empire.

The strength of the Empire depends absolutely upon the quality and condition of the units that constitute that Empire, and any weakness or any supposed injustice felt by any people in any section or portion of the Empire is something that creates a weakness in the link connecting together the various parts of that Empire. It is a serious question because there is an attempt on the part of the Imperial authorities to suddenly work out the assimilation of alien races. The disposition of the British government is to make settlements in the interest of peace, of trade and of more close and friendly relations with alien powers. It is in the line of the advancement of civilization. It is the duty and the business of this government, and we believe it is a part of the great prerogative of the British Empire, to seek to influence and to bring about conditions of peace and friendly relations with every alien country in the world in the interest of her own commerce and people. But, it does strike me that with the disposition of the British government in creating treaties with Oriental countries like Japan there has been a tendency to seek to bring about an association of alien races on a plan that is more sudden than it is possible to work it out. There is existing in the minds of people generally the idea that the Asiatic race cannot be brought to suddenly assimilate with the Occidental race. I know that it is generally supposed that the prejudice is all on the side of the Occident. It is common to hear the statement in Canada that Canadians are prejudiced against the Orientals. I could occupy the time of this House by giving instances from literary men who have lived in those countries, who have written works connected with the history of those countries, who have had an experience of those countries to show the bitterness of the jealousy existing in the mind of the Oriental against the Occident, and the Occident against the Oriental only, but vice versa. To say the least, it is as much on one side as it is on the other. Centuries have developed insurmountable divergences between the Oriental and Occidental races and it may take centuries to obliterate the divergences which have been created. I am hopeful that it can be done. Still, there are some people who do not believe that it can. I am absolutely certain that it is not within immediate reach, and I am also certain that a process of slow and intellectual moral development and a change of system must take place to bring about the eradication of the prejudice that exists between these two races. It is a serious business, and I am hoping that it may mean a tremendous Oriental inundation. Let me draw a picture for the House. Let me look at two aspects of the question. Some philosophers in British Columbia, not confined to the man on the street, has prophesied that it may mean a military invasion by the Japanese on the Pacific coast. That has never bothered me for one minute. It is stated in British Columbia that Japanese spies have been making observations and finding out, with minuteness and completeness, the whole situation. This has been interpreted as evidence of a spirit and a disposition on the part of the Japanese authorities to look to a military invasion of Canada. Well, Sir, so far as I am concerned, that is too remote, too far off, to enter into the domain of practical politics. I have neither the time nor the mind to deal with a theory of that kind, and personally I do not believe there is any such contemplation in the minds of even the Japanese themselves.

But, I want to remind this House that whilst there may not be a military invasion contemplated, a labor invasion is easily within practical accomplish-

ment. Let me mention two things—in the Orient are eight hundred millions of starving, competing people, without the spirit (except within these few later years) without the spirit of enterprise. Taking the Orient generally it is not capable itself, it is not sufficiently enterprising to provide labor and to afford a livelihood for its own people.

That is a picture of the Orientals at home. On the other hand Asia is easily accessible to the Pacific coast of Canada; it is within a few days' reach of what? It is within a few days' reach of a land flowing with milk and honey to the minds of the Orientals, a rich country sparsely settled, a country of tremendously large areas beginning to be populated, a country where men are capable of being free and proving their interests; and these depressed and impoverished and starving millions have heard of this prosperous land. Can we wonder they come to this country, and can we not see that if unrestrained, the barriers are thrown down, or if the present restrictions are not raised, that within sight there is an easy possibility of an overwhelming labor invasion from the Orient into the Pacific province of Canada?

Now, Sir, I contend, as I contended in reference to the Chinese question, that an argument on a question of national importance is not good if when driven to its logical conclusion it is defective in any degree. If it is good that we should have 25,000 Orientals in British Columbia for the purpose of developing industrial enterprise, why should it not be good if that number were absolutely unrestrained and unlimited, and that those eight hundred millions of starving laborers be given an opportunity to come to all of Canada to develop her resources? If it is a good thing that the industries of British Columbia should have the benefit of the importation of Asiatics into that province, why is it not good for the Northwest, why is it not good for Ontario? Why should the mill operator in Ontario, or Quebec, or Nova Scotia or any other province, be deprived of the benefit of this Oriental labor if it is good for the mill operator in British Columbia? If it is good for British Columbia to have this partial invasion of Asiatics, then drive the argument to its logical conclusion and say it would be good for all Canada. If that argument holds, then, where you have a labor market of 800,000,000, why should we not bring in Orientals to develop and make Canada a prosperous and enormously rich country; why should we not go to the logical extreme and say let the Orientals spread over all Canada; they will open up the country, they will develop enterprise, they will enrich the country; let us bring them in?

Therefore I say, Mr. Speaker, in my opinion, under existing conditions it is absolutely necessary at the present minute that we should consider effective and permanent methods of restricting the invasion of Oriental immigrants, and especially of Japanese immigrants, into British Columbia. Now, I anticipate difficulties with regard to this phase of the question no matter what policy we may pursue. If this limitation is absolutely restricted it is quite possible that European and American capital will organize and enter the countries of the Orient to develop them, and to promote commerce within them. Japan is in a position of great advantage in that she is able to supply every want of her own markets. The probability therefore is that European and American capital will seek a field in that country, and will develop its great resources so that in the next decade we may expect a mighty competition in the commercial markets of the world, and a reversal of the existing commercial relations between the west and the east. British capital invested in that country with its tremendous resources and with an inexhaustible supply of the cheapest kind of labor, is given to present to Canada in future years a tremendous commercial competition, and that in my mind will be the aspect in which the question will have to be considered in years to come.

Old ideas of Asia have to be modified to-day; we cannot regard her in the same light as we have been accustomed to in the past. Asia has awakened, and she is in competition with the United States and with Canada in every respect. We are forced to realize that fact. Now, whenever the commercial interests of Canada are in jeopardy we have no hesitation at all in deciding to protect these interests. We are always in this House ready to raise a barrier of restriction with the view of placing the commercial interests of Canada in a position of equality with those of any other country. One side of this House may not be quite as ready to give that protection to exactly the same extent as the other side, but the principle of a commercial protection to Canada against the cheap productions of other countries appears to be the well settled policy of this parliament. And why should not that principle apply to

the importation of cheap labor just as it does to the importation of cheap goods?

There are two things which it is very difficult for us to understand, and especially it is difficult for people who live in the east to understand them. One is; that the Asiatic can always

understand and understand the white man. We have to make that confession when we come to consider this question. The old argument we used against the Chinaman does not apply here. We used, fifteen years ago, to say in British Columbia that one white man was worth two Chinamen. Well I never said so; I always said that if one white man was equal to two Chinamen there would not be any competition in labor, and therefore there would not be any Chinese question. However that may be, it is generally recognized that to-day we have to change the formula, and we have to be prepared to admit that industrially and economically the Japanese comes in and makes it impossible either in the commercial or industrial world of Canada makes it impossible for a citizen of this country to compete with him. Some people may consider that a very serious admission, but whatever they may think, it is an admission that must be made. Our old conception of the inferiority of the Asiatic race in industry and commerce has to be revised. To-day we do not want the Japanese in, not because he is inferior but for very different reasons; because industrially and commercially he is our superior. Let me remind the House of this when the agitation on the Chinese question was strong in British Columbia you could not get the commercial interests of British Columbia to support that agitation. Why? Because the Chinaman was simply a laborer; he did not enter into competition with the commercial interests; the commercial interests of the country on the whole got a benefit out of him, and in some sense and to some degree the commercial interests employed him. That aspect of the question has completely changed. To-day the commercial men of British Columbia fear the Japanese as the industrial classes ten years ago feared the Chinaman. The Chinese coolie entered into the industrial competition with the man who had to work with the pick and the shovel, the hewer of wood and the drawer of water; but the Japanese—and this account for the extraordinary excitement and position of antagonism against the Oriental in British Columbia at the present time—the Japanese enters into competition with the commercial classes of British Columbia, which fact has extended the problem from the industrial into the commercial world. Every business man in British Columbia to-day is just as ready to sign the petition and is just as enthusiastic on the subject as the industrial classes themselves.

Now, let us see what has been the experience of other countries in which restrictive legislation has been tried. The United States was obliged half a century ago to adopt restrictive legislation against the importation of Chinese; yet, strange to say, there are more Chinese in the United States today than in any other single country in the world outside of China itself. The United States has also been placing restrictions upon Japanese immigration, very important and very strong restrictions, and when the people of the United States thought that under the operation of this restrictive legislation the whole question of Oriental immigration was settled, there arose, about a year ago, in connection with the regulation of the public schools in San Francisco, an agitation which started a movement from one end of the United States to the other, which has had the effect of bringing to the minds of United States statesmen the absolute necessity of further regulations on this question.

In Natal, where there has been restrictive legislation against Asiatic immigration for many years, the Legislative Assembly in its last session adopted anti-Oriental legislation of the most drastic kind. There has been similar legislation in the Australian colonies and in New Zealand. Just a year ago a Chinese ambassador visited the Australian commonwealth, met the members of the Australian government and discussed with them the question of removing the restrictions on Chinese immigration, and what happened? When the parliament of the Australian commonwealth met six months afterwards, instead of diminishing the pressure of the Asiatic exclusion law, they decided, by a unanimous vote to carry out to the last possible degree the regulations against Oriental immigration.

Take the case of the Transvaal, which shows how far-reaching is the opposition to Oriental immigration. There are no Chinese in England or indeed in the British Isles, but suddenly, by a combination of circumstances which placed a large number of Chinese laborers in the Transvaal, there arose the mightiest political force that has existed

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IN THE HANDS OF THE SPOILERS.

The McBride government has, at the eleventh hour, placed a reserve upon all the timber lands of the province which have not already passed into the hands of speculators.

THE REPORT OF MR. ADAMS.

The long-expected final report of Water Expert, Adams has arrived. In part all the material upon which his deductions are based is not yet available.

Mr. Adams sets forth the essential facts as gleaned by him from the data supplied by the officials of the corporation. They are brought out so clearly that the wayfaring man without expert knowledge may thoroughly comprehend them.

The cost of tapping Sooke Lake is considerably less, under Mr. Adams's estimate, than was anticipated by the average man, expert or inexpert.

The matter is now finally and definitely in the hands of the aldermen primarily and of the ratepayers ultimately.

LIGHT ON INDIAN RESERVE PROBLEM.

The speech of Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, delivered in the House of Commons a few days ago and published in full in the Times last evening, ought to prove of intense interest to the people of British Columbia.

In the other provinces of Canada when a tribe becomes extinct or when its members believe their interests would be more fully conserved by throwing their estate upon the market, no complications arise between the Dominion and the province as to reversionary rights.

In taking this position the government of the province is sustained in its views, as frankly admit, by the opinions of men who took a prominent part in framing the Terms of Union.

Hon. George E. Foster, the first lieutenant of Mr. Borden, Conservative leader, says a political party does its best work in opposition. In that case it is evident that the wanderings of the once great party are not nearly at an end.

According to reliable authorities the Christmas trade in Victoria has been the best on record. Little things like a financial crisis in the United States and any acknowledged depression in business elsewhere cannot affect the strong bulwark of Victoria's commercial pre-eminence.

As to-morrow will be a public holiday and the Times will not be issued, we take this opportunity of wishing all our friends and readers the compliments of the season, trusting that their Christmas may prove a very merry and happy one indeed.

CHINESE SOLDIERS MUTINY.

Officers Murdered in Manchuria - Troops in Pursuit.

Vladivostok, Dec. 23.—News has come in here of the mutiny, a fortnight ago, of a detachment of Chinese soldiers near Aigun, on the Amur river in Manchuria.

WINDING UP OF YEAR'S BUSINESS

OAK BAY COUNCIL HELD ITS MEETING

Boat Club Asks for Privileges on Waterfront—Arranging for Election.

If suitable arrangements can be made the polling for the Oak Bay municipality will take place in a shed on the premises of Mr. Richards, alongside his new store at the corner of Monterey avenue and Oak Bay avenue.

A public meeting of the electors will take place early in January at a date to be set when the council holds its last meeting on January 6th. At that meeting the public accounts will be read and the members of the old council will give a general account of their stewardship.

The voters list is being prepared by the clerk and copies will be printed and posted at convenient places in each ward for the voters to be able to examine it before the court of revision sits on the 15th of January.

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What Other People Think

A PLOT TO ENRICH THE SPECULATORS. To the Editor—I have long ceased to be surprised at anything the government may do in dealing with the public lands.

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PAPAL GREETINGS. Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope was present in the sacred college to-day for the exchange of Christmas greetings with the cardinal.

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F. P. Rogers has secured the contract for the schoolhouse at Lynn Valley.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the St. Columbia Sunday school will be held in the church on Friday evening, the 27th inst., at 8 p. m.

F. J. Bittancourt has announced that he will be a candidate for the aldermanic board to represent ward 1.

Here are a few suggestions for your purchases to-night: Art china, cut glass, silverware, manicure sets, toilet sets, brooches, chains, bracelets, links, pins, spectacles, eye-glasses, opera-glasses.

On or about May 1st the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway will, it is expected, begin running regularly two passenger trains each way every day in the week.

The Congregational Church Sunday School annual Christmas tree will be held on Friday evening in the church, Pandora street.

The many friends of Dr. Davey, formerly of this city, will regret to hear that information has been received in the city from Arizona that he is in a very low state.

The Fifth Regiment soccer team plays J. E. A. A. at 10:30 to-morrow morning.

There will be the usual matinee and evening performances at the New Grand on Christmas-day, when those whose engagements do not keep them at home all day can see one of the finest vaudeville bills ever put on in Victoria.

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F. Moore, of the Chemical Works, seen this morning respecting the rumor that they were about to close down; said that they were not at present intending to do so.

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E. M. Parry Speaks of the Bright Prospects at the Mount Sicker Property.

E. M. Parry, a director of the Lenora mine, of London, England, is registered at the Oak Bay hotel.

Mr. Parry is here to look over the company's investment at Mount Sicker, and in speaking to a reporter this morning he expressed himself as being well satisfied with the looks of the property.

At present, said he, we are just marking time pending an improvement in the copper market.

Mr. Parry intimated that there was a very noticeable improvement recently in the appreciation of British Columbia mining investments in the Old Country.

It was much surprised, said Mr. Parry, "to see the evidences of wealth which are so generally observable, on the trip across the continent.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE
O'Brien and Vernon Found Guilty of Broaching Cargo on Princess May.

John Edward Vernon and William O'Brien were this morning allowed out on suspended sentence by Judge Lampman, the crown counsel, George Morphy, acquiescing in the judgment.

The case was tried yesterday and the accused were found guilty, but as they have already been in prison for six weeks, and they have previously borne the best of characters, it was thought by the judge that no good purpose could be served by keeping the men in prison.

In the evidence yesterday, which was very similar to that given in the police court, everything pointed to the men having taken the liquor, although no one saw the deed done.

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Dr. Charles A. E. Harris, formerly director of the McGill University Conservatorium of Music, has been in England for some months and has extended invitations to leading musical organizations to send delegations to visit the Dominion. The plan is an extensive one, and to bring the various parties to Canada one of the Allan steamships will be chartered. Sailing from Glasgow on October 24th next, something over a fortnight will be spent in this country, during which time the people of the leading cities of the country will have an opportunity to hear the talented vocalists and singers of the Old Land.

AUDIT TO BE MADE OF BOOKS

COUNCIL DECIDED UPON THAT COURSE

Routine Matters Disposed of at Last Evening's Meeting of Mayor and Aldermen.

An audit of the city books was authorized in a resolution passed by the council at last night's meeting. At first the suggestion was vigorously opposed by several of the aldermen who considered such a course would be a slight on City Auditor Raymur.

The Mayor raised the question of the validity of such a motion, and read a letter from the city auditor, whom he had written to on the subject. The letter stated that an audit of the city accounts would take two months; that it would cost in the neighborhood of between \$750 and \$1,000, and that the council could not authorize such a step because they had no funds to meet it.

Ald. Meaton inquired if it did not say too much of a slap in the face for Mr. Raymur. In reply Ald. Fell stated that it would be as much for the protection of the council, who were responsible for all expenditures and for the safeguard of the incoming auditor.

"The city auditor should make no demur," argued Ald. Fell, "for it will be a proof of his honesty." Mayor Morley ventured the statement that he knew very determined efforts had been made at the latter end of last year to have an audit of the books, but it had been turned down.

"I would suggest, however," he said, "that we refer it to the favorable consideration of the incoming council." Ald. Fell, who introduced the motion, explained his reasons for wishing an audit of the books. He remarked that the most sensible time for such a thing was not when everybody expected it. "I'll undertake to say," he announced, "that the city cash has never been counted. There have been some expenditures made that were never authorized. Now what we want to know is was the city's money properly spent and was it authorized? There are some people, however, who seem anxious to divert the passing of this motion," he concluded.

"Do you mean to reflect on me?" interrupted the Mayor. "Not unless the cap fits you," was the alderman's reply. Mayor Morley then suggested that Ald. Fell was casting aspersions on the finance committee, and declared: "I placed you on this committee at the beginning of the year and how many meetings have you attended? Not one."

"Two or three only," I admit, was the answer. "But it was impossible for me to attend on the nights selected by this committee. I asked the chairman to change the day so I could attend, but he would not." The resolution relative to the going on with work on Government street paving was introduced by Ald. Henderson, and the by-law was put through its various stages.

Authority was given to begin construction on permanent sidewalks under the local improvement plan on parts of Douglas, Langley, Broughton, Gordon and Courtney streets; to lay a permanent sidewalk of cement on the east side of Government street; and the Dallas road; also to construct a permanent sidewalk with gutter on the north side of Simcoe street, from Menzies street to Beacon Hill park, and on the south side of the said street from Menzies street to Government street, to grade and macadamize the said street from Menzies street to Beacon Hill park.

sewer will be constructed on Ash street for some months yet. Its communication from P. J. Bittencourt, asking for a crossing over a street, we recommend that he be informed that this matter will be attended to at once.

Re communication from G. J. T. Bissell, claiming that he cannot connect his new house with St. Andrew's street sewer on account of grade, we recommend that he be informed that the city engineer will examine the premises and give the grade of the sewer, but as the houses on both sides of Mr. Bissell's house are connected, we think it possible for his house to be connected, also, and much prefer this to be done.

The city engineer and city purchasing agent, to whom was referred the claim for cement supplied by Rithet & Company, reported as follows: "Gentlemen, Re claim rendered by Messrs. Rithet & Co. for cement delivered on corporation works, but without an official order. We are of opinion that after finding out a shortage in the amount of cement used on Carr street compared with other pieces of work, that Messrs. Rithet are entitled to the sum of \$91.06, for the 324 barrels they claim to have delivered on July 11th. As to the 40 barrels said to have been delivered September 29th, on South Turner street, we find no counter-foils of receipts, other than relate to the proper official orders which have been sent for; therefore, unless Messrs. Rithet & Co. can produce our foreman's receipt for the amount claimed to have been delivered, we cannot see our way clear to pass same."

This was referred to the finance committee. A letter was received from the city solicitors with respect to the suit between the city and the Victoria Terminal Company. It was as follows: "Gentlemen, We have the honor to report that the city barrister has now examined the late vice-president, and now director, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Van Sant, the examination being for discovery in the action. We are engaged in inspecting the accounts and the books, and the pleadings will be closed at any rate entitled to one year's payment, and this contention is, of course, disputed by the city."

A summons has been issued against the Dominion Express Company to show reason why they left a wagon top on Broughton street, the same being an obstruction to traffic. The case will come up in the police court on Thursday.

The secretary of the Protestant Orphan's Home is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of \$1.55, being the proceeds of a concert given in aid of the institution by the young people of Sidney, which was handed to him by S. Roberts, Jr.

DR. FAGAN DEMANDS AN EXPLANATION

He Has Taken Exception to Statements Alleged to be Made by Mayor.

The question whether or not the dump on James Bay flats constitutes a menace to public welfare will be threshed out at a conference Dr. J. C. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, will hold with the local board of health this evening.

This arrangement was arrived at last night after a lively interchange of views between Mayor Morley and Dr. Fagan. Immediately after the council convened his Worship called upon Dr. Fagan to state his objections to the decision of the city board. He replied that he was surprised at the extraordinary action which the city had taken. Further, that in his communication he had solicited a conference, and that he did not expect to be asked for explanations, as the reply received hinted at.

"If you wish it," declared the doctor, "I will go into the matter fully." His Worship retorted: "The council cannot give its time if it entails a lengthy discussion." Ald. Henderson suggested that it was a matter for the city board of health to deal with.

Addressing himself to the Mayor, Dr. Fagan then said: "You don't seem to realize the position. The city board of health have never consulted the provincial in anything pertaining to the sanitary condition of the city. In regard to the dump we are in a position to permit or condemn it, and our experience is far greater than the municipal board's. We are in a position to take the city a week to reply to my letter," he continued, "whereas the question could have been discussed at the last meeting of the city board of health. And consequently I have had to alter my plans regarding leaving the city."

Ald. Fullerton asked that a special meeting of the health board be held this evening to discuss the question with Dr. Fagan. Then Dr. Fagan took up another matter with the Mayor. He opened the passage of arms by demanding an explanation from Mayor Morley concerning certain alleged charges.

"You have taken upon yourself to throw out some vague charges against me in my capacity as secretary of the provincial board of health. Now what do you mean?" announced the doctor. "I don't think this is a matter to come up at a council meeting," replied the Mayor.

"I insist on knowing what you mean," retorted Dr. Fagan, "and publicly within the next few days." "I shall have several questions to ask pretty shortly," was the reply. "And," supplemented the doctor, "I shall answer them as I see fit."

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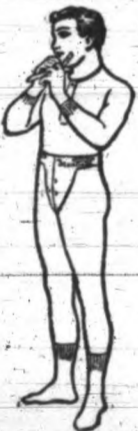
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ORIENTAL DAY IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

(Continued from page 3.)

ed in England in modern times. The Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, in the midst of the great conflict that was raging in South Africa, promised the laboring people of England that the acquisition of the Transvaal would provide an outlet for the surplus labor of England at high wages, as it would bring the invaluable mines of that country under British control. He was returned to power on that proposition and made a settlement with the Transvaal in the interest of the British people. Did he send the surplus labor of England to the Transvaal? The same government negotiated, under an indenture with the people of China, for a supply of servile labor from China from the mines of the Transvaal. This does not seem to be pertinent to the subject, but this is the point I wish to make. What did the English people think of that transaction? What happened the moment they discovered that they and their friends had to compete in South Africa with this servile Chinese labor? They had never experienced the competition of Chinese labor before and knew nothing about it. But because British interests were being affected economically in one part of the empire, there arose in England the mightiest political force of modern times, which on that same question swept the Conservative government out of power, and the Liberal government was elected on the promise that it would change the condition of affairs in the Transvaal by giving that colony legislative authority to pass an ordinance doing away with Chinese labor. This is a clear evidence of the feeling of the British people on this subject when they are brought into contact with it.

What is the history of this question in Canada? Just twenty-five years ago the member for the district which I have the honor to represent in this House, Mr. Gordon, the member for Vancouver Island, submitted to this House the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this House it is expedient to enact a law prohibiting the incoming of Chinese to that portion of Canada named British Columbia."

Sir John Macdonald requested the withdrawal of that resolution on the promise that he would appoint a royal commission to investigate the question. That commission was appointed in the following year, the commissioners being the Hon. the Secretary of State and the Hon. Justice Grey of the Supreme Court of British Columbia. At that time the Canadian Pacific Railway was under construction and hundreds of Oriental immigrants had been brought into British Columbia for the purpose of working on that railway. The commissioners reported to the House that it seemed to them that that work could not be carried on without the assistance of Chinese labor. Now, Sir, I am not prepared to criticize the condition that existed twenty-five years ago. I am not prepared, even for a political reason, because a Conservative government was then in power and its ministers stated that in their opinion Chinese labor was a necessity to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway to take the ground that they were mistaken in their judgment.

What I say is that that was the foundation of the importation in large numbers of Orientals and that the Commons reported in favor of it. Two years later the government of the late Sir John Macdonald put on a head-tax of \$50. This was the year 1889. All through this period the people of British Columbia were petitioning and protesting against Chinese immigration. The whole question was supposed to have been settled up to 1889, when the matter was brought by the British Columbia members very strongly to the attention of this government. This government doubled the head tax from \$25 to \$50, and the following year it appointed a royal commission with instructions to inquire and report in order that this question might be finally settled. They made their report, I think in 1902, and they reported in favor of a \$500 head-tax. The government carried out the suggestions of that commission. The people of British Columbia had never asked, through its representatives, for any larger restriction. There is not a petition in this House, ever made to any federal government for any larger restriction than the imposition of a \$500 head-tax on Chinamen.

But there is an important argument in connection with the Japanese immigration. The Japanese has become a factor in British Columbia between the time when this commission began its inquiry and the date of its report. In 1898 there was no Japanese question in British Columbia. The Japanese began to come in at that period, and before this commission got through it had to consider the question of Japanese labor in that province. In 1901, at the last census, there were 4,300 Japanese in British Columbia. But I find in this report, something very important, of which this House and the government ought to be reminded, and that is that during the sittings of that commission, the Japanese consul in Vancouver voluntarily proposed to the commission to use his influence in favor of the regulation of the Japanese influx into British Columbia. The commissioners reported that as the Japanese authorities had voluntarily consented to regulate the immigration of their people into Canada, it was important that this should be understood as a settlement of the question, at any rate for that present time. And I think I am right in stating that, on the strength of that report, and based on the regulation which the Japanese consul had voluntarily accepted, the recommendation was made to this government that in consideration of this understanding there was no need for legislation against Japanese immigration; and no legislation was passed that time or since.

The emigration of Japanese has for the present practically ceased, only fifty-six having arrived at Canadian ports in the last six months of 1907. This is doubtless owing to instructions given to local authorities by the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs for Japan instructing them to prohibit en-

KILLED BY A COW'S TAIL

Binghampton, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Wm. A. Wells, of Newark Valley, was milking when a cow swished her tail, striking him on the forehead with the fleshy part of the appendage. Shortly afterwards Mr. Wells returned to the house complaining of a pain in the head which rapidly grew worse. Physicians pronounced it apoplexy, brought on by the blow from the cow's tail. Mr. Wells died the same night.

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tirely the emigration of Japanese laborers destined for Canada or the United States. The commission was favored by a copy of these instructions, through the Japanese Consul at Vancouver, which is as follows: Department of Foreign Affairs, Tokio, Aug. 2, 1906.

To the Governors of the Prefectures: You are hereby instructed to prohibit entirely for the time being the emigration of Japanese laborers for the Dominion of Canada or for the United States. VISCOUNT AOKI, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The commissioners appreciated that instruction and reported to this government that they did not consider it all necessary to pass any legislation so long as this understanding was maintained. The question, to all practical intents and purposes, was settled up to 1906. Speaking only for myself, I want to state plainly to this House that from the period when the \$500 head-tax was imposed on the Chinese and from the time when there was an understanding between this government and the government of Japan, by reason of which no legislation was enacted against the Japanese—

from that period up to last year, when the treaty was considered and endorsed, I am not aware that there was any serious Japanese or Oriental question in British Columbia. Some will ask: Did not the legislature of British Columbia seek to impose restrictions during all this period? Is it not true that the legislature sought to impose restrictions or limitations from year to year, during the very period when you say there was a complete settlement, and was it not through the influence of the Imperial authorities on the Dominion government that these provincial acts were disallowed? I want to say that there was no public agitation in favor of any restriction against the Japanese during that period, as the age of the act did not commence. I am not prepared to say that politicians in the local legislature were not making a political football of this question, but what I do say is that during the period I have stated, from 1902 to the beginning of 1907, there was no public demand for any increased restrictive legislation against Orientals coming into British Columbia. So far as I am concerned, I understand, when I endorsed that treaty in January, 1907, that it was in the public interest, so long as Oriental labor was provided against. I endorsed that treaty because there was no demand made upon me in my district in favor of increased restriction and because I understood that that immigration was absolutely regulated by the understanding between the federal government and the government of Japan, and that the practical results of that understanding were quite as effective up to that period as if there had been positive enactment. There is one thing more which it is important to mention. The Chinese question had become entirely obliterated, as the head-tax had operated almost to their entire exclusion. Let me give the House the figures. The tax was imposed in 1903. In 1904 only three Chinamen came into British Columbia. Of course I am estimating the number of Chinese immigrants, by dividing the amount of tax collected by 500. There were only \$1,500 collected in 1904, which would give only three Chinese. There were only eight Chinese immigrants in 1905.

In 1906 there were twenty-two, and in 1907 ninety-one. But from the first day of January, 1907, up to the end of October of the same year, I am surprised to find there were 823. Before I am through I propose to try to account for this sudden increase.

For five years it was almost prohibited, the passage of that law and the imposition of the tax almost completely stopped this immigration. But in this present year we see that 823 Chinese have paid the head-tax to get into Canada, a matter with which I shall perhaps deal later on. After the endorsement of the British treaty by this parliament a very sudden change occurred in British Columbia. The Hindus had then been coming in for a year before, but their appearance, although it created some excitement, was never considered by the commercial and industrial interests of British Columbia generally as being a serious question as the importation of Chinese or Japanese. There were two reasons for this: The Hindu was not a commercial advantage to the average employer, he was not as suitable a workman, he could not be employed with the same percentage of benefit and interest, and in the second place neither the conditions nor the climate nor the surroundings were suitable to the individual himself. Thus the competition of the Hindu in British Columbia was never expected to be very serious. But the strange thing is that in this very period of 1907 nearly 800 Chinese paid the \$500 head-tax to get into British Columbia and enormous numbers of Japanese came in in the same period. I shall give to the House a statement of the importations of Orientals into Canada for the last seventeen months. According to my calculations and information gathered from the immigration department of the government, nearly 9,000 Japanese entered British Columbia in less than seventeen months; 1,000 Chinese came into British Columbia in the eight months of the present year, and in the past seventeen months 4,500 Hindus entered British Columbia. I wish also to give a statement of the number of Hindus entering British Columbia for the whole period, so I

do not think it has ever been presented to this House.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Number of immigrants. 1904-5: 45; 1906-7: 2,124; 8 months of present year: 1,956; Total: 4,512.

According to the best information I can gain, of that 4,512 British Indians who came into British Columbia, 1,421 left for the United States, leaving a balance of 3,091 remaining in British Columbia. Thus we see that 3,090 Japanese, 1,900 Chinese and 3,500 Hindus have come into that province, according to my calculation, although I have not been able to arrive very definitely at the numbers. Still there are undoubtedly many thousands of Orientals in that province.

It seems to me important to find out the cause of this. How was it that a certain class of Oriental labor was able to pay \$500 a head to come into this country? How was it that such a number of Hindus were brought into that province in the same year? How was it that such a large number of Japanese already in British Columbia, were brought in in the same year 1907? The hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. E. L. Borden) when he was in British Columbia spoke about this subject in Victoria, and I had the honor of listening to him. He suggested—he did not think I should put it even more mildly state very emphatically, in fact I think I should put it even more mildly and say he insinuated—but at least he left the impression that he knew the reason why Japanese had been brought into British Columbia. That reason, as he presented it, was very far-fetched, and subsequent official correspondence and events have demonstrated that his theory was absolutely wrong, his reason was not a reason at all. He suggested the extraordinary reason that Mr. W. T. R. Preston, who was tragically described as a discredited official, who had been superintendent of immigration in Great Britain, who was not believed by his own colleagues, who could not be believed on oath, was the cause of the Japanese immigration into British Columbia. I have no brief for Mr. Preston. I took the opportunity during the investigation of Mr. Preston's work in connection with the labor bureau in England to cross-examine him myself, and I must admit that I am not absolutely sure that he did not do more than he ever paid for doing and was understood to be doing in connection with the immigration department in England. 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Deep Sea Diving For Lost Treasure

A potent factor in the sea's romance is the diver of to-day. Progress and invention have only increased the possibilities of adventure, and the naked diver of old—a "two-minute" Malay or Chinese, who, stooped in and, dropped into tropic waters after pearls, corals and sponges—is a thing of the past. His place is now taken by an Anglo-Saxon giant, a man carefully selected for his magnificent physique, fearlessly clad and geared—an armored knight, doing battle with the deep sea, carrying a bulky copper helmet and corselet, with rubber suit, forty-pound lead-soled boots, breast and back weights, with an auxiliary armament consisting of portable telephone and electric search-light, knives and tools, and trailing life-lines and air-pipes, supplied by throbbing cylinders in the boat, two hundred feet above his matted head.

The advent of such a force may yet compel the sea to give up her drowned gold—the plate-ships and galleons, of old Spain, and the hosts of other treasure ships that fairly strew the ocean floor.

This is no dream, as the precise records of Lloyd's and other marine insurance concerns can tell. Before me, as I write is the following letter:

"The Marine Insurance Company, Ltd., 20 Old Broad Street, London, E.C. 'Alphonso XII.'

"Dear Sir,—Our code telegram this morning reads as follows: 'Lambert has got both scuttles open, and got into the magazine. The boxes of gold are there.' 'Which will be very gratifying to you as it is to us.' Yours faithfully, 'HENRY G. R. MAUGHIN, 'W. A. Gorman, Esq. (Messrs. Siebe Gorman & Co.)'

Now what romance of the sea is behind this brief business letter from a great insurance concern? The Spanish Lopez liner Alphonso XII. had \$500,000 in gold coin on board, snugly packed in little iron-bound chests, and stowed in the hullion room. Swinging along one gusty February day from Cadiz to Havana, she suddenly broke her shaft, became unmanageable in heavy sea, and drove pitilessly on the terrible rocks of the lovely island of Grand Canary.

Four times did the doomed steamer strike, and then drove home, downcast into a hundred and eighty feet of water at Point Gando, leaving not a trace behind. No sooner was the fateful news flashed to London, where the gold was insured, than a salvage expedition was fitted out. The fast and powerful steamer Arabian was chartered, and with Capt. Stevens in command, himself a grizzled old diver-sailor, and three of the finest deep-sea workmen

away. But that shark returned with rare persistence, and Penk drew his knife and prepared to give battle. He was terrified, however, lest the savage creature bite at or get entangled in his air-pipe or life-line, any serious incision in the former would mean his being drowned ere he had time to surface.

A Queer Safe-Deposit.

For the diver to be caught up quickly, such a course might well result in the death of the strongest man, owing to the enormous difference in water-pressure. Penk, without a doubt, was terribly scared of sharks, especially since his mate, Jack Dalton, had been attacked by one in Colombo harbor. Risking, however, had no such fears. Risking a few attacks of dynamite below with him to effect an entrance into the specie chamber, he succeeded at length in gaining access.

It was a very strange sight that met his gaze. Boring worms had completely riddled the wooden chests in which the dollars were packed, and the whole floor of the ship was fairly littered with silver, over which floated strange denizens of the deep—many-colored, both great and small, many of them unpleasantly inquisitive about the strange two-legged gilding monster in their midst, whose breast emitted blinding rays that pierced the sea's eternal darkness.

Four successful trips did Ridyard make, working sometimes four consecutive hours. He sent up sixty-four boxes of treasure before a most curious incident put an end to all further work. The man came up very thirsty, after a severe attack of hemorrhage caused by the tremendous pressure, and his comrade Penk, offered to ascend to the summit of the rocky islet to fetch him some spring water.

Lodge, Ridyard, and the other hands in the cutter were suddenly startled by a cry of dismay, and looking up, they beheld Penk pointing dramatically out to sea.

"Pirates!"

Capt. Lodge took in the situation in a flash. He was too old a hand not to know the reputation of these Chinese waters. Orders were instantly given to slip the anchor and chain. Fate seemed against them, though, for the wind was light, and they had to make use of oars. The stalwart Ridyard was a very exhausted man, and for a time the long line of snow-capped peaks gazed upon them fast. Provisionally, a breeze sprang up, which quickened later into a stiffish wind, enabling them to make out, and under cover of dusk they ran into Shanghai, after a mighty close shave.

They well knew the risk they ran of losing their lives as well as their hard-earned treasure. The local newspapers severely blamed the authorities for not giving Capt. Lodge's expedition adequate protection. But so far \$400,000 worth of treasure had been secured, and half as much again was recovered some months later, under the protection of a British gunboat.

Rescued Treasures.

One gains some idea of the sea's romance from the fact that such tales could be continued almost indefinitely. Diver A. Erostarbe dynamited his way through the steel and timbers of the sunken skyre, deep in stormy seas off Cape Finisterre, and won nearly two million dollars' worth of gold and silver, besides packages of uncut diamonds and rubies worth nearly half a million more. Then there was the Carnatic, sunk in five and twenty fathoms with thirty cases of bar silver and sixteen of bar gold. The Malabar, too, with over \$1,250,000 worth of treasure; the Wasung, Queen Elizabeth, and Darling Downs, which were all attacked with armored heroes of the deep sea, and forced to yield up treasure that had been utterly abandoned by their owners.

The queer thing about these men is their odd caprices and superstitions. Any one of them will plunge nearly two hundred feet into a furious sea, and stay below for eight hours, creeping cautiously over the slimy decks of a battered wreck. And yet the same man sent down a sixteen-foot well in a back yard will complain he feels "cramped and stiff."

Few people realize how valuable is the work of these armored knights of the sea. Every navy in the world maintains on shore a deep glass tank for the education of divers, and most battalions carry eight and craters four thoroughly skilled submarine artificers. These men, at a moment's notice, will dress, and go below to scrape the warships plates, thereby adding knots to her speed.

Or when wreckage fouls the propeller, or anchors, chains, and torpedoes are lost, a deep-sea diver can always be relied upon to walk the ocean floor in search of the missing articles. The depth they may reach is gradually extending. Experiments were recently tried in the Mediterranean with a French dress of steel, with lobster-like joints. It took a whole year to make the model, and a very expensive suit it was, costing upwards of \$4,000. Since the inventor, H. Caramago, determined to test it in four hundred feet, no diver that lives could be hired for the experiments. The dress was therefore lowered empty to a depth of three hundred and seventy feet, and there left for one hour.

The world joined "dummy" was then raised and found tight and dry, notwithstanding the gigantic pressure, which would simply have crushed flat any ordinary diver, equipped with even the best of existing dresses. The invention, therefore, opens great possibilities for the submarine commercial industries of to-day—sponging, pearling, fishing for amber and corals.

Sponge-Hunters.

In the Mediterranean alone, and especially in Greek seas, there are upwards of five hundred modern-equipped and specially trained divers engaged in combing the floor of the Aegean for valuable sponges. It is the same in the Spondias-Bahamas and Bermuda. As to the pearl fishing, now placed on a sound commercial basis, thanks to the modern diving-dress—who shall tell its romance?

Men are walking the sea floor all

over the northern and western coasts of Australia, the Eastern Archipelago, Lower Burma, New Guinea, and the South Pacific. It was but recently that an unfortuné Malay, stumbling through tropic undergrowth fathoms deep off the great Barrier Reef of Australia, cutting a way with his knife like a pioneer in the Great Congo forest, stumbled upon a big shell which contained the famous "Southern Cross" pearl, which was sold in London for \$67,000! This marvellous gem is made up of nine magnificent pearls, strung together by nature in the shape of a cross.

It is well known that still finer pearls exist in deeper waters, and the great ambition of the pearl-fishing companies is to get some new protective device that will enable their workers to penetrate into the "dark unfathom'd caverns of ocean," in quest of gems "of purest ray serene," which shall outshine anything the world has yet seen. W. G. Pitts-Gerald in New York Evening Post.

Rosy Cheeks

THE AMBITION OF EVERY WOMAN.

Hollow cheeks with dark lines, sallow complexion—how a woman hates them.

But rosy cheeks, clear skin, bright eyes—give them to a woman and she is happy.

In the blood is found the first sign of trouble.

It grows thin and watery, its color dull, its pulsations pallid, and salt-laden give the outward evidence of the change within.

Soon the nerves weaken, the heart easily tires and palpitates, strength declines.

The delicate mechanism of the womanly functions is interfered with, and pleasures, activities and even duties are loaded down with the burden of declining health.

Why is it that women neglect the first warnings?

Usually she waits till she is ready to drop—often then it's too late.

These conditions are easily checked, easily cured at the beginning—but every long established Ferrosone will remove the cause and cure the trouble.

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NEW ARMY AIRSHIP

A new army airship to supplement the Nulli Secundus ("Second to None") is being built at the new airship factory at Farnborough, England. It will have a speed capacity of thirty miles an hour against a ten-mile-an-hour wind, or forty miles an hour in a calm, and will remain in the air during a rainfall, thus overcoming the difficulty which ended the Nulli Secundus' flight at the Crystal Palace.

The new ship will have 800 more lifting power than the first vessel, and will carry in its envelope 30,000 cubic feet of gas. The driving engine will have twice the power of the Nulli Secundus.

The following table shows a comparison of the new airship and the Nulli Secundus as altered since its voyage over London:

	Nulli Secundus, Airship.	New
Engines.....	60-h.p.	100-h.p.
Gas bag capacity (cubic feet).....	15,000	30,000
Lifting power (including all equipment and passengers).....	2,000 lb.	4,000 lb.
Speed per hour (in calm).....	10 miles	30 miles
Maximum passenger capacity.....	10	15

Form of gas bag: Sausage-shaped Same.

The Nulli Secundus. It will be remembered, lost its lifting power when "sodden" by the rain. This was one of the first considerations in the making of the new gas bag. In fact, one of the initial experiments with the new ship will be an attempt to fly it in the rain. The gas bag is much greater in diameter than the first, though about the same length.

Meanwhile the Nulli Secundus is not being neglected. Mr. Cody, who personally superintends the making of the driving and aeroplane apparatus, recently returned from an inspection of the French airship La Patrie—near Paris with a view to obtaining light 100-h.p. petrol-driven engines. But it is still hoped that engines of English make may be used. Numerous British manufacturers have been applied to, so far without result. About 100 lb. of dead weight will be removed by lightening the Nulli's framework, and this will go toward increased weight of high-pressure engine.

As soon as the new ship is ready for

THE DARK HOUR

Amid the splendid rout of opium. When coy Death rode down the line, There came no breath of whispered fears; I drank of war as of a wine; Ekultant smote through casque and shield.

Ever in the blackness of defeat Defiant yet our trumpets pealed, And life and strength and strife were axed.

But now I felt without their ken; With hand grown slack and heavy head; I see afar my fighting men; Another leads the ranks I led. A worn-out toy of circumstance I hit no more my ancient blade; The day is weary to my glance, And all my life is quenched in shade.

—F. O'Neill Gallagher.

RODE'S GUM

CURES CONSTIPATION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANN ELIZA LESTER, LATE OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA, DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of Ann Eliza Lester, who died on the 17th November, 1907, are hereby required to send the same duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1908, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay their indebtedness forthwith.

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Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Provinces, excepting s. 24, not reserved, may be homesteaded by any person the sole head of a family, or male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section, of 160 acres, more or less.

Application for homestead entry must be made in person by the applicant at the office of the local Agent as Sub-Agent. Entry by proxy made, however, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry of a section made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be withdrawn by the applicant, or by the Sub-Agent, at the expense of the applicant, and if the land applied for is vacant on receipt of the telegram such application is to have priority and the land will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

Where an inspection must be made in person, the applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for homestead entry may be made from an individual until that applicant has been disposed of.

A homestead whose entry is in good standing and not liable to cancellation, may, subject to approval of Department, relinquish it in favor of father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister, if eligible, but to no one else, on filing declaration of abandonment.

Where an entry is summarily cancelled, or voluntarily abandoned, subsequent to institution of cancellation proceedings, the applicant for inspection will be entitled to prior right of entry.

Applicants for inspection must state in what particular the homesteader is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars the applicant will lose any prior right of re-entry, should the land become vacant, or if entry has been granted it may be summarily cancelled.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the conditions under one of the following classes:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader residing upon a farm in the vicinity of the land and entitled for such homesteader the requirement as to residence may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother.

(3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa, of his intention to do so.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at the rate of \$1 per acre. Not more than 2500 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the merchantable coal mined.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral rights, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

For each \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in cash, therefor. When \$500 has been expended, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the value of the mineral claims generally are 10 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases of dredge for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lease shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental of \$100 annually for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2½ per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior, N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the report herein referred to is open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 26th, 1907.

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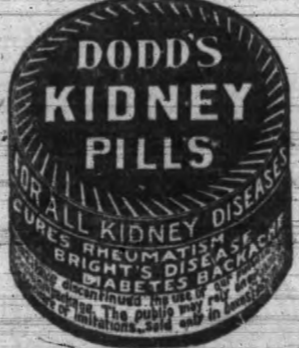
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Advertisements under this head

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WANTED - A woman as housekeeper

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TO RENT
5 ROOM HOUSE - Fort Street

LOANS
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FOR SALE - Fine home, No. 10, G. W. Woodliff

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FOR SALE - Some fine lots, several of them very large

FOR SALE - Selected Christmas trees

STONE - Owner wishes to sell 10 acres good land

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FOR SALE - 10 lots in beautiful situation

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FOR SALE - Good driving mare, harness and buggy

FOR SALE - Several agreements of sale more or less well paid up

FOR SALE - Auxiliary yacht "Ariadne"

FOR SALE - Bands and case, \$20; smoking set, \$25

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FOR RENT - Well furnished, comfortable room

TO RENT - Two comfortably furnished front rooms

TO LET - Well furnished room, 19 Yates Street

FOR RENT - Nicely furnished bedrooms

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HILLSIDE AVE - New residence, 7 rooms

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LOST AND FOUND
STRAYED - To Rosedale, Denmark street

LOST - A gold fox chain, with nugget and small bauble

LOST - Saturday night, in Victoria, the keys of a Ford street car

COMFORTABLE HOUSE and outbuildings situated on two large lots

HOUSE - On King's road, rents \$150 per month

BAKER AVENUE - Large lot, facing water

TIMBER LIMITS which will bear inspection

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HOUSES - Dallas road, all rented, price \$7,000

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Free reading room for seamen and seafaring men

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TWO LOTS - On Victoria harbor

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CORNER LOT WITH STORE AND DWELLING, House situated on Car Line

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TABLE PORT, per bottle \$1.00
 TABLE SHERRY, per bottle 80c
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 BLUE FUNNEL SCOTCH, per bottle 1.25
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 VICTORIA BEER, per doz 80c
 NEW MIXED NUTS, per lb. 30c
 ITALIAN CHESTNUTS, per lb. 20c
 SPANISH TABLE RAISINS, per lb. 25c

FANCY NAVEL ORANGES, per doz 25c
 SMYRNA FIGS, 1 1/2 lb. box 30c
 PLUM PUDDINGS, our own make, 50c and 1.00
 C. & B. PLUM PUDDINGS, each 50c, 75c and 1.00
 CHRISTIE'S PLUM PUDDINGS, each 30c and 50c
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Fine Navel Oranges, per dozen 25c
 Jap Oranges, per box 75c.

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IF SO, WE AGAIN REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE THE MOST COMPLETE STOCK IN THE CITY OF

Galvanized and Brass Boat Fittings
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NEW YORK XMAS BUSINESS.

New York, Dec. 24.—That the Christmas business this year will be smaller than it was last year is admitted by most dealers in New York. The crowds are larger than the oldest dealer has ever seen, but the people are spending less money.

WATER REPORT NOW IN HAND

(Continued from page 1).

any one of the before mentioned systems, the following increase in annual revenues will be necessary:

- (a) Elk lake, 4 per cent.
 - (b) Millstream, 4 per cent.
 - (c) Sooke lake, 4 per cent.
 - (d) Goldstream, without including purchase price of either water or property of Esquimalt Water Company, 15 per cent.
- If the annual saving which will result from the continued use of Elk lake as the source of supply, in preference to the other suggested sources, will return the cost of improving the lake, pipe line and pumping station, and pay the cost of completing the metering of the system, in the following lengths of time:
- (a) As contrasted with Millstream, 47 years.
 - (b) As contrasted with Sooke lake, 23 years.
 - (c) As contrasted with Goldstream, including nothing in payment for water or property of Esquimalt Water Company on Goldstream, 11 1/2 years.
18. The proposed use of the Esquimalt Water Company is worth the amounts stated in my former report, without modification other than for acquisitions and additions made since the date of that appraisal.

Recommendations.
 My recommendations, save in some matters of detail, are identical with those embodied in my former report (May 15th, 1905) and are as follows:

1. The metering of all services and the sale of water hereafter exclusively by that method.
2. The continued use of the present source of water supply.
3. The improving of Elk lake and the main pipe line, and Dairy Farm pumping station, as follows:
 - (a) By raising the surface of the lake at the point of outflow, three and one-half feet, and diverting into it, by a system of ditches, additional drainage from the west.
 - (b) By increasing the size of the present 16-inch pipe line to Dairy Farm pumping station by the methods indicated in my report of May 15th, 1905 (vide p. 47).
 - (c) By erecting, near the Dairy Farm pumping station, a new horizontal compound condensing crank and fly-wheel pumping engine having a capacity of four million imperial gallons in twenty-four hours, against a pressure of 185 feet.

All of said improvements requiring an expenditure of about (vide pp. 24-30) \$90,000.

4. The improvement of the distribution system by the addition of the following structures:
 - (a) A distributing reservoir on Smith's hill.
 - (b) An elevated tank at or near the centre of the high service district.
 - (c) A new high service pumping equipment on the site now in use.

(d) Furnishing and laying the following pipe with requisite gates and fittings: 2,000 ft. 24-in. cast iron riveted; 4,000 ft. 24-in. steel riveted; 2,000 ft. 18-in. steel riveted; 22,750 ft. 8-in. cast iron riveted; 17,300 ft. 8-in. cast iron riveted; 41,250 ft. 6-in. cast iron riveted; 100,000 ft. 4-in. cast iron riveted.

(e) Taking up and relaying the following: 2,500 ft. 11-in. 10-lb. 4-in. 7-in. cast iron pipe; 20,000 ft. 4-in. cast iron pipe.

(f) Furnishing and placing 2,750 meters.

All of said improvements to the distribution system (vide p. 3) requiring an expenditure of \$229,000.

5. The acquisition at some future time of the entire property of the Esquimalt Water Company on Goldstream, when it can be secured at a reasonable price, the same to be reserved for use as a water supply for the future; in the interim after acquisition, the property to be made as nearly self-sustaining as possible through the power which it is capable of generating.

If this property cannot be secured at a reasonable price, such rights on either Sooke lake or Millstream should, as advantageous opportunity offers, be acquired as will enable the city to control and improve them when it becomes necessary.

(Sgd.) ARTHUR L. ADAMS, December 19th, 1907.

BURNS VERSUS ROCHE.
 London, Dec. 24.—Articles of agreement have been signed for a boxing contest between "Tommy Burns" and Jim Roche, the Irish champion, at Dublin on March 17th, for \$2,500, and a purse of \$7,500.

Christmas

Eve.

LAST CHANCE

Carvers \$1.25 to \$3
 Carvers in case \$3.25 to \$12
 Sugar Shells 50c.
 Fish Sets \$5 to \$10
 Bread Mixers \$2.50 to \$3
 Cake Mixers \$2.50
 Tea Pots, nickel on copper \$1.50
 Tea Pots, enamel 45c. to \$1.25

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Coffee Pots 45c. to \$1.50
 Scissors in cases \$1.25 to \$5.75
 1847 Rogers Bros. Knives, Forks, Spoons.
 Pocket Knives. 25c. to \$1.50

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Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon \$1.25 to \$3.50
 Gillett's Safety Razors ... \$5
 Ward's Safety Razors ... \$5
 Razors \$1 to \$3
 Shaving Brushes 25c. to \$1.50
 Razor Straps. 75c. to \$1.50
 Williams' Shaving Soap, in Nickel Box 25c.

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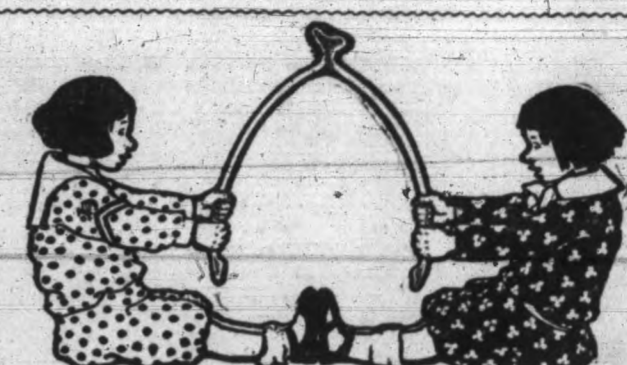
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Tools for the Boys.
 Tools for the Men.
 Little Kitchen Necessities.
 A Heater or Range would make a nice Christmas Gift.

WE WISH ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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OUR WISH

Is that To-morrow may be the

Happiest Xmas

You have ever known



WEILER BROS., FURNISHERS OF HOMES
 GOVERNMENT STREET, VICTORIA, B. C.

COME IN TO-NIGHT--SURE

COME IN TO-NIGHT and take advantage of the many special offerings we are making on late arrivals. More particularly is this noticeable in the China section. Here we have marked uncommonly low the tardy arrivals. We do not wish to carry these over the holiday and are making the prices so interesting that they shall surely disappear to-night.

15c	25c	50c
Decorated China Spoon Holders	Decorated China Cake Plates	Decorated China Nut Bowls
Decorated China Children's Cups and Saucers	Decorated China Celery Trays	Decorated China Cabarets
Decorated China Children's Mugs	Decorated China Flower Vases	Hand Painted China Cake Plates
Decorated China Flower Baskets	Decorated China Covered Sugar Bowls	Decorated China Cups and Saucers
Decorated China Shaving Mugs	Decorated China Syrup Jug and Plate	Decorated China Butter Dishes
Decorated China Cream Jugs	Decorated China Candlesticks	Decorated China Biscuit Jars
Decorated China Dessert Plates	Decorated China Spoon Trays	Decorated China Marmalade Jars
Decorated China Ash Trays	Decorated China Sugars and Creams	Decorated China Celery Trays
Decorated China Ramkins	Decorated China Cup Saucer and Plate	Very Handsome Bisque Figures
China Bisque Ornaments	Decorated China Cup Saucer and Plate	Large Majolica Jardiniere
"Happy Hooligan" Ash Trays	Children's Fancy China Mugs	Decorated Bohemian Glass Vases
"Happy Hooligan" Match Holders	China Porridge Sets—Plate, Bowl and Jug	Bretby Art Vases
Decorated China Fruit Saucers	China Milk and Cream Pitchers	Pretty Decorated Teapots
In many instances the values on this table are better than you would expect to receive for 25c. and more. Many people have a great many presents to buy and with a limited purse it is a "question." With a special view to their wants we have made this interesting counter.	Large Size Majolica Jugs	Decorated China Bedroom Candlesticks
	Majolica Jardiniere	Decorated China Cheese Stands
	Ruby Night Lamps	Ruby Night Lamps with Ruby Globes
	Children's Decorated Enamel Mugs	Never were offered such values as this 50c. counter contains. It is better though, to dispose of these tardy arrivals now than to hold them until way into summer time and perhaps longer, so they are placed on this counter to clear. The next two days will see all disappear.
	Crystal Glass Flower Vases	
	Bretby Art Vases	

Want to Spend \$1, \$3, \$5? Try These!

\$1.00	\$3.00	\$5.00
BUYS BETTER VALUES IN	BUYS BETTER VALUES IN	BUYS BETTER VALUES IN
Sterling Manicure Pieces	Dainty Tea Cloths	Mohair Rugs
Sterling Perfume Bottle	Pretty Hearth Rugs	Newest Lace Curtains
Sterling Vaseline Jars	Oriental Brass Jardiniere	Eiderdown Quilts
Shaving Brushes	Drawn Sideboard Covers	Axminster Rugs
Shaving Mug and Brush	Sterling Sugar Tongs	Reed Reception Chairs
Silver Mounted Vases	Silver Salt and Pepper	Reed Ottomans
Silver Toast Racks	Silver Dinner Bells	Sea Grass Ottomans
Silver Pickle Forks	Silver Child's Mugs	Oak Arm Chairs
Silver Sugar Shells	Silver Pie Knives	Arm Rocking Chairs
Silver Nut Crackers	Gilt Picture Frames	Child's Reed Rockers
Silver Olive Spoons	Umbrella Stands in Earthenware. New arrivals	Music Boxes in Oak
Silver Sugar Shell and Butter Knife in Case	Child's Sets. Superior quality sets consisting of table and two chairs. In red and blue finishes.	Child's Table Chair
Austrian Bisque Figures	Rocking Chairs	Dining Chairs in Oak
China Cups and Saucers	Folding Card Tables	Office Stools, Oak. Seat adjustable to any height
China Flower Vases	Dining Chairs in Oak	Jardiniere Stands in Oak
Glass Flower Vases	Office Stools, Oak. Seat adjustable to any height	Child's Cradles
Pretty Jardiniere	Jardiniere Stands in Oak	Willow Bassinets
Child's Rockers	Child's Cradles	Parlor Table in Mahogany finish and in quartered Golden Oak
Misses' or Youth's Chair	Willow Bassinets	Pictures. Beautiful Autotype Engravings framed
Mission Book Rack	Parlor Table in Mahogany finish and in quartered Golden Oak	
High-Backed Dining Chairs	Pictures. Beautiful Autotype Engravings framed	
Brass Card Trays		
Pretty Cushion Covers		
Stylish Table Covers		
Tray Cloths		
Lace D'oylies		
Bed Spreads		
Napkins—Per dozen		

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