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LADIES JACKETS A SPECIALTY.

**Gen. Dewet Cornered**

With British Columns on Three Sides and Swollen Rivers in Front.

**The Evasive Boer Leader Appears to Be Near End of Flight.**

**Story of Chase-Lord Roberts Receives Magnificent Reception at Capetown**

(Associated Press.)  
Alwal North, Cape Colony, Dec. 7.—General Dewet appears to be in a most dangerous position and to need all his strategy to extricate his force.

**Armour's Pork and Beans.**

**Hudson's Bay Co'y**

**CHICKENS**

Black Minorcas and Leghorn Fattens for sale. All kinds of Grain, Feed and Hay.  
**E. M. NODEK,**  
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**HOUDE'S STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES**  
MANUFACTURED BY **B. HOUDE & CO., QUEBEC**  
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This is the store every time, when you are Rubber Boot hunting.

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**DR. WATT'S ASSISTANT.**

**DR. ANDERSON, of Toronto University, Appointed to Quarantine Station—Arrowhead to Kootenay Railway.**

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Dr. Anderson, of Toronto University, has been appointed assistant to the quarantine officer at Victoria, B. C. Dr. Anderson is a son of Mr. Anderson, manager of the Bank of Montreal in Ottawa.

E. M. Richardson, of Vancouver, has been appointed steamboat inspector.

David McGill and Thomas Tall, Montreal, and Harry Abbott and Geo. M. Brown, Vancouver, will apply next session for an act incorporating a company under the name of "The Kootenay and Arrowhead railway company," with power to construct or operate a railway from a point near Arrowhead, thence by the most direct route, via Trout Lake or Duncan river, to a point at the north end of Kootenay lake.

The Vancouver and Lake Island railway company will apply next session for an act declaring the works of the company to be works for the general advantage of Canada.

**WYNDHAM REELECTED.**

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 8.—Mr. Geo. Wyndham, formerly parliamentary under secretary of the war office, has been re-elected to the House of Commons for Dover, without opposition. Mr. Wyndham was returned from Dover unopposed in the general election last held, but had to again appear before his constituents on his appointment as Chief Secretary for Ireland, in succession to Mr. Gerald Balfour, who was appointed president of the board of trade.

Mr. Robert Wm. Hanbury, the new president of the board of agriculture, was re-elected unopposed for Preston.

**FIRE RAGING IN BALTIMORE.**

(Associated Press.)  
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 8.—A disastrous fire broke out this morning about 3 o'clock and is still burning in the stores of the Baltimore Bargain House at Nos. 212 to 220 West Baltimore street. The damage to the building and stock is large. The concern carried one of the largest stocks in Baltimore, averaging from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

**Liberals Are United**

Present Session of Imperial Parliament Promises to Be a Lively One.

**Opposition Put All Their Energy Into Attacks Upon Mr. Chamberlain.**

**War Office Officials Think Dewet Obtains Supplies From Cape Colony.**

(Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 8.—The assembling of parliament has supplied much needed rest to life in England. The mere handful of members known as the opposition started the attack on the government members with such a united front that the session, short as it will be, promises to rival those famous debates which marked the days when Mr. Chamberlain tried to force Home Rule through the House. The spectacle of the entire Liberal party concentrating every energy against one man keeps the nation keyed up to a high pitch awaiting the next move in the dramatic encounter. If Mr. Chamberlain comes through unscathed it will be nothing short of marvellous.

No less interesting to the foreign observers are signs of

**The Dawn of Unanimity**

among the Liberals. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's arrangement of the government, which is admitted to have been the best effort of his life, was almost identical with that of Lord Rosebery. Each of these speakers adopted the same tone and dwelt on the same topics. Mr. Balfour, the Duke of Devonshire, taunted the opposition with their inability to speak for their party as a whole, but these utterances passed unnoticed, and from the benches behind Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman the constant hurrahs applauded, betokened the birth of better concord among his followers. Only once during Campbell-Bannerman's speech was a note of discord heard. It was when he announced that the Liberals, unreservedly, accepted the necessity for the

**Annexation of the Boer Republics.**

Then one solitary Liberal loudly shouted, "No, no." Turning around Campbell-Bannerman dismissed the objection as being of no importance with one of the most scathing retorts ever dealt out by a leader to a follower.

The war office officials are greatly distressed by the success of the anti-annexationists of Gen. Dewet, but they cherish the idea that he must soon cease to be dangerous, owing to his inability to secure new recruits. Efforts are being made to keep Dewet away from the Cape Colony frontier, for the war office believes he is getting the bulk of his supplies from some food, men and horses, which have been issued that each Boer farmer is only too keen small quantities of provisions sufficient for their own immediate needs.

Some very frank opinions

Concerning Mr. Richard Harding Davis have been announced in the English papers this week. They were called out by a letter in the London Times, signed by a representative body of ladies of various nationalities, resident at Pretoria throughout the war, in which they emphatically repudiated Mr. Davis's charges against the imprisoned British officers' behavior towards women.

The Daily News comments on the subject as follows: "Several months have elapsed since Mr. Davis's amazingly untruthful allegations were published, but the result, contradiction, though long delayed, has come to hand at last. Mr. Davis presumably wrote for the anti-English section of the American press, which we should not have expected to find the voice of a prominent American magazine as here mentioned, and as a vehicle for the vulgar and cowardly abuse."

able threatens London's few (the "rom") Many residents, under whose houses the

**Electric Trains.**

rom, have combined to sue for damages, alleged to be caused by the vibration. They have succeeded in getting to fight in the courts. They maintain that though the tube is at an average of fifty feet below the surface, the windows of the houses are rattled, the occupants awakened and ornaments shaken every time a train passes. If any degree of success meets their efforts it will seriously retard the attempt to give London a rapid transit.

An extraordinary reversal of the usual condition appears in the English meat market and it is likely that English beef will soon be palmed off as American. Hitherto the opposite has always been the case. But by clever manipulation the American salesman have obtained

**Control of the Market**

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Commenting on this situation an English paper says: "The American salesman now makes prices almost what they like. In the English trade there was no organization to oppose them. The farmers have been in the hands of the butchers, whose cupidity led them into the arms of the Americans. The only active opposition the Americans had to meet lay in the prejudice of the consumers. It has taken twenty years to beat that prejudice."

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Unerowned Queens.

In the original meaning of the word every woman was a queen, for the word queen meant woman. In monarchic countries the wife of the king became the queen—the woman. In America we give the word back its original meaning and every woman becomes a queen.



It is one of the sad features of a large bureau of medical correspondence such as is conducted by Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., that it has to report so many times with the disappointed hopes of women who have failed of the happiness of maternity. But it is one of the glad privileges of this same medical correspondence bureau that in the greater number of such cases, the obstacles to maternity are overcome by the establishment of the womanly health.

Not infrequently women write that they feel perfectly well and cannot understand why they are denied the maternal happiness which they desire. Such women learn that feeling well and being well are widely different matters. Few women are by nature so favored from the happiness of maternity. In the majority of cases Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, supplemented by his free medical consultation by letter, are sufficient to establish the womanly health and remove the obstacles to maternity.

An Operation Avoided. "I had been a sufferer from uterine trouble for about three years, having two miscarriages in that time and the doctors that I consulted said that I would have to go through an operation before I could give birth to children," writes Mrs. Blanche E. Evans, of Parsons, Luzerne Co., Pa., Box 41. "When about to give up in despair I saw the advertisement of Dr. Pierce's medicine in the Willoughby Record, and thought I would give it a trial as a last resort. I bought a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription from the druggist, T. F. O'Donnell, of Parsons, and after taking it felt better than I had for years. Not improved before I had taken one-half of the bottle. After I had taken four and a half bottles I gave birth to a healthy girl, who is now four months old, and has not had a day of sickness. She is as bright as can be. I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is peculiarly and specifically a medicine for the cure of diseases peculiar to women. It will cure any disease which is curable by the use of medicine, and often cures diseases pronounced incurable by local physicians, or which they state are curable only by surgery. "Favorite Prescription" establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It is the best preparative for motherhood; tranquilizing the nerves, encouraging the appetite and inducing refreshing sleep. It makes the baby's advent practically painless. "Five years ago my wife was in an almost helpless condition, suffering from female weakness," writes J. B. Everett, Esq., of Hagerman, Washington Co., Fla. "Last September I decided to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. She took several bottles of the medicine and gave birth to a ten-pound son on January 31st, 1898. She is now social and well and doing her housework."

"I gladly recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. J. W. G. Stephens, of Northumberland Co., Va. "Before my third little boy was born I took six bottles. He is the finest child and has been born from birth and I suffered very much. I can't say I ever had better. I unhesitatingly advise expectant mothers to use 'Favorite Prescription.'"

Sick women, especially those suffering from disease in chronic form, are invited to consult Doctor Pierce, by letter, free. All correspondence is held in sacred secrecy and is mainly confided to a single strict professional privacy observed by Dr. Pierce in his personal consultations with sick women at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. In a little over thirty years, Dr. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., assisted by his staff of nearly a score of physicians has treated and cured hundreds of thousands of weak and sick women.

Dr. Pierce's offer of free consultation by letter is not to be confused with misleading advertisements of "free medical advice" made by those who have neither the professional qualifications nor the legal right to practice medicine. Anyone can give advice on any subject. But the "medical advice" of a person who has no medical knowledge must be worthless and may be dangerous. In consulting Dr. Pierce, women are addressing a physician whose skill as a specialist in the treatment and cure of diseases peculiar to their sex has given him a national reputation. There is no similar offer of free medical advice which offers advantages equal to those offered by Dr. Pierce.

Accept to substitute for "Favorite Prescription." The only motive for such substitution is to enable the dealer to make the little more profit paid by the sale of less meritorious medicines. A Medical Work Piece. Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, containing over one thousand large pages and more than seven hundred illustrations, several of them lithographed in color, is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expenses of mailing only. This great medical work deals with subjects of vital interest to women. It treats of medicine, hygiene, and physiology of the laws of reproduction and of hygiene in general. It teaches how to enjoy health and happiness in a long life. There is no charge for the book. Send 31 one-cent stamps (expense of mailing only), for the volume in cloth binding, or 21 stamps for the book in paper covers. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

Yet parliament had been summoned twice in one year to vote \$700,000,000 for the work of slaughter. He had nothing to say respecting the merits of the war, but the nation came to his chair things it need not look up to God for approval of its acts. "What was the cause of the infernal in industrial circles? He referred to the absence of want, as well as of millionaires in rural communities where man had unimpeded access to the soil had to the resources of nature. The solution of the problem he thought was to get man back to the earth from which he was divorced. Thousands of acres of fertile land lay in the grasp of railway companies, inaccessible, because it had been found necessary to legislate for corporate greed rather than for our fellow man. The time had passed for theorizing on such a matter. It was now time for action. It was our duty to hasten the coming of institutions which were not begotten of the sword or of bloodshed, but of institutions based on good will to our fellow men. The lecturer was loudly applauded at different points in his address. At its conclusion a discussion took place, in which Messrs. Duckfield, Bragg and others took part. The latter took issue with the lecturer in his remarks relative to war holding that many of the blessings we enjoy were won by the sword. In reply, the lecturer said that he denied that the sword had been a beneficial agent. He believed that ultimately just conditions would rule, but when they were introduced it would be through instruments which God could bless and not through a weapon which He could not approve. A hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer was carried on motion of Rev. E. S. Rowe. The chairman announced that the next lecture of the series would be on "Christian Socialism," by Rev. E. S. Rowe, and the meeting broke up with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

HAY-PAINCEPONT TREATY. Washington, Dec. 7.—The Senate today agreed to take a vote next Thursday on the amendment offered by the committee on foreign relations to the Hay-Paincepont treaty. The proposition to this effect was made by Mr. Lodge, who is in charge of the treaty, and was agreed to without much discussion.

Pioneers' Banquet

The Thirtieth Annual Re-Union of Members of B. C. Pioneer Society Last Night.

Representative Gathering, Splendid Dinner and Capital Speeches.

Gathered around a handsomely spread table in the Victoria hotel last night were the members of that distinctly patriotic fraternal order, the B. C. Pioneer Society and their guests to the number in all of forty-five. The occasion was the thirtieth annual dinner, and was one of the most successful of the many appearing in the calendar of the society.

Occupying the head of the table was the president, E. Pearson. On his right sat His Worship Mayor Hayward, Hon. J. H. Turner, Alderman John Hall, Richard Hall, M. P., and C. H. Lugin, and on his left United States Consul Abraham E. Smith, Hon. E. G. Prior, Lieut.-Col. Grant and Charles E. Redfern.

A complete list of those surrounding the table was as follows: Hon. J. H. Turner, E. Pearson, Hon. Alvan E. Smith, United States Consul; Hon. E. G. Prior, Lt.-Col. Grant, Chas. Redfern, C. H. Lugin, Joseph W. Carey, T. J. Burgess, James Muirhead, C. A. Greer, D. F. Adams, Andrew Tolmie, Thomas Russell, North Shakespear, W. Hall, Bone, W. Harrison, Wm. Beaumont, Allan Graham, Wm. Byron, John Colpeter, W. Thompson, Captain Johnston, James Gorgenson, Lawrence Goodacre, Chas. Holmes, E. Metcalf, James Hensworth, John Hall, J. Morphy, J. H. Mansell, H. Smith, W. H. Bosley, A. Salt, A. Jack, R. T. John, Joe Keefer, Tom Elwin, John Robertson, J. Blackburn, W. H. Huxtable, H. P. Dickinson, John Speed, R. Hall, M. E. P., and Aid. Hall.

After a splendid dinner letters from Lieut. Governor Sir Henri Joly, Bishop Cridges, Capt. E. A. N. Macpherson, Higgins, of the Native Sons' Society, were read, expressing the regret of those gentlemen at not being able to attend.

The president also expressed regret because of the absence of Lieut. Governor Joly, and then explained the objects of the society, touching on the many "changes" which have since the days of Carleton. In opening the toast list, the health of Her Majesty the Queen, the Prince of Wales and the Royal Family were enthusiastically drunk, and President Pearson proposed the health of the President of the United States. This was followed by the recitation, "Blood-Thicker Than Water," by Allan Graham, after which U. S. Consul Smith responded to the toast of his country in a capital speech, which evoked the greatest enthusiasm.

Charles Holmes next sang "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," the solo being grandly applauded.

The toast of the "Governor-General of Canada," was proposed by W. Harrison, vice-president of the society, in a neat speech. Col. Prior next proposed the health of the Lieut. Governor. He referred to Sir Henri Joly's independence, but was pleased to hear that it was not a serious character. Sir Henri, he said, was a good cross between the old French nobleman and the English squire, being courteous, obliging and affable, and not a firehead, but a man, in his official position, who paid no heed to the business and who took an active interest in all important public functions. He hoped that the Lieut. Governor would continue to be a resident of this province even after his term of office had expired.

The Senate, House of Commons and Local Government" was then proposed by J. W. Carey, who in a few brief remarks, expressed approval of the Laurier government. The toast was replied to by Col. Prior in a humorous way, and also by Hon. J. H. Turner, who delivered a patriotic speech, in which he alluded to the policy of the present provincial government, "to be so-called 'the British Columbia contingent' to South Africa and the might and aggressiveness of the British nation.

Richard Hall, M.P., also responded to the toast in a happy manner. Thomas Flewin sang "Just Forty

DID NOT CURE. But Greatly Helped by Change of Food. A lady in Harrisburg, O., is frank enough to say that while she has been helped, she was not entirely cured in the change of food and taking up Grape-Nuts food. She says she began eating rich and highly seasoned food when she was young and followed it until she set up a bad stomach trouble, with severe attacks of nervous sick headache. Finally rheumatism of the joints set in, and now some of her joints are dislocated by the heavy deposits forming about them and pushing them out of place, so that she is almost helpless. Her nervous system was wrecked and the optic nerve affected so that she could not read without bringing on nervous prostration and insomnia, that would last two or three nights.

"Last fall I heard of, and commenced the use of, Grape-Nuts as a food. It has since been both food and medicine to me, for I have taken very little medicine since I began to use it. After 10 months I find a great improvement in my brain and nerve power, am no longer troubled with sleeplessness. I suffer very little less with my rheumatism, and can read several hours a day, one day after the other and sleep well all night. "I am by no means entirely cured of rheumatism, but I have been made so much better by the use of Grape-Nuts food that I am sincerely thankful for it."

This name will be furnished by the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

Years Ago," and the pioneers joined in the chorus.

C. E. Redfern, in a stirring speech, proposed the "Army and Navy," the toast being responded to by Col. Grant. "British Columbia Pioneers" was proposed by C. H. Lugin in the absence of H. D. Helmcken.

"The Mayor and Council" was next proposed by Postmaster Shakespear, who complimented the city fathers on the good work they had done during the past year, and referred to the admirable stand they had taken on the railway by-law.

His Worship the Mayor replied to the toast, incidentally announcing the intention of the council in regard to the James Bay improvements, spoken of in last evening's Times.

At John's Hall followed, after which the "Sister Societies" was proposed by Allan Graham, the toast being replied to by J. Morphy, representing the Native Sons and Thomas Russell representing the Caledonia Society. The "Bench and Bar" was proposed by the Mayor and was responded to by J. Morphy.

The toast to "The Press" was proposed by J. Robertson, and in reply to the same U. S. Consul Smith, who is an old newspaper man, paid a high tribute to the excellent publications in the Times and Colonist. After the toast, bill books were distributed and the singing of "God Save the Queen," the assemblage disbanded.

Now will You Believe that Catarrh can be Cured?

JAPANESE CATARRH CURE CURES AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS' SUFFERING.

Catarrh is more difficult to cure on the Pacific Coast than in any other part of the world, owing to the extreme dampness of the climate and the sudden changes of temperature towards evening. But Japanese Catarrh Cure will cure catarrh in any climate for any person. Mr. J. H. Crow, 21 Keefer St., Vancouver, the well-known contractor, writes: "I had been a sufferer from catarrh for over fifteen years, during which time I tried a score of doctors and every remedy I thought would relieve me, but the result was only temporary relief. In each case the catarrh returned. About a year ago I used six boxes of Japanese Catarrh Cure, and since completing this treatment have been entirely free from catarrh. I can recommend it with every confidence. Japanese Catarrh Cure is the only permanent and guaranteed cure for catarrh. Price 50 cents, by all druggists.

MURDERER-BEHEADED.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Guenzi, a Hungarian, who murdered for the purpose of robbery a wealthy widow named Schurz and her daughter here in 1897, was beheaded this morning in the prison of Plötzensee. The murder was an atrocious one, and was committed in the centre of Berlin. Capital punishment is so unusual here that the execution of Guenzi attracted considerable attention. The trial of Guenzi was remarkable from the fact that he invented for the purpose of his defence, a man whom he called "Loewy," and persuaded a number of people that "Loewy" was in existence, and that they had seen him.

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NEW WARSHIP.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Bids were opened at the navy department today for the construction of five new battleships and six armored cruisers aggregating a total displacement of 154,000 tons, comprising the largest consignment of material for the navy ever contracted for at a single bidding.

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DOES NOT WANT WAR.

Gen. Mercier On His Speech in French Senate.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The Senate today adopted the naval bill after a short discussion. Senator Combes (Progressive), representing charitable infirmity, urged the building of twenty additional cruisers to prey upon Great Britain's commerce in case of war. The minister of marine, M. Delmas, replied that the number of cruisers projected in the present bill would suffice for France's needs.

Gen. Mercier then rose and alluded to his speech of December 4th, when he urged training the army in embarkation drills, so as to be ready for an invasion of England. He said he was unable to understand the sensation his remarks had produced. He did not desire war with Great Britain, but he thought the duty of the government was to provide for such an eventuality. He repudiated any intention to appear aggressive towards Great Britain.

MAJORITY INCREASED.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—G. R. Maxwell's majority has been increased by a hundred by the returns from the Islands, which are as follows:

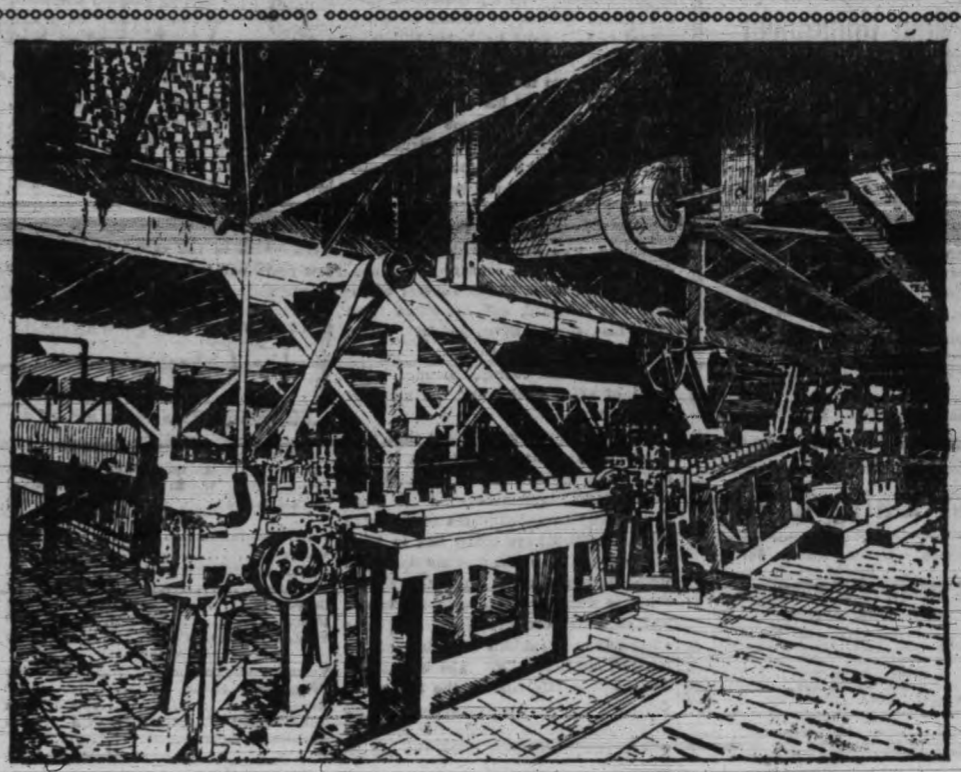
Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Maxwell, Garden, Marble Bay (Texas) 65, 14; Land 36, 6; Whaletown 9, 0; Valdez Island 10, 0; Totals 120, 20.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

London, Dec. 7.—The Queen's appointments to the international arbitration court are Lord Pauncefoot, Sir Edward Malet (formerly British ambassador to Germany), Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry (former Lord Justice of Appeal), and John Westlake (professor of international law in Cambridge University since 1889).

SEYMOUR'S SUCCESSOR.

London, Dec. 7.—The Westminster Gazette says that Gen. Sir Charles Warren, at one time commander of the metropolitan police, has been nominated commander of the British troops in Canada.



This Cut Shows a Line of Our Patent Automatic Canning Machinery

Our Wipers and Woppers are in use in most of the canneries of British Columbia, Puget Sound and several in Alaska. Our Toppers have been adopted by the Pacific Steel Metal Works of Fairhaven for making cans, and the past season has proved it to be the most successful machine in the market for can making, or full cans of all sizes. Estimates given on a complete line of improved machinery F. O. B. or in running order at the canneries. We make columns and castings of all kinds and would be pleased to furnish contractors and others with prices on every variety of iron work.

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TO ADVERTISERS.

In order that the readers of the Times may be supplied with the paper at a little earlier hour than at the present time, no changes for advertisements will be received after 10 a.m. This rule is now made imperative, and we trust our advertisers will help us in our efforts to meet the wishes of our subscribers by sending in the copy for their advertisements before that hour.

A HOLIDAY FOR ALL.

There is a movement on foot in Vancouver which has for its object the securing of a holiday for the employees of the street railway company on Christmas Day. The newspapers, the merchants, and the citizens generally have taken the matter up heartily, and intend to lay their views before the management of the company in the Terminal City at an early date. The elections are all over, and as the residents of our sister city are remarkable for the energy with which they prosecute any project to which they set their minds, we have no doubt the agitation will be crowned with success. This is a matter in which pleasure-loving Victoria cannot afford to lag behind. The street railway here never rests. Every day in the year it is in operation, and we are sure if it were to shut down for one day out of the three hundred and sixty-five it would be good not only for the employees and the machinery, but it would raise an indifferent public to a proper appreciation of the benefits conferred upon them by the tramcars. It is said that machinery works all the better after a period of repose. Let us agree to give the tramway and all connected therewith a holiday on Christmas Day, and it will be a treat for the employees, it will be healthful for the public, and give it a good appetite for its Christmas dinner and the works generally will renew their youth. Here is something for our citizens of benevolent inclinations to take up and deal with.

SOME VOTERS ARE DENSE.

The statement set forth in the above heading cannot be denied. It has been demonstrated to be a truth at every election that has been held in this or any other country for many years. All kinds of ballots have been tried and experimented with, but there are always voters to be found who will leap over all sorts of printed rules and fences and make their marks in the most extraordinary and unthoughtful places on the ballot paper. At all Dominion elections in the past the Liberals have been the chief sufferers at the hands of voters who could not comprehend. The returning officers have always been tried and true Tories, therefore if there were the least irregularity about a ballot obviously marked for a Liberal candidate it was thrown out without hesitation. Although the judges of the Dominion are men of probity, who would not think of wronging any man, yet until a very short time ago they were all appointees of a Conservative government, and many of them up to the time of their appointment active in the political life of the country. Some of them were accused of leaning in their decisions towards their former political friends, and it does not require a very great stretch of the imagination to believe that they were, perhaps unconsciously, just a little biased. One would think that where the intention of the voter was perfectly apparent the ballot should be allowed, but in very few cases did the judges take that view. There is no doubt whatever that in some cases Liberals were deprived of their seats by reason of these things, and in one case at least, that of

London, the judge was boldly accused of partisanship. In the contest of 1896 a sufficient number of ballots were adjudged to be invalid by Judge Elliott to deprive Mr. Hyman of his seat. In the election previous to that the same gentleman was robbed of his rights by measures of somewhat the same character. At the late election in North Bruce Mr. McNeill, Conservative, was apparently elected by a majority of two, with seventeen ballots rejected, sixteen of which were obviously intended for the Liberal candidate, who has been declared to be defeated. In the county of Lennox, Ontario, the name of the Liberal candidate was Leonard, and his name cost him his seat. Seventy-eight voters marked the cross in the space opposite the name of the county, "Lennox," instead of after "Leonard," the name of the candidate.

All these things go to show that it is impossible for the mind of man to conceive what the average voter will be up to if left to his own devices. In some of the more advanced places of the earth the authorities have taken him in hand and put him up against something upon which he cannot make a mistake. Everything is done by machinery nowadays, and so it has come to pass that the voter has been enabled to declare his intentions automatically. The new device was given a fair trial at the late provincial elections, and according to all accounts, notwithstanding the multiplicity of candidates over there, the experiment was a gratifying success. Concerning one of these trials the Boston Transcript says:

The voting-machine experiment at Northampton yesterday resulted in a success which must have an influence toward hastening the time when voting machinery will be general if not universal. The city of Northampton had used the Bardwell votometer before, but the test was not regarded of conclusive importance in the matter of celebrity. But at yesterday's election the trial was the severest possible under our election methods, and that the machines came out of the ordeal triumphantly must settle all doubts as to their practical value. The vote was the largest ever polled in Northampton, but every voter had time to vote, and in seven minutes after the polls had closed the result of the balloting was known in New York, Buffalo and Boston, and known, moreover, accurately and without possibility of any change by recount. As there was but one machine in each precinct, each voter had to wait a few moments for a chance to vote, but as the event proved, there was time enough and to spare for all.

And the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle has this to say of a test on a much wider scale: Score another credit mark, and a big one, for the Standard voting machines. On Tuesday 377 of them were used in thirty towns and villages of the State of New York. They all worked admirably. Not a failure or an accident was reported. Not one of the machines required the services of an expert or a mechanic from the opening to the closing of the polls. And at 5 o'clock, when the voting was over, the figures for every candidate on every ticket were found mechanically, recorded without error or possibility of dispute. No counting was necessary, the inspectors having only to copy the returns on their blanks. The machines save time and money, and everybody using them declares that they make the act of voting, whether a straight or split ticket, simplicity itself. As all sorts of devices have been tried in Canada to obtain an accurate measure of the will of every one of the electors with only a comparative measure of success, it seems as if we shall have to fall in with the march of events and order voting machines.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward has dedicated her latest book, "Eleanor," to "Italy, the beloved and beautiful, instructress of our past, delight of our present, comrade of our future; the heart of an Englishwoman offers this book." Those who have studied the writings of this author for they must be studied, not read in the sense that ordinary novels are read—may rest assured that in this latest product of the imagination of the greatest of the present-day authoresses all the questions which are puzzling humanity are treated in the old philosophic spirit. As usual some of the characters are disposed to question the teachings of the religious orthodox, but through all the speculation there runs in the story so much of human interest that it will hold the undivided attention of the reader from start to finish. William Briggs, Toronto, is the printer, and in printing and binding the book is a fine sample of the high degree of artistic excellence to which our Canadian publishing houses have attained.

Mr. Dooley is a precursor to his countrymen as well as a philosopher in general to the world. He says he rejoices at the growth of the United States but that he would be pleased to see it pause for a while and broaden out. He evidently recognises how extremely narrow the Americans are in their views of everything outside of their own country. Mr. Dooley has just returned from a visit to Great Britain.

Alderman Hall's park is becoming famous. Some of the most beautiful views in the pictorial world are taken from it and certain of the pupils of South Park school have been dilating upon its charms in British papers.

Goldwin Smith thinks the British Empire has become the mighty force it is today by accident and that an accident may dissolve it into its original fragments. Perhaps so. But again accident may in the future as in the past add

greatly to the British possessions. There seems to be a destiny shaping our ends, or it may be some power of which philosophers of the Smith school have no conception.

The town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., has doubled its population in five months. Away East in Nova Scotia, where the Atlantic roars, they are experiencing a healthy development for a staid and easy-going people. But right here on Vancouver Island there are forces at work which in the course of the next few years will transform the face of the country.

The Churches.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL. Preacher, morning, Canon Beaudouin; evening, Rev. W. B. Allen. The musical portion follows. Morning. Voluntary—Intermezzo. Disce Venite. Psalms for the day. To Deum. Sir H. R. Oakley Benedictus. St. 514 and 299. Hymns. St. 514 and 299. Voluntary—Grand Chorus. Dubois. Evening. Voluntary—Bacchante. Hoffman. Processional Hymn. 270. Magnificat. Sir J. Goss. Anthem. Rev. G. A. Wickes. Hymns. St. 46, 292 and 298. Recessional Hymn. 49. Voluntary—Triumphal March. Nauman.

ST. JOHN'S.

Tomorrow there will be morning prayer and litany at 11 and evening at 7, the pastor, Rev. Percival Jans, being the preacher at both services. The musical arrangements are: Morning. Organ—Praise the Lord. Mozart. Hymns. St. 48, 51 and 205. Organ—March Romanza. Dr. Hummel. Evening. Organ—Tray for Us. Piccolomini. Hymns. St. 49, 52, and 203. Organ—Andante in E. Scherwenka. After evening the second of the Advent series of organ recitals will be given as follows: Organ Solo—Hallelujah to the Father. A. Longfield. Soprano Solo—I Know That My Redeemer Liveth. Handel. Miss Annabelle Russell. Organ Solo—Go Bury Thy Sorrow. A. Longfield. Organ Solo—It Is Enough. Mendelssohn. Mr. Crane. Violin Solo—Andante Religioso. Renard. Jesse A. Longfield. Contralto Solo—Fathoms. J. H. Adams. Miss Miller. Violin Obligato, Jesse Longfield. Organ Solo—(a) Credo Song. Spinnery. (b) Allegro Pomposo. Dr. Vincent. Jesse A. Longfield.

ST. BARNABAS.

The services are: Holy eucharist, 8 a.m.; choral matins, 11 a.m.; and choral evensong, 7 p.m. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Miller, will be the preacher. The musical portion is as follows: Morning. Voluntary—Come Unto Me. Handel. Hymns. St. 217, 51 and 205. Voluntary—Let All the Angels. Handel. Evening. Voluntary—Communion in E. Battiste. Hymns. St. 49, 48, 19 and 463. Voluntary—Consolation. Mendelssohn.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Rev. Dr. Wilson will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "Doing the Father's Will"; evening, "Receive Not the Grace of God in Vain." Children's service at 3 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay, minister. Public worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered at the forenoon service. Sabbath school at 2:30. Bible class at 3 p.m. Special meetings for prayer in connection with the close of the century every Sunday at 10 a.m., Tuesday at 8 p.m., and Thursday at 8 p.m. throughout the month of December. The musical portion follows: Morning. Organ—Meditation. Gullmant. Psalm. 139, 49, 419 and 421. Organ—Overturo. Petrali. Evening. Organ—Largo. Sullivan. Psalm. 149 and 319. Song—Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind Be Opened. Pattison. Hymns. St. 100 and 101. Organ—March. Rouse.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Hughes will preach in the morning and the pastor in the evening. Sabbath school and Bible classes at 2:30. Junior Endeavor at 10 a.m., and Senior Endeavor at 8 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN.

Rev. D. MacRae, pastor, will preach at 11 a.m., when the Lord's Supper will be dispensed. At 7 p.m. Rev. A. B. Winchester will preach. Excellent musical programme at the Drill Hall concert to-night.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST.

Rev. J. G. Hastings, M. A., pastor, will preach at both services, 11 a.m., "A Psalm of the Word"; 7 p.m., "Balm in Gilead." Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30 p.m. B. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p.m.; Friday meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST.

Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject, "Eyes, But They See Not"; evening subject, "The Cause of Poverty." Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30 p.m. B. Y. P. U., Monday, 8 p.m.; Friday meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m.

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Rev. J. D. P. Knox, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m.; song service at 6:45 p.m. JAMES BAY METHODIST. The morning service at 11 o'clock will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell. In the evening the pastor will read the fifth and sixth chapters of the story, "Roy Stanklake."

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

The usual services will be held in the Congregational church, Temperance Hall, Pandora street, conducted by Rev. David Reid, pastor pro tem. In the evening at 7 o'clock there will be special song service and an evangelistic address; subject, "Worthy of All Acceptation, of Three-leafed Spruce, of the Christmas Tree, of the Christian." Sunday school and Bible class in the afternoon at 2:30, and Y. P. S. at 7:30 after the evening service as usual.

HERALD STREET MISSION.

Rev. J. P. Hilda will address the meeting at Herald street mission on Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

SALVATION ARMY.

Ensign Cummins in charge. Meetings every evening at 8 p.m. Sunday, 3 and 7:30 p.m. Subject will be "Hobbed a King of His Throne? All are welcome."

A SPIRITUALISM.

E. H. Kneeshaw will lecture in the Sir William Wallace hall. Subject, "Dress, What to Wear and How to Wear It." Miss Ann Kneeshaw will sing, by request, "Miss Anna That Reached My Heart." Clear, vibrant readings and improvisations at the close of the lecture. Services commence promptly at 7:30 p.m. Collection at the door.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Christian Science service at 87 Pandora street at 7 p.m. Subject, "Sacrament."

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

Public lecture at 8:15 p.m. Afternoon class for children at 2:30 o'clock.

THE CENTRAL INSTITUTE.

Special Fares to the Meetings Here on December 17th. The following special rates have been secured for delegates attending the meetings of the Central Farmers' Institute and Good Roads Association on December 17th.

By the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway company, a single fare for round trip, regular fare to be paid to Victoria, and a receipt taken, such receipt to be certified by the superintendent of institutes or secretary, and on presentation at office in Victoria a free return ticket will be given.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
Victoria, Dec. 8-5 a.m.—An important high barometer area, accompanied with a decided cold wave, has developed in the Northwest Territories, its centre at Edmonton reading 30.72, while on our Coast the barometer is only comparatively high.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Sunday.
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh north and east winds, mostly cloudy, with lower temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate easterly winds, cloudy, with lower temperature and sleet or snow to-day or Sunday.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.19; temperature, 41; minimum, 41; wind, S. E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 30; minimum, 29; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 12 miles N.; weather, cloudy.

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Don't fail to take in the Grand Prize drawing for the six tier Fruit cake and the display of fine Xmas and New Year confectionery which will be on exhibition during the holidays at the new Caledonian Bakery, 112 Yates street, C. Darling, Proprietor.

The committee in charge of the regimental ball have decided to extend the privileges of a member of the regiment to South African volunteers and the nearest relatives of those who have not yet returned. Applications should be made to the secretary as soon as possible.

Fresh Oysters Daily from our own beds at Sooke. Wholesale or retail, by sack or gallon. Apply New England Hotel.

The death occurred yesterday at the family residence, 31 Rock Bay avenue, of William Gowdy. The deceased has been an invalid for some time. He was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and has resided in this city for about 20 years. He was 75 years of age, and leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters. Two of his sons, Thomas and David, reside here, but the third, Frank, is at present living at Texada Island. One of his daughters, Mrs. S. S. Lehman, is a resident of this city, and the other, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, is living in Vancouver. The funeral will take place from the family residence on Sunday afternoon at 2.30. The services will be conducted both at the house and grave by Rev. Dr. Wilson.

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Members of the executive of the Local Council of Women are asked to meet at 8.45 at the city hall on Monday to transact some business before the annual meeting.

Maple Lodge, K. of P., celebrated their eight anniversary last evening in the agricultural hall, Duncan's, by giving a banquet and dance in aid of the Chemung hospital.

Everybody travels on the Fast Steamer Rosalie. Follow the crowd

Through a confusion of names in the report of the meeting of the agricultural and industrial committee, E. Pearson, instead of J. P. Pierson, J. P. was credited with having been appointed delegate to the meeting of fair managers, to be held shortly at Portland.

C. H. Lugin yesterday repeated his lecture on the History of the Development of Responsible Government in Canada before the High School pupils. He has donated a copy of Goldwin Smith's "United Kingdom" for competition in the debating society of the school.

A statement made by Postmaster Hartman, of Dawson, shows that the money sent from Dawson by money order in the last twelve months amounted in round numbers to \$1,000,000, two-thirds of which went to the States, and the remainder to Canada and foreign countries.

Rev. Mr. Winchester, who is on the eve of departing to the East to assume the pastorate of one of the oldest and largest congregations in Toronto, will preach to-morrow morning at 11 a. m. in Knox Presbyterian church, Stanley avenue, and in St. Aidan's church, Cedar Hill, at 3 p. m.

To-night, at the drill hall, the Regimental band will give another of their popular promenade concerts. An excellent programme, already published in these columns, has been carefully rehearsed, and includes many pleasing numbers. Miss Elaine Telfor, character dancer, is to be the extra attraction.

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Those interested in matters artistic will probably remember Lionel C. Barff, who formerly resided here. Mr. Barff was an artist of considerable merit, his etchings notably being well done. He is now engaged on the Illustrated London News staff, several specimens of his work appearing in the last issue of that publication.

The following are the names of ladies and gentlemen that will take part at the concert in Temperance hall to-night: Miss Hitt, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Gladding and Miss Gladding, Messrs. Firth, Cotter, W. Cary, J. Bresser, Collins, Patton, Hopton, J. Bowden, J. Longfield and Savage, Rev. J. P. D. Knox will act as chairman.

In the list of those establishments which appeared in these columns last evening in connection with the reference to the splendid Westside catalogue, the firm of Geo. Morrison & Co., druggists, was accidentally omitted. This establishment's list is plain and comprehensive, and will prove of the greatest value to suburban residents desirous of stocking themselves with the commodities mentioned therein.

The first Philharmonic concert will take place in the Institute hall on Tuesday, December 18th, when a mixed programme will be presented. In keeping with the Christmas season, several solos and choruses from "The Messiah" will be performed, while the second part of the programme will be devoted to vocal and instrumental solos of a secular character, and selections by the orchestra. The soloists will be Mrs. Moresby, Miss E. Sehl, Mrs. Walthe Windle, A. T. Goward, E. A. Powell, W. H. Crane and Major Joe Hansch. A feature of the programme will be the rendition of Beethoven's choral fantasia, with piano obbligato, chorus and orchestra.

Prize Waltz and Tombola, Wednesday evening, by City Band, at A. O. U. W. Hall.

Yesterday afternoon A. L. Belva applied for probate of the will of John Todd, who fell at Paardeberg, the application standing over. The will was made by Todd while on service in the Philippines, and by it he left his effects to relatives, and named his mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Todd, of Victoria, as executrix. After his return to America he went to live with his grandmother, Mrs. H. P. Nichols, of Monterey, Cal. He afterwards came to Victoria, and had been here only a few weeks when he enlisted for South Africa. Owing to the fact that the will was made by an American citizen while engaged in military service of the United States the question is raised as to whether the will can be probated here. In addition to effects the bequest includes \$1,000 life insurance.

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The funeral of the late Ed. Lines took place this afternoon from W. J. Hanna's parlors.

Superfluous hair moles and facial blemishes removed by electrolysis, room No. 2, 114 Yates street.

The fourth matinee of the series is being given in the A. O. U. W. hall this afternoon by the Savoy company.

A meeting of the ministerial association will be held on Monday afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock, when a full attendance is requested.

Just received direct from England, a complete stock of Hockey Sticks, Footballs, Walking Sticks, etc., at Henry Short & Sons.

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For the information of those who received shocks during last week while posting letters in the box on the corner of Douglas and Pandora street, it might be stated that they may now do so with perfect immunity from surprises of this nature. The current has been cut off.

Go to Drill Hall concert to-night.

A festive burglar entered the Ship Inn saloon, Wharf street, last evening, and after a careful investigation of the stock selected three bottles of brandy and a number of cigars. The epicurean prowler has not yet been apprehended, and if he is wise he will have internally secreted the spirits and converted the cigars into thin air ere this.

Next City Band Concert and Dance in A. O. U. W. Hall next Wednesday evening.

A regimental order issued to-day by Col. Gregory announces the discontinuance of company drill from December 12th to January 30th, inclusive. The periods of Nov. 5 and 6, commencing on Monday, 10th December, and Nov. 1 and 2, commencing on Tuesday, 11th December next, will be in charge of Sgt. Major Mulcahy for the purpose of the examination in infantry drill by the D. O. C. of the class now under instruction, to be held on these dates. The company officers of these companies need not attend.

Ald. Beckwith has posted the following notice on the bulletin board at the city hall: "That whereas it is advisable to take the necessary steps to improve and beautify that portion of Pandora street to the east of Vancouver street by grading the same, laying out roads, walks and lawns, and planting trees, shrubs, etc., there, in order that it may be used for park purposes; and whereas it is expedient that such work of improvement be done under the local improvement system; therefore, be it resolved, that the city council hereby determines that said work be carried out under the provision of the Local Improvement By-law and amendments thereto."

City Band's large orchestra for dance, Wednesday evening, Dec 12.

This morning's session of the police court was conducted without incident of any unusual character. A drunk was fined \$2.50 for his first offense. Another offender, Martin, an Indian, a devout worshipper of Bacchus, was fined \$5 and \$1 costs or ten days' imprisonment. The charge of malicious injury to property preferred against Robert Hansen, Alex. Babchuck and Daniel Mills—throwing rocks at an improvised target on one of Alex. Stewart's monuments—was dismissed. Charles Hansen, a lad of about eleven years of age, was charged with the theft of books and an overcoat from the Dominion hotel, some time ago. The case was laid over until Monday. May Williams and George Squibber were each fined \$50 or three months' imprisonment for being inmates of a hawdy house. They paid their fines on the spot. The case of Hume Yerrington, who is charged with the theft of field glasses from Fred. Weldon, was also called. Upon application of E. A. Powell, counsel for the defendant, the accused was admitted to bail, which was fixed at \$300.

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Board of Police Commissioners Take Action on Representations Made to Them by Citizens.

A meeting of the police commissioners of the city, consisting of Mayor Hayward, Ald. Stewart and John Piercy, was held this morning at the city hall. The rule which states that the meetings of the board shall be open to the public was over-ruled by a unanimous resolution to the effect that the press should be excluded from the deliberations of that body. A Times representative who was present thereupon withdrew.

It is understood, however, that the object of the meeting was to consider a number of communications which have been addressed to His Worship as chairman of the board, protesting, in the name of a number of prominent and influential citizens, against the lax manner in which the law relating to gambling was being administered. The gentlemen mentioned have been conducting investigations for months, and state that the evidence they have collected is irrefutable. On Thursday a crisis was reached when a notice was lodged with the authorities that unless the wide open resorts of the city were closed within forty-eight hours the writers would take action in the matter.

While nothing was disclosed officially in regard to the action of the board, the result of their deliberations is embodied in a letter addressed to the petitioners, and which reads as follows: "I have the honor to inform you that your letter addressed to the Mayor under dates of the 3rd, 6th and 8th of December have been received, and in answer thereto I am instructed to inform you that the police commissioners have ordered the chief of police to abate the evils complained of."

It is further understood that the recipients of the letter have intimated that the board's action will be satisfactory only if the word "abate" is intended to mean the suppression of the evils which formed the subject matter of their communications.

THE CITY WINS.

Mr. Justice Martin at noon to-day delivered an important judgment disposing of the case of Walkley vs. the City, arising out of the filter bed contracts at Elk lake, and the details of which are familiar to most Victorians. The contractors were suing the city for \$26,000.

The court to-day dismissed the action with costs. His Honor said that he had given the matter his earnest consideration and had been unable to find any fraud with the city engineer or collusion with the city authorities. Bowdell & Duff appeared for the prosecution, and Taylor & Bradburn for the city.

Two Important Sales.—The furnishings of Mr. Newton Spicer, who is leaving for South Africa via London, Eng., will be sold at auction in the sale rooms of the Cuthbert-Brown Co., Ltd., on Monday morning at 11 o'clock. A very important sale of 14 valuable draught horses will be sold at auction by the same company on Tuesday, December 18th, further announcements of which will be made later.

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COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Resolutions to Be Considered at Their Meeting on Monday.

The sixth annual meeting of the Local Council of Women of Victoria and Vancouver Island will be held at the city hall on Monday next.

The first session will commence at 10 a.m., and the forenoon will be devoted to the reception of new societies, roll call, president's opening address, correspondence, annual report, treasurer's report, report of Friendly Help Association and of affiliated societies, appointment of auditors and balloting for officers.

The list of resolutions to come before the council embraces one endorsing the Shops' Act of Ontario and asking for its adoption here with an amendment providing for women inspectors to enforce it. Other resolutions will ask for the enforcement of the Saturday night early closing provision of the liquor law, will petition the council not to appropriate funds for Sunday band concerts, and to do all in their power to prevent the opening of stores on Sunday. They will ask the city council also to pass a by-law closing tobacco, fruit, candy and barber shops on Sunday. Another urges the police commissioners to enforce the law against cigarette smoking. An important resolution will ask that the entire management of the woman's department at the forthcoming exhibition of 1901 be left with the local council. A curfew-law is also urged in a resolution.

In addition to the above, Miss Perrin, the president, will give a short report of the meeting of the annual council, while Mrs. Day will give some reminiscences in the same connection.

A reception of members of the executive and delegates of affiliated societies will be given at Bishopscote at 8.30 on Monday evening.

On Tuesday evening Miss Perrin will preside at a meeting in the city hall, when papers will be given by Mrs. Wm. Angus on the Victoria branch of the Canadian History Association, and by Mrs. L. Ward on Individuality in Dress. A debate will also be held on the subject: "Resolved, that it is possible in the present state of civilization to settle international disputes by arbitration."

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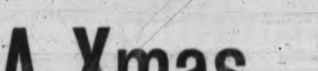
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To Promote Good Roads

A Local Branch of Provincial Association Organized Last Evening. Details of Formation Were Instituted—Representatives Appointed.



A district branch of the Provincial Good Roads Association was organized at a meeting in the board of trade rooms last evening, and it is the intention to prosecute efforts in the interests of highway improvement at once.

Mr. Ker presided, and after explaining the object for which the meeting was called—the formation of a district association in connection with the provincial organization—the following letter was read from Capt. Black:

As many people do not seem to properly understand what is desired, a few words will not be amiss.

As I have had over 20 years' experience on the frontier, and more or less connection with road and trail making, and opening up a new country, in both Canada and the United States, I feel that I may be able to make a few suggestions.

1. All political parties should unite and impress upon the government the necessity of leaving politics out of the question in making appointments for road purposes, and to employ the best men available, irrespective of party.

2. Divide the province into counties, counties into townships, and townships into municipalities, with power to raise money to build roads within the separate municipalities.

3. Appoint a competent civil engineer for each county, to have full charge of all roads in his county, make surveys and locate all roads and trails; superintend the expenditure of all money pertaining to roads in his county. His salary should be sufficient to secure competent men.

4. Section men should be employed continuously on all main roads, every five to ten miles, to keep the road in repair.

5. In opening up new countries, by trails or roads, the first thing to do is to locate the best possible, for grades, etc., in just the same way as if laid out for a railroad line.

6. The main roads to be built and maintained by the provincial government; all other roads to be built at the expense of the municipalities.

We will now suppose that all the above systems are in force in the province, and that the government have granted enough money to open a pack-trail in some new portion of the province, to be a mining camp, for instance. The first thing to do would be for the government to give instructions to the county engineer, for the district, advising him of the amount appropriated, and to proceed and make the surveys.

The engineer would, after making the survey, figure out how much he could do with the grant, and then report to the municipality, advising him of the amount appropriated, and to proceed and make the surveys.

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authorities would inform the government, asking them to instruct the engineer to make the necessary surveys, and see to the expenditure of the money.

Compare this with the system at present. A grant is made by the government of the day for a road or trail. The money is handed to John Brown, general merchant, Sleepy Hollow. A number of his customers, who owe him money, are employed at the highest possible rates; one is appointed foreman; he is a good fellow, but knows very little about road making.

The next year, John Smith, another supporter of the government, thinks he ought to have a show. He employs men, and sends them to the same general merchant, with the difference that the foreman thinks it is the chance of his life to immortalize himself as an engineer, will change a mile or two of the road, without any reference to the general lay of the country, and expend the most of the grant on his pet scheme.

The same performance is gone through with little benefit to the road, with perhaps changing the road to where it was before. Now, I think that you will see that if the county engineer had the handling of the money, his object would be to keep his position, and have the best roads in the province. Politics would have nothing to do with him. The ministers would have nothing to do with the expenditure, so that it would refer to them.

This communication was very favorably commented upon, and those present expressed themselves determined to do their utmost to further the aim of the association.

A communication was also read from Joseph Shaw, of Colwood, nominating the survey and trail, for the respective districts on the membership list.

Mr. Shaw emphasized the desirability of the appointment of a competent superintendent to supervise the work of road improvement.

Herbert Cuthbert moved, seconded by Mr. Webb, that a goods roads association be formed for the province, to be a district, to work in conjunction with the provincial association. This was carried unanimously.

John Jardine moved, seconded by Capt. Black, that the following gentlemen be appointed a committee of representatives for the respective districts in the district, as follows: Victoria, Mayor Hayward and aldermen, and D. R. Ker, W. H. Bone, J. Fullerton, P. C. MacGregor, H. Cuthbert, Captain Black, John Jardine and Mr. Webb; Oaklands, Watson Clarke; Colwood, Frank Sere; Mount Esposito, Dr. Fleming; Esposito, John Jardine; Otter Point, Edwin Clarke; and Mr. Shirley; Colwood, Joseph Shaw, G. Bezzans and W. Stewart; Sooke, Edwin Milne; and John Muir; Metchoin, Wm. Fisher and E. S. Field; South Saanich, Edwin Johns; Thos. Mitchell and Wm. Thompson; Goldstream, James Phelan.

After some informal discussion, during which Mr. Ker read an extract from a Vancouver paper, showing the progress being made in the movement in the Terminal City, the meeting was adjourned.

The convention of the provincial association will be held in this city on December 17th.

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The offices of Supt. Hussey and staff were hitherto on the south side of the building, and perhaps the greatest defect in the old quarters was the sparsity of room. There will certainly be no cause for complaint on this score in regard to the new offices, as they are just about double the dimensions of the others.

There are two apartments on the right side of the entrance, and one of them will have a length of something like twenty-two or three feet, and a width of from fifteen to twenty feet. The other apartment will be somewhat smaller, but infinitely larger than either of the former quarters. At present the light is not very strong, but when certain alterations are effected near the entrance it is expected that this deficiency will be obviated.

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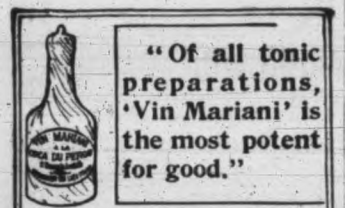
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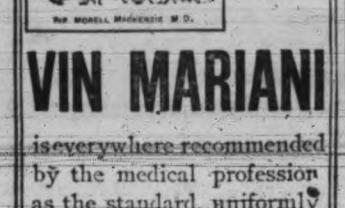
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SHIPPING NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

VICTORIA TIDES

By J. F. Napier Denison. The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest water level, and 18.4 feet above the sill of the Beugnot dry dock.

Table with columns for Time, Height above zero, and Tides for Sunday, Dec. 9 and Monday, Dec. 10.

Steamer Alpha, which returned to port in a disabled condition at noon yesterday will, it is expected, be able to resume her voyage to the Orient to-night or to-morrow. The necessary repairs are being completed without the discharge of any cargo, and Mr. Barber, the representative owner of the ship, who is making the voyage to the Orient, states that the steamer will probably get away to sea to-day. He most emphatically denies that the firemen were standing to their knees in water, and attributes the principal cause of the ship returning to port to the packing of the feed-pipe blowing out, and to the pumps not working properly when some of the sea connections gave away. To relieve the packing, he says, it would be necessary to blow down the boiler, which would mean that the ship would be at the mercy of the elements for at least twelve hours before steam could be gotten up again. He denies that there is any leak in the vessel apart from that through her sea connections, and his statement is corroborated by the fact that pumping operations were discontinued at 11 o'clock last night.

One of the most important contracts for the supply of lumber received by local merchants in many months has been obtained by W. A. Ward. The contract calls for the shipping of between four and five million feet of spruce to Seattle during the coming year, where they are used for various purposes in connection with the mines. Mr. Ward has already shipped a large number of pieces to Santa Rosalia, and the present contract provides for about the same number of exportations as were made during the past twelve months. The price for the new contract will all be obtained on tender, under an abundance of most suitable timber is available.

There is a report in circulation today that the steamer Dolphin will be placed on the Sound route in response to a request coming from local merchants. E. E. Blackwood is in Seattle to-day in connection with some proposed changes in the route service, and the report therefore cannot be verified. The Schems of this line has been temporarily laid off the route, and the Dolphin will this afternoon arrive in her place. The Schems missed her trip yesterday because of meeting with a slight mishap in the engine room.

Steam collier Mattewan and the Canadian steamer Clansman came into collision off Point No Point, about 10:30 Tuesday evening, says a Seattle paper. The Clansman was going down Sound with a load of coal. The Mattewan was coming up Sound. The Clansman was badly disabled, her boilers being shifted about eight inches forward and her main steam pipe broken. The Mattewan was secured to have suffered no severe injuries. The tug Tatosoh, Puget Sound Tugboat company, towed the Clansman back to Seattle.

Yug Native arrived down from the Fraser last evening with a load of salmon for transportation to the Orient.

Ship Natal is awaiting the arrival of another consignment of fish from the West Coast to complete her salmon cargo.

Steamer Charmer left Vancouver at 1:20 o'clock with Eastern mails and passengers.

R. M. S. Miewers sailed from Brisbane yesterday for Victoria.

The White Star liner Germanic arrived at New York at 1 p.m.

Steamer Idzuma Maru leaves for the Orient on Monday.

The N. P. steamer Olympia is now due from the Orient.

THE CHINESE COMMISSION.

(Associated Press.) President, Dec. 8.—The Rossland Miner, in this morning's issue, suggests that the vacancy in the Chinese commission, made by the resignation of Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., elect, should be filled by the appointment of Mr. Chris Foley, the labor candidate, who ran Mr. Gallinger so closely in Yale-Cariboo. The Miner states that Mr. Foley would be a most valuable member of the commission, on account of his knowledge and possession of the question under consideration, and that he should be most acceptable to the government.

THE PASSING THROUGH.

Arrivals of the Day at City Hotels—Gossip of the Courtyards.

Sir Charles Tupper left last evening for the West. He lunched yesterday with friends at the Union club, and in the evening was the guest of Senator Macdonald at a dinner party. It is intimated that he will spend several months in Victoria next summer.

Cornelius Gardiner, of Washington, D. C., and his wife and daughter, are at the Hotel. Mr. Gardiner is business manager of Frank Danlos's comic opera company, which is booked to present "The Amber" on the 13th and 14th in this city.

Mr. Hale, who represents the Pythian Union, an organ of Idaho, Montana and Washington, is touring British Columbia, and will describe his journey in the columns of his journal.

H. A. Mann, P. Dupont, R. Jamieson, Capt. John Irving and A. J. Morley were among the Victorians arriving from Vancouver last evening.

J. H. Brown, city editor of the Spokane Review, of Spokane, is in the city recuperating after an attack of typhoid fever.

J. H. B. Rieckby, R. J. Kor and W. A. Lawson, of R. P. Ritcher & Co., were among the passengers from Vancouver last evening.

W. H. Dopp, a veteran exponent of the art preservative in Seattle, is in the city, a guest at the Dominion.

John Jones, Vancouver pilot, is in the city for the purpose of meeting the ship Royalist, due from Japan.

A. A. Morse, contracting freight agent of the O. R. & N. Company, Portland, Ore., is at the Hotel Victoria.

Sergeant McPherson and Sergeant Howell, both of A. Company, B. Co. R., arrived from Vancouver last evening.

Arthur Spencer, official Chinese interpreter at San Francisco, is a guest at the Dominion.

Capt. O'Leary and wife left on the Rosalie on Thursday night for Seattle.

F. G. Richardson was a passenger from the Mainland last evening.

W. Pelletier-Harvey was a passenger from Vancouver last evening.

Mrs. J. H. Baker and children have left for Tremont, Neb.

C. R. Courtney came over from Vancouver last evening.

J. A. Mara came over from Vancouver last evening.

C. A. Smith arrived from Vancouver yesterday.

Paul Jones, of Spokane, is a guest at the Briard.

BRITAIN'S LOST CONTRACTS.

Why Orders for Uganda Rolling Stock Were Sent to the States.

(Associated Press.) London, Dec. 8.—With reference to the American contracts for bridges along the line of the Uganda railroad, Sir Harry Johnston, the commissioner for Uganda, in a dispatch to the foreign office declares the railroad officials were compelled to send orders to America owing to the British firms being unable to supply their wants in reasonable time. The orders comprise not only bridges, but locomotives and other rolling stock. "This and other troubles of the railway company," adds Sir Harry Johnston, "in placing orders in Great Britain are the outcome of the disastrous engineers' strike, which has done so much to cripple this class of manufacture."

VANCOUVER NOTES.

(Special to the Times.) Vancouver, Dec. 8.—A bond is being arranged on behalf of a San Francisco syndicate at \$200,000 for the Dorothy Morton, Alexandria, Empress and Comox groups of claims, formerly under her to the Fairfall syndicate. The latter abandoned work on the properties a year ago after spending \$75,000.

John Lewis, ex-M. P. of England, is associated with this, Dunn and other local capitalists in proposals to put on three boats to Skeena. Mr. Lewis will lay the scheme before President Shaughnessy at Montreal next week. The boats are now being taken up at Montreal, with C. P. R. officials, by Vice-President Thompson, of the C. P. N. Co.

A Japanese wood cutter was accidentally killed at Port Moody this morning.

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Sporting News

HOCKEY.

THIS AFTERNOON'S MATCH. This afternoon at the Oak Bay grounds the Victoria and Vancouver teams are playing their first match of the season. The names of the players were published in these columns last evening.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

IN THE CALEDONIA GROUNDS. Two matches are scheduled to take place in the Caledonia grounds this afternoon. The first is between the High school and Collegiate school teams, and the second is between the Navy and Victoria players.

YACHTING.

THE EAGLE. (Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 8.—The Herald says: "The name of the yacht to defend the America cup has been much thought by W. Butler Duncan, jr., the vessel's manager. Mr. Duncan has come to the conclusion that the Eagle would be an appropriate name. He has not yet fully reached a decision in the matter, but Eagle has a marvellous ring about it, and is not devoid of meaning."

HANDBALL.

AT THE J. B. A. CLUBHOUSE. The handball matches which were arranged to take place yesterday afternoon in the J. B. A. clubhouse between the local opponents and the visiting die-hard players, the Seattle men being die-hards of playing themselves for the basketball game in the evening. A short game was played, however, between Temple of the Sound and Greasy, of the J. B. A. A., the former winning the first with 21-20, and the latter the second with 21-11.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

THREE MATCHES THIS AFTERNOON. Three Association and two Rugby matches are being played this afternoon. At Beacon Hill the eighth match of the Junior League series is being played between the "Rays" Brigade and the North Ward school teams. The Intermediate Boys' Brigade and Columbus are also playing a spirited match, while at Work Point the Royal Artillery and Columbus are trying conclusions.

BASKET BALL.

THE SEATTLE PLEAS VICTORIOUS. A large crowd turned out last evening to witness the game between the J. B. A. A. and the Seattle Y. M. C. A. teams. The match equalled, if not surpassed, the expectations of those attending. Play commenced shortly after eight o'clock, and the evenness of the two teams was judged by the score, which stood at the 43-43 in favor of the visitors.

The Rays in the first half played towards the entrance of the hall. After the match had been in progress for about two minutes a foul was made by one of the Seattle team, and the free shot given to the Rays was converted into a point by Connor. From this on great enthusiasm prevailed, and every successful play of the home team was greeted with cheers. The winning of the match, however, depended more on the shooting ability of the players than on the field playing, as all the points scored were made by free shots obtained from fouls.

In the first half the teams seemed to be even, no advantage being secured by either aggregation. In the latter half, however, the Rays worked with the sphere in their enemies' territory most of the time, and they had, unfortunately, some chances, which unfortunately were not converted. The Seattle team also had some pretty chances to score. All the points were secured in the first half, Temple converting four free shots for the visitors, and

Conner two and Stephen one for the Rays. Excellent defence work was put up by both teams, but in combination the home team excited the visitors. The Seattle team enjoyed things up, however, by their splendid checking. Lorimer played an excellent game for the Rays, and besides playing defence he ran forward and repeatedly sent the ball into close vicinity to the Seattle basket.

The entire home team played well, and Temple and Meyers did excellent work for the Seattle team.

D. O'Sullivan officiated as referee to the satisfaction of both teams, and Skene, Lewis and Prof. Dunthorn of Seattle proved themselves competent timekeepers.

THE GUN.

MEETING OF THE CLUB ON MONDAY EVENING. A meeting of the Victoria Gun Club will be held in Messrs. Wetters Bros.' office on Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Members are requested to attend.

THE QUEEN'S HEALTH.

Much Anxiety Said to Prevail in British Court Circles. (Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 8.—Much anxiety prevails in British court circles respecting the Queen's health, says a World-Dispatch from Windsor. She has broken down noticeably since she was informed that the Empress Frederick was suffering from cancer of the throat, and could not live many months. She has lost her appetite and possesses sleepless nights. A belief undoubtedly prevails among those around her that the Queen is at least failing. One of them said: "Although ordered to get everything in readiness to move to Osborne on the twelfth, the arrangement may be postponed at the last moment. Everything is uncertain owing to Her Majesty's state of health. This talk about her going to Cannes is the wildest speculation. It is unsafe to prophesy her movements or condition a week ahead." The papers in London assert that the Queen is in her usual health, but the above are the true facts.

VALE-CARIBOO RETURNS.

(Associated Press.) Vancouver, Dec. 8.—The following returns were received to-day: Gallinger, Foley, McKane, Windermere, 11-11; Athalmer, 8-14; Peterbura, 20-11; Biscoe, 6-0-4; Galsford, 5-1-5; Pike Valley, 7-5-2; Fernberth, 4-0-2; McGilbray Creek, 6-0-5.

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MARRIED.

WRIGHT-MELOD—At Nelson, on Dec. 5th, by Rev. H. S. Akhurst, Harry Wright and Miss Jennie Melod.

DIED.

WILSON—At the City Hospital, Vancouver, on Dec. 5th, of typhoid fever, E. W. Wilson, a native of Nova Scotia.

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