

R. L. BORDEN USED B. C. AS CATSPAW

In Forceful Speech Hon. W. S. Fielding Pointed Out How Opposition Leader Sought to Bribe Province.

(Special Correspondence of the Times).

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The contribution of Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, to the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne, was cyclopic in its effectiveness. Full of fact, sparkling with epigrams and conclusive, it was unquestionably one of the best fighting speeches heard in the House in many days. Like that of the premier on the preceding day, it considerably dismayed the opposition, who evidently had fondly imagined that the ministry would deal with the matter in the rather perfunctory manner which has of late years characterized the debate on the address from the throne.

Mr. Fielding followed Mr. Foster, who delivered the carping, abusive speech that everybody expected of him, but which did not seem to carry the usual weight with his own friends. Since Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's terrific arraignment of Mr. Foster last session, the latter appears to be somewhat in eclipse. He was handled on Tuesday afternoon by the finance minister with extraordinary results. He was deftly turned against himself and by the time Mr. Fielding had finished his political dissection of him there was very little left of the illustrious relic of the "Nest of Traitors."

In dealing with the sneers of Messrs. Borden and Foster regarding the action of the premier in seeking cabinet ministers from outside the House, Mr. Fielding wanted to know how it was that when the opposition selected a leader, such cabinet gentlemen as Messrs. Foster, Bergeron, Monk, Haggart, McLean, Taylor and Sir Charles E. Tupper were passed by. They had been in the House years before Mr. Borden entered it. Why was it? Was it because—use Mr. Foster's words—"they failed to measure up to the standard required?"

Financially Flourishing.
Taking up the financial condition of the country, Mr. Fielding went on to show a remarkable contrast. During the last eleven years of Conservative regime the annual deficit averaged \$24,000. During the last eleven years the average surplus had amounted to more than \$3,000,000. With a capital expenditure of \$80,000,000 the Conservative party added \$62,000,000 to the public debt; with a capital expenditure of \$17,000,000 the Liberals had added only \$5,000,000 to the debt.

Mr. Fielding commented on the fact that during his recent tour through the West Mr. Borden very cheerfully avoided discussing the tariff and the Northwest school question. He knew well enough that the people were well satisfied with the government policy on these two questions. Neither did he discuss the Robbins irrigation scheme at Medicine Hat. He did all his talking on alleged land scandals in the Northwest thousands of miles away from the districts concerned.

Mr. Fielding punched a few holes in the Halifax platform of Mr. Borden, and quoted press reports showing how ill it suited the Conservatives of Manitoba who, it was reported, presented the opposition leader with a petition praying him to call a convention and draw up something real in the shape of a platform.

Provincial Subsidies.
Dealing with the question of provincial subsidies, Mr. Fielding said: "My hon. friend the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) has had some agitation and agitation amongst the provincial subsidies. In his speech at the Russell theatre the other night he said that I had had the audacity to speak of his action in British Columbia touching the subsidy to that province as an attempt to bribe the province. I said that, and I regret that I am obliged to adhere to the opinion I then expressed. There is no doubt in the world that the attitude of the hon. gentleman on that question was a most unfortunate, a most unhappy one, calculated to breed trouble amongst the several provinces of Canada."

Let us glance at the history of these provincial subsidies. Twenty years ago and agitation began amongst the provinces for an increase of their allowances. The men engaged in Dominion affairs can easily imagine that it is not necessary to have a greater provincial revenue; but the men who had been engaged in the provincial legislatures, and there are many of them here—know how restricted those legislatures have been in their operations because of the lack of finances. I do not wish to discuss the merits of our system of provincial subsidies. It is enough to say that all the provinces of the Dominion complained that the share which they received from the public treasury was insufficient to enable them to carry on their business and that they appealed to the Dominion government for a readjustment. When the Conservative government was in power, they declined to listen to that appeal. Years rolled on, and even after the Liberal party came into power, there were difficulties in the way of meeting the wishes ex-

pressed by the provinces. But, after a time, this government said to the provincial premiers: If you are able to agree among yourselves as to the distribution of this money, perhaps we can meet your views. Now that was a very reasonable proposition. This subsidiary question has been one of the most delicate with which public men have had to deal since the establishment of confederation.

I remember very well that when what is called "better terms" were granted in 1869, to Nova Scotia, there was a very strong feeling of hostility in Ontario. Ontario was too big a province to feel the small amount which was given to Nova Scotia, but it was strongly disposed to claim that the granting of the sum was a breach of faith—that these subsidies were in the nature of a treaty and should not be disturbed except by common consent of the provinces. And, as years went on, and some grant was given—for good reasons or without good reasons—to one or other of the provinces, there was a feeling of jealousy, or rivalry, and no province has manifested that so strongly as the province of Ontario. Not that Ontario would care—as I have said—about the small sum involved, for Ontario is a great rich province, too big to think of that; but the men in Ontario took it as a matter of principle, that these subsidies were a treaty between the various provinces and should not be disturbed except by common consent.

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MAYOR ASHDOWN ENJOYS TRIUMPH

His Supporters Elected all Along Line in Municipal Elections at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—One of the hottest municipal elections known here, was decided yesterday, and the mayor's policy of caution was vindicated at the polls. All the by-laws were defeated, not by want of the necessary two-thirds but by substantial majorities.

The fight was precipitated only a few weeks ago, and the result was extraordinary in view of the short time elapsing between the start and the finish. The mayor, who was returned by acclamation, had the satisfaction of seeing his immediate supporters triumphant everywhere.

Revised returns of the municipal elections show the following vote for the Board of control:
Evans, 3,355; Baker, 3,382; Harvey, 2,314; Latimer, 2,306; Garson, 2,589; Cockburn, 2,106; Burrige, 1,351.

Mayor Ashdown was elected by acclamation as was F. W. Adams, in ward 1. The new aldermen are: F. W. Fowler, R. F. Riley, W. G. Douglas, A. D. McArthur, re-elected; F. Cox, re-elected, and Chas. Midwinter.

Four by-laws for public abattoirs, overhead bridge traction grounds, and conduit system, were all defeated. The school trustees elected were Dr. McMunn, W. H. Stone, grocer; J. F. Haig, John McKeechle.

MYSTERY OF MISSING CHILD. Disappears From Regina—Foul Play Is Suspected.

Regina, Dec. 11.—The child of Robert Lowe, lost north of here a week ago, has not been found, and a suspicion of foul play is entertained. Three mounted policemen have been working on the case, but have not yet found any trace of the child.

On Sunday some seventy neighbors formed a line and searched every foot of the ground within a mile and a half of the house.

A half-witted boy who was with the child says he turned her out and locked the door, and it is suspected that he may have killed the child and made away with the body. The little girl was two and a half years of age.

RUSSIAN'S TERRIBLE DEATH. Impaled by Tongue of Wagon While Team Was Running Away.

Edmonton, Dec. 11.—E. Palcaik, a Russian, was killed by a runaway at Wostok. He was driving home from a political meeting, when the horses ran away and the tongue of the wagon entered his mouth and passed out at the back of his neck. Death was instantaneous. Others were injured in the accident.

RIVER COLLISION IN NEW YORK COWARDLY CONDUCT OF MALE PASSENGERS Escaped to Steamer Leaving Women and Children on Crippled Ferryboat.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Fall River line steamer Providence was in collision with, and narrowly escaped sinking, a crowded East River ferry-boat last night. The latter craft lost a portion of her upper works and her passengers were thrown into a panic, during which it is reported a woman jumped overboard and was drowned. This report could not be confirmed, and so far as is known no one was killed or seriously injured.

The Providence's prow struck the ferry boat a glancing blow on the starboard side, and the boats hung together long enough to permit many of the ferry's passengers to pass from the ferry's upper deck to the steamer. Others were taken off by tugs while some remained on board.

Both boats drifted down the river until aided by tugs, the ferry boat, crippled by the accident, and the steamer temporarily unable to proceed. The latter finally returned to her dock and the ferryboat was helped to a slip.

Following the accident charges of cowardice and brutality were made against the male passengers of the ferry boat. When the latter craft reached the slip she still had 75 women and children on board, while, with a few exceptions the men passengers had escaped to the other boat. The ferry boat had been practically stripped of life preservers.

The accident was due to fog through which the boats, fortunately had moved slowly. The Providence left her pier in the North river early last evening for Fall River. Only when within easy hearing distance was the danger realized and both vessels made desperate efforts to sheer away. To their partial success may be credited the prevention of a frightful loss of life, for another moment's delay would have insured the Providence cutting the ferry in two.

ITALIAN ELECTROCUTED.
Trenton, N. J., Dec. 11.—The first official electrocution in New Jersey occurred in the state prison this morning when Severio Digiovanni, an Italian, paid the death penalty for the murder of Jos. Sacco, a fellow countryman, at Paritan, last September. Electrocuting was pronounced a success in every way.

BRIDGE DISASTER IN PHILADELPHIA SEVEN LIVES LOST IN SWOLLEN RIVER Floating Debris Carrying Away False Work on Structure Caused Catastrophe.

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—High water last night caused the collapse of a new bridge in course of erection over the west branch of the Susquehanna river at Millinville, eight miles north of here, and resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of nearly a score of others, two perhaps fatally.

Forty men were at work on the traveller on the middle span of the structure when it collapsed. They were all thrown into the swollen river.

The collapse of the bridge was caused by the rapid rise in the river. The water rose during the day at the rate of almost one foot an hour, and debris carried down the stream by the floods struck the false work of the bridge and caused its collapse. This theory is supported by the statement of one of the workmen, who says that a large tree trunk struck the false work just before the bridge fell. The accident occurred just at nightfall, when the men were preparing to abandon their work. As a result the work of rescuing those who were thrown into the water and caught in the mass of twisted iron and steel was greatly retarded.

The second span of the bridge was being erected, and it was this section that fell with the big traveller. The bodies of four of those killed were found lying on the surface of the water, and the twisted girders and iron work, but the others have not been found. One of the most miraculous escapes was that of Wm. Nesbitt, who was caught in the iron work and held a prisoner for an hour, with his mouth and chin above the water.

The bridge was being built by the state to replace one carried away in a freshet in 1903. Superintendent Lawton, in charge of the construction, and who was on the bridge when it fell, says that he has not been able to ascertain the cause of the collapse, aside from the washing of the false work by high water.

Terrible Conditions.
Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—Loss of life and damage to property is reported from central and eastern points in the state by floods caused by the heavy rain storms of the past few days.

The Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill rivers are rising rapidly, and small streams throughout the coal region have overflowed their banks, flooding mines, causing cave-ins and doing great damage to railroad and other property. Many bridges in course of erection have been destroyed, and hundreds of people thrown out of work by the closing down of factories and mines, due to the floods.

FISHING FLEET PAID TOLL TO SEA Ten St. Pierre Vessels With 250 Men Will Never Put Into Port Again.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 11.—No tidings have been received of the fishing schooner Jacques, which left the Newfoundland banks for France in the middle of October last.

The schooner Croisade, which sailed two days later, has not been heard from, and all hope for the two vessels is abandoned. They had crews of twenty-seven and twenty-three men respectively. This makes ten vessels lost this year out of the St. Pierre fleet, and two hundred and fifty seamen.

MEXICAN DEPUTY TOURING.
Chicago, Dec. 11.—Jose M. Limatour, member of the chamber of deputies of Mexico, and his three sons, who are making a tour of the United States, left here for Buffalo last night. From there they expect to go to Montreal, then to Boston and New York. Senor Limatour is a brother of the minister of finance of Mexico.

NORTH BAY ABDUCTION. Uncle Said He Stole Boy to Bring Him to Dying Father's Bedside.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 11.—The sensational abduction of Arthur Rotter ended in the police court last night, when it transpired that the abductor was the boy's uncle, Wm. A. Rotter, of Chicago, who alleged the boy's father was in a dying condition in Chicago and had commissioned him to bring his son to his bedside, and his mother, if possible.

Mrs. Rotter took no stock in the story, and believes it part of a plot to take her boy away from her. After a consultation with the district judge, Mr. Rotter's attorney, Rotter took an affidavit that certain documents he had subscribed to stating that Mrs. Rotter was not a fit person to have the custody of the child were untrue. The prosecution was withdrawn on condition that Rotter should leave the town immediately.

GREAT BRITAIN'S WHEAT YIELD. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 11.—Canadian Trade Commissioner MacKinnon Bristow, in the report of the trade and commerce department says: "Great Britain has reaped the best harvest this year known in years. The yield of wheat has averaged 33.7 to the acre, as against 31.5 bushels in the last ten years."

BREACH WIDENS AT GRANBY SMELTER DENVER EXECUTIVE SUPPORTS MINERS Prospect of Settlement Between Owners and Men at Grand Forks Further Protracted.

Grand Forks, Dec. 10.—A telegram has just been received by the local labor union here which will tend to widen the breach between the Granby company and the unions, and will at least for the present, retard any settlement of the difficulty. This wire is from Denver and is as follows:

"Denver, Colo., Dec. 9.—To A. Hardy, president of Miners Union at Grand Forks, B. C.—Executive board will support miners in the Boundary to maintain present wage scale. Letters follow. (signed) Jas. Kirkwin."

As yet only a few men are working at the smelter, being engaged in track laying, and the unloading of coke. The regular meeting of the miners union here to-morrow evening may deal with this matter, but little hope of a settlement is expected in view of the nature of the telegram.

TORONTO. Dec. 11.—Although more than one hundred and thirty miles behind the record made by Miller and Waller in 1899, the riders in the six-day bicycle race are feeling severely the effects of the prolonged grind. Seven of the sixteen teams which started already have given way to fatigue, or retired on account of injuries or illness. The latest withdrawals came just after daybreak, when Samuelson and Milten, and Wilcox and Williams, left the track for good. The retirement of Samuelson, who was in fairly good condition, was forced by the weakness of his team mate. Milten was thoroughly worn out at daybreak and unable to continue.

The withdrawal of Wilcox and Williams was due to an injury sustained by Wilcox in a spill at midnight. One of his fingers was broken.

Shortly after daybreak, while the all nighters were nodding in their seats, some one threw an apple into a box on the 27th street side of the garden. It struck a woman in the face. A man who accompanied her started in search of the thrower, and before he could be quieted there was almost a riot in that section of the building. A few minutes later 50 toughs rushed to the 26th street gallery entrance and tore the doors from their hinges. Nearly all got in without the payment of any fee.

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AMERICA AND JAPAN.
D. W. Stevens May Go to Washington as Advisor of Japanese Ambassador.
Tokio, Dec. 11.—It is stated that in all probability D. W. Stevens will go to Washington as the advisor of the Japanese ambassador.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK IN TORONTO BUSINESS DEPRESSION IS SURELY FELT City Provides Work for Old Residents—Two Hundred Answers to One Advertisement

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 11.—Business depression here and in the surrounding country is such that the city will have to provide work for large numbers of its old residents, and the only work that can possibly be provided will barely suffice to keep the wolf from the door for the next few months.

There is no possible chance of work for new comers.

It is said that at least a thousand union men of all trades are out of work. More than two hundred young men appeared at Rossin house yesterday in answer to an ad. calling for agents for a New York publishing house.

Lumbermen are short of cash and say they will not be able to meet the Ontario government's demands for the dues and installments on the limits held by them.

MONTANA MINES.
Many Will Resume Production Owing to Again Finding Market for Custom Ore.
Butte, Mont., Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Miner from Helena, Mont., says: "The American Smelting and Refining Co. announces that it will resume the buying of all custom ore. This will mean the resumption of many mines in Montana which have been closed as the result of the recent action of the smelter in refusing to accept any ore except that from contract shippers."

NINE TEAMS LEFT
IN SIX-DAY GRIND
Strain of New York Bicycle Race
Telling on Contestants—Toughs
Break into Enclosure

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LOCAL COMPANY FOR FISHING WILL EQUIP VESSELS WITH COLD STORAGE Operations Will be Carried on Off Queen Charlotte Islands—Work Beginning at Once.

The prospectus for the new local company known as "The Queen Charlotte Islands Fishing & Cold Storage Company, Limited," has just been issued, and the concern will be incorporated shortly. The capital stock is half a million dollars, divided into 5,000 shares of \$100, par value each.

The company is being organized with the intention of taking over the present fishing station, oil and cannery plant at Skidegate, enlarging this station and conducting a fishing and fertilizer business. The prospectus points out that the enormous fish wealth of British Columbia's waters has so far attracted comparatively little capital, and ventures the statement that the development of the fishing industry is yet in its initial stages.

The demand for fish and fertilizer is dealt with, and it is announced that salmon, cod, halibut, herring, dog fish and clams will be fished for shipment, the offal being turned into fertilizer, and the oil obtained being treated and barreled at the factory.

It is proposed to build a cold storage warehouse for the preservation of fresh fish awaiting shipment, also to equip the fishing schooners with the latest cold storage apparatus. Of this project the prospectus says: "As is well known fish shipped for refrigeration, even a day or two after being caught, lose much of their delicious flavor and freshness. To overcome this deterioration in quality, it is the intention of the Queen Charlotte Islands Fishing & Cold Storage Company, Limited, to equip its fishing station with thoroughly modern cold storage appliances, as well as to have a refrigerating apparatus on every schooner, so that the fish, immediately after being caught and cleaned, may be frozen, thus enabling the company to place its products on the market in the finest of condition."

The company purposes to build a store, hotel and workmen's dwellings besides erecting and equipping its own fish factory and cannery.

Of the total capitalization stock, \$100,000 will first be issued and sold at par as the founders' stock. This money will be expended in purchasing the existing station, at a cost of \$10,000 and making the necessary enlargements and additions, at a cost of over \$80,000. The latter expenditure is to include the purchase price of fishing schooners. The company purposes to put into operation a steamship having a capacity, for cargo, of 150 tons to be operated between their station and Vancouver and Victoria.

The company has been formed by a number of local business men and will probably be operating before the fall of next year.

MONONGAH MINE DISASTER.
One Hundred and Seventy Bodies Have Been Recovered—Relief Fund.
Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 11.—The excitement of the first few days following the terrible disaster at the Fairmont Coal Companies here has abated, and the situation has settled down into a steady systematic search for the bodies of the victims.

Up to noon to-day 170 bodies had been brought to the surface and with large additions to the rescuing work in hope to have the mines cleared very soon. Half a dozen relief stations are now in operation and supplies of all kinds are coming in rapidly and being as quickly distributed.

The cash contribution to date totals \$40,000. The relief committee estimates that there are three hundred and one thousand orphans as a result of the disaster and destitution among them will be very heavy.

TRADE WITH WEST INDIES. E. H. S. Flood, of St. John, N. B., Appointed as Commissioner. (Special to the Times).

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Canada is making a strong effort to promote trade with the West Indies. With this end in view E. H. S. Flood, of St. John, N. B., has been appointed trade commissioner for British Guiana, the Bermuda and the West Indies.

STRENGTHS CAPTURED BY IMPERIAL TROOPS
After Sangary Eucourer.
Canton, China, Dec. 11.—The three strongholds between Fungchow and Langson, in the province of Kwangsi, which were taken by insurgents from Yungchow, have been recaptured by the Imperial troops after a sanguinary engagement lasting two days.

There are heavy losses on both sides.

LYING IN STATE.
Stockholm, Dec. 11.—The body of King Oscar was removed from the palace and taken to the chapel this morning, where it will lie in state until Friday night, the day set for the funeral.

HON. FRANK OLIVER, NOMINEE.
Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 11.—Liberals here for federal constituency nominated Hon. Frank Oliver as their candidate last night.

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WEDDED TO-DAY IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Mr. A. Gillespie and Miss Todd Were Joined in Matrimony This Afternoon.

One of the most distinguished weddings that has been celebrated in Victoria for a long time took place this afternoon at two o'clock when Rev. Percival Jenks, assisted by His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia, joined in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Alexander Gillespie, son of Mr. George Gillespie of Highwood, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and Miss Rose Ellen Todd, daughter of the late J. H. and Mrs. Todd, of Leasowes.

HEAD-ON COLLISION. Local Ottawa Passenger Train Crashes Into Freight Engine at Arnprior.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—A bad wreck occurred at Arnprior this morning. A local train from Ottawa crashed into a freight engine, head-on, both going at a rapid pace.

CIRCUS MURDER CLUE. Tragedy Which Recalls the Trial of Eugene Aram.

Eugene Aram has found a remarkable counterpart in the German ex-circus proprietor, David Niederhofer, sentenced to death at Munich for the murder of his friend, Herr Hendschel, whose body was dug up from the ground where the circus formerly stood.

As in the case of Eugene Aram, brought to justice by the finding of some bones in a cave, the grim witness, dead but yet speaking, which convicted Niederhofer, was the skeleton of his victim.

Niederhofer was present during the digging, and as each spadeful of earth brought nearer the light of day the box containing the victim's remains, the wretched man trembled and shuddered. Then when the body was found he covered his face and implored to be taken from the spot.

A Grave's Secret. The grave was only a yard deep, and above the coffin were found in the earth the murdered man's hat, a comb, keys, and other articles belonging to Hendschel.

BORN IN HIS OWN CHURCH. Canon William Hector Lyon, M. A., the "blind vicar of Sherborne" in England, has on medical advice resigned the living after forty years' ministry.

CASES BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT Bridgman vs. Powell Is Being Argued To-Day—Decision in First Action on List

In the Supreme court to-day the case of Bridgman vs. Powell is being heard. This is an action to recover commission on a real estate transaction in which Mr. Bridgman was employed as agent.

The claim of the plaintiff in effect is that he was instrumental in securing a purchaser, Michael Carlin, for the Powell home on Vancouver street, that the purchase price was fixed at \$31,000; that Mr. Carlin made a deposit of \$5,000 with Mr. Bridgman to bind the bargain, and that the terms were all arranged, Dr. Powell acting in the matter on behalf of the estate.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., is appearing for the plaintiff and R. T. Elliott for the defence. Yesterday afternoon the hearing of the case of Bridgman vs. Heppburn was concluded and Mr. Justice Irving gave judgment. He decided in favor of the defendant.

BEHEADED BY ARABS. Rash Young Frenchman's Terrible Fate at Casa Blanca.

A tragic fate has befallen M. Maurice Kuntzer, a young Frenchman, who for some weeks had been living at Casa Blanca, M. Kuntzer, who was the son of a Paris banker, was in the habit, spite of warnings, of taking walks beyond the town, often wandering beyond the outposts and venturing near the Arab lines.

Resolved to sell his life dearly, the young Frenchman emptied his revolver on his assailants, killing one and wounding another. But they continued to fire at him, and at last he fell severely wounded. The brigands then approached and finished their murderous work. They stole everything that he had on him, and treated his body with great brutality.

Thomas Gifford, M. P. P., and Mayor Kearny, of New Westminster, are in the city to-day on business with the government.

GOVERNMENT AND HEAD TAX RULING Sir Wilfrid Said Ottawa Had no Record of Decision of Nova Scotia Supreme Court

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier answering R. G. Macpherson in the House to-day said that the government had no record of the decision of the Supreme court of Nova Scotia deciding that it was not an offence for Chinamen to enter Canada, and that the most the government could do was to sue them for the head tax of \$500.

CORPSE WOKE UP. Walked to Footlights to Answer Protest by Irishmen.

In order to correct the theatrical conception of Irish peasant character, an insurance agent named Daniel MacCarthy visited the Manchester theatre, Bootle, near Liverpool, accompanied by a patriotic crowd of members of an Irish society of which he is president.

Judge Shand: Had you sat down before that? Plaintiff: No, I was still standing. The supposed corpse of Con got up from the bed and came down to the footlights. I could not hear what he said myself, but he was received with boos and hisses by the majority of the audience.

65-YEAR OLD ARTIST. At Last Submits His Work to Public Judgment.

It is an unprecedented occurrence that an artist of great reputation, who has been a member of one of the leading exhibition societies for seventy years, should at the age of ninety-five for the first time submit a collection of his works to the judgment of the public.

There is nothing "old-fashioned" in his style, as the collection shown at the Leicester galleries, which comprises work done between 1844 and 1902, is a remarkable revelation of rich color sense, freshness of vision, and accurate architectural draughtsmanship.

SUICIDE OUTCOME OF 'FRISCO BANK CRASH Manager of California Safe Deposit Branch Kills Himself With Shot Gun.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—T. Ottway Sadler, manager of the west end branch of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Co., located on Devistero street, committed suicide some time last night in the office of the branch bank by blowing off the top of his head with a shotgun. The body was found by the watchman. He was a close friend of J. Dalsell Brown, vice-president and manager of the California Safe Deposit and Trust Co., who is in prison accused of embezzling the funds of the bank.

GLASS EYE EXPLODES. An alarming experience has befallen Mrs. Richards, a young woman living at Newport, Wales, who wears a glass eye.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedrooms, 529 Menzies street, opposite Parliament Buildings. LOST—A lady's gold watch, hunting case, initials E. M. E. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to this office.

WRECKED MOUNT TEMPLE. Work of Saving Cargo Is Advancing—Vessel Shows No Signs of Breaking Up.

Montreal, Q., Dec. 11.—Dispatches received at the C. P. R. office to-day state that work of saving the cargo of the wrecked Mount Temple is proceeding satisfactorily. The steamer is in the same position, and there are no indications of the vessel breaking up.

CARD OF THANKS. The family of MRS. L. HUMBER return thanks for kind sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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FATHER DROVE OVER HIM.
Eight-Year-Old Boy Fall Beneath Horse and is Killed.
Belleville, Ont., Dec. 10.—Chas. Leavens, eight years old, fell beneath a horse his father was driving and was killed today.

ONTARIO SMALLPOX.
Due, Says Board of Health Inspector, to Lack of Proper Precautions.
Toronto, Dec. 11.—Dr. Hodgotta, secretary of the provincial board of health, has issued a statement regarding the smallpox in Ontario. He rebukes municipalities for their failure to take precautions and says that not one per cent. of the cases in the last decade would have occurred had the law been observed. He estimates the loss to the province through smallpox in that respect to be \$200,000.

UNEMPLOYED IN TORONTO.
City Finds Work for 200 Men at Cost of \$2,000.
Toronto, Dec. 10.—Two hundred men applied at the city hall for work this morning. Relief work is to be started at the sand pits to-morrow. A sum of \$2,000 has been voted for the purpose.

TIMBER DEMAND AT ALBERNI

INVESTMENT SEEKERS VISIT NEW TERMINUS

Industries on West Coast Have Closed Down With the Exception of Sydney Inlet Mine.

(Special Correspondence of the Times).
Alberni, Dec. 9.—While sportsmen and business men looking for investments continue to arrive in Alberni by the almost daily motor-cars which brings Alberni within four hours' reach of Nanaimo, yet the traffic on the West Coast otherwise has decreased considerably during the last month. The prevalent heavy gales make travelling by water both dangerous, unpleasant, and tedious. The closing down for the winter of the two whaling stations at Sechart and Kyuquot and of the two canneries at Howchucklisset and at Clayoquot, have materially reduced the freight and passenger traffic. The continuous wet weather which makes timber cruising almost an impossibility has also had its effect coupled with the money market conditions in the United States. From this source came most of the capital behind the numerous timber cruisers operating on the coast during the past season and it is probable that but few new limits will be staked for some considerable time. As an illustration of the brisk demand for timber on the island, it may be noted that the last issue of the local newspaper contained advertisements of timber lands aggregating over 120,000 acres, and of entirely on the West Coast and only on part of that coast.

About the only industry working at present on the West Coast is the copper mine at Sydney Inlet from which the Tees brought down a trial shipment of twenty tons of ore. A steamer was also loading lumber at the Sutton Co.'s sawmill at Mosquito Harbor, but otherwise that plant is entirely shut down with only two or three men kept on.

A good demand is still evinced for Alberni real estate, and anything offering at reasonable prices finds a ready market.

Amusements in Alberni.
The recently organized Athletic and Social Club gave an opening dance in Brandt's hall on the 6th inst. A large gathering assembled as guests of the club and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Under its auspices also was held a smoking concert on the 9th ult., preceded by a three-round glove contest between G. Spittal and W. Prior, who gave a good exhibition of clean boxing. The club demonstrated its desire to cater to all tastes by holding a public debate on the 27th ult. The subject was the question of the public ownership of public utilities. A. French, seconded by C. M. Pineo, opened in favor of public ownership, while R. Blandy, seconded by E. J. Burde, supported the negative. After an interesting debate participated in by many of those present, the motion in favor of public ownership carried by a large majority.

King Edward Hotel.
J. S. Rollins, who moved into his new premises, the King Edward hotel, at New Alberni, last week, will give a dance in connection therewith on the 11th inst. The King Edward hotel, which has just been completed, was specially designed to meet the expected heavy traffic in the spring, and has ample accommodation, with modern furnishings, for a large trade. The application for a liquor license for the New Alberni hotel has been withdrawn.

Mrs. C. Taylor and Mrs. J. Thomson returned on the 4th inst. from Ucluelet, where they had been visiting Mrs. Swartout. J. Beck was also a passenger on the Tees from Clayoquot. Mr. Beck is heavily interested in timber limits in that neighborhood.

A. W. Nell, S. M., returned on the same steamer from Clayoquot and Ahousaht, where he tried a dozen cases of drinking or selling liquor among Indians. Fines aggregating \$150 were collected.

TREASURER ARRESTED.
A. H. Anderson of Quebec Central Railway, Charged With Embezzling Funds.

Sherbrook, Que., Dec. 10.—A. H. Anderson, treasurer of the Quebec Central railway, was arrested to-day on the complaint of General Manager Walsh, charging him with embezzlement. Anderson admitted his indebtedness and elected to be tried before Judge Mulvenn. Anderson is a highly respected citizen.

HORSEMAN TRIAL.
Moncton, N. B., Dec. 10.—Christopher Horseman was to-day committed to stand trial on the charge of murdering his wife.

BODE'S GUM.
DO YOU
LIKE PEARLY TEETH?

"NATURE MAN'S" RULES.
When H. M. S. Torch was at Tahiti in September the ship's crew met a person who calls himself "The Nature Man." His real name is E. W. Darling, and he was for two years at the Stanford-Leland University, U. S. A. He lives entirely on fruit and vegetables, and his only garment is a loin-cloth. His age is apparently between thirty and forty. His "home" is on a mountain, and he bathes some twenty times daily.

He has made his own commandments, which are ten in number. Two of them are as follows:

Get away from the smoky, dusty, crowded kondishun of the city; from temptations and wearing a garment of thyself. Gradually tuffen ur body and mind by wote and sun bath; ill u kan safely sleep out door in ordinary weath. Eat shers in pur, see der tree.

NOBEL RECIPIENTS.

Prize of Literature Awarded to Rudyard Kipling at Stockholm Yesterday.

Stockholm, Dec. 10.—The ceremonies attending the distribution of Nobel prizes, apart from the peace prize, which was awarded at Christiania, took place to-day at the Academy of Sciences. Owing to the recent death of King Oscar, there was no public fanfare.

The prize for literature was awarded to Rudyard Kipling, that of physics to Prof. Albert A. Michelson, of the University of Chicago, that of medicine to Dr. Laverin, of Paris, and the chemistry prize to Prof. Edward Bichner, of the University of Berlin. All the recipients were present.

CHARRED BODY TAKEN FROM RUINS

Drunken Couple Immured in Burning Vancouver House—Woman Meets Terrible Death

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Mary McDonald, aged 45 years, lost her life in a fire which destroyed her home at 1522 Westminister avenue, last night. Burned beyond recognition, her charred body was taken from the ruins by the firemen. Her husband, Coll. McDonald, was arrested. He was found in a drunken state in the rear of the house, with his hair badly singed. How he managed to escape is a mystery, as he was in a helpless state.

The McDonalds lived in an old shack at the rear of a box factory, away from the street, and it was not until the fire gained great headway, and had done its deadly work, that it was discovered.

The woman was in a drunken state all day, and was seen about the shack shortly before the fire. The police are investigating. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

When taken to the police station, McDonald could not tell anything, he was so helplessly drunk. He was not aware that his wife had been burned to death. An inquest was ordered and a probing inquiry will be made.

HEARING NOT FAIR IN STOESSEL TRIAL

Port Arthur's Defender Not Allowed to Call Additional Witnesses—Alexieff Absent.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—The entire afternoon at the Stoessel trial was taken up with the reading of the voluminous and detailed indictment.

One or two incidents showed the attitude of the court to be unfavorable to Stoessel. His personal request that two additional witnesses be called in was dismissed without ceremony.

These witnesses could give evidence of vital importance to Stoessel. One, Dr. Rosenoff, was chief of the Red Cross within the fortress. At the preliminary hearing he testified that at the time of General Stoessel's execution he had at his disposal only 5,000 able-bodied men to defend hundreds of miles of fortification, and the bitter cold winds at the time made it difficult for the soldiers to even hold their rifles in their hands.

General Nadieff, the other witness excluded, is the author of a deposition similar to that of Dr. Rosenoff. The general commanded the firing line at Port Arthur.

To the correspondent of the Associated Press to-day witnesses with whom he talked declared the trial to be an insult to General Stoessel and his army. A prominent colonel said: "If Stoessel is guilty we all are."

The absence of ex-Viceroy Alexieff from the trial is interpreted to mean that the government is not willing to enhance the magnitude of the proceeding. Alexieff escaped going on the stand with difficulty.

A PLANT BAROMETER.

A common tropical plant is to play an important part in the future in predicting the weather and what is still more important—warning us of forthcoming storms, cyclones, earthquakes, fire-damps and volcanic eruptions. The statement is somewhat startling, but it is nevertheless an established fact. Indeed, the discoverer of this wonderful plant, professor J. F. Nowack, foretold, so far back as 1892, the earthquakes that have since taken place in Japan, as well as the calamities that befell Martinique, San Francisco, and Jamaica.

Indeed, so much faith do scientists place in this plant that an observation station is shortly to be opened at Denmark Hill, in the southwest of London, for forecasting atmospheric and seismic disturbances through the study of the "weather-plant." Prof. Nowack is now working hard in getting the station in order, and before long hopes to be able to present to the world charts giving particulars of the weather from seven to twenty-eight days in advance.—H. J. Shepstone in the Wide World Magazine.

A MILE DEEP.

The Red Jacket shaft is the deepest mine in the world. It is a mile deep. President McNair, of the Michigan College of Mines, says that nothing dropped into the shaft could reach the bottom without striking the side, and explains the reason why—"This is due to the motion of the earth. One day a monkey-wrench was dropped by a mine, but it failed to reach the bottom, and was found lodged against the east side of the shaft several hundred feet down." Then a test was made with a spherical ball to boy's marble, in fact with the same result. Miners have also fallen down the shaft, and "their bodies, badly torn, have been found lodged against the east side of the shaft."

He who attains his ideal, by doing so, has no more to desire.

PORT ARTHUR HAD BUSY SEASON

GROWTH OF BUSINESS IN HANDLING COAL

Over 500,000 Tons of Black Diamonds Shipped During Season Which Has Just Closed

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 10.—Navigation at Port Arthur is now practically closed for the season. It has been one of the busiest seasons in the history of the port. For years this port has been forging ahead and shipments of freight bound east and west have increased.

The grain business here has been a rush all the season. Port Arthur elevators shipping out millions of bushels. In the freight business the Canadian Northern has surpassed all expectations.

This summer the company had five sheds in commission and even with the increased accommodation at times there was a bunching of steamers. One permanent staff of over 400 men were given employment. A number of steamers also piled here with steel rails, giving employment to a large number of men. The greatest growth of business was in coal handling. This season scores of large American liners piled into here with cargoes of fuel for the Northwest. Over 500,000 tons of black diamonds were handled.

This is a new industry for Port Arthur and has resulted in placing the city in the front rank as one of the leading shipping ports on the Great Lakes.

The last steamer to clear from the elevators was the Weston, which left after loading 100,000 bushels of wheat. One more boat will take a cargo. She is at dock now awaiting orders for storage. She will winter here whether she gets a cargo or not. The steamer Huronic closed the season for passenger steamers. The season has been one of the best experienced by captains for years, the weather being ideal, and not one accident happened.

CANADIAN BANKS.

Residents of United States Favor Depositing Money on This Side of the Line.

John McLean, district president of the United Mine Workers, was in Nanaimo recently. Mr. McLean's headquarters are at Seattle. He says that the financial depression now existent in the United States, has been responsible for a very extraordinary situation. The whole talk in Seattle and the other coast cities of the United States that Mr. McLean has visited lately has been relative to the financial situation, of the general stability of the Canadian banking institutions, and the fact that they have been enabled to weather the present world-wide financial disturbance without inflicting any great hardship or inconvenience on the general public.

Every person you meet, says Mr. McLean, is remarking on this, and as a result of this it is very probable that many Americans will hereafter deposit their money with Canadian banks.

EVENING STAR LEASED.

One of Rossland's Mines Has Been Secured by Syndicate for a Year.

Through J. E. Sorbin, Andrew K. Idler has secured a lease for a year on the Evening Star mine near Rossland, belonging to the Evening Star Mines, Limited. Mr. Idler has five men at work, and already has twenty tons of ore at the track ready for shipment to the smelter at Trail. The intention is to make regular shipments as soon as the road is in condition to haul ore. The ore is being extracted from No. 1 tunnel, which is in for a distance of 175 feet. Additional men will be employed whenever it is necessary. Should the mine develop as it is expected that it will, machinery will be installed. There is considerable ore in the Evening Star, and the lessee thinks he will be able to make his lease pay fairly well.

The Evening Star Mining Company was incorporated in 1896 with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, and was registered in April, 1898, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000. The president was D. M. Drummer; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Smiley; and superintendent, Roy H. Clark. The E. S. M. Co. was succeeded by the Evening Star Mines, Limited, on January 22nd, 1900, with a capital stock of \$200,000. George B. McAuley was the chief owner, Charles Chamberlain, manager, and Roy H. Clark consulting engineer. Under the superintendence of Mr. Chamberlain the mine was operated in 1900 and 1901, and a considerable tonnage sent to the smelter. In 1901 the mine was closed down. Since then, owing to the death of George B. McAuley and the complications that arose over the settlement of his estate, it has not been operated. The Evening Star is situated on Monte Cristo mountain directly north of the city, and adjoining the Monte Cristo on the east. Considerable development work has been done on the Evening Star.

The Blue Bird property in the south belt is now being operated under a lease, and the lessees are engaged in developing it. They have struck on the surface some rich galena ore, which when developed promises to lead to a large shoot. The Red Eagle, owned by Roy Smith, James Boyd and Dr. D. E. Kerr, has been leased to the same people who have the Blue Bird, and they are engaged in surface prospecting. The same parties are seriously considering the matter of taking a lease on the Old Hilltop property, owned by J. M. Cranston and J. E. Sorbin.

DEBTOR'S TALE OF WOE.
A defendant at Shorelitch county court, London, said he had written to his creditors: "My bankers have closed their doors, my tenants will not pay me any rent, and all 100 people who owe me money have absconded."

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YOUTH VICTIM OF GAS EXPLOSION
Slavonian, Who Was Severely Scorched in Ladysmith Mine Accident, Succumbed.

some injuries, he at least escaped the worst of the flames. Mercanich stayed where he was, and sustained a severe scorching.

It was not at first thought that even he was so dangerously injured, but he must have inhaled the flames, and as stated, he died in Chemsinus hospital, whither both men were removed on their arrival at Ladysmith on Saturday.

THIBET HAS A NEWSPAPER.

(Special Correspondence of the Times).
Ladysmith, Dec. 9.—Mike Mercanich, a Slavonian, who was working with a fellow countryman in the capacity of loader, died in the Chemsinus hospital to-day as the result of burns which he sustained in No. 3 Extension mine on Saturday. Mercanich and his partner were working in No. 1 level which is close to the outcrop. In fact, some of the roads have been driven through the surface, and gas has very rarely if ever been found in any of the working places of this section.

On Saturday, just a few minutes prior to the accident, the fire boss visited the place on his usual round, and found not a trace of gas. Immediately on his departure a shot was blasted which failed to bring down all the coal. What was left, however, was hanging, and gas must have collected from the cracks, for when it fell away there was a sudden explosion.

Mercanich, who was only a youth of 17 years of age, did not know enough, or was too dazed by the sudden shock of the explosion to jump down before. The man who was with him died instinctively, and although he suffered

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THROWS DOWN THE GAGE.

We are informed that a bold man named A. E. Kemp, Conservative member for East Toronto, rose in his place in Parliament yesterday and challenged Hon. Wm. Pugsley to make good his charges of Tory corruption and not to sit silent in his place "like a whipped snail." The Minister of Public Works is not generally regarded as an individual who will tamely submit to the lash at the hands of Mr. Kemp or at the hands of any other man. On the contrary Mr. Pugsley seems to be a man of considerable dash and unquestioned courage, the type of politician who says what he thinks, the kind of public fighting men whom the people love. Before the debate on the address is over the opposition will hear from him, although it is altogether probable he will go gunning after bigger game than Mr. A. E. Kemp, M. P. for East Toronto. Mr. Pugsley has already addressed several meetings, and his remarks do not appear to us to warrant the description applied to him by the somewhat fool-hardy spirit who has issued the latest challenge. Speaking lately before an audience in the capital of the Dominion, the Minister thus referred to the charges he had made regarding the corrupt use of Conservative campaign funds in the election of 1904, and to Mr. Borden's inconclusive reply thereto by asking for a general investigation of the election expenditures by a Royal Commission, which he knew could not be legally appointed. When Mr. Borden started on his tour he declared in a pitiful manner that his party's losses in Nova Scotia were due to the lavish expenditure of Liberal money, to "wholesale and retail election thieving," as Mr. Foster put it. Knowing, as he did, the real facts of the case, Mr. Pugsley, had felt it his duty to expose the deliberate hypocrisy of these gentlemen. While in Woodstock, N. B., during the campaign of 1904 a leading Conservative had stated that Mr. Blair was going to resign, and stump the country for the Conservatives. This was before the public had any inkling of what afterwards happened. Later Mr. Pugsley had received a telegram from a prominent Conservative, stating that Mr. Blair had resigned, that La Presse had been bought, and asking him to join forces with Mr. Blair. "I naturally declined," he said. This was followed by the Conservatives pouring into New Brunswick a vast sum of money that had ever before been seen in any campaign. St. John alone got from thirty-five to forty thousand dollars. Similar large amounts went to the Conservative organization of Westmoreland to defeat Hon. Mr. Emmerson, to Carleton, and to other constituencies all over the Province. It was an unprecedented attempt to corrupt New Brunswick. He had made the statement that there was no shadow of doubt that these funds were being handled by a small Conservative coterie in charge of the campaign, with Mr. Borden's knowledge, and that of a total fund of half a million dollars St. John got \$25,000. The Conservative party was not the party of purity it was pretended to be. If Mr. Borden desired to bring an action for libel he would prove his statements.

"If Mr. Borden," he said, "desires that I should be more explicit, I am perfectly willing to be more explicit. If he asks for the name of the gentleman who got the twenty-five thousand dollars, I shall be perfectly happy to give him the name and the name of the bank and the day on which it was received. On the 24th of October five thousand dollars was received, and on the 27th of October, a week before the elections, twenty-seven thousand dollars was received, the whole going into one constituency. In the bye-election in Shelburne, N. S., which was conducted as a party campaign by Dr. Weldon, a New Brunswick Conservative candidate among the speakers, said that the only money spent in his campaign had been his own. That man's partner had been the very one who got that twenty-five thousand dollars."

Mr. Borden could easily find out if these statements were true, but instead of calling for an investigation of these definite charges he was evading the issue by calling for a Royal Commission to go on a general fishing expedition. He knew that under the law the only occasion on which a Royal Commission could be granted was on the presentation of a petition to Parliament within sixty days after the return of the writ. "Let him bring an action

for libel," said Mr. Pugsley, "and if these statements are untrue I will bear the cost of the investigation, and not the country. If I have made reckless charges, which cannot be substantiated, I shall have to resign from Parliament and go back into private life."

Reverting, in conclusion, to the charge by Mr. Foster that he had been on the fence in 1896, not knowing whether he was a Conservative or a Liberal, Dr. Pugsley declared that in 1896 he had left the Conservative party because, like hundreds of others in New Brunswick, he had felt he could no longer follow Mr. Foster's leadership. "I left before the general elections, and I left never to return."

CANADA AND THE AMERICAN DEPRESSION.

With reference to the alarm of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in regard to Americans dumping their goods into Canada for the purpose of turning them speedily into good Canadian cash there may be differences of opinion as to the economic effect of the same; but about the dumping of idle labor upon our shores there can be but one sentiment. The effects are entirely evil. Vancouver is suffering; Toronto is also suffering; and the peculiar feature of the circumstances lies in the fact that the idle workmen are clamoring that they have a moral right to be given employment, or preferably to be fed, by the municipalities in question. In the case of Toronto the migrants come from contiguous cities in the United States in which great manufacturing institutions have been compelled to close down for want of available cash. In the case of Vancouver the circumstances are very much the same. Seattle has been enjoying a boom of tremendous dimensions in every department of industry for a considerable number of years. The bubble was bound to explode in course of time in any event. The crisis in the East precipitated it and aggravated its force. Thousands of men, in the building trades especially, have been thrown out of employment on short notice. The same thing applies, though in a lesser degree, to all the cities of the American coast. The relaxation of the monetary tension in the East will have no immediate effect upon the labor market in these places. It will take a few years at the very least to restore the balance between the legitimate requirements of business and the anticipations of the buoyant institutions in that business. The people on the Sound and elsewhere must be given time to recover from the species of intoxication in which they have lately been indulging. Fortunately for this province, we have been proceeding about our affairs in a saner and more conservative spirit. Great works are projected which will absorb a great deal of labor for several years. We shall feel the effects of the crisis on the other side of the line to some extent possibly. But on the whole the benefits will probably more than equalize the disadvantages. There will be no lack of labor for some time to come and no excuse whatever for the cry that the demands of industry can only be met by throwing open our gates to Orientals.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is greatly alarmed at the prospect of Americans "dumping" cheap goods into Canada. We are all but persuaded that the consumers of the West do not share in the alarm of the manufacturers. The prices of goods have been going up to an unprecedented height, greatly curtailing the purchasing power of money, and therefore causing some inconvenience, to put the case mildly, to those whose incomes or wages are fixed. A reduction of prices in a great many lines might prove a considerable relief to the majority of consumers.

General Stoessel, the defender of Port Arthur, is on trial before a Russian court. The courts of his Majesty the Czar appear to be in a specially stern mood at the present time, sharing doubtless in the spirit of the ruling classes generally, and we are sorry for the general. At the same time it is not likely the military man will be hanged by the neck until he is dead, or summarily shot, a fate which is befalling scores of offenders against the will of the despots.

Attorney General Bowser has a new scheme in regard to saloon and hotel licenses in rural districts. The scheme is of course to turn the business of selling strong liquors into machinery to help Conservative politicians at election times. In this connection it is worth noting that Premier Whitney, of Ontario, since he came into power, has dismissed from office 6,000 magistrates, 100 license commissioners and many license inspectors. And of course it is all done in the name of "reform."

Mr. E. Stewart, superintendent of Forestry for the Dominion, made a trip north during last summer by way of the Mackenzie river; as far as seven degrees of latitude within the Arctic

circle. He found it the most interesting trip of his life. He saw, what was the 1st of June ripened by the first day of July (under the blaze of a 24 hours a day sun). He saw the "perpetual fires" of burning coal reported by Mackenzie in 1789, and when transportation is provided he saw, too, where the world may get its supply of pulp wood. Mr. Stewart crossed over to the Yukon, ascended it and came down the coast.

Concerning government ownership, Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his speech said: "The report of Mr. Buxton, British Postmaster-General, showed in the last fiscal year there was a net deficit on the telegraph branch of \$623,000, and if interest on capital were added to the total a loss of \$923,000, while the telephone department did business at 20 per cent. less than cost."

After the recent Conservative convention at Vancouver one of the party newspapers announced that 430 delegates had been present. As the basis of representation was fixed at ten delegates for each member in the legislature the maximum number possible was only 430. In the explanation which followed we are permitted to get at the truth. There were about 200 present and six districts were not represented at all.

Probably the tersest, the truest and the most complete comment on the political conditions at Ottawa is furnished by the Toronto Telegram (Conservative): "We regret to report that the opposition heavyweights at Ottawa yesterday looked like a lot of Gunner Moirs in front of Hon. Noah Brusso Fielding."

The Grand Trunk Railway has placed an order for 100 locomotives to cost \$1,500,000. The people who are so fearful about the future should take fresh courage.

Henry Clews says the monetary situation in New York is improving, and that there is an immediate prospect of a great redundancy of currency. That is good news. Let us hope it is true.

What Other People Think

THE AUTOMOBILE NUISANCE.

To the Editor:—The reckless driving of automobiles is rapidly inclining even unprejudiced persons to class these useful machines among the public nuisances. As a pedestrian who has occasion to frequently cross the James Bay causeway, I beg to protest against the speed at which the larger machines are run on this muddy thoroughfare, splashing the mud and muddy water across the whole width of the sidewalk and over all passers-by.

The chief offenders appear to be the paid chauffeurs connected with the garage across the Bay. Cannot the directors of this company make their servants observe common courtesy of the rights of the public—or, if they will not, then it seems to me the public should be instructed by the Mayor to take the matter in hand.

ONE SUFFERER.
Victoria, B. C., 10th Dec., 1907.

ORIENTALS NOT EXCLUSIVELY EMPLOYED.

To the Editor:—I deny that Orientals are hired on the excavations at Hatley Park (though customary for years without protest throughout the city) to the exclusion of white labor.

T. CATTERALL,
Contractor.

—There will be an extra session at the roller skating rink to-night from 10 to 12 p. m. for the benefit of those detained in business, also on every Wednesday and Saturday from now until after Christmas.

—In conjunction with the usual a la carte luncheon and dinner served at the Peckle Dog, a merchants' luncheon has been put on from 12 to 2. Meeting with unprecedented success, the management have now decided to put on a table d'hote dinner from 5.30 to 8, commencing December 12th.

—On Monday afternoon next at 3.30 o'clock, in the Metropolitan church, the pastor, Rev. G. K. B. Adams, will celebrate the marriage of James Crane and Mabel Amelia Legert. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom will proceed to Fort Townsend, where they will reside for the winter, returning to this city in the spring.

BURIED IN TWO GRAVES.
Weird Funeral Directions in Catford Man's Will.

Curious directions are to be found in the will of the late Mr. John Robert Pringle, of Stanstead road, Catford, England, who died on September 30th last, aged 78, and left estate of the gross value of \$46,245.

His testament runs: "After my decease, I desire that a competent and trustworthy doctor of medicine shall by any experiment he may deem suitable, thoroughly satisfy himself that life is absolutely extinct. My carcass is to be cremated, and the residuum thereof deposited in two metal urns, numbered respectively 1 and 2. On the ashes in No. 1 urn to be placed a packet which will be found on my desk, and my miniature portrait scarf-pin, and on the ashes of urn No. 2 a similar packet, which will also be found on my desk, and my miniature portrait finger ring." He directed that the urns were then to be soldered down, and No. 1 buried in his mother's grave at Newport Pagnell, and the other in "my dear Lizzie's grave" in the Streamham cemetery, at Tooting.

PEANUT STATES.

The farmers of Texas have taken up the growing of peanuts to an extent which makes it probable that within the comparatively near future the great peanut growing states of Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia will have to relinquish their claims to grand old Texas, as is being done in the case of other states in the production of other products. At a peanut factory recently established in Terrell about 1,500 bushels a day are being husked.

There has been a revival of the whaling industry. A few years ago the annual catch had dwindled to 10.

A Splendid List of Gift Things at Special Prices for To-night and To-morrow

THE MANY SAVINGS which are to be made on Suitable Gift Things in the various departments will interest all economical shoppers, and this evening we draw special attention to the Bargains which are to be had in the Glove and China Departments.

A Most Important Sale of Men's Gloves

Regular Values \$1.50 and \$1.75.
To-night at 7.30, per pair \$1.00

For this evening we have booked an important Sale of Men's Fine Gloves. This sale involves 264 pairs, including heavy Dogskin Gloves unlined, Dent's Heavy Tan Mocha Silk lined, and Perrin's gray and tan light weight, silk lined, in sizes from 7 to 9 1/2. These gloves are all extra good quality and include the very latest effects and shades. The regular price per pair was \$1.00 from \$1.50 to \$1.75. This evening at 7.30

Extra Special in Ladies' Kid Gloves
Reg. \$1 to \$1.50, tonight 7.30-7.5c
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Extra Special in Hosiery at 7.30
LADIES' BLACK MILAN SILK HOSE, finest quality black gauze silk, in plain and open work. Reg. value \$3.50 to \$5.00. This evening, 7.30, per pair \$2.50

Boys' Kid Gloves Specially Priced for To-night
To-night at 7.30 we are placing a splendid line of Boys' Kid Gloves. The regular prices were 75c and \$1. \$1.00, per pair 50c

Extraordinary Bargains in Handsome Limoges China at 7.30 To-night

REGULAR VALUES 75c to \$4.50, for 50c, \$1 and \$2

TEAS and SAUCERS, Regular \$1, each. At 7.30, each 50c.	BREAKFAST CUPS and SAUCERS, Reg. \$1.50, At 7.30, each \$1.00.	CELERY TRAYS, Regular \$1.75, At 7.30 \$1.00.	MUFFIN DISHES, covered, Regular \$3.50, At 7.30 \$2.00.
DESSERT PLATES, Reg. \$1, At 7.30, each 50c.	A. D. COFFEE CUPS, Regular \$1 each. At 7.30, each 50c.	BREAD and BUTTER PLATES, 2 sizes. Worth 65c. and 75c. At 7.30, each 50c.	FRUIT SAUCERS, Reg. 75c, each. At 7.30, each 50c.
MOUSTACHE CUPS and SAUCERS, Regular \$1.50, At 7.30, each \$1.00.	BON-BON DISHES, Regular \$1.50, At 7.30 75c.	MARMALADE JARS, covered, Regular \$1.75, At 7.30, each \$1.00.	O L I V E T R A Y S, Reg. 75c, each. At 7.30, each 50c.
BON-BON DISHES, Regular \$1.50, At 7.30 75c.	TEA POTS, Regular \$2, At 7.30 \$1.00.	MARMALADE JARS, uncovered, Regular \$1.50, At 7.30, each \$1.00.	BISCUIT JARS, tall shape, Regular \$3.50, At 7.30 \$2.00.
	CAKE PLATES, Regular \$3.50, At 7.30, each \$2.00.	SALAD BOWLS, Regular \$1.50 to \$2.50, At 7.30 \$1.00.	SUGAR AND CREAM SETS, Worth \$3.50, At 7.30 \$2.00.

Another Special Clearance in High-Class Millinery

Regular from \$10 to \$15. TO-MORROW \$5.00

This important sale starts at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, and includes a splendid assortment of High Class Millinery. The styles are all the very latest, the mushroom in its drooping effect being the most predominant, nicely trimmed with large rows of lovely ribbons, and others with lovely clusters of flowers, and it is safe to say that every economical woman will be on the second floor attending this sale. Sharp on time to-morrow. Sale starts at 10 o'clock.

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Special Sale of Ladies' High Grade Coats To-morrow

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This sale includes about 13 in all, very fancy novelty robes, and include fancy voile in cream with colors, Oriental and Swiss lace, and cream and black sequin robes, reg. values from \$15.00 up to \$25.00. At 7.30 this evening \$8.75

Ladies' Lawn Aprons Specially Priced To-night

We have selected a splendid line of LADIES' FINE LAWN APRONS for to-night's selling, at 7.30, and includes plain and with bib, nicely trimmed with insertion. Reg. prices were:

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35c. values, at 7.30 to-night 25c.

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At the regular meeting of Victoria lodge, No. 17, K. of P., to be held at the K. of P. hall on Thursday evening, work in the Esquire and Knight ranks will be given. George Phillips, secretary of the Victoria Musical Society, has been appointed secretary of the British Columbia committee for the Earl Grey musical and dramatic competition, and all interested are requested to communicate with him. Scottish jewelry is to be seen in great variety at Blyth's, the jeweler, of Fort street (near Douglas). He makes a specialty of this class of goods. The prices are surprisingly low. H. H. Gowen delivered the first of his lectures before the Alexandra Club last evening. His address was upon Art, and he showed the relation which exists between the religion and the art of every people. The lecture was of a most enjoyable character, and on its conclusion a vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

The new First Presbyterian church in Seattle will be dedicated on Sunday, December 15th, and the great pipe organ will be opened and dedicated with an organ recital Tuesday night, December 17th. The whole week will be given to different dedicatory functions. Quite a number of the friends of Rev. M. A. Matthews, the pastor, will likely attend the opening in Seattle.

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THE POLICE COURT. Six Months' Hard Labor for Stealing an Overcoat From a Store. John Burns, a man who looked as if he had been a naval recruit at some time, was this morning given six months' hard labor for stealing an overcoat from the store of W. G. Cameron on Johnson street. Yesterday the man was let out on his own recognizances when convicted on a charge of vagrancy, and immediately proceeded to get drunk. He then went to the store in question and stole the overcoat, and when caught deliberately rolled in the mud so as to spoil the property. He was arrested by Sergeant Carl.

The two men, Michael Leader and John Curran, alias James Cairns, came up again and were remanded until tomorrow as Mr. Alkman, who is acting for them, had to go to the higher court. Before leaving, Mr. Alkman asked that they be allowed to settle for the damage done to the horse and rig, but the owner was not willing to do anything of the kind. He said that not only was the wagon broken, but the horse had been lame ever since. It seems that the men had just arrived from the Yukon, and were drunk at the time the offence was committed.

BUSINESS CHANGE. A transfer has recently been made of the business known as the Crescent Grocery, situated at the corner of Victoria Crescent and Macleure street, just at the foot of Churchill, the property of the late Mrs. H. G. Lester. Mr. J. A. Brown, the purchaser, has been for a long time connected with the grocery business both in England and Scotland, and for the last two years has acted as head assistant in the West End Grocery Co., of this city. Mr. Brown takes possession at once, having put in a thoroughly new stock of goods, and hopes by careful attention to business to maintain and enlarge on the connection already established with the store, and his many friends wish him every success in his new venture.

G. K. Kumar, the religious worker among the Hindus of this city, has gone to the hospital suffering from an attack of grip.

Twenty per cent discount at W. H. Pennock's, 624 Yates street. He is going out of business. Buy your Xmas presents here and save money. Col. Holmes, D. O. C. has gone to Vancouver for the purpose of presenting prizes to the members of the Sixth Regt.

SUMMONED WRONG PERSONS IN CASE Hearing of Charge of Selling Liquor on Sunday Has Been Consequently Postponed. After examining two witnesses in the case brought against the Dallas hotel in which the proprietor is accused of selling liquor on Sunday, it was discovered that James Patterson is not the holder of the license, so the case was withdrawn, and William Patterson, the father of James Patterson, will be summoned. Mr. Moresby appeared for the defendant and H. G. Helsterman watched the case for the owners of the hotel property. William Lang was the first witness called. He stated that he visited the hotel on Sunday, the 24th, and had his dinner there. He went in through a side door which led to the dining-room and also to the bar. He was served with dinner and also with a drink of brandy. He may have had several drinks of brandy with his dinner. He did not have any money with him. After taking his dinner he retired to the billiard room and did not remember anything after that until he came to himself at the St. Joseph's hospital. He did not remember telling Sergeant Carson that he had drunk a bottle and a half of brandy. Witness stated that he was more or less under the influence of liquor before he went to the hotel. He registered his name, but did not remember at what time. He did not remember whether he had any drinks in the billiard room or bar.

The evidence was interrupted at almost every second question by Mr. Moresby, who objected to most of the questions put by Chief Langley, on the ground that they were leading questions, or that they were irrelevant to the point at issue, which was the charge of selling brandy on Sunday. At one time counsel intimated that the chief was trying to enlist the sympathy of the court, but this was warmly resented both by the chief and by his Honor, who objected to such a suggestion. Dr. George Hall gave evidence of having been called to Mr. Lang's house to attend him. He was profoundly unconscious, so much so that he thought he would die. He administered two hypodermic injections, which would have brought any ordinary drunk man to his senses, yet without effect. The patient was then taken to the hospital, and his stomach washed out. He found alcohol in the stomach and a small quantity of food. His condition was undoubtedly due to the result of the alcohol. He had treated Mr. Lang before, and knew his condition. The effect could not have been produced by eating nor could it have been from drinking on Saturday, although it might have been commenced then. There was not much food in the stomach. Dr. Frank Hall was present at the time of the operation. John D. McDonald, a carpenter, stated that he went with Mr. McLean to the Dallas hotel on the day in question. He met Lang in the billiard room, and he stated he was going to get his dinner. Two hours after he saw him again in a little room off the billiard room sleeping in a chair. He tried to wake him, but he only partially succeeded.

Just at that stage of the proceedings it was shown that James Patterson was not the owner of the license, and the case was accordingly withdrawn, and James and Isabella Patterson, the parents of James Patterson, will appear on the charge.

CONCERT TO-MORROW. Programme for Entertainment to Be Given in Semple's Hall. To-morrow evening in Semple's hall, Victoria West, a concert is to be given in aid of the funds of St. Saviour's church. The concert will begin at 8 o'clock. Those coming from a distance should take the corner car to the corner of Catherine and Langford streets, which is the nearest point to the hall. Elaborate preparations have been made for the entertainment. By courtesy of Captain Allgood, R. N., the hall will be decorated with flags from H. M. S. Shearwater. The following programme will be given: Chairman's Address..... C. H. Logrin. Piano Solo—Butterfly..... Denny Miss Evelyn Holmes. Song—Norwegian Boat Song..... Mrs. J. Harvey. Song—The Handicapper..... Stewart Mr. W. Dowler. Song—Wind in the Trees..... Goring Thomas Mrs. Lamont. Song—Selected..... Mr. Griffiths. Song—Selection from the White Chrysanthemum..... Mrs. R. Dunsmuir. Song—Beg Away..... Bevan Mr. J. G. Brown. Violin Solo—Salut d'Amour..... Elgar Dr. Nash. Song—Gallants of England..... Gatty Mr. Dowler. Song—Selected..... Mrs. H. Pooley. Song—Selected..... Mr. Griffiths. Song—Love's Coronation..... Aylward Mr. Godfrey Booth. Accompanist, Miss M. M. Miles, A. R. C. M.

TO-NIGHT'S ATTRACTION. The Rollicking Girl Will Be Presented at Victoria Theatre.

"The Rollicking Girl," which has gained the reputation of being one of the prettiest, laught-creating and catchy musical attractions on tour this season, is the pleasing announcement for the Victoria theatre this evening. This jolly musical melange has gained its reputation principally for the quality of its music and legitimate comedy. The musical hits in the productions are many and as whistled the country over. There is a certain effervescence, snap and go to the piece, and a consistent and pleasing story running through "The Rollicking Girl" that is seldom found in this class of entertainment. That clever German comedian, Snitz Edwards, is the principal fun-maker in his humorous character study of the funny wine-maker, and it is a rarity when comedians are offered so much scope for continuous laughter in a part as Mr. Edwards is able to extract in this role.

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"The Rollicking Girl," the title role of which is played by Lila Blow, and its large company enjoyed the phenomenal run of 250 nights last season at the Herald Square theatre, New York city. AL-KI REACHES SEATTLE. Damaged Alaskan Freighter Will Be Dry-Docked—Is Not Seriously Injured. The Pacific Coast S. S. Co.'s steamship Al-Ki, which grounded on Dicheness Reef, in Sumner Straits, on her way south from Skagway, has arrived at Seattle safely. The Al-Ki is not seriously damaged, but will be dry-docked shortly, her place on the Northern run being taken by the Meteor.

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OUR LONDON LETTER. London, Nov. 15.—Intense excitement prevailed on Monday when it was found that a dense fog extended over parts of England, and that at Portsmouth the shipping had encountered some difficulty in making the harbor. Then the news was dashed to London that the Hohenzollern was lost, and that a gunboat had been sent out to identify her exact position. Finally, however, when all the officials at Portsmouth had given up looking for the arrival of the Emperor's yacht, and had departed to lunch, the yacht appeared, and there was a great scramble of officers and functionaries to get to the landing place in time to receive His Imperial Majesty. As it was two hours late in arriving, much disappointment was caused to the crowds who had been patiently waiting, as it was impossible to see the warships gaily decked with bunting, and one had to take on trust the fact that there were warships and on that account in distinct contrast to the climatic conditions prevailing on his arrival, on the day on which he made his state visit to the city of London the sun shone gloriously and there was a pleasant west wind. Record crowds lined the route by which he went to the Guildhall and returned to Paddington, and at every point four hurrahs interspersed with an occasional "hooray" were heard. I noticed that despite the rather alarmist reports published of the Emperor's health, that his Majesty looked remarkably well, and seemed much pleased with the welcome accorded him by the Empress by the citizens of London.

G. T. R. and Cunard. There is a revival of the old rumor in Liverpool that the Grand Trunk Railway and the Cunard Companies have come to an agreement whereby they intend (according to the rumor) to jointly handle Canadian passenger and produce traffic. Furthermore, the scheme, it is said, provided for a direct Cunard service between Liverpool and Canada, and for Cunard steamers between the Pacific coast, Japan, China and Australia. In shipping circles, however, the rumor has not gained credence. It is believed by some that when the Grand Trunk Railway Company has completed its great scheme of railway extension from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast, it may, like the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, either become a steamship owner, or else join forces with an existing line. However, this scheme of railway extension will not be complete for some years. Another opinion is given that probably by that time the Grand Trunk will amalgamate with the Allan line. Then again it is surmised that the Canadian government would like to see the Cunard Company coming to Canada, and they once used to call at Halifax. Of course it would not be surprising if the Cunard Company desired to extend their operations to Canada—as the Canadian traffic in England is increasing yearly. At present, in addition to the direct steamers a number of passenger services go by Boston and New York. Next year it is anticipated that there will be a great exodus of people from Europe to Canada, and it is said that the Dominion line is building two new steamers. Thus the passenger season promises to be a very busy one in 1908. By those who are credited with an intimate knowledge of Canadian affairs, it is affirmed that so long as the shipping organizations which work with the Grand Trunk blending with its ideas the relations existing would continue, if worked in agreement with the Allan, the Dominion and other lines.

Royalty to Visit. It seems likely that next year England is to have a succession of royal visits. There is a report that the King of Italy has announced his intention of coming to England in May or June, 1908, and that the invitation to do so was extended to the Italian monarch by King Edward when the two Kings met at Gaeta at the commencement of the present year. At one time it was thought probable that the visit might have taken place in 1907, but it was found impossible. Most likely King Victor Emmanuel will be accompanied by Queen Helena. English people have now become accustomed to these visits of foreign royalties, and no doubt they will accord a hearty welcome to the King and Queen of Italy, when they land on English shores. It would touch the popular sympathies if their Majesties were to bring with them the royal children, to be introduced to the sons and daughter of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Another noteworthy personage

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within 12 months, and then the ship will return to England. But it is not intended that the "coaster" will be a trading vessel only, as she is to combine passenger traffic and a college for cadets on her programme. The arrangements for passengers will be very complete, and the outfit, it is said, will be equal to that of the best line of steamers, and, moreover, cabins will be large and airy. A doctor and a stewardess will be carried, and the inclusive charge is to be ten shilling and sixpence per day. Then there will be a doctor and a master on to look after the boys, whose parents can afford to ship them for a year's voyage for sixty guineas, exclusive of outfit. The cadet will be instructed in bookkeeping and accounts, learn all about coinage and exchange and possibly pick up a knowledge of foreign languages. If the scheme is realized, then the fortunes of the clipper in its capacity of "coaster" sanatorium or college will be interesting to follow. To those to whom time is not money and who can afford the trip, a year's sea voyage on an up-to-date sailing vessel without the noise of machinery, and surrounded with peaceful quietude should be fraught with most health-giving qualities.

SPORTING NEWS. ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. THIS WEEK'S GAMES. Egeria plays Shearwater to-morrow at Work Point barracks. This will be the first time for sailor to meet sailor and the game will probably be quite exciting. The betting is on Shearwater, but who can tell what the result will be? Egeria had a good game last week and is improving fast. Two soccer games are scheduled for Saturday. Egeria will play the return game with the Fifth Regiment. If they defeated them in the last match, how much more will they do in the one which is to come. It can be proved by geometry.

THE BETTER GAME. The better game will be that between Esquimalt and J. B. A. A. As mentioned before in these columns the match will be rather a fateful one for the Esquimalt team. The boys seem to think they can hold their own against any other team in the league, and they have notions about what they may do to the Bays. These notions have grown somewhat since the Y. M. C. A. held them down two weeks ago. If they make a good showing on Saturday the probability is they will enter the league.

DRAWN BATTLE. San Francisco, Dec. 11.—A thirty-round battle between Murphy and Johnny Frayne the lightweights at Colma last night resulted in a draw.

GANS IN TORONTO. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 11.—Joe Gans, the colored lightweight, champion of the world, is starring in the theatre this week doing boxing turns with a sparring partner. He applied at the King Edward hotel for a room, but was told the house was full. Gans thinks his rejection was on account of his color.

BASKETBALL. FIXTURES FOR THIS WEEK. This week's intermediate and junior basketball matches will be played to-morrow night and Friday. To-morrow night the High school Intermediates will play Emmanuel Baptists in the Fernwood hall. This is the High school home game, and should have been played in the drill hall, but as that could not be secured they obtained permission from the executive to make the change of place and date.

On Friday night the J. B. A. A. will meet the Y. M. C. A. Intermediates for the first time in the J. B. A. A. club hall. Saturday will see two senior matches pulled off in the drill hall. The Y. M. C. A. will meet J. B. A. A. and the Firemen will play the Fifth Regiment. This

will be a night's play that will be well worth watching. The Fifth Regiment band will be in attendance, and it is probable that a good crowd will be out to witness the games. NATIONAL LEAGUE MEETING. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11.—Harry C. Pullman, national baseball league president, yesterday telegraphed Honus Wagner at his home in Carnegie, requesting him and his brother Albert to come to New York as soon as possible to attend the National League meeting. The two left last night. The big short stop said he had no knowledge of why he was sent for. There is a rumor afloat that Honus is to be made manager of the Boston National League team in 1908.

GENERAL NOTES. At the meeting in the Driford hotel on Monday evening, between Mr. Edmunds and the local Rugby men, the question of reviving the somewhat B. C. Rugby Union was discussed, and the secretary of the Victoria team was instructed to write E. F. Woodward, the last secretary, asking him to call a meeting in Vancouver on the 21st inst., while the Victoria men are over there for the purpose of discussing the matter. The local men are still after that McKennie cup.

The hockey players are unable to secure Bay grounds for Saturday next, and as a number of the Victoria players are also Rugby enthusiasts they wish to postpone the game against the Garrison on Saturday until some time when the Rugby men are not playing. Garrison does not seem inclined to agree to this, and will claim the game if Victoria does not turn out to play at the Garrison grounds.

It is not at all improbable that the annual tournament of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association will be held in Victoria, as the Tacoma links have never been enlarged as promised from a nine hole to an eighteen hole course. The Victoria Golf Club will visit the United Service Golf Club links at Macaulay Point on Saturday next with a dozen crack golfers to try conclusions with a like number of the defenders of the country.

A special meeting of the Victoria District Association Football League has been called for to-morrow night to pick a team to represent Victoria against the Vancouver all-stars. Ladysmith will play Vancouver Celtics and Nanaimo will try conclusions with the Thistles in a soccer double header at Nanaimo on Sunday next. Con Jones is the instigator.

The rival athletic bodies in Eastern Canada had buried the hatchet about an inch beneath the surface. It will be very easily scratched up again.

Some basketball team defeated Vancouver Y. M. C. A. by a score 21 to 32. The home team got rather panicky in the last few minutes.

It is probable that Alexis Martin will referee the Rugby match between the Vancouver and Victoria teams on the 21st inst.

North Vancouver is talking of a Rugby team for next season. Victoria will be dropping in the rear if she don't watch out.

Bob Morrison, who was obliged to give up the captaincy of the Y. M. C. A. soccer team because of an injury to his leg and also on account of business

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arrangements, is still deeply interested in the progress of the game, and eagerly watches the results from his balcony. Ladysmith is looking around for a hall in which to play basketball—a very laudable ambition. McConnell, of Vancouver, won five of the events at the Y. A. C. indoor meet on Monday.

Session of the Legislative Assembly, 1908. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a private Bill to re-enact, ratify and confirm the "Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1872," and the "Victoria Waterworks Amendment Act," Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1892, and to make the following amendments and additions to such Act, and to consolidate the same with the following amendments and additions to the Act of 1872, and to amend Section 2 of the Act of 1872, which enables the Corporation by a Commission to construct waterworks, by giving to such Commissioner power to manage and conduct and determine the use for any and every purpose to which any waters of the Corporation are put:

To amend Section 4 of the Act of 1872, as amended by Section 2 of the Act of 1892, by inserting in the said Section 4 the words "and of any waters of the Corporation, whether owned by the Corporation or not;" To amend Section 5 of the said Act of 1872 to authorize the conducting of waterworks for the purpose of supplying the lands of the Corporation at Goldstream or in Esquimalt, and to construct necessary works for conducting such water across, over, or under any conduit or pipe or over any such Company;

To amend Section 6 of the said Act of 1872 by inserting in the said Section 6 the words "and of any waters of the Corporation, whether owned by the Corporation or not;" To amend Section 7 of the said Act of 1872 by inserting in the said Section 7 the words "and of any waters of the Corporation, whether owned by the Corporation or not;" To amend Section 8 of the said Act of 1872 by inserting in the said Section 8 the words "and of any waters of the Corporation, whether owned by the Corporation or not;" To amend Section 9 of the said Act of 1872 by inserting in the said Section 9 the words "and of any waters of the Corporation, whether owned by the Corporation or not;" To amend Section 10 of the said Act of 1872 by inserting in the said Section 10 the words "and of any waters of the Corporation, whether owned by the Corporation or not;" To amend Section 11 of the said Act of 1872 by inserting in the said Section 11 the words "and of any waters of the Corporation, whether owned by the 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WORK OF THE ORPHANS' HOME

SATISFACTORY STATE OF ITS FINANCES

The Annual Meeting Was Held Yesterday and Disposed of Regular Business.

At the annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans' Home yesterday afternoon, with ex-Mayor Hayward in the chair, there were also present: Secretary Rowcroft, Revs. Dr. Campbell, W. Leslie Clay and E. G. Miller, Bishop Perrin, L. Goodacre, Mrs. Higgins, J. H. Lawson, sr., Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. Berridge, Mrs. Toller, Edgar Fawcett and several others.

Accounts were given by some of the ladies of the success of the children who have left the Home. It was shown that the women usually paid for their children placed in the Home, but the men often did not. J. H. Lawson, sr., moved that all the names be printed with the amounts subscribed.

Rev. Miller seconded the motion, and suggested that a subscription list be printed in each report.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay moved, seconded by H. Dallas Helmcken, that at least 750 copies of the annual report be printed.

Dr. Campbell suggested that those sending out the reports should try to collect a subscription.

Mr. Lawson suggested that the nomination of Dr. Campbell, made by the church society, be given effect.

Dr. Campbell thought the nominees of the church denominations should be considered before other nominations were made.

The president decided that they should not have any preference, and read from the by-laws to prove his position.

Bishop Perrin supported the ruling of the president.

Rev. W. Leslie Clay said that he could not believe that those who drew up the constitution could have intended to insult the denominations that nominate members to the board.

W. Rowcroft and Mr. Fawcett also supported the proposal made by Dr. Campbell, and thought as this was a Protestant Home the spirit of the constitution intended the denominations to be represented.

The election of officers then took place, and while the scrutineers were doing their work Bishop Perrin moved the following resolution:

"This annual meeting of the Protestant Orphans' Home, in prospect of the approaching birthday of Bishop Cridge, be a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and on record its appreciation of his character and work."

The resolution was seconded by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, and carried with enthusiasm.

The following were elected directors for the year: Bishop Cridge, Mr. Lawson, E. C. Baker, W. Rowcroft, Chas. Hayward, Bishop Perrin, H. D. Helmcken, L. Goodacre, D. Spencer, sr., Rev. W. L. Clay, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Mr. Fawcett.

The meeting then adjourned.

The annual report of President Hayward stated: "The present sound and improving financial position of the Home has inspired your managers to hope that the year is not very far distant when with your continued bounty this institution will reach the entirely self supporting stage, and thus while enlarging and continuing its usefulness and practical assistance, may be rendered to the efforts of the local Children's Aid Society to save and reclaim neglected little ones, and also to carry into effect a systematic and effective oversight an occasional visitation to those who, sometimes at tender age, leave the shelter of our fold."

The report of the ladies' committee stated: "In response to the circular appeal sent to the friends in the different districts, the cellar contains almost two tons of potatoes, a most necessary article of food, when so many children have to be provided with three meals a day; fruit was not forgotten, and the pantry shelves hold many bottles of jam ready for the winter consumption."

"The Home contains at present 41 children; 10 were received during the year."

"Our sincere thanks are due to J. B. Smith, vice-president of the Western Fuel Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Oak Bay; Dr. Holden for professional services; agricultural exhibition committee, Mayor Morley, the Arion Club, the several fraternal orders and societies, 24th May day celebration committee, friends at Dunsmuir, Saanich, Salt Spring Island, Cedar Hill and Craigflower; Bandmaster Burnaby and his excellent orchestra; Mrs. Goldstein, of Dawson, for a large consignment of clothing; R. Porter & Sons, and James King, expressage, and to the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, the Times and Colonist for papers."

The financial report of Hon. Treas. Arthur E. Haynes was as follows: Receipts. To balance from last year—Acct. current Bank of Com. merozo \$1,226.78 Savings Dept. Bank of Com. merozo 1,831.09 Annual subscriptions 1,129.29 Subscriptions collected by ladies 344.25 Donations 541.16 Proceeds from entertainments 511.16 Received for board of inmates 1,229.25 Est. John Jessop, legacy 229.00

Table with financial data: Est. Fourth legacy, Est. John Jessop legacy, Net amounts from rents, Bank of Commerce, Int. on deposit Corporation, Victoria, Int. on deposit, Mrs. E. L. Higgins, refunds on account's paid, Mrs. Kelso, room rent, 6 mos., Mrs. Kelso, refund re porter, Est. Green, Worlock & Co. dividend 20 per cent., Proceeds from sale of calf, Proceeds sale of stove and scrap iron, 1907, Merchants' Sylvester Feed Co. refund, Insurance Act. London Assurance Co. refund.

Table with financial data: Total, Expenditure, Monthly accts., 12 mos., Salaries, Light account, Fuel account, Printing and advertising, Sundry repairs, Furniture account, Labor account, Insurance account, Frank White, acct. board, Cash on hand, Jos. Buckley, com. on collection, Purchase City of Victoria 4 per cent. debentures, Cash on hand, Bal. cr. acct. current, Commerce, Savings dept. and Bank of Commerce.

"SILENT HEROISM."

Another Tragedy of the South Wales Coalfield—How Disaster Overtook a Rescue Party.

Another of those stories of "silent heroism" associated with the oft-recurring mining disasters in the South Wales coalfield has to be recorded. The scene of the latest accident was the Seven Sisters colliery, Neath, where, singularly enough, two explosions occurred within twenty-four hours of each other. It appears that as a party of four miners descended the pit for the purpose of carrying out repairs in readiness for work on the following day, they encountered a heavy fall of rock. Hardly had they noticed this when a great quantity of gas, in fact, near an area, and met them full in the face. On the plight of the men becoming known assistance was soon forthcoming, and three of the men, who were badly burned, were removed to a place of safety. The fourth man, Owen Gethin, could not be reached for some time. When his body was recovered it was found that he had been suffocated by asphyxiation. The poor fellow had evidently made a great struggle for life, and had pressed his cravat, soaked with tea, over his mouth in his effort to save himself from being asphyxiated. Then followed a second explosion. While an exploration of the workings was being made by a party of five a second accumulation of gas exploded with great violence and enveloped the whole group. Being old and experienced colliers they fell prone and there lay until the full effect of the explosion had expended itself. But still there remained, in the heading, a quantity of foul gas, and it was with the greatest difficulty that they managed to reach the pit bottom. When there they found that two of their number, both overmen, were missing. These were Morgan, under manager, and Evan Harris. When news of the second explosion got to the pit-head a rescue party was promptly organized, and after overcoming great difficulties they brought out David Williams, under manager, Watkin Morgan, overman, and John Williams, seriously injured. But there was no trace of Jones and Harris. Yet another rescue party descended, but the work of exploration had now been rendered almost impossible by a fierce fire which was raging in the pit. Casks of water were lowered into the mine, and conveyed in trays to a spot near as possible to the affected area. It was a fierce fight this fighting of the flames, for beyond undoubtedly lay the two entombed workmen. The work continued for hours, but still the flames would not be mastered, and on the following day hope was abandoned of reaching the poor men alive. It is a pathetic circumstance that both Jones and Harris had only a few hours before worked heroically to rescue their comrades in the first explosion, and it was Jones who recovered poor Gethin's body. After strenuous work the fire was overcome, and the bodies of Jones and Harris were found under a heavy fall of earth. Harris—a widower—leaves six children, and Jones leaves a widow and four children. "Yes, Seven Sisters is a sad place," said a local colliery manager, "but what would have happened had the event occurred when all the men were at work? Yes, what would have happened? Probably some hundreds of men would have been affected, and the whole valley plunged into mourning. As it is the results are most painful, but we all ought to be thankful that the explosion did not occur when hundreds of men would have been laboring in the pit—Old Country Exchange.

"PETER PAN" AMERICANISED.

The fact that New York and not London is the play-producing centre that supplies Canada with the drama is emphasized since "Peter Pan" has made its appearance in the Dominion—the difference in national opinion that obtains on opposite sides of the border.

The Americanising of Mr. Barrie's play at Toronto recently would have led to a violent scene but for the personal popularity of Miss Maude Adams, who played the name part. As it was there was some hissing, which is a rare thing in a Canadian theatre. After the experience of the first night the management made an attempt to appease national feeling by hoisting a Union Jack along side the Stars and Stripes.

It is very rarely that English plays brought to America have locale of characters altered. With musical plays, of course, considerable changes are constantly wrought. New music, new lyrics, new business, and new lyrics are provided for the American run. The "Little Cherub," which lost a lot of money in England, was Americanized and made a great financial success. It is not on all occasions, however, that American audiences willingly accept the adaptations of English musical comedy offered them. The English originals have the reputation of being free from the vulgarity that the adaptors contrive to introduce, and on the recent visit of "The Orchid" to Chicago a strong protest against the vulgarizing of it by its managers was made in the Press. One critic suggested that it should be renamed "The Onion."

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Committee having in hand the improvement of the old Quadra Street Cemetery are about to remove all dilapidated headstones in the Cemetery to a corner of the same, and any person desiring to take away any railing which may be around the grave of any relative of such person may obtain permission to do so from Alderman Meaton, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. Victoria, B. C., Dec. 9th, 1907.

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AMENDMENTS ASKED FROM LEGISLATURE

What the Council Will Endeavor to Get From Parliament This Session.

At the meeting of the city council, Monday evening, the legislative committee reported upon the proposed amendments which would seek at the next session of the House. A good number of these are similar to what were asked for last year. The report of the committee which was adopted was as follows: Gentlemen,—We, your committee on legislation beg to report as follows: We have had under consideration the amendments which should be sought on behalf of the corporation of this city in the Municipal Clauses Act in the ensuing session.

Information has reached us that it is not the intention of the government to introduce the measure, which in previous years, has been urged upon them to remodel the Municipal Clauses Act by separating the powers given to the various classes of the municipalities throughout the province, and giving to legislate upon certain defined subjects, following the mode in which legislative power is conferred in the eastern provinces.

Your committee regret to report that they does not appear to be a unity of sentiment among the municipalities forming the union in British Columbia. The requirements for legislation come from both rural, township and city, and whilst all appear to concur in desiring a simplification of legislation, the wants of growing city municipalities do not appear to excite the interest of the other municipalities, and throughout the past year no sufficient consideration has been given to legislation with a view of making a combined effort to secure the much needed reforms.

Your committee have considered the very many amendments advanced by the council in former years. The most of these amendments have been taken from existing powers in Ontario and elsewhere, and have been repeatedly urged as showing the necessity for a complete re-consideration and remodeling of the Municipal Act.

Among those which your committee recommend should be again put forward during the next session are the following: Power to increase the business tax for raising municipal revenue. The maximum tax now authorized, which covers nearly every trading business in the city, is \$5 for every six months. Either certain specified businesses should be separately taxed on a fair and equitable basis, dealing with each case so as to make the burden not unduly onerous, or as advocated in previous years, following eastern cities, a percentage tax not exceeding 7-1-2 on actual or estimated rental value should be within the power of the council, the assessment roll being taken as a guide, with a court of revision to remedy inequalities. Included in the requirement would be the separation of large departmental stores, with power to the council to define the departments to be separately taxed.

Also the following powers: Licensing and regulating electricians with a board of examiners and the granting of certificates. Licensing and regulating motor cars with a board of examiners and the granting of certificates. Licensing and regulating motor cars for hire and their drivers, and to prescribe a scale of charges applicable within and to a distance not exceeding four miles without the city, and for enlarging the powers of regulating vehicles for hire and drivers.

As to subdivision plans and subdivisions of city lots and lands, power to the council to oppose filing of same, unless in conformity as nearly as may be with the plan of the laying out of the city and to prevent blind street terminations. To enable the city to enter on all lanes and alleys and private streets, for the purpose of public utilities without compensation. To remove the doubt of the city's right to enter immediately after expropriation proceedings without further notice, in the same way that power exists to assess and raise the cost on the sewer tax and rental.

Your committee recommend that an amendment be framed to meet this difficulty. With the same object certain technical amendments are necessary to enable surface drainage to be carried out under the local improvement sections. An amendment is required to confine the duty of the municipality, out of annual revenue, to maintain and repair a work done under local improvement to the estimated life of the improvement, so that when such estimated lifetime has passed the work of local improvement can be reconstructed. Your committee would further recommend a declaration by statute that compensation should not be payable to persons encroaching on streets for the land, or for the improvements where the street is a crown dedicated highway, and limiting the right to compensation to encroachers for improvements alone where the street was dedicated by a private individual. As the law at present stands, by the special act governing the question of the city of Victoria, your committee are advised that the question is very involved—considerable law expenditure will be entailed before the right to compensation can be determined. A clause dealing with the requirements upon persons seeking compensation from the city for expropriation or injurious affection has been advanced in former years. It is recommended to your committee that it should now be sought to introduce such a clause into the Arbitration Act of the province.

To regulate exhibitions, dance halls, skating rinks, theatres, and all places of amusement with power to prohibit same in certain specified districts of the city where the existence of the same will diminish the value of assessable property. To make regulations prohibiting the sale of adulterated food stuffs. To authorize the destruction of



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To regulate the location of lumber yards and places for piling timber, firewood and combustible material, and to require removal when dangerous. To compel owners of vacant lots to keep same clear of brush or other detrimental growths in certain specified districts, and to prevent the digging of sand pits and the accumulation of substances dangerous to the public safety.

To compel owners of certain streets, etc., to mark up the words "private road," and to maintain the same in a cleanly and fit state. To own, construct and operate public wharves, railways, and tramways connected therewith; to regulate storage, and fix rental for storage.

To join with other municipalities for the joint supply of water for all purposes, and for drainage or sewerage works or connections. To expropriate, purchase, and own sand pits, gravel pits, and stone quarries for municipal purposes, outside as well as inside the municipality. To compel the registration of common lodging and boarding houses. A section to the act to prevent encroachers on the city streets from acquiring title by prescription.

Your committee would further recommend an alteration in the mode in which improvement works are initiated and they recommend that power be sought to do away with the right of petition against a work of local improvement which the council, by say three-fourths majority, decide to be imperative, substituting machinery for revising the assessment for the work. The municipal working of past years has shown the desirability of seeking the following amendments which have not previously received consideration:

The existing legislative power to construct main surface drains is, under the terms in the act, intermixed with the power to construct sewers, and your committee are advised that there is not sufficient power to impose a frontage tax on main surface drains, or to enable the cost to be raised by debentures in the same way that power exists to assess and raise the cost on the sewer tax and rental.

Your committee recommend that an amendment be framed to meet this difficulty. With the same object certain technical amendments are necessary to enable surface drainage to be carried out under the local improvement sections. An amendment is required to confine the duty of the municipality, out of annual revenue, to maintain and repair a work done under local improvement to the estimated life of the improvement, so that when such estimated lifetime has passed the work of local improvement can be reconstructed. Your committee would further recommend a declaration by statute that compensation should not be payable to persons encroaching on streets for the land, or for the improvements where the street is a crown dedicated highway, and limiting the right to compensation to encroachers for improvements alone where the street was dedicated by a private individual. As the law at present stands, by the special act governing the question of the city of Victoria, your committee are advised that the question is very involved—considerable law expenditure will be entailed before the right to compensation can be determined. A clause dealing with the requirements upon persons seeking compensation from the city for expropriation or injurious affection has been advanced in former years. It is recommended to your committee that it should now be sought to introduce such a clause into the Arbitration Act of the province.

To regulate exhibitions, dance halls, skating rinks, theatres, and all places of amusement with power to prohibit same in certain specified districts of the city where the existence of the same will diminish the value of assessable property. To make regulations prohibiting the sale of adulterated food stuffs. To authorize the destruction of

The effect desired is to oblige the deliverer by a statement of full details of claims, with amount of each claim. If an arbitrator awards the claimant the amount he claims he will get his costs; if a sum is awarded less than the amount he claims, but more than the amount he pays, each party will pay their own costs; if the amount the city tender is deemed sufficient the city will recover the costs.

Such a clause will be a check upon extravagant claims, and enable the city and claimants to come to terms and avoid the heavy legal and expert expense of arbitration the city has had to bear in the past. The existing legislation enables the city to give to owners of land seeking the same the street lines. Your committee consider that a great deal of the trouble and annoyance the municipal authorities have experienced in the past would be obviated if it is made compulsory upon owners of land, before constructing fences on street boundaries to apply for the street lines and pay a small nominal fee, with a penalty for constructing fences encroaching upon the streets. Heretofore fences have been constructed regardless of the public right in streets and highways, and the city have to face, in numerous cases, the necessity of arbitrary action in moving back fences, and a necessity for constant supervision.

Your committee beg further to recommend the suggestion of the city treasurer, that it is desirable to make the rate of interest chargeable under sections 111, 150 and 153 uniform. At present 6 per cent. is chargeable on special rate assessments and charges, whilst 8 per cent. is chargeable on the general purposes rates.

The city treasurer further points out that the details in the notice of assessment required by sections 142 & 144, give to the taxpayer a quite unnecessary amount of detail, only tending to confuse, and he suggests the elimination of the columns in the notice giving details of the general special and debt charges. Your committee recommend that this alteration should be submitted for consideration of the union of municipalities. As it will prove a saving of labor in the administration of the city's finances it should be supported.

DUCHESS AS IMMIGRANT.

Her Grace of Marlborough Submits to Usual Examination, and is Classified as Desirable.

In order that she might better realize the character of the tests to which immigrants are subjected on entering the United States, the Duchess of Marlborough on entering New York impersonated for the space of two hours the character of an immigrant. She passed through the "runways" to the registration desks, where she duly replied to the catechism of the immigrant clerk as to her political and criminal record and financial resources.

With an emphatic negative she answered the questions whether she was an anarchist or had been one, whether she was a criminal or had been one, whether she had been in her possession, diving into her pockets, the Duchess finally remarked in triumph, "Yes, I really have."

Having thus satisfied the ineffectual clerk and fled past the surgeon, who failed to detect in her evidence of trachoma or other ailments, the Duchess was classed as desirable.

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The interest in our last Limerick was so keen and the character of the replies so good on the whole that we have decided to offer One more Limerick, which will close soon enough to allow us to pay the money to winners in good time for Christmas gift buying. We are pleased to have the opportunity of contributing our share to the Christmas good cheer.

This time we offer:

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Address

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE MAILED BY LAST POST, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.

Winners of our last Limerick will be published in the Victoria Times on Monday, December 9th.

Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Homestead Regulations.

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba of the Northwest Provinces, excepting 5 and 26, 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 or sub-agent. Entry by proxy may, however, be made on certain conditions by the father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of an intending homesteader.

An application for entry or inspection made personally at any Sub-Agent's office may be wired to the local agent 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 held until the necessary papers to complete the transaction are received by mail. In case of "personation" the entry will be summarily cancelled and the applicant will forfeit all priority of claim.

An application for inspection must be made in person. The applicant must be eligible for homestead entry, and only one application for inspection will be received from an individual until the application has been disposed of.

A homesteader 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, or female, 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 will be entitled to a right of re-entry. Applicants for inspection must state in what particular the homestead is in default, and if subsequently the statement is found to be incorrect in material particulars, or if re-entry should be granted it may be summarily cancelled.

DUTIES.—A settler is required to perform the following conditions under one of the following plans: (1) At least six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of the homestead.

(2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader residing on a farm or ranch, the land entered for by such homesteader the requirements 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 him in the vicinity of his homestead, the requirement may be satisfied by residence upon such land.

Before making application for patent 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 an annual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than 250 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ton shall be collected on the tonnage of coal mined. QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 150 x 150 feet. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$50 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$50 has been expended or paid, the location is valid, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at 25c per acre. The patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2 1/2 per cent. on the sales. placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square; entry fee \$5, renewable yearly.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredges for gold of five miles each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each five miles. Rental \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of 2 1/2 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.

NOTICE

The date for receiving tenders for Public Building, Ladysmith, B. C., has been extended to Monday, December 16, 1907.

Plans and specifications can be seen, and forms of tender obtained, at this Department, on application to the Postmaster at Ladysmith, B. C., and to William Henderson, Superintendent Architect, Victoria, B. C.

By order, **FRED GELINAS,** Secretary. Department of Public Works, Ottawa, November 27th, 1907.

NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to replace the wooden block paving on the said street, between Courtenay street and Johnson street, with wooden blocks, treated with creosote, and under the said work shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law," and amended thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said by-law upon the said work of local improvement, giving statement showing the amounts chargeable in each case, against the various portions of real property to be benefited thereby, and their report having been adopted by the Council:

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

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. E. City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 29th, 1907.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that from and after this date the dumping of any material, refuse, or garbage upon any street, alley, square or public place within the city limits is strictly prohibited, excepting in such places as may be designated by the Sanitary Inspector, and any person found dumping any material save as above mentioned will be prosecuted.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C. Victoria, B. C., December 10th, 1907.

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 13th November, 1907, are hereby required to send the same duly verified to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of January, 1908, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay their indebtedness forthwith.

Dated December 10th, 1907.

WILLIAM L. LESTER, Executor, 11 Troncoe Ave., Victoria, B.C.



be undertaken are likely to introduce. New "Admiral" Class.

The new "Admiral" class, of which the St. Vincent will be the pioneer ship, are to carry some twenty 4-inch guns as their anti-torpedo armament. In other respects they will be gunned much as the Dreadnought is. There are many who would prefer to see these vessels equipped with fewer 12-inch, and given a secondary armament of 7.5 or 6-inch guns. Several well-known gunnery officers in the fleet would like to see the 6-inch restored to favor, for they regard it as a very useful weapon. On the other hand, officers apparently equally competent to express a sound opinion are out and out believers in the "all-big-gun" theory. Both parties turn to the Russo-Japanese war for arguments to support their contentions. From this source, however, no very satisfactory conclusions can be drawn, either one way or the other. A naval engagement, to yield thoroughly reliable data, must be fought out between fleets equally well-equipped, both in material and personnel. These conditions have not obtained in any recent sea-fight, and what happened at Tsushima can hardly be accepted as indicating, with any degree of certainty, what would happen in the case of artillery, between two fleets that came to grips in European waters. Evidently the Japanese believe in the 6-inch gun, or they would not be mounting it in their new ships. The British Admiralty, however, have adopted an "all-big-gun" policy, which is giving us some splendid armed ships. Even those who think this policy mistaken must admit that it is much preferable to that pursued some few years back, when the "Dreadnought" and other wretchedly under-gunned vessels, were built.

Wireless Versus Submarine

Now that the announcement has been made that wireless telegraphy has been opened between Ireland and Canada, a review of its merits and that of the submarine cable system cannot fail to prove interesting to the thousands concerned—the public and investors alike.

First of all, the fact should be emphasized that all electric waves or impulses are propagated in the ether, whether they are employed in the production of mechanical power, light, telegraph signals, or the ringing of electric bells. In all these operations continuous conductors such as wires and cables are used, but they simply serve to guide the waves or impulses to a definite spot at which they are to be used to actuate the apparatus suitable for producing the desired effect. The conductors, therefore, as the word implies, literally conduct the waves, and confine their action to a definite path; but even with these linear conductors the waves are not confined strictly within the area of the conductor. They extend laterally to some slight degree, and if there be another conductor in close proximity, an electric current will appear therein. Close talk on telephone wires is sometimes due to this cause.

Now, as the longest submarine cable is operated with an amount of energy not exceeding a two-hundredth part of a horse power, the disturbance of the ether is correspondingly slight, and interference with other conductors is negligible.

In the so-called wireless system, insulated wires are also used, but only at the terminal points of the distance to be bridged, and these form discontinuous conductors—that is to say, there is no conductor between the terminal. Into these wires an exceedingly powerful oscillation of electric currents is discharged, which are supplied by engines and dynamos involving energy many thousand times that employed in a submarine cable. This energy is equivalent to many horse-power, and produces correspondingly powerful oscillations of waves in the ether, which radiate from the point of production.

A certain amount of direction is possible, but this at present is very imperfect. It would be correct to say that the waves are radiated in all directions, but that they are made more energetic in one direction than another. Whenever these waves reach an insulated conductor, an electric current will be produced in that conductor, and can be made apparent by suitable apparatus. Such conductors may be established by any person at a distance from the transmitter, and range of the radiations of waves, and may be made to respond to and register the impulses transmitted. This is a defect of the most vital importance. The necessity for secrecy and security in commercial matters is obvious enough at all times, but in the event of a war it is imperative that all secrets shall be safeguarded, and in this direction the difficulty has been solved satisfactorily by the submarine cable.

Difficulties of Wireless. All wireless installations can be made to respond to all other installations within their range of sensibility. This difficulty is partially obviated by syntony or tuning, but, as everyone can see, secrecy is only possible by a self-defeating ordinance, which is strictly observed by all. The tuning principle has been employed on ordinary telegraph lines or continuous conductor systems, under the name of multiple harmonic telegraphy, where several trains of impulses of different periods of time were impressed upon a single wire, and suitably-tuned electro-magnetic reeds were used to pick out their own train of vibration. Several messages were thereby enabled to be simultaneously sent on the one wire, each reed selecting its own message. In operation, however, it proved too uncertain and unreliable, and it is no longer used. This is an analogon to the syntonic method in wireless telegraphy, and the difficulties are not likely to be less in this case.

Other Disadvantages. All cables are worked on the Duplex system, enabling them to transmit simultaneously in both directions, but a powerful pair of wireless stations is unable to do this. Another pair of stations, therefore, be established some miles distant from the first pair, and then some means must be adopted to place the four corners of this parallelogram into communication with each other to enable corrections and repetitions of doubtful signals to be obtained. The passage of the trains of aetheric waves, without a continuous conductor is subject to much variability of obstruction, and interruption by the constantly changing conditions of the atmosphere and from other causes obscurely understood, but unmistakably present. This state of affairs, therefore, may seriously affect the maintenance of a commercial service.

Where Submarine is Paramount. In this respect the submarine cable system has a powerful advantage over the wireless, as it can be relied upon to transmit continuously, without difficulty, correct and reliable signals for an indefinite period without any failure due to the medium of communication—unless it be fractured. It is reasonable, therefore, to assume that for long distance telegraphy the submarine cable will hold its own, but there are instances where the wireless system may have the advantage over the submarine. For example: Connecting islands of an archipelago, communicating with ships, lighthouses, and similar purposes, and in positions in which continuous conductors are physically or commercially impossible, such instances, wireless telegraphy is and will be an inestimable boon, and the thanks of the world are justly due to Mr. Marconi and other workers in this field; but it should be borne in mind that almost all governments are signatories to the International Regulations, and in all probability they will, in the great majority of cases, arrange to work wireless systems on their own behalf. For both systems, however, there are ample and distinct fields, and far from them acting as competitors to each other, on the con-

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Address The Times Pattern Dept., Broad St., Victoria, B. C.

HARVEST OF THE SEA.

It was reported at a meeting of the Lynn town council in England that 70,025 bushels of mussels were taken from the Lynn beds between May and September. An increase of more than 50,000 bushels over the previous year, and that the fishermen received from it, to 1s. 6d. per bushel.

The Bank of England, the greatest monetary institution in the universe, was founded in the year 1694 by a Scotchman of the name of William Paterson; curiously enough, the Bank of Scotland was founded by an Englishman.

In its early days some fifty-odd persons, including the directors, comprised the entire staff, and one room sufficed to conduct its business in; to-day the bank, with its London and provincial branches, employs some 1,100 men and a few scores of women, and its name is synonymous with stability and security throughout the entire world.

The grey stone building, darkened by the smoke of London, is low and unpretentious; the long, blank walls, broken only by one entrance on each street, give it the gloomy appearance of a fortress, and not of a bank.

The governor and company of the "Bank of England" consists of about twenty-five wealthy city men, who have generally invested fairly heavily in bank stock, the 5000 shares of which have nearly trebled in value.

These gentlemen constitute the board of directors; the entire body meet every Thursday in the court room to consider whether any change is necessary in the bank rate, and transact any other business of moment.

The director draws \$2,500 a year. The governor and deputy-governor, the latter invariably attending daily, receive respectively \$10,000 and \$7,500 annually. Could Not Get Clerks.

Each of the directors has in his gift two nominations annually, which are eagerly sought after. Though it appears almost unthinkable, there was a time when so great was the dearth of clerical labor that the bank were compelled to advertise publicly on their walls for forty assistants, and even then they had difficulty in obtaining them; and it is said for some years after that period certain of the directors handed nominations on to their butlers to dispose of.

The nominees, who must be between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three years (previously to last year it was eighteen to twenty-five years), must pass an examination in such subjects as arithmetic, geography, dictation, etc. A certain number of marks must be obtained, and, failing to secure these, the candidate is rejected, to be given one more chance six months later at the next election.

It is necessary also that the fortunate recipients of the directors' nominations should pass the bank's medical officer, and find a surety for \$10,000.

The annual pay-roll of the bank amounts to about \$1,000,000, the salaries ranging from \$500 (up to the last year, \$400) to the newly elected members to \$15,500 a year to the chief cashier (originally \$15,000).

All clerks must retire at the age of sixty-five years, when they receive as pension two-thirds of their income. Those who through ill-health or other causes are compelled to resign before that age are generally dealt with fairly liberally by the directors, who are also generous in the matter of sick leave.

New System of Higher Salaries. As things are now it cannot be disputed that "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street" is a distinctly good mistress to serve, but as in everything else in the clerical world, time has not improved the lot of the worker; many of the former privileges of the bank clerk have been abolished, and while the new system of higher salaries at the start seems at first sight to his advantage, the rise is so gradual that in the long run the bank is the gainer.

On the upper floor of the bank are the printing rooms, where five presses are turning out banknotes at the rate of several thousand a day. The rupee notes for the Indian government are also printed there, and the postal notes for the government are here run out to the number of nearly half a million daily. The most interesting machines are

the automatic scales for testing an article. The coins are fed at about the rate of one a second, through a long trough, on to a small inclined plate that shoots the full-weights out in front and throws the light-weights out at the side.

Weighing Gold. About a hundred thousand sovereigns are taken in and weighed daily, of which about 2 per cent. are found deficient in weight. These are clipped and returned to the mint. If in paying in money into the bank the shortage in weight of your gold amounts to over three grains per sovereign, you must make good that loss.

The gold is stored in vaults in the basement, from which it is hoisted to the issue department by lifts. In the bullion yard, approached from Lethbridge, gold is taken in or loaded out from the bank. Here, too, the clerks of the different banks who come for large quantities of gold are accommodated.

A note, when once paid into the bank, never goes out again; it is cancelled, relegated to its proper place, stored for seven years, and then as by shipwreck, fire, etc., means a pure gain to the bank, which, in spite of its many expenses, big salary roll, etc., makes a handsome profit. Most of this, of course, is the interest on the vast sums of money the bank is always lending to its customers in the various parts of the world.

Many of the offices in the bank are architecturally very fine, though none approach the magnificence of the entrance hall of the Bank of Montreal, in Montreal, the designing and coloring of which makes it one of the show places of the Dominion; but still, the private drawing and bill office, with their outlook on to the charming bank garden, veritably an oasis in a desert of bricks and mortar, are hard to beat.—H. Ord-Mercer in the London Mail.

DUCHESS IN PRISON.

Public Interest in Her Visit to the "Tombs" at New York.

The Duchess of Marlborough, accompanied by Mrs. Clarence Mackay, visited the Tombs prison at New York not long ago. It was given out that the visit was inspired by her concern in prison reform. Whether this was quite believed or no, tremendous popular interest was shown in the visit. She arrived in a big red motor car, and had to fight her way through curiosity seekers. She ran up the steps, and, against an army of snappers, who had formed up on both sides, she was escorted up to the cell.

Inside the Duchess created as profound a sensation, but, fortunately, without the crowding. The Tombs prison is for men and women alike, these awaiting trial against murder, but still a particular interest in the smart lady in green, made dress, with an orchid at her breast. When the Duchess saw the folk mingling together and talking freely she remarked how different it was to the state of affairs in England.

The Duchess did not visit Harry K. Thaw's cell. When Thaw learnt that the Duchess was coming he gave special directions that he could not receive visitors. She, however, had a peep at him in the yard. Thaw, in white trousers and shirt sleeves, had been playing a game of ball with "Honey" Bones, a young man charged with homicide, and an Italian named Favoney, who will shortly stand trial for murder. Thaw, who is the medical expert player in the jail with the medicine ball, which is bigger than a football, turned his face away as the visitors approached.

What repulsive countenances they have," the Duchess said, in an undertone.

LOCKS OF THE FAMOUS.

Paris has a shop for the sale of the hair of famous people. Every lock is guaranteed genuine, and no less than \$25 is requested for a mere snippet from the head of the great Napoleon. The hair of certain Popes rules already at about \$10 a lock, but it is possible to secure a wig from the hair of the Czar or the Kaiser for as little as 5 francs.

SIR H. IRVING'S STATUE.

The Westminster city council has given its consent to the erection of a statue of Sir Henry Irving on a site on the broad pavement in Charing Cross road, London, at the back of the national portrait gallery.

Europe's Armed Camp.

Colonel Gadke, the eminent military critic, writing in the Berliner Tageblatt, says: "When on previous occasions I have pointed out that the introduction of the two-years-service system had seriously reduced the numerical strength of the French army, and given up the attempt to compete in numbers with Germany, I have met with dissent and even ridicule. It has been argued that I have overlooked the fact that the actual strength of the French army in any given year was greater than that provided for in the military budget, although my critics do not forget that this is even more true of the German army. As a matter of fact, however, it requires great care to discover the strength of either army at the time of the calling of the recruits to the colors.

The strength provided for in the French and German military budgets represents nothing more than a rough average for the year, and is to a greater or less degree an intentional understatement. But France is finding it increasingly difficult to maintain even her budget average, though she has gone further than is consonant with reality in reducing the physical standard required of her conscripts. The result is in consequence a steadily high in the French army, and the statistics of the annual recruitment represent to that extent a figure well above the number of men available in time of war. My arguments are now supported by so careful a journal as the International Journal of all the Armies and Fleets which, in discussing the retirement of General Hagron, the French generalissimo, says that as a result of the two-year's system the former peace strength of the French army can no longer be maintained, but in all probability will continue to decline. It adds that the peace strength of France, which in the years 1907-8 was 50,000 below that of Germany, will be not less than 70,000 below in the next statement.

A Fast British Destroyer.

Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co.'s new British torpedo-boat destroyer Cossack has emerged from her official trials on the Firth of Clyde successfully. The Cossack is one of the five ocean-going destroyers in the navy estimates for the year before last, and is fitted with Parsons turbines and provision for burning liquid fuel.

The stipulation of her contract was that she should steam a 33 knots for six hours. On a preliminary run of this duration under strict Admiralty conditions her mean speed was 32.92 knots, and on the official trial it was 32.01 knots. In the fastest hour of the official six, she did 32.65 knots.

Considering the offensive and defensive powers of the vessel, this is notable speed, and in naval engineering circles it is counted a happy augury of the success of the Swift. The Swift is the 36-knot experimental destroyer which Messrs. Cammell, Laird & Co. have also built for the Admiralty, and to whose trials in the spring the world of naval architecture is looking forward with much interest.

Army Balloon Station.

The military authorities are considering the advisability of constructing a balloon station on Salisbury Plain, in the neighborhood of Bulford Camp, so that frequent journeys can be undertaken between Aldershot and Bulford. There are several disused quarries near to the Salisbury camps, which have hitherto been used as a temporary shelter for military balloons, and these will, it is considered, provide shelter for the earlier visits of airships, preventing the provision of permanent accommodation. There is at present no gas supply nearer than Andover, but the Royal Engineers will convey what gas they require by motor lorry from the balloon factory at Aldershot. The gas manufactured at the Aldershot balloon factory is much lighter and more purer than the ordinary commercial gas, and it does not injure the linings of the balloons, which are composed of goldbeater's skin coated with a composition consisting largely of spirit of varnish. The further trials with airships will be carried out on the artillery ranges, a large treeless plain some 20 square miles in extent. Here a military guard can be effectively furnished, and undesirable visitors can be looked after, since the War Office possess a code of by-laws which give compulsory powers to both military and police to eject, and even arrest suspicious persons.

It is understood that the army corps have arranged to continue the services for the present of Mr. Cody, the American inventor, of whom the War Office has purchased for the balloon companies.

It is quite anticipated that provision will be made in the army estimates of next year for the building of several airships, to embody the improvements which the further experiments about to

Inspector of Diving.

Lieutenant G. C. C. Damant, who has been appointed inspector of diving, has long been recognized as chief British naval expert in this subject. He is absolutely fearless, and his courage nearly cost him his life quite recently when he descended to the wreck of the torpedo-boat off Berry Head. The inspector of diving is stationed at Whale Island Gunnery School, and will continue to have his headquarters there. He will have charge of diving instruction, and will have to decide all questions in connection with this matter, wherever they may crop up. Further, the task of supervising the introduction into the navy of the new pattern diving dress will fall upon him. This gear includes improved telephonic breastplates, helmets, and dresses, which have been designed after much experimenting. By the way, the inspector of diving is a new post, and has, no doubt, been created largely as a result of the difficulties experienced in the salvage of torpedo-boat No. 99.

WARRIORS AT REST.

The ocean shows no battlefield, Displays no scar upon its breast, Its broad expanse no tidings yield Of warriors at rest.

No crumbling trench, no grassy mound, To conjure up a dismal scene Of dead, and dying, and bloodied round, Upon a bloodstained green.

"Tears no deep furrow to reveal Sad relics of the plough upset, Those tragic souvenirs we deal With glories of the past.

No stone stories there, no simple cross, The curious letters, no simple cross, How deep Britain mourns the loss Of sons who nobly fell.

Yet, as that headland dim and blue, When early sighted from afar, Rises upon the traveller's view, It tells of Trafalgar.

Tells of the glorious fight that won The sovereignty of the sea, And that Great Seaman, his work done, Who died we might be free.

It minds him of the signal made, Recalls the loud responsive cheer, To thrilling words, which when displayed, Bashed all doubt and fear.

He counts the lofty battlements, He numbers full three score or more, In slow approach to death's slow grips, Far from Britannia's shore.

He marks the "Victory" in the van, Pushing amid the battle fray, The other following as they can Where Nelson leads the way.

He hears the loud-voiced guns give vent, Their clouds of smoke the battle pall, He sees the spreading canvas rent, Beholds the tall masts fall.

Recalls how ere the battle past, With enemies on either side, Calm and reliant to the last, The Hero fell and died.

And as the vessel moves along Slowly above the hallowed spot, He tells how down below him throng Men of a humbler lot.

Humbler, perhaps, but comrades still, And worthy children of this land, The land which surely never will Forget the gallant band.

Humbler, perhaps—they played their part, And equal glory is their due, So peace to every sailor's heart At rest beneath the blue.

There let them sleep, while all around Life rusts and, and shattered shell, And war-torn timbers strew the ground Beneath the hollow swell.

Three nations in a common tomb, The ocean's rugged floor their bed, They sleep until the hour of doom, Peals out from overhead.

And when they rise, that gallant band, They rise no longer opposit; Before the Judgment Seat, they stand As friends, and not as foes.

The ocean shows no battlefield, The ship moves on upon its breast, Slow fades the cape that has revealed "Here warriors found rest."

HENRY LOUIS FLEET.

"ON OUR WAY TO GLORY."

Old Man's Dramatic Death During Revival Service.

A painful sensation was caused by a tragic incident at a revival service at the Primitive Methodist mission in Hull, England.

After the congregation had sung a hymn Mr. Robert Green, an aged wheelwright, rose and exclaimed, "We are on our way to glory."

Then he added, "You will excuse me, friends, if I step forward."

The old man took a few paces and dropped dead. The service was at once brought to a close, and many of those who witnessed the tragic scene broke into tears.

England's Lack of Forts.

"It is a common habit of mind amongst Englishmen," said a general officer to a representative of the Pall Mall Gazette, "to believe that with the solution of the distribution-of-forces difficulty army problems in this country practically come to an end." There is certainly very little in Mr. Haldane's many useful pronouncements which open up any wider view. Our correspondent was enlightened on the subject of fortification, and it was pointed out that this subject need not be treated as a form of opposition to the "Blue-Water" school. Granting the truth of the thesis that our fleet is of sufficient strength to protect our shores from invasion; what, it may be asked, have we done to protect soccer, and a victual our fleet?

Outside Portsmouth, Plymouth, and in a sense, Dover, we have no port or arsenal sufficiently protected to withstand a destructive raid in time of war upon our ships under repair, stores, and ordnance; nowhere, in short, for vessels crippled or cut off to retreat to without exposing themselves to pursuit and probable destruction. Portland will be cited as an example to the contrary; but Portland is miserably protected, and it remains absolutely true that, excepting—the Channel coast, from Plymouth to Dover, the entire coast line of England, Scotland, and Ireland are not only without naval bases, but lack any protected harbors of refuge.

In this connection it should be borne in mind that no exponent of the overwhelming power of our fleet has ever yet declared that we are, or could be, so strong as to secure when at war the unimpeded passage of naval units disabled or otherwise from any part of our coasts to the English Channel for supplies or repairs. However much, then, it may suit the convenience of politicians to throw the responsibility for the nation's defence upon the navy, it is not the habit of naval officers to despise the assistance of a few long range guns on shore.

But there is another, and equally serious aspect of the case which it is quite as important for the ordinary layman to understand if he is to exercise an intelligent power of criticism on army legislation; it is that, without forts—modern forts—and plenty of them, troops cannot be familiarized with one of the most vital experiences incident to the pursuit of arms. In short, they must go without a knowledge of an essential factor in warlike operations. It is a commonplace, apart from these considerations, that the English soldiery have very little serious training out of India; but even there the ports are not seriously protected, and the works to the north of the continent being few, troops generally are quite unaccustomed to the attack, maintenance, repair, or defence of anything more important than manoeuvre entrenchments.

In England, the fortifications of Portsmouth are generally believed in average service circles to be fairly complete and up-to-date, though only a very limited number of troops have the opportunity of serving them. The fortification of Dover has of late undergone considerable modification, and is certainly extensive. There are, too, guns there of considerable power. None the less, a great part of the works are said to be unarmed and a larger part ineffectively armed. Here also it may be noted that the service within the Dover lines is an experience only few regiments can enjoy. The fortification of the Thames is notoriously absurd. Over the Chatham defences one might well draw a veil, while at Sheerness, it may amuse some to learn, there is a large obsolete fort which, though originally built at considerable cost, is positively faced the wrong way, so that the enemy by the simple act of appearing in the estuary ipso facto takes it in reverse.

Some years ago there was a large and much belauded scheme for erecting a ring of forts for the protection of London. It is a long time since any questions were answered in the house as to the maintenance or otherwise of these works. It is a fact, however, that the scheme was never completed; that such forts as were erected are now abandoned, and are not even put to practice uses—as well they might be, the property acquired and the money spent being thus wholly thrown away.

There has been much talk of the fortification of Hull; but, of course, there is no guarantee that any such scheme will be seriously or effectively carried out or that proper training for troops of all arms in the locality will be one of the results.

The moral of all this is, as a highly-placed informant told our representative, that the public should see these issues, should urge them upon responsible persons, and that patriots generally would do well to keep before them the importance of properly training such an army as we have before entrusting upon any scheme of enlarging its numbers, however necessary in the end that might prove to be.

Lucknow Veteran.

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NOT SCIENTIFIC.

Wife—What is the scientific name for the mosquito, Fred?
 Hubby—I don't know.
 Wife—Why, what did I hear you calling it the other evening?
 Hubby—Eh! That was something that won't bear repeating.

He Was No Hero

"I had my vacation in June," said the Brooklyn drummer, "and I went down on the north shore of Long Island, where I was told that there was good fishing. I found the statement true. I could catch fish until tired of pulling them in over the gunwale of the boat. One day before starting into town to the post office, I caught 20 pounds of the nicest sea bass you ever laid your eyes on, and I took 'em along as a present to the hotel man. On the way to town I met a dozen farmers and held the fish up for inspection, but not one stopped or even took a second look at the string. When I reached the hotel there were about fifteen men looking on the veranda. I made a great fuss about taking the fish from the wagon, but not a man turned his head. I displayed them on the veranda, but not a man asked a question. When the hotel man came forward I presented him with the beauties, and he told the hostler to take them out to the barnyard. I couldn't make the folks out at all, and I kept getting madder and madder, and finally said to mine host: 'Look here, I brought you some fish.' 'Yes'—"



Held the fish up for inspection.

"They are beauties."
 "Yes."
 "But not a darned critter of you have as much as looked at them. What in thunder-alls this crowd, anyhow?"
 "Softly, softly," whispered the landlord in reply. "If you had brought those fish in yesterday, you'd have been a hero, but last night Jim Taylor killed the biggest skunk you ever saw, and we won't be through admiring him for at least three days to come!"

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 Falling in love with most any old man,
 Having the time of her life while she can.

She Struck Twice

"Speaking about the seeming mania for strikes," said the fatherly-looking man on the end seat—"I had a woman who had been in my employ as cook for seven or eight years. I was paying her \$18 per month, and she seemed well satisfied up to a few weeks ago. Then she 'waylaid me' one day to say: 'Mr. Blank, I must have twenty dollars a month.' 'But I can't pay twenty,' I replied. 'It's twenty or out I goes.' 'Then you'll have to go.' 'And next day she went. I got a woman to replace her, and after two weeks she returned to say: 'Mr. Blank, I struck on you to marry Jimmy O'Neil.' 'Yes, I heard you had got married. Does your husband give you more than eighteen dollars a month?' 'He don't, sir.' 'Well, I want my old place back, at old wages.' 'But you struck on me.' 'I did, sir, and I'm now ready to strike on Jimmie O'Neil and make one strike offset the other.' 'She was installed in her old place next day,' said the fatherly man, 'and as to what Jimmie O'Neil is going to do with; out a wife is a matter that isn't worrying me a bit.'"

JOE KERR.



"Were you ever boarded by a pirate, Mr. Pete?" "Sure! Once an old crew charged me 'leven dollars a week an' it was bom board at that."

By Persuasion

I know that a certain alderman in a certain town on Long Island was bitterly opposed to granting a franchise to an electric line, and soon after I heard that the franchise had been granted, and that he had voted for it. I met him on the train and said: 'Then you changed your mind about that franchise?' 'Yes, I had to,' he replied. 'Any particular influence brought to bear?' 'Yes. My wife persuaded me into it.' 'And who persuaded your wife?' 'Her brother.' 'And was he persuaded?' 'Yes, a lawyer persuaded him.' 'And the lawyer?' 'Well, I reckon it was the president of the company that persuaded him. I stood out and stood out, but the persuasion was too great.' 'I have been told on good authority,' I continued after a bit, 'that the company gave the lawyer fifteen hundred dollars to persuade with.' 'You don't mean it!' gasped the alderman.



A certain Alderman in a certain town. 'But I do. Yes, sir, an even fifteen hundred dollars.' 'Then he's a darned skunk and ought to be shown up. He persuaded the whole family of us for three hundred and fifty and put the rest in his pocket! That's what a man gets for being honest!'"

JOE KERR.



Evelyn—Only think! Maud got her new bathing suit wet through the very first time she wore it!
 Myrtle—Mercy! You don't mean to say that she went into the water?
 Evelyn—The idea! Of course not. A drenching shower came on all of a sudden.

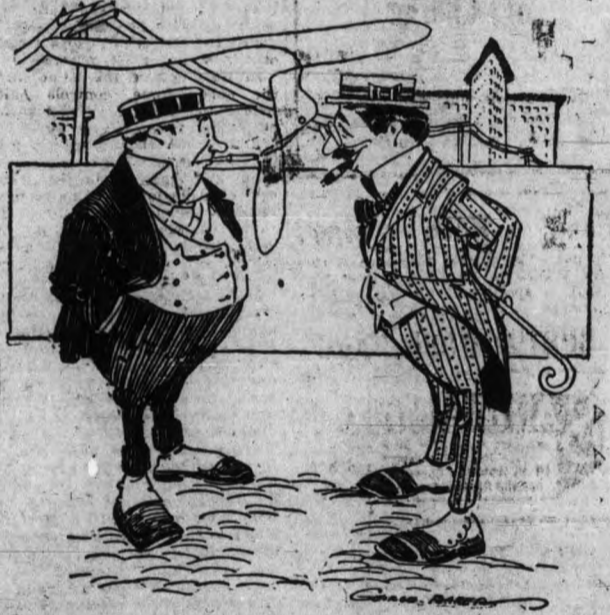
He Run the Other

There were two summer hotels almost opposite each other on Bass Lake, and I had just got comfortably installed in one of them when a man who didn't look at all like the average kicker began to kick. He kicked about the Lake. He kicked about the boats. He kicked about the table. He kicked about the service. He kicked about the hours for meals. He kicked about the hill behind the house and the lawn in front of it. He kicked about the children and the dogs. He went out of his way to find fault with this or that, and I for one finally became disgusted with him and took him out rowing that I might say to him: 'Isn't there anything at all around this place that you are satisfied with?' 'Not a blamed thing,' he replied. 'Then why don't you get out?' 'Where will I go?'



A man who didn't look at all like the average kicker began to kick. 'Across to the other hotel.' 'But I own and run that myself, and it's twice as bad as this one!'"

JOE KERR.



"So you have a garden, Suburbs? What do you grow?" "Tired." "I mean what do you raise?" "Blisters!"

Going Back Too Far

"Oh, yes, the life insurance investigations and scandals made our work mighty unpleasant for a time," said the canvasser, "but that has passed and gone now except in a few isolated cases. I encountered such a case a few days ago. I had talked up a policy with a young man in a machine shop, and was to call at his house on a certain evening to close the deal. He hadn't said a word to signify that he had ever read or heard of any trouble with the companies, but had given me to understand that he regarded life contribute to the campaign fund for next election." "Not the half of a cent." "Thus far," continued the agent, "I thought I had a shade the best of it, but as I smiled into her face the old dame stepped back and said: 'That may all be true, but you know that your company assassinated Abraham Lincoln, and you might as well look for diamonds in the street as to rifle insurance here. Go back to your supper, Tom. Good evening to you, assassinator!'"

JOE KERR.



Maria—Don't you think that a girl stands a big chance of meeting her affinity down at the assembly?
 Maud—Oh, yes—I know I do.



Bessie—Do you care for roller skating?
 Tom—Not me! The only time I ever tried it I skated beautifully on my head.
 Bessie—The wheels must have come in handy.



Oliver—Why do you call this the Sea View Hotel? You can't see the ocean from here.
 Prosper—Oh, yes you can. We have a private balcony that goes up 247 hundred feet. You get a magnificent view of the



The mother met me and was armed for the fray. insurance as the safest kind of investment. A surprise awaited me when I called at the house. The mother met me and was armed for the fray. "Is the president of your company in State Prison?" she asked. "He is not." "How many millions of dollars have you cheated the widows and orphans out of?" "Not a red cent." "How many poor old men have you robbed of their policies and sent to the pauper-house to die?" "Not a blessed one." "How many millions are you going to



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Rout of Suffragists—Pamphletum in Birmingham.

Some 200 University students invaded a women suffragist meeting recently in Birmingham, England, and created a small Pamphletum for a time. The lady speakers held their ground fairly well in face of scenes of the most riotous kind. Howling, screaming and organized chorus singing failed to silence them, but when numbers of dead mice were thrown amongst them they capitulated with screams.

The combined noises of rattles, whistles, bells, mouth organs, and squeakers greeted the rising of Miss C. Pankhurst. For an hour she vainly tried to get a hearing, appeals to the disturbers "manhood," "chivalry," and "intelligence" being unavailing.

Then Miss Pankhurst's mother took the floor, but the previous noises were now reinforced by bugle calls. "I wouldn't be a man for all the wealth of the world," said Mrs. Pankhurst during a brief pause, this being greeted with howls of derisive laughter and waving of caps and coats. "If your mothers were here to fight they would blush for you," was the lady's retort.

Then came a quarter of an hour of caterwauling and discordant din, during which the police thrust several of the students out. Next, tubes of sulphuretted hydrogen were thrown on the platform, and many persons had to seek escape, holding their noses. In declaring the meeting closed, Miss Pankhurst said if Mr. Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, ever came to Birmingham they would be there in hundreds to meet him.

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Dreaded Chiefs of the "Black Hand"

A little man, with a weak face and withered, stunted limbs, will be taken from the vault of the Naples dungeon in a few days and put on trial with forty other men for murder.

The name of the man about to be put on trial is Enrico Alfano, chief of the world-famed Camorra, otherwise the "Black Hand," and the sentence of death that will surely be passed upon him will mean a halt to the end of the reign of organized assassination and blackmail that has extended from the shadow of Rome's Quirinal throughout the world.

With Alfano executed, Italian everywhere will lose much of their dread of the terrifying "Black Hand," and that organization will lose much of its power. In Italy the public rejoicing will equal that when the old vendetta was swept away.

Alfano the Leader of It All.

"The forty thieves" who will face death with Alfano may all escape. Nobody cares about them. The 500 other murderers whose stilettoes have been used at Alfano's bidding may also go scot free. They will be less dangerous than the ordinary housebreaker when Alfano shall have been put to death.

Alfano is the head and hoof and brains and body of the Camorra. In ten years the society has not planned a murderous campaign or a wholesale robbery without his sanction. Most of them he devised himself. Sitting in his secret den like the fabled Moriarty of Conan Doyle's fiction—with spies and emissaries working in every great city of the world—this paltry looking man has decreed alike the assassination of an Italian baron in Rome, the stabbing of a wealthy Italian contractor in New York, and the invasion of a castle on the Rhine.

Alfano dictated the atrocious murder of Signor and Signora Cuocolo on the outskirts of Rome, picked the assassins, marked the scene, and on the same night he wrote the Black Hand letter that, disregarded, made "Push Cart" Peddler Giaccone Terrara a victim of five stilettoes on a foreign street.

Caught Like Common Criminal.

It must be a bitter blow to the pride of the Camorra chief when he remembers that he was caught tamely by a single policeman, for Alfano in the zenith of his power, with his Camorra, more feared than ever, and with nearly 30,000 trained murderers at his beck and call, was bundled like a common tramp from the scene of his capture to the prison.

Now Alfano lies in the Erem prison in the same dungeon that a doomed victim of the Doge once moldered in, and possibly with the same chains about his ankles and arms. The trial he is to undergo is specifically for the murder of the Cuocolos, but only five of the forty thieves who will be tried with him had a hand in that. But if Alfano is not convicted on the first count he is to be tried also for complicity in the crimes with which the other thirty-five are charged.

In Italy, where the Camorra owns the police, controls half the judges and most of the influential nobility besides, and where its very name evokes terror, there is grave doubt of his conviction. There is such grave doubt that prayers in the churches have been said for his conviction. There is such grave fear that if convicted he would escape that, if the jury system prevailed in Naples, not twelve men in all the city could be found to sit upon the case.

Alfano has been called the real King of Italy. In appearance he is the reverse of even a modern king. His brow retreats, his legs wobble, his arms seem shrunken. A retreating chin, cilly, plastered hair, and garish dress complete the picture of the simpering ridiculous dandy.

Yet for years this creature has ruled the Camorra with an iron hand. He came up from the people with no ambition but that to kill and rob. He won his way into the Camorra by perpetrating a series of more hideous, successful crimes than any other member had ever done before.

University in Its Power.

He kept the oath of secrecy, killed off the higher officers one by one, and finally by sheer villainy forced the choice for chieftainship to fall upon himself.

Within a year after his ascendancy the Camorra had Naples almost literally by the throat. No citizen could take any important step in social or commercial affairs without its sanction. The university even came under its spell, and taught its students that the Camorra was necessary to the preservation of the state.

Any enemies were put away safely and carefully, but with the unfolding sign of the society upon their bodies as a warning to others still alive and unmarked. The warning was heeded. The nobility found that it must either take sides with the Camorra or suffer blackmail or death.

The poets were powerless, but being conformable, allied themselves to the murderous league. So did the judges, preferring membership and corruption to the mysteries of the other world.

Alfano thus became absolute over them all. When he put on gorgeous garments and rode in state with outriders in the van and carabinieri in the rear, the city's streets he received the salutations of populace and leaders alike.

When he condescended to stop his pageant and descended to rob a signora whose diamond throatspeck he admired, the gendarme slunk away.

Alfano extended the Camorra's sphere of influence rapidly. At one time he had engineered a half hundred rich blackmailing plots in London, Paris, Vienna, Brussels, and a half dozen of his trusty voyagers had even muted the wealthiest Italian in Pekin of more than half of his accumulated yen.

America had proved an even more profitable theatre of action. His Camorra there was rampant, turning in golden percentages of loot, and at one time a victim every two days was the record of his Black Hand American branch.

Then came the Cuocolos—husband and wife. Signor Cuocolo was a wonderful singer. His tenor rivalled Caruso's. He was the highest pet of the Neapolitan aristocracy—sang at their palaces, was feted by them, wine and

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dined. He had sung in the Quirinal, and chanted refrains to masses on Vatican Hill.

Alfano sent word to Cuocolo that he must become "basta" to the Camorra or die. The invitation impressed the great vocalist. In desperation he became a Camorrist spy.

Song Led to Loot.

The palaces that Cuocolo sang in after that were looted, and the Camorra was richer with plunder than ever.

But Cuocolo decided that he could fool the Camorra, and it is said that he began to rob on his own account. Alfano quickly found it out, and the same night called together five of his most trusted assassins. They were Nicola Murra, De Matteo, Cerrato, De Gennaro, a hybrid Frenchman (who required three stilettoes in order to keep the handle) and Sorino, the herculean ex-barber to the king.

They decoyed Cuocolo easily upon pretext of a profitable soiree at Torre del Greco. They met him on the lone some shore, and the Frenchman put nine knife-holes in his body without a gasp. For good measure they went back to the Cuocolo mansion, told his wife with delicacy that they had planted forty-seven distinct wounds in the body of her traitor husband, and then assassinated her. The house yielded them thousands and thousands of lire.

After stripping the house the assassins repaired to a cabaret, where they held a merry meeting to celebrate the removal of Cuocolo and drank to the death of the next traitor.

Italy Dreads an Acquittal.

They turned the plunder over to Alfano, who next day paraded the streets of Naples in the stage robes of the murdered singer.

Within a month more than a hundred similar atrocities with correspondingly rich acquisitions of loot had come to the Camorra from different parts of the world. Alfano felt himself omnipotent. It occurred to him that he was a Napoleon of Ravage, and that he would pay a triumphal visit to his foreign possessions. So, with an entourage of fifteen well-armed men, he sailed for America. He was there but a short while. One of his own countrymen on the New York police force cornered him ignominiously in the street, den he had selected as headquarters on a pitifully inadequate charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Alfano was hustled back to Europe, leaving his armed entourage scattered, and the American police having proved him to be the very ordinary mortal, the Italian police actually plucked up courage and arrested him when he reached Italy.

Even then Alfano would have been safe from punishment but for one of the lowliest of his band. That is Abbateggio, and he was the man who, first selected for the Cuocolo murder, hacked out and was condemned to death for cowardice. To escape his fate he told a carabineer that Alfano's power was gone, and he has given his word to swear on the stand to all his chief's crimes if the government will protect him from the Camorra's vengeance.

He has shown the police that the Camorra cannot exist without Alfano at its head. He can give certain evidence that will send at least 100 Camorristas to death or life imprisonment.

For the moment Abbateggio is the popular hero in Italy. They call him the "Liberator," and if Naples escapes from the Camorra it will be ready to canonize Abbateggio.—Old Country Exchange.

COMETS.

Until comparatively lately, comets have lain under the ban of popular superstition, and the counts on which they were accused of maleficent influence were so many and so vague that acquittal was impossible. The respect of persons was notorious, says the "Scotsman"; nor were they consistent in their dealings with the great, to whom alone they paid individual attention. A comet marked the apothecosis of the great Julius; a comet announced the death of Constantine; a comet illuminated the cradle of Napoleon. In Shakespeare frequent allusion is made to cometary apparitions as presaging evil to mankind. Thus we have "comets importing change of times and states"; and again "a comet of revenge, a prophet to the fall of all our foes." The comets of 1618 inspired the lines:

Eight things there be a comet brings, When it on high doth horrid range: Wind, famine, plague, and death to kings, War, earthquake, floods, and direful change.

An indictment which was to be taught in all seriousness to peasants and school children.

Medieval Myths.

On account of the temporary character of comets, the astronomers of ancient and medieval times refused to regard them as celestial objects, but classed them along with clouds, fogs, Jack-o-lanterns, and fire-flies as exhalations from the swamps or the volcano. The name itself signifies hairy star, and the aptness of the designation lies in the fact that the head of a comet has all the appearance of a star shining through a patch of mist or fog. The stellite portion is the nucleus; the surrounding nebulous cloud the coma. The former in great comets shines like a star of the first magnitude, sometimes of such surpassing splendor as to be visible in broad day.

light. Its diameter may be anything from one hundred to five thousand miles, and varies irregularly from day to day. The coma is of immense volume. Its outlines are vague and its exact boundaries hard to define, but it has been estimated to extend outwards from the nucleus to a distance of from ten thousand to one million miles. Its tenacity nevertheless is extreme; the rays of faint stars traverse all its thickness with undimmed lustre, though the slightest wisp of cloud in our atmosphere would obliterate them completely.

The study of recent photographs shows that comets are subject to violent interior paroxysms, and that the matter of the tail is driven away from the nucleus in a very irregular and spasmodic manner. The appearance one day affords no indication as to what it may be the next. Within a few hours a comet may be deformed out of all recognition from a sedate and dignified object into one be-draggled and disreputable.

Theory of Formation.

It is generally accepted that the nucleus of a comet is nothing but a collection of meteoric matter in a state of very loose aggregation. The sizes of the separate particles may range from that of grains of sand to masses as large as the meteorites which some times fall on the earth. The mass of the whole swarm is, however, insignificant, as is shown by the fact that comets do not produce observable disturbing effects on bodies near which they pass. Many comets have had their orbits entirely changed by planets without their producing any sensible effects in return. The most remarkable example is furnished by a comet discovered by Brooks in 1859. This comet passed through Jupiter's satellite system without interfering appreciably with the motions of these bodies, while its own orbit was transformed so that its period of revolution was reduced from twenty-seven to seven years. It was supposed, until a recent time, that comets might come into the solar system from the vast spaces between the stars—that they were merely wandering bodies, visiting our sun but once unless they happened to be "captured" by a planet. This view, however, is negatived by the fact that if comets came to us from the stars they would arrive with velocities much greater than any which have been actually observed. Moreover, it would take a comet considerably over a hundred million years to travel to the sun from the nearest star, so that if the hypothesis were true comets would be shrunk to a residue.

Spent Most of Their Time

in travelling, and but little in visiting. Similar objections apply to another theory, viz., that comets are material ejected by the stars in the violent convulsions which their enormous temperatures induce. All the facts go to prove that comets are really indigenous in our system, and partake of its motion through space. Possibly they may represent products of the far remote parts of the original nebula, of which our sun is believed to be the shrunken residue.

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Twenty years ago the French explorer Du Chailou attempted the journey, but on account of the fearful blizzards and intense cold nearly perished with all his party.

This winter, however, Mr. Harry de Windt and Mr. William Le Queux, both experienced travellers, are leading an expedition to explore the country and ascertain, on behalf of the Russian government, whether the reports of the Lapps of great deposits of petroleum in the interior are correct. A journey of about 800 miles by reindeer sleds will have to be made from the time the Arctic Ocean is left at Kirkenes, to the Varanger Fjord, in Finnmarken, to the time civilization is again reached at Archangel. The two explorers, who have just been up to the Arctic to make preparations, have met with many difficulties.

Food For Six Months.

As there is neither fuel nor food in the whole country complete supplies for the party, consisting of Messrs. De Windt and Le Queux, a mineralogist, a botanist, a photographer, and twelve Lapps, will have to be taken to last six months. They will be lost to civilization for about five months, but emergency rations will be carried sufficient for two months longer.

The two leaders of the expedition have, during their preliminary journey in the Arctic, been the guests of the Prince of Monaco on board his yacht Princess Alice. The Prince is taking the greatest interest in the expedition, which he believes will have several very interesting results, while the Imperial geographical department at St. Petersburg are lending every assistance.

What the Lapps Said.

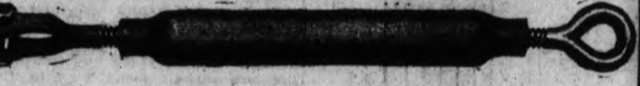
When at the gate of this unknown land Mr. Le Queux heard from some Lapps, who had come down there with their reindeer to trade, curious reports of a strange people inhabiting the interior of the Kola. The Lapps declare that these people are much smaller than themselves, darker in complexion and that they live in skin tents, and that they are very timid. Whether this is correct remains to be proved. The reports of petroleum were also repeated.

To accomplish the journey in the short summer is impracticable on account of the rivers and bogs. The expedition will, therefore, leave England on New Year's day, and the first part of the journey will be done in the long Arctic night, when the temperature rarely rises about 49 deg. below zero. The explorers have already purchased 20 reindeer, and expect to use about 1,500 of those animals on the journey.

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The series of balloon observations which are being made by the International Aeronautical Commission, in conjunction with the Royal Meteorological Society of Great Britain, are affording much valuable information, which is being carefully tabulated at the offices of the society in London.

The Aeronautical Commission has for some years set apart one day in each month for the ascent of kites and balloons, but at a recent conference it was decided to make a special effort to obtain information on a series of consecutive days, and the last week in July was decided upon for the experiment. Twenty-five balloons with registering instruments were sent up in England and Scotland during the week, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Dines, F. R. S., at Fyvie Hill, Orkney, and at Cairn on the west coast of Scotland; Mr. J. A. Stewart, F. R. S., at Manchester University, Cratich, C. H. Ley, R. E., at Sillack, Herefordshire; and Mr. C. J. F. Davis, at Ditcham Park, Peterhead. A few instruments were subsequently found, no fewer than fourteen out of the twenty-five being returned.

"What, then, were the results obtained?" an official of the society was asked. "Well, in the first place, nearly all the balloons were found at points eastward of the places from which they were despatched. This would seem to indicate that while near the earth the air currents are in a westerly direction; at greater altitudes they are the reverse. The instruments also indicated that while the temperature near the earth was variable it remained almost unaltered with changes of height when several miles above the earth's surface had been reached."

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British Columbia, with its great wealth of raw material in timber and minerals, largely developed, with its opportunities for cattle ranching, mixed farming and fruit growing, with its fisheries and its increasing maritime trade with the Orient, Australia, Mexico and South America, and, above all, in the approaching development of its vast Central Northern Interior and Vancouver Island by railway constructions will be immensely benefited by the establishment of a Chartered Bank, having its Chief Office in the Province and controlled by a Board of Directors entirely familiar with the resources and the needs of the country, whose names alone are a guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

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A. O. F. COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 522, meets at K. of P. Hall 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, W. F. Fullerton, Secy.

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LOCAL TALENT.

Victorians Will Be Given Opportunity to Hear Some of Best Musicians of City.

Preparations are now complete for the grand vocal and instrumental concert to be given under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association in the Victoria theatre on the evening of Thursday, December 13th.

Benedict Bantly has selected the singers and players from amongst the best local talent, and Victoria can boast of being able to put forth a first-class musical entertainment.

The concert ought to be well patronized when it is remembered that the proceeds are to go towards equipping more commodious quarters for the members of the association, which, it is well known, does its work amongst the young ladies as the Y. M. C. A. does amongst the young men.

The concert upon its merits alone should draw a large audience, with such names amongst its performers as Mrs. Herman Robertson, Mrs. Benedict Bantly, the

Misses Winifred and Nellie Lugin, Arthur Gore and Frank Armstrong.

The sale of seats opens at the box office of the Victoria theatre on Tuesday morning next, when all tickets purchased previously may be exchanged for reserved seats. A complete programme will be published in a later issue.

IMPERIAL NEWS SERVICE.

Montreal Board of Trade Considers Some Change in Supply is Needed.

That news supplied through agencies to Canadian journals is unsatisfactory from a British and Canadian viewpoint was the tenor of a discussion which took place a few days ago at the weekly meeting of the council of the board of trade, Montreal. This matter came up through the reading of a resolution adopted by the board of trade at Victoria which advocated the improvement of the Canadian press agency.

It was agreed that the matter was one requiring immediate attention from the government.

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ADDITIONS TO JAPANESE NAVY

CRUISER IBUKI WAS VERY QUICKLY BUILT

Fleet of Submarines of Latest Type Have Been Ordered from British Shipyard.

Japanese advices just to hand tell of further additions to the navy of the Empire. The armored cruiser Ibuki was successfully launched on November 20th at the Kure Naval Dockyard in the presence of Prince Higashi Fushimi, Vice-Admiral Saito, the naval minister, and a large number of officers and others. Admiral Saito read the christening address, which mentioned that the construction of the cruiser was commenced as recently as May last. Rear-Admiral Kitakoya, commander of the dockyard, then severed the cord and the vessel glided gracefully down the ways amidst much clapping and applause. About thirty-five warships which were in port were fully decorated in honor of the launch.

The vessel's dimensions are as follows: Displacement, 14,600 tons; length, 485 feet; breadth, 75 feet 5 inches; horse power, 26,500; engines, Curtis turbine; boilers, Miyahara.

The Yoneda states that the Japanese naval authorities have been concerned at the fact that the submarines obtained by Japan during the war have become obsolete owing to the recent great advances in the construction of vessels of that type. Thanks, however, to the kindness of the British authorities, Japan's navy will shortly possess a number of the latest type of submarines, orders for their construction having already been placed in a British shipyard. The journal learns that these vessels are three times as strong as the old ones.

Junior Captain Matsunuma will be sent to England to superintend their construction and on their completion they will be brought to this country, probably next summer.

A Tokio message states that the second vessel of the Japanese volunteer fleet to be constructed at the Mitsui Bishi dockyards at Nagasaki has been named Ume-gaki (Plum Fragrance) by Prince Arisugawa.

LUMBERMEN ORGANIZE.

Local Branch of the Forestry Chamber of Commerce Formed Here.

It was decided at a meeting of timbermen last night to form a branch of the British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce in Victoria.

The central body of this organization is in Vancouver, where the movement started a short time ago, and the promoters of the organization are now seeking to establish branches all over the province. The meeting here was held in furtherance of this movement. It was attended by E. P. Bremner, Dr. Clark and M. S. Logan, president, secretary and director respectively of the central organization, and explanations as to the purposes of the organization were heard from those gentlemen. In a word, the association seeks to further the interests of the lumbering industry from the operators' point of view, and as an asset of the province.

It was resolved that another meeting should be called within a week or so to perfect the work of organization, the promotion of the work being entrusted to a provisional board, which was elected as follows: Chairman, H. S. Pringle; secretary, J. N. McLeod; committee, D. Stevens, E. J. Cameron, Arthur Bell, C. A. Gies, A. W. Elliott, A. B. Ellis.

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SEALERS TO PRESS CLAIMS.

Capt. Edward Cantillon has received information from William H. Thornley, the San Francisco attorney in charge of the matter, that the claim of the Pacific coast American pelagic sealers for damages will be pressed before the present congress, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. Thornley reports his confidence that all of the Pacific coast senators will support the bill, which carries approximately \$250,000. These damages are for the injury suffered by the American fleet through the treaty of 1893 and enactment of 1896, prohibiting American vessels engaging in the pelagic sealing trade. Similar damages have been paid by the American government to the British sealers, although the British enactments regulating sealing under the treaty of 1893 are much less severe than the American enactments.

Captain Cantillon said yesterday: "As pointed out editorially in the last congress, but failed to pass the house. I think this time it will go through both houses."

"As pointed out editorially in the Post-Intelligencer, the claim is a just one, and should have been paid long ago. The point made in a recent Post-Intelligencer editorial, that the American enactment arbitrarily destroyed the property and the industry of a number of Neah Bay Indians who were engaged in pelagic sealing, was singularly well taken. Those Indians had engaged in the business from time immemorial, and had considerable money invested in their schooners. We Puget Sound sealers also felt that a grave injustice was done us."

"Here are some of the schooners which were engaged in the business, sailing from here. The Molly Adams, Edward C. Webster, Oscar and Hattie, James Hamilton Lewis, Henry Dennis, Alice I. Alger, Ida Etta, Sylvia Handy, Challenge, C. De White, Willard Alnsworth, W. M. Merrill, St. Lawrence, Teaser, and Emma Felts; also the Mary Parker, Deax, and the Columbia, the last three named being owned by Neah Bay Indians."

"These vessels were the finest product of the Massachusetts fishing fleet, brought around the Horn for this business. Where are these schooners now? you ask. They are flying the Japanese and British flags, and still engaged in the sealing business. Had our business not been destroyed our fleet would now amount to seventy-five vessels, with a total annual income from each of \$15,000, all of which money would have been distributed here."

"I never saw an American fleet which contained such a large percentage of native Americans among its officers and crews. The business is hazardous, adventurous and requiring a high degree of skill and sportsmanship, hence it appealed to Americans; and today you will find many Americans in the business, but sailing under the flags of foreign nations whose governments do not make the arbitrary and destructive regulations imposed by the American government."

MONTCALM IN DRYDOCK.

Quebec, Dec. 10.—The Canadian government steamer Montcalm will not do any ice breaking this winter. She is in drydock undergoing repairs, and will be there until March next. Steamer Lady Grey will take up the Montcalm's winter work.

LINER'S EVENTFUL TRIP.

The Japanese liner America Maru, which arrived at San Francisco a few days ago from the Orient, had an eventful trip. Shortly after leaving Shanghai the steamship ran down a Chinese junk in the dark and several of the occupants were drowned. The trip across the Pacific was an exceptionally stormy one, and the liner received damages from the heavy seas which broke over her.

Upon reaching the Bay City the America Maru completed her misadventures by breaking loose from her moorings at the dock and crashing into the Pacific Mail liner Korea.

FRENCH BARQUE WRECKED.

The Merchants' Exchange at San Francisco has received a dispatch from Stanley, in the Falkland Islands, stating that the French barque Duc d'Aumale had been beached there, save her from sinking after a severe storm. She was bound from Rotterdam to the Bay City and has been out since September 19th.

GOVERNOR'S PASSENGERS.

The Pacific Coast steamship Governor, which, as reported in yesterday's issue, reached here yesterday afternoon from San Francisco, brought six second-class and the following saloon passengers: Mrs. Lawlita, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. W. M. Statham, and Marguerite Denis.

MARINE NOTES.

The barque Lord Templeton, Capt. Reid, has arrived at San Francisco from Sydney, N. S. W., bringing 1200 tons of Lignite, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. W. M. Statham, and Marguerite Denis.

The steamship Transit, under charter to the British Coast S. S. Co., of this city, has arrived at Port Townsend from Mexican ports.

The Japanese dispatch boat Yodo was successfully launched at the Kawasaki

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- CRADLES—In English willow. Several styles. Prices, each, \$4.00 and \$3.00
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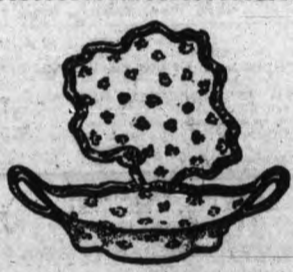
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- CHILD'S HIGH CHAIRS—Several styles of these chairs. The superior finish is noticeable here. They are well and strongly made. Prices range at, each, \$4.50, \$2.75, \$2.25, \$2.00 and \$1.75
- BABY WALKERS—Here is a very useful article. This style is safe and comfortable. Has table. Price, each \$4.00
- REED ARM CHAIRS—At, each \$3.50

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dockyard recently in the presence of the Japanese naval minister, Admiral Saito, Admiral Yamamoto and a large gathering of foreigners.

The steamship Amur, which arrived in port yesterday afternoon, leaves at 11 o'clock to-night for Quinsimo and way ports on the West Coast in place of the Tees. The Amur left last evening for Ladysmith to coal and will return to port to-night at 8 o'clock.

The Norwegian steamship Harvard will be loaded for the Victoria Machinery Depot's ways to-morrow after having a plate replaced and being overhauled and painted. The Harvard has been chartered by Jensen & Ostrander, of Seattle.

The Trader is laid up at the Hudson's Bay Company's wharf undergoing an overhaul of the engine room.

R. M. S. Georgia, of the Canadian-Mexican line, left Guaymas on the 6th inst. for Victoria. She will call at Carman Island to load salt and is due here about the 17th inst.

The Holt liner Bellerophon, from Liverpool for Victoria and Puget Sound, arrived at Colombo on the 6th inst.

The steamship Tees is at the Victoria Machinery Depot's wharf receiving repairs to her engines.

The steamship Wimbledon, from Guaymas, passed up for Nanaimo to bunker this morning.

R. M. S. Empress of India arrived at Yokohama on Monday from this port.

LATEST IRISH "BULL"

At the Dublin trade council the question was being discussed of sending delegates to a meeting in the South of Ireland. "If you sent delegates," one member said, "your action would be misinterpreted. You should draw your hand out of the fire before you put it into it."

A TREASURE THOUGHT VALUELESS.

There is a slab of black stone in the British museum which, if you could walk away with it, and establish your claim as the owner, you could sell any day for a quarter of a million, and find half a dozen money kings in England and America ready to buy it. There is nothing very striking about this stone; it might be a piece of black marble with some peculiar hieroglyphics upon it. But it is just these hieroglyphics which make it so valuable, because they are the key to all the ancient writings of the Egyptians, and without this stone, called the Rosetta Stone, we should be unable to read the Egyptian writings which have been discovered from time to time. Some French tourists found the Rosetta Stone in Egypt and transported it to Paris, where an Englishman took a fancy to it for a garden ornament. He paid \$5 for it—five sovereigns, and got a treasure which you could never win with gold, and yet not represent its value, but till the day of his death he did not know what that bit of stone was worth.